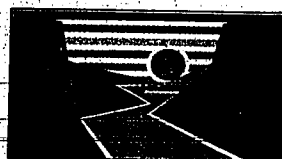


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Congress split on Bosnia force

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate gave grudging endorsement Wednesday to deployment of U.S. troops to keep the tenuous peace in Bosnia.

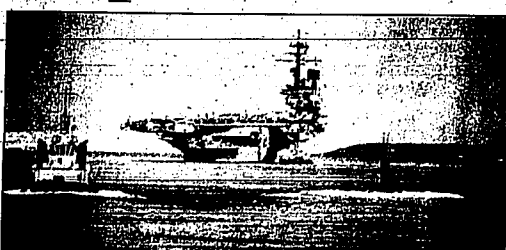
But reflecting the deep divisions on Capitol Hill, the House voted to express "serious concerns and opposition" to President Clinton's Bosnia policy.

As U.S. military air cargo planes were landing in Bosnia amid record snowfall, both houses rejected resolutions earlier Wednesday to deny funds for sending the 20,000 American troops there.

That was probably the strongest statement of support they could possibly make," said White House spokesman Mike McCurry.

Closing two days of debate on Bosnia, Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., said the Senate's 69-30 vote was a signal to the U.S. troops that "we support you."

However, Dole said that the resolution he and Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., drafted in consultation with the White House "does not endorse the president's decision. This resolution does not endorse the agreement reached in Dayton. This resolution



The aircraft carrier USS America passes through the Suez Canal on its way to the Adriatic Sea off the former Yugoslavia to support deployment of NATO forces. Accompanying the carrier is the submarine USS Oklahoma City, at right, in this picture taken Dec. 9.

Shortly before the Senate voted, the House passed 287-141, a resolution sponsored by Reps. Stephen Buyer, R-Ind., and

like Skelton, D-Mo., expressing "serious concern and opposition" to Clinton's policy but supporting the troops.

The votes were taken as Clinton flew to

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Idahoan holds her policy line

The Associated Press

BOISE — Congressman Helen Chenoweth, R-Idaho, returned from a tour of Bosnia a strong-thinned in her resolve to oppose President Clinton's commitment of 20,000 U.S. troops to the international peace-keeping force there, a spokeswoman said.

After visiting Sarajevo and Tuzla and seeing the destruction there, spokeswoman Chris Bershers told KIDO radio in Boise Wednesday "she's more convinced than ever that our ground troops should not be going in."

Bershers said Chenoweth specifically cited a conversation with a leader of one

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Chenoweth

Moving in at Jerome



Jerome High School students, from left, Lonnie Lampe; Randy Culver and Brian Allred assemble lockers for the new vocational building at the school.

Jerome schools open high-tech vocational ag building

By H.R. Weixel
Times-News writer

JEROME — Jerome High School students are moving into a new vocational-agriculture building this week.

Equipment and classroom furnishings are being moved from a classroom across town at the Middle School to the High School campus.

Students will begin classes in the 10,400 square foot building as soon as electrical equipment is in place that will allow building inspectors to test and approve the shop for occupancy. The approval is expected to be granted and classes begin this week. Tom Clifton, agricultural instructor, told the School Board Tuesday.

A telecommunications room will feature four large-screen televisions with cameras that will link with the College of Southern Idaho via satellite.

"Our students can even interact with CSI professors and Jerome High School students will be able to see CSI experi-

ments using equipment Jerome could never afford," Clifton said.

"The agriculture curriculum used at the Jerome High School matches the studies available to freshmen and sophomores at CSI. Four years of agriculture at Jerome High School gives a student the opportunity to carry up to 19 credits toward a degree at CSI," Clifton said.

"CSI funded a grant for much of the equipment in this room," Clifton said.

In the computer lab, 16 computers, funded by the Carl Perkins Act, are available for use by students taking ag management and other technology classes.

"We hope to fill this room with 30 computers in the next five years," Clifton said.

A shop area has 24 arc and gas welders, metal-working equipment and room enough to drive a combine through the front doors.

Equipment for testing feed and milk has been made available, "from generous donations from Northwest Labs in

Jerome," Clifton said.

Veterinary science will be available for seniors.

A 640-square-foot greenhouse will be built in the spring. Students will then study plant science, greenhouse management, and business record-keeping. "The class will become self-sufficient by selling plants," the instructor said.

There are 120 students enrolled in vocational classes at this time, with many more expected to come now that we have this new building," said Clifton.

The building, was funded by a \$560,000 two-year override levy approved by voters in May 1994. About \$515,000 has been committed to date.

The balance of \$45,000 is required for the greenhouse; landscaping and fencing, said Mike Gibson, Jerome School District business manager.

"The school district and vo-ag advisory board hopes to further equip the new facility from donations received from throughout the Magic Valley," Clifton said.

Connect schools to Internet now, panel advises

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Communities should push schools and libraries onto the information superhighway by the year 2000, a panel appointed by President Clinton recommended Wednesday.

"We know it's going to happen anyway in 15 to 20 years," said Ed McCracken, chief executive officer of Silicon Graphics Inc., and co-chairman of the United States Advisory Council on the National Information Infrastructure.

"What we decided was, why not try to do it earlier? The benefits to the country would be great."

"It would cost about \$11 billion to connect all public schools to the Internet, the panel estimated.

But schools often remain cautious about making big computer purchases, worried they will buy the wrong thing or spend thousands on quickly obsolete equipment, the panel noted.

Poorer school districts and those in rural areas face special problems. Often, schools must do extensive renovations simply to get modern phone lines into buildings constructed 50 to 70 years ago.

The panel found success stories others can follow:

• In Chester Ridge School District in

rural Fishertown, Pa., teachers each year seek corporate grants that provide free Internet access, then use the time to train colleagues and help students. Technical director Kathy Popp calls it "the great equalizer," providing teachers the professional help and students the library books the district can't afford.

• A radio station in Lansing, Mich., formed a partnership with seven schools to help students e-mail questions about current events to the news staff, the White House, the governor and people around the world.

• At Rosa Parks Interparish Elementary in Baltimore, a corporate grant

helped students talk via computer with the school's namesake, the legendary civil rights activist.

• In Toos, N.M., students and adults use a university's computers to look for jobs, visit a virtual library, get health information or send e-mail to lawmakers.

The town, the state, local businesses and corporations help pay for the effort.

Community leaders are key to such efforts because federal aid only funds a few pilot projects, said Carol Fukunaga, a Hawaii state senator on the panel.

The report found that parents with technical knowledge often are a school's best resource.

Effective stroke treatment found

BOSTON (AP) — For the first time, doctors have an emergency treatment for strokes. It is a medicine that can help victims escape the permanent brain damage that leads to paralysis and loss of speech.

A landmark government study published Thursday shows that quick injections of the clot-dissolving drug TPA — tissue plasminogen activator — dramatically improve the chances that stroke patients will pull through with little or no lasting effects.

It is the entrance of a new era in the treatment of acute stroke," said Dr. Philip Wolf of Boston University Medical School.

Until now, doctors have been helpless to do anything for people rushed to emergency rooms in the first hours of a stroke, a brain-wrecking catastrophe that afflicts about 500,000 Americans annually. Strokes are the leading source of adult disability and the No. 3 cause of death after heart disease and cancer.

The discovery means strokes will have to be considered emergencies by ambulance crews, and patients themselves, since prompt treatment is essential. Giving TPA too late in the course of a stroke can do more harm than good, triggering disastrous bleeding in the brain.

This makes the use of TPA a high-stakes balancing act: Given to the right stroke patient, it can prevent lifelong disability. Given to the wrong one, it can kill.

To be effective and safest, experts say TPA must be administered within the first three hours of symptoms. Further, doctors must give a CT scan first to make sure that the stroke results from a blood clot in the brain — as about 80 percent of all strokes do — and not bleeding from a broken blood vessel.

Even when used properly, the treatment touches off bleeding in the brain in 6 percent of patients. However, the study concludes that this harm is more than offset by the reduction in symptoms among stroke survivors.

The study, overseen and financed by the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, was published in the New England Journal of Medicine.

TPA and similar drugs have already revolutionized the care of heart attacks. They dissolve



Dr. James Grota of the University of Houston speaks at the National Institute of Health in Bethesda, Md., Wednesday.

blood clots that become lodged in the heart's arteries, preventing the death of heart tissue. Experts caution, however, that sorting out which stroke patients should get TPA will be harder than treating heart attack victims, since the consequences of a mistake are so dire.

"The worst thing that could happen would be to have everybody adopt this as a sound-bite headline and say all patients with stroke get TPA," said the head of the institute's stroke division, Dr. Michael Walker. "Unfortunately, that is often what happens when these sorts of things come out."

The hazards were highlighted by another major study released last winter. In that experi-

Stroke warning signs

Now that emergency treatment for strokes is available, experts say it is essential for people to learn the warning signs so that they seek care quickly. The American Heart Association lists these typical stroke symptoms:

- Sudden weakness or numbness of the face, arm or leg on one side of the body.
- Sudden dimness or loss of vision, particularly in one eye.
- Loss of speech or trouble talking or understanding speech.
- Sudden, severe headaches with no known cause.
- Unexplained dizziness, unsteadiness or sudden falls, especially along with any of the other warning signs.

SOURCE: The Associated Press

ment, European doctors gave TPA up to six hours after stroke symptoms began. Among victims who already had signs of dying brain tissue, TPA increased the risk of death by two-thirds.

"In the short term, I hope physicians will be cautious with this treatment and not immediately start using it in the emergency room without getting education about the finer points of selecting and managing patients," said Dr. John R. Marler, lead author of the latest study.

His study was conducted on 624 patients at hospitals affiliated with eight U.S. medical centers. They were randomly assigned to get either TPA — which is sold under the brand Activase and made by Genentech Inc. — or dummy shots.

After three months, doctors judged the patients' conditions on four scales of stroke symptoms. Depending on the measure used, those getting TPA were between 30 percent and 50 percent more likely to have full or nearly complete recoveries.

On the most conservative of these scales, the doctors found that 31 percent of TPA patients either had no permanent disability or were left with such minor symptoms as slight weakness in one arm. By comparison, 20 percent of those in the untreated group were thus fortunate.

Vaccine blocks cocaine 'high'

NEW YORK (AP) — Scientists have developed an experimental vaccine that blocks the drug's powerfully seductive "high" by spawning antibodies that mop up drug particles in the bloodstream before they reach the brain.

The vaccine, if it proves effective, could be used to treat overdoses, ease addicts' cravings and maybe even reduce addiction, said Alan Leshner, a neuroscientist and director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

Psychological and behavioral techniques are used now to treat cocaine addiction. Various experimental drugs are being studied, but none have shown more than very modest results, said Frank Vocci, a pharmacologist with the national institute.

"I believe the single most important thing this country needs to do to solve the cocaine problem is to develop a medication — either for overdose or for craving," Leshner said.

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Negotiators agree on compromise defense bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — House and Senate negotiators completed work Wednesday on a defense bill that would add billions to weapons programs but is headed for a presidential veto.

The \$264.7 billion defense authorization bill calls for a slight increase over last year's spending level but would add \$7 billion to President Clinton's request for the current fiscal year. It would also end abortions at military hospitals, restrict foreign command of U.S. troops, and require deployment of a national missile defense system by 2003.

Clinton will veto the bill, Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., a senior member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said he was told by National Security Advisor Anthony D'Amico.

The veto threat raises the possibility

that the bill would not be completed by the end of the year. If that happens, military pay and benefits increases as well as base construction projects would be placed on hold.

The total spending provided in the bill comes closer to the Senate-passed version. But House negotiators insisted on provisions that would provide \$493 billion toward expanding the B-2 bomber fleet, cut staff in the Office of the Secretary of Defense by 25 percent over five years, and reduce the defense acquisition work force by 15,000 this year.

Of the \$7 billion increase in Clinton's request, \$5.2 billion would go to new weapons. These include:

- \$1.9 billion for ammunition, \$440 million above Clinton's request.
- \$823 million for 18 Navy FA-18 fighters, six more than Clinton requested.

— \$471 million for six Air Force F-15s and six F-16s not requested by Clinton.

• \$4.3 billion for a Navy helicopter carrier not requested by Clinton.

• \$974 million for an amphibious transport ship not requested by Clinton. Other major procurement proposals include \$2.2 billion for continued development of the F-22 fighter, \$2.5 billion for eight C-17 transport planes, and \$805 million for continued development of the V-22 Marine Corps tilt-rotor aircraft.

In a rare reduction from an administration request, the defense bill calls for spending just over \$2 billion for submarines, with \$700 million of that amount going toward construction of the third Seawolf attack submarine at the Electric Boat shipyard in Groton, Conn. Clinton had requested \$2.8 bil-

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Terrorism plot suspect arrested

NEW YORK (AP) — A suspect in a plot to bomb 11 U.S. jetliners over the Far East on a single day pleaded innocent Wednesday in federal court, one day after federal agents brought him to the United States.

Wali Khan Amin Shah, a stocky man with a mustache, stood silently as U.S. District Judge Kevin Duffy entered the plea on his behalf and ordered him held without bail.

"The crimes charged in the indictment are chilling," said S. Attorney Mary White, who made a rare courtroom appearance at Shah's arraignment. "Their objective was to kill innocent American passengers."

Outside the courtroom, Shah's attorney asserted his client's innocence.

