

Twin Falls, Idaho 91st Year, No. 95 Thursday, April 4, 1996

Good morning

Today's forecast: Partly cloudy with southwest winds 10 mph. Highs around 55. Clear tonight with lows around 30.

Local

Burial fees going up: Burial fees will be rising along with other city service fees, if the City Council approves proposed new utility rates next month.

No tour for commissioners: Cassia County commissioners have turned down an offer to tour a Los Angeles chemical plant, similar to a proposed Burley plant.

Sports

Bruin girls sweep: The Twin Falls girls softball team came up with its first league double-header sweep of the season, downing the Burley Bobcats 17-1 and 17-0.

Snowballer convicted: The one guy arrested for throwing snowballs in the NFL game in East Rutherford, N.J., last winter got a \$500 fine plus \$150 costs. He'll sue the sports authority for ruining his life.

Outdoors

Spring skiing: For many Idaho skiers, spring is the season for carving perfect turns in perfect snow—in a T-shirt, no less.

War on the West: Outdoors Editor William Brock takes aim at one of the most primitive life-forms in the American West.

Opinion

Turn off the cameras: Resolving the Freemen standoff would be a lot easier if the national media would go home, today's editorial says.

West

Who are the Freemen?: The men and women behind the Freemen standoff in Montana may be lazy or dreamers or schemers. But a closer look shows they're not terrorists.

Minnick files for seat

Boise businessman Walt Minnick described Sen. Larry Craig as a "career politician" Wednesday as he filed for the Democratic Party nomination to run for the senate seat.

Nation

An easy cancer fight: Virtually all cervical cancer deaths can be prevented by routine Pap smears and by safe sex, a panel concludes.

Stokes dead at 68

Pioneering former Mayor Carl B. Stokes died Wednesday.

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Officials blame weather, terrain for deadly crash

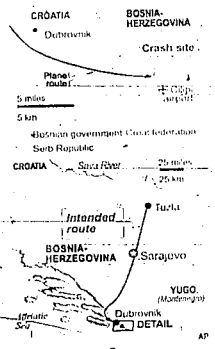
Commerce secretary, business executives, others presumed dead



Bodies found, - Page A2, Brown profile, equipment missing from plane - Page A3

WASHINGTON - U.S. authorities blamed foul weather and rugged Balkan terrain for the death of trailblazing Commerce Secretary Ron Brown and several business executives last when an American Air Force passenger jet crashed Wednesday in Croatia.

Deep into the night, rescuers searched for survivors with no success. The Pentagon reported that 13 people were on board, but the administration said the list would not be released until today.



Scam hits student teams

Mimico, Burley baseball squads sell coupon books that are worthless

By Kevin Miller Times-News writer

Refunds available: Anyone who bought a Mimico or Burley coupon book from a Mimico High School baseball player can attend a meeting at the school auditorium on Monday.



Burley baseball coach Matt Harr said his team owes \$6,000 after selling 300 phony coupon books.

Mimico coach Buzz Wright said the team will grant refunds to anyone who purchased the worthless coupon books. Burley baseball players will be making contact with people who bought the coupon books.

The scam, promoted by United Grocer's Clearinghouse in Costa Mesa, Calif., came to a halt last Tuesday when the California attorney general and Santa Cruz district attorney filed a consumer protection lawsuit against the

Budget cuts shrink legal help for needy

By Karen Tokkinen Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Migrant farmworkers, battered women and anyone living near the poverty level all have one thing in common: They're finding free legal advice harder to come by.



Reduced funding for legal services means legal help for the poor has shrunk and Mike McCarthy of the Twin Falls Legal Aid says volunteer lawyers haven't been able to pick up the slack.

Unabomber suspect in custody

FBI grabs ex-college professor, searches his cabin in Montana

LINCOLN, Mont. - A former Berkeley professor suspected by relatives of being the Unabomber was taken into custody Wednesday while federal agents searched his cabin near a mountain pass on the Continental Divide.

A member of the Unabomber task force, speaking on condition of anonymity, said The Associated Press the suspect was named Ted John Kaczynski and had been using many aliases. For several weeks, federal agents have been following the suspect.

