

Happy Thanksgiving

Today's forecast:

Partly cloudy with light winds. Highs in the 50s. Lows 35 to 42 degrees.

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Magic Valley



School-to-work works

The Jerome School District has built a successful bridge to the workplace for students with learning disabilities.

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A thankful day

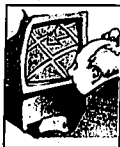
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Small businesses are expanding their sales thanks to a software program that heretofore has been available only to governments and major firms.



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A fond farewell

The retirement of 'Calvin and Hobbes' leaves a spot open on the comics page - and we want your help to fill it.



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Turkey day football

Detroit is at home against Minnesota before Thanksgiving dinner and Dallas entertains Kansas City after the dishes are cleared in the NFL's only action today.

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Twin Falls jury convicts Arrasmith of slayings

The Associated Press

LEWISTON — The jury from Twin Falls convicted Kenneth Arrasmith Wednesday in the vigilante-style slayings of a couple he said sexually tortured his teenage daughter.

After 10 hours of deliberations, the 12 jurors found Arrasmith guilty of one count of first-degree murder in the death of Luelia Bingham and one count of second-degree murder in the slaying of Ronald Bingham.

Nez Perce County Prosecutor Denise Rosen said she would not seek the death penalty at a Feb. 26 sentencing hearing for Arrasmith.

He is a 44-year-old truck driver and for-



Arrasmith

They got the case Tuesday afternoon in the 10th day of the 2nd District Court trial. Jurors adjourned Tuesday night after delib-

erating for about eight hours, then returned at 9 a.m. Wednesday. They announced they reached their verdict about 11 a.m.

Judge Ida Leggett told jurors Tuesday they could rule on Arrasmith's guilt or innocence on charges of either first- or second-degree murder. A conviction on the former charge would require a finding that Arrasmith plotted the slayings.

Leggett also instructed jurors that they could find Arrasmith innocent only if they determined he shot the Bingham in self-defense or acted to prevent a murder or another serious felony.

The case has attracted international attention, cast as a tale of frontier justice in the Wild West.

mer-sheriff's deputy from Sunnyside, Wash.

The jury also found Arrasmith guilty of using a firearm in the commission of a felony on both counts.

Jurors were selected from Twin Falls because of intense media coverage of the case in north Idaho.

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CSI retains crown

The Times-News

MIAMI — The College of Southern Idaho volleyball team won its third straight national championship here Wednesday in a five-game match over Miami-Dade Wolfson.

CSI won its 101st consecutive match and completed an unparalleled 65-0 season with a 13-15, 20-18, 9-15, 15-7, 15-12 win over the previously unbeaten Barracudas.

Trailing two games to one, CSI posted the biggest winning margin of the match in game four to force the deciding game. That fifth game was played under the rally-scoring format, in which a point is scored each time the ball hits the floor regardless of which team serves.

The Golden Eagles trailed the final game until sophomore Katiene Simonetti tied it at nine, then fell behind again before pulling out the victory.

It was only the second time this season CSI was stretched to five games in a match.

Southern Idaho earned its berth into the finals by beating Belleville Area College of Illinois earlier in the day.

15-6, 15-5, 12-15, 15-1.

For complete details and photos, see Sports, page B13.

Twin Falls doctor shares surgical knowledge on return to Vietnam

By Julie M. McKinnon
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Dr. Robert J. Porter II has volunteered twice for service in Vietnam.

As a 28-year-old son of a World War II flight surgeon and father of two, Porter first went to Vietnam's central highlands in 1968. He arrived in Pleiku soon after the start of the Tet Offensive, some of the most intense fighting in the war.

"I wanted to go to war, unlike anyone I know. Everyone I know wanted to get out of it," the former Air Force flight surgeon said. "I thought it would be interesting and exciting, and I would get some good experience medically."

"I just thought it was my duty to be there."

On his second visit to Vietnam three months ago, Porter shared some modern techniques used in orthopedic surgery with his counterparts in Ho Chi Minh City, formerly called Saigon.

Part of the reason Porter returned to Vietnam was to see what happened to the place and people who helped shape his life. He also is thinking of giving up his Twin Falls practice and becoming a missionary doctor, a vocation he aspired to even before becoming a doctor.

First trip

Twenty-seven years ago, Porter cared for the physical and mental health of a squadron of 24 fighter-bomber pilots.

He also went along on some of their bombing missions, in which he felt excited, as well as detachment from the realities of war. "You didn't have to see what you're doing to people."

Yet Porter was pached while volunteering to help Army surgeons triage patients at a mobile hospital on the edge of his Air Force base. Porter saw hundreds of 18-, 19- and 20-year-old soldiers relegated to die because they were beyond help.

"You have to select the ones you know you can help. I was part of that, which is absolutely sickening," the 54-year-old Porter said Monday.

After the Army surgeons worked on U.S. soldiers, they would tell Porter how to operate on enemy prisoners before the doctors went to bed. That mainly involved amputation, after which the soldiers went to prisoner-of-war camps.

Vietnamese people

When fighting in the central highlands



Photo courtesy of Dr. Robert J. Porter II

Dr. Robert J. Porter II of Twin Falls prepares for surgery in a hospital in Ho Chi Minh City, formerly Saigon, this fall.

slackened, Porter was able to go to reasonably secure Montagnard villages to do whatever he could for South Vietnam's natives. They rarely would go back to the Army hospital on Porter's base for more advanced treatment because of their religious beliefs.

"I, in fact, saw a kid die — a teen-ager — of appendicitis," Porter said. "I told them 'We can save his life,' and they said, 'No, we've seen a lot of these, and they all die.'"

"I know we could have saved the kid."

It was the custom of the villagers to start funerals before death. Once, to the amazement of the Montagnards who already had started his funeral, Porter was able to use antibiotics save a villager with tetanus and having a tetanic fit.

By the time Porter's year-long tour ended, he no longer supported the United States' involvement in Vietnam's civil war. U.S. armed services, he said, weren't allowed to fight the political war, a war that couldn't be fought with modern warfare.

Vietnam, Porter decided, was much different than his father's war.

"Most of us went over a hawk and came back as a dove," Porter said. "Not all of us went over as a hawk, but I did."

Second trip

Porter's wife, Karen, didn't know her husband had volunteered for Vietnam until he returned. She wasn't angry because, like her husband, she initially supported her country's involvement.

After her husband signed up with Orthopedics Overseas for his second trip, she went, too.

"I was very curious — I was more than happy to go," said 53-year-old Karen Porter. "I was very curious because it was a big part of our life."

Karen Porter said her husband often talked about the villagers he helped and wondered what happened to them.

Because security is so tight in the Communist country — the central highlands

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Idaho skiers practice their backhands

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

More on skiing — D1

SUN VALLEY — Denzel Rowland measures progress by degrees, and by Wednesday morning he had about 30 too many.

"What we really need is about three nights of 10-degree weather," said Rowland, the Sun Valley Co.'s mountain manager. "If we could get that, we could make enough snow to open up a quad lift."

But the overnight temperature in Ketchum on Wednesday was 22 degrees, not nearly cold enough to fire up Sun Valley's 32 automated snow-making cannons on which the company spent \$16 million over the past four years.

All of which means that it's not nearly

time to ski.

"I've been working on this mountain for 10 years, and I've never seen a November this warm," Rowland said. "I don't know how this month stacks up in terms of precipitation, but it sure is warm."

It sure is. The National Weather Service won't know exactly how warm the month until it tops the numbers next week, but there's little to encourage people who sell snow.

"Last Nov. 22, we had a low of zero here," said Bill Galkin, who runs the weather service office in Kimberly. On Wednesday, it got down to 33.

"We're making snow when we can,"

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JULIE CASE LYNN/The Times-News

Juli Webb, Chlo Parten, Mary Ann Chubb and Carey Dondoro are content to play tennis at Sun Valley while they wait for the snow.

Weather

IDAHO Weather

Thursday, Nov. 23
AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures

Coeur D'Alene	47°
Lowland	55°
Idaho Falls	40°
Twin Falls	52°
Pocatello	51°

Weather icons: Partly Cloudy, Rain, Snow, Wind, etc.

Idaho forecasts

Magic Valley

Partly cloudy today. Highs in the 50s. Light winds. Tonight partly cloudy. Lows mid-30s to lower 40s. Friday partly cloudy. A slight chance of rain. Highs 55 to 60.

Extended regional forecast

Saturday and Sunday mostly cloudy with a chance of valley rain and mountain snow. Cooler with lows in the upper 20s to upper 30s. Highs in the mid-40s to the lower 50s Saturday and 40s Sunday.

Monday mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid-20s to mid-30s. Highs in the 40s.

Wood River Valley

Partly cloudy today. Highs around 50. Tonight partly cloudy. Lows 25 to 30. Friday partly cloudy. A slight chance of rain. Highs in the lower 50s. Remainder of the weekend cloudy with a good chance of rain valleys and snow mountains. Lows mid- to upper 20s. Highs near 40.

Treasure Valley

Near record high temperatures today and Friday. Today partly cloudy. Highs around 60. Light winds. Tonight partly cloudy. Lows around 40. Friday mostly cloudy. A slight chance of rain. Highs around 60.

Northern Nevada

Fair skies today and tonight. Highs in the 60s. Lows lower 20s to mid-30s. Friday mostly sunny. Highs lower 60s to lower 70s.

Northern Utah

Partly cloudy today. Highs mid-50s. Tonight and Friday fair. Lows 30-35. Highs mid-50s to near 60.

NATIONAL Weather

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Thursday, Nov. 23.

FRONTS: COLD, WARM, STATIONARY, PRELUDE, HIGH LOW, SHOWERS, RAIN, F. STORMS, FLURRIES, SNOW, ICE, SUNNY, PT. CLOUDY, CLOUDY

National temperatures

City	Max	Min	Pop
Albuquerque	64	31	...
Atlanta	44	31	...
Boston	48	38	...
Chicago	36	28	...
Dallas	76	49	...
Denver	58	40	...
Des Moines	50	25	...
Detroit	36	28	...
Honolulu	87	72	...
Houston	77	49	...
Indianapolis	46	32	...
Kansas City	60	32	...
Las Vegas	73	48	...
Los Angeles	76	53	...
Memphis	62	32	...
Miami Beach	74	62	...
Milwaukee	32	18	...
Minneapolis	38	19	...
New Orleans	68	39	...
New York	54	48	...
Oakland	71	36	...
Omaha	51	27	...
Phoenix	81	53	...
Pittsburgh	34	27	...
Portland, Me.	41	31	...
Portland, Ore.	54	48	...
Reno	32	24	...
St. Louis	51	29	...
Salt Lake City	56	32	...
San Francisco	68	56	...
Seattle	58	49	...
Spokane	46	30	...
Washington	43	31	...

Almanac

Idaho

City	Max	Min	Pop
Boise	57	37	11
Burley	57	44	...
Fairfield	53	29	...
Gidding	56	30	...
Hogman	m	m	...
Idaho Falls	52	29	...
Joromo	55	36	...
Lowland	45	35	...
Malad	55	23	...
Malia	59	38	...
McCall	m	29	...
Pocatello	53	38	...
Salmont	41	27	...
Stanley	m	18	...
Sun Valley	51	22	...

Twin Falls

Day	Max	Min	Pop
Yesterday	57	37	11
Last year	18	4	...
Normal	47	25	...

Precipitation

Month to date	1.07
Normal mo. to date	1.94
Water year to date	1.53
Normal year to date	1.67

Comfort factors

Humidity at noon	57 pct.
Barometer at noon	30.21 F.

Skywatch

Sunset today 5:10 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:40 a.m.
Lunar phase: New, Nov. 23; first quarter, Nov. 30; full, Dec. 6; last quarter, Dec. 15.

Visible planets: Morning, none. Evening: Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Venus.

Temperature extremes

Idaho: High, 66 degrees at Emmet. Low, 18 degrees at Stanley. Nation: High, 86 degrees at Coolidge, Ariz. Low, 2 below zero at Hibbing, Minn.

For up-to-the-minute weather information

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

Minnesota shivers in sub-zero temperatures

The Associated Press

Temperatures dropped below zero Wednesday in some places near Lake Superior as cold air spread throughout much of the East.

The lowest temperature in the nation was minus 5 degrees at Ely, Minn., followed by a few other locations in northeastern Minnesota, northern Wisconsin and upper Michigan.

With the cold air moving east, freeze warnings were posted for the South Carolina coastal region Wednesday evening. The temperature in Tallahassee, Fla., dipped to 27 degrees, tying the 1987 record for the date.

Snow fell at the rate of 1 to 2 inches per hour in the morning in sections of western and central New York, as cold winds blew off Lakes Erie and Ontario.

Some freezing rain was falling in some valleys of western Montana around Kalispell and Helena as a new storm system brushed the Northwest with rain and high elevation snow.

For information call

For current road conditions, call the Idaho Department of Transportation, Boise, 376-8028; Shoshone, 886-2266; Pocatello, 233-6724; Rigby 745-7278; Utah 801-964-6000; the Elk, Nev., area, 702-738-8888.

Snow

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said Woody Anderson, who owns Pomerelle ski resort near Albion. "And wearing out the knees on our pants during for more."

The wait may be a while. Southern Idaho is smack in the path of a series of weak Pacific storms that less than a week ago over the Cascade Mountains of Oregon and Washington, according to Joel Tannenholz, a meteorologist with the weather service office in Boise.

"These weather systems we're seeing now are coming from air flow that's being mixed in the North Pacific," Tannenholz explained. That air is cold, and the systems that develop out of it contain less moisture than systems that develop from warmer air farther south.

Most of Idaho's big winter storms originate from a huge patch of peacan rain. Hawaii where warm, moist air is mixed and moves north and east where it encounters colder air, which in turn produces snow, he said.

The reasons why that's not happening now are complex, Tannenholz said, ranging from the jet stream to El Nino, the mysterious

Idaho weather summary

A weak Pacific storm system moving across the northern part of the state has resulted in cloudy skies with areas of drizzle over that part of Idaho.

A second Pacific system entering the northwest coast on Wednesday will result in continued showery conditions in the north today with little change expected across the south.

During Wednesday afternoon southern Idaho stations were reporting mostly sunny skies with temperatures ranging from the middle 50s in the valleys to the middle 40s in the mountains. From the central mountains through the panhandle temperatures were mostly in the 40s under mostly cloudy skies.

Precipitation across the southern sections of the state amounted to only some scattered traces but was heavier from the central sections to the Panhandle.

Amounts reported included Challis .01 in ch, Grangeville .04, Lowell .08, and Mullan .03.

Winds were westerly much of the day. They were light across the Magic Valley although they were strongest about sunrise.

Doctor

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were closed to visitors until a few months ago - Dr. Porter just briefly visited his former Air Force base and wasn't even able to go where he had lived.

He also was unable to visit the village where he had saved the man with tetanus.

Karen Porter, who taught English to Vietnamese nurses, said they were able to see some more of the countryside when the doctors her husband worked with for two weeks showed them around.

Ironically, the Porters, who now have five children, later found out one of the doctors Dr. Porter worked and socialized with was a Viet Cong member during the war. He also picked them up at the airport.

Orthopedics Overseas

Vietnamese doctors are paid \$60 a month, while nurses get about \$40 a month and laborers earn \$15 to \$20. That forces people to have two jobs; doctors see private patients in their homes in the late afternoons and evenings, charging \$1 for an office call.

Some of the equipment at the orthopedic hospital Dr. Porter lectured in and did operations at was like

Today's weather fact

On occasion, you have seen clouds that give off a luminous, iridescent glow when sunlight strikes them just right.

Because of this distinctive look, they are known as nacreous clouds. Their colors are soft pastels, the ones found in mother-of-pearl: pinks, violets, blues and soft reds. Their iridescent colors are caused by diffracted sunlight. These clouds are situated about 14 to 19 miles above the layer of the atmosphere known as the stratosphere. Because they are so high, nacreous clouds can be seen after sunset or during twilight.

Jury

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Arasmith, a 44-year-old formerly of Sunnyside, Wash., contends the Bingham's drugged and sexually abused his daughter, now 16. In February, she moved with her boyfriend into a trailer next to the Bingham's home.

Asotin County, Wash., authorities investigated the Bingham's alleged abuse, but no arrests were made.

In closing arguments Tuesday, prosecutors argued that Arasmith was bent on vengeance when he shot the Bingham's at their Lewiston auto repair shop. Arasmith was not in imminent danger because the couple were unarmed at the time of

Idaho lottery

BOISE (AP) - Winning numbers drawn Wednesday in the Powerball game are:

6-10-24-31-43; Powerball 17 (six, ten, twenty-four, thirty-one, forty-three; Powerball seventeen). Estimated jackpot: \$54.8 million.

BOISE (AP) - Winning numbers drawn Wednesday in the Tri-West Lotto game are:

6-10-11-17-21-22 (six, ten, eleven, seventeen, twenty-one, twenty-two). Estimated jackpot: \$390,000.

Idaho road report

BOISE (AP) - Rain and fog rolled into Idaho Wednesday afternoon, producing wet roads in some areas for holiday travelers, the Idaho Department of Transportation reported.

Road conditions:

U.S. 95 - Plummer-Coeur d'Alene, wet, rain; Coeur d'Alene-Sandpoint, dry; Sandpoint-Canadian border, wet; Riggins-Lewiston, dry; Lewiston-Moscow, wet, rain; New Meadows-Oregon line, dry.

Interstate 90 - Fourth of July Canyon, rain, wet; Lookout Pass, rain, fog.

U.S. 12 - Lewiston-Orofino, dry; Orofino-Lowell, rain, wet; Lowell-Lolo Pass, wet, raining.

Interstate 84 - Dry.

Idaho 55 - Horseshoe Bend-Donnelly, icy spots; Donnelly-New Meadows, dry.

Idaho 21 - Boise-Idaho City, dry; Idaho City-Lowman, wet, rain; Lowman-Banner Summit, wet, icy spots, rain.

U.S. 20 - Dry.

U.S. 26 - Dry.

Idaho 51 - Dry.

U.S. 93 - Nevada line-Salmon, dry; Lost Trail Pass, wet, icy spots, rain, snowing.

Idaho 75 - Dry.

Interstate 86 - Dry.

Interstate 15 - Dry.

U.S. 30 - Dry.

U.S. 91 - Dry.

Idaho 28 - Dry.

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Defense lawyers argued the Bingham's had threatened Arasmith. They said their client acted in self-defense, and the defense of his daughter and others who might also be abused by the couple.

"What he did is what any parent would do," attorney Craig Mossman said.

Mossman said Arasmith acted only after it was clear authorities were not going to charge the Bingham's for the alleged abuse of his daughter.

"What was Arasmith to do when the system wouldn't work for him?" Mossman said.

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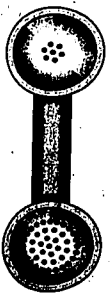
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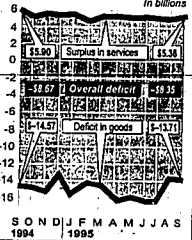
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Nation

U.S. trade in goods and services

The month-by-month changes in the government's new trade report, which includes trade in services as well as trade in goods. The following listing shows the overall deficit, the deficit in goods and the surplus in services.



Muslim Cub Scout leader denied post

KALAMAZOO, Mich. (AP) — A man who served nearly three years as a Cub Scout leader has been rejected for a higher scout post because he is a Muslim.

The church that sponsors the scout troop said Umar Abdul-Mutakallim may be a good leader, but he is the wrong man for the cub master job because of his religion.

Haven Reformed Church said Pack 293's cub master should be Christian, like the church.

Trade deficit declines

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. trade deficit declined to \$8.35 billion in September, the lowest level in nine months, as exports hit an all-time high and the deficit with Japan fell for the sixth straight month.

The Commerce Department reported Wednesday the September trade gap improved 0.1 percent from an \$8.36 billion deficit in August, reflecting in part a big surge in sales of American-made autos and auto parts.

Exports of goods and services were up 1.6 percent to a record \$67.24 billion. This advance helped to offset a 1.4 percent rise in imports, which climbed to \$75.59 billion. The trade deficit is the difference between what the country imports and what it sells abroad.

The September improvement caught economists by surprise. Many of them had been expecting the deficit would widen sharply to more than \$10 billion, reflecting weak economies overseas and a rebound in domestic demand.

The improvement was hailed by administration officials.

U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor called the decline in the deficit with Japan a "vast improvement" and Commerce Secretary Ron Brown said the overall deficit, which will hit a record this year, may be starting to improve.

In a separate report Wednesday, the Labor Department said the number of Americans filing new claims for unemployment benefits edged up to 271,000 last week from 270,000 the previous week. Both figures, however, were down from the level of 381,000 hit for the week ended Nov. 4.

In another report, the Commerce Department said business inventories rose 0.3 percent in September, the 18th straight increase but a smaller advance than the previous two months. The advance was in line with analysts' expectations and suggests an economy growing at a modest pace.

Even with the improvement in the September trade figure, the deficit in goods alone is running at an annual rate of \$167.1 billion through the first nine months of this year, putting the country well on track to surpass the previous deficit record of \$152 billion set in 1987.

For September, the Japanese deficit narrowed to \$4.3 billion, a sharp 15.6 percent decrease from August, which pushed the monthly figure to its lowest since May 1993.

The improvement reflected a \$400 million jump in U.S. exports, led by sales of autos and computers. Japanese imports to this country declined by \$400 million.

The deficit with China also declined in September, falling by 7.5 percent to \$3.64 billion, after hitting an all-time high of \$3.93 billion in August.