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Briefly

Suspect arrested in lesbian slayings

MEDFORD, Ore. — Police in California Wednesday arrested a 27-year-old man in the slaying of two lesbian activists who were found bound, gagged and shot in the back of their pickup.

Robert James Acremant was taken into custody at a motel in north Stockton, said Stockton police Sgt. Thomas Wells. Medford authorities issued an arrest warrant Tuesday charging Acremant with two counts of aggravated murder in the deaths of Roxanne Ellis and Michelle Abdill. Police received more than 175 telephone tips in recent days, and one put them on Acremant's trail in California, Medford Police Chief Ray Shinsky said. Acremant is believed to have moved from California to Medford recently.

Ellis and Abdill were active opponents of Oregon's recently defeated anti-gay initiative.

FBI searches home in Amtrak case

VAL VERDE, Calif. — FBI agents hunting for the Arizona Amtrak saboteur raided the mountain home of a railroad contractor Wednesday and took him away for questioning along with bags of evidence.

John Ernest Olin, 32, he has been questioned several times previously, said his lawyer, Allan Sarkin. A private contractor who worked for railroads, he rented the house about 40 miles northwest of Los Angeles where he lives with his girlfriend and her child.

"He's a suspect, as is anybody who worked on the railroads," Sarkin said outside the house. A railroad crossing sign adorned the front gate, and a pickup truck in the driveway bore Arizona plates.

The sealed search warrant was believed to be the first issued in the case.

Prolific bank robbers toy with FBI

ST. LOUIS — A pair of holdup men who have hit at least 18 Midwestern banks are playing head games with the FBI.

They are wearing FBI logos during their holdups, using agents' names when they buy getaway cars, and writing letters to newspapers making fun of the bureau.

"They think it's amusing. We do not," said Robert Hawk, FBI spokesman in Cleveland. "We consider this to be a very serious matter. Bank robbery is not funny."

San Franciscans elect Brown mayor

San Francisco Mayor-elect Willie Brown flashed his trademark smile and promised the city that things will be different — the buses will run, crime will drop and the homeless will get help.

Brown, the former powerful Assembly speaker, easily defeated incumbent Frank Jordan in Tuesday's runoff election and will become the city's first black mayor when he is sworn in next month.

Half a continent away in Chicago, Jesse Jackson Jr., the 30-year-old son of the civil rights leader, celebrated a landslide victory over his Republican opponent, lawyer-Thomas-Somer. Jackson won the House seat left vacant by Mel Reynolds, who resigned after being convicted of sexual misconduct.

Anti-missile missile misses target

WASHINGTON — An experimental anti-missile missile the Army is developing to protect troops in the field failed Wednesday in its first attempt to intercept a target in flight, officials said.

The interceptor, known as a Theater High Altitude Area Defense missile, was supposed to strike a Storm target missile in a test at White Sands Missile Range, N.M.

Compiled from wire reports

Book income proposal splits GOP lawmakers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans feuded Wednesday over a House ethics committee proposal to limit lawmakers' book income beginning Jan. 1 — and cost Speaker Newt Gingrich a potentially large pot of money.

The dispute pitted the five Republicans on the ethics committee against the powerful chairman of the House Rules Committee, Rep. Gerald Solomon, R-N.Y. He vowed to block the measure for now.

The ethics committee voted 10-0 Tuesday to make book royalties part of an existing \$20,040 annual limit on non-congressional earned income. Book income currently is exempt from the ceiling.



Gingrich

The longer the proposal is delayed, the longer Gingrich has to earn royalties on sales of his book of political philosophy, "To Renew America." Gingrich earns 15 percent on hard cover copies now in bookstores, and also would get a future cut of paper-

backs, audio tapes and sales in Europe.

Even if the rules change is eventually approved, a long delay could place hundreds of thousands of dollars in Gingrich's pocket.

Gingrich said he favored hearings on the proposal, a scenario that would thwart committee plans for a House vote before congressional adjournment this month.

Solomon said he's adamantly opposed to the proposal and thinks it should be studied for a year before it's even considered. Unless the House GOP leadership overrules him, Solomon's committee would be a roadblock, since the panel decides which measures go to the full House.

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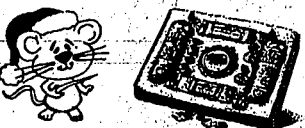
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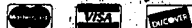
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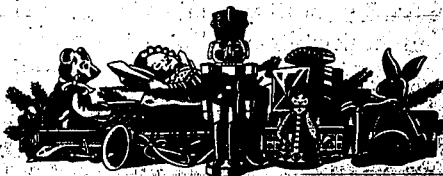
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World

Attorneys clash in rape case

TOKYO (AP) — Three Japanese lawyers and an American attorney faced off Wednesday, but it wasn't in a courtroom — and the four are expected to be in the same side.

The lawyers all represent three U.S. servicemen accused of raping a Japanese schoolgirl, and their latest battle is among themselves.

The American claimed he had a "arsenal set of facts" that would help him get the trial moved off the island of Okinawa.

The Japanese lawyers said the law didn't allow the trial to be moved, and told their U.S. colleague his interference was doing more harm than good.

At the meeting Wednesday between the Japanese lawyers and New York attorney Michael Griffith, culture clash was evident.

"We are annoyed by the amount of noise he is making," said Yusaku Arakawa, an Okinawan defense lawyer for Marine Pfc. Kendrick Ledet. "He is also offending Okinawans with his words."

"What Mr. Griffith has been doing here is serious harm to the interests of the defendants and us defense lawyers," Arakawa said.

Griffith said that if the court has a problem with his attitude, it certainly shouldn't affect the way it treats his clients.

"If that's going to hurt these guys, there's something seriously wrong with this system," he said.

Griffith, who represents the families of two defendants, is seeking to have the trial moved off Okinawa because of the "prejudiced atmosphere" on the island. The rape has reignited anger at the presence of U.S. bases in Okinawa, where two-thirds of the 47,000 American troops in Japan are housed.

"We think that the judges should not be subjected to undue pressure to find these men guilty. They have to live here," Griffith said. "For a defense lawyer in the United States, this is a dream set of facts. If this goes on in any civilized country, there'd be a change of venue, period."

But in Japan, changing venue is almost unheard of, in part because the country does not have a jury system. And once the presentation of evidence has begun, a change is out of the question.

Prosecutors have already begun to present their evidence in the trial, which is taking place periodically in the Okinawan capital of Naha.

Ledet, 20, of Waycross, Ga.; Marine Pfc. Rodrico Harp, 21, of Griffin, Ga.; and Navy Seaman Marcus Gill, 22, of Woodville, Texas, are charged with rape causing injury, which carries a maximum sentence of life in prison.

Gill has acknowledged raping the 12-year-old girl, while Harp and Ledet have admitted they helped plot her abduction but did not rape her. She was seized as she emerged from a stationery store where she had bought school supplies.

The girl suffered facial and abdominal injuries that required two days of hospitalization and another two weeks of treatment.

Britons prefer queen as ambassador

LONDON (AP) — Princess Diana wowed the jet set this week in New York, but Britons still think her mother-in-law is their nation's best royal ambassador, according to a poll published Wednesday.

The poll found that the older Britons are, the more they like Queen Elizabeth II, while Diana was favored by younger people and blue-collar workers.

Overall, 50 percent of the 1,201 people questioned in the polls by ICM for London's Guardian news-paper thought the queen was the

most effective royal ambassador, and 33 percent chose Diana. Their respective husbands, however, were considered duds.

Prince Charles, Diana's estranged husband and the heir to the throne, earned just 7 percent approval in the survey, and his father, Prince Philip, got 2 percent. Others questioned in the survey did not know or had no opinion.

Among people over 65, the 69-year-old monarch outscored Diana 60-28. The queen also did well — 56-27 — among the over-35s.

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Editorial

School board wise to look at alternative school options

Twin Falls School Board members are looking at options for the future of their alternative high school — and good for them. That's exactly what voters wanted them to do.

Three months ago, Twin Falls voters rejected a tax levy for an alternative-school building. The reasons were plain at the time, and they've been confirmed by the district's post-election survey of public opinion. Although local taxpayers generally support the alternative-school program, they say they don't want to shell out for a brand-new building to house it.

Currently, the program rents space from the First Presbyterian Church in an arrangement that is wearing thin for both parties. Before the election, district officials told voters that new construction was necessary because no other suitable building was vacant in the community.

Voters didn't buy that logic. Now lo and behold, a Christmas miracle — district officials report that they are negotiating for a building that recently became available.

While these negotiations go on, the district is looking at an alternative night-school program. It's hardly an ideal arrangement, but truly motivated students would find ways to adapt.

Those are the kind of students the alternative school attracts. For a variety of reasons, these youngsters performed poorly in traditional school settings. They are grateful for a second opportunity, and they work hard to succeed in the alternative program.

That history suggests the School Board should ignore the results of a separate school-district survey of al-

ternative-school students and teachers.

The teachers and students were asked whether they would stay with the school if it shifted to evening classes. Only 13 of 86 students said yes. All 15 teachers said no.

In our view, this survey is meaningless. Its only purpose is to scare the board away from the night-school option. In real life, many of those students and teachers would change their minds about night school if that's what was offered.

That doesn't mean a night program is the right solution. It would be inconvenient for many students, and it would duplicate Jerome's night program. But the board must ask itself: Should Twin Falls taxpayers have to support two separate high school facilities, each of which is mostly empty for 16 hours a day?

Eventually, of course, Twin Falls will need two high schools, and the board should be looking ahead to that day. When that day comes, the second school probably should be a technical-preparatory school, catering to kids with interests in scientific and technical fields. It probably should be located on the district's property near the College of Southern Idaho.

Even though the need for a second high school is still several years away, it's not too soon for the district to begin developing a plan and sharing it with district residents.

Meanwhile, the alternative school is a valid program that deserves to continue. Where it will be located, and in what form, are unanswered questions. But the voters clearly were right. Construction is not the only option.



Market offers better social security deal

James K. Glassman

My candidate for Woman of the Year is Anne Scheiber, who died in January at the age of 101 and left her estate, \$22 million worth of stocks, to Yeshiva University in New York.

Scheiber worked for 23 years as a drone at the Internal Revenue Service, and despite a law degree, she was never promoted and never made more than \$4,000 a year.

She believed, with good reason, that the IRS discriminated against her because of her sex.

She scrimped and scraped and managed to save \$5,000 by the time she retired in 1944. She put it all into the market. By holding on to the stocks she owned, such as Coca-Cola and Merck, she denied her hated ex-employer capital gains taxes.

When she died, the original \$5,000 had grown to \$22 million, which she gave to a university that had never heard of her.

Again, no cut for the IRS. It's a wonderful story for the season, a parable filled with all the virtues: faith, hope, charity — and revenge.

The story also demonstrates the incredible power of compounding. If you invest a small sum in great companies and keep it there, those firms will earn profits on their profits, and over time, your small sum will become a gigantic one.

A good retirement system is based on exactly this principle. Unfortunately, the Social Security system is not, and as a result, Americans in their twenties and thirties (never mind their children) have little chance of getting decent benefits when they retire, or perhaps any benefits at all.

Rather than taking its cue from Anne Scheiber, with her patience and frugality, Social Security is founded on the philosophy of Charles Ponzi, who invented one of the most popular investment schemes of the century. In a Ponzi scheme, the scam artist tells investors that, if they give him their money, he'll guarantee a huge return — say, 50 percent in six months. The scammer pockets their funds rather than investing them and then finds more suckers, using their money to pay off the first group. Meanwhile, word spreads about this fabulous deal, and the

scam artist is besieged with investors. Eventually, however, a Ponzi scheme falls of its own weight. Late investors never get paid because the scammer can't find enough suckers.

Social Security works the same way. Workers think that they are investing for their own accounts, but actually their payroll taxes go straight to current retirees. There's something called a "trust fund," but it's small, and it's filled with dubious non-negotiable government bonds, not real assets.

"No such trust fund exists in any meaningful sense," writes economist Karl Borden in a recent paper for the Cato Institute. Arthur P. Hall, senior economist for the Tax Foundation, calls it "a fiction."

As with a Ponzi scheme, initial retirees made out like bandits under Social Security. A scholarly piece in the *Social Security Bulletin* by Dean R. Lejmer estimates that early retirees received benefits at an annual rate of return (adjusted for inflation) of 56.5 percent. But for Americans born in 1975 and later, the return will be less than 2 percent.

That 2 percent may be optimistic. Hall "factored in tax increases" necessary to keep Social Security solvent" and found that the latest born after 1950 will receive a negative return, based on what they've contributed in payroll taxes.

Like the Ponzi scammer, Social Security won't be able to find enough suckers in the years ahead to keep benefits flowing to earlier investors. The report of the Bipartisan Commission on Entitlement and Tax Reform, issued a year ago and almost completely ignored, states: "In 2008, the first of the Baby Boom generation — Americans who are now 48 years old — will begin to retire. In a single decade, while our overall population increases by 2 percent, our retired population will increase nearly 30 percent."

One of the few politicians who seems willing to look this problem in the eye is Sen. Bob Kerrey, D-Ieb., the chairman of the entitlement commission.

In an interview, he told me he wanted to increase the retirement age to 70 and make cost-of-living hikes more realistic (that is, smaller). These ideas are well-intentioned, but they will make Social Security an even worse deal for current workers than it is now.

Kerrey has another idea, though. He wants to allow Americans to direct a tiny portion of their payroll taxes to private retirement accounts rather than Social Security.

