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## Good morning

**Today's forecast:**  
Partly cloudy with light winds and patchy fog. Highs 30 to 35 degrees. Lows near 15 degrees. **Page A2**

## Magic Valley

### County mulls real estate

The Rook Creek trail may extend farther downstream from Rook Creek Park if the county can buy some land. **Page C1**

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## In training



Jerome horse trainer Laron Thompson takes a 2-year-old mule for its daily 6-mile stroll around the northwest section of Jerome Wednesday. Thompson broke the mule to pack in the fall and has been surprised to see how easy it has responded to riding too. "Some mules can be downright stubborn," he said. In the spring, he plans to break her for a buggy.

# Whistle-blowing lab chemist seeks back pay in claim

By Karen Tolkkinen  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — A chemist who lost his job after blowing the whistle on the state's food-safety lab is demanding the return of his old job and back pay for months lost from work.

Carl Hahn of Buhl, who started reporting allegedly unsafe and illegal practices at the lab late in 1994, was fired on July 6 of this year, according to a tort claim filed with the secretary of state's office Dec. 13.

The claim finds fault with the state Department of Agriculture, which oversees the food lab. A tort claim is the first step in filing a lawsuit against a public agency, unless the agency pays the claim.

Hahn has been unable to find work since get-

ting fired, said state Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly.

Hahn is seeking recourse under Idaho's whistle-blower protection act, which makes it illegal to fire an employee for reporting illegal practices. He hired a Boise lawyer several months ago to represent him.

"As a direct consequence of his unlawful termination, Mr. Hahn has sustained significant loss of wages (\$13.87 per hour) and benefits, and he and his family have suffered extreme economic, emotional and psychological distress, general damages, attorney's fees and costs," his claim states.

Hahn's claim "describes" the chain of events like this:

In the summer of 1994, Hahn reportedly approached laboratory director Saïid Dabestani, Please see PAY/A2

# Rickards practices under expired license for podiatry

By Karen Tolkkinen  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — A Twin Falls congressional candidate let his podiatry license lapse almost six months ago, but he said Wednesday he still treats as many as 25 patients a day.

Peter Rickards, who has made headlines with his fight against nuclear waste, admitted in an interview Wednesday he has treated patients' feet since July without holding a valid Idaho podiatry license. Under state law, it is a misdemeanor to practice podiatry without a license.

"His only fault, he said, was not paying a \$100 renewal fee on time. After learning Wednesday that The Times-News intended to publish a story on his lapsed license, he said he planned to immediately mail the money to Boise, plus a \$25 late fee and the required proof of continuing education.

"It basically is irrelevant to my talent as a doctor," he said. "What's important is if you're well-trained and competent. To me, the paperwork is not important."

Rickards has launched a petition drive to recall Gov. Phil Batt, and he plans to run against



Rickards

Rep. Michael Crapo in the Republican primary this spring.

According to Carmen Westberg, chief of the Idaho Bureau of Occupational Licenses, Rickards' license expired June 30. To renew, he needed to pay the fee and show proof that he had taken 12 hours of continuing education. He did neither, Westberg said.

Rickards produced proof to The Times-News on Wednesday showing that he had obtained his continuing medical education — 51.75 hours of sports medicine Aug. 10-15 in San Francisco. He also produced his still-valid license to prescribe medicine — good through the end of December.

He said he had once let his podiatry license lapse for a year before renewing it. The reason for not renewing his license in

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# Injuries worry wife, father of maimed farm worker

By Douglas D. Palmer  
Deseret News

**SALT LAKE CITY** — Melecio Tellez-Cordova wipes back tears as he describes his critically injured son, who lies helpless in a University of Utah Health Sciences Center hospital bed.

He is a "very good son. He has helped to support the family in Mexico with money earned in Idaho. He always liked basketball. He's a very good person," Tellez-Cordova said.

His oldest son, Javier Tellez-Juarez, 23, lost his arms and a leg in a Dec. 13 farm accident near Malta, Idaho.

Juarez's wife, Norma Tellez-Juarez, 17, sat quietly near her father-in-law in a fourth-floor hospital waiting room, her eyes filling with tears at times as she fed

## How you can help

Donations to help Javier Tellez-Juarez and his family may be sent to the Javier Tellez-Juarez Fund, First Security Bank, 937 E. Main St., Burley, ID 83318. Other First Security branches can also accept checks for the fund. The trust fund has already learned about \$500.

the couple's 3-month-old daughter, Cristina.

Speaking through an interpreter, the father, who lives in Michuacan, Mexico, and his daughter-in-law shared their fears and worries about the critically injured man.

Tellez-Juarez and Maria Juarez Vargas, his uncle, were digging a post hole at the

farm while Harold Tracy was operating the tractor attached to the digger, according to the Cassia County Sheriff's Department.

When the digger was in place, the two men placed their weight on the digging arm to help it dig into the ground more easily. Tellez-Juarez's clothing became entangled in the tractor's power takeoff. His arms were ripped from his body at the shoulders, and his legs were broken, according to a sheriff's report.

Tellez-Juarez was transported by medical helicopter to the U of U where surgeons tried to reattach one arm, but the procedure failed. They also had to amputate one of his crushed legs below the knee. The other leg is badly mangled, hospital spokesman John Dwan said.

"It is as badly hurt as anyone I've ever seen in my 20 years" (of hospital work). It

is terrible," Dwan said of Tellez-Juarez, who underwent 15 hours of surgery followed by a tracheotomy to help him breathe.

Dwan said Tracy, who employed the injured man, and his wife, Charlotte, have been very supportive of the family.

"A lot of times we hear of Mexican farm workers who are hurt and then abandoned by their employers. This is not the case (in this accident)," Dwan said.

Charlotte Tracy traveled to Salt Lake City to stay with the injured man's wife until her father-in-law arrived from Mexico. Dwan said Charlotte Tracy reported the injured man is a legal alien.

Dwan said hospital workers will try to pin down what financial benefits Juarez may be entitled to. In cases such as this

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# In Oklahoma City, Christmas goes on

The Associated Press

**NORMAN, Okla.** — Six stockings hang by the chimney in Ted Allen's home, testament to his widow's determination to see that the bombing that killed him doesn't spoil Christmas.

"If I do something different, then I have let whoever supposedly did the bombing... I've let them win," said Caye Allen, whose husband was among the 169 victims of the April-19 bombing of the Oklahoma City federal building.

"I'm not going to let them ruin our Christmas or our lives. Ted would never forgive me. His attitude about things was that you just suck it up and go on."

For those who lost loved ones in the bombing, the first Christmas since the attack has brought painful memories.

Most of the Allens' living room looks like many other households. Christmas presents are piled under the tree. But one wall holds a sort of shrine to Allen. A letter of condolence from President Clinton is framed by photographs of the federal building before and after the bombing. Two plaques signed by Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Henry Cisneros, praise the memory of Ted Allen,



Caye Allen, third from right, and her children celebrated Thanksgiving in their Norman, Okla., home and will be there for Christmas as well, although their husband and father, Ted Allen, died in the April 19 bombing.

who was community development director like that because it still smells like him, for the agency.

"I still have all his clothes, everything. I like that because it still smells like him, for the agency." Mrs. Allen said.

The Allens had six children between four, from his previous marriage, one

from her previous marriage and a 5-year-old son of their own.

"If I hadn't had these kids, I don't know how I would have done it," Mrs. Allen said as she watched the 5-year-old Austin, shoot baskets on the patio. "When you've got six kids, particularly one this small, then what else can you do? You pick yourself up and brush off your knees and go on."

Allen used to hang the Christmas lights outdoors. He assembled toys on Christmas Eve, handled the video camera while the children opened their gifts, and carved the turkey, always burning his fingers.

This year, Mrs. Allen hung the lights, and Allen's son Spencer will stand in for his father with the carving knife and the video camera.

Every year the family takes a group picture at Thanksgiving and tucks it into Christmas cards. In this year's photo, Mrs. Allen stands with the children under a picture of her husband.

Mrs. Allen said she discussed going away for the holidays with her children, but the family rejected the idea.

"It wouldn't matter if we did it right now or for five years, we'd still have our first

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Nation

# Dino's nest

In Mongolia, scientists discover fossil of dinosaur squatting on nest of eggs

NEW-YORK (AP) — Scientists have discovered a spectacular fossil of a 2-foot-long, ostrich-like dinosaur squatting over a nest filled with eggs.

The finding suggests birds inherited this behavior from dinosaurs. The creature, its long arms wrapped around the nest, may have been engulfed by a giant sandstorm some 70 million to 80 million years ago in Mongolia's Gobi Desert.

Dinosaur experts were bowled over by the finding. David Weishampel of the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine called it astonishing. Scientists didn't know that dinosaurs brooded their nests, he said.

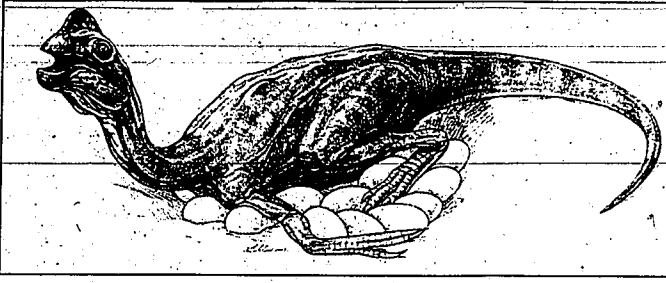
And the fossil itself is an "amazingly beautiful" freeze-frame image of the dinosaur, Weishampel said. "Without any imagination at all you can imagine this critter sitting on a nest."

Jack Horner, curator of paleontology at the Museum of the Rockies in Bozeman, Mont., said he considers it "one of the two best specimens of dinosaur fossils ever found."

"We've had nests and babies and all sorts of things, but we had never had the direct evidence of the parent with the eggs," Horner said. "By far this is the strongest evidence of some kind of parental attention."

The find is reported in Thursday's issue of the journal *Nature* by researchers at the American Museum of Natural History in New York, George Washington University in Washington, and the Mongolian Academy of Sciences in Ulan Bator, Mongolia.

The dinosaur, called an oviraptor, looked like a wingless ostrich with a shorter neck and a long tail. The scientists found the fossil in 1993. The dinosaur skeleton and the nest were removed in a single 400-pound block of sandstone to show how they were found, because "otherwise people wouldn't believe us," said Mark Norell, associate curator of verte-



This illustration suggests what an adult oviraptor might have looked like.

## Prehistoric parenting

An oviraptor, a late cretaceous dinosaur, died while squatting on a nest of eggs 70 to 80 million years ago. The fossil suggests dinosaur influence in bird brooding behavior.

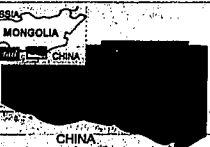


Source: *Nature*

brate paleontology at the American Museum of Natural History.

The oviraptor is "in the exact same position as if you looked at a chicken sitting on a nest," Norell said.

He and colleagues uncovered 15 oviraptor eggs in the nest and concluded that it probably contains about 22, a typical number. The eggs are neatly laid out in a circle, the thinner ends pointing to the outside. Norell said researchers assume



the eggs all belong to the oviraptor found on the nest, although he noted that ostriches have communal nests in which mothers deposit their eggs.

It's not known whether the oviraptor was male or female, Norell said. The skeleton includes most of the torso, including much of the pelvis and ribs, and both arms and legs.

Scientists also don't know whether the creature was keeping the eggs warm as birds do, or

whether it was shading them or protecting them instead. "We don't really know whether this thing was warm-blooded or not," Norell said. Although birds had appeared by the time the oviraptor died, the finding provides the strongest evidence yet that birds inherited brooding-from-dinosaurs, Norell said.

That's because birds and oviraptors evolved from a common dinosaur ancestor, Norell said. And since the brooding behavior is found in oviraptors and the birds, it was probably present in that common ancestor, he said.

Just when that ancestor lived is not known, but it came before the first known bird, *Archaeopteryx*, which lived some 140 million years ago, Norell said.

Norell said it's no surprise to him that oviraptors brooded because they are so closely related to birds. The amazing thing is that the behavior was captured in a fossil, he said.

Paul Sereno, an associate professor of paleontology at the University of Chicago, said that before the fossil was found scientists could only guess that oviraptors brooded.

"Here we have a smoking gun," Sereno said.

## Report: Air safety improved in '95

WASHINGTON (AP) — What a difference a year makes for air travel safety.

Transportation Secretary Federico Pena and Federal Aviation Administration Administrator David Hinson called 1995 the "safest year for air travel in a better — if not perfect — year for safety in the skies."

"We've had a good year," Pena said of 1995, citing not only improved safety but also a financial turnaround in the industry, with most carriers making money for a change.

Twelve months ago the same men

were convening industry summit meetings and conferences to search for answers to a series of deadly crashes.

In 1994, commercial plane crashes killed 262 people in the United States, including 239 deaths in four highly publicized airline accidents.

So far this year just nine people have died in accidents involving scheduled airlines in the United States — eight on Aug. 21 in an Atlantic Southeast crash in Georgia and one in a Yute Air Alaska accident Feb. 25.

But while the 1994 series of disasters helped galvanize the FAA into

imposing new safety rules at a record pace, Hinson attributed the improved record to a change in attitude by the industry.

"The attitude that 'accidents happen' is an attitude we have to get behind us," he said. He added he is seeing that change in airline officials, who now believe the industry can meet the goal of zero accidents.

Most airlines have established new safety offices, Hinson said, while new federal rules will improve crew training and require commuter airlines to meet the same standards as the large carriers.

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## Utah Dems call for Waldholtz's resignation

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Utah Democratic Party Wednesday joined a swelling chorus of calls for Enid Greene Waldholtz to take personal responsibility for her tattered finances and resign her congressional seat.

"Since she can't give back the election, the only honorable course is for her to give back the office," said party chairman Mike Zuhl. "Enid Waldholtz should resign immediately."

But the freshman Republican has adamantly refused to step down.

There are a number of reasons Democrats are asking her to resign, Zuhl said during a news conference at the state Capitol.

"First, Enid Waldholtz did not win her office fair and square," he said. "Second, she will be so distracted by personal business and continuing investigations that she will be unable to fully discharge her duties of office. Third, the taint of scandal renders her unable to adequately represent her constituents."

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# Nation House's override rebuffs president

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a stinging rebuke to President Clinton, the House voted Wednesday to override his veto of a bill limiting security-fraud lawsuits. It was the first override of Clinton's presidency, still requiring Senate action to take effect. Republicans hailed the bipartisan nature of the 319-100 vote, with 89 Democrats joining in the move to defy the president. They also took the opportunity to slam Clinton, saying he had enlisted top trial lawyers in his surprise veto of the measure aimed at stopping frivolous lawsuits. "The president's strongest supporters in 1992 were trial lawyers. This was a bill to rein in trial lawyers," said Rep. Steve Horn, R-Calif.

If the Senate follows in getting the two-thirds majority needed to override a presidential veto, the bill becomes law. Senators have not decided when they will vote. The securities litigation bill attempts to deter so-called meritless lawsuits by giving judges power to sanction attorneys who make frivolous court filings and having defendants pay settlements according to the proportion of their guilt. It tries to shift control of class action lawsuits from attorneys to investors who have been victimized. Attorneys will be barred from paying investors to lend their name to a lawsuit and investors will have a greater role in determining settlements. Clinton issued his veto only minutes before a midnight Tuesday saying that while he supported restraints on excessive lawsuits, the bill was too harsh on plaintiffs. "While it is true that innocent companies are hurt by frivolous lawsuits and that valuable information may be withheld from investors when companies fear the risk of such suits," Clinton said, "it is also true that there are innocent investors who are defrauded and who are able to recover their losses only because they can go to court." The House vote marked the first time that Congress had tried, and succeeded, in overriding a Clinton veto. He has vetoed 10 bills since

# Musher convicted in federal fishing case

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (AP) — A champion musher has been convicted of illegally trading in salmon roe. Retired sprint musher George Atilla could be sentenced to 90 years in prison and fined \$4.5 million after being convicted Monday of 18 counts of federal fishing violations.

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## Hoods hold up wrong bar

CHICAGO (AP) — Two would-be stickup artists had the bad luck to blunder into a bar where the revelers were 100 police officers celebrating a colleague's retirement. Somehow the "Closed for Private Party" sign wasn't enough to deter Clarisse Wynn, 20, and Davy Sutton, 43, police said. Officer Pat Camden, who described the pair as "our two rocket scientists," said they face charges of attempted armed robbery. The two went to the bar Tuesday night and lured the bartender away from her post under the pretense they were making a delivery, Camden said. When the two brandished a knife, the bartender scrambled back to the party. Several officers made the arrest. "It's pretty dumb," Camden said. "How much money are you going to get from the bartender outside of the bar?" "Usually you want to go into the bar."

## World Bank denies charges

WASHINGTON (AP) — The World Bank denied charges by human rights activist Harry Wu that political prisoners are being forced to work on a major bank-funded agricultural project in western China. A report of a high-level investigative mission that visited the remote desert region acknowledged that a Chinese government agency involved in the running of prisons was participating in two lesser projects in the area. Wu, an expert, released Wednesday, said no prisoners worked at either site. "There is no evidence of... the use of prison labor in the implementation of any bank project in Xinjiang," declared Nicholas Hope, head of World Bank operations in China.

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## 2nd breast cancer gene found

NEW YORK (AP) — An international team of scientists has identified a second major breast-cancer gene that makes some women highly likely to get the disease.

In families with a strong history of breast cancer, women who inherit a defective version of the gene run about an 80 percent lifetime risk of the disease.

The previously unrecognized gene is called BRCA2, and it follows the identification of BRCA1 last year. Together, the genes account for perhaps 90 percent of breast cancers from inherited susceptibility, with BRCA2 responsible for maybe 40 percent.

Only about 5 percent to 10 percent of breast cancer cases are thought to come from inheriting a faulty gene. The cause of the vast majority of cases of breast cancer is not known, although scientists are investigating possible hormonal and other triggers.

Scientists hope studying inherited breast cancer genes will teach them about the basic biology of breast cancer, which could someday pay off with new treatments and ways to prevent the disease.

More immediately, the finding will let members of the relatively few families affected by BRCA2 find out if they carry the gene, which also raises the risk of breast cancer in men. But researchers said it's too soon to start testing the general population for the presence of a defective BRCA2 gene.

Like BRCA1, the new-found gene seems to suppress cancer when it is working normally. But when BRCA2 is defective, this brake is lost.

## Study: Risks explain regional cancer rates

WASHINGTON (AP) — Long-recognized regional differences in the rates of breast cancer deaths can be explained by taking into account the statistical effects of risk factors that vary from area to area, a new study says.

"Since the 1950s, statistics have shown that breast cancer deaths in the Northeast were far higher than in the South. The rates in the West and the Midwest were lower than the Northeast, but still higher than in the South."

"A study published today in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute concludes that the regional differences narrow considerably when risk factors, such as child-bearing, are taken into account."

"After adjustment for a number of known factors, the three regions of the country still differ in relation to the South," said Susan Sturgeon, a researcher at the National Cancer Institute and the first author of the study. "The Northeast is no longer singled out."

"The study does not explain all of the regional differences in breast cancer mortality. Even with the adjustments, death rates from the disease in the Northeast and West are 13 percent higher than in the South and eight percent higher in the Midwest among women aged 50 to 79 years."

## AIDS drug may fight hepatitis B

BOSTON (AP) — A medicine approved last month to treat AIDS also shows promise against hepatitis B.

The drug, 3TC, suppresses the hepatitis B virus in people with chronic infections, stopping its damage to the liver, researchers reported.

About 1 million Americans are thought to be infected with hepatitis B, which, left untreated, can lead to cirrhosis, liver failure and liver cancer in a small proportion of victims. Perhaps 20 percent have lingering infections that would benefit from treatment.

"It's a preliminary study, but this is promising. It looks like it has the potential to make a significant impact on hepatitis B," said Dr. Jules L. Dienstag of Massachusetts General Hospital, who directed the study.

Currently, the only treatment for hepatitis B is interferon. This therapy can permanently eliminate the virus in about one-third of patients. It must be injected for four to six months and often has unpleasant side effects, including flu-like symptoms, fatigue and depression.

## Girl recovers from smile surgery

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A 7-year-old girl who underwent surgery to allow her to smile will be home for Christmas.

Chelsey Thomas, her face slightly swollen, after Friday's 11-hour surgery, was expected to be released by Friday from Kaiser Permanente Medical Center, Dr. Avron Daniller said Wednesday.

The blond, blue-eyed youngster was in good condition and surgeons were pleased with her progress, said Daniller, chief of plastic surgery at



Thomas

the suburban Woodland Hills hospital. Chelsey, who lives in Palmdale, was born with a rare neurological disorder that prevents her from smiling.

The first of two operations was completed Friday, but it will be months before the results are evident. If successful, a second operation on the other side of her mouth will be performed in about six months.

Surgeons transplanted a nerve from Chelsey's thigh into the left side of her face, connecting it to the muscle responsible for smiling. Chelsey is one of an estimated 500 to 1,000 people nationwide afflicted with Moebius syndrome — where the nerves that transmit commands from the brain to the facial muscles are missing.

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**World**

# After the vote: Is communism coming back to Russia?

By Barry Reinrow  
The Associated Press

MOSCOW — Is communism coming back to Russia just four years after delirious crowds toppled statues of Soviet leaders and burned red flags?

Will Russia be ruled by gray bureaucrats deciding what people can read? Will the state again own all property? Will the Soviet web of secret police and informers be revived?

Could the party that killed and persecuted millions of its own people for decades really be coming back to power through the ballot box?

After emerging as winners in parliamentary elections, the Communists predict they will win the June election for president — the position that really controls Russia. President Boris Yeltsin and pro-reform parties have been unable to unite, splitting the liberal vote.

The Communists got just 20 percent of the vote in parliamentary elections, which means 80 percent of voters cast ballots for other parties. But that was by far the largest share of any single party, and under the election rules Communists will hold a least a third of the 450 seats. And many voters who backed other left-wing parties in the parliament elections are likely to vote Communist in the presidential race.

Today's Communist leaders say they are different: They want only orderly and democratic change. Their opponents say the Communists have not changed and are determined to undo democratic and free-market reforms.

Even if the Communists do gain power, it isn't clear what they would be able to achieve in the new political and economic landscape.

Communist Party leader Gennady Zyuganov presents a moderate public image. He scoffs at claims he wants to rebuild the Soviet system and that the party will ban private property or revive repressive controls.

Zyuganov argues that free-market reforms have impoverished millions of Russians and made Russia weak. He accuses Yeltsin of allowing a tiny minority to gobble up the country's wealth. And he says the poor and the disadvantaged must be cared for.

The Communist message is often con-

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fusing, possibly reflecting splits between hard-liners and moderates within the party.

While the Communist Party says it favors a mixed economy with elements of capitalism and socialism, some of their leaders have talked of possible bans on selling property, renationalization of key industries, media controls and the peaceful restoration of the Soviet Union.

Critics claim Zyuganov is a front

man and the party is still full of unrepentant Communists who were stripped of power after the Soviet collapse and now want revenge.

The people who backed the Communists are in no doubt about what they want. Most are angry, impoverished old-age pensioners and workers who have seen their incomes whittled away to almost nothing by soaring prices.

They yearn for a return to what they see as the golden days when the Soviet Union was strong and citizens could depend on

some kind of a living. They forget the empty shops and stagnant economy that brought the Soviet system to its knees, remembering instead that at least everyone had shelter and that no one actually starved.

Even if they regain power, the Communists will find it very difficult to reverse free-market reforms that have already transferred most property to private ownership and created a powerful class of businessmen who would resist any attempt to end that.

About the only quick fix for a

Communist government would be to print money to increase wages and pensions, setting off hyperinflation and hurting the poorest sections of society.

Some Russians fear the Communists will resort to repression if other means fail. But could authoritarian rule be re-imposed?

Russian youth has enjoyed years of relative freedom and are influenced more by Western rock music than any ideology. Party officials admit 80 percent of their members are over 60 years old — unlike

ly material for political shock troops. The military, composed mostly of young conscripts, has little taste for politics.

Reformers say the parliamentary election results will jolt more Russians into voting in the presidential election to save democracy. Reformers can win the presidency if they unite behind one candidate, they say, although none of the rival candidates show any sign of stepping aside.

But a year or two ago no one was even suggesting that the Communists would ever come back to power.



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**U.S., Japan move toward returning bases**

TOKYO (AP) — The United States has agreed in principle to return some of its military bases in Okinawa to Japanese landowners within three years, Japan's defense agency said Wednesday.

The 10 sites make up only 4.2 percent of the 58,000 acres occupied by U.S. military bases on Okinawa in southern Japan. A final agreement was expected by the end of the year, said agency spokesman Saburo Takeyama.

Washington has returned 13 other sites, all since 1990.