The deficit with Mexico jumped 19 percent to \$1.29 billion in September. For the year, the U.S. deficit with Mexico is running at an annual rate of \$15 billion, a sharp turnaround from the trade surpluses America had been enjoying before the Mexican economy suffered a major currency crisis last December.

The other sharp deterioration in trade occurred with America's largest trading partner, Canada, where the deficit jumped to \$1.87 billion in September, the biggest imbalance since November 1986 as U.S. imports of cars, auto parts and airplanes rose sharply. U.S. automakers have located sizable auto production facilities in Canada.

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Nation

Author loses big in scheme

WASHINGTON (AP) — Best-selling author Tom Clancy, whose novel "Debt of Honor" described an elaborate deceit on Wall Street, now finds he is the biggest loser in a \$6 million securities fraud case in Maryland.

Clancy invested \$1.4 million of his own money and \$500,000 on behalf of a private school in Calvert County, Md., with Richard A. Scott of Alexandria, Va.



Clancy and his wife, Wanda, struck up a friendship with Scott during a Baltimore Orioles baseball game in 1992.

Clancy was listed as the largest creditor when Scott's business, Goldie's Coin and Stamp Center in Camp Springs, Md., filed for bankruptcy protection earlier this month, said Scott Stupp, a spokesman for the family.

Clancy's involvement in the cases was reported in today's editions of The Washington Post and The Wall Street Journal.

The Maryland Securities Division filed a civil complaint against Scott on Nov. 10, alleging dozens of Maryland residents lost money in two investment schemes operated by Scott, who authorities say wasn't registered to sell securities in the state.

Scott operated two investment programs, one of which guaranteed a 15 percent return through investments in gold coins and stamps while the other was a fund controlled by Scott that invested in technology and pharmaceutical stocks, Stupp said.

Maryland regulators allege Scott said the stock fund had an investment return of 30 percent a year. Scott's attorney, Wallace Christensen, wasn't in his office today, a receptionist said. But Christensen told the Post his client didn't intend to defraud anybody.

"Anyone who is aware of the facts is going to conclude this is just an issue of investments gone awry," Christensen told the newspaper.

Maryland securities regulators charged Scott with numerous violations, including failure to register securities, operating an unregistered mutual fund and failing to register as a securities broker or investment adviser.

"This was not some high-roller, ultra-risky investment strategy," the Clancy's said in a statement. "To the contrary, Scott presented it as an extraordinarily safe and solid investment program. We didn't intend to be part of speculative tactics like options or buying on margin. That is not how it was presented to us."

Rep. Enid Waldholtz' husband undecided on grand jury testimony

WASHINGTON (AP) — The husband of Rep. Enid Greene Waldholtz, R-Utah, has not decided whether to testify about the couple's tangled finances but discussions with prosecutors will continue, an assistant U.S. attorney said Wednesday.

Joseph Waldholtz sat passively during a brief court hearing, called to inform a federal judge whether he would testify before a grand jury or assert his Fifth Amendment privilege against self-incrimination.

Absent a decision by Waldholtz, U.S. District Judge Emmet G. Sullivan scheduled another hearing for Dec. 15. In contrast to the routine hearing, Waldholtz, 32, showed more emotion outside the federal courthouse. He mumbled in reporters and television crews, he said quietly, "I love my wife and daughter very, very much" and wished his family and hers a happy Thanksgiving.

Sullivan continued that arrangement until the Dec. 15 hearing after Assistant U.S. Attorney William Lawler said that discussions "have not yet reached the point as to whether Mr. Waldholtz will appear and testify before the grand jury." In the courtroom, Waldholtz stood quietly before the judge and accepted the custody arrangement and other conditions: restrictions on his travel, daily reporting to an FBI agent, and invalidation of his passport.

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NEW YORK (AP) — A former longshoreman who recently pleaded guilty to being a major mob gun supplier was found shot to death on his mother's grave.

"My name is Frank O'Hehir," read the note found Tuesday with the body, the Daily News quoted unidentified police sources as saying. "Please call my attorney, Roger Bernstein. This is an FBI case. Thank you."

A gun was found near the body, but it wasn't clear whether O'Hehir committed suicide, Bernstein said. O'Hehir, 65, recently pleaded guilty to gunrunning for the Colombo crime family and was under house arrest. Failure to register an electronic bracelet when he was found dead at a Queens cemetery, said the newspaper's sources, who requested anonymity.

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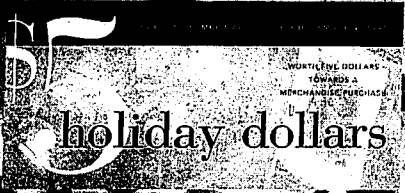
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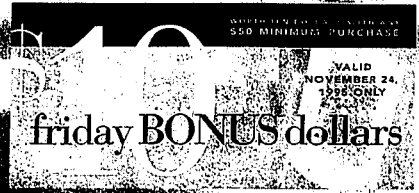
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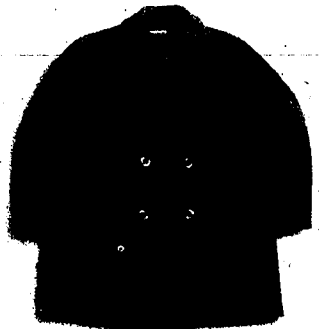
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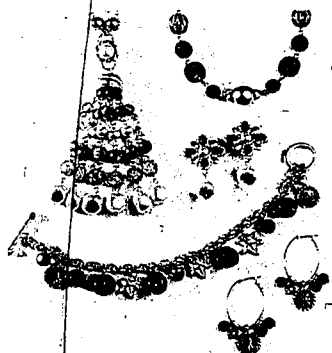
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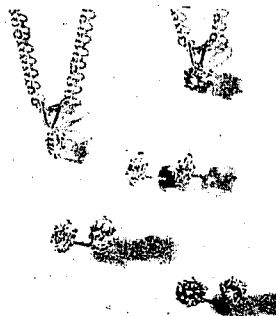
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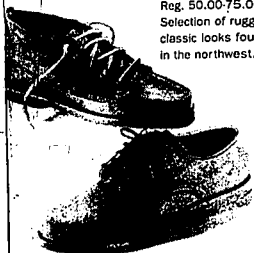


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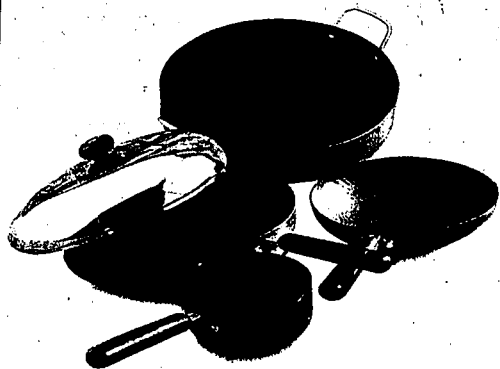
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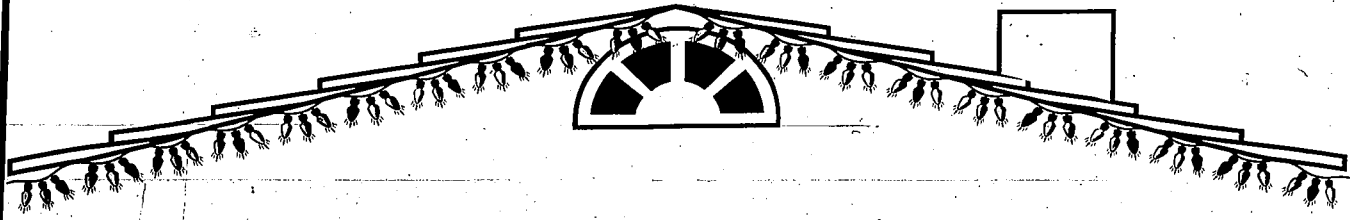
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Blessings are mixed, but plentiful, this Thanksgiving

A Thanksgiving prayer for 1995: After stuffing that big bird and before stuffing ourselves, we pause to thank you, Lord, for numerous and varied blessings. Here's a partial list:

Prosperity - Thanksgiving began in celebration of a life-sustaining harvest. We in the Magic Valley, even those of us who don't farm, still live by the bounty of our topsoil. And 1995 was a pretty good year.

Prices were up for grain, for milk and for spuds. Beans were OK. On the other hand, cattle prices are pathetic, and late blight is hanging a long shadow on the potato industry. Balance the good with the bad, and our economy remains strong. We can't ask for more.

Water - Everything around here depends on it. This year we had enough, and some to spare. Drought is still a fresh memory, but we're almost able to relax a little. Of course, 1996 is another throw of the dice. Today, though, we're grateful for what '95 brought.

Peace - Another November has arrived with no Americans dying on foreign soil. May every November be the same.

And more peace - In Bosnia, of all places. The rival gangs that run that

blood-drenched patch of ground went Ohio and agreed to stop shooting. Hallelujah.

Peace, unfortunately, is not cheap. Our president has promised 20,000 U.S. soldiers as guardians of the truce. History warns that some of them will not see home again.

The wisdom of sending them is an open question - but today is no day for politics. If they go, we pray for their safety. And we give thanks for their courage and dedication.

The future - The news lately has been full of tragic stories about vicious, uncontrolled teen-agers. But our communities are well-stocked with the other kind of teen-ager, too.

We see them quietly pulling down good grades, pulling down rebounds and pulling up our hopes. We see them working diligently on merit badges, volunteering their time to help feed the needy, tending livestock in preparation for next year's county fair, and otherwise preparing themselves to be law-abiding, self-supporting, taxpaying citizens.

Today we see them wolfing down enormous portions of turkey and stuffing. We're delighted to watch, and we thank You for the chance. Amen.



GOP budget an exercise in folly

Peace in Washington, peace (maybe) in Bosnia, the Dow hit \$,000, and now we can all stuff ourselves with turkey and start worrying about how to get everything done before Christmas.

Not. Don't touch that dial (well, maybe a little football on Thanksgiving) and don't take your eyes off that sausage factory in Washington. The Republican budget remains a recipe for the most astonishing transfer of wealth from Have Nots to Haves ever contemplated in an apparently sane country.

During the recent World War, House Speaker Newt Gingrich's biggest whine - aside from the fact that he had to go out the back door of an airplane - was that PEOPLE WERE LYING. Of course I listened up, knowing Newt Gingrich to be a classic example of what the shirkers call projection: Hence, he accuses someone else of something, he's always doing it himself.

And sure enough, there he was on one of the Sunday chat shows, angrily insisting that the Republicans have not cut Medicare - not, not, not. How can anyone claim they are cutting Medicare when they are going to spend more money on Medicare? The speaker was shocked! He was outraged!

Up in the Wind Factory, a performance like that is called "staying on message." Gingrich can stay on message until Rice wins a national championship, but the Republicans have still cut Medicare by a whopping \$270 billion.

It's time for Our President the Policy Wonk to get down to working. Nearly every page of the Republican budget contains bad public



Molly Ivins

policy. It will make innumerable problems worse, create new ones and theoretically balance the budget by soaking everyone except the rich.

Head Start saves money because we know that kids who go to it do better in school and are less likely to drop out. Day care, child care, good schools, after-school programs and (yes) midnight basketball leagues - any investment we make in children's lives saves us money that we would otherwise have to spend keeping young thugs in prison for the rest of their lives after they drop out and go bad. Not to mention the wear and tear on our persons and property; not to mention the total waste of their lives. California is now close to spending more on prisons than it does on higher education - surely the death warrant of a civilization.

To top off all the other follies in the Republican budget, it proposes a series of tax cuts heavily weighted in favor of the wealthiest people in America, who, as you may have heard, are already doing astonishingly well. This is the same dumb trickle-down economics that the Republicans tried in the 1980s, and it didn't work then, either.

Clinton and his adviser Leon Panetta, who is one of the most constructive people in

Washington, need to sit down and list all the bad policy in that budget and then read it to the public. I don't care if it takes three hours and is the longest speech in modern political history.

Another jigger about the Republican plan you'll want to keep an eye on: It is "back-loaded," as they say in budget circles. That is, the serious cuts don't kick in until the end of the seven-year period. Next year, a little pinch, a little squeeze, but the sky will not fall. We won't see the effects of this budget on children for a generation, but they're going to be there.

We're all going to be hearing a bewildering array of numbers - cuts Medicare, does not cut Medicare, etc. Alice Rivlin, former head of the Congressional Budget Office and now head of the Office of Management and Budget, has a well-earned reputation for refusing to fudge numbers. I think that we can rely on her numbers and on those of the private group Citizens for Tax Justice.

Now is the time for all good men, and women, to come to the aid of their country. Sometime between the pumpkin pie and the Christmas stockings, all of us need to find the time to follow this budget battle and to weigh in on it. I know that working mothers in particular are almost desperately busy at this time of year, but this is a fight that affects our children's futures in the most direct way. Damned if I want to trade them away so the rich can have a capital-gains tax cut.

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GOP exhibits true bravery

For the weeks to come in Washington, D.C., we will be seeing a battle between personalities, ideologies and agendas. Looking to the president, we see a man standing alone, a Democrat without even the full backing of his own party. On the other end of Pennsylvania Avenue, we see a group of people that make up the majority of Congress showing an unprecedented amount of unity in an effort to balance our federal budget.

There are many who feel that the president is a brave man, proceeding the helpless in our society from ill-conceived reforms proposed by Republican radicals. To those who are inclined to believe such things, we must remind them that the drafters of the Declaration of Independence and later the Constitution were perceived to be radicals by many.

The status quo no longer benefits society as a whole, and to ensure our country's position of power in the future world, we must now begin to make the sacrifices to end the destructive legacy of the New Deal. We must balance our federal budget.

To see true bravery, one must not look to the president but instead to the Republicans in Congress who are taking unprecedented risks to try to dismantle the 60-year buildup of big government. We Americans are far more able to take care of ourselves than many in the Democratic party are willing to admit, and because of this, we must begin taking responsibility for ourselves and our own problems. Government isn't the solution to our many difficulties - it is the fundamental source of them.

Over the course of the next few months, we can take part in a historic battle to change the course of our country. From our hometowns, we can demand that our elected officials in Washington give us a balanced budget exactly like the ones that we maintain in our own homes. The struggle between the president and Congress this week on raising the debt limit is only the first round of many to come, and our representatives and senators need to know that we support their efforts. It is imperative that we take time out of our busy schedules to let them know we want a balanced federal budget in seven years.

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Find long-term waste solutions

A suggestion for our government:

Find a solution. Disposing of nuclear waste is a real, long-term issue. After years of planning by our government, I have heard no hint of a solution. Presently, I hear incredible talk of years of delay, thousands of shipments and "incredibly empty" promises betting our future on the passing whims of government officials that continually change with the wind. To date, there has been no credible solution even mentioned that would answer the 10,000-year question of how to keep the public and our environment "actually safe" from this material.

I can conceive of two obvious solutions, only one of which may be within the reach of current technology. One solution would be to place the rods in a "God" machine that would alter the atomic structure, converting them into another useful mineral. The other would be to launch the material into space on a solisatn course with our closest neighboring star (the sun).

Champion the cause. If launching this dangerous material into space were a better long-term answer than hiding it under the rug, why not champion that solution? If a better long-term solution can be found, champion that but at least find the "best long-term" solution. Consider, for instance, federal government funds building a space program here in Idaho. New construction, growth, industry, research and jobs would be brought about. By the way, Idaho could become a principle vehicle for the world's nuclear waste.

Solve the problems. The challenge is to find the most efficient instrument to perform the best long-term solution. "The bottom line" has always been a limiting factor to finding the best solution to enormous problems. Economies continue to deceive many administrations into thinking an inexpensive short-term solution may be less costly than a more comprehensive long-term solution. In fact, history has shown many exceptions. Chernobyl, Three Mile Island and numerous super-fund sights are examples of very false economy.

If launching this waste into space were a viable answer, the question becomes - how? (1) Many small disposable rockets and frequent launches. (2) fewer retrievable rockets. (3) a few huge, jumbo rockets or (4) a space plane with regular scheduled flights.

JIM GRIGSBY
Eden

Republican rookies set the tone for 1995

Congressman Sam Brownback, the 39-year-old freshman Republican from Kansas is defined by something he did not know until last week. When recently he was invited to join a journalist for breakfast at the Four Seasons Hotel in Georgetown, he did not know where the hotel was.

His work is on Capitol Hill, his wife and three children are back on the plains of eastern Kansas, so a lot of the federal city is unfamiliar to him. But the city is "so familiar" to him and the other 72 Republican House freshmen who dug in their 146 heels and forced Republican leaders to force the president to agree to a seven-year timetable for balancing the budget. The coming budget battle will be driven by what they decide not to budget from.

Not all of them are "conservative politicians" to the same degree, but Brownback believes that less than a quarter of this Class of 1994 has begun to go native, making decisions motivated by careerism. Most are like Oklahoma's Steve Largent, NFL receiver turned legislator, who told Congressional Quarterly he would like his political career to be summarized in three words: "Brilliant but brief."

Brownback is surprised about how easy it is "to move the ball" in Washington. "You can," he says, "do a lot of things if you don't know you can't."

For Brownback and his classmates, the peb-



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ble in the shoe is not the executive branch or even congressional Democrats. Rather, it is Republican senators who are reluctant to get with the program as the more fire-breathing House defines it.

In 1992 Ross Perot got 28 percent of the vote in Brownback's district, and in 1994 this district's inclination to dis' the established order enabled Brownback to pile up 66 percent of the vote against a former governor. In Congress Brownback has organized the mis-named New Federalists, who actually are spiritual descendants of the Anti-Federalists. Two centuries ago they distrusted the centralizing tendencies of the Constitution, and feared it would result in a corrupt political culture in the capital. How sharper than a serpent's tooth was the Anti-Federalists' fate of being prematurely right, at least about that political culture.

Back home, Brownback's experience, like that of his classmates, is that constituents' questions concerning the nation's moral condition come "eight to nine" times as frequently as questions concerning the nation's economic

condition. And in Washington the freshmen do not treat economic questions as merely economic questions.

They regard the budget as the cause of many kinds of unwholesome behavior and the sender of many deleterious social signals. Which is why they horrify Washington: Their behavior cannot be predicted by the usual calculus of pains and pleasures, and they cannot be controlled by the usual stimuli of rewards and threats. And because they resolutely refuse to learn the rules of polite society, they enable Newt Gingrich to profess that they are coercing him to do what he wants to do.

Denigrating Gingrich is a task to which Time magazine, like most media, has taken (in words from crime novelist Donald Westlake) "like a buzzard among entrails." So Time's editors must be in a hurry trying to avoid putting Gingrich on the year-end cover as the newsmaker of the year, which he obviously is. Occasionally Time's editors select a group for the year-end cover - "25 and Under Generation" (1966), American Women (1975). If Time's editors want to avoid the pain of accuracy, they can evade Gingrich by putting on the cover Brownback and the other Republican rookies who set the tone, and much of the agenda, for 1995.

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Doonesbury Flashbacks



By Gary Trudeau Mallard Fillmore

By Bruce Tinsley

Is the Endangered Species Act headed for reform?

If you think the Endangered Species Act (ESA) is fine just as it is, you probably don't own any property and don't hope to buy property in the future.

Even Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt and the National Wildlife Federation think the regulation needs to be changed. While it is anybody's guess whether President Clinton would sign reform legislation, it looks like he will have the opportunity. Congressman Don Young, R-Alaska, chairman of the House Resources Committee, and Richard Pombo, R-Calif., chairman of the House Task Force on Endangered Species, have written the Endangered Species Conservation and Management Act, following a year of public hearings. The legislation now has 121 bipartisan co-sponsors and was passed out of the Resources Committee in October. It could come up for a floor vote at any time.

The bill would require the federal government to consider the social and economic consequences of enforcing the ESA and encourage creative and voluntary means of protecting species at risk. Most importantly, if private land loses 20 percent or more of its value due to the ESA, the bill would require the owner be compensated.

Another bill under serious consideration is the Endangered Species Recovery and Conservation Incentive Act. This bill takes a nonregulatory approach, based exclusively on a voluntary, incentive-based program that fosters the cooperation of private property owners - avoiding involuntary "takings" of private property.

In the Senate, Slade Gorton, R-Wash., has introduced legislation addressing the problem property owners now face as a result of having their land designated as (habitat) for an endangered or threatened species. Sen. Dirk Kempthorne, R-Idaho, also has legislation requiring the compensation of owners if their property is devalued due to the ESA.

In short, Congress appears ready to pass legislation that will provide greater protections for private property owners. The irony is that the push for this reform is a direct result of a

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defeat in the Supreme Court. At issue in Bruce Babbitt v. Sweet Home Chapter of Communities for a Great Oregon was whether the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service could lawfully

define "harm" in Section 9 of the ESA to include "habitat protection." The government has been barring the use of millions of acres of private land under this definition. The implications are staggering. In Texas, almost 800,000 acres of land were designated as habitat for just one "endangered" bird: the golden-cheeked warbler. There are currently 895 species listed as "endangered" and almost 3,500 waiting to be listed.

The implications for private property owners are particularly severe because the government, under the ESA, can take not only land on which an endangered species lives, but also land that some bureaucrat decides an endangered species might one day want to live. For example:

A land owner on South Padre Island, Texas, planned to build a marina. Since the area is considered prime habitat for the endangered piping plover, biologists spent nine days examining the land. Eighteen piping plovers were seen resting for a total of 11 minutes on adjacent property. The birds flew off, but the land owner was still told he could not build.

In Florida, a rancher was told he could not clear scrub off his land to grow blueberries for his family. The government sued him because the endangered Florida scrub jay might someday want to nest there.