He's on the right track, but he doesn't go far enough. In fact, the time has come to end Social Security as we know it and allow Americans to build their own nest eggs, using Scheiber's philosophy rather than Ponzi's.

Some smart economists agree. One of them is Lawrence B. Lindsey, a Federal Reserve governor, who wants to see the payroll taxes that currently feed the Social Security may instead go into real investments for retirement — like stocks and bonds.

If you invest \$4,000 a year in stocks that return 12 percent, you'll have about \$3 million at the end of your working lifetime — a nice piece of change, even after inflation.

William Shipman of State Street Global Advisors in Boston has calculated that, "assuming historical rates of return, if individuals born in 1970 were allowed to invest in stocks the amount they currently pay in Social Security taxes, (they) could receive nearly six times the benefits that they are scheduled to receive under Social Security, as much as \$11,729 a month." And that's in inflation-adjusted 1995 dollars.

How to make the transition from public to private? Lindsey's idea is to keep current retirees on Social Security, give others credit for contributions they've already made, then issue debt to cover these obligations and set up a debt out of general federal revenues. Of course, we're talking about a large obligation here. But, as Lindsey told me, "We owe this money anyway." Which adds another virtue — honesty — to Anne Scheiber's legacy.

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Constitution guarantees laws

Last week, two anniversaries passed, setting a great deal about this country. On Dec. 7, 1787, Delaware became the first state to ratify the Constitution. That is the document still providing our republic its pattern of law.

The second anniversary is more widely recognized. Pearl Harbor Day memorializes those killed during a surprise attack in 1941. That the attack on the strength, resilience and caring to rise above that day and move to victory.

A description for last Thursday would be "pathetic" at best. Most of the so-called coverage provided on these anniversaries amounted to no more than a candy-coated apology for the dropping of two bombs. The action ended the war. No matter how you crunch the numbers, war is an ugly business. No military action can truly pass the "mother test."

However, the next time some whiney liberal journalist dares to compare the sailors of the Arizona to the children of Hiroshima, remember one thing. The document the Japanese sought to destroy, the very document that they misunderstood, protected them.

Our Constitution's benevolent values checked the need of its people to destroy their enemy. Instead, we rebuilt Japan, and the pattern of law (earned by the blood of American generations) passed to its culture.

DUSTIN Z. CALHOUN
Jerome

Coverage brought in audience

To Denise Turner:
Greetings from Boise. The snow is just starting to fall here, so I guess it must be winter. I sure hope we'll be blessed with a good snowpack in the mountains, although I still think there might be more progress, better plans and better people made in times when the limitations on water supply are more readily perceived by the public. This is just a little note to thank you and *The Times-News* for your excellent coverage of the "1995 Forum On Church and Land."

Both of the evening sessions at O'Leary auditorium got good feedback from those who participated. I hope we were able to contribute in a small way toward better understanding of some of the social, spiritual, political, theological and ethical dimensions of our relationship to water and the very real challenges and conflicts we face, looking into the future with increasingly scarce water resources and in a habitat with increasingly chaotic spiritual understandings. Your pieces helped get more than 90 people out to each of those evenings. Thanks for your part. We really appreciate it.

I know there is much to do. We hope the small pieces of the puzzle that each of us are working on will someday make a community more conserving, more productive and more compassionate. I hope our grandchildren will have access to better water and better land by our work. Maybe better people with more heart as well. Here's wishing you more wisdom, more serenity, more unrest and more strength to keep on keeping on, as we enter Advent.

JOHN PITNEY
Boise

Letters

Keep U.S. forces away from U.N.

To Sens. Larry Craig and Dirk Kempthorne and to Rep. Michael Crapo:
A letter signed by more than 40 members of Congress was sent to President Clinton recently, questioning the president's assumed authority to place American soldiers under United Nations' command. I hope you will add your support on this important constitutional issue.

I request your immediate action to prevent the Clinton Defense Department from taking action against Army Spc. Michael New for resolutely adhering to his patriotic duty — having taken an oath to defend the Constitution, he refused to wear the U.N. uniform or to serve under U.N. command.

Michael New was recruited to serve the red, white and blue, not the United Nations flag. Michael New did not take an oath to defend the United Nations or its charter. He took an oath he understood to be exclusive to the United States of America. It was his understanding that joining the U.S. Army

would subject him to the U.S. government exclusively, subject only to constitutional limitations.

The UN's oath of service requires the affiant to "discharge those functions and regulate my conduct with the United Nations only in view, and not seek or expect instruction in respect to the performance of my duties from any government or other authority external to the organization."

Please support Michael New and the Constitution and oath he is trying to uphold. To readers of *The Times-News*, please clip this letter and send it along with your expressed support to Sens. Larry Craig and Dirk Kempthorne, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510, or Rep. Michael Crapo, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC 20515.

GAYLIN K. PATTERSON
Barley

Salvation Army fights good fight
In this season of peace on earth and good

will to men, I am made to wonder what motivates the people that are responsible for the lack of bells ringing around the Salvation Army posts located in the mall, and various other places in Twin Falls.

They must get a lot of Christmas cheer out of seeing grown people roasting a paddle with the words "ding" on one side and "dong" on the other side of it. Or are they afraid that the few dollars that go into the pots designed to help the needy will detract from the profits for the shopping season?

I'm sure that the tinkling of the bells won't cause too much noise. I can only think that there is a segment of our population, however small that it may be, dominating the lives of us that would like to see Christmas traditions continue as they have in the past.

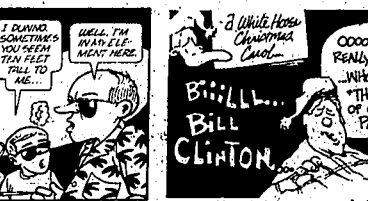
My hat's off to the Salvation Army for the work that it is trying to do, and I hope to hear the bells ringing once again.

DUANE W. OWEN
Kimberly

Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley



Opinion

Letters

No excuse: Bridge should have been sandced

I cannot believe what has happened during the week of Dec. 4-8. Am I the only one that knows that during the winter months it always gets colder as the sun comes up? Why has the "obtuseness" of some highly paid people cost a woman her life?

I am referring to the death of Vickie McFlymond, a mother of two, a daughter of someone, the love of someone's life, and a friend to many. All because the bridge was not slick at 6:30 in the morning. The temperature was essentially 31-32 degrees and it was raining or had been raining either way, moisture on the road. Weather is already cold. Let's say 32 degrees.

What is 32 degrees? In my day, that was freezing point. It is 6:30 a.m., the bridge is not slick, just wet - or is they say. Sun comes up at about 7:30 or 7:45 a.m. That means there was at least an hour before the sun came up. That meant it was going to get colder. So why didn't they sand those bridges?

Tell others and me why! You are

already there, you are loaded with the sand, and you are already being paid to do the job. Tell me what is the story you have, and it better be more than what has already been said.

Or could it be that no one checked the bridges, Hansen and the Ferrine? Could it be that they just figured everything would be all right? Will we ever know the actuality? Can we, the community, feel that the bridges will be checked and taken care of? Or do we stay in our houses and wait for spring?

I do not know Vickie, I had never met her, and my heart goes out to those who do. Her death most likely could have been prevented with a little perspicacity, such as sanding the bridges during wet weather when the temperatures teeter into the "freezing" zone. I feel that there is no excuse for what happened.

I would also like to thank the College of Southern Idaho for having "salted" the sidewalks and steps. The cowboys were just wet, but CSI cares about the safety of the students and faculty.

KARLENE COON, Filer

Declo Hills issues shows people make a difference

Sam Skaggs gave the people of Idaho and America a real Christmas present this year. Land that is listed, as disposable does not mean we dispose of the wishes of the people.

The support of *The Times-News* has demonstrated its concern for the people and the issues that we face. It is difficult to handle government issues without the support of your editorial staffs. The costs for the average citizen is too high to bring these issues to the forefront.

The people of the Declo Hills Coalition and many people who were concerned about this land trade should be applauded for an outstanding effort.

A new land plan will be formulated in the future. It would be wise for all of us to have some input into disposable lands and tracts. The land board is moving to development and not disposal for state lands.

It will take six months to sort out the documents and legal matters on this matter. When the lawyers get into

the program, you have to be a speed reader. It will be interesting reading for those who are concerned about the land and how things happen.

The coal-fired plant went down to defeat, the bombing range had its day and now the Declo Hills. People do make a difference when they make an effort. Nuclear waste is too big for all of us, but is surely is one that we cannot ignore.

NICK ROKICH, Burley

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World

Heavy snow blankets Sarajevo; city declares emergency status

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — The heaviest snowfall since before the 1984 Winter Olympics blocked public transport and cut water and electricity services to much of the Bosnian capital Wednesday.

Near-record snowfalls also were recorded in Tuzla, future headquarters for the 20,000 U.S. troops participating in the 60,000-strong NATO force policing Bosnia's peace, and in Pale, the Serb stronghold east of Sarajevo.

In Tuzla, about 50 miles north of Sarajevo, cars and trucks, including several U.N. vehicles, slid into ditches along the twisting country roads around the airfield, blanketed overnight with snow.

U.S. Air Force pilots were able to land several C-130 cargo planes filled with supplies, using the new radar system set up just days ago.

U.N. and Bosnian workers continued to prepare the air base, where more than 1,000 Americans will be working. They carted away debris from a gravel parking lot and started enlarging it to make way for barracks and tents where soldiers will work.

"There's even a hardtop here where we can put up a basketball court," said Army Maj. Steve Reiss. "The snow turned Pale into what it



AP Photo

A woman from a Bosnian village near Tuzla salvages unharvested corn Wednesday.

was before the war — a pretty mountain village at its best when covered in white. Serb children made snowmen and threw snowballs, as their parents dug out from yard-high drifts.

The two feet of snow that fell in U.N.: N. Korea famine looms

ROME (AP) — North Korea is in danger of a widespread famine, but so far most Western nations have been unwilling to pledge aid to stop it, U.N. officials said Wednesday.

The World Food Program said it will have to stop emergency delivery of food to the closed, secretive Communist nation if Western countries don't quickly pledge funds.

North Korea sought help from the international community after floods devastated farmland in August. U.N. officials estimated that 1.5 million tons of grain were lost in the floods, which they called the worst in 100 years.

Last week, U.N. relief officials inside North Korea described scenes of hungry residents foraging for roots to eat in plowed paddy fields, and children barely surviving on watered-down corn porridge.

Official says reform will continue

MOSCOW (AP) — With his party trailing in the polls, Russia's prime minister conceded Wednesday that the opposition Communists will do well in Sunday's parliamentary elections.

Despite that, Viktor Chernomyrdin told a packed news conference he would not resign after the elections and insisted he would press ahead with free-market reforms.

There will be no U-turns on reform, said Chernomyrdin, who marks his third year in office on Thursday. "We will continue our course."

Sunday's election to the Duma, the lower house of parliament, is an important test of the government's reform policies and a gauge of Chernomyrdin's own political future.

However, the immediate impact of the vote is likely to be limited, because power in Russia is weighted toward the president, who appoints the prime minister without legislative approval.

The 450-seat Duma has rarely been able to muster the two-thirds vote needed to override a veto by the president or by the upper house, which includes many of President Boris Yeltsin's appointees.

Still, a hostile Duma could be effective in blocking government initiatives that need its approval. Under Chernomyrdin, Russia has moved forward on privatizing state industries, stabilizing the ruble and fighting inflation.

But many ordinary Russians believe they have suffered a sharp drop in living standards, and many workers in the huge state sector don't get paid on time.

24 hours prompted officials an government-held Sarajevo to declare a state of emergency.

Maj. Simon Haaseck, spokesman for NATO forces arriving in Sarajevo, said the weather may slow deployment of troops for a short period, but said that the soldiers had prepared for it.

Sarajevo officials asked residents to help clear snow from the streets, and said the snowfall was the biggest the city had seen since prior to the 1984 Winter Olympics.

The snow created havoc for water and power supplies, already battered by 3½ years of war, and most of the city was without electricity and running water.

The main road connecting the Adriatic coast with central and northern parts of Bosnia was closed early Wednesday after icy rain and strong wind knocked down power lines.

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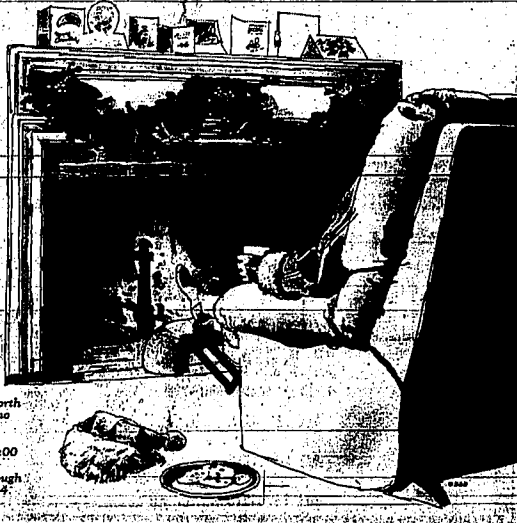
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Magic Valley

Around the valley

Locals suit up for duty in Bosnian operation

TWIN FALLS—Among the thousands of U.S. troops who are going to Bosnia in the multinational peacekeeping force are Magic Valley residents or their loved ones.

Sgt. Chad Black, 27, has been notified that he will go to Bosnia during the first week of January. He is a chemical expert with the 1st Armored Division based near Heidelberg, West Germany. His sister, Spec. David Black, is on standby for deployment to the peacekeeping mission with the armored division. Their parents are Rep. Roh and Gael Black of Twin Falls.