Okinawans have long protested the U.S. military presence on the island. The opposition has grown since the rape of an Okinawan schoolgirl Sept. 4 for which three U.S. servicemen are on trial.

Some landowners have refused to renew their leases.

**U.N. agency closes North Korea office**

ROME (AP) — A U.N. agency has run out of food to distribute in North Korea and has begun shutting down its office despite the danger of widespread famine.

The World Food Program mission chief in Pyongyang and two other aid workers left the country this week, leaving only one employee, the Rome-based agency said Wednesday.

"The office is still open, but it will close by mid-January" unless countries contribute more aid, said Laura Boldroni, an agency spokeswoman.

The secretive Communist nation appealed for help after floods devastated farmland in August and left some 500,000 people homeless. It was the first time ever that North Korea sought help from outside.

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## NATO's mission begins

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — The green and brown helmets of NATO fighters replaced the baby blue headgear of U.N. peacekeepers Wednesday as the new American commander in Bosnia took control with a terse, "Let's get on with it."

The Muslims, Croats and Serbs who have fought in Bosnia for nearly four years had often mocked the lightly armed U.N. peacekeepers, whose mission ended as NATO's began.

The no-nonsense style of the NATO command was designed to show that the new force meant business. The soldiers went straight to work, clearing blocked roads, digging in weapons and marking off territory.

At the Black Dog checkpoint in northern Bosnia, 20 miles south of the Serb stronghold of Banja Luka and the site of Croat-Serb fighting two months ago, two Croat soldiers watched as British troops cleared the front line.

Soldiers set up mortars. A bulldozer swept away a Croat road barrier, widening the dirt road. Other troops set up anti-tank traps and marked the route to the new NATO checkpoint with white rope.

Croats and Serbs both cleared mines from the road and appeared impressed with the display of NATO armor and the soldiers' manner.

"They're more disciplined," said Kristijan, one of the Croat fighters, comparing the NATO and U.N. troops. "They're real soldiers."

Ante, his buddy, agreed. "We're safer when they're here," he said. "They're better than the blue helmets."

As Croat gunfire crackled in nearby mountains overlooking the checkpoint, Ante said: "That's joy. They're celebrating. It means we can go home."

Neither of the Croats would give their full name. Commanders in Bosnia often order their troops not to identify themselves to reporters. Few of the NATO soldiers who were to enforce the peace treaty signed in Paris last week have arrived in Bosnia — only about 1,000 of the 60,000 expected.

But thousands of U.N. peacekeepers from NATO countries simply switched helmets — replacing the blue U.N. hats with ones from their own nations' armies, becoming part of the NATO mission.

As the U.N. flag was lowered at Bosnian U.N. bases, NATO commanders took control of U.N. military bases. The official change came at a battered, sand-bagged airport in Sarajevo, where officials surrounded in fog signed the papers that ended the U.N. mission and began that of NATO.

"Gentlemen, it's time," said U.S. Navy Adm. Leighton Smith, commander of the NATO military mission. "Let's get on with it."

Smith missed the formal transfer of authority because fog prevented his plane from landing in the morning. But he arrived later to sign the papers in a brief ceremony.

It was the same story at the U.S. headquarters in the northeastern Bosnian town of Tuzla, where only one C-130 out of a scheduled 30 flights made it in before heavy fog shrouded the airfield. So far, only about 670 U.S. soldiers of 20,000 expected have made it to Tuzla.

The United Nations relinquished a frustrating mission charged with keeping a peace that never existed. The outgoing commander, Lt. Gen. Bernard Janvier of France, turned to Smith during the ceremony and wished him more success.

"Let me hand over to him not a trembling flame but a bright torch of peace," he said.

The NATO mission is better equipped than the U.N. predecessors. The soldiers are better armed, and they have the go-ahead to use their weapons.

"We are not here as a bunch of cowboys looking for a fight," said Smith. "But he said if threatened, we have the authority to take whatever action is necessary."

Operation Joint Endeavor, the largest Western military operation in Europe since World War II, is charged with sowing peace in a nation sharply divided along ethnic, national and religious lines.

The troops are to enforce a U.S.-brokered peace plan that essentially splits the country into a Serb republic and a Muslim-Croat federation. They are to keep the combatants separated by heavily patrolled zones while the country tries to rebuild.

They also are charged with enforcing various deadlines outlined in the peace accord, making sure "hotly warriors" from other Muslim countries leave on schedule, all sides limit their armaments and negotiators hold talks on confidence-building measures.



British NATO Lt. Gen. Sir Michael Walter, left, and French U.N. Lt. Gen. Bernard Janvier witness the transfer of power from the U.N. to NATO.

## Rabin's widow: She'll carry 'torch of peace'

PARIS (AP) — Leah Rabin said Wednesday she would continue carrying her husband's "torch of peace," and denounce violence in the media.

On a private visit to France, the widow of slain Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin met Wednesday with UNESCO Director-General Federico Mayor. He gave her a poem he wrote on the occasion of Rabin's funeral, which he attended.

## Russian cargo spacecraft docks with Mir

MOSCOW (AP) — A Russian cargo spacecraft carrying more than 2 tons of supplies docked Wednesday with the Mir orbiting space station.

The Progress-30 delivered food, water, fuel and scientific and medical equipment to the two Russians and one German aboard Mir, the ITAR-Tass news agency reported.

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# Opinion

## Editorial

### Property owners should root for Black's CSI relief ideas

Three Idaho counties carry an unfair tax burden to support community colleges, and the state Legislature knows it. So why aren't lawmakers rushing to remove the injustice?

Simple. Most of them come from Idaho's 41 other counties. Persuading them to share the load isn't easy.

But Rep. Ron Black, R-Twin Falls, has found a line of reasoning that may persuade them: Either create another funding mechanism now, or do it in an emergency if a tax-limitation initiative passes.

It's good reasoning. Whether Black's fellow lawmakers will buy it is another question.

Before we go on, a little background is in order. Idaho's two community colleges are partly supported by taxing districts. North Idaho College's district covers Kootenai County. Twin Falls and Jerome counties make up the College of Southern Idaho's district.

That's unfair for two reasons. First, the community colleges serve students from counties outside their districts, and those counties don't pay their fair share.

Second, the communities that host four-year schools don't pay property taxes for the privilege. Yet they get much the same benefits from those schools as Twin Falls, Jerome and Kootenai counties get from CSI and NIC.

For a while, it looked as though an interim legislative committee would endorse a remedy. Money was tight, though, and this month the committee walked away.

But Black is still pushing. He has two ideas:

- Give the three counties \$6 million in tax relief, mostly paid for by

a statewide surcharge on liquor. The money wouldn't completely wipe out property taxes for the colleges, but it's a start.

Or couple the liquor surcharge with a doubling of taxes on beer and wine. Use \$6 million of the resulting revenue for tax relief, and use the rest to help Idaho counties pay for their new juvenile-justice duties. (The juvenile-justice money sweetens the deal for everyone.)

Black says both options are only short-term solutions. But in our view, they have merit. We especially like the idea of tying juvenile crime to alcohol consumption, which is one of its causes.

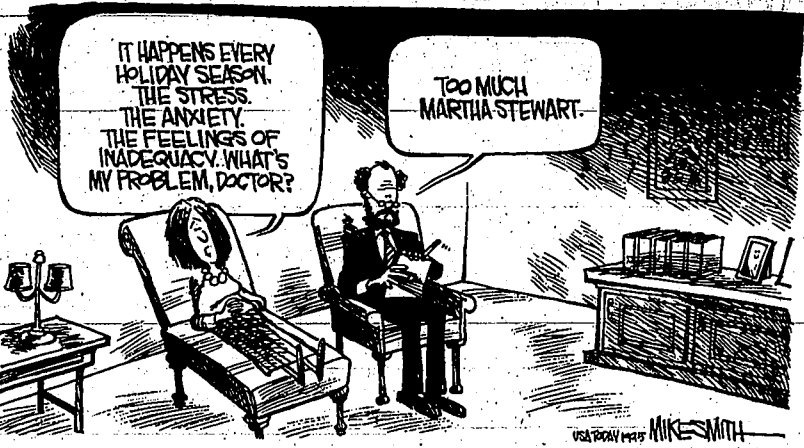
Black says lawmakers from around the state agree that the three counties are getting a raw deal. But whenever someone proposes a solution, those same lawmakers ask, "What's in it for me?"

In other words, how do you sell Ada County voters that the price of hooch is rising to help property owners in Twin Falls and Jerome?

But Black has an answer. He predicts that the latest incarnation of the "One Percent" tax-limitation initiative has a good chance of passing. If that happens, the Legislature will suddenly have to replace as much as \$11 million in lost community-college revenue.

That means the community colleges will compete with the four-year schools for state money. That spectre should persuade the Legislature to cushion the blow by creating a new funding source now.

Black's logic is sound. Still, it may or may not sell in Boise. Legislators don't like creating new taxes especially in an election year. We wish him luck.



## Thank God Mary was pro-life

As a good portion of the world prepares to observe the virgin birth of Jesus Christ, Republicans are again arguing over abortion.

The Weekly Standard magazine, subsidized by Rupert Murdoch's money and William Kristol's intellect, has a cover story this week that tries again to offer a compromise it thinks ought to be acceptable to the party: get rid of the call for a human life amendment in the platform and replace it with a pledge to reduce abortions "through aggressive, though voluntary, and non-coercive, means."

Writer Noemie Emery believes Republicans should state, "We intend to address abortion not as one issue only, but as a symptom and cause of a social disorder, a decay of a frayed and decaying cultural context, in which the value of life is at risk."

Emery is right about that. Yet abortion, like drugs and crime, didn't cause our decline. It reflects it. Still, there is no other area in which we seek to manage a great evil. Do we say that the murder of the already born is a reflection of social disorder and so, rather than attempting to stop it (by either incarcerating or executing those who commit murder), we seek only to discourage it?

This latest attempt to dilute a principle comes at a time when the number of abortions has leveled off, and in some states, is declining. And it comes when pro-life candidates are winning elections. The real reason behind this push is that some political



Cal Thomas

"leaders" are uncomfortable with abortion. It hurts their social batting average to be identified with "religious fanatics" and those deemed less educated by the intellectual elites.

Why must there be a procedural choice? Why not continue to press for a human life amendment, no matter how long it takes, and work all the harder to reduce the number of abortions through the aggressive means called for by Emery?

Will women have fewer abortions because they know pro-lifers are no longer calling for a constitutional amendment? It is a silly argument. Most women have abortions because they have not been fully informed of the procedure or alternatives to it. Many have abortions because husbands or girlfriends or parents pressure them, often against their will.

what happens during an abortion and about the loving and free alternatives to the financially and emotionally expensive procedure.

Why not a campaign to tell the truth instead of a retreat to supposedly "safe" and "more acceptable" territory?

The angel Gabriel told Mary, "Fear not." And Mary had a lot to fear. She lived in an era in which Jewish law allowed a woman found pregnant out-of-wedlock to be stoned to death. And her betrothed, Joseph, would have been justified before the law not to marry her and to cast the first stone. But the same angel told Joseph he also had nothing to fear because the child's father was God Himself. As people of great faith, they accepted what they had been told, and the result of their faith turned the world upside down.

That's the kind of faith and strength needed now. When America's social fabric is eventually repaired, those who held fast to principle will be the ones honored for standing firm. The compromisers, if they are remembered, will be reviled.

Consider those we honor in marble and bronze in our national and state capitols. Are they compromisers? No, they are those who refused to be intimidated and who believed that leadership meant leading people where they ought to go, not taking polls and following the followers.

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## Letters

### Oppose bill to cut public lands

Earlier, a bill sponsored by Sen. Craig which "revises" grazing regulations on federal public lands was commented on. The bill, then under consideration, was an obvious and blatant effort to transfer public rights to these lands to those who presently hold subsidized entitlements to grazing. This Public Rangelands Management Act of 1995 has been redrafted and passed by Senate committee. It still must be acted on by the full Senate and the House. The revisions expand the grab for our public lands from the Bureau of Land Management and national grasslands to include all national forests.

The new presentation is more cleverly crafted and subtle but in effect eliminates all control and oversight from the public and the agencies (BLM and U.S. Forest Service) charged with that responsibility. It contains misleading information and restrictions that would prevent any change in permit holders or stocking rates and provisions to allow those with livestock allotments title to all improvements, as well as total control of water. While water and distribution of cattle could be increased and uncontrolled.

It took the chief of the USFS six single-spaced pages to list specific problems with the bill. I wish all citizens could be made fully aware of the threat this bill presents to our public lands, but it can't be done in the 400 words allowed in this letter. Another effort will be made to provide more detailed information.

### Teach your children not to steal

Our young son's bicycle was just stolen from a friend's front yard when it wasn't quite yet dark. He had gone over there to play that afternoon when he saw it was gone, it broke his heart.

It's becoming more and more amazing these days as to the blatant and increasing amount of theft there is. The old saying, "What's the world coming to," becomes more relevant in this day and age.

As we all know, parental guidance and proper upbringing enforcing it is so wrong to steal is the key in order to have each generation turn out to be good citizens. Even when divorce rates as high as they are, it only takes one good parent to instill the proper values in their children.

If you happen to see a new-looking, small, red, Schwinn Z-Flite bicycle in your neighborhood that "looks out of place," I'd appreciate if you'd let me know. (It was stolen from the northwest part of Twin Falls.)

SUE WILSON  
Twin Falls

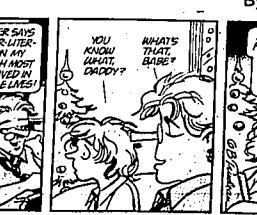
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### Doonesbury



### By Garry Trudeau



## Letters

### Don't give up fight against waste

The Times-News has, in effect, directed its readers to "roll over" in regard to the nuclear waste issue - to give in to big brother (Big business fits here as well). Further, it advised me and my colleagues to save our ink for our presentations, asking where we were earlier in this process and directing us to stay quiet now. In fact, we were in the process the whole time, and The Times-News would have known that had it bothered to ask a few of us. And I, for one, intend to stay involved.

The issue of storing nuclear waste at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory is a larger issue than recycling Phil Batt; it is a larger issue than the perception of job security for the residents of Idaho Falls, and it grows in size with each shipment. We are going to leave our children a huge national debt, overpopulation and a myriad of social problems as it is, and I, for one, would like to leave them water to drink while they ponder how shortaged they managed to be. Anyone who thinks that there isn't a significant chance of (further) contamination of the aquifer has their head in the sand, and anyone who thinks that the federal government really plans to deliver more waste, clean up the mess already here and then pick up the waste again and haul it somewhere else - well, at least they shouldn't be governor.

Editor, maybe, but not governor. Gov. Batt has alluded to as being "shot as the bearer of bad news." Well, it is a sad day when the governor of this state sees himself as a messenger and not a leader. I have no doubt our illustrious senators and representatives were a big part of this deal, but if I am to believe that Gov. Batt had no idea of the negotiations, he should be recalled for that alone. He was elected to look out for the best interests of Idaho. Period. And this is

### One issue he completely left us out to dry on.

Please do what you can. Write Box 911, Twin Falls, ID 83303, for a recent petition. It's time we let our elected politicians know that politics as usual just won't cut it on this issue. DR. KEVIN KRAAL  
Twin Falls

### Give thanks to deserving folks

It's time to say thanks. The true meaning of the holiday season is not about the roasted turkey on the dining room table, the back-to-back National Football League games airing on the family's big-screen TV, or the colorful collection of gifts stacked beneath the tree. It's about family and friends reaching out to one another, about one generation caring for another. And most importantly, it's about expressing appreciation for having the good fortune to celebrate joyous occasions with the ones we love.

As Christmas approaches, I would like to draw your attention to a unique group of individuals whom I work with who have helped to make the holiday season possible for hundreds of Magic Valley residents. They are the many skilled, compassionate and committed health professionals who provide home care services to our community's elderly, disabled and chronically ill. Without the care and support of these physicians, nurses, aides, therapists, social workers and other professionals, many families would not be together during this special time.

To pay tribute to these dedicated home-care providers and the efforts they make to improve the lives of others, Intermountain Health Care Home Care at Cassia Regional Medical Center joined agencies nationwide in celebrating November as National Home Care Month. "Caring Through the Genera-

### tions" was selected as the event's theme to honor home care's unique contributions as the oldest system of health-care delivery.

For more than a century, home care has helped individuals of all ages recover in the comfort and security of their own homes. I encourage you to take some time to learn more about home care and the types of services that keep our families and friends together. For information about home care and ways you can participate, please call IHC Home Care of Cassia Regional Medical Center at (208) 678-8844. I wish you a peaceful and joyous holiday season. LESLIE L. MORGAN  
Butley

### Life more important than budget

I was appalled and saddened which I read the front-page story titled, "Highway crews are saving sand, watching budget" in the Dec. 9 paper.

Since when is saving money more important than saving human lives? Knowing the possibility and probability of the bridge falling, sand should have been applied for precautionary measures.

Tragically, Vicki McClaymonds misjudged the road condition on the bridge on Dec. 6 and, obviously, the highway department misjudged the same conditions. The sad part is then to read the reasoning behind its actions. There was a possibility of running out of sand; there was a possibility of running out of money.

The reality is a wife and mother is gone because of human error and misjudgment. Let's wake up and get our priorities straight - human life is more precious than the almighty budget. PAT LUCICH  
Twin Falls

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**Opinion**

**Credit-card fraud is more prevalent than you think**

It has been said that news is something that happens to one reporter, and it happens to two. It's a fraud. Based on that definition, I have news for you: Credit-card fraud is a real problem.

It happened to me, and I never even knew it. For nearly three years, someone has used my last name and address to operate a catalog sales scam. I didn't catch on because, like most people, I'm so deluged with unsolicited catalog and credit-card offers that I tend to toss them out unopened. So it was easy for the scam artist to order goods and intercept them while I was at work.

Now, I admit that it's a perfect compaign for a smart-pants financial columnist to become the victim of a financial fraud. But anybody who doesn't have a locked mailbox could just as easily end up providing a "home" to a fraud artist.

Pre-approved credit card applications in the mail? "Easy security consultant Carl Rippestoso. "Now there's a great source for credit-card fraud. It's so easy to intercept mail."

Rippestoso earned his expertise on the subject the old-fashioned way. He committed credit-card fraud for years, eventually serving a term in federal prison. Now, he advises law-enforcement agencies and stores on how to avoid the likes of him. "I go into stores and rip them off to show where they're vulnerable, so they can improve their anti-fraud practices," Rippestoso says. "It's the same thing I did before, only I can't get arrested and they pay me for it to boot."

The good guys welcome the services of a reformed bad guy because fraud losses last year for Visa and MasterCard alone totaled \$712 million, up 19 percent.

"Instead of using guns to stick up the bank, criminals nowadays use plastic," says Nancy Judy, a spokeswoman for the American Bankers Association. "Most people think that because there's a \$50 cap on the cardholder's liability that the losses are insured. They're not. They come straight out of profits." From there they go straight into everyone's cost of doing business, including the cost of having a credit card in the first place.

**B.J. Phillips**

To prevent fraud, Rippestoso says, it's important to remember that fraudsters don't need the card itself; just the numbers.

People whose cards are lost or stolen usually realize it and report the missing cards promptly. Credit-card numbers can be written down by anyone—underpaid gas-station attendants who receive a bounty for every number they pass along, bartenders who take note of high-limit gold and platinum cards, a mail operator who sifts through your bills for account numbers—and the victim won't even know it's happened.

Meanwhile, so he can charge without setting off alarms, the thief calls the card's 800 number and, depending on the safeguards, he may be able to determine your available credit.

So how do you protect yourself? "Get all the receipts, tear up the carbons, don't leave a paper trail," says Nancy Judy.

Rippestoso recommends forging the status cards in favor of "plain-vanilla cards with smaller balances." No matter what kind of card you have, he adds, "watch everything like a hawk."

People who stuff receipts carelessly into shopping bags, or worse, wash them up and throw them away, tell everyone in sight that they won't know what they own.

Above all, Rippestoso says, request annual reports on your credit rating from credit agencies.

"You're entitled to it under law, it's free and it's the only way you'll ever know if someone has been using your cards or applying for new cards in your name. Do it every year, period, regardless."

Finally, do what I didn't do: Watch your mail. If strange names start showing up, even on junk mail, beware. Report any delay or interruption in delivery to postal officials. Note when your cards are due for renewal, and if they don't arrive on time, call the credit-card company. And take extra care during the holidays. Criminals like Christmas presents, too.

B.J. Phillips is a columnist for the Philadelphia Inquirer.

**The federal budget: The 67 percent solution**

**James K. Glassman**

After a brief and fruitless meeting on the budget Friday with White House bargainers, Rep. John Kasich, R-Ohio, who's almost always buyout, was completely deflated. "Frankly," said the House Budget chairman, "I took our breath away."

President Clinton said he would produce a balanced budget in seven years using Congressional Budget Office figures; but he hasn't. As long as he can pose as the savior of Medicare, with the public blaming Congress for Government Shutdown II, he's not going to negotiate seriously. Why should he?

Republicans should stop whining and hoping and butting their heads against the wall. They should simply ignore Clinton and name what I call "The 67 Percent Solution" on their own, right on Capitol Hill.

To govern on its own, Congress needs a two-thirds' majority in both houses to override a presidential veto. Based on Clinton's performance in recent weeks, it's clear that finding another 50 or 60 votes in the House and a dozen in the Senate will be easier than persuading this president, whose attention is riveted to the most recent polls, to close a deal.

On Sunday, the Senate majority leader, Bob Dole, R-Kan., established the predicate for this solution. He said on NBC's "Meet the Press": "Having helped the president on NAFTA, and helped the president on GATT, I think helping him to some extent with reference to Bosnia, that he would totally ignore us when it comes to the budget."

Now, he should complete that statement: "Therefore, we will ignore him. We will have no more negotiations with the president. None. Instead, we will talk to Democratic members of Congress, and, we pledge, come to an immediate agreement on the budget."

That agreement should not be hard to reach, but there's a price: The Republicans will have to give up their tax cut—or scale it back significantly. My suggestion is that the Republicans drop all their tax measures for this year (except one, see below) and announce that in 1996 they will complete work on a restructuring of the entire tax system—probably a flat tax—that will be enacted in 1997. Why make big changes now if you're going to start all over next year?

The exception, the tax relief that should remain in this year's budget, is the \$500 per-child tax credit for middle-class Americans. Over seven years, according to scoring by the Joint Committee on Taxation, that credit accounts for \$150 billion of the \$247 billion in cuts in the current Republican plan. But the GOP should agree to let the credits run only through 1998 (total cost: \$35 billion), by which time a new tax code will be in place.

The plan offered by the centrist Democrats includes more modest reductions

than the GOP budget in the growth of Medicare, Medicaid and welfare. But these differences can easily be negotiated, especially since the coalition members opposed to the president, clearly want a deal. But why should Republicans, especially true-believing freshmen and sophomores in the House, compromise by dropping tax cuts, the "crown jewel" of the Contract With America?

One answer is that, by circumventing the president, they can pull off an even bigger revolution, restoring at last what Woodrow Wilson called "congressional government." Politically, the 67 Percent Solution is a boon as well. Clinton will get no credit at

all for the one objective that nearly all Americans seek: a balanced budget. Really, there's no other choice. Think of it this way: Someone puts a for-sale sign on his house, and you show interest. You bargain back and forth over several months, but it's clear the seller doesn't actually want to sell. What do you do? Give up and look for another house, of course. Similarly, congressional Republicans should give up on Clinton and buy their house from congressional Democrats.

James K. Glassman writes regularly on financial affairs for The Washington Post.

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# Sports

## Morning line

### Sportsquote

“

Too many of Don Shula's look-at-me players were too preoccupied with strutting and taunting and talking trash to do what was necessary to win a must-win game.

”

The New York Posts-Ray McNulty, after watching Buffalo defeat Miami 23-20

### Briefly

#### Twin Falls open gyms during holiday break

TWIN FALLS — The recreation department will hold open gyms during the holiday break. Robert Stuart Junior High will be open Dec. 25, 27, 28, 29 and 30. Each of those days, the public can use the gym from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. The College of Southern Idaho gymnasium also will be open during Christmas break from Dec. 26 to Dec. 29. Youth hours will be from 10 a.m. to noon and adult hours will be from noon to 2 p.m. Contact Dennis Bowyer at 736-2265.

#### Magic Valley Youth Soccer Association needs coaches

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Youth Soccer Association is looking for coaches for the spring soccer season. Anyone interested should contact Mark Stewart at 735-1424 or Marc Garcia at 734-6524. Coaches are needed for all age groups and for both girls' and boys' leagues.