Needless to say, no compensation was paid to the property owners. That's why they and other property owners hoped the court would rein in the government in the Sweet Home case. Much to their dismay, the court upheld the government's position.

The Clinton administration also has balked at facing up to the need for property rights protection. According to Associate Attorney General John Schmidt's testimony before the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, if a community

decides to take private property, then the community's desires supersede any constitutional duty to pay for the taking of that property.

Given that neither the judicial nor executive branch is doing an adequate job of protecting private property rights, it is not surprising that the property rights community is looking to Congress for solutions - to amend laws so they will not result in the taking of private property, and requiring compensation if a taking is inevitable. Only time will tell whether such proposals will become law. If not, private property appears to be the next (species) headed for extinction.

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Letter

Be aware of AIDS virus and care for its victims

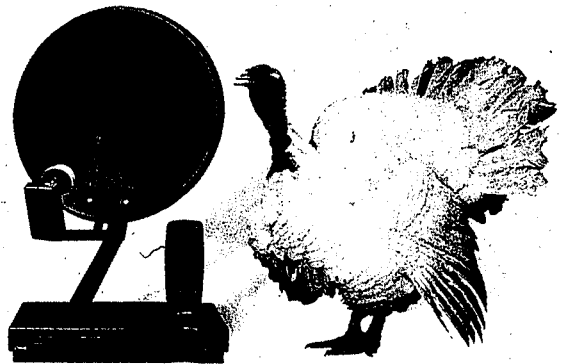
Dec. 1 is World AIDS Day, a day when the world reaffirms its awareness of this deadly virus that kills thousands each year. But those of us that have children, relatives or friends

with this virus are aware of it every day. Outside of the love, the support and what little care we can give them, we are helpless as we watch them die the hideous death. And through it all, the victims show such courage.

So every day, not just Dec. 1, make yourself aware of this deadly virus.

Learn the truth about it and the preventions. The day is coming when everyone in the world will be affected by it one way or another. It can infect anyone - rich, poor, neighbor, friend, relative, child and, yes, even you. **JAMES R. CARMICHAEL SR.** Hollister

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Batt's 'deal' not worth paper it's written on

The Times-News should refrain from letting its editorial opinion influence its "news" reports. It is important to offer information from all sides of an issue so that you, the readers, can better make informed decisions. Batt's private appearance at the Rotary Club before a partisan crowd does not reflect the public in general, nor did he answer the questions that need to be asked. Batt did not tell members of the Rotary that his "deal" has named Idaho the incinerator or "treatment" center for the nation's plutonium particle waste. This kind of information is neglected when only one side of an issue is presented.

Eighty percent of Idahoians are outraged at Gov. Batt's "deal" to allow 1,133 shipments of nuclear waste into our state, and many more feel that the "deal" is not worth the paper it is written on since a "court order" offers no protection from the federal government. Many are also aware of the fact that the federal government to this day has not cleaned up the waste from Rocky Flats at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory that was promised to be taken care of in the 80s. Why should we believe it now?

The recall effort is not an attack on Phil Batt personally; it is a way for Idaho citizens to express their concern over his nuclear waste "deal" in the hopes that we will finally be listened to on this issue. We are not radicals, outcasts, rednecks or meanly mouths. We are physicians, farmers, parents, nurses, ranchers, lawyers, students, teachers and businessmen and women. We have voices and we have pens and we will not be silenced. We, the people of this great state, do not tolerate being dismissed because life as we know it is at stake.

If there were not the possibility of danger to our citizens, then why did 20 medical doctors initially sign our petition to recall the governor and why have more medical doctors signed on since?

We need many signatures if democracy is going to rule. To receive a petition, please send a business-size, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 911, Twin Falls, ID 83303. We can save Idaho and protect future generations with your help.

Gov. Batt wants to ignore the truth and ignore us, the citizens who elect him are not the only ones who have to live with the stench.

TRACY A. HODGES
State Coordinator, Non-Partisan Recall Batt Committee
Twin Falls

Family, friends, faith and fair are rich blessings

Happy Thanksgiving! What a wonderful day Thanksgiving is. There's a crispness in the air that quickens our step and sharpens our senses. Anticipation tingles within us as we make our way to the home of a loved one. There will be wonderful smells to greet us, roasting turkey, freshly baked bread and steaming bowls of delectable delights.

Smiles, hugs, kisses and warm hand clasps are the order of the day. We laugh, we share, we feast as we gather together. Heads are bowed as we give thanks for our bountiful lives and to those who have provided our bounty.

As I give my thanks this Thanksgiving, I will thank our Heavenly Father for the opportunity to have known you and worked with you this past year. Together we have sown the seeds of friendship, filled the soil of mutual respect and grown toward the sun of understanding to reap a harvest of unique reward.

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Mounting evidence predicts big Northwest earthquake

Seattle Times

SEATTLE — One thing to be thankful about this Thanksgiving is that the dire warnings of geologists of a potentially huge earthquake off the Northwest coast have not yet come true.

The latest addition to mounting evidence that a "Big One" could occur is a paper by geologists, published in Wednesday's edition of the journal *Nature*, that a magnitude 9 earthquake occurred about 500 years ago off the Northwest coast, stretching 600 miles from southern Vancouver Island to Humboldt, Calif.

The *Nature* paper does not discuss the exact nature of such a huge earthquake if it occurred again. But in a survey of recent "Cascadia" earthquake research in the December issue of *Scientific American*, Roy Hyndman of the Geological Survey of Canada said such a quake could lower coastal communities three to six feet and shove them 15 to 30 feet seaward, with resulting catastrophic damage.

Shaking in Seattle and other inland cities would not be so severe, Hyndman said, but the earthquake would be so powerful that "the danger to those cities is still substantial."

Only two quakes of that size have occurred in recent history, in 1960 in Chile and 1964 in Alaska. Both caused severe damage.

Records indicate such earthquakes occur here at an interval of every 300 to 900 years.

It was U.S. Geological Survey scientist Brian Atwater who first found coastal evidence of past earthquakes, including trees killed when their roots subsided into salt water or sand deposits left by tsunami waves. Such evidence has been accumulating the past decade.

Subsequently, Kenji Satake of the Geological Survey of Japan looked for historic evidence of Japanese tsunami waves that might have originated from a Pacific Northwest quake. He concluded that a wave that hit the Japanese island of Honshu came from an earthquake along North America that occurred about 9 p.m. on Jan. 26, 1700. Indian oral history appears to lend weight to that calculation.

If so, how big was it? Critical in calculating past earthquake energy is determining how large an area of the colliding North American and Juan de Fuca plates — which form the crust and sea floor — might slip.

A team of geologists found logs and plants killed or buried by past

quakes from California to Vancouver Island and had their dating analyzed by labs at the University of Washington and in New Zealand. The purpose was to see if the sites had been disturbed at the same time.

The match was not perfect. The scientists can't say with certainty all the sites shook at once, but they do appear within a few decades of each other, most likely between 1700 and 1720. That means while a single giant 300-year-old earthquake has not been proved, it has not been disproved either, in favor of a series of smaller earthquakes.

"The hypothesis stands a little stronger," Atwater said, "it makes a magnitude 9 seem less like a dirty word in Cascadia."

If the Big One indeed occurred, it means an underground area of 50,000 square kilometers slipped at once, jolting the Pacific Northwest. A series of recent measurements confirms that the coast of this region continues to compress as tension between the colliding plates increases, Hyndman said. The coast is rising by a rate of one to four millimeters a year (a millimeter is about one-25th of an inch) and is contracting horizontally by several centimeters (two to three inches).

Coast Guard intercepts Haitian freighter on way to Miami

MIAMI (AP) — A Haitian freighter en route to Miami was stopped in international waters after two days of surveillance, and more than 500 people were on board, the Coast Guard said Wednesday.

The Guard first spotted the freighter Sunday, just off Haiti's coast. The

captain said he was heading to Miami. When contacted again, he said he was changing course to the Bahamas, but he went into Cuban waters instead.

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Gene may shed light on human aggression

NEW YORK (AP) — Male mice lacking a single gene are oversexed and vicious, pressing their attacks even on rodents that have signaled defeat, according to a study that could shed light on human aggression.

Scientists said they learned to keep each male in a separate cage because when the rodents were housed in groups of five, one or two would often be dead by morning.

Unlike normal mice, the violent mice continued to fight while ignoring an opponent's "I give up" signal, which is rolling over and exposing the neck. And when fighting among themselves, the violent mice were far less likely than normal to give up.

In addition to being aggressive toward other males, the mice didn't respond normally when females signaled them to stop trying to mate. They were far more persistent than normal mice in trying to mount females who weren't in heat.

Altogether, the mice seem to lack a normal brake on social behavior, so they don't recognize signals from rejecting females or from males that are giving up in a fight, said Randy J. Nelson, an associate psychology professor at the Johns Hopkins University School of Arts and Sciences.

The mice, which are a strain created in a laboratory, lacked a working copy of a gene needed to make a chemical messenger called nitric oxide in their brains. So their behavior suggests that nitric oxide normally acts as a brake on behavior, researchers said.

But nobody knows yet whether lack of nitric oxide has anything to do with aggression in people, said Dr. Solomon Snyder, director of the neuroscience department at the Hopkins

medical school. If it does, drugs that boost the brain's nitric oxide supply might be useful, he said.

Judging from the mice, any link to human aggression would probably involve people with uncontrollable rage, Nelson said.

Nelson, Snyder and colleagues from Hopkins and Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston reported the mouse work in Thursday's issue of the journal *Nature*. The aggression did not appear in female mice.

Other scientists agreed that it's too soon to say whether the results shed any light on aggression in people.

Prior studies have shown that disruption of other single genes can also make mice aggressive. In 1993, scientists reported a link between an inherited tendency toward aggression by men in a Dutch family and a defect in a gene for an enzyme. Similar results were found for that gene in mice.

Niall G. Simpson of Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa., who studies the brain chemistry of aggression, said nitric oxide may influence aggressive behavior by acting on serotonin, another brain messenger that is thought to act as a brake on aggression.

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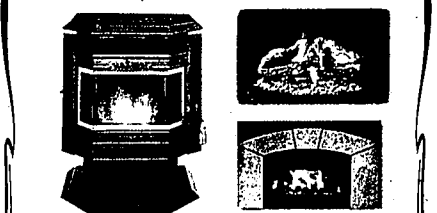
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White House: No peace without troops

WASHINGTON (AP) — American casualties are inevitable if U.S. troops are sent to help keep the Bosnian peace, the Army's top general said Wednesday.

But the White House, making the case for 20,000 or more U.S. ground troops, said there's no choice: "It's literally peace vs. war."

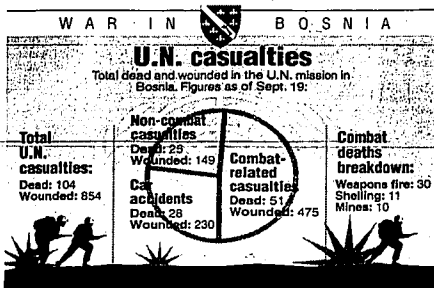
Gen. Dennis Reimer, chief of staff of the Army, which would do the lion's share of the work in Bosnia, said U.S. troops are well trained but still vulnerable.

"If we make a commitment to this, we've got to expect some type of casualties," Reimer said. "We've got to be able to withstand those casualties." The four-star general made no estimate of how many might get killed.

The timing of U.S. troop movements remained fuzzy, and administration officials stressed that President Clinton must first get briefed on the Bosnia peace deal announced Tuesday in Ohio and on NATO's plan for implementing it on the ground.

Defense Secretary William Perry announced he will travel to Bad Kreuznach, Germany, on Friday to visit troops of the U.S. Army's 1st Armored Division, which has been training as the main American element in the NATO peace force for Bosnia. Perry will then visit NATO military command headquarters in Belgium.

At the White House, press secre-



SOURCE: U.N. Spokesman's office

etary Mike McCurry said the choices for American participation in the planned 60,000-member NATO force are clear now that the three warring parties have signed a comprehensive peace plan.

"I think it becomes a lot clearer for the American people what's at stake here," McCurry said. "It's literally peace vs. war. You either want the United States to participate in helping keep the peace the parties have agreed to, or you want the war to continue. That's just bluntly the truth of the matter."

Richard Holbrooke, an assistant

secretary of state who helped mediate the peace pact, said on NBC's "Today" program that U.S. ground troops would not be sent to Bosnia "until we're absolutely sure that the peace agreement ... will work, that it will hold. And we're not going to send people into a war."

But he added, "Once the troops are there, they are going to be top dog in the country. If anybody hits them, then they are going to hit back."

If, as expected, Clinton approves U.S. military participation in the NATO force in the next few days, NATO's political arm, the North

Atlantic Council, could give its blessing as early as next Wednesday. That could trigger the deployment within days of an initial "enabling force" of about 1,500 U.S. and other NATO troops to Bosnia to clear the way for the arrival of the main NATO force.

Senior members of Congress raised more questions about U.S. military involvement, including this: How could American forces there maintain the appearance of being neutral peacekeepers if Washington simultaneously supplies arms and military training to the out-gunned Bosnian government side?

Reimer, speaking with defense reporters, said this was "a major concern on my part."

"Our soldiers will be out there trying to enforce a peace accord, and we have to be careful that we're not perceived as being on one side or the other," he said.

The administration has said it might help train and arm the Bosnian Muslim side in order to achieve a balance of military strength that would enable the peace to endure. But it prefers that all sides reduce levels of arms.

The peace accord initiated by the Bosnian, Serbian and Croat leaders, on Tuesday includes an annex that says the parties would begin an arms control negotiation within 30 days to achieve "the lowest level of armaments." The arms accord would limit holdings of tanks, aircraft and other weapons.

Rockefeller tree gets high-tech protection

NEW YORK (AP) — The Christmas tree in Rockefeller Center will shimmer with old-fashioned lights — and high-tech security — this year.

Two men plotted to set last year's tree on fire, so closed-circuit cameras will be installed this year, with extra guards posted.

A hose for dousing flames has also

been provided, Rockefeller Center spokesman Michael Julian said, and the 75-foot evergreen will be surrounded by a metal fence.

Last year, early on Christmas, two men drove up to the tree, planning to set it afire with gasoline and take photos. But when they found a guard on duty, they instead set fire to smaller trees a block away, Julian said.

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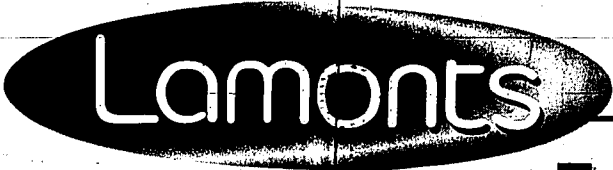
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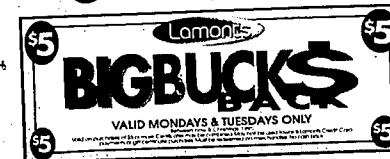
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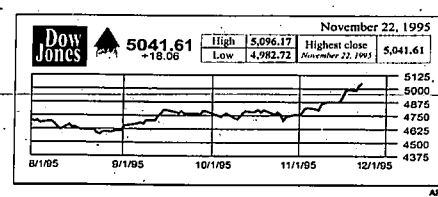
5000 mark a win for small investor

Knight-Ridder News Service

CHICAGO — For most of the last five years, stock prices have been advancing almost nonstop...

It was ironic, therefore, that the Dow average moved with ease Tuesday above the 5000 milestone...

On Wednesday, the Dow Jones Industrial Average closed up 18.06 points to 5041.61...



considerable pressure as semiconductor stocks fell because of renewed selling interest amid concerns about supply and demand in the industry.

It took a year — between February 1994 and February 1995 — for the widely followed Dow industrials to close above 4000 after reaching that mark during intraday trading.

close above that benchmark. If it hadn't been the Caterpillar news, it would have been something else: investor hopes for serious federal deficit reductions; prospects for lower interest rates soon; a Bosnian peace agreement; or another massive job cut by a big-name corporation.

Markets

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Even this year's rush of speculative initial offerings of computer-technology stocks has not soaked up enough investor dollars to divert the steady advance of basic blue-chip stocks averages.

Some professional traders with 30-second attention spans and computer-driven buy/sell programs that can turn the market on a dime have been bearish, cynically so in many cases, and remain skeptical at what is plain for anyone to see.

The Dow industrials at 5000 and the broader Standard and Poor's 500 stock index at 4000 represent a victory for the small investor — the retiree with a personal computer and a favorite stock-picking newsletter; the baby boomer in an investment club that meets monthly to discuss and buy stocks; the college student on the Internet who knows more about the companies whose stock he buys than some of their top managers of the business; the office worker who buys stock in a 401(k) retirement plan and forgets about it.

Briefly

Boeing, union regroup following vote

SEATTLE — The Boeing Co. and Machinists union retrenched Wednesday and tried to figure out how to resolve issues that led striking production workers to angrily reject a contract proposal backed by leaders on both sides.

Even Federal mediator Ben Yousef said he was a little surprised by Tuesday's vote to reject the proposal with a 60.9 percent no vote.

Fixed rate mortgages remain low

WASHINGTON — Thirty-year, fixed rate mortgages averaged 7.35 percent this week, unchanged from last week, according to a national survey released Thursday by the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.

On one-year adjustable rate mortgages, lenders were asking an average initial rate of 5.61 percent, down from 5.65 percent last week.

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Large table of stock listings with columns for company names, prices, changes, and volume. Includes sections for NY, AMEX, and NASDAQ.

Magic Valley

Around the valley

At least 4 hurt in car crash on Highway 93

TWIN FALLS - At least four people were hurt Wednesday evening in a three-car accident about 1/2 miles north of Rogerson, according to a Twin Falls County Sheriff's dispatcher.

Traffic was blocked on both lanes of U.S. Highway 93 after the 6:26 p.m. accident, and was being diverted to the 1700 North Road, the dispatcher said. Rescuers were extricating two people trapped in their vehicles, the dispatcher said.

At least one person was seriously injured, and two others had slight injuries, the dispatcher said. Two cars were towed off the highway, she said. No other information was available at press time.

Wendell High School student arrested for carrying pistol

WENDELL - Police arrested a Wendell High School student Nov. 17 following a report of students with guns. A youth who got tired of being picked on brought a pistol to school for protection, according to statements gathered by Cpl. Arnold Morgado of the Wendell Police Department.

Morgado said he interviewed other students who described the youth as "a good kid."

The youth had been in a fight with two others the day of the arrest but did not show the loaded .25-caliber automatic, according to statements Morgado collected.

"We have 365 kids doing wonderful positive things," Principal Roy Parton said. "I sincerely believe that we as school officials ought to look at the positive. We've got one kid who made a mistake, and there will be consequences."

Morgado said the case is still under investigation.

Busy highways, bad weather can make driving dangerous

TWIN FALLS - Idaho State Police are warning motorists to be careful on the highways this week, citing a 12.5 percent increase in traffic fatalities so far this year, compared with last year, according to a news release.

Thanksgiving is one of the busiest times of the year on the highways, and drivers also need to be prepared for bad weather, the release said.

Check your tires, battery, wipers and anti-freeze. Bring along tire chains in case of bad weather. Pack the trunk with survival gear such as a shovel, emergency lights, a blanket, tow chain and tools.

Drive cautiously on slick roads. Excessive speed is the leading cause of winter accidents, the release said. Report drunken drivers at 1-800-233-1212.

Former Filer teacher pleads innocent to sex abuse charge

TWIN FALLS - A former Filer teacher pleaded innocent this week to a felony sexual abuse charge in Custer County, one of five leveled by the same person in Franklin and Twin Falls counties.

Ronald Alan Jenkins, 52, was arraigned in Custer County 7th District Court Tuesday morning after Magistrate Charles Roos bound him over Monday on a charge of lewd conduct, said Mary Skeem, Custer County Courthouse deputy clerk.

In Franklin County, a preliminary hearing is set for Dec. 5 on a second charge of lewd conduct, said Franklin County Courthouse Clerk Sadie Payne. Jenkins earlier appeared before Magistrate Lowell Castleton on the felony charge on Nov. 14, she said. Bond was set at \$3,000, she said.

In Twin Falls, Jenkins pleaded innocent to three counts of lewd conduct. The victim told a state investigator that Jenkins molested him at least nine times in the 1980s in six counties across Idaho, many times at Mormon Church and Boy Scout functions.

Jenkins quit his job as a high school teacher in the fall of 1994 and was excommunicated from the Mormon Church. Neither Franklin nor Custer county jails had Jenkins in an inmate, officials said. The Twin Falls court had allowed him to live with his father in Gooding.

Compiled from staff reports

Few signs of embezzled riches in teller's life

By Liz Wright
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Linda Johnson doesn't seem to be the type who would steal nearly \$1.5 million.

She is the mother of three children and lives in Hansen.

Her lifestyle is not ostentatious - she is often seen in rolled-up shirtsleeves, sculpting ceramic figurines in her shop behind a hardware store in Kimberly.

A bank teller from 1979 until this spring, she is a pleasant, personable woman who drew praise for her ability to nurture friendships with customers at First Federal Savings of Twin Falls.

Now Johnson is charged with bank fraud in federal court in connection with one of the largest local embezzlements anyone can remember - the theft of \$1.46 million over a decade from a branch of a small community bank.

"It was quite a shock," said Barry Leichman, a customer who banked with Johnson for 10 years at the branch on Blue



Nearly \$1.5 million was embezzled from First Federal Savings in Twin Falls, according to bank officials.