1st Lt. Hal Brown is on temporary duty in Italy with the Bosnian operation. He works in intelligence and is based at Mildenhall Air Force Base in England. His parents are Harold and Jeane Brown of Gooding.

If you know someone with local roots who has been deployed, please call 733-0931, ext. 234.

Police looking for clues about bullet that pierced window

TWIN FALLS—A bullet crashed through the window of a Twin Falls home Monday and barely missed a woman inside — and investigators are asking the public for information to help nab the shooter.

The shooter probably fired the shot from a small car parked outside the woman's home at 225 Camarillo Way — just as the woman bent over to look at photographs with two other people at a dining table, said Lt. Bob Gauthier of the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department. "Had she been standing, the bullet would have hit her in the chest," Gauthier said.

Gauthier declined to say who the victim is nor what caliber weapon was fired. He said detectives have a suspect. The shooter was parked on Pole Line Road, less than one block west of the Washington Street North intersection, when the shot was fired at about 8:15 p.m., he said.

Anyone with information should call the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department at 736-4040 or Crimestoppers at 736-2218. Callers can remain anonymous.

Zoning commission denies Amalgamated Sugar request

TWIN FALLS — Amalgamated Sugar Co.'s request for a rezoning on 40 acres was recommended for denial by the city's planning board this week. Planning and Zoning Administrator LaMar Orton said.

A beet dump for Amalgamated Sugar's manufacturing operation has been on rural residential zoned land for years, and the company asked the city to make the zoning conform to the land's current use. The request will pass to the City Council for consideration.

The planning board also recommended approval of a new Old Town zoning district but said that the Old Town Corp. should not be involved in interpreting development rules in the old warehouse district, Orton said.

A request by the Mongolian House restaurant to serve beer and wine was denied after neighbors and a church next-door protested, he said.

Highway commission holds public meeting on Friday

TWIN FALLS — Commissioners for the Twin Falls Highway District will meet at 1 p.m. on Friday in the district office at 1234 Highland Ave. E.

The commissioners' agenda includes discussion of the Blue Bridge, the Loughmiller Pit, Twin Falls Canal Company water shares and wood-control and gravel-crushing contracts.

City Council members meet for tour of INEL facilities

TWIN FALLS — City Council members will meet at 7:30 a.m. on Friday in the parking lot of City Hall to leave for a special meeting in Arco.

Councilmembers will tour the facilities for radioactive-waste storage at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory. Those who notified City Hall by Monday that they plan to attend should arrive at the INEL by 10:30 a.m.

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Bank announces layoffs today

The Times-News and Associated Press

TWIN FALLS — First Security Bank of Idaho employees in Twin Falls were told Tuesday and Wednesday whether they would be laid off during the corporation's final move in its restructuring plan, but officials won't reveal until today the number of people affected.

No Magic Valley offices are scheduled for closure, but some workers in outlying branches will be laid off, according to an anonymous Magic Valley source.

Chairman J. Pat McMurray in Boise declined to discuss the magnitude of layoffs that began statewide on Monday until a formal news conference today. By then,

he said, all the 1,700 employees in Idaho as well as the other 5,600 other workers in Utah, Oregon, Nevada, Wyoming and New Mexico will know their fate. Some jobs are being eliminated immediately while others will be phased out during 1996, McMurray said.

Some Magic Valley workers were told they would have their jobs through December 1996 but there would be no promises after that, the source said. The source did not know how many Magic Valley workers are being laid off.

First Security Bank Vice President Curtis H. Eaton in Twin Falls was unavailable for comment Wednesday. Bryan Hayhurst, a bank vice president and retail services manager in Twin Falls, would not comment.

The bank, viewed as relatively inefficient compared with other banks, has been analyzing its operations for the past six months with an eye toward making them more efficient by reducing what some analysts see as excessive overhead costs.

First Security Bank's return-on-assets ratio for the first six months of this year was .75 percent, meaning it earned 75 cents for every \$100 in assets, according to Sheshunoff Information Services Inc. A return-on-assets ratio compares a bank's profit to its asset size, and a ratio of 1 percent or more is the banking industry's benchmark for good performance.

In comparison, D.L. Evans Bank's return-on-assets ratio was 1.05 percent, and Farmers-National-Bank-of-Buhl's was

1.96 percent, Sheshunoff recently reported.

Of the 10 Idaho banks with assets of more than \$100 million, only two — Bank of America Idaho and US Bank of Idaho — had lower return-on-assets ratios, according to the Sheshunoff report.

McMurray insists First Security is not restructuring because it faces imminent financial problems.

"The reality of it is that the marketplace is evolving, and technology is driving change," he said. "We're in an industry that has been slow to change."

He said the bank must cut costs to remain independent in a financial services industry that has been wracked by huge mergers.

Holiday cheer on wheels



During an outing with her preschool, Jerome youngster Breana Kober, at left, gives her great-grandmother, Minnie Benton, a hug and a candy cane Wednesday morning. Shouts of 'Merry Christmas' accompanied the jingling of bells, above, as kids from First Baptist Preschool and Daycare in Jerome went caroling on a horse-drawn wagon owned by Vern Miller of Jerome. Enjoying their turn in the front of the wagon are, from left, church pastor Tom Thompson, Ryan Riggs, Sara Gilmer and Miller.

State Board president wants to change school funding

The Associated Press

BOISE — State board of Education President Curtis Eaton is quietly circulating a proposal for the state to pay for "core" public school classes such as reading and local school districts for extras such as sports.

The state would also assume responsibility for constructing and maintaining school buildings from local property taxpayers — a proposition that is strongly opposed by Gov. Phil Batt.

The problem, skeptics say, is that some districts would not be able to afford to continue their extracurricular programs. Currently, nearly half of the state's \$1.35 billion general tax budget goes to public schools. The dollars are divided up under

complex formula that focuses on students, not programs. The only state money diverted to school buildings comes from state lottery profits.

Eaton does not have specifics about how much or even whether his plan will increase the amount of state cash spent on schools. He said his proposal springs from current discussions concerning public school needs and the perennial discussion over the role for adequate state education aid.

Meridian School District Superintendent Robert Haley said the proposal would change classroom or extracurricular offerings, but shifting support for school buildings would help Meridian, which has seen two bonds fail.

Boise School District Deputy Superintendent Edward Davis and Boise Trustee David Hawk welcome the state having financial responsibility for school buildings. But both are concerned about the negative effect of the plan on extracurricular programs.

Allowing local district patrons sole financial authority for extracurricular programs could turn into a nightmare for local school boards, Hawk said, with smaller districts being hardest hit.

In the aftermath of failed school construction bonds, please see SCHOOLS/B3

US West will compensate for problems

The Associated Press

BOISE — US West Communications still struggling up to keep up with record demand for new installations, says it will reimburse customers for telephone service delays.

The company said Wednesday it has installed more than 100,000 lines in the first 10 months of this year in southern Idaho, the equivalent of wiring every residential and business telephone in Twin Falls, Caldwell, Idaho Falls and Nampa combined.

"While the vast majority of Idaho customers receive the high quality telecommunications service they expect, the guarantee plan represents an acknowledgment that some service problems do occasionally exist in rapid growth areas," said Barbara Wilson, Idaho vice president.

"More importantly, though, it is a commitment by US West Communications to provide high-quality reliable communications service."

The telephone company had a record number of installations last year and it's up 19 percent this year through the first 10 months of this year.

A news release from US West said the company has invested nearly \$50 million in its Idaho network this year to accommodate customer service needs.

"We are investing in advanced technology that not only meets today's customer needs but future demands and services as well," Wilson said.

Under the new service guarantee: If the telephone company misses an installation date, residential customers will receive a \$10 credit on their bill and business customers will receive \$40.

If a customer's service is not installed within 5 to 30 days, the installation charge will be waived. Please see US WEST/B3

Parks off federal subsidy list

By Karen Tollock

TWIN FALLS — The federal money that paid for baseball fields at Frontier Field, bridges and picnic areas in Rock Creek Park, and tennis courts in Filer has dried up.

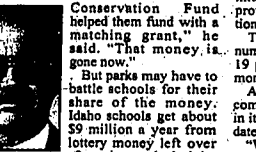
And now Idahoans' gambling habits may help replace the money lost during congressional budget cuts.

State legislators are looking to draw money from the state Lottery Fund to set up an \$8 million to \$10 million trust fund for State Parks and Recreation so officials there can revive ailing projects program.

The program, which also paid for visitor facilities around the Balanced Rock in Hagerman, went from paying for 30 to 50 projects a year to about 10 last year. The \$70 million that was used last year,



said Jim Poulsen, bureau chief of recreation resources. About \$200,000 in federal money from the Land and Water Conservation Fund was used this year, he said. Small communities around the state don't have enough money to pay for the projects on their own, said Jeff Youtz, supervisor of budget and policy analysis for the Legislature. "Every city park in Idaho has got some project that the Land and Water



Black especially those which have trouble passing new building bonds — have long lobbied the Legislature for more money for school buildings. "I think there are some basic things that we need to take care of, and I think education would come before parks and recreation," said Rep. Ron Black, R-Twin Falls. Please see PARKS/B3

Mother returns home to find kids locked in room, car gone

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Idaho Falls police are looking for a man they say locked four children into a bedroom, then stole a car from the mother of three of the children and fled the state.

Bonnie Fridley, 25, was jailed Sunday night on a failure to appear warrant. When she was released Monday afternoon, she arrived home to find four children, ages 2 to 7, locked into a bedroom.

The children, including the 4-year-old daughter of Fridley's sister Linda Murphy, were in good condition.

"They were scared, upset, really thirsty and hungry," Fridley said. "I'm not too happy about it at all."

Murphy said the children had a box of crackers and cereal inside the room but nothing to drink. Police say they could have been locked in the room up to six hours.

Fridley said she doesn't know the babysitter, Kent Torey Ostler, 22, well, describing him as a friend of her brother. She said the two men met in jail.

Murphy said she and another man went to the home in mid-afternoon but the door was locked and Fridley's car was gone.

Fridley arrived home a couple of hours later.

Police Detective Sgt. Steve Roos said detectives were asking prosecutors for warrants against Ostler

on charges of child endangerment and auto theft auto.

Ostler also was scheduled to appear in district court Tuesday on a charge of possessing LSD, said Bonneville County Prosecutor David Johnson. On Tuesday, 7th District Judge Ted Wood signed a bench warrant for failure to appear.

Fridley is charged with aggravated assault stemming from a September incident in which she is charged with attempting to run over a woman while her car because of a domestic dispute. Johnson said Fridley has pleaded innocent and is scheduled for a Jan. 29 jury trial.

Massacre area landowners oppose national park site

PRESTON (AP) — Prospects for National Historic Site designation for the spot where 250 to 400 Shoshoni Indians were massacred by soldiers in 1863 has roused opposition from landowners.

The National Park Service is holding hearings in the region on its draft proposals for how best to protect the site, where California volunteers under the command of Col. Patrick Connor attacked the winter-camp-of-the-Northwestern Band of Shoshoni.

On Tuesday night, NPS officials got an earful from those who own land on or near the site.

"If we take one more step in this, we get our throats cut," said Kathy Griffin, who owns 80 acres in the massacre area just outside Preston, a town about 110 miles north of Salt Lake City.

"Why can't we just leave it the way it is?" added Keith Jacobs, another landowner who fears his land could be purchased or devalued, or his development rights restricted if the massacre grounds were afforded historic protection.

Fairview resident John Olinger spoke in support of measures to protect the massacre site.

"One thing that's not being discussed here is, 'Do we think this is important?'" Olinger said. "I want to see something historical survive. I don't want to see the landowners hurt, but I want my kids to know the history."

The NPS study of the massacre site includes five alternatives, ranging from no action to county or state management to full incorporation of the site under the park system.

The study estimated that visitation to the area, if it is named a National Historic Site, would increase to around 120,000 each year from the current figure of 10,000 to 17,000.

Only under the National Historic Site option would the 144 acres comprising the massacre field be purchased. But other options call for 34-hour meeting of land for a visitor center and for conservation easements to protect the landscape from development.

"There's nothing in the report that says, 'This is the best way,'" Olinger said. "I'm not sure if planning for the Park Service in the northwest. After Feb. 25, when the period of public comment on the

study ends, a final report will be presented to Congress for action."

"It's totally up to Congress, not the National Park Service," he said. "If you like it, you don't communicate that not only to us but your elected officials."

The Park Service study is an outgrowth of a process that began in 1986 with a joint resolution by the Idaho and Utah legislatures requesting federal consideration of the area. The massacre site was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1990.

Covering roughly 1,600 acres, the landmark encompasses the site of a January 1863 attack by Col. Patrick E. Connor's California Volunteers on a Shoshoni village. It was the largest single-day loss of American Indian life in the frontier West.

The land is now held by 28 property owners.

Cathy Spude, project leader for the Bear River Massacre site study, assured landowners that any property purchases or negotiations for development restrictions would be carried through the "willing buyer, willing seller" method.

Death notices

Marie Ball
JEROME — Marie Ball, 77, of Jerome, died Tuesday, Dec. 12, 1995, at the Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Wendell Cemetery, with the Rev. Jack Bynum officiating. No viewing is planned. The family suggests memorials to the St. Benedict's Dialysis, 709 N. Lincoln, Jerome ID 83338. Arrangements are under the direction of the Boyle-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Kenneth A. Peck
FAIRFIELD — Kenneth Allen Peck, 65, of Fairfield, died Wednesday, Dec. 13, 1995, at his home. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demary's Gooding Chapel.