Butch Gehring, a neighbor, said the small cabin being searched was the home of a Ted Kaczynski he described as being a resident since 1971. "He was real shy, real quiet. His conversations were short," Gehring said, describing Kaczynski as a humpback.

Defense chief says Libya can't build chemical plant

The Associated Press

ISMAILIYA, Egypt - In an implicit threat to military forces, Defense Secretary William Perry said Wednesday the United States would not allow Libya to complete what American intelligence agencies believe is a large underground plant to produce chemical weapons.



Weather

IDAHO Weather

Thursday, April 4
 Clear, 57-77. Partly cloudy, with some showers and high clouds during the day.

Boise	54	77
Burley	55	33
Fairfield	m	21
Idaho Falls	54	29
Jerome	53	31
Lowland	54	32
Malta	51	21
McCall	47	26
Pocatello	52	24
Salt Lake	69	51
Stanley	43	18
Sun Valley	45	23

Idaho forecasts

Magic Valley

Thursday partly cloudy. Highs 50 to 55. Southwest winds 10 mph in the morning, west 15 mph in the afternoon. Thursday night clear. Lows around 30. Friday sunny and warmer. Highs around 60. The ultraviolet index forecast is 5 a moderate exposure level.

Extended regional forecast.

Saturday and Sunday sunny and warmer. Lows 25 to 35 east, upper 30s to mid-40s west. Highs in the 60s east, mid- to lower 70s west.

Monday mostly sunny. Lows in the 30s get lower to mid 40s west. Highs in the mid-60s to lower 70s.

Wood River Valley

Thursday partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s. Heavy on the prairie in the upper 50s. Light winds in the afternoon, becoming northwest 10 to 15 mph in the afternoon. Thursday night clear. Lows 15 to 20. Friday sunny and warmer. Highs in the lower 50s.

Treasure Valley

Thursday partly cloudy in the morning. Sunny in the afternoon, becoming northwest 10 to 15 mph in the afternoon. Thursday night clear. Lows 30 to 35. Friday sunny and warmer. Highs in the mid-60s.

Northern Nevada

Thursday mostly cloudy east with isolated showers mostly during the morning. Mostly sunny elsewhere. Highs mid-50s to mid-60s. Thursday night clear. Lows near 20 to the mid-30s. Friday sunny and warmer. Highs near 50s to lower 70s.

Northern Utah

Thursday mostly cloudy. A chance of showers. Highs mid-50s. Thursday night partly cloudy early then clearing overnight. Lows near 30. Friday sunny. Upper 50s.

The ultraviolet index forecast is 5 a moderate exposure level.

Idaho weather summary

A weak disturbance moving across Idaho bringing mostly cloudy skies and scattered showers. A mixture of cloudy and sunshine will be seen as weak disturbances continue to track across the state.

High temperatures were near normal for early April. Low temperatures were reporting lower to middle 50s. However in the north, lower to middle 40s were common.

Almanac

Idaho

Day	Max	Min	Pcp
Boise	54	33	0
Burley	55	33	0
Fairfield	m	21	0

Twin Falls

Day	Max	Min	Pcp
Yesterday	52	33	0
Last year	63	35	0
Normal	59	32	0.3

Precipitation

Month to date	3.7
Normal mo to date	1.3
Water year to date	8.68
Normal year to date	6.00

Comfort factors

Humidity at noon	67 pct
Barometer at noon	29.78 R
Pollen count	Not available

Skywatch

Sunset today 7:05 p.m.
 Sunrise tomorrow 6:16 a.m.
 Lunar phase: Full, April 3; last quarter, April 10; new April 17; first quarter, April 25.
 Visible planets: Morning, Jupiter.
 Evening, Venus.

NATIONAL Weather

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Thursday, April 4

City	Temp
Albuquerque	69
Atlanta	78
Boston	50
Chicago	70
Dallas	77
Denver	55
Des Moines	75
Detroit	61
Houston	79
Indianapolis	77
Kansas City	75
Las Vegas	75
Los Angeles	73
Madison	75
Miami Beach	75
Milwaukee	58
Minneapolis	38
New Orleans	73
New York	60
Oklahoma City	75
Omaha	61
Phoenix	80
Pittsburgh	69
Portland, Me	51
Reno, Nev	35
St. Louis	58
St. Paul	57
San Francisco	66
Seattle	53
Spokane	49
Washington	71

Temperature extremes

Idaho: High, 60 degrees at Emmett, Low, 18 degrees at Stanley.
 Nation: High, 92 at Casa Grande, Ariz.; Low, 12 below at Williston, N.D.