#### Ceriello cards hole-in-one on 3rd hole at Jerome course

JEROME — Professional Mike Ceriello scored a hole-in-one this week at Jerome Country Club. Ceriello converted a sand iron on the par-3, 101-yard third hole. Howard Morgan and Willie Weigt were witnesses.

#### Meissnitzer wins another super-G; Street takes 7th

VEYONNAZ, Switzerland — Austria's Alexandra Meissnitzer won her second World Cup super-G of the season Wednesday, beating Switzerland's Heidi Zurbriggen by 0.18 seconds to top the overall standings. Meissnitzer, 22, who won her first career title earlier this month in a super-G in Val d'Isere, France, completed the Bear course in 1 minute, 28.72 seconds. She also finished third in a giant slalom at Val d'Isere and was third and second in downhill last weekend in St. Anton, Austria. Austria's Michaela Dorfmeister was third in 1:29.17. American star Picabo Street was seventh and teammate Shannon Nobis eighth. Compiled from staff and wire reports

### Sportslate

#### Today

- High school girls' basketball: Canyon at Richfield, 3 p.m.
- Bliss at Dietrich, 6 p.m.
- ISB at Ketchum/Sun Valley Community, 6 p.m.
- High school boys' basketball: Twin Falls at Jerome, 7:30 p.m.
- Middletown at Hotsi, 7:30 p.m.
- Burley at Minico, 8 p.m.
- Dietrich at Coeurville, 8 p.m.
- Bliss at Dietrich, 4:30 p.m.
- Canyon at Richfield, 4:30 p.m.
- ISB at Ketchum/Sun Valley Community, 7:30 p.m.
- TFOA at Hansen Jv, 7:30 p.m.

### SPORTS LINE

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Inside

Scores and stats B2



Minico's Brandon Robinson (bottom) grabs on to anything he can before being pinned by Pocatello's Rhett Bowlden in the 135-pound division Wednesday.

## Spartan matmen crunch Indians

By Kevin Miller Times-News writer

RUPERT — As the defending state wrestling champion at 171-pounds, Minico's Scott Serr prefers short matches, like his 60-second pin of Pocatello's Russ Contreras Wednesday night. Since being crowned the best in his weight class last year, Serr knows that the shorter the match, the less chance his pumped up opponents have of scoring a surprise. "I'm sure everybody's gunning for me," said Serr, who won his third consecutive match of the fall by pin.

The Spartans scored six pins against Pocatello in an impressive, 49-15 win in the regional dual match. "Some of the kids wrestled outstanding tonight," Minico coach Brad Cooper said. "We wrestled a lot better this week than last week." From 140 pounds and up, the Spartans didn't lose a match, winning five of the final seven falls by pin. Minico's younger wrestlers in the lower weight classes wrestled well, but the big boys controlled the match. Serr's quick victory against Contreras sealed the team victory for the Spartans, giving them a 3-0 record in dual meets this year. "I haven't had a pin like that in a long time," Serr said. But it wasn't even the fastest of the night for Minico. Alonzo VanTassel, wrestling at 145 pounds, stuck Shawn Quigley in a lightning

fast 34 seconds. It was VanTassel's second pin in three wins this fall. "Alonzo drew their toughest wrestler and did a heckuva job," Cooper said. VanTassel's stick put Minico ahead for good after Kyle Zemke tied the score with a 3-2 win over Dan Meekling at 140-pounds. Brian Wilson kept the momentum for the Spartans, pinning Willie Orchard in the third round after leading 7-2. David Zamora had to go the distance against Brad Wallace at 160-pounds to pull out a last-minute, 14-8 decision. After Serr made quick work of his opponent, Austin Arthur stuck Jeremy Motishaw moments before the second round came to an end.

Heavyweight Blake Holbrook finished off Pocatello, taking down Dan Frazier and pinning him in less than 70 seconds. At 119 pounds, the Spartans' Vance Anderson recorded a first-round pin of Jonathan George. A pair of freshmen also notched victories on the mat for Minico — Nick Thueson at 103-pounds, and Bill Bauscher at 119. The Spartans take the mat again at home Jan. 3 against Skyline.

Minico 49, Pocatello 15  
Scott Serr 171 lbs., 49:15; Rhett Bowlden 135 lbs., 34:00; Alonzo VanTassel 145 lbs., 34:00; Kyle Zemke 140 lbs., 14:00; Brian Wilson 140 lbs., 14:00; David Zamora 160 lbs., 14:00; Blake Holbrook 180 lbs., 14:00; Russ Contreras 135 lbs., 14:00; Willie Orchard 140 lbs., 14:00; Shawn Quigley 145 lbs., 14:00; Dan Meekling 140 lbs., 14:00; Brad Wallace 160 lbs., 14:00; Dan Frazier 180 lbs., 14:00; Vance Anderson 119 lbs., 14:00; Nick Thueson 103 lbs., 14:00; Bill Bauscher 119 lbs., 14:00; Jeremy Motishaw 145 lbs., 14:00; Blake Holbrook 180 lbs., 14:00.

## Bulldogs cruise past Vikings

By Larry Hovey Times-News writer

KIMBERLY — It's never supposed to be easy when Kimberly and Valley clash. But when one team can only score four points in nearly 12 minutes, that axiom is badly dented. Kimberly muscled into a 23-4 lead midway through the second quarter Wednesday night and cruised past the Vikings 56-35 for a Canyon Conference boys victory. The score read 8-4 when Valley's production came to a halt. Joe Dille hit five points to close the first quarter at 17-4 and then Jackson Dille and Luke Mickelson established the 23-4 count. Amie Mendoza finally ended the drought with 4:18 but by halftime Kimberly had moved up 34-11.



Joe Dille of Kimberly pulls up and shoots over Valley's Doug Huettig Wednesday night in Kimberly.

The Vikings' scoring improved in the third quarter — especially when Andy Kalso hit seven points in three trips downcourt. But they were never closer than 17. It was a happy switch of circumstances for Coach Roger Keller who saw his Bulldogs on the wrong end of a major lacing at American Falls Monday night. "I felt our defense got after them pretty well. Our goal is to try and win every quarter so I was very pleased in the first half," he said. "But I was a little disappointed in the third (when Valley came up 12 points)."

"Our rebounding was up considerably from what it was Monday at American Falls. And I guess the thing that pleases us most is that once we got them down we were able to keep them down." Valley's best move in the second half ended on a Brian Huettig field goal that cut the deficit to 17. But Mickelson, who ended with 23 points, and Alex Soran connected on the Bulldogs' next two possessions to officially slam the door with 34:1 to play. Kimberly opens the conference season 1-0. The loss drops Valley to 1-1. The Bulldogs also won the junior varsity game.

Valley 56, Kimberly 35  
Kimberly 41:23, 25:35  
Valley 11:22, 17:35  
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## Trojans team up to dump Pirates

By John Derr Times-News writer

WENDELL — It's the Christmas season and the Wendell Trojans believe in the spirit of giving. They proved that Wednesday as they played perfect team basketball on their way to a 58-28 pasting of the Hagerman Pirates in a boys' non-conference basketball matchup. "That was the best team effort we have had all year," said Nick Kelsey, who led all scorers with 18 points despite playing only about half the game. "We played great defense and passed the ball unselfishly." The game started slow with both teams sluggish and unable to hit the shots. Lynn Pope got a steal and layup and Kevin Merritt hit a 3-pointer as the Trojans took the lead. Kelsey made it 10-1 when he was hacked in the act and hit his free throw. Hagerman's Tyler Nelson scored four points as the first quarter ended with the score 12-6.

Please see WENDELL/B2

## Oakley still atop A-4 poll; Senators move in

The Associated Press

### Top 5 teams - B2

A handful of undefeated teams remained atop the weekly Associated Press Idaho high school basketball poll heading into the holiday break. The only team to fall from the No. 1 spot in voting by the state's sportswriters and broadcasters was A-2 Kellogg, which dropped to second after defeating A-1 Post

Another newcomer, Middleton, rounded out the top five as Marsh Valley and American Falls fell out of the poll. Among Idaho's largest schools, No. 1 Capital of Boise remained undefeated after victories over Eagle and Meridian. Unbeaten Highland of Pocatello moved up two spots to second with victories over

## Grizzly QB heads I-AA All-American

The Associated Press

Quarterback Dave Dickenson, who led Montana to its first NCAA championship, and record-setting runners Derrick Cullors of Murray State and Thomas Haskins of VMI made The Associated Press I-AA All-American team Wednesday.

### Complete list - B2

Dickenson led the division in total offense with 383 yards per game and was second in passing efficiency, completing 68 percent for 4,716 yards and 38 touchdowns in the regular season.

He was just as spectacular in the playoffs, passing for 1,465 yards and 13 TDs in four games. Dickenson capped his season by leading the Grizzlies to a 22-20 win over Marshall in the I-AA title game and winning the Walter Payton Award as the division's top player. Cullors rushed for a division-leading 1,765 yards, was second in all-purpose yards with 207 per game and ranked third in scoring with 20 touchdowns. He set Murray State records for rushing yards and TDs in a season. Haskins broke his own school record with 1,548 yards this season, scored 17 touchdowns and became VMI's career rushing leader.

The receivers are Detric Ward of Northern Iowa, Pockey Eckford of Weber State and Brian Klingerman of Lehigh. Ward led I-AA with 116 yards receiving per game and averaged an amazing 26 yards per catch. Eckford and Klingerman each made 77 catches, tied for second in the division. Sienna's Reggie Greene is the all-purpose player. Greene averaged 162 yards rushing and 217 all-purpose yards, both tops in the division. The offensive line consists of Bob Hall of Troy State, Dave Fiori of Houston, Joey Wylie of Stephen F. Austin, Tom Claro of Holy Cross and William Pannell of Marshall. Pannell is the only receiver from last year's offensive unit. Placekicker John Coursey of James Madison made all 14 of his field-goal attempts. The defense is led by three repeaters — linebacker Leon Jones of Youngstown State and a pair of Appalachian State teammates, linebacker Dexter Coakley and defensive back Matt Stevens. The defensive linemen are Kavika Pittman of McNeese State, Billy Lyon of Marshall and Kendall Shuello of Southern. Joining Jones and Coakley at linebacker are Nathaniel Claybrooks of Middle Tennessee State and Earl Holmes of Florida A&M. Rounding out the secondary are Rayna Stewart of Northern Arizona, Pincaso Nelson of Jackson State and William Hampton of Murray State. Punter Kevin O'Leary of Northern Arizona led the division with a 42.75-yard average.







Calgary Flames right winger Craig Ferguson, left, crashes to the ice after taking a hip check from Hartford defenseman Glen Featherstone during first-period action Wednesday in Hartford, Conn.

# NFL, union OK labor agreement

The Associated Press

It may be hard to believe, but there seem to be people in the NFL and its union who are aware that other sports are being damaged by their labor problems.

The two sides agreed late Tuesday to an extension of their labor agreement — perhaps through 2002 — in part by doing away with the uncapped year of 1999. In exchange for that, the owners agreed to add \$20-25 million to next year's salary cap and drop the free-agent eligibility for 1999 from six years to the present.

"We could have ended up with an uncapped year in which we would have resembled baseball rather than football," Doug Allen, assistant executive director of the NFL Players Association, said Wednesday.

That was the impetus for the agreement, along with the NFL's desire to do something positive in a season in which its image of stability has been torn apart by the moves — real and prospective — of free franchises.

The labor agreement doesn't really diminish the impact of that problem — it wasn't due to expire until 2000 anyway, making it irrelevant to all but a handful of fans.

But the owners were well aware of it, largely because of what's happened in the last year: the Rams and Raiders moving from Los Angeles to St. Louis and Oakland and the proposed moves of the Cleveland Browns to Baltimore and Houston Oilers to Nashville.

Those shifts were prompted largely by the desire of owners to generate instant cash with which to pay the large signing bonuses to soften the impact of the salary cap. Deion Sanders' \$13 million from the Cowboys, for example, was prorated over seven years, although it was later reduced to three years because it was ruled disproportionate to Sanders' \$175,000 salary.

# Amonte paces 'Hawks past Leafs

TORONTO (AP) — Tony Amonte increased his season goal total by 50 percent Wednesday night, scoring twice for Chicago as the Blackhawks beat the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Amonte scored only for goals 75 shots in his first 31 games, getting a pair in the opening home-and-home series. Joe Murphy and Brent Sutter also scored for Chicago.

Doug Gilmour and Kenny Jonsson scored for Toronto, which had won three straight and six of its last seven games.

Toronto outshot Chicago 27-23 and Jeff Hackett got the win over Danian Rhodes. No. 1 goaltenders

**Pro hockey**

Felix Potvin and Ed Belfour will play Thursday night in Chicago.

Murphy scored the only goal of the first period when he slammed his own rebound past Rhodes at 14:07 for his 11th goal of the season.

There was an exchange of short-handed goals early in the second. Rhodes should've stopped a long Armonic wrist shot that got between his right leg pad and the post at 3:57. Then Hackett went to his knees too soon and Gilmour, free on the right wing, lifted a short-side wrist shot under the cross bar at 6:20.

**Sabres 2, Canadiens 1**

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Pat LaFontaine scored two goals and backup goaltender Andrei Trefilov had 37 saves as the Buffalo Sabres beat the Montreal Canadiens 2-1 Wednesday night.

The Sabres (15-14-3) won their fourth straight and moved one point behind second-place Montreal (16-14-2) in the Northeast Division.

**Flames 3, Whalers 2**

HARTFORD — Zarley Zaleski had a goal and an assist against his former team Wednesday night, leading the Calgary Flames to a 3-2 victory over the Hartford Whalers in front of the smallest announced crowd in franchise history.

Just 6,563 attended the game at the

Hartford Civic Center due to more than a foot of snow that fell in the past two days. The previous low was 7,232 on Nov. 10, 1993 against Ottawa. Only 1,262 attended the March 3, 1993 game against Buffalo due to a blizzard, but 10,011 tickets had been sold.

Zaleski, who played for the Whalers from 1990-91 through 1993-94, assisted on the game's first goal, by Ed Ward with 7:08 in the opening period. In the final minute of the first period, Zaleski scored on a breakthrough for his fifth goal of the season. German Tiov scored the Flames' final goal on the power play midway through the third. Scott Daniels and Nelson Emerson scored the Whalers' goals. Emerson's goal came in the final minute of play with a two-man advantage.

# Falcons face 49ers, eye playoff chances

By Dave Goldberg  
The Associated Press

When the Atlanta Falcons examine their playoff possibilities, they're faced with one startling fact.

They can make the playoffs if they lose. But it's a lot easier if they win, which isn't likely to happen when San Francisco comes to town.

This is not an even rivalry, nor is it a ho-hum game for the 49ers, who can clinch home field for the playoffs with a win.

The 49ers, who are 10-point favorites to win six of the last seven meetings, scoring (in reverse order) 41, 50, 42, 37, 41 and 56 points in those victories.

And it's not only the Falcons. Since the 49ers began their six-game winning streak with that 38-50 shocker in Dallas, they've averaged 36.3 points a game. Combine that with a defense that's probably the best in the NFL, an Atlanta defense that's not, and you get...

**49ERS, 42-17**  
Detroit (minus 8½) at Tampa Bay (Saturday)

The Lions are the hottest team in the NFL. The conventional wisdom is it was William Clay Ford's ultimatum to Wayne Fontes that did it. But Herman Moore, Brett Perriman, Barry Sanders and Scott Mitchell also had something to do with the turnaround.

The Lions are still playing for a division title.

**LIONS, 27-17**  
Pittsburgh (plus 3½) at Green Bay

This game means nothing — both teams are in the playoffs. This game means everything — the Packers need to lock up the division and the Steelers can still get home field throughout the playoffs.

**PACKERS, 12-10**  
New England (plus 6) at Indianapolis (Saturday)

The Colts need to win, the Patriots don't.

**COLTS, 22-17**  
Philadelphia (plus 2½) at Chicago

The Eagles have clinched a home playoff game, but they want

# 76ers edge Jazz; Pacers trim Lakers

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Philadelphia 76ers got a boost from an unlikely source Wednesday night.

Trevor Ruffin, signed as a free agent Dec. 3, scored a career-high 32 points to lead the 76ers to a 108-104 victory over Utah.

Ruffin, who played in Greece this fall, made nine of 14 shots, including 7-of-10 from 3-point range.



**Pro basketball**

"I just had the feeling tonight," said Ruffin, whose previous NBA high was 20 points with Phoenix last year. "I've taken a long road to get here and I'm just trying to relax and play my game."

Ruffin outplayed Utah's All-Star guard John Stockton and helped Philadelphia win its second straight for the first time this season. "Stockton's a great defensive player, but I just wanted to take it to him tonight and it worked out," Ruffin said.

Jerry Stackhouse had 18 points and 15 rebounds for Philadelphia, which won for only the third time in 18 games. Vernon Maxwell scored all 15 of his points in the second half for the 76ers.

Karl Malone had 31 points and eight assists for the Jazz, while Jeff Hornacek added 22 points.

"We didn't execute at all in the fourth period and threw the ball all over the place," coach Jerry Sloan said. "We tried to sneak one out at the end of playing our normal game. We broke down and stopped working the ball."

Philadelphia trailed by as many as 16 points in the first period, but Ruffin entered the game early in the second quarter and scored 19 points before halftime, including 4-of-4 from 3-point range.

**Indiana's Derrick McKey drives on Los Angeles Lakers' Cedric Coballos Wednesday in Indianapolis.**

**Magic 107, Timberwolves 100**

ORLANDO, Fla. — Anfernee Hardaway scored 32 points and Shaquille O'Neal had 30 as Orlando remained unbeaten at home.

Nick Anderson just missed a triple double for the defending Eastern Conference champions, finishing with 21 points, 10 rebounds and nine assists to

had the first triple-double of his eight-year career.

All five Los Angeles starters finished in double figures, led by Nick Van Exel with 20 points. The Lakers made only 25 of 39 free throws, while Indiana was 20 of 26.

**Pistons 102, Bucks 77**

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Allan Houston scored 29 points, including consecutive 3-pointers during a 10-0 run that put Detroit in control.

Vin Baker led Milwaukee with 25 points, but no other Buck scored more than 10.

**Heat 112, Nets 104**

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Kevin Garnett scored 29 points, including seven 3-pointers during a 10-0 run that put Detroit in control.

Danny Schayes finished with 17 points and 16 rebounds, both season highs, for the injury-riddled Heat.

**Nuggets 109, Warriors 104**

DENVER — Don MacLean matched his career high with 38 points and Dikembe Mutombo hit a critical hook shot with 13.5 seconds left as Denver held on to beat Golden State 109-104 Wednesday night.

The injury-riddled Nuggets, who suited up only nine players and used just seven, squandered a 22-point third-quarter lead as Golden State mounted a 16-2 run to start the final period.

**Suns 106, Bullets 104 OT**

PHOENIX — Charles Barkley, ice-cold from the floor, made two free throws with 1.8 seconds left in overtime Wednesday night to lift the Phoenix Suns to a 106-104 victory over the Washington Bullets.

Elliot Perry brought Phoenix from behind after regulation ended in a 96-96 tie.

# Networks in slow race to televise new race

NEW YORK (AP) — The war between IndyCar drivers and the Indianapolis 500 has not yet spread to television — and apparently won't. None of the major networks seem to want it.

Unable to settle differences with speedway officials, top drivers plan to run a rival IndyCar race on May 26 called the U.S. 500. Even Turner Sports, considered the early front-runner to land the new race, say it doesn't want it.

"We have declined, just like the other networks that were approached," Turner Sports spokesman Greg Hughes said. "We have taken ourselves out of consideration. We are not interested."

Hardly anybody else has expressed any interest, either.

Earlier, both NBC and CBS said they turned it down, and Fox and The Nashville Network say they haven't spoken to anyone from the rival group. ESPN expressed mild interest, but it has some political

considerations. It has common ownership with ABC, which televises the Indy 500.

Hughes said Turner decided to back off "because it was the best

thing for our company from an overall business standpoint."

Several industry sources told The Associated Press one reason for reluctance to get involved was a

belief the race might never actually be run. CBS, for example, turned down the race, even though organizers offered to pay for the time on the network.

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# Magic Valley

## Around the valley

### GOP discusses Jerome commissioner vacancy

**JEROME** - The Republican Central Committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. today to discuss candidates to fill a county commissioner position that will become vacant Dec. 31.

The Committee will also plan a Lincoln Day banquet to be held Feb. 23.

The Jan. 4 committee members plan to select three possible candidates for nomination to Gov. Phil Batt who will make the final choice for the commissioner job.

The public is invited to attend the Thursday meeting in the Jerome County Courthouse.

### Saturday donors will set off Salvation Army bells at mall

**TWIN FALLS** - Shoppers who feel it's just-not-Christmas-without-the-tinkle-of-Salvation Army bells can put their money where their ears are Saturday at the Magic Valley Mall.

The bells will ring whenever someone puts money in a collection kettle, mall managers say.

"In order that the Salvation Army has the resources for the holiday season and beyond, the Magic Valley Mall invites all shoppers on Saturday to donate and ring the bells..." said a mall news release Wednesday.

In an agreement with the mall, the army has declined to ring bells inside the shopping center for most of this year's holiday season. The mall also donated store space to the charity so it could organize its annual gift collection drive.

### Police plan autopsy for man found dead in Buhl house

**BUHL** - An autopsy is planned today for a man who detectives found dead in his home three miles east of Buhl Tuesday.

Investigators say they suspect the man shot himself, but they have not yet determined his cause of death and have not yet ruled out homicide, said Twin Falls County Sheriff Wayne Tousey.

The man was discovered one day after law enforcement officials pulled over his wife on suspicion of drunken driving Monday, according to a news release from the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department.

The woman said she and her husband had been fighting, but when officers went to the couple's home, the doors were locked, the release said. Tuesday, his body was found when the woman entered the house escorted by a sheriff's deputy she had requested for protection against her husband, the release said.

### Ski season will finally begin at Soldier Mountain Friday

**FAIRFIELD** - Soldier Mountain Ski Area will open for the season on Friday.

The Camas County resort, located 10 miles north of here, had about 36 inches of snow at the top of the mountain on Wednesday, with 18 to 24 inches at the base. Soldiers had tentatively planned to open on Dec. 15, but had too little snow last weekend.

Hours are 9:30 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. daily through the holidays. Bus service will run from Twin Falls, leaving Claude's Sports at 6:45 a.m., Filer at 7 a.m., Elsie's Plaza in Jerome at 7:50 a.m., Wendell at 8:15 a.m., Frahm Junior High School in Gooding at 8:30 a.m. and Camas County High in Fairfield at 9:15 a.m. Cost is \$5.

### Health officials: Reptiles can pass salmonella to humans

**TWIN FALLS** - If you want to give your children some of the same Christmas presents you had - like a pet turtle, for instance - take heed: Turtles, iguanas and other lizards have been associated with cases of salmonella.

The South Central District Health Department offers the following recommendations for preventing transmission of salmonella from reptiles to humans:

- Pregnant women, children under 5 and people with immune-system problems should avoid contact with reptiles.
- Child-care centers should not keep reptiles.
- Do not house reptiles in kitchens or other areas where food is prepared. Do not use kitchen sinks to bathe reptiles or to wash their dishes, cages or aquariums.
- After handling reptiles or their cages, wash your hands.
- And, as with all gifts of live animals, get the recipient's permission first, the health department advises.

Compiled from staff reports

## Rock Creek foot trail may grow farther downstream

By Virginia S. Garber  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Russian olive trees are matted against the canyon wall, and trash wood has drifted into piles along the water's edge.

But a spring tumbles noisily from the rock wall. And County Commissioner Dennis Maughan envisions a footbridge, a walking trail and "romantic picnic spots."

A chunk of the Rock Creek Canyon is for sale, and county commissioners are ready to buy - with a little help from their friends at City Hall.

The county this week ordered appraisals on 8.22 acres on the west side of Rock Creek, Maughan said. The parcel is just beyond the end of an asphalt trail that stretches north from the county's Rock Creek Park along the canyon's east side.

Maughan declined Wednesday to name the property owner.

The owner is asking \$20,000 for the piece of potential paradise, and the city of Twin Falls has offered the county a loan of \$10,000, Maughan said. The city's offer "really puts the test to the relationship" - between the two local governments - which has shown healthier signs this year than in the past, he said.

Though park acquisition wasn't in the county budget this year, commissioners have scraped together the other \$10,000 and will budget money next year to repay the city, he said.

But Idaho law prohibits counties from paying more for land than fair market value, so the sale must wait for a series of appraisals and perhaps negotiations with the owner.

Maughan said he expects the sale to close within about 60 days.

Construction will take several years, however. The county's park budget is small and doesn't allow for rapid improvements, Maughan said.

If the sale is completed, the trail from Rock Creek Park eventually will stretch about a third of a mile farther on the opposite side of the canyon, with a bridge connecting the two sections, Maughan said.