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John Charles Andrew
DECLO — John Charles Andrew, 55, of Declo, died Tuesday, Dec. 12, 1995, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 W. Main St. in Burley, with the Rev. Ronald Meyers officiating. Burial will follow at the Paul Cemetery. Friends may call one hour before the funeral on Friday at the funeral chapel.

Inez Dues
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Judith Anderson Brennan
TWIN FALLS — Judith "Judy" Anderson Brennan, 59, of Boise and formerly of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Dec. 12, 1995, at her home of cancer. A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Friday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Boise, with the Rev. Andrew Schumacher officiating. A funeral mass will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the church. Burial will follow at the Dry Creek Cemetery in Boise. A complete obituary will appear at a later date, under the direction of the Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel in Boise.

Services

A. Richard Dean
FILER — A. Richard "Dick" Dean, 53, of Filer, died Wednesday, Dec. 13, 1995, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls of an extended illness. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Fay Bennett
RUPERT — Fay Bennett, 80, of Rupert, died Tuesday, Dec. 12, 1995, at the Parke Avenue Rest Home in Burley. The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Acquia LDS Ward Chapel, with Bishop Brent Whitesides officiating. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call one hour before the funeral on

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Boyfriend acquitted in toddler's death

PARIS (AP) — A Bear Lake County jury has acquitted a 19-year-old Missouri man of first-degree murder in the death of his girlfriend's 6-month-old son.

Ryan Chad Lowe had been accused of killing Brady Tanner, who died on July 2 from what doctors described as a severe head injury.

The jury deliberated less than a full day after a week-long trial, during which experts disagreed on the cause of death of the son of Macie Jacobs.

The case is only one of several involving infants and small children that are pending around the state.

Low and his attorney contended that the child died from injuries sustained two weeks earlier on June 12, when he fell off his crib and his head lodged between the slats.

A nurse and a police officer testified that Jacobs told them the child's feet were touching the floor when she found the toddler on June 12. During the trial, Jacobs called jurors that her son's feet were on the floor.

And Dr. Todd Grey, Utah's chief medical examiner, testified that in his opinion the injuries that resulted in the baby's death had not been sustained in the time between the incident and the autopsy.

The prosecution's final witness, Dr. Larry Bomsta, who cared for the toddler after the accident, said that the injury suffered in it been serious it would have worsened over time but did not.

Jacobs has divorced the child's father and is engaged to marry Lowe.

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GENOA, N.Y. (AP) — Residents of this historic town are demanding changes in U.S. Forest Service plans for a massive timber-cutting project in steep mountains just west of here.

Opening a 34-hour meeting Tuesday, speaker after speaker questioned whether the agency adequately considered problems including noisy helicopter logging, scarring of canyons and ridges looming above Genoa, and a 19-mile-long, 19-mile-wide forest of wood is cut.

Some speakers agreed logging is needed to help get rid of dead and dying trees infested by beetles — but they were outnumbered by critics who said there are many unanswered questions.

Local resident Ron Funk, who lives at the mouth of Genoa Canyon, said he was astonished that the Forest Service is making public comment on the slides in Genoa by Dec. 21, only a few weeks after the agency detailed its planned logging plan.

Funk said the plan should be scaled back, so that much less wood is cut and fewer roads are rebuilt or repaired during the logging. He also expressed concern about "a kind of take it or leave it" attitude on the part of the Forest Service.

Resident John Henningsen asked other Genoa residents to help pay for the study and show the high slide potential in the logging plan. He also said that the logging would otherwise help to stop mud or snowslides.

Henningsen said that at the turn of the century, when canyons above Genoa were heavily logged, a disastrous slide crushed houses and killed people.

Nevada residents press for delays in massive timber-cutting project

people on the south end of town.

But he said a Forest Service analysis of the proposed project failed to mention the slide history in Genoa, Nevada's first settlement, or the potential for new slides that could be triggered by a combination of logging and quake activity on a known fault.

Others expressed concern about siting and other damage to Genoa. The Genoa area is a historic area, along the creek or above its source in a canyon with a 4,000-foot elevation rise in less than 1/4 mile.

Mary Wagner, the head of the Forest Service's Carson District which developed the project, said Congress has ordered that her agency generate some revenue through projects such as timber sales.

Hospitals

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
 Some names are omitted at patients' request.

Admitted
 Angela Anderson of Wendell; Edward Harvon of Jerome; Shelby Molsee of Kimberly; and Marvel Wagstaff of Gooding.

CASSIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
Admitted
 Janie Alves, Alvin Hoffman and Delora Dummer of Burley; Terry Aldrich and Patricia Piersen, both of Heyburn; Ferrell Bell of Jerome; Dale Goffinet, Micala Poulton and Floyd Weeks, all of Rupert; Fanny Tanner of Declo; and Wally Wombwell of Twin Falls.

Released
 Norma Curtis of Burley; Don Ashby, Anabel Heredia.

Services

M. Eloise Gill, of Kimberly, 10:30 a.m. today, Kimberly, Methodist Church, (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Alford B. Duncan, of Gooding, graveside inurnment service, 10:30 a.m. today, Elmwood Cemetery, Gooding, (Demary's Gooding Chapel).

Margaret Andrea Outley, of Elba, 10:30 a.m. today, LDS Ward Chapel, Viewing, 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church, (Payne Mortuary in Burley).

Ardith Dorene Hardin, of Hansen, 1 p.m. today, White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Rev. Ursula, all of Heyburn; Candelaria Casias of Rupert; and Lavera Gae of Oakley.

Services

Beulah Smith, of Twin Falls, memorial service, 2 p.m. Friday, Episcopal Church of the Ascension, Twin Falls, (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Elvis L. Lewis, of Rupert, 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Methodist Church in Burley, Viewing, 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Hansen Mortuary Ruper Chapel and one hour before the funeral on Saturday at the church.

Catherine R. Ward, of Twin Falls, 1 p.m. Monday, LDS 2nd Ward Chapel, 229 Park Ave., (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Obituaries

Aryssa V. Mabey
 Aryssa V. Mabey, 78, of Burley and former Oakley resident, died Monday, Dec. 11, 1995, at the LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah, following heart surgery.

She was born January 4, 1919, in Marion, Idaho, the son of Thomas and Eliza Jones Mabey. He was one of 10 children, five girls and five boys. He married Margaret (Peggy) Taylor on Dec. 16, 1944, in Pacific Beach, Calif. Their marriage

was solemnized in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple on March 4, 1964.

He was a veteran of World War II, having served in the U.S. Marine Corps. Aryssa participated in defense of Guadalcanal in the New Georgia operation and in Hawaii while serving in the military. Aryssa had farmed and worked as a farm man at Ore-Ida Foods for nine years. He was later employed at Del Monte Corporation for 13 years before retiring as a supervisor.

Survivors include his wife, Peggy, of Burley; four children; Willis F. Mabey of Salt Lake City, Utah; Arlys Monroe Mabey of Heyburn; Marshaean Babbitt of Burley and Debra Lambert of Sacramento, Calif.; three sisters, Margaret Mobiler of Jerome; Gwonna Rasmussen of Burley and Oris Christensen of Salt Lake City, Utah; 26 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, three sisters and twin grandsons.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, 1995, at the View LDS 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel, 550 S. 500 E. of Burley, with Bishop Kent Searle officiating. Burial will follow in the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley, with military graveside rites under the direction of local veterans. Friends may

call from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. on Saturday at the church.

Gene Anderson
 L. Eugenie (Gene) Anderson, 61, of Olympia, Wash., and formerly of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Dec. 12, 1995, at his home after a battle with cancer, surrounded by his family.

He was born Aug. 7, 1934, in Detroit, to Leslie and Alice Anderson. He attended Twin Falls schools and graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1952. He married Gloria Nicholson on April 2, 1955, in Twin Falls. He worked for Gem State Oil before moving to California; then to Olympia where he was employed by the gas company.

He is survived by his wife, Gloria of Olympia; his mother, Alice Anderson of Twin Falls; three children, Guy of Camas, Wash., and James of Pullman, Wash.; three grandchildren; and three brothers, Alfred of Monteville, Idaho, John of Twin Falls and James of Pullman, Wash.

Cremation will take place and a wake will be held Saturday, Dec. 16, 1995, in Olympia.

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Magic Valley

Water protections on county agenda

By Virginia S. Garber
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Land development commissioners gave the water supplies on both sides of the Snake River, and counties need to limit land uses around wells, say the drafters of a Wellhead Protection Plan.

Jerome County's planning and zoning commissioners gave the plan a thumbs down several weeks ago. Twin Falls County planning commissioners have their turn with the proposed ordinances tonight.

The planning and zoning commission meets to review the Wellhead Protection Plan and other land-use issues at 7:30 p.m. in the Twin Falls County office building at 246 Third Ave. E.

The plan for protecting thirty cities' wells would prohibit certain kinds of development within a series of concentric zones.

Boundaries of the zones are set

based on the time that underground water takes to reach a well. The outermost zone is set by the water's 10-year travel time. Land-use ordinances for the inner zone, with a 50-foot radius around the wellhead, would be the most prohibitive.

If county commissioners from both sides of the river adopt the Wellhead Protection Plan ordinances, cities in both counties can easily protect their own water supplies.

Twin Falls Superintendent Mike Trabert said, "All they have to do is develop an overlay map" of four zones and have the county approve it, Trabert said.

The Blue Lakes Wells — which supply most of the water for the city of Twin Falls — lie in Jerome County; other wells lie in Twin Falls County, so city officials hope for cooperation from both counties.

"It's going to take some time," Trabert said. Criticism from a hearing in Jerome will require a hefty revision of the proposal, he said.

Also on today's planning and zoning agenda:

Salmon-Butte could sprout a cellular telecommunications tower if the planning commission approves a request by Cellular Inc. Network Corp. to build a new microwave facility.

The company wants to improve the relay of phone messages to its Rogerson-area cellular-phone customers, Howard said. If approved, Cellular Inc. would also install a small building with a tower and other equipment in Rogerson, he said.

A residential development is proposed for agricultural land three miles north of Dead Man's Corner in Filer.

R. Todd Blass wants to put 15 high-value, single-family homes on approximately 22 acres, along with open spaces, a creek and several small ponds, Howard said. In the spring of 1995, Blass made a similar rezoning request for a subdivision, but the request was denied after

some neighbors protested, Howard said.

The new proposal is for a planned-unit development, which Howard said should be more compatible with the underlying agricultural zone.

L.W. Moore has asked to split off and sell one or two acres and an existing home from his 40 acres south of Hansen at 3800 E. 3380 N.

Maurice Fuller wants to divide 2.6 acres from 195 acres at 3126 E. 3100 N. near Twin Falls.

The Kinsey-Family-Partnership Ltd. has requested permission to sell gravel from a 160-acre agricultural property about seven miles south of Kimberly.

Vor Nelson wants to put a new house on one acre of his 120-acre farm at 3064 E. 3200 N. near Twin Falls.

R.A. and Barbara Foss have asked to split a five-acre parcel in Filer. The agricultural land is located at 1157 E. 4400 N. in Buhl.

GOP opens West to saws, bulldozers

By Meredith Cohn
States News Service

WASHINGTON — Congressional negotiators agreed this week to a pair of resolutions that one GOP lawmaker hopes will force federal land managers to "follow the law" and release parts of the West to mining and other development.

The resolutions, which do not have the force of law but provide a sense of the Congress, were included in the \$12.1 billion spending package for the Interior Department Wednesday night.

They were, in part, a response to Clinton administration and an environmental group's action to preserve wildlands.

"All they say is don't skew the process. Follow the law," said Sen. Conrad Burns, R-Mont., following the meeting of the House-Senate conference that worked on the overall spending plan.

In general, Burns' first provision directs land managers to open roadless areas for development if they have not been officially placed off limits through legislation or forest management plans.

Burns says it is intended to reverse a move by Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman that administratively blocks activity such as oil and gas leasing and timber harvesting in about two million acres in Montana. But the provision applies any state where roadless areas remain.

The second provision would bar the World Heritage Committee, an international environmental watchdog associated with the United Nations, from interfering in the planning process for the Crown Butte's New World Mine in the northeast corner of Yellowstone. The group recently toured the park and declared it "in danger" from the mine and other forces.

The interior package, one of the 13 appropriations bills funding the federal government, is headed for final passage this week in Congress.

President Clinton is expected to veto the bill for various items he considers anti-environmental, such as a ban on new listings of endangered species, and sharp cuts in funding for Native American programs.

Panel lawmakers made a dozen changes to the bill in attempts to appease the president and House lawmakers who had twice ordered the conference back to the drawing board. The main sticking point fell between western senators and a host of House Democrats and fiscal conservatives over a mining issue.

In a concession from the westerners, the lawmakers agreed to reinstate a one-year moratorium on new mining claims — enough time for Congress to rework the 123-year-old law governing mining patents. Under the agreement, 370 claims already in the pipeline must be processed in the next five years.

While GOP lawmakers, who offered a dozen small changes Wednesday, applauded the final deal as a fair compromise that is closer to what the White House is seeking, Democrats and environmentalists vowed to keep up pressure on the president.

"They're using a budget bill to surreptitiously attack environmental laws of the nation," said Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt in a press conference Thursday.

"It's despicable. I'll recommend the president veto it."