For up-to-the-minute weather information

Time to the National Weather Service radio band at VHF-FM 162.4 or 162.55 MHz or call 423-4423. The Internet address for Idaho Transportation Department road reports is: <http://www.state.idaho.edu/itd/hum.htm>

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Rain on plains, light snow across North

The Associated Press
 Showers spread across the southern Plains on Wednesday and light snow was scattered across parts of the upper Midwest.

A low-pressure system moving across the northern Plains during the afternoon pulled moderate to strong winds across the central and southern Plains.

The system southerly flow kept overnight temperatures mild on the southern Plains, and Goodland, Kan., cooled off only to 49 degrees, its warmest overnight reading on record for April 3.

It also spread very light showers over western Oklahoma and Kansas. Light rain also was scattered over sections of eastern Texas.

There was a chance of a few thunderstorms across Texas and into Kansas and Missouri.

Farther north, a weak disturbance moving across the northern Plains spread scattered light snow showers from North Dakota into the northern Great Lakes, including northeastern Wisconsin and Upper Michigan.

Because the system was moving slowly, accumulation of up to 6 inches were possible across parts of Upper Michigan, meteorologists said. Only 1 to 2 inches of snow was likely elsewhere.

Rain was possible across Illinois into the upper Ohio Valley.

Elsewhere, a weak weather system produced a chance of rain across the Pacific Northwest and northern California, with a possibility of snow showers at higher elevations.

That precipitation was expected to shift eastward into the Great Basin and northern Rockies on Thursday.

Shrink

Twin Falls Legal Aid branch

"I think a lot of the (cases) just don't get done."

This is because the volunteer lawyer's group is also seeing its budget shrink.

"They're referring all of them to us at the same time as our budget has been cut as well," said spokeswoman Jeannie Omel. Lawyers take on the cost of handling the cases, but money from Legal Aid Services and the United Way pay for an administrative staff which screens cases and locates attorneys willing to take them on.

Some states are holding seminars to figure out how to handle the growing number of unresolved legal disputes involving the poor, she said. There hasn't yet been one in Idaho.

Budget cuts mean that the Twin Falls branch is no longer providing outreach services to migrant workers in Gooding or Hailey, McCarthy said. They're not handling divorce or custody cases anymore and have stopped taking care of consumer complaints over shoddy products or phone credit card charges.

So that means hundreds of women wait months before being able to go legal aid, said Deborah Gabard, director of the Twin Falls-based Volunteer Agency.

"I think as far as services we're able to provide to our clients, the legal aspect is the short link in the chain because of the cost involved," she said. "Unfortunately, if they don't have an aunt, uncle, cousin, brother, mom, dad, someone to borrow funds from, they are looking at months of waiting to get a volunteer lawyer."

The wait means that abusive spouses will be able to retain visitation rights until a judge rules otherwise, she said.

"Although publicly funded legal aid might not be a popular concept in Congress right now, even those on the other end of the stick support it," Dawn King, manager of Family

In brief

Legal Aid Services staffers:

LAJ in 1995. Congress appropriated \$400 million for the national service. In 1996, that amount has dropped to \$278 million.

Idaho's appropriation fell from \$1.7 million in 1995 to \$1 million this year.

- Top priority cases include migrant farmworker wage disputes, Social Security and landlord-tenant disputes.
- The Twin Falls branch has two full-time attorneys, down from three last year, and will probably lose one more — as well as a part-time secretarial position — by June.
- The Twin Falls branch closed 650 cases last year. In 1994, it closed 800.

Judge overturns conviction in S&L case

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A federal judge overturned the state court conviction of Lincoln Savings & Loan boss Charles H. Keating Jr. on Wednesday, ruling that Judge

Scam

Lance Ito's jury instructions were flawed. The decision came from U.S. District Judge John G. Davies, who got the case after state appeals courts upheld the conviction.