Lakes Boulevard. "She was a wonderful person, very helpful. How no one noticed any problems year after year remains as much a mystery as how she spent the money. Johnson has refused to be interviewed by *The Times-*

News. But Assistant U.S. Attorney Barry McHugh in Boise said she has confessed to embezzlement.

The theft was sloppy, but the bank had relatively unsophisticated internal system for detecting fraud, said bank President Richard Allen.

As with most white-collar crimes, all it took was someone who understood the system. Johnson started off gradually, Allen said.

Johnson seemed surprised when she learned \$1.5 million was missing, Allen said. She has told investigators that she initially wanted to help her terminally ill mother with medical bills, but the embezzlement grew far beyond that, he said.

According to Allen, Johnson endeavored herself to customers through the years and manipulated their accounts through unauthorized withdrawals and fictitious loans secured by customers' savings accounts.

She fleeced several thousand dollars at a time from customers' accounts, covering Please see TELLER/B3

Jerome paves school-to-work road

By H.R. Weixel
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - Going from school to work can be a traumatic experience for some students, but the Jerome School District has built a successful bridge for students with learning disabilities.

My boy jumped for joy when he found out he had been hired at the Jerome Fitness Center," said Dennis McLaughlin's mother, JoRene Singleton. Dennis, 19, is enrolled in the work-experience program directed by Linda Vining, special education work coordinator, at Jerome High School.

Putting "students with exceptional learning disabilities and handicaps" out in the work world started in Jerome in 1987. Thirty-five students have been enrolled in the program in the past five years. Vining is assisted by Rene "Pumbow" job coach.

Dennis' hobby is weight lifting so the Fitness Center "was a logical place for him to start working," Vining said. He received a membership certificate as payment for the janitorial and office duties he is assigned.

The high school senior also works at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center and carries a full class load at the high school. "Dennis went from being an F student in Oklahoma to a 3.68 grade point average because of the schooling here in Jerome," Singleton said.

The students learn how to write a resume, practice being interviewed and are taught how to be a responsible employee on the job. Vining assists Jerome High School students with finding employment, and Turnbow coaches them when they are on the job.

"Dennis is a super kid. He has learned to manage his money, keeps his room immaculate and encourages me when I'm down," said his mother, who is a single parent with three children.

Another student, Josh Renn, was born with a heart defect that required heart surgery when he was a 2-year-old. A wall and valves were surgically constructed in his heart, using no artificial parts, his mother said.

Renn, 19, has gone to work at the Jerome Idaho Youth Ranch as part of his school-to-work activities. "I can do anything they ask me to do," he said.

"It's so in tune to it - he takes responsibilities at home, school and now at work," said his mother, Leah Renn.

A malfunctioning thyroid and swollen tongue hindered the boy's speech. "But he is a joy to be around. He hunts, goes camping with his dog Zack and helps with cooking around the house," his mother said.

Josh works at the Youth Ranch five days a week, "always working with a good sense of humor," said Sandi Holt, assistant manager at the store.

Meanwhile, 16-year-old David Dekker, an adopted son of Larry and Cheri Dekker, has found a job at Ridley's Food and Drug store in Jerome.

The offer brought a "Yahoo" from



MIKE BALSURBY/The Times-News

Above, Special Education work coordinator Linda Vining provides classroom instruction while helping David Dekker develop skills for the working world. At right, Josh Renn waits for his bus after working his last day at the Jerome Idaho Youth Ranch store. Dennis McLaughlin, in the photo at the far right, gains work experience at the Jerome Fitness Center. The weight-lifter received a membership to the club as payment for janitorial and office work.

David, "Working in a grocery store was David's lifetime dream," said his mother in a telephone interview.

The Jerome High School junior has learned to work around his learning disabilities. He and his twin brother, Ben, were adopted at birth by the Dekkers.

His mother said, "This program has been a real positive experience for David. One important thing he learned is you have to go to work, even if you don't feel like it."

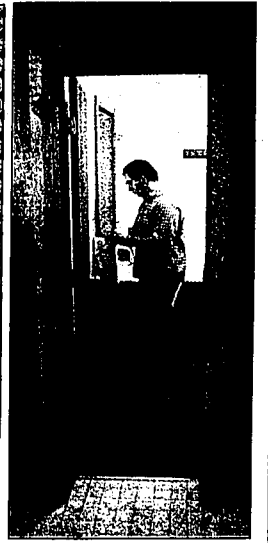
"This is David's third job. He worked for the Twin Falls School District as a janitor, last summer he was on a crew that cleared brush and built a baseball park in Jerome, and now he's at his dream job - working at Ridley's."

"The Jerome School District is terrific. They work with David - support him, and classes are adapted so he is able to learn," said Store Manager Harvey Taylor.



"Like most kids, David sometimes gets distracted, but he's an enthusiastic, energetic employee. He gets paid \$4.25 per hour."

The students receive school credits each semester based on how many hours they are at their work sites.



Police bullets solve Filer's stray dog problem

By Liz Wright
Times-News writer

FILER - The practice of shooting stray dogs is still alive and well in Filer, although Police Chief Donald Barkley says the hateful chore reminds him of the famous war photograph of "the man being executed in the street."

"I realize this might be considered inhumane, but some of our small cities are really strapped financially," Barkley said. "This isn't something we want to do, it's something we've had to do over the years."

At least once a week, Barkley or another officer leads a dog out to the sewer ponds near a gun range north of Filer about a

mile, Barkley said. They place the barrel of the gun at the back of its head and pull the trigger.

Filer is possibly the only town in the Magic Valley that shoots strays, a practice that has drawn fire from animal-welfare groups around the country, but costs less than other methods of euthanasia.

"I just don't believe that with the gunshot you can provide nearly as humane or painless a death as with injection," said Laurie Simonds, director of the Humane Society of Twin Falls.

"I would think that public perception is against it," Simonds said. "People here don't even like the fact that (captured strays) die, period."

Other towns say they kill unwanted ani-

mals with a lethal injection or gas. Murtaugh formerly shot dogs until a city councilman objected several years ago and changed the policy, said Murtaugh Police Chief Carl Toupin.

In Filer, it comes down to money. Gas or lethal injection costs \$12 to \$15 to euthanize an animal, while it costs two cents for a bullet from the .22-caliber handgun that Barkley and his officers use to kill the dogs, Barkley said.

"We try to dispose of them as humanely as possible," Barkley said. The animals are bagged and hauled off to the landfill, sometimes they are buried near the sewer plant, he said.

At the Humane Society in Twin Falls, a dog is first tranquilized, then one employee

holds the animal down while another shaves the fur off of an area of its leg and injects the dog with a lethal chemical.

Idaho has no law against shooting stray dogs, unless you can prove it suffered, Simonds said. The problem with shooting a dog is there is always a chance it could suffer if it wiggles away and gets wounded first, she said.

Some people shoot strays on their own if they find them threatening or attacking their livestock, and that is legal, according to some law enforcement officials in the Magic Valley.

"A lot of times you find it in these small towns," Toupin said. "People don't want to oblige someone to take care of their animals, they do it themselves."

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Gooding Middle School trades suspension for separate class

By Terrell Williams
Times-News correspondent

GOODING — Middle school students with work or behavior problems no longer are being sent home. A new program that began last week in Gooding will require suspended students to attend an all-day class across the street in a rented room at the Methodist Church. Superintendent Henry Kilmer said the program, created by Middle School Principal Rich Thompson, is called Positive Alternative to School Suspension, or PASS. A teacher's aide will supervise the isolated class and make sure each student is studying school assignments and reading. A school counselor also will attend when needed and will do follow-up work on students who have returned to regular classes. "Instead of sending students home," Kilmer explained, "it's a chance to give them some help to

catch up. That can be emotional help, behavioral help, academic help, whatever it is that's causing them difficulty in the classroom. We think it's a good alternative to suspension." Kilmer said the PASS class will be held when students need it. The number of students will be up to about five or six at a time, he said. "We aren't going to just send them home and not give them some help," he said. "If there is a problem, we're going to try to correct that problem before we send them back to class. We want to turn them around if we can." Meanwhile, Kilmer reported, Gooding's new alternative school has had an excellent turnout of 35 students. Classes are held in the evenings Monday through Thursday. "Nobody makes them go. They're there because they want to be there," Kilmer said.

In other business: Construction of the new elementary-middle school is on schedule. The building, paid for with a \$6.1 million bond issue, is expected to be finished in May and ready for use at the beginning of the 1996-97 school year. Students who will attend the new elementary-middle school are gathering items for a time capsule to be put into a cornerstone of the building. People with ideas of what to include or with items to donate may contact school officials. School Board members accepted the resignation of Jolene Toone as head volleyball coach. Toone, who was honored this month for 20 years of work at Gooding schools, will continue her job as a teacher and athletic director. School Board chairman Claire Major has been elected as the new president of the Idaho School Board Association.

First-time parents receive 4 bundles of joy

BOISE (AP) — David and Cheryl Dunn of Boise have become parents for the first time in a big way. St. Luke's Regional Medical Center said the couple became the parents of quadruplets early Sunday morning. The hospital said the odds of quads are 1 in 571,787 births. It was the first set of quadruplets at the hospital since 1983.

The babies were born a minute apart about 12:51 a.m. The hospital held a media day for two of the tiny girls Wednesday afternoon. The four girls were named Hollie Kay, Lindsay Lee, Chelsea Jane and Taylor Dale. They were delivered by cesarean section and the hospital said they were in good condition.

The babies' weights ranged from 3 pounds, 6½ ounces to 3 pounds, 11 ounces. Mrs. Dunn, who became pregnant by in vitro fertilization, has been an inpatient at St. Luke's since Oct. 25 to extend the length of time she carried the babies. The quadruplets were born at 32 weeks of gestation.

Wendell schools tighten dress code

By Terrell Williams
Times-News correspondent

WENDELL — In a newly adopted dress code, drug and gang-related clothes have been banned from Wendell schools. But parents at a recent School Board meeting were asking for a specific definition of what gang and drug clothing might include. Board members did not clarify the wording of the ban. Each case in question, they agreed, should be decided by the principals and teachers. Superintendent Larry Manly said bandanas worn on the head and certain jackets can be considered gang related, but the symbols cannot be listed because they fluctuate constantly and have a variety of possible meanings. "It's difficult to clarify what is and is not at any one time," he said. "We are struggling with it. I don't think anybody in this school is going to ask a student to take their Oakland Raiders jacket off." "We want to be consistent and fair." Another part of the problem is that parents sometimes buy

clothes for their children without realizing that the articles have obscured gang or drug symbols, Manly said. For example, he said, some students were wearing shirts that pictured an eight-ball from a pool table. "That refers to cocaine use, so we're told," Manly said. "And yet, if a student belongs to the local billiards club — you see the problem." Manly said the goal of the school is to educate students in a drug-free and gang-free environment. "We don't want any promotion or advertisement of drugs in any manner," he said. In other business: Construction of the new middle school library is scheduled for completion on Dec. 6 and should be ready for use by Jan. 2. Manly said. The new prefabricated 72-by-28-foot building will be set on a new foundation at the northeast end of the middle school campus. It will include space for books, a computer room and a handicapped accessible bathroom. The old library and the old classrooms below it will become storage areas

sealed off from students. A high school student was suspended last week for bringing a .25-caliber automatic pistol to school, Manly said. Another student reported it to Principal Roy Parton, who called the police. The gun was confiscated, and the student is awaiting a hearing with the School Board. Teachers Carolyn Mason and Debbie Lancaster reported to the board on the success of reading recovery programs at the elementary school. They said students who lack reading ability are being helped in small groups and in one-to-one sessions with teachers. Results, Mason and Lancaster said, have been excellent. Middle school students may soon have hot lunches instead of only sandwiches and salad. Manly said the district's hot-lunch program is expanding to add hot food facilities at the front section of the gymnasium. The December School Board meeting was rescheduled a week earlier because of the Christmas holidays. The meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 14 at the high school.

Chenoweth takes out 7-year mortgage to cover campaign loan

BOISE (AP) — Republican Congressman Hlen Chenoweth has taken out a seven-year mortgage on her Boise home to finally secure a loan she got from West One Bank for her campaign a year ago. Campaign attorney John Keenan said on Wednesday that the campaign paid off \$10,000 of the \$40,000 loan in cash last summer and then covered the remainder with the \$30,900 mortgage. Under terms of the loan, which Democrats have asked the Federal Election Commission to investigate, the money had to be repaid by this Friday.



Chenoweth

Keenan, Chenoweth's son-in-law, said the second mortgage was closed on Nov. 8, carrying a 9.67 percent interest rate. It will be repaid in monthly installments until paid off on Nov. 15, 2002. Formal recording of the transaction should appear on the campaign's financial disclosure statement covering the last half of 1995 that is due the end of January. Chenoweth chose to take out the second mortgage after being hounded by questions over the legality of the original one-year loan, which was obtained last Nov. 23 and had been misrepresented for over seven months on required campaign finance disclosure statements as a personal loan from Chenoweth to the campaign.

It was not until early August that campaign treasurer Wayne Crow acknowledged that it was a loan from West One Bank at 10 percent interest. Although that was corrected on Oct. 20, the loan was still characterized as unsecured and not guaranteed even though Federal Election Commission regulations require all bank loans to campaigns to include a method assuring repayment. Otherwise the loan is considered an illegal contribution from the bank. On Nov. 3, a new amendment to the disclosure statement abruptly described the loan as secured and guaranteed by Chenoweth although the congressman said the status of the transaction had not changed over the previous 11 months. She maintained her reputation and status as a member of Congress was security enough for the bank, and she accused the media of blowing the transaction out of proportion. Democratic State Chairman Bill Mank, in seeking the federal investigation into the deal, maintained Chenoweth's handling of the deal demonstrated a total disregard of the federal campaign finance disclosure requirements, intended to allow voters

Death notices

Anne A. Laughlin
BUHL — Anne A. Laughlin, 100, of Buhl and formerly of Kimberly, died Wednesday, Nov. 22, 1995, at the Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital. The funeral will be held at 3 p.m. Friday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls. A complete obituary will appear at a later date.

Pete Laudeman
BURLEY — Pete Laudeman, 48, of Burley, died Monday, Nov. 20, 1995, at his home. A memorial service will be held at noon Monday at the Trinity Episcopal Church in Rupert, with Pastor Stephen and Pamela Easterday officiating. Burial will be in Maryland. Arrangements are under the direction of the Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

Rulon Browning
TWIN FALLS — Rulon Browning, 67, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Nov. 22, 1995, at his home. The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at the 1st Ward LDS Chapel on Elizabeth Street in Twin Falls. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary in Twin Falls. A complete obituary will appear at a later date.

Roy D. Wright
RUPERT — Roy D. Wright, 54, of Rupert, died Tuesday, Nov. 21, 1995, at the Minidoka Memorial Extended Care in Rupert. The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at the Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel, 321 E. Main St., with the Rev. Ed. Smith officiating. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery, with military graveside rites. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday and one hour before the funeral on Monday at the funeral chapel. Arrangements are under the direction of the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

James "Jack" Hudson, of Twin Falls, graveside service, 11 a.m. Friday, Sunset Memorial Park, Twin Falls, (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Katie Chapman, of Twin Falls, funeral Mass, 11:30 a.m. Saturday, St. Charles Catholic Church, Hallett, (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Wayne E. Bretz
GOODING — Wayne E. Bretz, 72, of Gooding, died Tuesday, Nov. 21, 1995, at his residence. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demary's Gooding Chapel.

Ayloren Roberts, of Jerome, memorializing service, 11 a.m. Friday, Sunset Memorial Park, Twin Falls.

Rilla Berntson, of Twin Falls, 2 p.m. Saturday, White Mortuary in Twin Falls, Viewing, 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral chapel.

Hospitals

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Some names are omitted at patients' request.

Admitted
David Black, Monica Brown, Donald Chadd, Tina Edgar, Pauline Edmonds, Bonnie Leazer, Karen Perron and Shawna Wasko, all of Twin Falls.

Released
Katie Boss and Margaret Feuer, both of Twin Falls; and Barbara Hall of Jerome.

Released
Cody Garner and Lauree Jolyoak, both of Burley; Pamela Sutherland and Linda Whitson, both of Rupert; and Dorothy Rotman of Heyburn.

Births
A baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. Kurtis Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Jared Skaggs and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bench, all of Burley; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Chad Lee of Paul; and to Pamela Sutherland of Rupert.

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Admitted
Melba Anderson, Augustin Esquibel, Patricia Bench, Olive But, Scotty Lewis, Herman Martindale and Barbara Williams, all of Burley; Don Ballentine and Leah Leoni, both of Rupert; Helen Hellewell of Heyburn; Kiera Lee of Paul; and George Wilson of Golden, Colo.

Admitted
Lamont Keisler, Loren Clemish and Theresa Henschel, all of Rupert; and Angelica G. Ochoa of Heyburn.

Released
Lamont Keisler, Joseph Fowler, Rose McClure and Jeremy Castaneda, all of Rupert.

Obituaries

Twin Falls
Alberta Knight
Alberta Knight, 93, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Nov. 21, 1995, at BridgeView Estates Care Center in Twin Falls. Alberta was born May 7, 1902, in Brigham City, Utah, the daughter of Virginia and Albert Nelson. She was the eldest of eight children. She moved as a child with her family to Kimberly and later to Twin Falls in 1924. Alberta married Frank Knight in Twin Falls. Frank was a seed salesman and his occupation led to the family's travel around the country for several years. For over 25 years, Alberta worked at the ID Department Store in Twin Falls, retiring in the early 1970s.

She was a member of several organizations, including the Friendship Club and War Mothers. Alberta is survived by a daughter, Virginia, of Ojai, Calif.; a son, Shiri Knight of Whittier, Calif.; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and her brothers and sisters. The funeral will be held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25, 1995, at Sunset Memorial Chapel in Twin Falls. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

Jerome
Sarah A. Whittington
Sarah A. Whittington, 93, of Jerome, died Wednesday, Nov. 22, 1995, at the Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital. She was born Jan. 28, 1902, in Flat Creek, Mo. At a young age, she moved to Idaho with her family and has spent most of her life on a farm. She married William M. Whittington in the late 1900s. He preceded her in death. She is survived by two sons, Selge Whittington of Jerome and Charles (Jeanine) Whittington of San Pablo, Calif.; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, one sister and one son. The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 25, 1995, at White Mortuary in Twin Falls, with the Rev. Chester Whitaker officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at White Mortuary.

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The recipient of a liver and pancreas transplant, Joe Wilson, owner of Joey's Pizzeria in Burley, can now eat the foods he prepares for his customers.

Transplants cure man's diabetes, diet worries

By Nancy Miller
Times-News writer

BURLEY — When Joe Wilson sits down to his Thanksgiving dinner today, he won't have to worry about the sugar on the candied yams, in the cranberry sauce or in the sweet pumpkin pie.

Wilson, 33, still catches himself keeping track of the hours between meals, from the years of the strict no-sugar diabetic's diet. But he no longer has to look at his watch to see if he is getting too much exercise before eating something.

Earlier this year a kidney and pancreas transplant cured his diabetes. "Though he has to take 32 pills a day, his life is better than when he had to have three insulin shots a day and often was ill. Now he feels so good he is working 10 hours a day at his business, Joey's Pizzeria in Burley.

And he can eat anything he wants. Wilson had suffered from diabetes since he was about 8. Last December, he was told that he must either start dialysis treatments or get a kidney transplant. And unless he had a pancreas transplant at the same time, within ten years he would have heart problems.

Wilson and his wife, Amy, decided they would rather risk the transplant complications, than spend years running back and forth to Jerome getting dialysis treatments.

It was a very difficult time, they said. Wilson wanted to see his three sons grow up and spend time with them, so he took the risk and had the transplant on April 13 in Salt Lake City.

Wilson said he owes a lot of thanks for the generosity of the people in the community. In only three months, community efforts raised more than the \$25,000 needed to pay for his pancreas transplant. Medicare cov-

ered the liver transplant, but it will not pay for pancreas transplants because such surgery still is considered experimental.

The wait for a donor with a matching blood type and other requirements usually takes about a year. Wilson had to wait only 8 weeks. A 16 year old boy died of a gunshot wound to the head, and his parents donated his organs, giving Wilson and four other people another chance to live.

Of the several required matches, three, including the blood type, which is most important, were perfect. And that made his recovery much easier. He had very little pain throughout the whole process, he said. Wilson spent nine days in the hospital and was allowed to return to Burley after 12 days.

After he was home from the hospital only one month, Wilson was able to work a couple of days a week. After four months, there were no signs of rejection.

Twice, however, he has had to return to the hospital because of virus infections. The anti-immune medication Wilson is taking to lower the risk of organ rejection made it harder for his body to fight the virus.

The Wilsons are thankful not only for the return of his health and recovery from diabetes, but the birth of their first daughter on July 21.

Shortly before Wilson was told he needed the transplant, Amy Wilson discovered she was pregnant with their fourth child. She said it was a nightmare trying to run their business, make trips back and forth to Salt Lake City to the hospital, and deal with the child on the way. But it was worth it, she said.

Wilson now can look forward to decades of life with his family and friends. He will always be thankful for all the help he and his wife received from the Mini-Cassia community, he said.

Teller

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crepancies while handling a transaction by taking from someone else's account or falsifying a loan, Allen said.

Each customer had multiple accounts, so Johnson could have manipulated about 100 accounts, Allen said.

For larger sums of cash, Johnson took anywhere from \$10,000 to \$50,000 at a time by falsifying loans, forging customers' signatures twice to obtain the loans and using customers' savings accounts as collateral, Allen said. She made about 30 false loans, he said. She has not been charged with forgery, however.