Mary-Hayden, an lobbyist for the Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund, called the package a "shell game."

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changes to the bill in attempts to appease the president and House lawmakers who had twice ordered the conference back to the drawing board. The main sticking point fell between western senators and a host of House Democrats and fiscal conservatives over a mining issue.

In a concession from the westerners, the lawmakers agreed to reinstate a one-year moratorium on new mining claims — enough time for Congress to rework the 123-year-old law governing mining patents. Under the agreement, 370 claims already in the pipeline must be processed in the next five years.

While GOP lawmakers, who offered a dozen small changes Wednesday, applauded the final deal as a fair compromise that is closer to what the White House is seeking, Democrats and environmentalists vowed to keep up pressure on the president.

"They're using a budget bill to surreptitiously attack environmental laws of the nation," said Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt in a press conference Thursday.

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Briefly

Ameristar opens riverboat casino

TWIN FALLS — Ameristar Casinos Inc., the hotel and gambling company that owns Cactus Pete's in Jackpot, announced Wednesday that it is opening a riverboat casino in Council Bluffs, Iowa on Jan. 19.

The 272-foot-long casino will feature 1,000 slot machines and more than 40 table games.

The Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission set the opening date after touring the \$100 million resort site along the Missouri River. The rest of the resort, which will include two hotels, three restaurants and a sports bar with live entertainment, is to open in the spring of 1996. A second hotel, developed by the Kinseith Hospitality Co., will be completed later in the year.

Police on trail of church burglars

TWIN FALLS — The recent recovery of

nearly \$5,000 worth of goods stolen from the Seventh-Day Adventist Church last week is leading investigators closer to the burglars, said Lt. Bob Gauthier of the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department.

"We have possible suspects at this time," Gauthier said, but declined to comment further.

Monday, employees of Snake River Beer Co. in Kimberly reported finding three sealed boxes full of stolen goods east of their building, Gauthier said. Boise officials are matching the fingerprints found on the boxes with those of known criminals, he said.

The burglars punched through the windows of the church sometime after Wednesday evening and stole computer and television equipment.

Anyone with information on the suspects should call the sheriff's department at 736-4040.

Detectives need clues on burglary

TWIN FALLS — Detectives are seeking information about a burglar who stole about \$6,000 worth of items from a storage unit at High Desert Park Storage west of Twin Falls last week, said Lt. Bob Gauthier of the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department.

The burglar forced open the storage unit sometime between Dec. 4 and 6, Gauthier said. A welder and two welding helmets were recovered at a local pawn shop; the seller was described as 35 to 40 years old, driving a pale blue Chevrolet pickup and called himself "Mike Edwards," Gauthier said.

Other items stolen included a nine-foot trailer, a cordless grill, tools and a rifle, he said.

Anyone with information should call the sheriff's department at 736-4040.

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Parks

Continued from B1 Falls, chairman of the House Education Committee. "With a tight budget, everybody's after money everywhere."

At Tuesday's School Board meeting, Twin Falls Superintendent Terrell Donich voiced fears that giving another party dibs on the lottery money would mean less for Twin Falls.

But Youtz said that isn't necessarily the case. Lottery money is

expected to grow from \$56.8 million in 1993 to \$101.3 million in 1997, he said. That means schools share would remain stable or increase.

Under one proposal, school districts would get 45 percent of the leftover funds instead of half, he said. Parks and recreation would get 10 percent, and would stop receiving money after it had set up a trust fund.

Besides, he said, schools often

use parks and recreation facilities. "I think it's a good fit," he said.

The legislators will hold a final meeting after the Legislature begins before deciding which proposal to pitch.

They could also seek a separate appropriation, unlikely in a tight budget year.

Thirty-five other states have replaced their parks and recreation money with liquor, tobacco or sales tax, Foulson said.

Schools

Continued from B1 tion bonds throughout the state, Batt, like his Democratic predecessor Cecil Andrus, has repeatedly rejected the concept of state financing for school construction. He has maintained that once-defeated bonds can eventually draw required voter support if revised, repackaged and resold.

The Republican governor has even rejected the idea of reducing the two-thirds super majority needed to approve school bonds.

Memorial fund established for Sawtooth National Forest worker whose wife died

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Workers at the Twin Falls Ranger District of the Sawtooth National Forest have set up a memorial fund for a long-time employee whose wife died last week in an automobile accident on the

Hansen Bridge. Vickie McClymonds had two elementary school-age daughters.

Donations may be sent to Dave McClymonds Family Memorial Fund at First Federal Savings Bank, 836 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls.

The Office of Dr. Howard A. Donaldson & Dr. Jack G. Zarybnisky will be closed December 15 through 18. The office will re-open December 19, 1995, at their new location

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Idaho

Coalition offers new salmon proposal

BOISE (AP) — A coalition of conservation and sportsmen groups called on the Northwest's salmon survival managers on Wednesday to adopt a recovery strategy for next year that abandons bargaining for a combination of in-river schemes it claims have shown promise in the past.

After 20 years, Idaho Rivers United spokesman Charles Ray said, "bargaining has obviously failed to rebuild declining runs and so far has proven unable even to check the decline."

But the plan includes dropping Lower Granite Reservoir 28 feet below its minimum operating level for two weeks during the two peak weeks of the spring migration to the ocean and the prospect that 2.6 million acre-feet of Idaho water could be required to increase flows as it was in 1994.

Idaho Gov. Phil Batt, who has been given the proposal to review, has objected to lower Snake

... bargaining has obviously failed ...

— Charles Ray, Idaho Rivers United

River reservoir drawdowns in the past and to use of Idaho water to increase flows in years when the state is short on water.

The proposal contemplates adequate water in 1996 based on the fact that reservoir carryover in Idaho is at twice the level it was at the end of 1994 going into 1995 when supplies were sufficient to allow releases to heighten downstream flows.

The carryover from 1994 to 1995 was among

the lowest ever, however, and 1995 water supplies were adequate only because of the normal winter snow pack and wet spring.

The coalition plan calls for the states and Indian tribes to be equal partners with federal officials on implementing any 1996 recovery program. It focuses on improving migration conditions in the river for the fish through faster flows.

All four lower Snake River reservoirs would be dropped to minimum operating level for the entire migration season and Lower Granite Reservoir to 28 feet below minimum at the height of the migration. At the same time, Idaho would contribute 2.6 million acre-feet of water to increase the flows, and fish would be spilled over the dams so they can bypass the power turbines that claim a huge percentage of smolts if operating during the migration.

GOP unhappy with federal judge

LEWISTON (AP) — Clearwater County Republican Party leaders are launching a petition drive to get GOP Sen. Larry Craig to try to impeach a federal judge who has ruled California's anti-immigrant law unconstitutional.

Last month, U.S. District Judge Mariana Pinaizer in Los Angeles ruled a California law denying public services to undocumented immigrants is an illegal attempt by the state to regulate immigration, which is the responsibility of the federal government.

Clearwater County GOP initiative unconstitutional.

Chairman Homer Ferguson said about a dozen party members signed the petition during a recent meeting of the party's central committee.

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Valley life

Valley happenings

Jerome Art Guild sets luncheon

GOODING—The Jerome Art Guild has planned its annual Christmas Luncheon for 1 p.m. Friday at the home of Marjorie Clark, 410 Eighth Ave. in Gooding.
Members are asked to bring salads or desserts to share. A gift exchange of paintings or other hand-fashioned articles will be held.

Single parents group has party

TWIN FALLS—A family Christmas party for members and guests of the Single Parent Connections group will be held at 7 p.m.

Friday at the Center for New Directions, located on the College of Southern Idaho campus.

Each child should bring a small gift (less than \$3) to exchange. Those bringing children need to call in advance so that child care can be arranged (toys and blankets are to be provided by the parent).

Activities are free, and child care is \$1 per child with advance notice; for more information, call 736-0070.

Help Urdahl celebrate birthday

TWIN FALLS—George A. Urdahl will celebrate his 90th birthday at an open house set for

2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Heritage Retirement Center, 622-Filer Ave. W.

Urdahl was born Dec. 17, 1905, in Boise. He has lived in the Magic Valley area since 1912 and in Twin Falls since 1955. He married Helen Ricka and they were later divorced. He then married Yora Lee, and following her death, he married Hazel Francis. The Urdahls currently reside at the Heritage Retirement Center.

The event is hosted by his children, Norma Martin of Idaho Falls and Mary Ann Galindo and Ernest Lee, both of Twin Falls. He has six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.



Photo courtesy Clover Trinity Lutheran School

Lutheran school presents Outdoor Nativity today

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS—The 110 students of Clover Trinity Lutheran School will present their annual Outdoor Nativity today, Friday and Saturday.

The program will begin nightly at 7 p.m. Heated school buses will be on the site for viewing, the scene

around when Jesus was born, depicts a family preparing for the Christmas holiday and members sharing the parais they wish they would have played in the birth of Christ.

The Christmas story will be reenacted by the students, with carols and scripture. Live animals will complete the nativity scene. Clover is located at 3552 N. 1825 E. The public is invited.

This year's theme, "If I'd been

Mom fears kids' exposure to barrage of sexual images

DEAR ABBY—As the mother of a 10-year-old daughter, I am concerned about the statistics I've read on teenage sex. Of course, morality and self-respect are things I want to instill in my child, and I must warn her about sexually transmitted diseases and unwanted pregnancy. She has been taught that sex is a wonderful and pleasurable thing to be shared by husband and wife.

Because we believe the media have a direct effect on children's thoughts and actions, her father and I monitor the TV shows she watches and do not allow her to attend movies that we deem unsuitable.

However, a situation we cannot control occurs when my daughter, and I stand in the grocery store checkout line, sandwiched between rows of magazines—all with provocative covers. The following headlines appeared during the week of Oct. 23, 1995:

READER'S DIGEST: "Sex After 35, Why It's Different, Why It Can Be Better"

COSMOPOLITAN: "The Health Benefits of Sex"

MADEMOISELLE: "Men & Sex



Dear Abby
Abigail VanBuren

—Their 7 Secret Wishes"

LADIES HOME JOURNAL: "How Our Sex Life Was Saved"

GLAMOUR: "Major New Sex Survey — What You Don't Know, But Need To"

NEW WOMAN: "The 'Sexual Games of the American Male'"

MARIE CLAIRE: "He Wants to

What?—Men's 6 Biggest Sex Fantasies"

MCCALL'S: "The High Grant Syndrome — Why Nice Guys Pay for Sex"

Y&M (Young and Modern): "Five Total Turn-ons Men Can't Resist!"

I realize that many factors lead to teen-age sex, but responsible adults in the magazine industry should take a hard look at the messages they are sending — or perhaps their magazines should not be so prominently displayed where children can see them.

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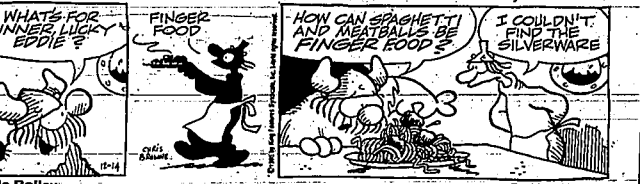
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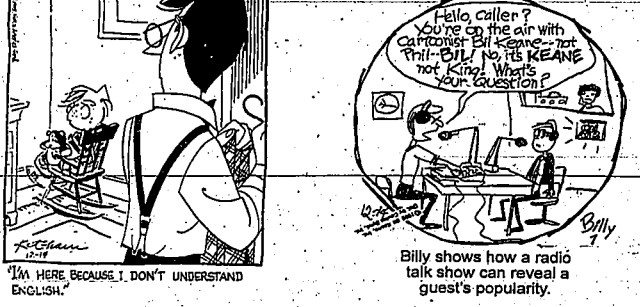
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'Cainotophics' fear change

Maybe you know people who put their "head up" when faced with anything new. A new TV show. A new fish dish. Even a new route to work. It's fear, doctors say, and in the extreme it's called "cainotophobia." Some cainotophobics still take cancer oil.

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What do you need most to go into business for yourself? Researchers put the query to a sizable sampling of small business operators. The No. 1 reply was "in effect," "know what you can get the money to keep you afloat for as long as it takes." The No. 2 answer was

Sydney Omarr's Horoscope

IF DECEMBER 14 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You have "writer's signature." You are lively, controversial, romantic, have an abundance of sex appeal. Do not let money, Sagittarius persons play fascinating roles in your life. Even this year, have centered around travel, writing, relationship, marital status. Be-cause December 14 falls, you'll be dealing with successful persons who lend benefit of experience. February and November will be your most profitable, resource-rich months of 1996.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): What recently failed will now succeed - includes writing project, employment in different area of choice. Go away to pets, finance, diet, nutrition.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Relationship undergoes test; challenge. Remain close to reality, perceive situation as it exists, not merely as you wish it might be. Information tonight scattered straight. Trust!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Focus on building material, organization, duty, exciting, controversial relationship. Moon position highlights family, home, security, completion of delicate negotiations.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Relationship with temperamental relative at risk. Will go on to bring product, talent in front of public. Financial picture bright; local article, know that circumstances are moving in your favor.

VIROO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Cycle high; trust in your own judgment, say goodbye to individual who constantly complains, lacks inspiration. Highlight personality, make a striking appearance, take initiative in romance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Individual who should knock better blurs out so-called "Do as you would be done by" before the media, make your own position clear. Attend social gathering, wear new clothes. Content!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Vindicta! Emphasis on winning friends and influencing people, having good fortune in matters of finance, romance. Bring together people of choice. Go away dining; tonight helps; limit adult beverages.