Minico coach Wright said some purchasers of the coupons were able to get a box of cereal, but the delivery took longer than expected.

"It did work. It seemed like a situation where we could help our program and be an opportunity where we could do something for the public rather than just sticking our hands and asking for money," Wright said.

High-school affiliated baseball teams and American Legion programs are forced to seek donations every year to continue playing. Funding for baseball in high schools is not mandatory under the Idaho High School Athletic Association.

"If we can't go out and fund raise anymore — if this has really soured the public — we're done," Wright said.

"We're trying to save face," said Harv said. "The community here in Burley does a fantastic job of funding us. We don't want this to effect other fund-raising events."

Coaches and distributors said they researched United Grocer's Clearinghouse and found no reports of problems.

"There was not a negative comment anywhere," Swanson said. "We thought we did our homework."

Wright kept the \$10 profit from the sale of each coupon book and have that in the bank, but they expect purchasers will want a full refund.

For the financially strapped teams, that may require them to take out a loan.

"Anyone who wants a rebate, we're going to honor it, so money," Wright said. "Hopefully we can recoup some money through a settlement."

Rescuers battle storm to reach wreckage of plane

VELJJI DOL, Croatia (AP) — Scrambling over rocky cliffs, puer with flashlights through sheets of rain, rescuers Wednesday night reached the wreckage of the plane carrying U.S. Commerce Secretary Ron Brown and 32 others. At least eight people were confirmed dead and the rest presumed killed.

Reporters at the scene said the plane crashed on its belly on the top of a small hill in this coastal Adriatic village, near the port city of Dubrovnik. The plane's middle was buried.

Croatian police and U.S. soldiers were searching for bodies and survivors — an effort complicated by the heavy lacing of landmines in the area from the 1991 war.

"Only a crazy man would go there," Miomir Zuzul, Croatia's ambassador to the United States, told Associated Press television.

Four bodies — three men and a

woman — were recovered by mid-night Wednesday, Croatian Prime Minister Zlatko Matosa told Croatian state TV. Croatian special forces spotted another three bodies were recovered by early Thursday, when the crash site was cordoned off.

A woman found alive at the scene died as a NATO helicopter, carried her to a Dubrovnik hospital, flying through heavy rains and high winds.

Brown, 54, had been traveling in the region as part of a dozen top American executives exploring business possibilities in the Balkans. Pentagon officials in Washington said that 27 passengers and a crew of six were on board the flight to Dubrovnik.

The plane took off from Tuzla, Bosnia-Herzegovina, headquarters for U.S. soldiers with the NATO peace mission.

Brown

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Adriatic Sea, spent three hours in a fruitless search of the waves before word came that the crash site was a hillside about two miles north of the Dubrovnik airport.

Croatian news services reported that a woman survived the crash, but died later on the way to a hospital.

Among the passengers on the plane were several of Brown's aides and a number of senior U.S. business executives participating in the trade mission. Nathaniel Nash, the Frankfort Business Chief of The New York Times, apparently died in the crash.

Brown crashed aboard the same U.S. Air Force T-43A jet that carried Hillary Rodham Clinton and Chelsea Clinton on a visit to Turkey last week. The twin-engine plane, based in Ramstein, Germany, is a military version of the Boeing 737.

LOTTERY UPDATE

Get your Bucks N' Tracks III scratch-off tickets. Drawing envelopes ready to mail. This Friday is the fifth drawing. After Friday, there are still two drawings left to enter.

The Bank Notes scratch game paid another \$2,000 winner. The winning ticket was purchased in Lovell, Idaho.

Monte Carlo paid \$1,000 to a lucky Island Park player. Remember, Monte Carlo gives you 15 plays and a chance to win up to \$50,000.

Try the new scratch game Bullship. Sink a ship — win some bucks.

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POWERBALL
 15 16 32 38 42
 POWERBALL NUMBER 37

WEDNESDAY APRIL 3 NUMBERS
LOTTO
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WEDNESDAY APRIL 3 NUMBERS
 5 9 12 20 24
GRAND PRIX NUMBER
 MARCH 20 SWEETSPAKES
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Brown made Commerce powerful agency

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — For Commerce Secretary Ronald H. Brown, the dealmaker who helped engineer President Clinton's long-shot election and turned a backwater agency into a powerful engine of export promotion, bringing peace and prosperity to war-torn Bosnia was a challenge like any other: it would require charm, determination and a knack for promoting American know-how overseas.