Johnson never put the money into her account at the bank — rather, she took the money outright through money orders, cash and checks, Allen said.

Independent auditors conducted random checks annually — but by sheer bad luck, none of them stumbled upon any fraudulent transactions she had made, Allen said.

Federal regulators focus on the overall health of the bank, so they missed any discrepancies, Allen said.

"At some point you have to rely on the honesty and character of employees," Allen said.

In fact, Allen's bank customers did exactly that — relying on Johnson's apparent honesty and character.

"She had been with us for 16 years," Allen said. "She had that personality that was soothing. She was personable, not slick or quick. She was genuinely interested in her customers."

Most of her customers were elderly, all of them dealt only with Johnson when they did their banking, and they never scrutinized their bank statements, Allen said.

When Johnson went on vacation, she telephoned her customers and told them when she was returning — that prevented any other employee from noticing Johnson was tampering with their accounts, Allen said.

The embezzlement started to catch up with her in recent years as she was scrambling to pay the interest on her fake loans by taking out more fake loans, Allen said.

It wasn't until February that fellow employees detected some dis-

crepancies while handling a transaction by taking from someone else's account or falsifying a loan, Allen said.

"I wish I could say we met our match, that she was sharp," Allen said. The bank has since tightened its internal controls, and insurers covered the missing money for the bank.

Those who knew Johnson noticed hints of a lifestyle beyond her means, Allen said. In recent years, Johnson purchased gem-studded rings, opened her ceramic figurine shop in Kimberly and took vacations to Disney World and other places, Allen said.

After the theft was discovered, Johnson surrendered a string of pearls, rings with emeralds, diamonds, rubies and sapphires — about 10 clustered in a ring, but only a little over several hundred dollars each, he said.

"She travelled like the south of France," Allen said. "She invested it in artwork, but not Rembrandts. It was put into figurines that you could buy down at the local store."

When customers were notified by the bank of their missing money, they weren't mad, Allen said.

At least five customers worried foremost about her mental health after Johnson was fired, he said. All customers were reimbursed for missing money, he said.

"I can't imagine she thought she could get away with this forever," Allen said.

Though the bank emerged unscathed financially, "it was a wake-up call, it hurt morale, we felt betrayed by one of our trusted team members," Allen said.

The bank, which has two Twin Falls branches and branches in Buhl, Burley and Rupert, is still negotiating with its insurer for legal costs and costs for finding the fraud, Allen said.

The criminal charge against Johnson carries a maximum \$1 million fine and 30 years in prison. She hasn't entered a plea to the charge yet. Her lawyer, Michael Kane, couldn't be reached for comment.

Attorneys are discussing restitution, which could lighten the sentencing recommendation against her, McHugh said.

'At some point you have to rely on the honesty and character of employees.'

— President Richard Allen of First Federal Savings, a bank whose officials say nearly \$1.5 million was embezzled

Craig calls tax cut 'flexible'

By Karen Tolkkien
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, said his proposed \$245 billion tax cut is "flexible" as long as the budget is balanced in seven years.

In an interview with *The Times-News* editorial board on Wednesday, the senator said he could be willing to look at alternatives to break the deadlock over next year's budget. His proposed tax cut, spread over five years, has gained the support of heavyweight Republicans in Congress.

"Balancing the budget in seven years is the most important item in the budget debate, he said.

"If that concept can be held to, I'm willing to look at alternative approaches," he said. "I have said that while I think tax cuts are very important, and I support them, there's some flexibility there."

He said he was aware that national polls have indicated most Americans aren't excited about the tax cuts. That mood seems to be replicated in the Magic Valley as well. In October, hundreds of local business leaders applauded former President Ford when he told a Twin Falls audience he opposes cutting taxes until the budget is balanced.

The budget also calls for cuts in education spending and shrinking the growth in Medicare and welfare spending. But Craig said he was less interested in cutting those programs than in balancing the budget.

But he reaffirmed his commitment to reducing government. Earlier in the day, he told members of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce that the next phase in government will be to look beyond programs to agencies and departments themselves, including the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

"If you think the budget is tough this time around," he said, "in the out years, I'm talking next year and the next year, it gets even tougher."

He also said he isn't giving up the idea of cutting taxes — especially a flat tax.

"I'll fight for tax cuts," he said. "Why should the American family be taxed at the highest level ever in its history? Why should young couples be penalized because they decide to marry? The marriage penalty in this tax law today is ludicrous. It makes no sense at all."

During his meetings, he also emphasized his success in retaining a sugar subsidy for the state and criticized President Clinton's intention to send American troops to Bosnia.

He also said he no longer supports a clause that would exempt the Department of Energy from civil and criminal penalties for failing to clean up sites such as the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory on schedule. Critics had said the provision would severely weaken Idaho's nuclear waste agreement.

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Report: Senate panel scolds ATF

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — A Senate panel will sharply criticize federal law enforcement actions that led to the deadly Ruby Ridge standoff, but won't call for abolishing the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, a newspaper reported Wednesday.

Quoting unnamed sources, The Spokesman-Review reported the draft report of Senate hearings into the 1992 northern Idaho shootout concludes that the gunshot that killed Randy Weaver's wife, Vicki, was unconstitutional.

But it does not recommend prosecuting the FBI sniper who shot her, the newspaper said.

The 41-page draft was distributed



Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., has suggested.

The report instead will focus on changes within the BATF, the federal agency that used undercover agents to entice Weaver to sell illegal shotguns, sources told the newspaper.

The August 1992 shootout at Ruby Ridge began after Weaver failed to appear for a court hearing on the weapons charges. When U.S. marshals approached the cabin on surveillance mission, a gunshot broke out, killing a deputy U.S. marshal and Weaver's teen-age son.

The next day, FBI sharpshooter Lon Horuchi wounded Weaver with one shot and killed Vicki Weaver with a second as she held a cabin door open for her retreating husband, daughter and family friend, Kevin Harris.

Horuchi was operating under allowed rules of engagement that allowed him to shoot at any armed adult male. Standard FBI rules allow

deadly force only when an agent's life is in danger. "They found the second shot by him was unconstitutional, but they don't recommend prosecution because they don't think he purposely shot her," an unnamed source said.

Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, called that conclusion "a rush to judgment" that should have been left to Boundary County Prosecutor Randall Day and the Justice Department.

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Body of missing woman found

NORTH FORK (AP) — The body of a 73-year-old woman missing for the past two weeks has been found a half mile from the River's Fork Inn that she managed, and Lemhi County Sheriff Bret Barsalou says it appears Nancy Cummings was murdered.

"If she had been sick or not feeling well, somebody would have known," Barsalou said. "We've talked to everyone."

A search team using dogs found

the body Tuesday evening near but not in the Salmon River downstream from the inn. Barsalou believes the body had been there since Cummings disappeared late on Nov. 6 or early on Nov. 7 even though the area had been searched before.

Barsalou did not provide any indication of how Cummings died pending an autopsy. Units from the state forensic laboratory and the Idaho Bureau of Investigation were assisting in the case.

Students get lesson in real-life politics

BOISE (AP) — A group of Boise High School students with a simple plan of maintaining a strong Endangered Species Act have received a real-life lesson in politics, complete with opposition.

"I didn't expect to find people who didn't support us," said Molly Neitzel, 16, spokeswoman for Students Against Vanishing Ecosystems. "I shouldn't have been surprised, but it was a shock."

The students are taking their position to Republican Sen. Dirk Kempthorne through petitions proposing a "species" bill of rights" countering the senator's dramatic revisions to the law.

In their campaign for an alternative to Kempthorne's bill, the students have collected 1,044 signatures from across the state. But they were harder to gather than the students expected.

They recounted incidents of people brushing past them with disparaging remarks like "Tree hugger."

"They said a meeting with Kempthorne's staff turned unpleasant when three students refused to give details of plans for a march and rally. Both the students and Kempthorne's staff said they have moved past the incident, which both attribute to misunderstanding.

of Rimrock Junior-Senior High School in Grand View, sent letters to Boise High School principal Gary Slee, accusing the student group at his school of using "inflammatory generalizations, assumptions and false facts to promote their position."

Ranchers, loggers and other resource users contend the act makes it difficult to earn a living. Others say it should remain a powerful defense for species being driven towards extinction.

Slee said the conflicts the students are experiencing appear to be teaching them valuable lessons. "This is an issue that cuts along lines of economics, value systems, philosophies," he said. "I think the kids are finding that it's one thing to have a point of view. But when you bring that point of view to the public arena, you're faced with a lot of different feelings that come to the surface."

Dick Jordan, the students' biology instructor, is thrilled with their campaign. "As an educator, it's a dream come true to see kids well-motivated and doing this because they want to."

"The fact of the matter is that we have kids who are out there, getting involved, who feel strongly about the issue, and that's a good thing," said Brian Whitlock, head of Kempthorne's Boise office.

Legislators may not change many state speed limits

LEWISTON (AP) — Idaho lawmakers are going to proceed cautiously about raising speed limits on the roads, House Transportation Chairwoman JoAnn Wood predicts.

The Rigby Republican said she doubts the Legislature will seek a wholesale change of the speed limits.

"We didn't have any plan to jump into that as a priority item in the Legislature," she said Tuesday. "I think if we tried to change all the speed limits on the interstate and interconnectors we are going to have some resistance from the safety commission and state police."

The Legislature approved capping the speed limit at 65 mph several years ago. But Congress has passed a measure repealing the maximum speed limits imposed on states.

Idaho State Police Captain Mike Fosbury said he believes anything the federal government does to empower state government is proper. But he added he thinks it is safer to keep the speed limits at 55 miles per hour on Idaho's windy highways.

"If you're raising it on these secondary roads, I think you'll see our collisions going up pretty steeply," Fosbury said.

Wood said the transportation committees will take a look at proposals from legislators and the public.

The federal government restricted the speed limit to 65 mph on interstates and 55 mph on federal and state highways.

The Idaho Transportation Department is studying 551 miles of interstate and 419 miles of other highways where the speed limit was 70 mph in 1973, agency spokesman Jeff Stratton said.

Woman arrested after execution

BOISE (AP) — A 21-year-old Boise woman has been arrested in connection with the execution-style killing of a 19-year-old friend whose burned remains were found in Valley County, police say.

Samantha Tan Feather Anglin was charged Tuesday with harboring a wanted felon, Michael Olivera, 18, and Ryan David Robertson, 19, last week were charged with first-degree murder in the slaying of Jeffrey David Towers.

The burned remains of Towers' body were found in a shallow grave near Cascade on Nov. 10, after an informant told police where to find it.

"There's one other suspect: a man, a teen-ager," said Valley County Sheriff Lewis Pratt. "(And) no motive — none that we've come up with right now."

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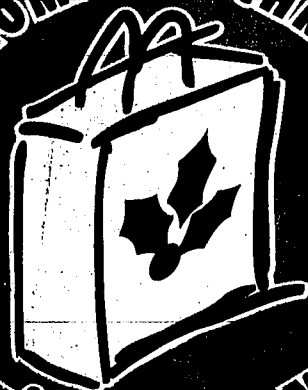
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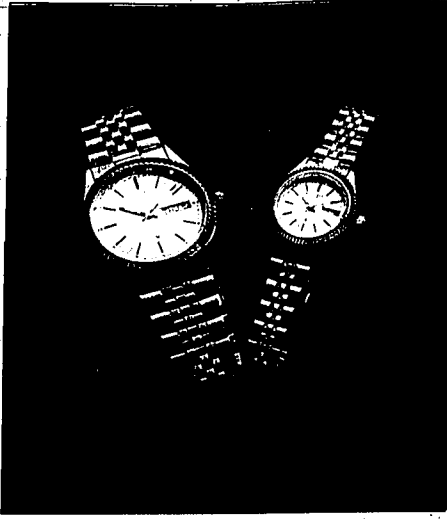


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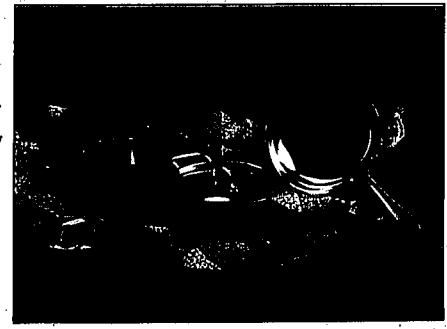


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Probe finds flaws endangering California air firefighting fleet

SACRAMENTO (AP) — California's fire-fighting planes and helicopters could be taken away by the U.S. government because of sloppy state management of aircraft parts, according to the state auditor.

The first complete, independent government investigation of whistleblowers' allegations revealed Tuesday that the California Department of Forestry is inadequately controlling federal aircraft parts loaned to keep its fleet of military surplus air tankers and helicopters flying.

Failure to meet U.S. government guidelines for handling the parts could result in federal officials cancelling the loan program, which provides both aircraft and parts, said Auditor Kurt Sjoberg. CDF operates the largest state fleet of federal surplus aircraft in the nation.

Without the federal loan program, the cash-strapped state government would probably be unable to afford the \$75 million or more it would cost to buy planes and spare parts.

CDF's fleet of federally loaned aircraft aids ground forces in bat-

Accidents plague California's air-tanker program

A chronology of the California Department of Forestry air tanker program:

- Eight crashes kill nine pilots: CDF blames 1976-87.
- 1992
- June, chief pilot dies in crash. CDF blames him.
- August, accident rate found to be 2 1/2 times above federal rate.
- December, CDF to retire aging tankers but later reverses decision.
- 1993
- March, records show maintenance chief OK'd state work for partner in private business venture. Another of chief's partners runs engine shop hired to help probe 1992 crash.

- May, crash victim's family sues, claiming mechanical flaws caused all nine crashes. Judge later dismisses suit, citing government's immunity from liability.
- July, records show maintenance chief's private business ties that posed conflict of interest severed relations. CDF later tries to discipline him, but too much time has elapsed.
- September, U.S. officials say CDF violated safety rules in flying an experimental tanker.
- December, maintenance worker accuses CDF of firing him as suspected whistleblower. He's later reinstated.
- 1994
- February, whistleblowers' allegations include theft and mishandling of federal plane

- parts loaned to state. State auditor asked to probe.
- March, state oversight agency accuses CDF of improperly favoring certain firms in contracting.
- May, tanker grounded because state-private deal on a federally-owned plane blurred ownership. U.S. later orders CDF to regain control of plane.
- 1995
- August, tanker crash lands after engine fails. Pilot uninjured.
- November, auditor discloses first, complete independent investigation of whistleblower allegations.

that have done work for the CDF air program. Auditors said inadequate policing of potential conflicts could influence contract awards.

- CDF failed to follow government property disposal guidelines in trading aircraft radios and a U.S. helicopter tail-boom to private firms.
- CDF violated state travel rules in a trip to Canada to acquire aircraft engines.
- CDF has been flying old Navy S-2 patrol airplanes and helicopters, loaned by the federal government, to chase wildfires since the mid-1970s. CDF must return the aircraft and parts when finished with them.
- Whistleblowers revealed alleged improprieties in the program after CDF air tanker crashes killed a 10th pilot in 1992.

ting the wildfires which plague California.

CDF said it generally agrees with the audit's findings. The department said it has tightened its tracking of federal property but is taking further steps to improve controls.

State auditors reported that CDF has failed to count and reconcile its federal property inventory, accurately

record its federal inventory in records, appropriately tag federal property as required and adequately safeguard federal property.

- CDF officials led in June 1992 when they said they had conducted a complete inventory of parts.
- A CDF air tanker remains grounded in Arizona because the

department lost control of the government plane to a private contractor.

- There is a lingering potential conflict-of-interest between an employee and private businesses

Activists claim tree-cut won't benefit eagles

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (AP) — Environmentalists have appealed a timber sale designed to protect bald eagle nesting trees, claiming the U.S. Forest Service is using the national symbol as an excuse for logging.

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Utah resorts crank up snow machines

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Still fueled by thoughts of skiing fresh snow under blue sky, Utah residents eagerly await a change in the weather that will bring the moisture needed to fulfill the dream.

But it does not look good for skiing on natural snow by Thanksgiving. Only areas like Park City, Brighton, Solitude, Brian Head and Deer Valley (which won't open until Dec. 2) with snow-making capability will offer skiing until the weather changes.

Others are awaiting natural snow to allow the resorts to open.

Alta has missed being open by Thanksgiving seven times, most recently in 1993-94.

"We have 24 inches at mid-mountain now. It wouldn't be possible if it started snowing right now (Monday), to open by Thursday," said Alta representative Connie Marshall.

"At Park City, 'The World Cup show will go on. We've got plenty of snow for that,'" said Charlie Lansche. "We are weather-dependent for the rest of the mountain. We need more cold weather but it won't take long to change. In 1989 we had to cancel the (World Cup) slalom because there was too much snow."

"We hope if you can't ski at least you can come out and watch the world's best," said Lansche. Brian Head opened Utah's 1995-96 ski season on man-made snow Nov. 7 with one lift and two runs. "You can get a tan and ski at the same time," said resort representative Ina Gayson.

"We are pushing to get two lifts open and top-to-bottom skiing," said Brad Wilson, marketing director at Brian Head. "It is definitely warmer than average year right now. It looks pretty positive we will be with two lifts for Thanksgiving."

Other resorts will follow as conditions permit.

Utah resorts will offer two new lifts and many new runs and services.

Snowbird's long-awaited Baby Thunder lift highlights this season's development.

But there are others. Brighton will be celebrating its 60th anniversary this year. A 1936 rope tow, in an area now served by the Great Western lift, makes it Utah's oldest resort.

One trend among Utah ski resorts is the practice of limiting the number of skiers on the hill. Deer Valley was the first to limit the number of ski passes to ease hill

crowding, and Alta, Utah's oldest lift-served resort, has begun limiting skiing when the hill and parking lots reach capacity.

This fall, Sundance announced it will sell only 1,200 passes each day.

Although snowboarding has

become a winter-sports growth industry, four Utah resorts do not allow it. Alta, Park City (the resort selected as the snowboarding venue for the 2002 Olympics), Deer Valley and Sundance are not open to boarders. Solitude has restricted access to snowboarders.

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The flood of visitors is expected to fill about 95 percent of the city's 89,594 hotel and motel rooms.

The financial impact is expected to top \$82 million, exclusive of gaming. Last year's visitor count was 179,000 people. Hotels are promoting a wide range of Thanksgiving day specials. At the Rio, for example, chefs are preparing 500 turkeys weighing 25 pounds each.



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"We've got some people who expected to work. We don't want them to take off to another ski area," said Doug McKenzie, mountain for the company's Snowmass area.

Ski areas in Utah, California and New Mexico also are reporting lower snow depths than last year.

Wolf Creek, which usually is among Colorado's snowfall leaders, has less than a foot of snow and only two lifts open.

There has been little new snow in the past 10 days, and warm daytime temperatures have cut into snow bases. Forecasts call for continued dry weather through Thursday.

Aspen has delayed its annual 24-hour ski race, and Snowmass will only be running a beginner's ski school Thursday.

Steamboat also will have only limited terrain open with one lift and

its gondola operating.

The southwestern Colorado resorts that were enjoying deep snow at this time last year are struggling with a shortfall this holiday season.

Purgatory announced it would delay its opening indefinitely because of "unseasonably mild temperatures and dry weather."

"Last year, almost the entire mountain was open," said Mike Shimkosis of the Telluride ski area. "We ran contrary to just about everyone else. This year is another story. We're blowing all the snow we can to make up for the snowfall shortage."

Vail has more snow than it did at this time last year and was claiming good skiing from the mid-mountain to the top.

Resorts in Summit County — Breckenridge, Keystone, Copper Mountain and Arapahoe Basin — said they were doing a brisk business. All are at or above 9,000 feet.

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World

Quake rocks resorts across Mideast

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Tourists chad only in pajamas and bathrobes fled seaside hotels and people shouting Muslim prayers ran into the streets of Cairo after a powerful earthquake rocked a wide arc of the Middle East on Wednesday.

At least eight people were killed and dozens injured — including two students who suffered broken legs when crushed by hundreds of youths fleeing down the stairway of a crowded Cairo hostel.

The quake struck at 6:15 a.m. (9:15 p.m. Tuesday MST) and was centered about 68 miles south of the Israeli resort of Eilat on the Gulf of Aqaba.

It shook seaside resorts in Egypt, Israel, Jordan and Saudi Arabia, and was felt as far away as Lebanon, Syria and the Mediterranean island of Cyprus to the north.

Buildings, including a four-story hotel, collapsed and electricity was cut.

Hardest hit were towns along the Gulf of Aqaba — including Eilat, Israel, neighboring Aqaba in Jordan, and Nuweiba, Egypt, about 40 miles south. Vacationers ran from hotels in pajamas, bathrobes and, in a few cases, covered only by towels.

"There was a strong noise. Then the whole ground started moving. There was panic and people were screaming. Customers in the hotel left their rooms. It was very scary," said Mashaat al-Haddad, a desk clerk at Aqaba's seafont Holiday Inn.

In Nuweiba, the four-story Barracuda Hotel collapsed, killing three people, including the manager, police said. Rescue workers said an Egyptian woman was missing and feared trapped under the rubble.



A woman watches as a bulldozer rips into her apartment building Wednesday in Cairo. The building, first damaged in a 1992 earthquake, was irreparably damaged after Wednesday's quake.

A 67-year-old man died of a heart attack after carrying his invalid wife down two stories from a swaying hotel in Eilat.

An 18-year-old man was killed jumping in fear from a fourth-floor balcony in the southern Egyptian city of Assiut; a 5-year-old boy and a Pakistani man were killed in Saudi Arabia; and a 50-year-old man died of a heart attack in Aqaba just after the tremors.