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 Case No. 94-0458-BJL
 NOTICE OF FORTHCOMING
 United States of America,
 Plaintiff, vs.
 Edward William Thompson;
 Reginaldo Huerta,
 Tomas Huerta; Albia Elena Gonzalez; Jose Antonio Huerta; Apolonio Huerta; Maria B. Lopez;
 Ana Maria R. Huerta; Cesar delafario Huerta; Leticia Huerta; Mario Gonzalez; David Killinger; & Tracy Oates, Defendants.
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 Case No. SP-95-938
 NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 In the Matter of the Estate of LOUISE M. SPEIRS, Decedent.
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, LARRY B. SPEIRS, Co-Personal Representative of the above-named decedent, has been appointed Co-Personal Representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.
 Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court, DATED this 8th day of December, 1995.
 MICKEY D. SPEIRS
 Co-Personal Representative
 LARRY B. SPEIRS
 Co-Personal Representative
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 By MONTE D. CARLSON
 Attorney for Estate
 PO Box 24877
 Twin Falls, ID 83403-2487
 PUBLISHED: December 14, 21 and 28, 1995.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION
 Case No. SP-95-01184*
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 A Petition by Gladys L. Sierk, born January 1, 1924, at McAlester, Oklahoma, now residing at Twin Falls, State of Idaho, proposing a change in name to Gladys L. Sierk when she married Carl F. Sierk. As of August 30, 1995, Carl F. Sierk and Gladys L. Sierk were no longer married. The names and addresses of Petitioner's nearest relatives are: Jean Jensen daughter, 3320 East 3200 North, Kimberly Idaho 83341 and John Feldhusen, Jr., son, 3500 East 3224 North, Kimberly Idaho 83341. Such Petition will be heard at such time as the Court may appoint and objections may be filed by any person who can, in such objection, show to the Court a good reason against such a change of name.
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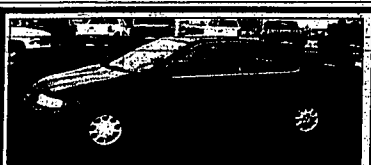
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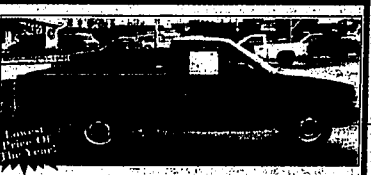
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Outdoors

A hunter's wish list is a stretch for Santa's sack

The Annual Christmas Wish List has always been one of my favorite columns to write because I can make whimsical and extravagant wishes.

Over the years, a few of them have even come true. When lead shot was banned for waterfowl hunting, my Christmas wish list included a wish for a non-toxic but effective substitute. That wish was fulfilled with the advent of bismuth shot - and now it will take another wish to bring the price of bismuth

David Hocklander
Hunting

shells down so I can afford to use them.

The second item on the list is a "free" hunting opportunity, much like what is done with the free fishing day during the summer. For a small fee, a sportsman could take a young person, friend, or visiting relative on a one-day duck hunt. All ducks taken would come on the licensed hunter's bag. It is tough to get a young person interested in duck hunting when a "give-it-a-try" hunt requires a major investment in stamps and license.

Duck numbers seem to be up this year, but with the great advancements in genetics, my third wish is for the development of a duck species with the reproductive capabilities of one of my least favorite insects - say, the box elder bug. One good hatch and we would be back to the good old days. Maybe it would work on pheasants and chukars, too.

As any hunter knows, careful labeling on each box of reloaded ammo is important for later identification, once out of the box. Bullets of different weight are difficult to tell apart. One manufacturer has bullets color-coded by caliber, but my fourth wish is for a manufacturer who will produce bullets color-coded by weight. Then I can tell at a glance if my .338-caliber cartridges have 225-grain or 250-grain bullets.

Fifth, I would like some camouflage clothing that really works. I know that mine does not because every time I wear a camo shirt or pants my family makes fun of me by acting like they can't see me, which means they can see me or they would not know I was wearing camo.

I want something that will make me invisible. Like, something from the movie "Predator." Then I could sneak out of the house wearing my hunting camo without having to endure the same old jokes from my family.

I hear from dedicated goose hunters that decoying the sly birds gets more difficult as the season progresses. The addition of a couple of moving decoys in a spread might help - so why not make the dogs do double duty?

The sixth item on my wish list is a goose costume for dogs. This would allow them to run around and have a great time while adding life and movement to the spread. When a goose is shot, the dogs would be right in the middle of the action for a quick retrieve.

My final wish is somewhat selfish and perhaps unrealistic.

As I grew up in Idaho, I decided I would never want to live anywhere else. It was all that I wanted as a place to live, work, raise a family and enjoy my hobbies. I hate to see Idaho lose its rural character and fall victim to progress. So I would add to my list a wish that there will always be a place with people who choose the down-home lifestyle over the temptation to become like the places everyone else wants to leave.

I would like that place to be Idaho. Have a Merry Christmas.

Though he's an avid hunter, Gooding schoolteacher David Hocklander has agreed not to shoot at any of Santa's reindeer.



A group of backcountry skiers assembles for a day of athletic fun after a night in the Fishhook Yurt in the Sawtooth Mountains.

Photos courtesy of Sun Valley Trekking Co.

Huts - the skiers' sanctuary

By William Brock
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - No matter how you slice it, winter can become a mighty depressing routine of going to work in the dark and coming home in the dark.

Outdoor fun during the week is an all-but-lost cause, so it's important to maximize merriment on days off - then bask in the afterglow on Monday morning. Nobody wants to spend their weekend in a car or a plane, so the trick is to get away from it all without venturing far from home.

That's where backcountry huts come into play.

They're a far cry from The Hilton, but backcountry huts contain all the rudiments for creature comfort - including wooden floors, bunk beds with sleeping pads, wood stoves for heat, propane stoves for cooking and plenty of pots, pans and plates.

Organizing an overnight ski trip to a backcountry hut isn't a painful ordeal. Simply round up a few like-minded friends, bring plenty of food and drink - and a sleeping bag - and you're set for a memorable getaway on the cheap.

There are nine backcountry huts to choose from in the Sawtooths, Boulders, Smoky, and Pioneer mountains - plus one rustic retreat for rat race refugees in the South Hills. Prices and minimum rental fees vary, but the rule of thumb is \$25 per person, per night for the northern huts; the South Hills hut runs \$15 a head.

For those who want a guide to lead the way, prices rise to about \$125 per person, per night - which includes all meals. In addition to knowing the terrain, guides tend to be well-rounded epicureans and spellbinding raconteurs.

Skiers wishing to sojourn in the South Hills should head for the Thompson Creek Hut, owned by the High Desert Nordic Association. Call Dennis Kincaid at home, 423-5442, for booking information.

It's a four-mile approach from the trailhead at the Magic Mountain Lodge, but there's only 500 feet of elevation gain. The trail follows the Rogerson Road, then swings down the Upper Penstemon Trail to Thompson Creek.

The hut is a canvas wall tent with bunk space for seven. Prices are \$3 a night for HDNA members, and \$15 for non-members.

If you're looking for an easy outing north of Ketchum, try the Boulder Yurt owned by Sun Valley Trekking Co. Call 788-9585 for booking information.

The total elevation gain from the trailhead is a mere 200 feet, so the Boulder Yurt is a good choice for wobbly skiers. Park at the Boulder Creek pullout on Highway 75, about two miles north of the Sawtooth National Recreation Area headquarters. It's a two-mile jaunt from the trailhead to a pair of yurts joined by a central entryway. In case you're wondering, a yurt is the Mongolian equivalent of a teepee.

The Boulder Yurt has bunks for 14 people, one outstanding residential amenity: a cavernous hot tub.

Strong backcountry skiers might be inter-



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Look me, no heels! Wood River Valley residents Penelope Street and Bob Jonas carve telemark turns far from the madding crowd.

ested in an overnight jaunt to the Sun Valley Trekking Co.'s Tormak Hut.

Located in the northeast corner of the Smoky Mountains, the Tormak Hut is a large wall tent with bunk space for 14 people. It's a 2,400-foot elevation gain from the trailhead along Highway 75, but skiers have a choice - either a steep, four-mile approach up the Bailey-Hot Springs Trail, or

a nine-mile, snowmobile-packed trail up Baker Creek Road and the East Fork of Baker Creek.

The Tormak Hut's primary creature comfort is a cedar-paneled sauna with room for six to eight people, depending on their degree of familiarity.

Even deeper in the Smoky Mountains is

the Coyote Yurt, owned by the Sun Valley Trekking Co.

The Coyote Yurt is about three miles beyond the Tormak Hut, with a total elevation gain of about 2,600 feet from the trailhead on Highway 75. The standard approach is up the East Fork of Baker Creek.

The yurt has eight bunks, but two are double-width - so it'll sleep 10 in comfort. There's no sauna or hot tub, but there are outstanding views of the Pioneer and Boulder mountains.

If you want to spend time in the Pioneer Mountains, then head for the Cobb Yurt, owned by Sun Valley Helicopter Ski Guides. Call 622-3108 for booking information.

Situated on the west flank of Cobb Peak - one of the biggest in the Pioneers - the yurt is a 3 1/2-mile jaunt from the trailhead on Hyndman Creek Road. To get there, drive about two miles beyond the hamlet of Triumph.

There's 1,500 vertical feet of elevation gain from the trailhead to the yurt, but the climb is fairly gradual until the final half-mile - which steepens considerably. There are four double-width bunks and a modest sauna in a small, secondary tent.

Galena Lodge has a couple of huts on groomed cross-country trails. Call 726-4010 for booking information.

The Miner's Camp is a big wall tent about two miles from the lodge. Capacity: 14.

The Gladiator Yurt, which sleeps six, is about a mile from the lodge. Please see HUTS/DZ

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This trophy buck got away — sort of

Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — In his own way, Danny Lingenfelter carved himself a niche for the ages.

The 41-year-old deer hunter from rural Canton, Ill., has joined the likes of football's "Wrong Way" Corrigan, golfer Roberto De Vicenzo and boxing's Jack Dempsey in sport's Bonehead Hall of Fame.

While he surely will not achieve a niche comparable to Dempsey's "Long Count" loss to Gene Tunney, Lingenfelter very well might achieve equal footing with De Vicenzo's blown Masters title for signing an erroneous scorecard.

Lingenfelter effectively did the same—when he checked in a bow-killed 29-point non-typical buck that has been estimated to be one of the largest archery deer trophies in Illinois history.

It was the best of the best and perhaps even the No. 2 Pope & Young record buck in the world.

Such a trophy — if it proves true — would catapult Lingenfelter into the forefront of hunting lore. He would be featured in newspapers, magazines and TV, in dramatic sport shows, and the owner of an extremely valuable rack. Industry sources say a No. 2 Pope & Young deer head might fetch as much as \$200,000 from avid collectors.

But Lingenfelter no longer owns his deer. Game wardens confiscated it when they discovered he illegally had used a deceased uncle's free landowner deer permit instead of his own. In effect, he submitted an erroneous scorecard. Lingenfelter was ticketed for a \$75 Class B misdemeanor, but the law also calls for confiscation of the game animal involved.

Lingenfelter said he wasn't sure if he would fight the confiscation in a hearing scheduled for Dec. 28. He said he wanted to consult a lawyer familiar with the Wildlife Code to see if he had a chance.

Lingenfelter is painfully aware that all of this could have been avoided. When his uncle, Fritz Isell, died 12 years ago and gave the 80-acre farm to Lingenfelter, naming him executor, Lingenfelter could have applied for his own free landowner deer permit. Or he could have bought one of the unlimited two-permit archery deer packs now sold over the counter in Illinois for \$25-50. Instead, he kept using his uncle's free permits when they automatically arrived.

The Department of Natural Resources allows landowners who live on 40 acres or more to receive two free archery and two free firearm deer permits annually, for use only on their land. Once the landowner's application is accepted, the permits are sent year after year to avoid red tape.

There is a disclaimer which says if you've sold the land or moved away the permit no longer is valid," said Capt. Jim Thomas of the state conservation police. "It's certainly no longer valid if you've died."

But Lingenfelter said he was unaware his uncle's permits could not be used. As the resident and executor for his uncle's farm, he believed he could use the permits simply by signing his own name — and the title "executor." After all, these were landowner permits, and he now was the landowner.

"That's what I did last year when I checked in two deer, and no one said a thing," Lingenfelter said.

He emphasized that no fraud was involved.

But when this year's exceptional deer season began in October, several people noticed the apparent transgression. Thomas said police received an anonymous tip.

Lingenfelter insists he was not trying to cheat the state out of its fee. "Why, \$25 is nothing to me," he said. "I am an independent businessman, and I am doing quite well."

As the operator of Link's Cycle Shop near Canton, Lingenfelter has become a race promoter of local renown. He said he is president of the Central Illinois Dirt Riding Association and a regional officer of the American Motorcycle Association.

It was while laying out a 90-mile Enduro race across 17 farms this fall that he spotted the huge 7 1/2-year-old buck, with tines so thick the main posts could not be encircled by a man's hand. When he later found the buck bedded in the Enduro-track on his farm, he set up his tree stand between 30 and 50 feet high and made the kill Nov. 7.

A bowhunter for 20 years, Lingenfelter said he always uses extraordinarily high stands. "Because you see so many more deer that way," he said the big buck responded to his grunt call shortly after sunrise. He missed the first shot low, but the buck moved only a few feet. He said he killed it quickly with a second arrow.