Brown, a suave bridge-builder with a gold-plated resume, carried plenty of each when he left Washington for war-torn Bosnia. Herzegovina with a contingent of American corporate executives. In a moving tribute to the secretary on Wednesday, President Clinton remembered Brown as a man who "walked amid rain and flew through life, and he was a magnificent life force."

"If an American should be grateful that at a very difficult moment in our nation's history, he made this Commerce Department what it was meant to be, an instrument for realizing the potential of every American."

He was a person who was continually reaching out, trying to bridge the differences between people. Brown's presence clearly moved by the loss of his friend and adviser.

The latest flight of the "Ron Brown Express" — his real name was called by critics and admirers alike, had been a milestone in a long journey for the 54-year-old black man, whose career was marked with milestones.

Brown grew up in Harlem, was active in the civil rights movement, served as an Urban League lawyer and a political operative for the Rev. Jesse Jackson.

He was considered by many to be the first real post-Cold War Commerce secretary. That accomplishment was one of many firsts in Brown's long list of achievements. He was the first black to lead either political party, the first black partner at the powerful Washington law firm of Patton



United States Secretary of Commerce, Ronald H. Brown, talks to a Spc. James Smith, from Memphis, Tenn., while sharing hamburgers with him during lunch at camp 'Al'icia, 18 miles east of Tuzla, Wednesday. Later, he boarded a plane for Dubrovnik, Croatia. It crashed in the Adriatic.

Boggs and Blow, the first black member of his fraternity at Middlebury College in Vermont.

But he also was dogged by controversy.

Most recently, Brown has been the subject of an independent counsel investigation into his finances, including a \$500,000 payment from a former business partner, Nolandia Hill, made at the time he assumed his post in the Clinton administration. The payment was intended to buy out Brown's 50 percent share of a business scheme with Hill, but Brown had invested no money in the venture. As part of that buyout, Hill repaid \$190,000 of Brown's debts for legal bills, credit lines and two mortgages.

The probe, led by Florida attorney Daniel S. Pearson, is still under way, but has sought no charges.

As one of history's most peripatetic Commerce secretaries, Brown also has come in for criticism for his overseas travel.

A recent audit conducted for Congress showed that the secretary and his office staff spent nearly \$1.4 million on travel during 1994, nearly 1 1/2 times more than the \$552,389 spent in 1991 by his predecessor and his aides.

But the criticism did little to ruffle the self-assured Brown, who has maintained a heavy travel schedule in recent months. Casting aside congressional efforts to cut his budget and kill his department, Brown

has told reporters repeatedly he saw the promotion of U.S. trade abroad as a critical mission, and vowed he would not cut back his trips abroad.

Those missions have established Brown's reputation as a superb salesman for American business, prompting business leaders' praise and support even as Republicans in Congress sought to gut his agency. He was key in persuading Saudi Arabia to reject the European Airbus and conclude a major purchase of Boeing planes instead.

He has helped connect American businessmen with billions of dollars in potential Chinese exports, and was key in the Clinton admini-

stration's recent decision not to strip China of trading preferences. He personally lobbied China deals for U.S. companies during a marketing trip to India. And he has been a relentless booster for minority-owned businesses worldwide.

That, said Wallace Workman, vice president for international affairs at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, established Brown firmly as the first Commerce secretary for a post-Cold War world.

"It was clear the cold war was over when he took up residence at the Hoover Building (Commerce Department headquarters)," Workman said on Wednesday.

But Brown's knack for salesmanship was hardly new, and he has used it in politics as well as business.

In 1991, after the Persian Gulf war had been won, then-President Bush's approval ratings were at 30 percent and the Democrats' chances of recapturing the White House were considered nil, Brown launched an audacious campaign to head the Democratic National Committee. Over initial skepticism, the Washington attorney and lobbyist won the job with a plan to elect a Democratic president and a relentless optimism that it could be done.

He ran Clinton's 1992 campaign, an old pro at the helm of a smooth operation.