At least 58 people were reported injured in Egypt, most in the Sinai Peninsula along the Aqaba gulf.

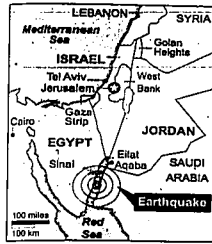
In Cairo, where a quake left 550 dead three years ago, a bus driver said he did not realize a quake had

hit until he heard people crying out Islamic prayers in fear.

"I thought I was dizzy and then I saw people running out saying 'God is great' and 'There is no god but God.' Then I knew there was an earthquake," said Amin Rizk Allah, 36.

Authorities in Cairo reported damage to at least 23 buildings, ranging from collapse to serious cracks in foundations. Most were vacant, including some condemned after the 1992 earthquake that caused widespread damage and 10,000 injuries.

In Eilat, seven hotels and more than 50 other buildings were damaged. Sidewalks folded and sewage



tanks burst. A crater, a few yards long and just as deep, opened up in the hotel area. Electricity was cut for seven minutes.

Israeli singer Dudu Fisher, who performed the lead in the musical "Les Misérables" on Broadway, said he was asleep in his room on the 10th floor of the Dan Hotel when the quake struck. "The television smashed on the floor. The floor shook. I have never been so frightened in my life," said Fisher.

Several guests put on Jewish prayer shawls and prayed near the hotel's pool.

Estimates of the quake's magnitude ranged from 7.2 by the National Earthquake Information Center in Golden, Colo., to 5.7 by Egypt's Helwan Observatory.

An earthquake with a magnitude of 7 is considered major, and Bruce Presgrave, a geophysicist at the U.S. quake center, said: "If it had struck in an urban area, it would have caused serious damage."

5 sets of remains found at WWII battle site

TOKYO (AP) — Fifty years after the end of World War II, one of its bloodiest battlefields — Sugar Loaf Hill on Japan's Okinawa Island — has given up five more dead.

The remains were found in a tunnel in what is left of the former battle site, which is being razed to build a city hall for Naha, Okinawa's capital.

"We believe it was the main tunnel in Sugar Loaf because of its size," Dave Davoport, curator of the Battle of Okinawa Museum on Camp Kingler, a U.S. Marine base on Okinawa, said Wednesday.

Davoport said he and a local construction crew found the remains, mostly bones and leather from belts and boots, during the past week. Medicines

and munitions were also found in the tunnel. The remains, which have not been identified but are most likely of Japanese soldiers, will be turned over to Okinawan authorities for cremation and burial, Davoport said.

The 1945 battle for Okinawa, the largest of Japan's southernmost set of islands, was the last major campaign of World War II and proved disastrous for Japan and the Okinawan people.

In three months of fighting, nearly a third of Okinawa's civilian population was killed, along with 80,000 Japanese and 14,000 American soldiers.

Even among such slaughter, the ferocity of Sugar Loaf stood out.

In just a week or so in May 1945, the Americans lost 2,662 men against the determined and deeply entrenched Japanese defenders. Another 1,289 Americans fell victim to battle fatigue because of the intense mental stress.

The number of Japanese killed in the battle is not known.

Today few Japanese remember the battle, but Sugar Loaf remains a kind of hallowed ground for many U.S. Marines, second only to Iwo Jima.

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World

Landscape worries U.S. analysts

WASHINGTON — First there is the hellscape terrain, the 30 different kinds of land... the treacherous roads, the cracked bridges and the mountain slides... The bulk of the American soldiers are expected to come from the Germany-based First Armored Division...

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problems. It was a relatively light-weight armored car that collapsed a rain-soaked mountain road in August... "The terrain and the roads and the mountains, to your light infantry..." "Another Defense Department official noted: "Having the power in your hands is not the same thing as being able to apply it..."

'You're talking about the Alps.' — Defense Department expert, on the difficulties of terrain in Bosnia

Questions answered on use of U.S. troops

WASHINGTON — Here are answers to some basic questions about the Bosnia peace agreement... Q-When will American troops go to Bosnia? A-Probably in mid-December... Q-Why are American troops needed in Bosnia? A-The warring parties have asked for their presence...

The United States are likely to be called, along with hundreds of support troops... Q-What will they be doing? A-The U.S. troops will patrol "zones of separation" to keep the warring factions from fighting each other... Q-How long would U.S. troops stay in Bosnia? A-The administration has said the deployment will last about a year...

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World

England jails woman for life for murders

WINCHESTER, England (AP) — Rosemary West was sent to prison for life Wednesday after a jury convicted her of torturing and killing seven more young women in one of Britain's worst and grisliest serial murders.

Over two days, the plump, bespectacled Mrs. West has been convicted of 10 murders, including those of her daughter and step-daughter. All but one of the victims was found buried at her home in Gloucester in western England.

Police said they are looking for nine other women known to have frequented the West home, although they said there was no evidence to suggest they had been murdered.

"If attention is paid to what I think, you will never be released," Judge Charles Mantell said as he sentenced Mrs. West to life in prison for each murder and recom-

mended she never be released on parole. Britain abolished the death penalty for most crimes in 1965.

Mrs. West, 41, was impassive as Mantell passed sentence, but there were cheers from the public gallery, which was crowded with relatives of the victims.

Her lawyer Leo Goatley said afterward she was "totally devastated and wept uncontrollably."

"She continues to maintain her innocence ... and we are actively pursuing an appeal on her behalf," Goatley told reporters outside the courthouse.

During the seven-week trial, Mrs. West had pleaded innocent, and blamed all the killings on her husband, Frederick. He was found hanged in his cell on New Year's Day before he could stand trial for the same 10 murders, plus two others.

America offers big reward in bombing

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — The United States offered a \$2 million reward Wednesday for information on the people behind the bombing of a U.S.-run military building that killed five Americans. The United States and Saudi Arabia are jointly investigating the Nov. 13 bombing.



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Boston Globe writer Bob Ryan

Briefly

IBF plans to clear Tszyu of fight title

NEWARK, N.J. — The IBF was cleared Wednesday to strip Kostya Tszyu of his junior welterweight title after a judge vacated a restraining order.

The IBF has said it would take such action because of Tszyu's refusal to go to Colombia to fight a mandatory defense against top-ranked contender Hugo Pineda. Tszyu, a Russian, feared for his safety in Colombia. "I would be very surprised if the judge's ruling went against us and the restraining order was lifted as of tomorrow's hearing," Vlad Waron, Tszyu's manager-promoter, said Tuesday in Sydney, Australia.

That, however, is what Judge Murray Simon did in less than one hour in Essex County Superior Court. He had issued the restraining order Nov. 9.

Report of Bengals moving to Cleveland called 'ludicrous'

BALTIMORE — A report that the NFL is considering moving the Cincinnati Bengals to Cleveland and having them switch names with the Baltimore-based Browns is "ludicrous," the chairman of the Maryland Stadium Authority said on Wednesday.

John Moag said Bengals general manager Mike Brown would not be considering a move now because he wants to win the scheduled in March to determine whether he gets a new stadium in Cincinnati.

"I can't conceive of any situation where Mike Brown would be involved in that kind of discussion prior to the people voting," Moag said. "I believe he wants to stay in Cincinnati."

Nashville seeks state help to raise money for stadium

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Nashville will ask state lawmakers for permission to raise the hotel-motel tax by one penny to help pay for the Houston Oilers' relocation and stadium construction.

The Metro Council approved a resolution Tuesday night to try to increase the 4 percent tax. The resolution came shortly after the council endorsed a legal agreement to move the NFL team to town.

That agreement, signed by Oilers owner Bud Adams and Mayor Phil Bredesen, doesn't include a tax hike. It requires the Metro Water Department to pay \$4 million a year in lieu of taxes from its reserves. That would provide \$55 million toward the stadium construction.

But some council members want to use the water department's reserve to lower rates for the poor.

Pirate Rick White advised

to have elbow surgery

PITTSBURGH — Pittsburgh Pirates right-hander Rick White apparently needs reconstructive right elbow surgery and probably will miss the 1996 season.

White, who spent time with the Pirates and their Triple-A Calgary farm club last season, recently cleared waivers and was taken off the 40-man roster. He is eligible for the December draft, but it is unlikely he would be drafted with an injury.

Pirates orthopedist Jack Failla told White he needed the surgery, but White wanted a second opinion and also met with Dr. Frank Jobe in Los Angeles. White has not yet decided if or when he will have the operation.

Compiled from wire reports

The Eagles win again

CSI comes back from from a 2-1 deficit for another national title

By Pedro F. Fontebao
Special to The Times-News

MIAMI — The College of Southern Idaho volleyball team, already scattered throughout the national record books, earned a permanent place among the all-time elite with a come-from-behind victory over Miami-Dade Wolfson in the NJCAA national championship game at Miami-Dade Kendall Campus.

The Golden Eagles came only the third team in 22 years to rally from a 2-1 deficit to win the national title, defeating the Barceudias, 13-15, 20-18, 9-15, 15-7, 15-12. They also rallied from 2-1 down in 1979.

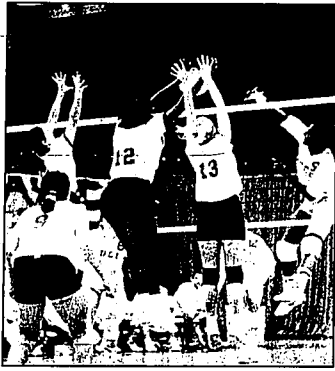
Wolfson even led for most of the final, deciding fifth game, played with rally scoring. Wolfson took a 1-0 lead and slowly moved a head, 6-4. After a tie at 6, Wolfson led 8-6 and later 9-7.

Katiane Simonnetti's block made it 9-9 and her two kills gave the Eagles an 11-9 lead. Lawanda Johnson's block made it 12-9 and a later block made it 14-11. Wolfson pulled within 14-12, but the Barceudias could not handle a spike by Paula Araujo which bounced off the net for the 15th point.

The victory concluded an incredible season of 65-0 for the Golden Eagles. Never has an NJCAA team won 65 matches in a season.

The Golden Eagles, who have won 101 straight matches dating to early last season, set records this year for most consecutive wins (65) in one season and most total wins in one season (65).

But the Wolfson match was unlike any other in this perfect 65-0 season. The Golden Eagles trailed in games, 1-0 and 2-1. In fact, if not for playing what coach Ben Stroud called the team's best game



of the year, an exciting 20-18 win in Game 2, the Eagles may have been swept in three.

"The second game was the turning point. If we don't win that game, we don't win here tonight," said Stroud, head coach of the year for the third consecutive season.

"The Golden Eagles led 10-3 in the first game before Wolfson rallied to win, 15-13. Wolfson then jumped out 9-0 in the second game and appeared headed to the title."

"That's when I turned to the bench and asked the players why they were here?" Stroud said. "They then started playing better and despite missing the opportunity to win it eight times, we did on the ninth."

"We had a natural let-down in Game 3, but we got going when it counted in Game 4."

After Wolfson won Game 3, 15-9, Stroud again asked his team a question during a timeout early in Game 4.

"Please tell me how many games we need to win to win the national title?"

They knew. I told them the final two were ours and to go get 'em. Luckily, they could add and listened well."

It was the first-ever meeting of two undefeated teams in the 22-year history of the title game of the National Junior College Athletic Association.

Never before had No. 1 and No. 2 met for the national title. Never before had teams scored as many points as these two in game two (38).

"This is truly an unbelievable ride," said Araujo, who became the first athlete to win MVP two years in a row. "We had a gut-check game in game number two. We believed we were going to win all the way. But that was the difference."

The victory at Miami-Dade's Kendall Campus before 1,000 fans set the Golden Eagles apart from the rest. They join Kellogg Community College



Above, CSI's Katiane Simonnetti drives the ball for a point against Miami Dade Community College in the first game of the national championships. At left, CSI's Lawanda Johnson, No. 12, goes up for a block in the third game.

of Battle Creek, Mich., as the only team to win three consecutive national titles. Kellogg won the title in 1978, '79 and '80.

But Kellogg had a different coach in its third year. Coach Stroud becomes the first and only coach to win the national title in three successive years.

Scottsdale (Az.) Community College holds the record of four total championships, winning four of five between 1981-85.

In the first game Southern Idaho jumped out 5-1 and 10-3 as Araujo had three kills and two key blocks. The Eagles appeared to be having an easy time. But Wolfson, behind the spiking and

Please see CSI/B14

Bruins fall to Poky in region opener

By Karen Baumert
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Bruins were Humble-d in their opening Region III girls' basketball contest of the year.

Amy Humble and Pocatello shot down Twin Falls 54-31 Wednesday to remain undefeated in region play at 2-0.

More significant than Humble's 18 points, though, was the disparity at the free throw line. Pocatello was given 29 charity opportunities. Twin Falls was awarded only 11.

After falling behind 22-12 in the first half, the Bruins looked to their full court press to mix things up. The Indians had trouble getting the ball in bounds and Twin Falls' Sundei Giesler hit two free throws and a 3-pointer to send Twin Falls into the locker room trailing only 17-22.

But Pocatello's Humble picked the second half to get hot. With Bruin Tina Westburg in foul trouble, Twin Falls had to look to other players to guard the 5-foot, 8-inch Indian. Humble capitalized, hitting seven jumpers in the half. Four of those field goals and a couple

other Indian points gave Pocatello the 34-22 advantage with two minutes to go in the third quarter.

Westburg put back an offensive rebound to pull within 10, but Twin Falls would get no closer.

Pocatello utilized the free throw line in the fourth quarter, scoring 12 of its last 18 points there. The other six were scored on short pull-ups by Humble.

Bruin starter 6-foot, 3-inch Kerri Peterson sat most of the game in foul trouble, while leading scorers Giesler and Westburg fouled out in the fourth.

That combination proved fatal for the Bruins, who had no one to turn to. The loss drops Twin Falls to 2-3 overall, 0-1 in the region.

Westburg ended the game with 13 points. Giesler added eight. The Bruins won the junior varsity game 33-29.

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0-0, Westburg 1-1 1-1
Twin Falls shot 2-2 0-0, Traylor 0-0-0-0
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point goals-Giesler 2.



Twin Falls' Jessica Durham, left, knocks a rebound out of the grasp of Pocatello's Amy Humble.

CSI women hoopsters return home

By Larry Hovey
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Yes, Magic Valley, there is a College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team. And, yes, Magic Valley, they will play a home game.

In fact, Coach Joel Bate's Golden Eagles will take on a pair of top contenders in the second annual Coca-Cola Classic tournament Friday and Saturday at the CSI gymnasium.

"The Eagles, 5-1, will share the "home" designation with fellow Region 18 rival Utah Valley against Malaspina, a four-year

school out of British Columbia, and Casper, Wyo., a team that holds a win over CSI and has lost in overtime to Utah Valley.

Casper will be hoping to avenge that loss to Utah Valley when the teams square off at 6 p.m. Friday. CSI and Malaspina meet at 8 p.m.

On Saturday, Malaspina (11-2) visits Utah Valley while CSI and Casper collide in the windup.

Malaspina is the only club that comes into this as an unknown — but, of course, the scouting phone wires have been busy. "They already have an 11-2 record and

have only lost to University of Victoria and Douglas," Bate said.

The inside game is headed by 6-3 junior Karen Davies although 6-5 freshman Rachelle Booth has been playing more lately.

The Mariners are directed by point guard Marilou Leonin who leads the league in assists and scoring.

"They seem to like a half-court game on offense and their team signature is going to the glass hard on the offensive end," Bate said.

Utah Valley nipped Casper in a Salt Lake tournament two weeks ago. Casper dropped

CSI by nine in Casper last weekend. Casper is built around four starters from New Zealand plus point guard Erin Dowler.

Dianne L'Ami, a 5-11 sophomore, is "one of the best we've seen," Bate said. "She only had two field goals against us but she had 12 free throws.

Bate said his Eagles got into foul trouble, so quickly in Casper he was unable to get a feel for the battle. "We had different combinations on the floor all night, it seemed like," Bate said. "We had four starters foul out and never found any consistency."

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Boston gets by Charlotte, 129-124

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — David Wesley, subbing for the injured Dana Barros, tied a Boston record with seven 3-pointers and scored a career-high 23 points Wednesday night in a 129-124 victory over the Charlotte Hornets.

It was only the second win for the Celtics against Charlotte in their last 10 meetings. The Hornets have lost five straight overall. Wesley, a three-year player from Baylor, was thrust into the starting lineup after Barros sprained his left ankle. Wesley responded by making 10 of 14 shots, including 7 of 10 from 3-point distance. He tied a club record held by Larry Bird and Doc Brown.

Bullets 99, Pistons 97
AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Calbert Chaney made a dunk with 3.8 seconds play as Washington overcame a four-point deficit in the last 10 seconds. The Bullets, who won for just the second time in their last 16 games at Detroit, trailed 79-93 before Mitchell Butler made an off-balance jumper to give Vancouver its last lead, 91-90, and Orlando's All-Star point guard took over from there.

Heat 103, Warriors 93
MIAMI — Alonzo Mourning's 27 points, 12 rebounds and eight blocked shots helped Miami rally from a 13-point deficit. Billy Owens added 24 points and 15 rebounds for the Heat, who won their third straight after losing a 6-2 under coach Pat Riley. Last year they started 17. Golden State fell to 0-5 on the road and shot just 31 percent against the Heat, who lead the NBA in defense. Miami won for just the third time in 17 games against the Warriors.

Rockets 115, 76ers 106
PHILADELPHIA — Hakeem Olajuwon scored 28 points and Robert Horry added 26 as Houston withstood a late Philadelphia surge and won its sixth straight. Clyde Drexler added 24 points for the Rockets, who won their eighth straight over the 76ers. Rookie Jerry Stackhouse had 22 points and 10 assists for the 76ers, who lost their fifth straight.

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Knicks 94, Cavaliers 84
CLEVELAND — Patrick Ewing scored 12 of his 26 points in the fourth quarter as New York won its fourth straight. The Knicks, who improved to 6-1 on the road, are unbeaten in five games in Cleveland, including three, since the Cavaliers moved to Gund Arena last season. They have not lost a road game against the Cavs since Dec. 3, 1992, in suburban Richfield. New York, which was 16-for-16 from the free-throw line, has won 10 of the last 12 regular season meetings with the Cavaliers.

Magic 95, Grizzlies 93
ORLANDO, Fla. — Jennifer Hardaway's running bank shot at the buzzer capped a 37-point performance, sending the Grizzlies to their ninth straight loss. The Magic trailed most of the second half before Hardaway made a 3-pointer to tie at 87-87 with 4:20 to go. Greg Anthony made an off-balance jumper to give Vancouver its last lead, 91-90, and Orlando's All-Star point guard took over from there.

Chicago 103, San Antonio 94
SAN ANTONIO — Michael Jordan propelled a decisive third-quarter rally and scored 38 points Wednesday night as Chicago took a 103-94 victory over the Spurs. The Bulls, ahead 54-50 entering the second half, made their big move midway through the third quarter. Jordan led 20-11 in the second and 12 points in the period as Chicago headed to an 85-71 lead to end the period. Chicago rally erupted about the same time David Robinson was forced to the bench with his fourth foul. He remained on the sidelines the rest of the quarter, reduced to clearing his sinuses.

Bucks 96, Raptors 86
MILWAUKEE — Glenn Robinson scored 23 points and the Milwaukee Bucks scored a season-high nine 3-pointers to beat Toronto 96-86 and stop the Raptors' three-game winning streak. Vin Baker added 17 points for Milwaukee. Lee Maybin scored 16 points. Newman had three 3-pointers and Robinson added two. Alvin Robertson scored 18 points and Carlos Rogers

added 17 for Toronto. Toronto, which trailed 73-58 after three quarters, pulled to 80-70 with 7:30 left on Zan Tabak's right-angle jumper.

SuperSonics 106, Timberwolves 97
MINNEAPOLIS — Shawn Kemp scored 11 points in the fourth quarter Wednesday night as Seattle beat Minnesota 106-97, the SuperSonics' 18th straight victory over the Timberwolves. The SuperSonics, coming off a 102-97 loss at Toronto on Tuesday night, won despite losing Greg Payton at the end of the third quarter with what the club said was a broken bone in his ankle. He was taken to a hospital for X-rays, and the extent of the injury was unclear. Kemp's dunk with 3:41 remaining snapped a 93-93 tie. After Tom Gugliotta hit two free throws to tie the game, Kemp reeled off Seattle's next three points.

SALT LAKE CITY — David Benoit scored seven of his 12 points during a third-quarter run as the Utah Jazz beat the Sacramento Kings 116-95 Wednesday night for their sixth straight win. Sacramento closed to 75-72 after Walt Williams' layup and a free throw with 4:53 left in the third quarter. Benoit then covered a three-point layup, made a 3-pointer and drove to the basket to spark a 13-5 run. The Jazz led 88-77 heading into the final period after Karl Malone's 3-pointer from the top of the key at the buzzer. Malone had 25 points for the Jazz and nine assist, and Jeff Hummel had 22 points. Brian Grant and Mitch Richmond each had 21 points for the Kings and Williams led 20, including 12 in the third quarter.

Suns 117, Hawks 112
PHOENIX — Michael Finley of Phoenix forced a turnover with 27 seconds left Wednesday night to seal a 117-112 victory over the Atlanta Hawks. Finley forced Shaquille O'Neal into a turnover with a minute left, and Elliott Frazier broke a 111-111 tie with two free throws with 31 seconds remaining. Finley led the Suns by 12 points, helping to 115-111 with the last two of his 24 points, including a free throw, won 59 games last season, 500 for the first time since 1982. Charles Barkley pulled down a missed free throw by Mookie Blaylock with 17 seconds left, drew a sixth foul from frustrated Blaylock, and added the last two points. The Suns went the final five minutes without a field goal.