Six property owners on the canyon's east side have blocked county efforts to continue the public trail, Maughan said. They own land all the way to the water line and were unwilling to sell, he said.



Twin Falls County could expand the Rock Creek foot trail to the west side of Rock Creek Canyon with a land purchase.

Twin Falls County already owns bottomland south of where Filer Avenue dead ends at the canyon, he said. Last year, Rock Creek Park boasted more than 40,000 visitors - counting just the ones who booked reservations for parties or reunions, he said.

## 6 plead guilty in biggest poaching case of 1995

By William Brock  
Times-News writer

**JEROME** - Four men have pleaded guilty to poaching elk and another two pleaded guilty to illegal use of motorcycles in what Fish and Game officials are calling the biggest poaching case of the year.

"This was by far the largest poaching operation in the region," said Gary Hompland, Jerome-based regional conservation officer for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

About 800 pounds of meat from five bull elk and a two-point deer were seized, along with three elk racks including a trophy-sized six-by-six, Hompland said.

No citations have been issued for the death of one elk and the deer, Hompland said, adding that anyone with information about those crimes can provide it anonymously.

The other citations were written by four of Hompland's game wardens - who posed as hunters during the first few days of the elk season, which began Oct. 15. The Fish and Game men mingled with the poachers at times, and watched them with high-powered spotting scopes at other times.

The game wardens watched as three of the elk were slain. The crimes occurred in the Snake and Cayuse creek drainages, just inside the boundary for Hunting Unit 43.

Though the elk were killed inside Unit 43, only one of the four men cited for wildlife crimes had a tag for that hunting unit. Steven J. Platts, of Rexburg, shot a bull elk - but his tag was for a cow elk. Platts honestly believed his tag was for a bull, so Fish and Game didn't even enter on him, said Rich Holman, a Wendell-based game warden.



Idaho game wardens, from left, Jim Collom, Greg Wooten and Gary Hompland display elk meat and antlers confiscated from poachers.

The other three poachers were licensed to hunt in Unit 39, which is open to anyone with a valid elk hunting license. Trouble is, Unit 39 is steep and thickly wooded - hence, extremely hard to hunt. "These guys were a matter of feet into Unit 43, but the animals were

### Poaching case dispositions

The following men were cited by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game for illegal activities in the Snake and Cayuse creek drainages, about 10 miles northeast of Fairhaven.

- Here is a summary of Magistrate Court dispositions of their cases:
- Emery Treat, of Boise, pleaded guilty to possession of an unlawfully taken elk and operating a motorcycle in a non-motorized area. He was fined \$1,262.
- David Elmer, of Ogden, Utah, pleaded guilty to possession of an unlawfully taken elk and operating a motorcycle in a non-motorized area. He was fined \$1,062.
- Steven G. Platts, of Hailey, pleaded guilty to possession of an unlawfully taken elk. He was fined \$1,100, with \$300 suspended, and had his hunting privileges revoked for one year.
- Steven J. Platts, of Rexburg, pleaded guilty to hunting without a proper tag. He was fined \$150.
- Loran Gillespie, of Kimberly, pleaded guilty to operating a motorcycle in a non-motorized area. He was fined \$87.
- Joe Mabey, of Twin Falls, pleaded guilty to operating a motorcycle in a non-motorized area. He was fined \$87.

well into 43," Holman said. "They were glassing constantly into 43."

"We weren't sitting on the ridge watching to see if they were shooting two feet into one area or another," added officer Roger Olson, of Hailey. Fish and Game selected the area because "we'd had a lot of complaints from other (elk) permit holders about this activity," he said.

"We basically confirmed what sportsmen had been telling us all along," Olson said. Unit 43 is prime elk country and more than 1,000 hunters applied for 500 bull tags there this year.

After witnessing three elk slain in two days, the Fish and Game men still posing as hunters - moseyed over to join the violators. The two groups chatted casually, then one of the hunters mentioned that he'd killed yet another bull elk deep in Unit 43.

With several animals already on the ground and all of the violators at hand, it seemed like a good moment

for the game wardens to properly introduce themselves.

The violators were surprised when the badges came out and some began to laugh; the situation never threatened to become violent, Olson said. Though good-natured, the men initially feigned innocence. "They all had a canned answer," said Greg Wooten, a Fairfield-based game warden. "They said they shot their animal in 39 and it ran into 43."

In addition to the poaching citations, the game wardens also wrote out four citations for operating motorcycles in restricted areas.

"These guys were getting an unfair advantage over other hunters, who had to hike five miles to get into a closed area," Hompland said. "I eat meat from the seized animals, but I give away to needy people, churches and other charitable institutions. The horns will be sold at a public auction in Lewiston next year."

## Repeat offender indicted again

By Liz Wright  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - A 61-year-old man convicted of three sexual offenses in four decades has been indicted in Twin Falls County on a fourth charge.

Earl Lee Vinsant of Twin Falls was indicted recently on a felony charge after 14 years in prison after pleading guilty to a pre-teen boy said Vinsant molested him on Oct. 15, according to court documents.

Vinsant was apprehended in Arizona recently while apparently trying to flee arrest, said Twin Falls County Chief Deputy Prosecutor John Lohspeich. The 5th District Court grand jury issued the indictment.

In December 1987, Vinsant, then living in Hagerman, was sentenced to up to 10 years in prison after pleading guilty to a felony lewd conduct charge in connection with a child.

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## Hospital still drafting takeover deal

By Julie Casey Lynn  
Times-News correspondent

**KETCHUM** - Nine months after a Boise hospital's proposal to take over the Wood River Medical Center, a joint planning committee is still working to complete a draft agreement.

The main obstacle to completing the agreement between the Medical Center and

St. Luke's Regional Medical Center is the "statutory and constitutional issues surrounding the transfer of public assets to a private entity."

"Currently, the (Idaho) Constitution prohibits public hospitals from entering into a partnership with a private enterprise," said Steve Millard, president of the Idaho Hospital Association.

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# Earthquake may, may not be sign of things to come

**AFTON, Wyo. (AP)** — A minor earthquake in the Star Valley last week has geologists wondering whether a larger tremor might be in store for the area.

The Wyoming State Geological Survey in Laramie said Wednesday an earthquake with an estimated magnitude of 3.2 to 3.6 occurred near Bedford Saturday.

Jim Case, head of the survey's Geologic Hazards Section, said his office is not sure whether the seismic activity may be a precursor to more powerful earthquakes in the Star Valley Fault system.

"This may be an isolated event, but we have so many questions on this that we just don't know," he said. "Anything that occurs in the near vicinity of a major fault system ... then we feel it is prudent to put out a press release."

Information from the National Earthquake Center and University of Utah indicated the earthquake's epicenter could have been located within 1.5 miles of the Star Valley Fault, which is capable of generating an

earthquake with a magnitude of 7.3 to 7.5, Case said.

Case said his office had difficulty tracking down information on the earthquake because of the federal government shutdown that limited activity in the National Earthquake Center and because of a lack of seismic stations in Star Valley.

The earthquake caused no damage, said Chuck Young, Lincoln County's emergency management administrator.

The Star Valley Fault, which runs along the east side of the Star Valley, is as significant a fault as the Teton Fault, Case said. Experts have long been concerned that a major shift in the Teton Fault could destroy Jackson and the Jackson Lake Dam.

Studies indicate that the Star Valley Fault becomes active every 2,500 to 6,000 years and that the last time it was active was 5,500 years ago.

"It is near the time statistically when you would start to wonder if it would start to activate again," Case said. "We're either well beyond the

activation time) or getting close. Of course, getting close in this case is 500 years."

The last major earthquake in the area, in February 1994, was actually centered in Idaho on a fault system separate from the Star Valley fault.

The earthquake, with a magnitude of 5.9, was preceded by several smaller earthquakes, Case said.

"But there was no way to know until after the fact," he said. "There's just not a detailed enough seismic record over a length of time to draw a correlation."

Young added that the earthquake marks the third consecutive year that seismic activity has been seen in the area in the winter, beginning in February 1994 and followed by the collapse earlier this year of a tona mine. Geologists are still trying to determine whether the collapse was responsible for seismic activity or whether an earthquake triggered the collapse.

"We're saying when it does happen, (people) ought to be ready," Young said.

# School board members target chairman

**COEUR D'ALENE (AP)** — Some members of the Coeur d'Alene School Board want to oust outgoing chairman Ken Burchell as chairman, but another member of the board supports him.

Some board members, unhappy about Burchell's outspoken comments, have called for a special board meeting, ostensibly to oust him as chairman. It was to have been held Tuesday, but was postponed until after the holidays because of scheduling conflicts.

Burchell named the meeting a "hang Ken party."

# Death notices

**Carlos Arroyo** — Carlos Arroyo, 73, of Heyburn, died Wednesday, Dec. 20, 1995, at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Center in Burley. The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Declo LDS Ward Chapel, with Bishop Dan Darrington officiating.

**Ruth A. Widmer** — Ruth A. Widmer, 77, of Burley, died Sunday, Dec. 17, 1995, at her home in Parker, Ariz.

The funeral will be held at 2:30 p.m. Friday at the Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 W. Main St. in Burley, with Con Anderson officiating. Burial will be at Gem Memorial Gardens in Burley. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today and one hour before the funeral on Friday at the funeral chapel.

Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Hansen Mortuary Burial Chapel and one hour before the funeral on Saturday at the church.

# Services

**Shelley Sizmore**, of Meridian, 11 a.m. today. **Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home**, 1530 N. 45th St., Coeur d'Alene, Texas 71110. A graveside service will be held at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding, (Demaray's Gooding Chapel).

**George T. Matthews** — George T. Matthews, 80, of Burley, died Tuesday, Dec. 19, 1995, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

Funeral, 7 p.m. today at the Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl. Viewing, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

**Jim L. Murphy** — Jim Lloyd Murphy, 36, of Buhl and formerly of Burley, died at

his home. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Payne Mortuary in Burley.

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# Hospitals

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

**Admitted**  
Tam Robinson of Jerome.

**Released**  
Brenda Thompson of Twin Falls; and Denver Fine of Filer.

**Deaths**  
A baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. Brent Wian and to Cita Cabera, both of Burley; Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel Montoya of Rupert; and to Jaime Ketchum of Paul.

**MINIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL** — Some names are omitted at patients' request.

**Admitted**  
Darrell Butcher, Cita Caldera, Emilee Hymas, Shaelyn Phillips and Trina Winn, all of Burley; Paxton Alexander, Emily Joe Fairchild, Tenille Harper, Jaime Ketchum and Michael Woodland, all of Paul; Gemma Brackbury of Albion; Ruth Honeycutt and Gabriel Teresh, both of Rupert; Alta McIntosh of Oakley; William Mumper of Almo; and Afton Voyce of Declo.

**Released**  
Mark Connor, Bryon Saltzer Waymet and Urian Shaw, all of Burley; Rosemary Hill and Janet Vanevery, both of Rupert; and Darbi Rasmussen of Minidoka.

**Deaths**  
A daughter was born to Teresa and Maria Lugo of Minidoka; and to Tonya and Jake Romans of Rupert.

**CASSIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER** — Some names are omitted at patients' request.

**Admitted**  
Jan Carrick, Manson Fowler and Glotzel Gerisch, all of Burley; James Bodily of Declo; Emma Butcane and Reva

**Released**  
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# ACLU wants Ogden to pull down nativity scene on city-owned land

**OGDEN, Utah (AP)** — The Utah Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union says an elaborate nativity scene at the Ogden City-owned Union Station is illegal and should be dismantled immediately.

An ACLU letter dated Monday and sent to Mayor Glenn Mechem says the Christian manger scene violates the church-state separation clause in the First Amendment because it sits on city property.

However, Union Station Director Bob Geier said the lighted nativity scene is legal because secular displays of Santa Claus, his reindeer and sleigh are set up 20 feet away.

Ogden City's Union Depot," the ACLU letter said. "We are writing to request that this display be removed."

Carol Glade, executive director of the Utah ACLU chapter, said residents registering complaints requested anonymity for fear of retribution. She said the Supreme Court has made it clear that public property should not be sites for solely Christian-based displays like nativity scenes.

"The court held that the display of a creche on city property violated the establishment clause of the First Amendment," she said.

Geier was not aware of any complaints. This is the second year the nativity scene has been erected at the Union Station, he said.

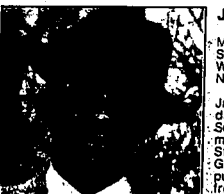
"Each year we've tried to add something new," he said. "Next year we'll try to add a Frosty the Snowman."

Mechem said Tuesday the city will give thought to the ACLU request.

"When issues like this have come up in the past, we have acted accordingly," he said. "We recognize that this is a religious holiday with Christmas and Hanukkah, and we try to recognize that. We endeavor to do what is right."

# Obituaries

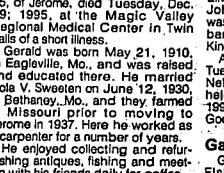
## Charles Gooding



## Jane Schubert McHarg



## Gerald W. Gibson



**JEROME** — Gerald Wayne Gibson, 85, of Jerome, died Tuesday, Dec. 19, 1995, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls of a short illness.

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## Verdugo Hill, Art Association in

Glendale, Calif., where she served as president and held other offices. She had a special interest in the restoration of older homes, collecting antiques, arrowhead hunting, camping, fishing, and all outdoor pursuits.

## Lynn H. Coon

She was survived by two daughters, Mrs. James (Leslie) McCain of Morrison, Colo., and Mrs. Carter (Nana) Peterson of Wayne, Neb.; one brother, Adam "Bud" Schubert and his wife, Elizabeth of Gooding; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two nieces, Mrs. Tom (Cindy) Gooding of King and Mrs. (Peggy) Longhurst of Elko, Nev.; and one nephew, Adam John Schubert of Gooding. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1959; and son, Charles King McHarg in 1988.

## Gayle N. Fisher

**GOODING** — Gayle Nielsen Fisher, 52, of Gooding, died Tuesday, Dec. 19, 1995, at her home of a heart attack.

She was born Dec. 29, 1942, in Wendell, the daughter of Morris and Lois Freeman Nielsen. She was raised and educated in Gooding, graduating from Gooding High School in 1961. She later attended Idaho State University in Pocatello where she studied art for two years. Gayle married John B. Fisher in 1963. They made their home in Glendale, Calif., where their three children were born. They were divorced in 1986. Gayle returned to Idaho to make her home in Gooding.

## David Evans charged with 3 counts of prescription forgery

**POCATELLO (AP)** — The wife of Oneida County Prosecutor David Evans has been charged with three felony counts of obtaining a controlled substance by prescription forgery.

A Pocatello Police Department spokesman said Martin Zamorano Evans, 42, was accused on Tuesday of forging prescriptions for narcotics and using them to purchase drugs from local pharmacies.

Mrs. Evans is scheduled to appear in court on Jan. 28.

## Prosecutor's wife charged with 3 counts of prescription forgery

David Evans declined to indicate how his wife would plead, but said she became addicted to cocaine after taking the medication for back problems.

"It's a real tragedy," Evans said. "We've just got to follow through and hope the system understands." The prosecutor said his wife has been undergoing daily rehabilitation since August and that his family also has been in counseling.

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**Magic Valley**

**Bald Mountain opens**

The Times-News

**SUN VALLEY** — The Sun Valley Co. will open the rest of Bald Mountain for skiing on Friday.

The resort opened part of the mountain on Dec. 9, but lacked enough snow to complete the opening until this week.

Sun Valley said there are 45 inches of snow at the top of the mountain.

company an advantage, he said.

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**Molester**

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with the molestation of a pre-teen girl in August 1986, according to Gooding County deputy clerk. In October 1988, Vinsant had his sentence lowered to one year in jail and five years' probation, the clerk said.

in 1961, Vinsant was convicted of felony sodomy in Provo, Utah and was sentenced to prison for three to 20 years, Lottspeich said. Vinsant was paroled in 1966 from prison in Draper, Utah, he said.

In 1958, Vinsant was convicted in Ogden, Utah of "indecent assault" and received a sentence of probation, Lottspeich said. A year earlier, he was charged with indecent exposure, but the charge was dismissed, he said.

Vinsant was being held Wednesday in Twin Falls County Jail in lieu of \$25,000 bond.

**Power**

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hazardous. You can't just walk away from it and leave it on autopilot," he said. "You just can't put it on autopilot and hope it works."

Customers should benefit from the reorganization, Prescott said, because they no longer will be bounced from department to department. Instead, a team of employees will work on each service request, he said.

All the hand-offs that are happening behind the scenes should be

invisible to the customer," Packwood said. When a customer calls, someone will now be able to say when workers will respond, what needs to be done and how much it will cost, he said.

And while new jobs probably won't be created in the retail-services area — the company's largest unit — there could be more good-paying jobs in the company's hydro production, automation and solar ventures, Packwood said. In a competitive environment, expertise will give the

company an advantage, he said. Packwood said a federal rule should be out in March 1996 about giving other companies access to transmission lines for their own retail customers. Companies other than utilities have been able to build power plants since 1978.

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**Rupert won't make New Year's exception to Sunday liquor ban**

By John Thompson  
Times-News writer

**RUPERT** — Drinkers who prefer a scotch and water to a beer had better avoid this town on New Year's Eve this year, according to a non-decision by the City Council Tuesday night.

An amendment that would have allowed the sale of hard liquor after 8 p.m. on New Year's Eve when that day falls on a Sunday — as it does this year — failed for lack of a motion during a council meeting Tuesday night.

By deciding not to act on the amendment the council upheld a city ordinance that says no liquor can be sold between 8 p.m. Sunday and 10 a.m. Monday.

Bar and lounge patrons, however, can still buy all beer or wine they desire on New Year's Eve in Rupert this year, as the ordinance does not affect anything but hard liquor.

The amendment was proposed by Rupert Mayor David Pena at a council meeting in late November. He said the council should take the opportunity to support Rupert's business community and approve the amend-

ment that would have created an exception to the ordinance for five hours, on one day, approximately every seven years. That is how often New Year's Eve falls on a Sunday.

Apparently the council didn't see it the same way. When Councilman Gar Looosi called for a motion Tuesday night, the council kept quiet. Mayor Dwinnelle Allred was absent from the meeting and unavailable for comment on Wednesday. Pena was also out of town and not available for comment.

Though there was no discussion among the city's acting leaders, they did request that two councilmembers who attended the meeting express their feelings.

Neither Councilman-At-Large Joel Rogers, nor Councilman-elect Layne Rutschke supported or opposed the amendment. Both said they could have been swayed in either direction. Rogers said the argument that Rupert patrons may drive to Twin Falls for the evening is a moot point because Twin Falls also restricts hard liquor sales on Sunday.

The council's action took place at the last council meeting of the year, leaving no chance for further discussion of the amendment before New Year's Eve.

**Police: Grudge ignited Burley arson fires**

By Jennifer Busch  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY** — Investigators say retaliation against an individual was the motive behind two arson fires reported last week in Burley.

Police say Michael Dean Siow, 28, of Fort Hall, set fire to two homes Dec. 14. The reason he wasn't able to retrieve personal items that he had left in the care of Jason Braschuk, 19, said Tim Little, a detective in the Cassia County Sheriff's Department.

And Siow couldn't find Braschuk at home, Little said. According to a court affidavit filed by the Cassia County prosecutor's office, Siow had moved from Burley in October. He had left some items in Braschuk's care before he left town.

**Hospital**

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The association, however, hopes to change constitutional law to remove barriers to put together a public-private partnership. That and other changes in the law would allow health-care organizations to respond more easily to the changing medical environment, Millard said.

"It's not to bail out failing hospitals but to better organize and use shared resources so that the IHA (and its member hospitals) can provide better, more efficient health care," he said.

In March, St. Luke's Regional Medical Center proposed taking over ownership and operation of the Wood River Medical Center as a nonprofit corporation. The hospital's assets would be transferred to St. Luke's Boise.

St. Luke's would, in turn, ante up \$33 million toward a proposed new \$20 million hospital at a site to be determined. The \$17 million needed to finish the hospital would be financed by philanthropic donations.

**Troubled partnership**  
St. Luke's proposal grew out of an effort by Blaine County and Sun Valley to get out of the hospital business.

In 1990, Sun Valley and Blaine County merged hospital facilities into the Wood River Medical Center. Officials decided, after years of discussion, that the two hospitals should consolidate to save money and assure that the valley could maintain health care services to the community, Blaine County commissioner Tom Blanchard said.

After the Medical Center partnership was set up, officials decided it would be more cost effective to build one new facility rather than remodel existing 40-year-old structures. In the summer of 1994, a Bailey site for the new hospital was proposed.

"Things went ballistic when Hailey was picked as the site for the new hospital," Blanchard said.

City Attorney Michael C. Moore reviewed the agreement in April 1994 and made some recommendations to resolve the problems in the agreement. It needed to be reformed

**On the agenda**

The proposal by St. Luke's Regional Medical Center to take over operation and ownership of the Wood River Medical Center is on the agenda of the Sun Valley City Council, which meets at 4 p.m. today.

to bring it in line with statutory requirements, or the agreement could be declared null and void.

One problem was that the Medical Center board had five more members than the law allowed. Another problem was that the county could not convey public assets but the city could not.

"We were running into problems because the county could transfer its assets to a not-for-profit entity but the city could not," Blanchard said.

Former Sun Valley Mayor Jo Ann Levy filed a lawsuit to have the Medical Center partnership agreement dissolved.

A group of Sun Valley residents, "Citizens Committee for Responsive Government," filed a successful petition to recall the mayor. Levy eventually withdrew the lawsuit and opted to try to work out the problems.

Officials decided that representatives from Sun Valley, the Medical Center board and Blaine County would meet to work out a settlement.

"I recall that we met about every other Friday beginning in September and continuing through part of December. These were all public meetings," Blanchard said.

**Legislative changes**  
The members of the settlement committee decided to propose legislation to the Idaho Legislature to change state law to bring it in line with the agreement.

Two laws needed to be amended. Moore was directed to write the proposed legislation to allow 10 members on the board rather than five and to "bring the municipal code more in line with the county law which already allows the conveyance of public hospital assets to

private nonprofit entities without a vote," Moore said.

"With these changes, it was hoped that the agreement disputes could be resolved without a lawsuit," he said.

Meanwhile, Sun Valley was working to appoint a new mayor and a replacement for Councilman Dr. Stephen D. Luber, who also had resigned. Suresh Shivdasani was appointed in September. A new city attorney, Rand Peebles, was hired. Then in January, Tom Pragstis was appointed mayor.

Tom (Blanchard) called me and wondered if anything had been done on the legislation," Moore said. "He wanted to know if he could get the legislation moving."

Blanchard was concerned that if legislation wasn't walked through the bureaucratic hoops, it would be another year before anything was done to solve the agreement problems.

The lawsuit to dissolve the partnership had disrupted the Medical Center, lowering staff morale, Blanchard said.

"It was tearing at the infrastructure of the hospital," he said.

"We felt that if we didn't remedy the situation, we might lose control of our local health care," Blanchard said. "We wanted to ensure Blaine County would continue to have the range of services needed so that residents wouldn't have to go to Twin Falls or Boise for some procedures."

He approached Rep. Tim Ridinger, R-Shoshone, with the legislation. It was presented one day before the deadline.

But even with the legislative changes, Sun Valley and Blaine County decided they should get out of the hospital business.

Early in 1995, Blaine County and Sun Valley had looked at several options for getting out of the hospital business. One of those options was for St. Luke's to take over running health care in the Wood River Valley.

Independent legal council, Terry Anderson, is drafting the agreement for all of the parties involved. They hope to have the draft "definitive agreement" finished by the end of the year.

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# Kantor: Canadian lumber dispute a top trade priority

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor says he is prepared to levy an import tariff on softwood lumber shipments from Canada if the Canadians fail to make concessions soon to help U.S. producers.

Kantor promised more than a dozen lawmakers during a meeting Tuesday that resolving the dispute with Canada is one of the top U.S. trade priorities, several senators at the meeting said.

He intends to announce before the end of the year a new deadline for Canada to make an offer that would give U.S. mills a better chance to compete with cheaper-priced lumber from north of the border, a congressional aide said today.

"We know the industry is hurting," Kantor said in a statement released by Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont. "We know time is of the essence and it is one of the highest priorities of our office."

Baucus, who organized the meeting along with Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, said the senators and House members emphasized to Kantor the importance of quick action on the matter.

"A gathering this large should show the Canadians how serious the timber issue is," Baucus said.

Craig said Kantor "saw the strong resolve of Congress to deal with this in a bipartisan way."

"The battered U.S. lumber industry is in no condition to continue enduring unrestrained, subsidized imports during another extended period of consultations," Craig said.

Canada's share of the U.S. softwood lumber market has grown from about 27 percent to about 36 percent since a binational dispute panel ordered the United States to repeal a 6.5 percent tariff on



Craig

Kempthorne

Kantor

Canadian lumber imports 18 months ago.