Shorn horn



Oregon State Police game officers retrieve a blacktail deer decoy in Leaburg, Ore., shortly after a poacher shot it in the head, blowing off its antler and part of its skull. The game officers are using the decoy to catch poachers who use spotlights.

Birds of Prey plan complete

BOISE (AP) — Following a year of preparation and public review, a new management plan for the Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area is now complete and available for additional public review.

The plan describes the area's natural resources and human uses, and established guidance for managing the conservation area over the long term. It will become final after an additional comment period ending Jan. 20.

The plan incorporates numerous suggestions contained in 51 letters received on the draft plan, issued last March. The most controversial element of the draft was a proposal to change the management of recreational shooting in the conservation area.

In August, participants in a public workshop developed a compromise shooting management proposal that met the recreational needs of shooters

and the safety concerns of nearby residents and the Bureau of Land Management. The compromise proposal closes public lands to rifle and pistol shooting year-long in the area of greatest residential density and public use, near Kuna and Swan Falls Road. Also, Bureau of Land Management agreed to allow organized groups to develop and maintain a target shooting range within the closed area, if a suitable site can be identified.

The plan also incorporates changes in vehicle access that were originally contained in the area's 1985 management plan. Some roads and trails in bad condition will be closed to repair erosion; protect nesting raptors, and enhance non-motorized recreation. Most established roads and trails will remain open and will provide vehicle access, but cross-country, off-trail use will no longer be allowed.

High-tech equipment livens up ice fishing

—Knight-Ridder News Service

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Technology continues to push ice fishing away from its reputation as the "moronic sport" into the realm of electronic wizardry.

Gone are the days when anglers spent endless hours of bleary-eyed misery watching a bobber line motionless in an ice hole. Back then, the collective wish among ice fishermen was to "see" what was going on under the ice.

That wish largely has come true now that sophisticated fish locators have been adapted for ice use.

Advances in these high-tech locators make it possible for anglers to watch a bluegill snatch up a 1/32-ounce ice jig in 40 feet of water. In some cases, the locators' pinpoint accuracy is more effective on ice than in open water.

Leading the way in fish-locator technology are two Minnesota companies vying for the hearts and technological souls of the state's ice fishermen.

This season, both companies have introduced models that have been competing head-to-head.

fishing electronics has been the Vexilar FL-8 flasher, marketed by Vexilar Inc. The FL-8 has been the favorite among ice fishermen because it has sensitive locating capabilities, is easy to use and employs a color scheme that indicates how close fish are to the hole.

Company officials say they've sold between 50,000 and 70,000 units, about 70 percent of which get used for ice fishing. Since the locators can be mounted and used on boats, the rest are used by summer fishermen.

"Our best salesmen have been the fishermen who, as them," says company President Steve Baumann. "At this point, the basic functions have been so good that we've just been looking at improving the details."

The industry newcomer is Zerecom Marine, a marine electronics company. Zerecom has sold flasher-style locators since 1993 and has three locators on the market.

The company's primary locator is the Clearwater Classic and tech incarnation, the Pro Ice System. The Clearwater Classic's chief selling point is its 1,000 watts of power (the Vexilar has 400 watts), which enables it to define small objects at greater distances.

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Texas mule deer endure tough 3-year stretch, but numbers are dwindling

Dallas Morning News

FORT STOCKTON, Texas — This is tough country — high mountain desert where the next drought begins the last day it rains.

Local residents can't enjoy a good rain for worrying if it's the last one they'll see for a while.

Pecos County and the Texas Trans-Pecos in general is heaven for horned toads, rattlesnakes and road-runners, but it's hard on cattle, people and mule deer.

The gravel road connecting U.S. Highway 385 south of Fort Stockton to U.S. Highway 90 west of Sanderson is 36 miles of scenic public drive — if you like rocks, soto, sagebrush, greasewood and the hackberry that passes for timber in the dry creek bottoms.

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The past three years have not been good for Lone Star mule deer, the smaller counterparts of the Rocky Mountain mule deer found to the north and west of Texas. Named for their oversized ears, Texas mule deer bucks grow the same bifurcated antlers as their northern cousins.

Strained by the sparse forage from a harsh environment, desert mule deer antlers are smaller than Rocky Mountain deer. Texas bucks are often missing the second tine, the typical of a 10-point mule deer.

Since the current lack of moisture began in 1991, the estimated mule deer population of the Trans-Pecos has dropped from 178,939 to a low mark of 116,677 last year. Last year's count is the lowest since Texas Parks and Wildlife began keeping mule deer census records in 1976.

Unlike Texas whitetails, which inhabit most of the state and are more adaptable to harsh desert, the mule deer population is a roller coaster ride that more closely approximates a cyclic valley count than a large mammal census.

Low deer numbers have many West Texas landowners crying for a return to a nine-day mule deer season rather than the current 16-day season. These are the same people who opposed the longer season in 1988. They blame the mule deer decline on increased hunting pressure.

In truth, the nine-day season resulted in 8.4 percent harvest of available bucks. The 16-day season has seen 9.8 percent of available

bucks taken by hunters. "We still have a ratio of one buck to two does, and we're showing that over half the mule deer bucks being harvested are mature bucks," said Parks & Wildlife biologist Mike Hobson.

"Hunting pressure is not the problem for these deer. They're doing about as well as you could expect under the current weather conditions, and they'll be fine once it starts raining again."

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Packers' White out for season

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Last year it was Sterling Sharpe. This year it's Reggie White.

Just when the Green Bay Packers start looking like a formidable playoff contender, they lose a leader late in the season.

The latest blow came Wednesday when White, the NFL's all-time sack leader, was declared out for the season with a hamstring injury that requires surgery.

"He was having a great year and now it's over," coach Mike Holmgren said. "It hit me last night. Prior to that I was hoping."

Last season, the Packers found out before their first playoff game that Sharpe's neck injury would keep him out for the rest of the season and likely end his career. Sharpe is now an announcer for ESPN.

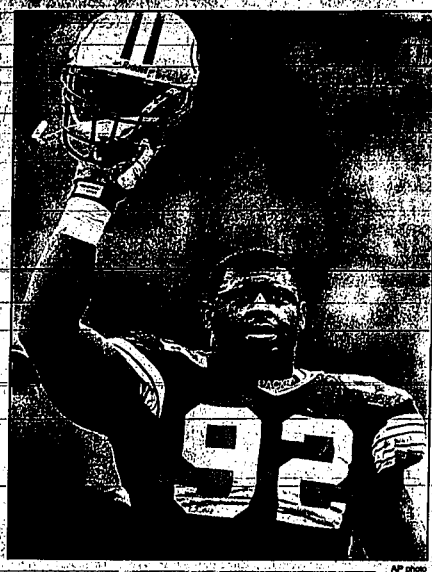
White, who will turn 34 on Dec. 19, was hurt in a Dec. 3 game against the Cincinnati Bengals. He did not play last weekend at Tampa Bay, the first time in his 11-year, 166-game NFL career he missed a game because of injury.

Without White, the Packers (9-5) lost a chance to clinch a playoff spot, losing 13-10 in overtime to the Buc as Eric Rhett, who had 11 yards on 14 carries in a Green Bay victory two weeks earlier, gained 118 yards on 22 carries.

White had been expected to return, but Holmgren said he needed an operation to repair what he described as a "disruption in the hamstring behind White's left knee."

Dr. Patrick J. McKenzie, the team's physician, who will perform the surgery next week, said White is expected to play next season.

White has 157 sacks, including 12 this year. He's also forced two fumbles and knocked down four passes



Green Bay loses a key player late in the season when Reggie White leaves to have surgery for a hamstring injury.

Levy's forecast calls for bad weather in Buffalo

DAVIE, Fla. (AP) — For the benefit of the Miami Dolphins, Marv Levy offered a weather update Wednesday from Buffalo.

"It's bitter cold with high winds and frigid arctic blasts," the Bills coach said. "But it's not supposed to last. The weather is supposed to turn bad."

Levy can joke while the Dolphins brace for their first late-season visit to Buffalo in five years Sunday. Winter arrived in western New York before Miami could get there, dumping more than three feet of snow on Buffalo last weekend.

If the weather outside is frightful, the Dolphins may have a snowball's chance in Florida. Miami safety Louis Oliver says otherwise, despite the prospect of a temperature switch

from subtropical to subfreezing.

"We could be playing on broken glass and nails; we've got to win," Oliver said. "We can't change the weather. It's going to be what it is."

The forecast for a game that could decide the AFC East title calls for sunshine, scattered snow showers and a high of 32 degrees. Wednesday's high in Miami, by contrast, was 80.

"Cold is something I don't think you ever get used to," coach Don Shula said. "You just hope on game day that it's a decent day and you can go out and perform."

Miami has played at Buffalo in December or January only twice, both times during the 1990 season, losing 24-14 on Dec. 23 and 44-34 in a playoff game on Jan. 12.

Oliver remembers the latter game as a nightmare. Playing in snow for the first time, he was repeatedly burned by Andre Reed before being benched in the second half.

"My worst game," Oliver said. "Cornerback Terrell Buckley, a Mississippi native who spent the past three seasons with Green Bay, said he has learned to dress the same way for a game no matter what the weather conditions."

"You put on stuff you've never worn before and you go out and try to perform against guys who are used to the cold—they're jumping and running, and you're out there stiff," Buckley said. "You can't move like you normally would be able to. You suffer because you weigh too much."

Miller vows concussion won't end QB's career

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Concussion-prone quarterback Chris Miller is out for the season, but he's not ready to call it a career.

Neurosurgeons in St. Louis and Seattle have told Miller it would be risky to play any more this season. The St. Louis Rams closed the door by placing the 30-year-old player on injured reserve on Wednesday.

But Miller said he's getting knocked unconscious on his fifth concussion in 15 months won't scare him out of the NFL.

"The last thing you want to do is have someone tell you that you need to retire on their terms," Miller said. "I love playing the game. I feel I still have a lot to prove, and obviously I'd love to be back here playing."

Mark Rypien will get his second start for the Rams on Sunday against the Redskins as Miller continues to try to shake the effects from a helmet-on-helmet blow from the Jets' Marvin Washington Dec. 3. The injury was compounded when Miller's head slammed against the artificial surface of the Meadowlands.

He hasn't practiced since, complaining first of persistent headaches and more recently of feeling light-headed. Doctors, who have been ordered off-limits to reporters by the Rams, have told him the light-headedness may persist for three or four weeks.

"My headaches have pretty much subsided for the most part, but I still feel like I've been fishing for a day and then getting off the boat," Miller said. "I kind of have the sea legs going. I'm not close to being comfortable to play or anything like that."

His memory isn't back on track, either.

"I think a lot of times you don't like to admit it, but my wife will look at me and then say, 'What are you saying,' or 'What kind of a question are you asking me?' I've had a few of those things."

Unknown stars meet in little-regarded bowl

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Alex Van Dyke and Wasen Tait may be the two best college football players no one has ever heard of. It seems only fitting they meet Thursday in a bowl game few people have ever paid any attention to.

Van Dyke and Tait, both coming off seasons with Heisman-like numbers, lead their respective teams as the major college bowl season kicks off with Nevada meeting No. 25 Toledo in the Las Vegas Bowl.

"A lot of guys have asked me what I've thought about not getting Heisman attention," said Tait, the Toledo junior, who rushed for 1,905 yards this year. "But if you've never seen me play, how can you vote for me? We don't get the same exposure as Big 10 schools, and we're overshadowed."

Tait and Van Dyke, Nevada's record-breaking receiver, are a pair of overlooked players that have been largely overlooked this year despite some impressive statistics.

Nevada (9-2) leads the country in passing offense and total offense, while Toledo (10-0-1) is one of only three unbeat Division I football teams.

"We never get a chance to play on national TV," Tait said. "This will show everybody else in the country what they've been missing."

Toledo gets a chance to beat Nevada for the second time this year in the fourth annual bowl, which pits the winners of the Big West and Mid-American conferences. The game is a rematch of a September contest in Reno, which Nevada turned the ball over six times in a 49-35 loss.

"In football you don't usually get two chances," said Nevada coach Chris Ault. "It's a great advantage, or more accurately, a great opportunity, for us."

The game, which will be televised by ESPN (9 p.m. EST), has never drawn well and figures to once again fail to fill the 32,000-seat Sam Boyd Stadium despite the presence of a Nevada team.

Despite the lack of fan interest, this year's matchup may be the best in the brief history of the bowl, with odds-makers calling it a tossup. It figures to be a high-scoring game.

"Their offense is just unbelievable," said Toledo linebacker Craig Dues. "We saw that in the first game."

In that game, Van Dyke, who set an NCAA record with 1,854 yards receiving this season, caught 15 passes from Mike Maxwell. But Nevada could overcome its six turnovers, three of which led directly to touchdowns.

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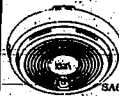
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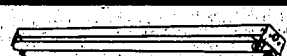
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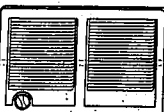
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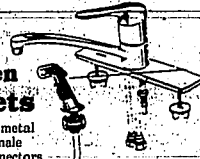
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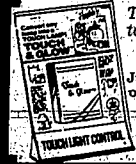
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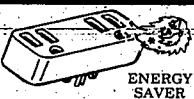
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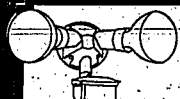
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