Burley knocks off Idaho Falls, 59-55

IDAHO FALLS — The Burley girls Bobcats inched away from a halftime tie to beat Idaho Falls 59-55 Wednesday night. The Bobcats won it at the foul line, hitting 27-37 white Idaho Falls was much closer with 11-23.

Georgetown topples Georgia Tech

NEW YORK (AP) — The much-anticipated individual matchup was fun. The game was a blowout.

Pifth-ranked Georgetown, as-usual led-by sophomore point guard Allen Iverson, cruised past No. 25 Georgia Tech with freshman Stephon Marbury running the show, 94-72 Wednesday night in the semifinals of the Preseason NIT. The Hoyas (3-3) play No. 19 Arizona, which beat No. 16 Michigan 86-79 in the opening semifinal, for the title on Friday night.

The second semifinal was the game that drew all the attention and it was all because of the backcourt confrontation between Iverson and Marbury. Just like the outcome between the two, Iverson was the clear winner.

Iverson finished with 23 points and six assists, a few of which had the crowd of 15,249 at Madison Square Garden howling and high-fiving, Marbury, who was returning to his hometown for the first time as a collegian, finished with 13 points and eight assists and he, too, had his share of snappy passes that led to fast break layups.

It seemed every time either point guard dribbled the ball across the midcourt line when the game did slow down, the crowd was buzzing, waiting to see what would happen. When either had the ball on the break, the noise of anticipation was obvious. Georgetown, which has won its three

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games by an average of 32 points, used its ring strength to pull away from the Yellow Jackets (2-1), leading by as many as 25 points in the final minutes.

No. 19 Arizona 89, No. 16 Michigan 79

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The Wildcats' lead during the stretch was simply that we had a more experience, Arizona coach Lute Olson said. "They played hard but we felt there was a couple of things we could do" and that was use the clock well and get it inside.

Michael Dickerson's dunk with 2:30 to play gave the Wildcats a 79-74 lead, but Wolverines' (1) took advantage of a turnover and a missed 3-pointer to score six points over the next minute to get within two. Arizona worked the 35-second shot clock and Melvin Sims' layup over the Wildcats with 21 points was able to rebound his missed drive and start a new 35 seconds with 55 seconds to go. Dickerson made a nice pass inside to Joseph Blair for the dunk, and he was fouled with 26 seconds to play. He banked in the free throw for an 82-77 lead. That showed the experience of our two senior inside guys, Olson said. "What was a big key for us was the number of minutes Joseph could give us. He hadn't practiced until yesterday since the Arkansas game last Friday because of a sprained ankle."

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Rangers slide past Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Mike Richter made 40 saves as the New York Rangers completed a two-game home-and-home sweep of Pittsburgh with a 4-3 victory Wednesday night, handing the Penguins their first consecutive losses this season.

A short-handed goal by Wayne Presley at 16:47 of the second period, his first in 21 games, gave the Rangers their second victory over Pittsburgh in two nights. The Rangers beat the Penguins 9-4 Tuesday night.

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Vandals pulse with optimism on verge of playoffs

MOSCOW (AP) — Given a second chance by a late-season surge, the Idaho Vandals are full of optimism as they move into the NCAA Division I-AA football playoffs this weekend against top-ranked McNeese State.

No matter that Idaho, at 6-4, has the worst record in the 16-team playoff field, and it seeded 15th of the 16 teams.

"It's not going to be hard at all for us to get up this week," said junior defensive end Ryan Phillips. "We felt we weren't ready during the season at all. I think we felt like we

were just starting to show the kind of team we were and we didn't want it to end here."

Idaho, which tied for second in the Big Sky Conference behind Montana, ended the regular season with a three-game winning streak and beat four ranked Division I-AA teams, including Northern Arizona and Northern Iowa on the road and then-arch-rival Boise State at home.

Despite the last victory, 33-13 over Boise on Saturday, Idaho didn't expect to make the playoffs. Coach Chris Torney said since it's the Thanksgiving break, a number of

players were headed home when word came that the selection committee picked the Vandals.

The team was quickly reassembled to start practicing for McNeese State.

Torney said Torney is very rewarding to start who is in his first year as Idaho head coach. "I know the seniors are excited about putting the pads again. A number of our guys aren't going to have a shot at playing at the next level so for them to get at least one more game is fantastic. Idaho's road to the national championship

won't be easy. The Vandals won't have a home game during the playoffs. And McNeese State is a big obstacle. The Cowboys eliminated Idaho at Moscow in 1992 and 38-21 at Lake Charles, La., last year.

"I'm only going to spend Thanksgiving in Louisiana for the rest of my life," Phillips said, laughing. "We're just looking at it like we have nothing to lose," Torney said. "They are, without a doubt, the best I-AA team in the country and we're looking at it positive. We get to find out where we are at and

just how good we are."

Not bad for a team that started 1-3. Phillips had extra reason to celebrate. On Tuesday, the Big Sky Conference named him defensive player of the year. The 6-3, 243-pound junior from Auburn, Wash., had 60 tackles, including 24 for losses and 11 quarterback sacks for 61 yards in losses.

But Phillips said he won't indulge in one of his favorite forms of fun. He likes to sky dive out of airplanes, but says he will put that off until after the season. "Christmas break, we're going," he said.

Release of Patriots' Hurst sends unintended message to rest of team

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) — Bill Parcells says he wasn't trying to send a message to his players when he cut Maurice Hurst. They received it anyway.

Hurst, New England's top defensive back over the past six seasons, was waived Monday. He had played poorly this season, giving up two long catches in Sunday's 24-10 loss to Indianapolis that dropped the Patriots to 4-7.

"You know there was going to be some change," cornerback Drew Bledsoe said Wednesday, "but to have it be a guy like Maurice, who's been around for so long, really sent a message that nobody's safe in this situation."

Even rookie Ty Law, Hurst's replacement at cornerback, got his coach's point.

"I have to always be at the top of my game because if you don't perform you're likely to have to look for a job," Law said. "It's your credibility at any time... and it can all crumble at any time."

And running back Dave Meggett said: "I don't see how one guy caused us to be 4-7."

Hurst has been beaten several times on long passes, including two 40-yard receptions by Sean Dawkins last Sunday. After being free from a situation in which his confidence had been shattered, Hurst said Monday he had nothing against Parcells and was relieved.

Hurst was claimed by the St. Louis Rams and underwent a physical Wednesday. His agent, Doug Sunseri, said Hurst has a herniated disc in his neck that hurt his performance.

With the Patriots, he started 102 of the 105 games he played and is sixth in team history with 27 interceptions. He missed one game this season with a calf injury.

Parcells denied he used Hurst as an example to say, "If guys don't play well, there's going to be more of them getting cut."

When it was pointed out that others who have played poorly are still with the Patriots, Parcells said, "Temporarily."

Hurst is reluctant to send a message to Sunseri, who said Hurst should have been placed on injured reserve.

Sunseri said on Monday that after the Patriots fell to 2-6, Hurst told Parcells he wanted to have neck surgery, which would have put him on injured reserve, but the coach told Hurst the team needed him so Hurst chose to play.

Parcells said Wednesday he and Hurst never had that conversation. "I'm going to say this once now, so get it straight," Parcells said. "Whatever the agent says, he's not telling the truth. I never had a discussion with the player in regard to any injury."

Sunseri responded: "If any member of the organization challenges me, instead of calling me a liar, factually refute each allegation I make and, if they don't do that, then let the public determine who's a liar."

Sunseri said Wednesday that Hurst did talk with Parcells about the neck injury, saying it was hindering his play, but may not have said he wanted to have surgery during the season. Parcells asked him to keep playing and Hurst agreed, Sunseri added.

"It was his decision" to play, Sunseri said of Hurst.

Mariners manager honored

NEW YORK (AP) — Lou Piniella, who led the Seattle Mariners to their first playoff appearance, was voted The Associated Press Manager of the Year on Wednesday.

Piniella received 27 of 66 votes in nationwide balloting by sports writers and broadcasters. Colorado manager Don Baylor was second with 13 votes, followed by Cleveland's Mike Hargrove with 10. Atlanta's Bobby Cox and Boston's Kevin Kennedy had six votes each.

Earlier this month, Piniella was voted AL Manager of the Year by the Baseball Writers Association of America. The AP began selecting one major league Manager of the Year in 1984.

"I'm very humble about it because I know I'm just a figuredhead for the organization," Piniella said from his home in Tampa, Fla.

"When players play well, when coaches do a good job, when the front office gets you players, the manager reaps the reward. In my case, my players did an outstanding job for me, as did my staff."

Seattle won the AL West after taking first place in the division 13 games on Aug. 2. The Mariners won the division by beating the Angels in a one-game playoff to finish 79-66.

"I think what was needed in the Seattle organization was better. I got those guys just coming in. Now the kids get over the hump and win and get confidence," Piniella said. "I think that's been done. Now we can go to spring training, work



Seattle Mariners' Manager Lou Piniella argues with homeplate umpire Terry Craft after he was ejected from a game against the Milwaukee Brewers in July. Piniella was voted The Associated Press Manager of the Year Wednesday.

hard and get ready for next season, but looking at it from a different perspective."

He already knows what he'll tell the team at the start of spring training: "You kids have done it. Now all you have to do is dedicate yourself like you did last year, work hard, get out of the gate well and let the rest of the league know we mean business."

Piniella, 52, came to Seattle in 1993 after managing the New

York Yankees and Cincinnati Reds. He led Cincinnati to the World Series title in 1990.

Since Piniella took over, the Mariners are 210-209. He is the only manager with a winning record in the history of the franchise.

He's already looking forward to next season.

"Just having Junior will be a blessing," he said.

Ken Griffey Jr., Seattle's leader, broke his right wrist May 26 and didn't return until Aug. 15.

Huskers' success overshadowed by battle for No. 1 spot

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska is putting together one of college football's most remarkable runs, but it has been overshadowed a bit by off-season controversy and disputes over the

'We've wanted to win two national championships ... I'd put it in our favor that we get it done.'

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Nebraska is 34-1 over the last three seasons, the lone loss coming in the 1994 Orange Bowl to national champion Florida State, 18-16.

If the top-ranked Cornhuskers beat 33-point underdog Oklahoma in Friday's regular-season finale and then win the Fiesta Bowl, they would become the first team to win 36 games in three seasons.

Only Toledo (35-0, 1969-71) and Brigham Young (35-4, 1983-85) have 35 wins over a three-season span.

While there have been some close calls — 14-13 over UCLA and 21-20 over Kansas in 1993 and 17-6 at Kansas State last year — a win over the Sooners will mean a third consecutive national championship game.

"The program is just so consistent and so good year after year after year," Florida State coach Bobby Bowden said. "Tom Osborne has simply done wonders up there forever."

A victory in the Fiesta Bowl would likely earn a second consecutive national championship, but the arguments over who's really No. 1 would probably simmer again. An undefeated Penn

assault and trespassing charges.

Osborne credited his team with focusing on football through the controversy.

"Contrary to some published reports, I think the character level is among the very top teams that we've had," Osborne said. "I think they care very much about being a good football team. I think they care very much about a lot of the right things ... But they found a way to get it done one way or another."

Nebraska center Airon Graham remembers the 27-14 loss to Florida State in the 1992 Orange Bowl when he and other freshmen linemen vowed to win another Big Eight title and two national titles.

"I'd put it in our favor that we get it done," Osborne said.

The good times continue. Nebraska (10-0, 6-0 Big Eight) has the nation's longest winning streak at 23 going into the game against Oklahoma (3-4, 2-4).

The leadership level and the unity has been very good, and I've appreciated it," Osborne said.

The unity has been needed over the past two seasons. In 1994, quarterback Tommie Frazier was sidelined for eight games with blood clots in his leg; he returned to start against the Hurricanes.

This season, however, has been even more trying. Osborne and his program continue to be criticized for allowing starting tailback Lawrence Phillips to play after a six-game suspension for beating up a former girlfriend.

Phillips, a junior, awaits sentencing Dec. 1 on misdemeanor



Lions fans reluctant to rally 'round coach

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — There will be plenty of banners hanging in the Silverdome on Thanksgiving Day, as usual. Don't expect "Save the Wayne" to be among them.

Detroit fans will be pulling for their Lions (5-6) to defeat the Minnesota Vikings (6-5). Yet it's hard to find anyone willing to admit they want coach Wayne Fontes back next season.

Lions fans have seen this act before. Too many times, perhaps. The team stumbles around and seems hopelessly out of the playoff picture by midseason. Then the players rally around Fontes, put on a strong finish and save the coach's job.

Since 1989, his first full season as coach, Fontes has guided the Lions to a record of 22-13 on and after Thanksgiving. His record before Thanksgiving is only 34-43.

"Those guys just seem to rally around Wayne," Vikings coach Dan Dennis Green said. "That's the thing that bothers me."

After Thursday, the Lions will have four games remaining. Fontes has compiled a record of 18-6 in the final four games of the season. Through a combination of luck and pluck, the Lions have made it into the playoffs three of the last four seasons.

This season's contract run appears already to have begun. The Lions have won their last two games since club owner William Clay Ford gave Fontes a "win-or-lose" ultimatum.

"I hope this is a sign of a run," Fontes said. "There have been things written and said about this team. But no one can ever say it is a team that will lay down and quit."

Still, it will be a tall order for the Lions to handle the red-hot Vikings.

Warren Moon, who turned 39 less than a week ago, has guided the Vikings to three consecutive victories. Moon has 11 touchdown passes in those three games and hasn't thrown an interception in the past four.

The Vikings have averaged more than 33 points and 418 yards during their winning streak. They have 19 plays of 20 yards or more in that span, compared to 24 in the first eight games.

"That's what we dreamed of in the beginning of the season, that the offense would have production like that," cornerback Deweyne Washington said. "I think it's coming at the right time of the season."

Moon will be operating against a Detroit defense that hasn't had

much success. The Lions have been extremely weak at defending against the pass. Opponents have completed 63 percent of their passes against the Lions, chalking up 2,885 yards and 12 touchdowns.

The Detroit secondary has intercepted just 11 passes this season.

However, the Lions offense has been performing well as Scott Mitchell has become the steady quarterback since the one he hoped for when they signed him last year as a free agent.

A sprained ankle kept Mitchell out of practice for one day this week. Yet he was expected to play against the Vikings. If he can't, Don Majkowski proved in last week's victory at Chicago that he is a capable backup.

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The Vikings held Sanders to just 35 yards on 13 carries during the second game of the season, and the Vikings won 20-10.

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one day this week. Yet he was expected to play against the Vikings. If he can't, Don Majkowski proved in last week's victory at Chicago that he is a capable backup.

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Texas Stadium prepares for unexpected

Thanksgiving football tradition at home of Cowboys seems to be 'anything goes'

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Thanksgiving Day at Texas Stadium. Sometimes it's like being in the Bermuda Triangle. It's a place of earthly heroes and crazy plays. Witness the last two years as examples.

Last year, Jason Garrett, a third stringer who had never started an NFL game, did so against the Green Bay Packers because Troy Aikman and Rodney Peete were injured.

Called "Rudy" by his teammates because of his resemblance to the Notre Dame movie hero, Garrett had an Aikman-like day and the Cowboys rolled to victory over the bewildered Packers.

Two years ago was a scene out of Foot-

ball Follies.

The first and only snow and ice storm ever to strike Texas Stadium on Thanksgiving Day turned the Miami-Dallas game into a bizarre scene.

Players were slipping and sliding in a wintry wonderland. Dallas appeared to have the game in hand after the Cowboys blocked a desperate last-minute field goal attempt by the Dolphins.

Enter Leon Lett, the king of football bloopers. Lett, of course, had become famous in the Super Bowl while hot-dogging on what he thought was a sure touchdown. Nearing the goal he held the ball aloft in triumph only to suffer the in-

ignition of a Buffalo player poking the hole in the net.

After Dallas blocked the Miami field goal, Lett thought he had to recover it or the Cowboys wouldn't have possession.

He recovered. The Dolphins won in the final second.

"We've had some bizarre stuff happen on Thanksgiving," said safety-linebacker Bill Bates.

"For some reason it's always a crazy game with crazy things happening."

The Kansas City Chiefs, sporting the NFL's best record at 10-1 and a seven-game win streak, play the Cowboys (9-2) on Thursday.

Usually good things happen to the Cowboys, who are 18-8-1 on Thanksgiving.

Kansas City owner Lamar Hunt, who lives in Dallas, said it's a big advantage for the Cowboys always to be playing at home on Thanksgiving and has lobbied fellow owners to take the game away from Jerry Jones, the owner the NFL loves to hate.

"It's a tremendous advantage to them," Hunt said. "The game should be spread around."

Hunt has already been told a win can do big things for Kansas City. The NFL office has notified the Chiefs they can clinch an AFC wild card berth with a win.

The Cowboys are two games ahead of Philadelphia in the NFC East.

The Chiefs are the turnover kings of the NFL with a plus 11 in takeaways. Dallas is way down the line with a plus two but the Cowboys have the best offense in the NFL and the top rushing game with Emmitt Smith, who leads the league with 1,347 yards.

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Focus

Mapping software: Mom & pop go high-tech

Small businesses tap into resources heretofore available only to governments, major firms

The Associated Press

Like most entrepreneurs, Bill Wood is always eager to drum up new business, open branches, and, of course, boost revenue.

But not everyone faces Wood's obstacles: He runs an employment agency in a city with one of the nation's lowest jobless rates. Worse, there are dozens of competitors hunting for a shrinking number of heads.

Still, Nashville-based Wood Personnel Services managed to fill about 25 percent more jobs this year and soon plans to open another office in town.

Wood says he owes it all to his personal computer, or rather an evolving breed of mapping software technology known as

Geographic Information Systems, or GIS, that allows him to wage some technological warfare against the competition.

"Temporary workers are our product. We were able to identify through the software where the temporary workers who would use our service lived in Nashville," Wood said. "From there, we were able to set up recruiting sites. We knew what community newspapers to place ads in.

"We had to do something. Unemployment rates were plummeting so much; they were as low as 1.9 percent here this year."

Although still a best-kept secret, GIS software is steadily making its way from the highest echelons of government and business, where it has been used for more than a decade, to the back offices of mom and pop organizations like Wood's 24-person agency. The technology actually was developed about 25 years ago to record environmental changes over large geographic areas and time.

What makes GIS so appealing to businesses is that it allows them to take a multitude of data that are geographically distributed — from proprietary sales information to Census Bureau statistics — and view it all on a colorful, layered map that's far more appealing than an ordinary work sheet of numbers.

With a few keystrokes, organizations can undertake relatively sophisticated geo-strategic planning — from pinpointing where to open new stores or mail advertising fliers to deciding what products and services to offer. They can locate concentrations of ethnic groups or affluent families, even get a handle on household sizes or



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which currently includes around 250,000 PC and Mac desktop users, will grow to millions of users by the end of 1996 as more organizations invest in the latest computer hardware.

"More businesses can afford to buy a Pentium (chip) machine ... which can do 10 times what a mainframe could do 10 years ago," Hemenway said. "GIS is very computing-intensive. It needs that power to drive the graphics (and) the large databases."

Hemenway says he also expects the

features into their spreadsheet and office suite programs. Using OLE support technology — short for Object Linking Embedding — users can pick up a map and drop it on a spreadsheet or report.

These bundled programs are in addition to the rising number of stand-alone GIS programs, with names like First St. or Maptitude, that include various databases or others designed to work with add-on mapping and statistical packages from smaller, private companies.

Demographic data is sold on computer disks and CD-ROMs by market research firms, yellow pages publishers, credit bureaus and the U.S. government.

Wood said that using the GIS software Maptitude, he was able to ascertain enough information about household income, race and employment status among residents in the Nashville area to help with his recruiting efforts. The more temporary employees he finds, the more jobs he can fill and revenue he can generate.

Mapitude, published by Caliper Corp. of Newton, Mass., is among the least expensive GIS products at a cost of \$395, and probably among the easiest to use. Its MapWizard feature automatically creates a standard map that can be customized. Before using GIS software, Wood said, he was forced to do all of his market research in very low-tech fashion.

"I'd have to send someone to the library to do all this statistical research, and it would often take hours. Then using that information ... we'd color code several maps by hand and try to layer them. It would sometimes get confusing," said Wood.

Robert J. Wilkening, president of Wilkening & Co., a Park Ridge, Ill., management consulting firm, says GIS software also has made his work easier.

"It gives us the ability to go to clients and do things important to them that we could never have done before," said Wilkening, who uses the First St. program.

Just recently, Wilkening said, he was able to help an industrial client reduce spending among its sales force by redesigning sales routes to minimize travel. He was asked by another potential business client for suggestions on where to open up another car wash.

"Any business can use this," he said. "The smart mom and pops are going to win."

neighborhood traffic patterns.

It's probably no whim when a restaurant chain decides to offer more culturally diverse dishes in a particular region or when a major retailer agrees to open a branch at a new mall.

"This (software technology) is an extraordinary way to assimilate huge

amounts of information. We can make a single map from 60 pages of tabular information," said Scott Elliott, president of Wessex, a Winnetka, Ill., company that publishes the First St. GIS program.

First St. includes, among other things, software from top GIS developer

Environmental Systems Research Institute Inc. of Redlands, Calif., 1990 national census data and electronic street maps on its 22 CD-ROMs.