U.S. producers argue they can't compete with the cheaper Canadian prices because the Canadian government

**"The Canadian government cannot expect to have unrestricted access to our markets unless they are willing to change their unfair trade practices."**

— U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor

ment subsidizes its timber companies.

Kantor had given the Canadians until last Friday to come up with a formal offer, most likely in the form of a proposed export tax on the Canadian side of the border or changes in the way companies bid for publicly owned timber there.

British Columbia, which makes up 60 percent of the Canadian softwood lumber export market, and Quebec, which accounts for 20 percent, made individual offers on Friday and U.S. officials said they were waiting for further details.

Craig and Sen. Dirk Kempthorne, R-Idaho, said Kantor told them he

preferred to reach a voluntary agreement but that he was prepared to exercise U.S. trade laws — including imposition of a temporary duty — if the Canadians fail to meet a final negotiated deadline.

"The Canadian government cannot expect to have unrestricted access to our markets, unless they are willing to change their unfair trade practices," Kempthorne said.

An aide to Baucus said today no official deadline had been set.

"Kantor will announce it probably within a week or so. We expect it will end up somewhere between the middle and the end of January," the aide said.

British Columbia made a general offer last week to improve an export-tax that would reduce that province's share of the U.S. market from the current 21 percent to 18 percent, the aide said.

Quebec's offer did not include a market share goal, but would equalize the trade by moving toward a more market-based system in paying the stumpage prices mills pay for standing timber, the aide said.

"In total, we are looking at reducing Canada's present level of about 36 percent down to about 30 percent" of the U.S. market, the aide said.

U.S. industry officials earlier said they were prepared to file a countervailing duty petition if the Canadians made no concessions.



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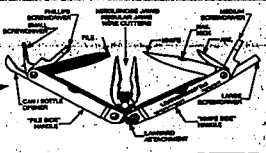


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# West Baptists canvass at schools

WEST VALLEY CITY, Utah (AP) — About two dozen members of the Bible Baptist Church in West Valley City, some of them children, have been distributing religious pamphlets at public schools.

"The need for these kids' souls is greater than what we will suffer with a little bit of reproach," said Assistant Pastor Richard Benson.

One possible consequence is being charged with trespassing. Doug Bates, attorney for the Utah State Office of Education, said people cannot legally approach students on school grounds.

"It doesn't matter whether you're passing out Bible or pizzas," said Bates. "People don't have a constitutional right to walk onto school property and do what they wish."

Some members said they will continue their mission until someone revokes their actions as illegal. "As far as I know, we're within our legal rights," said Jodie Sinner, who joins other church members in slipping tracts under windshield wipers and pressing them into students' hands as they walk to and from buses.

The church members recently hit 15 to 20 schools in the Salt Lake Valley with thousands of cartoon tracts, including titles such as "Doom Town," "The Story of Sodom," "Big Daddy?," a discussion of creation vs. evolution; "Baby Talk"; a condemnation of abortion; and several that deal with Jesus Christ.

In "Doom Town," gay-rights activists are portrayed at a rally. One character says, "If research money for AIDS is not coming at a certain level by a certain date, all gay males should give blood."

A sex-education teacher in Baby Talk calls out to her class as they head for the door. "Don't forget to pick up your condoms." She later makes an appointment for a pregnant student to have an abortion. "It's just baby," the cartoon teacher says.

Burton Shaw, director of the Utah AIDS Foundation, said, "This kind of stuff hurts us badly. We are very concerned about the increase of HIV infection among young people in Utah. If we do not educate our young people about the disease, this will put them at risk."

She also was disappointed the literature draws a comparison to the biblical city of Sodom.

"It's too bad that people are using God to attack people who have a religion like this," she said.

Bates said the issue is whether a public school campus is a public forum, and that it definitely is not. "That is not a gray area," he said.

Members of the Bible Baptist Church disagree.

"We've talked to an attorney and he told me we had a right," said Daniel Anderson, 14, responding to a message left on the church answering machine. The pastor did not return phone calls.

The attorney "said as long as we don't force it up on people and we are polite," the group can distribute pamphlets on campuses, said Anderson, who is Sinner's brother.

Benson contends that schools have opened their doors to other organizations that want to give students information and once they have done that, they can't deny access to his church.

Tom Owen, assistant superintendent for Jordan School District, said the invited speakers must only discuss material included in the school's curriculum.

Sinner said administrators at "pretty much all" of the schools told her that the group could not legally pass out fliers, but Benson feels that perhaps it's a time to challenge the "laws of the land."

"When we start submitting and turning over, more and more our liberties are going to be taken away... it's a sad day when we can't tell people about our creator."

# L.A. police sued for Miranda rights violation

LOS ANGELES (AP) — District Court, said American Civil Liberties Union spokeswoman Ann Bradley. Two organizations of criminal defense lawyers joined the ACLU in the suit.

A Los Angeles police spokeswoman, Officer Cherie Clair, said she had no information on the lawsuit. Santa Monica Sgt. Ian Page declined comment.

Under the landmark 1966 decision in *Miranda vs. Arizona*, officers must inform suspects that anything they say can be used against them in court, and that they have the right to remain silent and to obtain legal counsel.

The suit targeting the two Southern California police departments was filed today in U.S. District Court.

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# Ruth McArthur



To be feted on her 70th Birthday

Ruth McArthur will be honored on her 70th birthday at an open house held by her family. The event will be held at the Reason Restaurant in Boise on Saturday, December 23, between the hours of 4 and 6 p.m. in the banquet room.

McArthur was born in Bali on December 24, 1925.

The family of McArthur requests no gifts. Those intending are asked to bring suitable photos of any events involving her or her family in previous years. Invitations can be made by calling McArthur at 942-6992.

Times-News Classifieds, Call 733-0931.

**Idaho**

**Briefly**

**Towns throw parade for Marine hero**

**OSBURN** — Marine Lance Cpl. Zachary R. Mayo fell off an aircraft engine in Idaho mining towns of Wallace and Osburn, where he grew up, on Tuesday treated their hometown hero to a parade and proclamations declaring Dec. 19 Zach Mayo Day.  
They also are adopting Gwadar, Pakistan, as a sister city. That is the home port of the Pakistani fishermen who saved Mayo last month after Mayo treaded water for 36 hours after falling off the USS America in the North Arabian Sea Nov. 25.  
Mayo's story will be displayed in the Wallace Visitor Center. Mayo, 20, grew up in Osburn and attended high school in Wallace.  
The three-mile Osburn-to-Wallace parade was the first honoring an individual since actress Lana Turner blew through town in the 1940s, local historians said. Before that, there were 1905 festivities honoring President Teddy Roosevelt.

**Labor wants increase in minimum wage**

**BOISE** — Living near the minimum-wage line means never catching up with bills.  
It means telephones and Christmas presents for the kids become luxuries. And, said Donna Trout of Boise, the \$3.00 she brings home every two weeks is less than she'd receive on welfare.  
"It doesn't pay for me to work, but I'm not one of those people who can sit at home and live off the state," said Trout, a 37-year-old mother-of-three-with three years of college toward a teaching degree.  
Trout earns \$5.25 an hour as a cashier at Jack In The Box. That's \$1 more an hour than Idaho's minimum wage, but \$1 less than Idaho's labor unions want her and other working poor people to receive by the end of the decade.  
They will ask the 1996 Legislature to raise the state's minimum wage incrementally to \$6.25.  
The change would have one of the broadest impacts of any economic matters proposed for the next session of the Legislature. Sponsors say it would affect 60,000 Idahoans — about 10 percent of the state's civilian labor force.

**BSU student committed 'verbal assault'**

**BOISE** — A Boise State University student has been censured for disrupting an Oct. 26 talk by the National Democratic Committee chairman on campus.  
But Timothy Walsh maintains that he only engaged in heated political discussion when he persistently questioned Don Fowler.  
Walsh, 21, a sophomore political science major, committed a "verbal assault" on Fowler at the speech sponsored by the BSU College Democrats, university hearing officer Glenn Selander ruled.  
Selander also found that Walsh, who also is vice chairman of the Idaho College Republicans, violated student conduct code rules against harassing or hazing, and disorderly conduct.

**Board puts up money for water projects**

**BOISE** — The state water agency is proving to be an important source of funding for water development projects.  
This year, the Water Resource Board's revolving loan fund was used for 15 grants for \$66,465 and two loans totaling \$360,000.  
Since launching a program in 1969 to help people and groups pay for water projects, the board has approved 87 grants for \$1.1 million, made \$6.8 million in loans to 103 borrowers and issued \$75.6 million in revenue bonds.  
The grants averaged \$4,556 to help organizations pay for engineering studies of community water systems. The board also issued a \$5,000 grant for a dam replacement or repair study and a \$2,115 grant for a water system upgrade at a historical site.

Compiled from wire reports

**Batt enthusiastic for Dole campaign**

**BOISE (AP)** — Gov. Phil Batt on Wednesday endorsed Sen. Republican leader Bob Dole for president, saying he was enthusiastic about the Dole campaign and confident he will be elected.



Batt

"We need to get his story out. When it is out, he will be elected president," Batt told a Statehouse news conference. Dole and GOP Sen. Dirk Kempthorne joined in a telephone call.  
Batt becomes the 20th governor to endorse Dole. But it is more symbolic than critical to the election process.

Idaho has 23 delegates to the national convention. But by the time the Idaho presidential primary is held in late May, 43 other states will have declared their preference. Experts feel the GOP nomination could be decided after the March primaries in Illinois, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin.

There will be 1,988 delegates to the GOP national convention, with 995 needed to capture the formal nomination.

Montana's Marc Racicot last week became the 19th of 20 Republican governors to back the Kansas senator's candidacy. Sen. Phil Gramm of Texas has two GOP governors behind him and former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander has one.

In Idaho's all-GOP congressional delegation, Kempthorne supports Dole but Rep. Helen Chenoweth backs Texas Sen. Phil Gramm. Sen. Larry Craig and Rep. Michael Crapo have not yet committed to a candidate.

**Teen beats disease**

**BOISE** — A Canyon County teen-ager is slowly recovering after a brush with death from a rare genetic disorder which destroys victims' immune systems.

A year ago, then-12-year-old Cynthia Brush developed a sore throat which was later diagnosed as Chediak Higashi Syndrome. Only 200 cases have been reported worldwide.

"Everybody says they came in and read to me and stuff," she said. "I don't remember any of it."

Attorney General Alan Lance and Treasurer Lydia Justice Edwards also appeared at a Statehouse news conference to endorse Dole, along with five GOP state senators and nine Republican representatives.

There were a couple of snafus at the news conference. Batt laughed when Dole's prepared release described the governor as "a potato grower from Canyon County." Batt grows and ships onions. Dole also thanked state Rep. Mill Erhart, R-Boise, for his support, but called him "Erhart."

Batt said he's long been a Dole supporter, but kept quiet to see how things developed. He and the other state officials said they felt Dole was more familiar with problems of the West than other candidates.

Dole said the campaign was about trust, character, integrity and said he would be a president who keeps his word. "It's all about credibility and getting things done," Dole said.

Kempthorne called Dole "a leader who is intent on result and not just rhetoric."  
Dole plans to come to Boise next month for a campaign fund-raiser. It's tentatively scheduled for Jan. 15, hosted by John Fery, recently retired as chief executive officer of Boise Cascade Corp.

Edwards, who said she has been a Dole supporter since 1988, said she's had no problem contacting the Senate leader for help with Idaho matters.

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# Comics

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**For Better or For Worse**

By Lynn Johnston



**Calvin and Hobbes**

By Bill Watterson



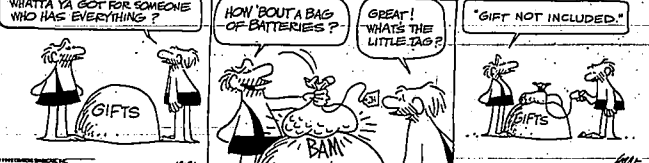
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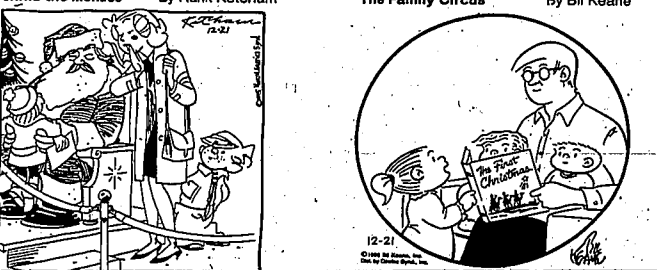


**Dennis the Menace**

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**The Family Circus**

By Bill Keane



**Hi and Lois**

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**The Wizard of Id**

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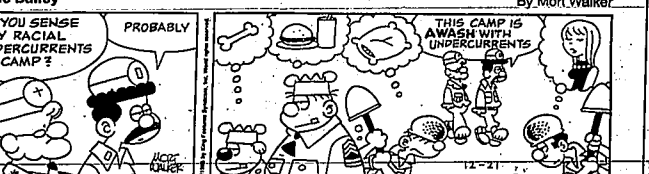
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**Boo! Bailey**

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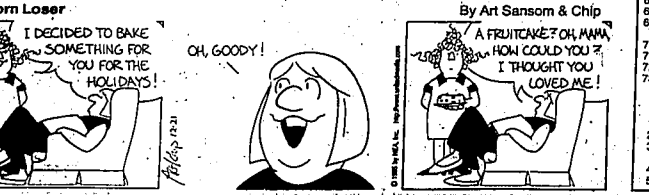
**Frank and Ernest**

By Bob Thaves



**The Born Loser**

By Art Sanson & Chip



## More divorce among rich women

The divorce rate among women earning more than \$50,000 a year reported runs about 50 percent higher than the divorce rate of women earning less.

Not all realize the Women's Christian Temperance Union survives. Q. Evidently I haven't read the right page to learn who says what by Swain Kurtz was given that name. A. In World War II, his father, Frank Kurtz, piloted the reconnoitered B-17 bomber called "The Swallow." It was put together from parts of aircraft bombed by the Japanese at Manila, and bore a half-swallow-half-goose insignia. It became legendary. Swain's name came out that. Word tracers say that expression "fits to a T" started out as an allusion to a T-square. Women with type B blood tend to live longer than women with type O blood. Men with type O blood tend to live longer than men with type B blood. Statistically. Upon leaving this, half the interested researchers set forth to find out why, and the other half concluded it was an inconsequential chance difference.

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## Sydney Omarr Horoscope

**IF DECEMBER 21 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** You are very optimistic, capable of bearing odds, creating upsets. Gemini. Sagittarius persons play significant roles in your life. You have finger on pulse. You are very confident, well-organized, fashion, outcites. You are blend of toughness, elegance. Holiday preparations include decorating, color coordination, utilizing elements of timing, surprise. Your most memorable, profitable, romantic month of 1995 will be April.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Check ticket purchases, be positive concerning planned tax, license renewals. Journey subject to delay, not entirely postponed. Keep options open, romantic interlude fills in blank space.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20):** What appeared impossible yesterday is handed to you on silver platter. Assignment includes travel, wedding planning, sessions of famous people. Virgo involved.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Music, harmony can be restored at home. Focus on personal cooperative efforts, marriage. Keep resolutions concerning diet, nutrition.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Employment, politics, residential development. Don't equate delay with defeat. Focus on mystery, intrigue, extroversion perception. Fitness report excellent, confidence restored.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Don't get your fill of excitement! Focus on creativity, change, challenge, variety of sensations. Opportunity exists to make mark among the high and mighty.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Don't stop now! Focus on universal appeal, overcoming distance, language barriers. Be rid of situation that sees you being taken for granted. Open lines of communication.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Touch and feel. Focus on wisdom by studying Virgo message. Let go of status quo, accent independence, originality, daring. Relative overcasts authority.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Rely upon intuitive intellect as contrasted to statistics. Money available, bureaucratic signs paper and it is on the way. Cycle high, very soon you'll get recognition previously denied.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Events move swiftly, circumstances turn in your favor - state claim. Emphasis on accelerated social activity, popularity, compliments based on appearance, charm, Gemini plays role.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Who said it would be easy? Ask yourself that question as you dive through road tape. Learn more about investments, tax deductions, mortgage claim.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Suddenly all goes well, you know where you are and why. Wish comes true, you win friends and influence people, you'll be romantically attractive.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Family member conveyed news relating to product recognition, what recognition you'll be counted among the high and the mighty. Music featured during major domestic adjustment.

**Yesterday's Puzzle solved:**

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- 82 London gallery
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# Adoptee registry offers reunion opportunities Limited assistance for heating still available

**DEAR ABBY:** Many times I have seen letters in your column from people who have given up children for adoption and who didn't want to be found. I have also seen letters you have printed about the International Soundex Reunion Registry (ISRR) for those of us who DO want to be reunited with the children from whom we've parted - for whatever reason - in the past. I relinquished my beautiful infant daughter for adoption 25 years ago. On Tuesday, Oct. 31, I received a call from Susan at the ISRR in Carson City, Nev., informing me that a "match" had been made for my daughter and me. The reason she was able to locate me was because you provided the address for ISRR in one of your columns 15 years ago. Hearing my daughter's voice for the first time was a dream come true. In fact, it was the sweetest, most rewarding moment of my



**Dear Abby**  
**Abigail VanBuren**

Thank you, Abby, for your part in this most joyous reunion. If you print my letter, please use my name. I'm the happiest person in the world, and I want everyone to know it.

—JEANNE SCOTT, EVERETT, WASH.

**DEAR JEANNE:** My congratulations to you and your daughter. I wish you both much happiness, and I'm glad I was able to help you find each other. The International Soundex Reunion Registry (ISRR) is a group I have recommended for many years. I have found them to be effi-

cient, honest, and in total agreement with my feelings that neither the identity of the birth parents nor the adopted child shall be disclosed unless all parties are agreeable to a reunion. Birth parents and children can register, and when the children become of legal age, if both parties are registered and want to find each other, a match is made.

The address is: International Soundex Reunion Registry (ISRR), P.O. Box 2312, Carson City, Nev. 89702. Send a long (business-size), stamped, self-addressed envelope to the registry and request Soundex forms.

**DEAR ABBY:** Here is a creative idea I got from my wonderful mother-in-law: One Thanksgiving, she asked everyone in the family to "autograph" and date her tablecloth. She included all the children, too. Then she embroidered the signatures and dates. Now she has a

priceless keepsake of all her children and grandchildren.

—BEVERLY MOLATORE, CLOVIS, CALIF.

**DEAR BEVERLY:** What a clever idea. On Thanksgiving, most people (especially young children) decorate Grandma's tablecloth with cranberry sauce.

**DEAR READERS:** This was sent to me unsigned. How I wish the author would come forward and take a well-deserved bow. What a lovely tribute to a mother-in-law.

MY OTHER MOTHER

I thank you for the countless loving things you've done. You've given me a gracious man with whom to share my life; You are his lovely mother, I am his lucky wife. You've used to pat his little head, and now I hold his hand, You raised, with love, a little boy And then gave me a man.

**heating still available**

The Times-News

Many federally funded programs have been placed on Continuing Resolution because of the lack of agreement between Congress and the President Clinton regarding a balanced budget. Idaho's Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program has received through the Continuing Resolution only a portion of its anticipated funding for this heating season.

As a result of federal funding reductions, the program will provide the highest heating assistance benefits to the most vulnerable populations, defined as households with children age 6 and younger, people age 60 and older and the disabled.

The South Central Community Action Agency will begin taking applications at the end of this month and continue as funding is available.

Income guidelines specify monthly income levels in relation to family size as follows: One-person household, \$809 per month; two people, \$1,087; three, \$1,364; four, \$1,641; five, \$1,919; six, \$2,196; seven, \$2,473; and eight people, \$2,751. For each additional

al family member, add \$278 per month.

For more information or to make an appointment, call the SCCAA in Jerome at 324-8856, in Burley at 678-3514, in Twin Falls at 733-9351 or toll free, 1-800-627-1733.

## Engagement

**Payne-Lentz**

TWIN FALLS — Mr. and Mrs. Allen Payne of Salt Lake City announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie Margaret, to Eric David Lentz, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Lentz of Twin Falls.

Payne is attending Utah State University in Logan, Utah. Lentz is a graduate of Twin Falls High School. He is also attending USU and is employed by USU.

The wedding is planned for today in the Salt Lake City LDS Temple. A reception will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Dec. 29 at the 7th Ward LDS Church on Eastland Drive in Twin Falls.



Eric Lentz and Julie Payne

## Anniversary

**The Larsons**

BURLEY — Gerald and Rachel M. Burley of Burley, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary today.

The couple were married Dec. 21, 1945, in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple.

Following their wedding, the couple lived in El Centro, Calif., where he was discharged from the Marines. The couple returned to Burley where they farmed and raised their family.

The couple's children are Judy Child, Peggy Palmer, Becky Larson, Patsy Sirlund and Karen Coy.

Family parties were held Nov. 8 in Salt Lake City, and Dec. 2 in Ogden, Utah. In addition, a family Christmas party was held Dec. 16 in Burley.

Both 1941 graduates of Burley High School, the couple served an LDS mission in Australia. After graduating from Burley High School, he worked as a telegrapher for the Union Pacific Railroad in American Falls before enlisting in the Marine Corps in November 1942. Gerald was sent to boot camp in San Diego, Calif. He completed his Air Corps training



Gerald and Rachel Larson at Texas A&M. In North Carolina, he was assigned to a SBD Squadron. He served in the South Central Pacific Area of World War II Marine Air Corps as a radio man and a gunner in a dive bomber.

Following graduation from Burley High School, she worked at the Woolworth Five and Ten Store. Will Furniture and was working at the Office of Price Administration at the time of marriage.

The couple has 25 grandchildren.

## Volunteer tax preparers needed

**The Times-News**

TWIN FALLS — Volunteers are needed to help senior citizens with their tax returns in the Tax-Aide Program sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons and the Internal Revenue Service.

Free assistance is provided to taxpayers who cannot afford professional tax help, particularly those who file simple returns. Help is available at convenient sites such as libraries, com-

munity centers, schools, banks and malls.

Special training under IRS supervision to assist older low- and moderate-income taxpayers begins Jan. 8, 1996. The volunteers will be reimbursed for program-related out-of-pocket expenses such as mileage, parking, meals, postage and basic supplies.

Anyone interested in helping the elderly with income tax is encouraged to call Blaine Linford at the Twin Falls Senior Center at 736-2122.

## ISU offers 14 new classes in Twin Falls

**The Times-News**

TWIN FALLS — Idaho State University is bringing 14 College of Arts and Sciences classes, all applicable to a bachelor's degree in general studies, to Twin Falls for the spring semester.

Classes to be taught by local instructors include a drawing and painting class in human anatomy and structure by artist John McClusky, the American West in literature by author and poet Bill Studebaker, history of the American West by Larry Quinn of the College of Southern Idaho, archaeology of Mesa America by Wade of the CSI Herrett Museum, and writing of family and local history by Kathleen Hedberg of Burley.

Other classes that will fulfill a general studies degree are history and the

appreciation of photography, organic evolution, science and civilization, geology of North America, medieval social and economic history, general statistics, constitutional law, and the sociology of health and illness and nonverbal communication.

McClusky's art class will be held on Thursday nights. The two-credit seminar will explore the human form using various techniques, and students will learn the objective anatomy required and be encouraged to use distortions of correct anatomy to convey emotions

and achieve expression and symbolic meaning. Registration is open now. McClusky holds a master-of-fine-arts degree from Washington State University and a bachelor of fine arts degree from the Columbus College of Art and Design. He has been an adjunct professor for Boise State University and a graduate teaching assistant at Washington State. His freelance illustration experience has earned many honors and awards.

For more information, call the ISU Resident Center at 736-2101.

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# Outdoors

## Wild things thrive along winter river

Don't put your canoe away for the winter. My wife says I'm crazy, but I don't think it ever gets too cold to go canoeing — too windy, yes, but never too cold. Calm, winter days are perfect for a little quiet paddling and the Snake River is the perfect place to do it.

Loose handled underwear, a warm coat, hat and wool gloves — in case your hands get wet — are all a good idea; having an extra set of dry clothes and a blanket in a watertight bag also makes sense. A life-jacket is essential, but falling in the water is a bad idea when the temperature drops below freezing.

### Quiet waters N.S. Nokkentved

I was down on the river recently, on a day with no wind and water so glassy it reflected the muted colors of fall. The river itself wasn't so appealing; some form of algae had turned the water the color of onion soup.

The morning sun rode on the rim of the canyon, but it was cool in the shade along the south shore. Overnight rains had blackened the tree trunks, and decaying leaves scented the air. Once erect reeds along the shore bent toward the water, and a few yellow leaves still clung tentatively to withered leaves of the river.

**KER-SPLASH!**

Something big startled me out of my reverie, but I couldn't tell what it was. A line of bubbles headed out from shore, like a torpedo aiming for my starboard bow. My shaggy dog sat up in the canoe and looked at me with questioning eyes.

It was probably a beaver, but the water was too murky to see it as it passed beneath me. I circled back, but I didn't see it surface. The dog laid back down on his pelt in the bottom of the canoe.

Startled by my approach, a belted kingfisher took off from a gnarled willow branch over the water. He slit on a branch farther upstream, a safe distance away.

A small blue and white bird with an oversized beak, belted kingfishers live mostly on minnows in shallow water near shore. Overhanging branches form a perfect perch for them to prey on fish, and I have seen a kingfisher hover momentarily, drop on a fish and return to his perch to eat.

Some anglers mistakenly regard the bird as a competitor. But fish on the kingfisher's menu generally don't grow up to be game fish.

Other predators — including great blue heron, cormorant, muskrat, mink, otter, and raccoon — are bigger rivals for two-legged anglers. Down here along the river, I often see one or two people fishing for a bite — even on a cold morning.

Mementos left by humans are evident all along the river — white plastic foam cups, plastic bags, empty beer cans, hopelessly snarled nylon fishing line. I sometimes wonder how many critters are killed by these unattended snares; I pull them up when I can reach them.

At times I think I should carry a garbage sack.

A chorus of red wing blackbirds rises from the cattails as I glide along the bank. I startle a coot preening itself in the reeds. It paddles furiously to get away, looking anxiously over its shoulder.

A canyon wren fits in the willow brush. A pair of red-tail hawks circle above the rim. A red shafter flicker disappears in a hole in the trunk of a dead tree.

In contrast to the avian comings and goings, frozen waterfalls form petrified crystal cascades that hang from the canyon walls like so much Christmas tree tinsel.

The temperature drops another degree or two, so I paddle back to my truck. It's only a brief visit, but I'm reassured that the Snake River Canyon — along with its inhabitants — is alive and well.

N.S. Nokkentved, regional editor for The Times-News, is leaving Santa will bring him a 16-foot kevlar canoe for Christmas.

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## Reflections on nature from an Idaho author, essayist

By William Brock  
Times-News outdoors editor

**LAST CHANCE, Idaho** — Anyone who enjoys compelling essays about life in a wild corner of Idaho will certainly enjoy a new book from the Lost River Press publishing house.

"Passion Below Zero: Essays from Last Chance, Idaho" is a collection of finely wrought columns by David Hays, editor and publisher of the *Island Park Bugle*.

Hays is a genius, slightly graying fellow who, in previous chapters of his life, worked as a teacher, journalist and banjo player on a Mississippi riverboat. Prior to his arrival in the Rockies, he spent more than a thousand days in China as a Buddhist monk and country doctor.

### Book review

#### Book on sale

"Passion Below Zero" is available in Twin Falls at the Riverwear outdoor equipment store and at Barnes & Noble bookstore. In Burley, it is available at the Bonanza Lanes bowling alley.

By "conventional" Idaho standards, Hays is an unusual man who lives alone, in a one-room cabin near the Continental Divide, with an old black cat for company.

His essays are set in the Henrys Fork watershed, in a land where winter comes early and stays late. It's a place without neon, or even much concrete, so Hays' writing is in tune the rhythms of the earth. He describes the early snows of fall, dark depths of winter, first flowers of spring, and vibrant buzz of summer. He writes of birds, and squirrels, of wind and sun, of friendship and loneliness, and the inexorable slide of youth into maturity.

Thereby hangs a tale.

Hays leads readers on rarely trodden paths of the mind, deftly slipping behind life's insoluble mysteries and laying them bare with incisive strokes of his pen.

In a 1993 essay, entitled "Sharing," he wrote: "I am ashamed that the years of

daily familiarity with this place, coming on the heels of a tough winter, had made its beauty almost mundane to me, too unobserved and not gazed over by me, blinded by my dwelling on petty personal problems. Watching all the fun and pointing out of eagles and grinning on the man attached to a fish; watching all these others thawed my interior winter and reminded me that this special place was coming awake and alive, and I should do the same.

"Partners and paramours, friends and strangers; we all need to see things we take for granted through another's eyes every so often to be reawakened and whole."

David Hays can reawaken anyone's respect for nature.

## Squirrels in focus

### Relentless pursuit of food propels furry animals through trees, into bird feeders

By Stu Murrell  
Times-News correspondent

**JEROME** — Fox squirrels are the James Bonds of the local animal kingdom.

They scamper up trees, along overhead powerlines, across rooftops, down fences, across streets, and into city parks every day of the year. Along the way, they're liable to crack open a bird feeder and make off with the goods.

The Magic Valley is home to a wide variety of wild animals, but the lively fox squirrel ranks among the wildest, most acrobatic and entertaining of all.

They will shamelessly plunder bird feeders, pet food bowls or any other unattended food. That done, they might launch into a stiff-legged frolic around a tree, pitch headlong into a somersault, and come up running again.

Fox squirrels can be mighty hard to love when they're being destructive, but their mile-a-minute antics make them equally hard to hate.

They were originally found throughout the East, Midwest and eastern fringes of Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico. They come in all colors — ranging from jet black in the southeast (their scientific name, *Sciurus niger*, comes from this color phrase) to the reddish-brown of the Midwest.

The first fox squirrels in the Magic Valley probably were introduced from the Midwest in the 1930s; no one knows for sure when this release occurred. They have been introduced in other parts of the United States.

The fox squirrel is the largest of all North American squirrels, with a really big one weighing close to 3 pounds. For comparison, a Idaho's native pine squirrel (scientifically known as a western red squirrel) only tips the scales at 5 to 10 ounces. Pine squirrels are forest denizens, but fox squirrels aren't afraid of the bright lights of town.

They can be found in any neighborhood of any town in the Magic Valley, scurrying around on everything from asphalt to aspen trees. Fox squirrels also are commonly seen along the Snake River, where Russian olive trees are abundant and their seeds provide food for a rough part of the year.

Fox squirrels like to sleep late and typically are most active in mid-morning and early afternoon. Denning trees are scarce in this area, so most squirrels build winter nests of twigs and leaves.

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game has fielded all manner of odd calls over the years, and one from Burley described a squirrel that pulled clothing out of a lawn chair and mailed neighborhood clotheslines on a regular basis to his list's nest.

They will also commandeer nest boxes intended for other species.

Dave Musil, regional habitat biologist for Fish and Game, said there's been a



STU MURRELL/The Times-News

Fox squirrels are mile-a-minute characters with a talent for tree climbing and an uncanny ability to break into bird feeders.

problem with squirrels appropriating nest boxes for wood ducks at the Niagara Springs Wildlife Management Area. Squirrels stuff the boxes full of leaves and twigs in the winter, and the upshot is that wood ducks won't use them for nesting in the spring.

The life cycle of a fox squirrel begins in January, when the breeding season is in full swing; litters of two to four young are born in March. Pink and hairless, they weigh less than an ounce at birth.

About five weeks after birth, infant squirrels emerge from their den.

Another squirrel will defend their young to the death and, if disturbed, will carry them to another den nest. They carry the little ones by the loose fur on their bellies; safely inside the nest, young squirrels curl their bodies around their mother's head. One of the biggest threats to young squirrels is an adult male, who may kill them if allowed near the nest.

Fox squirrels are known for their intelligence and will outwit virtually any defense for bird feeders or nest boxes. The best way to keep squirrels at bay is to place the feeder or nest box on a post with about 3 feet of metal sheeting on the shaft.

The metal is too slippery for them to

climb, so they'll often try to leap to their goal from above. To prevent that, locate the bird feeder or nesting box away from likely launching spots.

Fox squirrels love to eat corn and gleefully will raid nearby cornfields. They also have a bad habit of cutting and dropping green fruit from orchards.

They are great hoarders and will bury nuts and fruits underground for later retrieval. The approximate location of stored food apparently is found by memory, then their keen nose takes over to determine the final coordinates. Studies have found squirrels can locate as much as 90 percent of their stored food by spring, even under snow cover.

Twin Falls resident Vern Robertson is a squirrel fancier who feeds them regularly in his back yard. One of his diners grew so tame that it tried to hide nuts down the back of Vern's shirt as he handed them to the squirrel.

Squirrels have many enemies — including dogs, cats, hawks, raccoons and even tree-climbing snakes. In urban areas, automobiles are a major threat to the health and safety of squirrels.

Because of their destructive habits, fox squirrels are not a protected species in Idaho. They have been killed — and eaten — by generations of North Americans and squirrel hunting is a time-honored pastime in rural America.



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No matter what obstacle lies in their path, fox squirrels generally find a way to get under, over or through it.

## Artisan keeps history alive building canoes

The Associated Press

**GREENVILLE, N.H.** — Henri Vaillancourt remembers that at age 5 he sat behind the family home trying to sew two pieces of bark together.

He still can point out the towering pine trees where he peeled the bark.

"It wasn't the right kind of bark and it didn't amount to much, but I specifically remember that act, it's imprinted on my memory," says Vaillancourt, a hint of his French-Canadian ancestry in his voice.

"I think that you're meant to do certain things with your life, and I was meant to build canoes."

For centuries, birch-bark canoes were the premier mode of travel through the densely wooded Northeast. American Indians could travel from Maine to Michigan with short portages from stream to lake.

But the skills honed by anonymous hands over hundreds of years are nearly lost. About a half-dozen builders remain, mostly in the Northeast. The rest, generations of boatmen, have gone.

Vaillancourt makes birch-bark canoes with the same tools and in the same manner

**"It's an incredibly complex art that's accomplished with the most basic of tools and materials."**

— Henri Vaillancourt, Greenville, N.H.

as the Indians. He makes long trips into the woods of New Hampshire, Maine and Canada to select cedar for the ribs, hardwood for the thwarts and birch bark for the covering. He sews and lashes them with the split roots of black spruce.

"It's an incredibly complex art that's accomplished with the most basic of tools and materials," he says.

Vaillancourt lives in a house he built behind the family home where he grew up. Except for a very short time working in a local plastics mill as a teen-ager, Vaillancourt, 45, has built canoes.

"I can't see myself having gone in another direction with my life," he says. "I could see

early on that I wasn't cut out for the routine of a 9-to-5 job."

He does most of the canoe building on a bed of loam under a wooden lean-to attached to the side of his mother's house, and all the work is done in the long strip of yard bordered on one end by a state road and the other by the road into Greenville, a town of 2,200.

Four canoes in different stages of construction occupy the yard. Though they have the familiar canoe shape — low, slender and pointed at the ends — they have little else in common with today's fiberglass canoes, some of which are painted white and streaked with black to simulate birch bark.

"You won't see an authentic birch-bark canoe colored white and black because the outside of the bark is used in the inside of the canoe," Vaillancourt says, pointing to his canoe for emphasis.

The canoes are perfect in their symmetry, the authenticity sewn and lashed into them. The bark, taut and smooth over the frame, is a creamy brown color, and the seams are coated with dark-brown spruce gum that shines like hard candy.

The ribs, planking and thwarts, or cross-

pieces, are shaped and fitted like precision cabinetwork.

"Even from the start, I regarded them more as a work of art than a functional piece," he says. "The grace of line, that's what appealed to me from the beginning."

On the porch of the Swiss-style chalet he built from plans he studied in a book, Vaillancourt marks half-inch-wide strips of cedar split out of four-foot logs to use for canoe ribs.

He begins to shape them with a crooked knife, one of four hand-tools he uses to build the canoes.

The crooked knife, almost unknown elsewhere, was a tool well-known to Indian craftsmen in North America. It is made from an old flat file or other piece of scrap metal that is filed to a knife edge and set in a hardwood or bone handle. The end is heated and curved to allow the blade to be drawn at an angle across planks to shave or shape them.

Vaillancourt holds the piece of cedar against his chest while a country fiddler holds his instrument. He grasps the crooked knife firmly in his upturned right hand, the

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### Briefly

#### Jerome Rec District hires supervisor

**JEROME** - The Jerome Recreation District has hired a new supervisor of recreation activities. Elizabeth (Ell) Keightley came to Jerome from Pullman, Washington. Keightley calls Lynnwood, Wash. home. She received a degree in recreation and leisure administration from the Washington State University and had been working in Pullman as a recreation intern. She will be in charge of recreation programs for adults, youth and children in the Jerome Recreation District. For information on the Jerome Recreation District activities, call Keightley at 324-3389.

#### Officials: Food available for eagles

**BIG BEAR LAKE, Calif.** - Bald eagles, America's symbol of freedom, should find plenty to feast on at their winter home in the San Bernardino Mountains this year, officials say. Good numbers of duck and other waterfowl - an eagle delicacy - have been reported on lakes in the region, said Bob McKernan, the San Bernardino County Museum's biology curator. Among the earliest arrivals this year were two eagles bird-watcher and experts have nicknamed George and Gracie. The two have become winter regulars at Big Bear Lake and are still nesting. Southern California's wintering population has remained stable for the past 15 years, McKernan said. In recent years, as many as 28 eagles have been counted, he said. The Forest Service conducted its first count of the winter on Saturday, finding three adults and three young eagles. Forest Service biologist Robin Butler said. The monthly counts will continue until the bald eagles fly back to Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Montana and Wyoming for nesting in March, she said. The National Audubon Society also tallies the number of bald eagles as part of its annual Christmas census of North American birds. Biologists said the tally helps them protect bald eagles as the birds fly back from the edge of extinction. The national bird eagle population has grown to an estimated 1,500 nesting pairs after having fallen to as few as 500 in the 1960s.

#### Idaho closes cat hunting in two units

**BOISE** - The Idaho Department of Fish and Game has closed the mountain lion hunting season in two western Idaho units. The closure announced Wednesday involves Units 31 and 32, which cover portions of Washington, Payette and Gem counties. They include the Cambridge and Payette areas, as well as the areas around Crane Creek and Black Canyon reservoirs. Fish and Game spokesman Evin Oneale said. "Lion hunting in these units was scheduled to remain open until February 28 or until two female lions were harvested, whichever came first," Fish and Game regional wildlife biologist Neil Johnson said. "The second female lion was checked in today." "Lion hunting regulations require successful hunters to bring the skull and hide with evidence of sex attached to any Fish and Game conservation officer or regional office within five days of the kill for tagging."

#### Delivery vehicle hits, kills wolf pup

**YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo.** - An 8-month-old male wolf pup was killed when it was struck by a delivery vehicle near the Buffalo Ranch in Yellowstone National Park's Lamar Valley, park officials said. The pup, one of eight born to the park's Rose Creek pack, was killed about 7 p.m. Tuesday, according to a release. The wolves at the Rose Creek pack were among 14 Canadian wolves released in the park early this year as part of the federal government's reintroduction program. Fifteen wolves also were released in central Idaho. The Rose Creek pack's alpha female gave birth to pups in late April near Red Lodge, Mont. She and the pups were moved back into the park on May 18 after the wolf was legally killed. Wildlife biologists had feared that the wolf would not be able to provide for the pups by herself. The animals were placed in a fenced enclosure and biologists brought them food until they were released on Oct. 11. Only one other wolf pup was born in Yellowstone this year, to the Soda Butte pack. "This is a very unfortunate incident because the loss of any animal from this tiny population is a great loss to the restoration program," park Superintendent Mike Finley said. "The young male, which weighed 65 pounds at death, was in excellent condition. (He) would have been a great asset to the recovery process."

The release said biologists will study the carcass to add to their knowledge of wolf genetics and the types of bacteria and parasites the transplanted wolves face in Yellowstone. Finley urged visitors to be cautious while driving in the park at night. He also said no action was anticipated against the driver of the delivery vehicle, who was returning to the north entrance after making stops in the Montana towns of Silver Gate and Cooke City.

#### Boating restrictions draw complaints

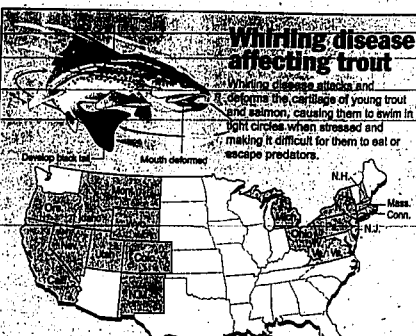
**BOISE** - Forest Service officials say they are trying to head off potential problems by banning boats from a 30-mile stretch of the Salmon River near Stanley while endangered salmon area spawning. Boat outfitters contend they will lose money while the federal government is doing little about the real cause of the salmon runs' decline: hydroelectric dams in the Columbia River Basin. Boating would be prohibited from the Stanley Fish Hatchery down-stream to Thompson Creek when chinook spawning has begun, or by Aug. 21, under the Forest Service plan. "It has an impact on outfitters. I can't deny that," Sawtooth National Recreation Area Ranger Paul Ries said. "But we don't clearly have a better choice." In past summers, the Forest Service reacted to current situations by limiting floating hours and installing buoys to keep rafts and kayaks away from spawning beds. Ries said the proposal, a draft environmental impact statement for the Sawtooth National Forest, would benefit some outfitters because it lifts restrictions on floating until Aug. 21. "It didn't appear that all those protective measures were buying all that much," Ries said. "Allowing more activity during the first three months of the busiest month of the season should more than compensate for activity lost in the last week."

Compiled from staff and wire reports

# Montana anglers face hard choices

**BOZEMAN, Mont. (AP)** - A year after its discovery in the Madison River, whirling disease has shed some of its mystery, but the fish maldy is still "stealing one of Montana's most valuable and famous fisheries." The disease, caused by a parasitic infection, is blamed for a 90 percent decline in the Madison's rainbow trout population. It was discovered by biologists with the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks last December. It poses no threat to humans, and exists in several western states. How the disease arrived in Montana is unknown. Whirling disease is so named because it causes fish to swim in a tail-chasing motion making them more susceptible to predators and less likely to feed. The disease has everyone from fishing guides to real estate agents agitated. Trout fishing is big business in Montana. Its worth is estimated \$270 million annually, according to a report published by the Montana Whirling Disease Task Force.

Over the past year, FWP did some groundwork research on the disease in the Madison. One of the most important studies showed angling pressure may adversely affect rainbow trout living in infected waters. To conduct the study, FWP closed a section of the Madison and compared it to an open-fishing section. "It appears that even catch-and-release fishing can affect the number of adult rainbow trout that make it through the summer," said FWP regional fisheries manager Dick Vincent. Vincent said he wants another year to conduct the study. "It could have been a fluke," he said. "We need to try it one more year. We want to make sure it is the correct interpretation." If FWP biologists reach the same conclusions after another year's study, that could mean some hard choices for anglers.



Whirling disease reported in Montana. The disease is caused by a parasitic infection. In some cases the disease is fatal. Wild rainbow trout are particularly susceptible. Introduced to the U.S. from Europe 35 years ago. Problem has worsened recently when hatcheries dumped infected fish into rivers and streams. Harmless to humans.

FWP would create a list of options for anglers to consider, such as closing sections of rivers or entire rivers, for long periods of time, having rotational closures or closing waterways during times of high fishing pressure, Vincent said.

"We would have a series of public meetings and talk to anglers about how they want this managed," he said. "Most fishermen I've talked to about this are very supportive," said Tom Anacker. Anacker is a member of the nonprofit Whirling Disease

Foundation and Trout Unlimited. "If there are ways to protect the resource without reason, while looking for an overall answer then those things should be done," Anacker said. "Other FWP discoveries: Wild rainbow trout are particularly susceptible. Introduced to the U.S. from Europe 35 years ago. Problem has worsened recently when hatcheries dumped infected fish into rivers and streams. Harmless to humans." "This fall, rainbow trout were caught with disfigured heads, crooked jaws, snubbed-nose snouts

#### Whirling disease affecting trout

When disease strikes and deforms the capsule of young trout and salmon, causing them to swim in tight circles when stressed and making it difficult for them to eat or escape predators.

and black tails. "Before August, we had never seen clinical signs of whirling disease in the Madison River," said FWP fisheries biologist Mark Lere. "This summer we set out to look for signs of the disease and we found them." Lere said that brown trout appear unaffected by the disease. It appears, young rainbow trout are most vulnerable to the disease. A study done of trout hatched in April and May on the upper Madison showed their numbers had declined 80 percent by October. "The decline is not a function of poor reproduction caused by inadequate spawning habitat," Vincent said. "The trout were there in abundance in July, but their numbers began to drop when clinical signs of whirling disease emerged." For yearling trout - hatched in the spring of 1994 - there is good news. "One-yearling population has more than doubled over estimates made last September to 500 per mile.... But that is still about one-fourth the historical population. Additionally, 20 percent of those trout were mangled by deformities caused by whirling disease." "But we can't say what's happening," Vincent said. "Are there better environmental conditions this year? Are the minnow trout learning how to resist the disease? At this point, we simply don't have the answers." As for adult rainbows - those hatched from 1989 to 1992 - very few showed any signs of the disease, however the population had declined 25 percent from 1994. "We don't know how or why these adult survivors avoided infection," Vincent said. "This could imply that these trout have figured out how to protect themselves from the parasite, or it could mean these fish are being reared from tributaries that aren't producing the whirling disease parasite."

# CO is a serious, if subtle, threat to boaters

**The Washington Post** Carbon monoxide poisoning is a serious but often-overlooked hazard for recreational boaters, a Seattle study warns. Researchers urged boaters to inspect boat exhaust systems regularly for leaks and to consider installing carbon monoxide detectors on boats, especially those more than 22 feet long with enclosed cabins. The study looked at 39 cases of boaters poisoned by carbon monoxide, a colorless, odorless byproduct of incomplete gasoline combustion. The typical CO poisoning incident in the study took place in calm, cool weather on a single-engine powerboat more than 10 years old, between 22 feet and 47 feet long, with exhaust pipes that lead to searchers reported. Only one of the boats had a CO detector, which for unknown reasons failed to alert passengers of the danger. Most of the boats were cruising with the rear cabin door open, allowing exhaust fumes to be drawn inside. On moored boats, the danger apparently came from leaky exhaust systems or non-engine sources of CO, such as water heaters or space heaters.

It is estimated 10,000 Americans annually seek medical treatment or miss at least a day's work because of intoxication with carbon monoxide. About 3,500 a year die of unintentional or suicidal CO poisoning, according to the National Center for Health Statistics. That makes CO the most common cause of fatal poisoning. Carbon monoxide is especially dangerous because it has no telltale smell, color or taste. Many victims are taken poisoning as not even aware that they were at risk from the gas.

More than 20 million recreational boats were in use in the United States last year, according to the Coast Guard. The study was conducted at the Virginia Mason Medical Center, a private clinic in Seattle.

His findings were published in the current Journal of the American Medical Association. Researchers reviewed the medical records of 312 patients treated for carbon monoxide poisoning at Virginia Mason during the decade from mid-1984 to mid-1994. Of those, 39 were poisoned while boating. Most of the patients in the study lost consciousness at least briefly. Other symptoms they experienced included headache, nausea, weakness, dizziness and shortness of breath. They were treated with hyperbaric, or pressurized, oxygen to restore their blood oxygen levels.

# Illegal fishing imperils migrating chinook

**Knights-Ridder News Service** nel remained for any salmon to swim through.

SAN JOSE, Calif. - Illegal fishing - some of it by people using stolen grocery carts as traps - threatens to wipe out a small run of chinook salmon that struggles up the Guadalupe River to spawn in its shallow waters. All along the Guadalupe - from the slow-moving reaches near Alviso, past the glass-and-steel office buildings of downtown to the swifter waters in South San Jose - poaching is taking a toll on a salmon run discovered less than a decade ago. The fish will die in the river anyway after spawning. The danger is that they'll be caught before they can reproduce. "Poaching is going to be the demise of this particular strain of fish if we can't control it," state Fish and Game Warden Gary Combes said. "It wouldn't take a whole lot of fishing to wipe out this particular group of fish in short order." The poaching "seems" to be most blatant just a few blocks north of downtown in an area populated by the homeless. Beneath a railroad trestle, a low barrier gate stretches into the river, diverting the fish toward a shopping cart turned on its side in the shallow water. Only a narrow chan-

nel remained for any salmon to swim through. Suspended on a line from the trestle above, another shopping cart appeared ready to be lowered quickly to trap fish. Poachers would then be able to herd the migrating fish into the shopping carts, said Roger Castillo, a wildlife biologist. Chinook, a loose collection of volunteers who promote restoration of South Bay creeks and rivers. Castillo led a reporter through the riverbank brush and trees to show the risk the fish take answering their natural urge to return to the place of their birth. There, in nine inches of shaded water beneath a canopy of poplar trees, their dorsal and tail fins break through the rippling surface, a pair of three-foot-long salmon held their position in the current. The female was digging troughs called "redds" in the gravelly river bottom with her flapping tail. Next, she would deposit several thousand eggs to be fertilized by the male. Castillo said that recently he spotted a big salmon on a fish stringer at the West Julian Street bridge. "Five guys were there, and the barbecue was lit." Castillo said he's seen skeletons - all that's left of the salmon after they've been filleted and eaten - in the river.