Other industry pacesetters include Strategic Mapping Inc. of Santa Clara, Calif., and MapInfo Corp. of Troy, N.Y.

Rapid technological advances, which have brought down PC prices, also have made it easier and cheaper to produce this complex software. Computerized mapping data that used to cost tens of thousands of dollars just a few years ago now typically go for between \$400 and \$2,000 today, and software publishers say that prices are poised to fall even further next year. (At least one related product, BusinessMAP by ESRI, was just introduced with a \$99.95 price tag.)

Don Hemenway, editor of the monthly publication GIS World, predicts the \$500 million market,

GIS products, some of which can be somewhat difficult to understand and tricky to use, to become more user friendly.

"If you look at them, they're not really simple programs," agreed First St.'s Elliott. "Ninety-five percent of the users ... use less than 3 percent of the functionality. While there are all these whizzes who can make the programs stand on their heads, most by far are people who can copy roads, columns, maybe bring up a bar graph. We've got to do better."

While most GIS products are not widely distributed (they're usually sold only directly by their publishers), there is a movement toward the mainstream.

Software leaders, such as Lotus Development Corp., Microsoft Corp., and Novell Inc., have included or plan to bundle mapping

Software samples

A few software products that incorporate the mapping technology known as Geographic Information Systems, or GIS:

- ArcView, BusinessMap (Environmental Systems Research Institute, 1-800-447-9778 or 909-793-2853)
- Argus Professional, Argus Census Map (Munro Garrett International, 1-800-818-4118 or 403-237-9350)
- Atlas GIS (Strategic Mapping, 1-800-472-6277)
- First Street (Wessex, 1-800-892-6906 or 708-501-3862)
- MapInfo, MapMarker (MapInfo, 1-800-327-8627 or 518-285-6000)
- Maptitude (Caliper, 617-527-4700)
- Lotus 1-2-3 Version 5.0 (Lotus, 1-800-345-1043)

The monthly publication GIS World also publishes an annual directory of more than 450 companies that sell a variety of data services, including software and hardware products. The directory sells for \$149.95 (plus 10 percent for shipping and handling), and can be ordered by calling 1-800-GIS-WRLD, or writing, 155 East Boardwalk Drive., Suite 250, Fort Collins, Colo., 80525.

Features

Student maintains near-perfect average despite brain disease

NAMPA (AP) — Nampa Christian School senior Dori Johnson maintains a near-perfect grade point average, captains the school academic team and recently won a trip to Washington, D.C., for a seminar on government.

You might say she has a good head on her shoulders. But that is something she has had to work at. Dori has kept up her 3.89 grade point average — the third highest in her class — despite suffering a rare brain disease that four years ago robbed her of her coordination and required four surgeries to correct.

"Though the disorder initially horrified the family, Dori's recovery left little to grieve about. In fact, her mother views it these days as almost a blessing.

"Sometimes I've asked why my child was chosen," Connie Johnson said. "But she has such a positive attitude and has been such an inspiration, I think God wanted to put it to use."

Dori's medical saga started in the fourth grade, when she was fitted with a brace to correct scoliosis, or curvature of the spine.

It took a more ominous turn the winter of her freshman year, when she felt a weakness in her arms and left leg. In a couple weeks time, she was struck with fatigue, severe headaches and nausea.

The family sought medical help after Dori lost her balance during a leap at cheer-leading practice and slammed onto the floor.

"I thought it was a stroke at first," Connie Johnson said. "But I thought, 'Can kids even have strokes?'"

Doctors initially screened her for mononucleosis and diabetes. When those tests came back negative, they performed a brain scan.

The news wasn't good. Dori suffered from Arnold Chiari Brain Malformation, a rare condition in which the lower cerebellum falls into the brain stem and blocks the flow of fluid in and out of the spinal column.

As a result, excess fluid had built up in Dori's skull and put pressure on her brain. The only solution was surgery.

Connie Johnson said she and her husband were devastated. Their daughter, on the other hand, seemed more anxious about missing basketball season than having permanent brain damage.



AP photo

Dori Johnson, a senior at Nampa Christian High School, poses with some miniature doll house items she has made.

"She was saying, 'I don't have time for this. I have things to do in school,'" Connie Johnson said. "I think the scoliosis had toughened her. She had learned to live with pain."

Dori underwent her first surgery Feb. 3, 1992. Doctors tried to relieve the pressure in her head by removing the lower three inches of the back of her skull and part of her top vertebra. To protect the exposed back of her brain, they reattached some bone from a donor.

The surgery didn't work, however, and she was scheduled for a second operation to drain the fluid from her skull. When that gambit failed, doctors decided to route a permanent drainage tube from her head to her abdomen.

At last, it seemed the problem was solved.

With the first three surgeries behind her, it was time for rehabilitation. The trauma of the disease had sapped Dori's strength so badly that she had to relearn how to walk, climb stairs and feed herself.

Dori made significant strides during a six-week stay at The Elks Rehabilitation Center at Mercy Medical Center in Nampa.

Once back at school, she dropped all but her core classes — except art, her favorite. A doctor had advised she might never regain the manual strength necessary for fine detail work, but she had to explore the

boundaries herself.

"That was pretty scary," Dori said. "After the surgery, I could barely move my hands at all."

At the time, her classmates were learning how to operate the potter's wheel, a skill that required more strength than Dori could muster. Nonetheless, she rallied long enough to throw one pot.

On her own, she started exercising her hands with sculpting clay, fashioning tiny facsimiles of household items for doll houses. She made miniature salad bowls, teapots, candlesticks, muffin pans, pizzas and tacos.

Earlier this year, her boss at Country Charm, a Nampa gift shop, saw the items, and asked if she could add them to her merchandise. The first few items were priced this month and put on display.

Today, the only noticeable affect of Dori's medical problems is a slight limp. She had one more surgery a year after the first three to drain fluid from her spinal column. But the last three years have been surgery free.

Dori said her hands are about 80 percent as strong as they used to be.

As evidence, she shows a pencil sketch she did — a picture of a man's face — that's practically photographic in its detail. If she could have pressed harder on the pencil, she could have achieved starker contrasts, she explained.

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Features

For some, Rome's roads mark travel back in time

ROME (AP) — Some people are trying to keep Rome in the stone age.

The square-topped, charcoal-black cobblestones used throughout the city are slowly but certainly disappearing under layers of asphalt. Now, the rescue cry has been sounded by those who consider the basalt blocks a humble, but profound, part of the city's ancient heritage.

Their quest, like the often uneven cobblestone surface, has many jarring angles.

The last two cobblestone cutters have retired. Many Roman drivers are willing to give up quaintness for the sake of their cars' tires and shocks. Progress brings irony: The main-basalt quarry outside Rome now provides chips to asphalt makers who may cover the cobblestones once hacked from its walls.

A lot south of Rome is covered by about 300,000 cut stones — about enough for a big piazza. The pile grows ever smaller as repairs are made around the city.

"How can we just let this happen? To some people they are just stones. For others, who appreciate history, they are too important to lose," said Athos De Luca, who heads the Greens bloc on the City Council.

City administrators in late

October set aside more than \$1.25 million to maintain roads and piazzas covered by the funnel-shaped "sampietrini," or little St. Peter stones, so named because the same design was used in the 17th century construction of Vatican

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— Athos De Luca, Rome city councilman

City's main square.

The sampietrini cover many of the back streets of central Rome and some of the main thoroughfares and piazzas, including Piazza Venezia and sections of the roads that run along the Tiber. But many main roads, such as Via Veneto and Via Corso, have been paved over.

The environmentally oriented Greens have big ideas. They are pushing for a government-funded school to train new stone cutters. The world marketplace also beckons. "We could sell these around the world," said De Luca. "Architects, urban planners, collectors. Who knows?"

But De Luca is not the one who has to whack at the ultra-hard basalt rock.

Mario Passarelli, who began in

the quarry in 1947 and retired last year, recalls how blood blisters would form on his fingertips from the sledgehammer shaft. Over the years, rock dust worked into the creases in his hands like tattoos.

"I would like to teach the job, but the kids will not come out," said Passarelli, 63, who along with his older brother were the last of the once-burgeoning cobblestone work force.

"It's very hard. You have to work in the rain, in pain."

The distinctive black cobblestones — limited to Rome and some surrounding towns — have a venerable lineage. Roman emperors built their best roads with basalt slabs. In some places, the original roadways peeks through, as on Via Appia.

The blacktop flood cannot be dammed, however. The Greens party estimated more than 20 percent of Rome's cobblestones have been covered over since the 1960s.

At a basalt quarry, the manager watched the Passarelli brothers show visitors how they used to make cobblestones. Their hammers made sharp pings against the stone. Dozens of blows reduced a table-size chunk to about a dozen usable sampietrini.

"This is an art doomed to disappear," said Roberto Renzi.

Bureau: Thanksgiving cost rises

WASHINGTON (AP) — Thanksgiving dinner may wing Americans for a little extra money this year, thanks largely to an increase in the cost of the meal's star, the turkey.

In fact, most items on the traditional menu are up, says the American Farm Bureau, which issued its annual Thanksgiving survey Tuesday.

It found increases in almost every item on its list, no change for a handful and a decrease in only one: A gallon of whole milk was \$2.29 this year, down a penny from 1994.

The bureau calculated that a traditional holiday meal for 10 — including turkey, cranberries,

pumpkin pie and what it considers all the trimmings — will cost \$29.64. That's \$1.24 more than last year.

But the farm bureau isn't exactly serving soup to nuts.

And one-and-one-tenth dinner rolls may not be everyone's idea of Thanksgiving bounty. (That one package of brown 'n' serve rolls costs \$1.24, up 15 cents from last year.)

While the bureau did price fresh cranberries — \$1.95 for a 12-ounce package, up 9 cents from last year — it didn't take into account the fresh orange juice and sliced almonds Aunt Zelda uses for her special recipe.

It also priced just one 14-ounce package of stuffing (\$2.39, up 13 cents), and nothing exotic to dress it up like sausage, oysters or dried apricots.

And did we mention the absence of those mini-marshmallows for the sweet potatoes, and the obligatory casserole of green beans, mushroom soup and onion rings?

And if you eat at the Farm Bureau's house, don't ask for anything to drink besides milk or coffee.

As for turkeys, at 79 cents per pound, the average cost of a 16-pound tom was \$12.68, an increase of 67 cents compared with last year, the farm bureau found.

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Features

Descendants of shootout's Clantons tell 'other side'



Terry 'Ike' Clanton, a descendant of the famous Ike Clanton gang of the OK Corral gunfight with Wyatt Earp, says he wants his family's side of the fight known to the public.

Ike Clanton was 'not a coward,' cousin insists

TOMBSTONE (AP) — Just before the Oct. 26, 1881 gunfight at the OK Corral began that forever would define this violence-pocked mining camp, cowboy Ike Clanton grabbed Wyatt Earp by the arm.

He told Earp that he had no gun and urged him not to fire.

Earp, his brothers Virgil, the town marshal, and Morgan, and their dentists Doc Holliday, had confronted Clanton, his 19-year-old brother Billy, and brothers Frank and Tom McLaury at the OK Corral livery stable, next to the boarding house where Holliday lived.



Ben Traywick - Old West historian

one out of the whole Clanton bunch" and was not "a great guy."

But he said Clanton was intelligent, not an illiterate, "stupid guy who always needed a bath." He said filmmakers had maligned him, going "far out of their way to make it good guy versus bad guy."

Traywick said most of the movies depicting the events surrounding the gunfight have portrayed the Clantons unfavorably "as kind of dirty buffalo-hunter types."

"Actually, Ike Clanton and Frank McLaury were kind of dandies" who dressed up and wore fancy Stetsons and probably hand-stitched boots, he said.

Traywick also agreed that Clanton read and wrote proficiently and that he had a penchant for getting his family in trouble.

Ike Clanton died in 1887 in Greenlee County, Arizona, killed while being served with a warrant accusing him of cattle-rustling.

TOMBSTONE (AP) — Terry "Ike" Clanton denies he's trying to revise history concerning his cousin and namesake, a pivotal character in Wyatt Earp's celebrated 1881 gunfight here.

He just wants historical accuracy.

He and his relatives think it's time, 114 years after the notorious shootout at the OK Corral, to set the record straight concerning Ike and Billy Clanton and Frank and Tom McLaury in their deadly run-in with Earp, his brothers Virgil and Morgan and alcoholic, tubercular, shotgun-wielding Doc Holliday.

Joseph Isaac "Ike" Clanton escaped injury but younger brother Billy and the McLaury's died on Oct. 26, 1881 — and the shootout has grown to epic proportions that have kept this tiny town alive as an Old West tourist mecca.

"Magic words — Tombstone, Earp, OK Corral," says historian Ben T. Traywick. "Without them, this town would have dried up and blown away in the desert 50 years ago."

But Terry Clanton believes some myths surrounding his distant cousins have maligned them, and by extension, his family. One reason for their second annual "Notorious Clanton Gang OK Corral Reunion" this weekend is to provide perspective.

"I want people to know the other side of the story," said Clanton, 37, an actor from Whittier, Calif. "Hollywood spends millions and millions of dollars and they keep getting the story wrong..."

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Of 40 relatives expected, the oldest to show up at the reunion was Ruth

Clanton Smith, 92, of Norwalk, Calif. Relatives also were expected from Clanton, Ala., named after Confederate Brigadier Gen. Nathaniel Holt Clanton.

Terry Clanton, decked out in 1880s gunfighter gear, six-gun on hip, has opened membership in the "Notorious Clanton Gang" to Old West enthusiasts.

And the gathering has drawn them to this town of Old West false-front shops and board sidewalks, where the storied gunfight is celebrated in frequent re-enactments and tourists stroll through Boot Hill cemetery, looking for desperados' names on weather-beaten markers.

Pat Willis, of Albany, Ga., traveled 1,800 miles by bus, and Earp descendant Leonard Earp joined up on Friday, Terry Clanton said.

The Clantons were made out to be a band of outlaw killers and bad people, while the Earps and Holliday were exonerated after the fight, Terry Clanton said.

"They all had shades of gray," said Traywick.

"In a sense, there have always been two sides of the story," said Gordon Clanton, 53, who is a sociology professor at San Diego State University. "It's just not as well-publicized. It's an open-ended story" with different versions that never will be proven.

He said recent movie portrayals have showed "the dark side of Wyatt Earp, and by implication a more positive view of the Clantons has been kind of percolating for a while."

Ike's and Billy Clanton's father, Newman Haynes "Old Man" Clanton, operated as a broker of rustled cattle,

Traywick said, and was killed in Mexico two months before the shootout.

The Earps represented law-and-order but skirted both sides of the law, while the Clantons were crooks but "not a whole lot more crooked than most" people in the countryside, Gordon Clanton said.

Terry Clanton remembers his grandfather telling him not to talk about the OK Corral and the Clantons "because you don't want people to think you're an outlaw."

Gordon Clanton said Bill Clanton of South Dakota similarly described how

his great grandfather — Ike's uncle — "didn't want anyone to know about that part of the family."

Terry Clanton said he believes authors and screenwriters feel the public "will not accept an American hero clearly blowing away unarmed men."

So they've made it appear that Ike Clanton and Tom McLaury were armed "when they were unarmed," he said.

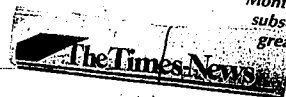
Traywick said there was conflicting testimony at a court hearing after the shootout about whether McLaury was armed, with Wyatt and Virgil Earp testifying that McLaury had fired.

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Smithsonian scientists search Siberia for American roots

WASHINGTON (AP) — In village after village across the vast Siberian tundra, Sven Haakanson searched for America's oldest roots.

But the people he met were more interested in his own origins. Once the Siberians learned he was from Alaska, "they'd ask me about my culture ... what it was like to be native in America," Haakanson said. They were the same kinds of questions that he and other Smithsonian scientists were asking as they traveled along the route that brought the first people to North America.

The 16-member group of geologists, historians and anthropologists crammed into a pair of An-2 biplanes and spent August hopping across once inaccessible lands to survey archaeological sites. They logged 1,898 miles.

"We see this trip as a can opener" to future research, said William W. Fitzhugh, director of the Arctic Studies Center at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History and developer of "Crossroads Alaska," a touring exhibit of the relationships between Alaskan and Siberian culture.

Fitzhugh hopes to do more research in the region formerly known as Yakutsk, now called Sakha. "We see this as the real zone of cultural development for the area and possibly one of the routes for early Americans," he said, "pointing out the region on a Russian map in his crowded museum office."

"We thought we had one culture in the early period in the Americas ... but now in Alaska the evidence has shown that there was at least two or three completely different cultures in the period between 12,000 and 10,000 years ago," Fitzhugh explained.

That "suggests that there is a lot more diversity in the origins of those



Sven Haakanson, left, helps William Fitzhugh, director of the Smithsonian Institution's Arctic Studies Center, during a dig in Siberia in December of 1994.

groups. There must have been some groups who were Pacific-based, there were Arctic Coast-based. Native Americans are believed to have first crossed into Alaska

between 12,000 and 15,000 years ago, but traces of the same culture go back much farther in Siberia.

In northern Russia there are archaeological sites dated from 35,000 years ago to as early as 65,000 years ago, he said, "so you have basically Neanderthals ... we

know there was pottery that was already in use 13,000 years ago," he went on. "You could compare this to mid-eastern development very easily. So you have centers of major cultural development in this region that could supply lots of diverse culture to Alaska."

Construction crew adopts starving dog

KENNEWICK, Wash. (AP) — A smartly constructed crew has adopted a 7-year-old miniature schnauzer found starving and shivering under a canal bridge.

Workers at the Edison Street interchange project found the salt-and-pepper pooch two weeks ago today. "She wore no collar and cringed when the men tried to pet her."

Inspector Al Norby carried the canine to construction headquarters, a single-wide trailer overlooking Columbia Park, and said to his boss: "You save that little dog, you'll be my friend for life."

At first, project engineer Gary Griffice of Stimpel-Wiebelhaus Associates was uncertain. "I don't know much about schnauzers," he said.

But when crew members started affectionately calling the dog "Edison," it was all over for Griffice. He couldn't resist.

"I'm in the office more than anyone else so I got dog duty," he said. The owner of the trailer was rigged up for Edison's comfort with a bed of blankets and a nearby heater.

The following day, Edison went to a veterinarian for a check up.

"She is the proverbial rack of bones," Dr. Robert Frevite said, estimating that the dog hadn't eaten in three weeks.

She weighed six pounds. When she's healthy, she should reach 15 pounds.

"I think this guy that's taken in this dog is just a gem," Frevite said. "There's no reason why this dog can't make it out of this and have a happy ending."

When the construction project is finished, Griffice plans to take Edison home to his three kids in Redding, Calif.

If the real owners should surface, Griffice said he would be happy to return the adopted stray. But he doesn't enjoy the thought of giving up Edison.

"Everybody's a sucker for her because she's got that sad little face," Griffice said. "She's our company mascot now."

Top pick for postal carrier: Mel Gibson

WASHINGTON (AP) — Actor Mel Gibson is the top pick of people who were asked who they would like to have deliver their Christmas cards.

Actress-model Cindy Crawford and Santa Claus tied for second. Finishing fourth and fifth were actors Brad Pitt and Denzel Washington, respectively.

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Sheri and Boyd Schless, third and fourth from left, are surrounded by family on their Nibley, Utah, ranch. The Schless family is building an arena for people with disabilities to ride in.

Ranch is testimony to Utah man's love for children

NIBLEY, Utah (AP) — A visit to the Quarter Circle JV Ranch quickly confirms what second-generation owner Boyd Schless will tell you: His father really loved kids.

To the side of the old ranch house on the outskirts of Nibley are the swing and small ferris wheel that were family-reunion favorites. Near the barn is the bright red horsedrawn wagon that Jack Schless used for parades — and children's entertainment.

And although the elder Schless passed away several years ago, he would likely be happy to see what's being done with the place. His son's family is carrying on the legacy by building an arena where they hope to teach disabled youth to ride horses and drive wagon teams.

"Dad always had a bunch of kids down here," said Boyd Schless, who bought the ranch to keep it in the family after his mother died last spring. "We're just trying to do what he would have liked to see happen with the farm."

For the Schless family — Boyd,

his wife, Sheri, and their five children — the need to "make a difference" working with disabled youth became clear when disability touched their lives. Nearly two years ago, Boyd's nephew, Jason McPhee, was paralyzed when he broke his

'Dad always had a bunch of kids down here.'

— Boyd Schless

neck in a skiing accident.

"When he got hurt, it hit home pretty hard to everybody," Schless said. "We thought some other handicapped kids could use some help."

They got the idea to build an arena from Annie Christensen, whose 4-H group "Bits of Freedom" uses the Logan-Cache Arena to teach people with disabilities to ride horses.

Schless hopes to use the family's arena to provide another facility for the disabled. While Logan Parks Manager Joel Lundstrom said the

arena — contrary to rumor — will continue to provide the same opportunities to Bits of Freedom, he conceded that scheduling has become increasingly difficult at the bookend-solid city-county facility.

The Schless family has been working since spring to complete its arena, which is about 100 feet wide and 250 feet long. It's filled with about a foot of sawdust and clay to ensure soft landings. Schless estimates that such a project would have cost him at least \$5,000 if it weren't for the assistance he received from neighbors and contractors.

"We've had a lot of help from volunteers," Schless said. "All we had to do was mention it and people wanted to get involved." Schless stressed that the family will also run the facility as a volunteer effort — not as a business.

Now that the arena is finished, the Schlesses are working to bring together their first students. They'd like to start next spring or summer, using the several wagons and dozen or so horses they have on the ranch.

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