But this year, Castillo said, the run started in July because the Santa Clara Valley Water District settled a suit by releasing more water into the Guadalupe from reservoirs on its tributaries. Chinook salmon spawn in the same river where they were hatched, then die soon after. The fertilized eggs, covered by protective gravel in the river shallows, hatch about two months later. Eventually, the tiny salmon fry are carried by the current down toward the ocean. Chinook salmon remain in the salt water for as long as eight years before heading back upstream to spawn.

So far, no poaching arrests have been made. Combes, the only state game warden in the San Jose area, said it's a difficult situation because the threat of a misdemeanor citation does little to deter a destitute person looking for his next meal.

# Canoe

Continued from D1 blade extending from the heel of his hand. "There's a lot in canoe making that's intuitive, that isn't related to exact measurement," he says, running a thumb over the edge. "It's an extremely complex art. That's why it's so demanding." Vaillancourt built his first canoe in 1965, when he was 15, after a cousin sent him an old copy of Sports Afield that had a picture describing how the Indians made them. He had never paddled a canoe, nor even ridden in one, but he was passionately interested in the way the Indians traveled the lakes and rivers in the Northern wilderness. The more than 120 birch-bark canoes he has made since have gone to customers on four continents. One of

Vaillancourt's canoes is displayed in an international museum in Japan, and others have gone to museums, collectors and universities as well as private owners caught up in the romance of the bark canoes. He sells up to eight canoes a year - at a \$400 a foot - and collects materials and makes paddles and snowshoes in the winter months. Vaillancourt says he still is striving to improve his technique and perfect his craftsmanship, a task that may take a lifetime. "I'll never give up canoe making. It's so much a part of me," he says. "If I stop doing it, I'm no longer physically able to do it, which I hope is a very, very long time."

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# Pheasant hunting in late fall can be quite a success

Knight-Ridder News Service

PORTLAND, Mich. — The combined pheasant-hunting experience of the five people standing in this field must have amounted to more than 100 years, yet we will not be silckered by one of the oldest tricks in the book.

—We were loafing outside the leeward end of the field, waiting for Tom Huggler to return from driving two blockers up to the far end, where we would drive birds toward them. Most of us had already loaded our guns.

Two of the dogs that we let run loose for exercise were very excited, making short forays into the foxtail until we called them back.

This happened about five times before one of the dogs ran a few steps farther than usual. A young rooster erupted from the cover less than 20 feet away and soared unscathed to a field across the road while the hunters watched flat-footed.

Once again, a pheasant survived by refusing to fly until it had no choice.

We hunted for less than three hours on farmlands southwest of Lansing in early December and saw 11 roosters we could shoot at, three that were too far off and five hens. We killed five roosters, and other hunters reported similar scores.

"I saw more pheasants this first day of the late season than in four days of hunting the regular season in October," said Gerald Chessman of Lansing, who hunted in Hillsdale County with two friends.

"We chased up seven roosters and got four of them. They were all in the thickest cover we could find. I think they were concentrated better than they were in October because most of the corn had been cut, and that gave them fewer places to hide."

The best thing our group might have had going was size — eight hunters and five dogs, which let us work big stretches of cover efficiently. We could send two or three blockers at one end of a 100-acre field and let the remaining hunters and three or four dogs start at the other end and work the cover up into the wind.

With the hunters 20-30 yards apart and the dogs noses covering most of the territory in between, we probably didn't walk by too many birds.

Huggler, a freelance outdoors writer whose specialty is upland game birds such as pheasants and grouse, has pursued pheasants across North America. His "Pheasant Hunting" videotape offers tips on everything from training dogs to strategies for different kinds of cover.

"This is the first chance I've had to work these areas properly," Huggler said. "I've never been able to get eight hunters and this many dogs together."

"You can see the difference it makes. I was amazed when we put up five roosters and two hens from that first spot. I've hunted that cover several times with two or three other people, and we've never seen more than two pheasants, even though we know there had to be more there."

Pheasants' ability to elude hunters and their reluctance to fly until absolutely necessary are amazing.

As we pulled a truck into the windward



Hay bales provide a perch for pheasants. The birds in late fall and early winter often are found in greater concentrations because of less cover after agricultural harvests.

end of a field, a pheasant ran into a tree row 30 yards away. We watched while another hunter and his dog approached slowly up the row from the far end of the field.

The dog moved in and out of the trees, panicking several rabbits ahead of it. When the setter neared the place where we saw the pheasant hide, its head went down and it began to stalk slowly toward the trees. It was less than 10 feet away when the pheasant, a hen, blasted out of the exact spot we saw it hide in 30 minutes before.

A few weeks before I had hunted doves in Ohio and walked a strip of sunflowers about a half-mile long and 10 yards wide. Less than 100 yards into the strip I saw something dark moving on the ground about 50 feet ahead. It was a pheasant rooster, sinking along as the stealthily as a weasel.

I kept it in sight most of the time, and four times it nestled into tiny hollows and stayed put until I was abreast of it, once not more than five feet away. I would have walked past it each time if I hadn't known

it was there, and even when I backtracked and walked directly toward it, the bird continued to sneak along the ground. The pheasant didn't take to the air until we were 20 feet from a strip of plowed ground at the end of the sunflowers.

In places like North and South Dakota, where one field might have hundreds of pheasants, I've seen birds hold so tight that the only way you knew they were there was by the tail feathers sticking out of a clump of grass a foot from your boots. But because pheasants are more likely to run and sneak, pointing dogs like the ones we hunted over usually don't get a chance to make classic points. But dogs are invaluable in retrieving downed birds in heavy cover. They found every pheasant we shot in thick stuff where we would have been lucky to find half the birds.

Finishing birds was easy in the glory days of Michigan pheasant hunting: hunters routinely killed more than a million a year in the 1940s and '50s. Pheasants filled virtually every available scrap of habitat.

Youngsters could come home from school, grab a gun and chase birds out of roadside ditches without the assistance of dogs.

But there has been a drastic decline in pheasant numbers over the past 30 years, largely the result of habitat loss to changing agricultural techniques, development and a big increase in predators from skunks to hawks.

The remaining birds inhabit only the prime cover, dense grasses like foxtail, switchgrass and marshgrass that offer roosting and loafing areas near feeding sites like harvested corn and wheat stubble fields. "These are pretty big areas of cover," Huggler said.

"My experience has been that when you hunt pheasants in winter, you do drives with a big group or hunt alone with a dog. If you hunt alone, you won't flush as many birds, but you can work slowly and quietly, and you'll get some shooting."

Quiet is important in the late hunt. Virtually all of these birds have been hunted before, and they have excellent hearing.

Just the sound of a car door closing when hunters reach the field or a shell being racked into a shotgun can alert birds a half-mile away.

Pheasants in dense cover depend on their hearing to detect predators. A hunter who moves slowly, with a lot of 10- to 30-second stops, usually will see more birds than one who walks quickly behind a dog. The pheasants seem to get nervous when the hunter stops and they can no longer hear him, and often flush during those pauses.

Examining the spurs and tail feathers of birds we killed, five were young-of-the-year, hatched last spring, and the fifth was a 2-year-old, a true graybeard in a species that has an average life span of about nine months.

All were beautifully colored and well-nourished, and all were proof that if we want even a semblance of the kind of pheasant hunting that our grandfathers knew, the Department of Natural Resources must place its emphasis on giving the birds places where they can survive.

## Hunting fraternity fights for crossbow season in New York

RHINEBECK, N.Y. (AP) — Jeff Lucas sits motionless in his wheelchair, his eyes glued to the target. Slowly, he takes aim, releases the safety, and activates the trigger.

Whoosh!

Suddenly, there's the quiet hush of an arrow, then a short thud in a little red 30 yards away.

"Bull's eye!" Lucas says quietly, a satisfying grin creasing his face as he prepares to give his assistant load another arrow into his specially outfitted crossbow.

Jeff Lucas is a quadriplegic, and he specializes in target shooting. He is nearly self-sufficient in the leg carrier this year with his custom-made compound bow — because it offers a safe, efficient way to hunt deer and other wildlife. But to hunt deer, Lucas has to leave New York, one of only nine states that don't recognize the crossbow as a legal hunting weapon.

"He doesn't understand why."

"It's ridiculous that they would limit someone like me," said Lucas, 36, who has been paralyzed since he broke his neck 10 years ago in a diving accident. "I have a hard enough time getting into the woods. Now I've got to fight the bowhunters to use the safest, most effective thing for me to use."

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"I'm never not going to hunt, but now I have to go to Connecticut. It's ridiculous," he said.

Apprehension is at the heart of the controversy over this misused weapon, which is allowed for all legal game in six states — Hawaii, Wyoming, Arkansas, Ohio, Kentucky, and South Carolina.

"A lot of bowhunters don't really understand the abilities of the crossbow," said Glenn Cole of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. "They perceive it as something that's fool-proof, that you go out there, put it

on your shoulder and bang! You kill a deer. They don't understand that you still need certain skills, that it's not an implement that can kill deer at long range."

Lucas, an editor for Disabled Outdoor Magazine, is trying to get state park land opened for handicapped hunters using a crossbow.

Most opposition to legalizing the weapon for hunting comes from the state's 54,000 bowhunters, who don't want the length of their season tampered with.

"My biggest concern as a bowhunter is the fear of it being a combined season," said Frank Reggero of the Orange County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, a coalition of 26 gun clubs and about 8,000 sportsmen in New York's lower Hudson River Valley region.

"If you alleviate that, it opens up another sporting opportunity for people, and we need people right now. If that draws people into the sporting community, I think it's a wonderful thing."

Crossbow advocates say there's a lot of misinformation. "It's not going to ruin bowhunting," Lucas says. "There's not going to be a bunch of guys coming out of the woodwork. If just hasn't statistically proven to be that way in other

states. The facts rarely get on the table."

Among the facts: Crossbows are not the weapon of choice for poachers; they like to use 22-caliber rifles.

Maximum effective range for a crossbow normally is around 40 yards, so a crossbow sight zeroed for 20 yards must be aimed six feet higher to strike a target at 60 yards. In other words, crossbow-wielding Rambos won't be bringing down any white-tailed deer at 100 yards because the average successful shot by crossbow hunters is under 20 yards.

"Everybody has an opinion of what a crossbow is," said Otis Snyder, a compound bow expert marksman and representative for Ohio-based Horton Manufacturing, the nation's largest crossbow maker.

"We've all watched those mercenary movies where the crossbow guy is the bad guy. It's been the image since a pope in the 11th century deemed it a tool of the devil."

Probably, 21 years ago the attitudes against crossbows were the same by the general populace as they are today in New York," Snyder said. "Ohio has allowed crossbow hunting for 20 years and there is still opposition. But all statements have

been proven false. It hasn't wiped out bowhunting. We've found room to permit additional hunters. It offers opportunity without any negative impact upon any other group within the hunting fraternity. It's as simple as that."

Allowing a new weapon that might attract more hunters would appear to be wise, since the sport is suffering a serious decline. In New York, there are about 735,000 hunters. State officials predict that by 2010, there will be 382,000.

"Our numbers are going down. We've got to do something to bring them back," said Robert Banister, chairman of the Conservation Fund Advisory Board, which oversees spending that affects fishing and hunting in New York.

"It would be a positive tool," added Mike Brown of the New York State Crossbow Hunters Association, which estimates that an introductory crossbow season would have a \$13 million impact on the state economy.

"The state's looking 10 years from now at having less than 400,000 hunters, where before they had 1.1 million," Brown said. "They see hunters as a conservation tool to keep the deer herd down. The way we're going now, they'll never be able to manage the deer herd."

A breakthrough may be imminent. A bill is being drafted for an introductory crossbow hunting season. "There will be legislation on the table in 1996," Banister said. "Whether it flies or not remains to be seen."

## BLM proposes better protection for Idaho sites

MCCAMMON (AP) — Federal officials want to improve protection of ancient petroglyphs and rare plants at two southeastern Idaho locations.

So the Bureau of Land Management is seeking public comments on its proposals to designate the spots as areas of critical environmental concern.

Some petroglyph designs pecked into rocks at the 3,560-acre Indian Rocks Cultural Area along Interstate 15 near McCammon are an estimated 4,000 years old.

"This is kind of nice because we have something we can preserve well," BLM archaeologist Lisa Cresswell said. "Our cultural resources are very fragile. We have an opportunity to preserve something before it gets down to the wire."

A 437-acre tract on the west slope of Peacock Peak between Lava Hot

Springs and Bantrock is among only a few places in Idaho where relationships between several types of rare plants have been relatively unchanged for more than a century. Both sites are on BLM land.

The new designation would improve protection of the Indian Rocks site from vandalism and damage by restricting vehicles to designated roads and trails. It also would enable the BLM to fence off specific

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# Women hike Grand Canyon

ST. GEORGE, Utah (AP) — Grand Canyon National Park has been a compelling draw for Marcy DeMillion since she was an 11-year-old Pennsylvanian.

A family trip to the canyon then filled her with a sense of adventure and discovery. Someday, DeMillion knew, she would work there.

The Hurricane, Utah, resident is now fresh off a 400-mile journey from one end of the main canyon to the other. She and Pam Foti, a Northern Arizona University professor who joined DeMillion for the journey, are the first women on record to make the trek, if over a four-year period.

The 55 days of intermittent hiking through the unmarked depths of the canyon posed a mental and physical challenge that included the best and worst of what a rugged wilderness has to offer. DeMillion compared it to running a marathon. "I would never do this again, but it was a great experience," said DeMillion, recreation and wilderness planner for the U.S. Bureau of Land Management's Arizona Strip District.

The trip was started in 1991 and finished segment-by-segment. It was inspired by a similar cross-canyon journey in 1963 by Colin Fletcher, who wrote a book about the experience.

In better moments, DeMillion got a chance to enjoy the isolation and magnitude that had long held a spiritual quality for her.

"You've got all day to reflect and look at the vastness of the canyon," she said.

DeMillion started work at the park as a seasonal ranger in 1990, reaching a goal that she said since looking at the canyon and thinking it was "a great place to get lost." She had become an experienced hiker in the canyon prior to the record trek, backpacking there every weekend.

The women at first planned to hike the entire route in the five weeks available to them. They started from North Rim, following the Colorado River near the park's east boundary. They were on schedule by the end of the third week, arriving at the centrally located Phantom Ranch area.

Then things got interesting. The women encountered two other hikers who had fallen about 30 feet in the middle of the night. DeMillion

stayed with the injured while Foti hiked out of the canyon for help. They retraced the expedition after rescuers arrived, but shortly afterward, foot blisters afflicting DeMillion forced the two to hike out of the canyon for new boots.

"Our feet were absolutely ripped apart," DeMillion said. "I don't think feet were meant to hike across the canyon."

The two interruptions left them behind schedule. Then a third woman, a climber, backed out of earlier plans to join them for the more rugged part of the trip. Without her expertise, the two changed their route to avoid climbing.

That prompted them to miss the food cache waiting for them, leaving them without food or water. They munched on beef jerky, crackers and a small handful of food, then left the canyon a third time, hiking and hitchhiking 35 miles to civilization.

They resupplied and got a ride from a friend back toward their route, but a flash fire stopped them before they reached it. They retreated again, abandoning their effort to finish the entire route at once.

"That's when we realized we didn't have enough time," DeMillion said.

The two conceded temporary defeat after the flat tire but resumed the journey in November 1993. A friend drove them and dropped them off at night. They embarked the next day, following a winding esplanade, a red-rock layer along the side of a slope next to a 1,000-foot drop.

"If anyone had fallen, it would have been a serious injury," DeMillion said.

Neither brought it up at the time, but both later admitted they would have agreed to turn back had the other hiker suggested it. They finished the second segment in six days.

They finished the third and final leg of the trip last month, arriving after six days of hiking in the Suiapai area of the Havasupai Indian Reservation. They had become lost and got back on track with a half quart of water left.

At times, as in other parts of the trip, all DeMillion could think of was survival.

"That's all that mattered," she said. "Nothing outside the canyon seemed to matter."



While tourists enjoy the view of Arizona's Grand Canyon from Mather Point, Marcy DeMillion and Pam Foti spend 55 days hiking 400 miles in the famed landmark.

# Fishing dispute catches on

Newport News Daily Press

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. — You can buy some white rubber boots and a boat, but you can't call yourself a commercial waterman in Virginia unless you have a special license from the state.

Now some watermen say that license shouldn't be enough, at least when it comes to deciding who gets to catch some of the state's scarcest fish. They believe full-time watermen — those who depend solely on fishing for a living — should get first crack.

It's an idea that divides watermen and challenges the Virginia Marine Resources Commission, which must decide how to divvy up limited resources like crabs and striped bass. So far, the commission has declined to give preferential treatment to full-timers, but members say the issue will keep coming up as long as watermen struggle to make a living under a system of quotas and regulations.

The commission already limits the number of commercial fishermen who can legally catch a particular type of fish or shellfish. The number who can dredge for crabs in the winter was essentially frozen last year, for example.

The state requires all commercial watermen to carry a license, known as the business green card. Some 3,050 people carry one. The card entitles carriers to apply for other permits that allow them to catch certain species of fish or use certain types of gear.

The card costs \$150 a year, but if you applied for one today, you'd have to wait two years before you received it. The delay is one way the state controls the number of commercial fishermen in the state. The only exceptions are if you're a friend or family member signs their green card over to you.

The commission has divided the state's 1995 striped bass quota among a set number of watermen, chosen by lottery last spring. Any waterman — whether they were a full-time fisherman or not — with a commercial license and the proper gear permits was eligible. More than 125 watermen, including many full-timers, ended up on a waiting list.

Under an agreement with other East Coast states and the federal government, Virginia's commercial fishermen will have a quota of 1.4 million pounds of striped bass to catch in 1996, up from 877,000 pounds this year.

A committee of watermen last month asked the commission to limit that catch to full-timers. The committee proposed that a waterman be considered full-time if 75 percent of his 1994 earned income came from fishing or if he spent at least 120 days of 1994 fishing commercially.

"Somewhere along the line, we're going to have to determine what a full-time waterman is," said Earnest Bowman, a Chincoteague, president of the Eastern Shore Working Watermen's Association.

Many full-time watermen resent that part-timers and weekend fishermen — people with other livelihoods — are catching part of the state's commercial quota.

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# Wildlife officials learn not to tangle with Gramm

Los Angeles Times

CAMBRIDGE, Md. — Two special agents of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service were flying on routine patrol over the scenic Chesapeake Bay one fall morning when they spotted a line of bait ringing a nearby pond below.

Immediately they suspected that hunters were illegally trying to lure into shotgun range waterfowl from the nearby Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge. Hoping to catch them, the agents set up a trap line. For several days, they hid in tall marsh grass and waited for telltale pops of gunfire to pierce the crisp autumn air.

But much to their surprise, no one appeared. No shots were fired. And no arrests were made. Instead, the agents — and some of their superiors at the wildlife service — found themselves starting down the political barrel of Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, an avid sportsman who owns prime vacation land nearby.

How the investigation fell apart remains unclear. What happened next, however, provided the federal game officials a stern lesson in the perils of tangling with a member of Congress, particularly one with Gramm's reputation for relentless pursuit.

It was a battle the government agents would not win: The surveillance operation ultimately was deemed a failure; the senator was given an official apology and the careers of several wildlife officials were tarnished. Not long after Gramm weighed in with complaints, one refuge manager was removed over the objections of his superiors. Three other wildlife service employees were reassigned.

Although the surveillance occurred in 1987, the episode continues to reverberate. The enforcement of modern-day game laws that govern the century-old tradition of waterfowl hunting on Maryland's famed Eastern Shore has been relaxed and the presence of federal officers on these bascule fields diminished.

Moreover, the incident provides insight into the operating style of 53-year-old William Philip Gramm, a candidate for the 1996 Republican presidential nomination, and his willingness to wield political power on behalf of his friends. At least one of his fellow hunters — a prominent Washington lobbyist — later became a significant donor to Gramm's campaigns and provided him with personal legal services.

Gramm and his advisers remain at odds about the senator's role in changing enforcement practices on the Eastern Shore. "Money and power usually prevail in our system of government," said William C. Ains, a former Fish and Wildlife Service administrator who was transferred amid political pressure. "It may not be right, but that is the way it is."

For his part, Gramm said that he had no intention of influencing the wildlife agency but sought only to relay the concerns of his neighbors. He said law enforcement officials had targeted him because he criticized management of the refuge.

"Obviously," Gramm said, "someone has to get the message." The bay that spawned the confrontation between Gramm and the Fish and Wildlife Service — the Chesapeake — is the nation's largest estuary, an environmentally fragile playground that stretches from northeast of Baltimore to southeast of

Richmond, Va. The area in Dorchester County along the Eastern Shore, particularly the segment near the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge, ranks among the nation's most desirable locations for waterfowl hunting. President Clinton and retired Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf have hunted in the region.

A two-hour drive from the nation's capital, the Eastern Shore also provides a convenient anteroom for lobbyists and members of Congress, who have hatched many deals during weekend hunting excursions. Many wealthy residents also run private hunting clubs stocked with tens of thousands of captive-bred mallards on the outskirts of the Blackwater refuge.

These state-licensed regulated shooting areas permit landowners to hunt without having to observe daily limits and other federal restrictions. Sometimes, in the zeal to maximize their harvest during an abbreviated stay, hunters and their guests run afoul of game laws. This is most commonly done by distributing grain on the ground and then shooting wild birds as they come to feed — a practice known as baiting — or by using the mallards as live decoys.

Like many area residents, Gramm considers himself a defender of wildlife. He is a member of the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus, a group of 247 legislators that strives to promote and preserve the traditional rights of American hunters. Gramm "has hunted all over America. He has

never been cited for a violation of hunting laws and has never knowingly violated any hunting statute," said Lary Neal, the senator's spokesman.

In 1986, Gramm and his wife Wendy, bought a vacation home on 35 acres of a remote section of the Eastern Shore known as Kirwan's Neck. The property first caught the attention of Fish and Wildlife Service Special Agents George Lacey and Frank T. Kuncir in 1987 as they flew their routine patrol shortly before the Thanksgiving hunting season.

From the air, Lacey and Kuncir noticed an extraordinary amount of grain ringed a large pond in an open field — evidence of baiting.

"On a follow-up visit, Kuncir said, he detected several hundred pounds of feed along with spent shotgun shells around a duck blind. "What I found at that site proved someone had been actively hunting," Kuncir said.

Kuncir said he found another baited pond immediately next door on Gramm's property. But he saw no obvious signs that the Gramm blind had been freshly hunted. Gramm said he has never hunted on his property.

Believing the odds were strong that hunters would return at the height of duck season, Kuncir spent four mornings during Thanksgiving week hidden in wet marsh, monitoring both properties.

But for reasons that are not entirely clear, no one showed up.

Wildlife agents maintain that Gramm stayed away because he was

warned of the investigation by then-Fish-and-Wildlife Service Director Frank Dunkle, who as a matter of policy had been apprised of the surveillance by agency officials.

Gramm told the Los Angeles Times he was never warned of the surveillance, but the agents' claim is supported by Nathaniel P. Reed, a former Interior Department assistant secretary during the Nixon and Ford administrations. Reed submitted sworn testimony to a congressional panel in 1989 that Dunkle told him Gramm was a "very useful senator" whom he had "tipped off" because he did not want to see him "embarrassed."

Dunkle, who has since died, denied having any knowledge of the surveillance at the time — an assertion that even a top assistant to Dunkle called "unthinkable."

That dispute has never been resolved. But the story of Gramm's subsequent actions is clear.

In August 1989, 21 months after the surveillance, Gramm demanded that John F. Turner, the new Fish and Wildlife Service director in the Bush administration, launch an internal investigation into the episode. By then, materials key to the inquiry, such as photographs of the baited duck blinds, had disappeared under circumstances that agency officials find troubling.

"Somebody purged the files," said James F. Gillett, the administrator who conducted the inquiry. It was "a very, very bad situation."

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## Idaho PUC boosts utility deposit rate

**BOISE** — People who have to place deposits to get utility service will get 6 percent interest in 1996. That's up 1 percent this year. Each year, the Public Utilities Commission sets the rate utilities must pay on deposits, based on the average rate for one-year U.S. Treasury bills during the previous year. Utility deposit rates were 3 percent in 1994, 6 percent in 1992, 8 percent for 1991, 9 percent in 1990 and 7 percent during 1988 and 1989.

## Simplot trust buys timber, mining stock

**BOISE** — J.R. Simplot has raised his stakes in Boise Cascade Corp. and Asarco Inc. A trust controlled by the 86-year-old billionaire increased its stake in Boise Cascade to 6.6 percent from 5 percent of the company's common shares outstanding. The information was divulged in a Schedule 13D form filed Tuesday with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The trust acquired \$20,000 shares of the Boise-based forest products company at \$34.37 to \$39.54 per share between Oct. 6 and Dec. 11. Simplot's trust now holds 3.17 million Boise Cascade shares. In July, Simplot revealed he had paid \$80 million to acquire 2.3 million Boise Cascade shares. At the time, Simplot said he was not trying to take over the company. Boise Cascade was simply a cheap investment, he said. Simplot made a similar move at Asarco, a New York-based metals company that owns part of two molybdenum mines in northern Idaho. The Simplot trust purchased 1.43 million Asarco shares between Dec. 8 and Dec. 14, raising its overall stake in the company to 8.58 percent from 5.22 percent of common shares outstanding.

## Software firm settles into Idaho Falls

**IDAHO FALLS** — A computer software developer has moved its headquarters and about 30 jobs to Idaho Falls from California. The year-old company, Lynden Inc., will employ computer programmers, engineers and technical staff in leased office space. It will keep a sales office at its former home in Walnut Creek, Calif. Its primary product, MortgageView, allows buyers and lenders to conduct all aspects of a real estate transaction from any two locations. People at each site see those at the other site via live video over computer screens. MortgageView is used to prequalify buyers, apply for mortgages, process loans and close sales. Idaho Falls competed for Lynden's headquarters with several large cities including Atlanta, but eastern Idaho had the inside track all along. One of the partners in Lynden is Ty Jenkins of Doak Tech, a young Idaho Falls business that prepares mortgage loan documents.

## State development funds increase

**BOISE** — Idaho will have nearly \$1.5 million extra for rural economic and community development projects in 1996. Loren Nelson, state director for the Idaho Rural Economic and Community Development fund for business and industry loan guarantees will be \$4.7 million, up from \$3.28 million this year. The loan guarantees are used in rural communities to create or save jobs. The program is intended to help provide rural areas outside conventional financing programs for economic assistance.

## Regional First Interstate CEO moves

**PORTLAND, Ore.** — The chief executive officer for First Interstate Bank's Northwest Region has been reassigned as part of a sweeping restructuring at the bank. The Oregonian newspaper reported Wednesday it had obtained an internal memo that said First Interstate would move from its present regional structure to a new structure based along functional lines. The changes are to take effect Jan. 1. Curran Curran, currently CEO for the Northwest Region, will manage First Interstate's mortgage joint venture with PHH Corp. Curran's current job will not be filled. Regional managers who previously reported to him will report elsewhere, said Shirley Hosoi, spokeswoman First Interstate Bancorp at its headquarters in Los Angeles. Curran could not be reached for comment. Bank officials said the reorganization will not lead to any significant layoffs. The moves come as First Interstate attempts to fight off a takeover attempt by Wells Fargo Corp. and merge instead with First Bank Systems Inc. of Minnesota.

## Disposal corporation moving to Boise

**BOISE** — American Ecology Corp., a Houston-based chemical, radioactive and toxic-waste disposal company, is moving its headquarters to Boise. In March the company will move into the second floor of the Boise City National Bank Building, a century-old structure being remodeled downtown. American Ecology, led by former Morrison Knudsen Corp. senior vice president Jack Lemley, is moving because its top executives are from Boise. "The corporate offices can be located anywhere," said Ed Gorman, president and chief operating officer of American Ecology and another former senior vice president at Morrison Knudsen. "Both Jack Lemley and myself live in Boise and we don't want to move to Houston." The move will bring an estimated 20 employees working in accounting, marketing and hazardous-waste-law compliance to the Boise headquarters. Six of the 20 are former Morrison Knudsen employees, Gorman said. American Ecology also operates a hazardous-waste disposal facility in Beatty, Nev.

## Idaho Power trims 55 retail jobs

**BOISE** — Idaho Power Co. announced Wednesday it is eliminating 55 positions from its largest business unit, Retail Services, as part of a company-wide reorganization. But Doug Jackson, vice president for the division, said because 79 positions are either vacant or filled by temporary workers, all regular employees will have an opportunity to compete for a job in the new organization. "Our practice over the last two years of hiring most employees in temporary positions and of leaving some positions vacant has worked," Jackson said. "We made it clear to every temporary employee that their positions could be at risk due to reorganization. "As a result, they were prepared for these changes and we will not have to make reductions in our regular employee numbers at this time," Jackson said. Retail Services is responsible for building and maintaining transmission and distribution lines, building and operating substations and providing services to residential, irrigation and commercial customers.

## Lump of coal for no nannies this year

**A LUMP OF COAL** — That's what many nannies will get this Christmas, according to the newsletter Nanny News. The Hopewell Junction, N.J.-based publication surveyed its subscribers and found only 38 percent plan to give their nannies a Christmas or year-end bonus. Not giving a bonus may be a bad idea, says editor Jane McIntosh. "There is little an employer can offer, other than a fair wage and reasonable hours, to influence how long a nanny is likely to stay on the job. But not offering a holiday bonus can only tip the scales downward," she said.

## Famed clown hits birthday milestone

Hard to believe, but Bozo is turning 50 next year. The clown that baby boomers grew up with made his first appearances on records, and later on the TV show that made him the most famous red nose and wig famous around the world. Bozo is a multimillion-dollar business for Larry Harmon, the original Bozo, who says he will don his clown suit for the first time in 10 years to commemorate the half-century of silliness.

Compiled from wire reports

# Questions, answers on the rate cut

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Just in time for Christmas, the Federal Reserve has lowered interest rates. But it's not yet clear that consumers will be able to enjoy the present until long after the holiday bills are paid.

The reduction Tuesday was the second cut in rates by the central bank since July, when the Fed reversed course after doubling a key short-term rate in seven steps since early 1994.

Some questions and answers about the Fed's action:

**Q: What did the Fed do?**  
**A:** It cut the federal funds rate, the interest banks charge each other for overnight loans, to 5.50 percent from 5.75 percent.

**Q: Why?**  
**A:** The Fed is trying to spur economic growth without rekindling higher inflation. With inflation under control, the Fed's action is aimed at getting the sluggish economy percolating again.

**Q: How does a lower federal funds rate influence the economy?**  
**A:** When the Fed lowers the interest rate banks pay to borrow money, banks often lower their prime lending rate — a peg for many consumer and corporate loans. The cost of credit

card, home equity, car and personal loans are all tied to the prime lending rate.

Lower borrowing costs make it cheaper for people to get a loan to buy a house and for corporations to invest in new plants and equipment. When people and businesses spend money, factories are humming and the economy grows.

**Q: So does the Fed's action Tuesday mean consumers will pay less interest on credit cards?**  
**A:** Yes, but not right away. One large bank — Columbus, Ohio-based Banc One Corp. — immediately lowered its prime rate to 8.5 percent from 8.75 percent after the Fed's announcement. Today, other leading banks followed the move. In the months ahead, the Fed easing will begin to have an impact on consumer borrowing costs.

**Q: What can the consumer expect down the road?**  
**A:** With the outlook for economic growth less than rosy, the Fed is expected to continue easing rates early next year. That's when the consumer could see some real benefits. A lower rate environment tends to boost bond prices and lower bond yields. Those yields influence mortgage rates, so people thinking about buying a house could see rates on 30-year fixed mortgages drop.

**Q: Are these small rate reductions that important to you?**

**A:** Every time mortgage rates drop a quarter point, it knocks \$18.6 off monthly payments on a \$100,000 thirty-year fixed rate loan, according to Bank Rate Monitor, a West Palm Beach, Fla. company that tracks rates.

Such cuts have been adding up as a rally in the bond market this year already has lowered the term interest rates by about 1.8 percentage points. The monthly payment on a \$100,000 mortgage with a 7 percent interest rate is \$665, while payment on the same loan with a 9 percent rate is \$805 — a difference of \$140.

**Q: Is there a downside to lower rates?**  
**A:** Maybe. If you are planning on putting your money in certificates of deposit, returns won't be as rich as they have been. When banks think the Fed will ease rates, they begin to drop yields on CDs so they're not locked into paying consumers more for long-term deposits at a time when they're making less on loans.

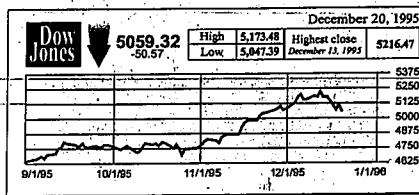
Sensing that the Fed will ease, banks have steadily lowered rates on five-year CDs. On average, the deposits are paying 5.37 percent a 1.38 point drop from 6.75 percent a year ago, according to Bank Rate Monitor.

# Stymied budget talks send stocks tumbling

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Blue-chip stocks dove late Wednesday as budget talks in Washington fell apart for the second time. The broader market ended red.

The Dow Jones industrial average tumbled 50.57 points to close at 5059.32, after spending most of the day slightly higher. Traders and analysts said a powerful wave of computer-driven sell programs in the last 15 minutes of trading pushed the Dow down more than 30 points.

Despite the drop in the Dow industrials, advancing issues led decliners by about 3 to 2 on the New York Stock Exchange. Big-Born volume was heavy at 437.68 million shares as of 4 p.m., but considerably below Tuesday's 478.27 million shares. Broad-market indexes, which spent nearly the entire session above water, finished mostly lower. The NYSE's composite index fell 2.10 to



323.61. The Nasdaq composite index fell 1.14 to 1,025.27. Standard & Poor's 500-stock index fell 5.99 to 605.94. But the American Stock Exchange's market value index rose 2.89 to 534.50. Stock investors started the day extending Tuesday's rise following a

brutal 101-point drop in the Dow average on Monday. But "when the bond market began to stall, that's what turned around the bias of the market," said Eugene Peroni, director of technical research, and technical selling near the close "brought the house down,"

Stocks got an early boost from bonds, which rose in response to a decision by the Federal Reserve on Tuesday to cut the Federal Funds rate — the interest on overnight loans between banks — to 5.5 percent from 5.75 percent. Banks nationwide followed the Fed's action with cuts in the prime rate, the base upon which they make loans, to 8.5 percent from 8.75 percent.

Bonds gained more than 1/4 point early in the day, but backed off in early afternoon as the news from Washington proved disappointing. The 30-year Treasury bond was down 9-32 point near the end of the day, yielding 6.12 percent.

The White House canceled an afternoon meeting with GOP leaders after they said they would oppose a stopgap funding bill that would reopen shuttered government offices until a budget agreement is reached.

# Gas futures dive as supply grows; natural gas shoots higher

The Associated Press

Gasoline futures prices fell sharply Wednesday on the New York Mercantile Exchange on news of higher U.S. inventories.

It was the second straight daily decline in January delivery prices for wholesale unleaded gasoline, suggesting the market has reversed course after reaching a six-month high earlier this week.

Crude oil futures also weakened, but heating oil rebounded and natural

gas futures continued to soar in response to severe winter weather in the Northeast.

On other commodity markets, coffee futures hit a new 14-year low and soybeans retreated from a 29-year high.

The Commodity Research Bureau's index of 17 commodities slipped 0.01 point to 245.43. January gasoline tumbled 1.51 cents to \$1.25 a gallon. In a report released late Tuesday,

The API report said U.S. gasoline inventories increased by 1.4 million barrels last week to 197.4 million barrels.

Many traders have expected a decline in gasoline stocks, which would have extended the recent trend. "The numbers weren't tremendously bullish but they weren't tremendously bearish either, so people got out in response to the API report," said Gerald Samuels, managing director of ARB Oil Inc., a

New York-based trading company.

He said the higher stocks reflected increased availability of MTBE, a chemical used to make the less-polluting unleaded gasoline traded on the New York exchange.

February light sweet crude oil fell 2 cents to \$18.97 a barrel; January heating oil rose 0.67 cent to \$9.90 cents a gallon. January natural gas surged 20.3 cents to \$3.071 per 1,000 cubic feet, a record high for futures prices for the second straight day.

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**The Times-News**

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF IDAHO, No. 94-00428-1, NOTICE OF FORFEITURE United States of America, Plaintiff, vs. Edward William Thompson; Reginaldo Huerta; Tomas Huerta; Alba Elena Gonzalez; Jose Esu-blo Huerta; Apolonio Huerta; Maria R. Lopez; Aka Marie R. Huerta; Ce-delario Huerta; Lionelo Huerta; Maria Gonzalez; Dan Killinger & Tracy Oates, Defendants. Given that on September 19, 1985, in the above-captioned case, the Honorable Edward J. Lopez, United States District Judge for the District of Idaho, entered a preliminary order of forfeiture condemning and forfeiting the following property to the United States of America:

1. Real property with buildings, improvements and improvements located at 423 Overland Road, Hanes, Twin Falls County, State of Idaho, more particularly described as follows: The South 224 feet of the West 88 feet Block 'B' HANSEN TOWNSITE, Twin Falls County, Idaho according to the plat there-of, recorded in Book 1 of

Plats, page 83, records of said County, said real property having been sold and the sale proceeds of \$24,470.43 currently being held by Twin Falls Title & Escrow Company, 1132 Locust St., Twin Falls, ID.

2. The sum of \$5,000 cash paid to the plaintiff as substituted for the 1983 Chevrolet black pickup truck, VIN1GCEK14L2GJ, 15804, and the residence of Jose and Jacqueline Huerta;

3. A 1987 Ford white pickup truck, VIN1FDP1619H-KAD0101;

4. Three weapons - 1811 .45 caliber handgun, an 8XS rifle and a 9mm Mac-10 handgun, seized at the residence of Jose and Jacqueline Huerta; and

5. The sum of \$7,021.00 cash, seized from real-estate of Tomas Huerta and the Lopez, of which \$1,292.00 has been agreed to be returned to Maria Lopez per the above-referenced Consent Decree of Forfeiture.

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corporated by Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(b)(1)(A). If you have a legal interest in this property, within Thirty (30) Days of receipt of this notice, you must petition the United States District Court for the District of Idaho for a hearing to adjudicate the validity of your alleged legal interest in this property. If a hearing is requested, it shall be held before the Court alone, without a jury.

The Petition must be signed by the petitioner under penalty of perjury, as established in 28 U.S.C. Section 1746, & shall set forth the nature & extent of your right, title or interest in each item of property, the time & circumstances of your acquisition of the right, title or interest in each item of property & any additional facts supporting your claim & the relief sought.

The petition shall be filed with the U.S. District Clerk, ANTHONY G. HALL, Assistant U.S. Attorney, First Interstate Center, 577 West Main Street, Suite 201, Boise, ID 83702. Mailing Ad-

dress: PO Box 32, Boise, Idaho 83707.

Pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(n)(2) as incorporated by Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(b)(1)(A), Neither a defendant in the above-styled case nor his agent is entitled to file a petition on your behalf with the interest of justice, to be held within thirty (30) days of the filing of your petition. The court may consolidate your hearing on the petition with any other hearings requested on any other petitions filed by any other person other than the defendant named above.

You have the right at the hearing to testify and present evidence and witnesses on your behalf and cross examine witnesses who appear at the hearing. If you fail to file a petition to assert your right, title or interest in the above-described property, within thirty (30) days of this notice, your right, title and interest in this property shall be lost and forfeited to the United States. The United States shall have clear title to the property herein described and may warrant good title to any subsequent purchaser of transferee.

Presented by: Anthony G. Hall, Assistant U.S. Attorney Asset Forfeiture

PUBLISH: December 14, 21 and 28, 1995.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE On Friday, the 19th day of April, 1996, at the hour of 10:30 o'clock a.m. of said day at the Twin Falls County Courthouse, County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, Titlefact, Inc., an Idaho corporation, as trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit: Lots 1 and 2 in Block 1 of VILLA VISTA SUBDIVISION NO. 3, Twin Falls County, Idaho, according to the plat thereof recorded in Book 12 of Plats, page 50, records of said County, Idaho. Said real property is commonly known address as 217 E. Camino Avenue, Twin Falls, Idaho.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the deed of trust associated by ROBERT L. ELLIS and ELIZABETH ELLIS, husband and wife, grantor to TITLEFACT, INC., as trustee for the benefit and security of FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK OF TWIN FALLS, recorded January 9, 1992, as instrument No. 82000299. Mortgage records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. Said real property hereinabove described is now owned by PAUL SMITH and FRAM SMITH, husband and wife.

The default for which this sale is to be made is failure to pay:

(1) Monthly payments, including the payment due December 1, 1995, monthly tax reserve payments, collection charges, and late charges, all in the amount of \$2,396.16; and the unpaid principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is \$64,756.56.

(2) Interest in late charges and foreclosure costs.

COLEMAN, RITCHIE & ROBERTSON Attorneys for Trustee Residing at Twin Falls, ID

PUBLISH: December 21 and 28, 1995 and January 4 and 11, 1996.

NOTICE ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING SALMON RIVER CANAL COMPANY, LTD. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIV-

EN that the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Salmon River Canal Company, LTD., will be held at the Grange Hall, Hollister, Idaho, on Monday the 8th day of January, 1996, at one o'clock p.m. for the purpose of selecting five directors and transacting such other business as may be necessary. All proxies must be filed with office not later than January 3rd, 1996.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE On Monday, the 11th day of March, 1996 at the hour of 10:00 A.M., of said day, in the Office of ALLIANCE TITLE & ESCROW CORP., as Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all property at the time of sale, the following described property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit: PARCEL: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 in Block 7 of GRAY'S FIRST ADDITION, Twin Falls County, Idaho, according to the plat thereof recorded in Volume 5 of Plats, Page 24, records of said County.

By reason of said default, the Beneficiary has exercised its option in the Deed of Trust to declare the entire indebtedness and accrued interest, late charges, attorney's fees, trustee's fee, and other costs or expenses associated with this foreclosure to be due and payable. The principal balance owing as of this date is \$46,828.26, plus accrued interest at the rate of 8.5% per cent per annum since January 1, 1995, plus attorney's fees, trustee's fees and any other costs or expenses associated with this foreclosure as provided by the Deed of Trust, the Promissory Note or Idaho Law. DATED this 4th day of December, 1995. FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY OF IDAHO By: Morine Cole PUBLISH: November 30, December 7, 14 and 21, 1995

you're response, contact the Clerk of the above-named Court. This action is brought to obtain a Judgment and Decree of this Court dissolving the said community now existing between plaintiff and defendant; also, for a final decree, as well as to fully appear in the Court dated on file with the Clerk of said Court, as set forth in the attached certified Court. PUBLISH: December 21 and 28, 1995 and January 4 and 11, 1996.

Community Development Director. PUBLISH: Thursday, December 21, 1995. IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION Case No. SP-95-110 NOTICE TO CREDITORS (I.C. 15-3-901) IN THE MATTER OF THE Estate of MICHAEL OWENS WARD, Deceased.

four 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 21st day of November, 1995. Robert W. Creel 6307 Arlington Blvd., ID 83703 (208) 322-4354 PUBLISH: December 14, 21 and 28, 1995.

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Notice is hereby given by the Planning and Zoning Commission for the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, January 2, 1996, at the hour of 7:00 o'clock, P.M., in the City Hall, located at 321 Second Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho, to hear a request by RUSS LIVELY, a Non-Conforming Zoning District, Change and Zoning Map Amendment from R-2 to R-P.U.D. property located at 807 Elm Street in the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, in order that the applicant be permitted to establish an architect's office at that location. JERRY and NADINE Request a Non-Conforming Building Expansion Permit in order that the applicant to expand a non-conforming building located at 807 Elm Street in Twin Falls to allow for a 41' setback from the centerline of 8th Avenue and at 250' of the required 60' setback. In such setback ENTERPRISES, MURPHY, L.L.C. d/b/a JAVA EXPRESS Request a Special Use Permit in order that the applicant may operate a coffee house with drive through window on property located at 708 Blue River Boulevard North in Twin Falls.

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On Wednesday, February 14, 1996, at the hour of 10:30 A.M., recognized local, of said day, at FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY OF IDAHO, FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY OF IDAHO will sell, to the highest and best bidder for cash or cash equivalent, in lawful money of the United States, all property at the time of sale, the following described real estate, situated in TWIN FALLS COUNTY, Idaho as follows, to-wit: The East 422.75 feet of Lot 1, Section 2, Township 10 South, Range 14 East of the Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho, said land described as follows: A tract of land located in the SE1/4 NE1/4, being more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING at the East corner of Section 20, T10S, R14E, W108M, said land extending along the East line of said Section 20 for 33.00 feet to the true point of beginning; thence continuing North 00°06'16" West along said East line of Section 20 for 100.00 feet to the true point of beginning; thence South 89°59'06" West for 660.53 feet; thence South 00°04'33" East for 329.70 feet to a point 33.00 feet North 89°59'06" West of the true point of beginning; thence North 00°04'33" East for 880.59 feet to the true point of beginning. TOGETHER WITH rights of ingress and egress as disclosed by and evidenced by the Promissory Note, Dated October 8, 1978 in Instrument No. 794189. SUBJECT TO Highway Right of Way.

Commonly Known As: 4057 North 1400 East, Buhl, Idaho 83316. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligations secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust, dated June 20, 1994, by DEBRA MILLER, an unmarried woman, as Grantor (or the Grantor(s)) to the Beneficiary and evidenced by the Promissory Note, Dated October 8, 1978 in Instrument No. 794189. The Grantor(s) named herein are listed to comply with Section 45-106(a) of the Idaho Code. No restriction is demanded by the Promissory Note, which said obligation is secured by the said Deed of Trust, said default consisting of failure to make the regularly scheduled monthly payment of \$460.30 due on February 1, 1995, and failure to make payments due every month thereafter.

A copy of the Complaint is served with this Summons. If you wish to seek the advice or representation by an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your written response, if any, may be filed in time and other legal rights protected. An appropriate written response requires compliance with Rule 10(a)(1) of the Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure and shall also include: 1. The title and number of this case. 2. If your response is an answer to the Complaint, it must contain admissions or denials of the separate allegations of the Complaint and other defenses you may claim. 3. Your signature, mailing address and telephone number, or the signature, mailing address and telephone number of your attorney. 4. Proof of mailing or delivery of a copy of your response to plaintiff's attorney, as designated above. To determine whether you must pay a filing fee with

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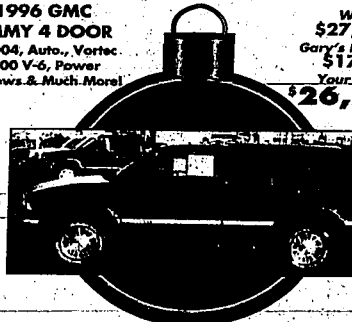
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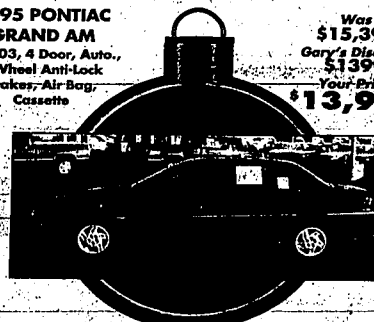
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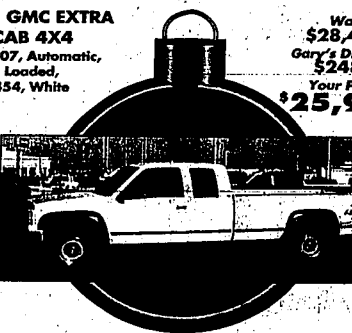
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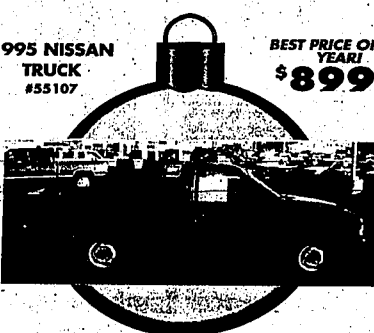
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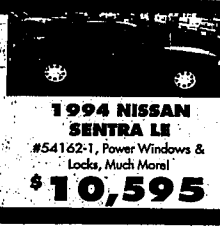
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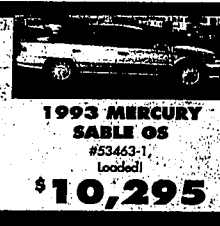
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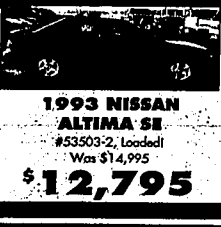
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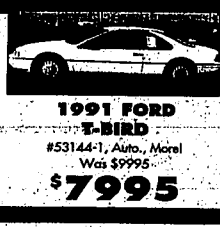
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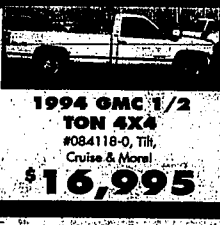
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