He chafed, though, at a free-convention up to Ron Brown, who had been through it countless times," wrote Republican strategist Mary Matalin in the book about the election called "All's Fair."

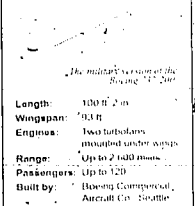
After the victory, Brown was offered several jobs, including the post as ambassador to the United Nations, or special trade representative. But he wanted something more, and decided to accept a Cabinet post in an agency, the Commerce Department, never headed by a black person.

"I had a couple of options in the administration, and the one I chose to pursue was the one that I thought would make the most difference — as far as removing old ceilings and barriers and stereotypes and was key in the Clinton admini-

stration's recent decision not to strip China of trading preferences. He personally lobbied China deals for U.S. companies during a marketing trip to India. And he has been a relentless booster for minority-owned businesses worldwide.

Plane down

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The military version of the Boeing 737 that crashed in a Croatian hillside with Commerce Secretary Ron Brown aboard carried no ground proximity warning system, a safety device required on most other Air Force aircraft jets.

The plane, which the Air Force calls C-130A also carried no voice and data recorders, the so-called "black boxes," which could make solving the mystery of Wednesday's crash more difficult. It will also probably shed no new light on some recent mysterious crashes of Boeing 737s that have cast a shadow on an otherwise reliable and relatively safe 25-year flying record.

The Air Force, which operates just two passenger-carrying versions of the jet, never refitted them with the ground proximity warning system, a sophisticated device that warns pilots to pull up immediately when it detects impending flight into terrain. Such systems, required on U.S. and many other countries' commercial jets, is widely credited with greatly reducing such crashes, once a major cause of death.

Length: 100 ft 2 in
Wingspan: 93 ft
Engines: Two turbofans mounted under wings
Capacity: 149 passengers
Range: Up to 120
Built by: Boeing Commercial Aircraft Co., Seattle

Brown's 737 was missing safety device

Newsway

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Crash deals heavy blow to key companies

Newsway

Executives missing
Corporate executives who had been planning to join Commerce Secretary Ron Brown on a trip to Bosnia and Croatia, and status is known, but names were not given by the Commerce Department and subject to change:

ON BROWN'S PLANE, COMPANIES SAY:

- Walter Murphy, senior vice president, AT&T Submarine Systems Inc., Morristown, N.J.
- Richard Whitaker, chairman and chief executive officer, Foster Wheeler Energy International, Clinton, N.J.
- John Scarpino, president, Harza Engineering Co., Chicago, Ill.
- Paul Cushman III, chairman and chief executive officer, Riggs International Banking Corp., Washington.
- Leonard Pileri, chairman and chief executive officer, Parsons Corp., Pasadena, Calif.
- Claudio Ela, chairman and chief executive officer of Air & Water Technologies Corp., Somerville, N.J.

NOT ON BROWN'S PLANE, COMPANIES SAY:

- Richard Woodard, president, Boeing Commercial Airplane Group, Renton, Wash.
- Joseph W. Sutton, president, Enron Development Corp., Houston.
- Alfred Checchi, co-chairman, Northwest Airlines, Minneapolis.

CANCELED TRIP AT LAST MOMENT: Daniel R. Bannister, president and chief executive officer of DynCorp, Reston, Va.

WHEREABOUTS UNCLEAR:

- Donald Teren, president Bridge Housing Corp., San Francisco
- Robert E. Donovan, president and chief executive officer ABB Inc., Newark, Conn.
- Stuart Tholan, president Bechtel International Middle East/Southwest Asia in San Francisco.
- Barry E. Conrad, chairman and chief executive officer of Barrington Group, Miami.
- Frank Major, president, Enserch International Ltd., Dallas.
- David Ford, president and chief executive officer, Intergrid Corp. of Operations International, Auburn Hills, Mich.

In an unprecedented blow to the engineering and construction industry, top executives of several key companies were missing and presumed dead along with Commerce Secretary Ronald Brown Wednesday night.

Three of the world's largest construction companies — Bechtel Corp. of San Francisco; ABB Inc. of Norwalk, Conn.; and Parsons Corp. of Pasadena, Calif. — said they had lost corporate officials on the trip.

Their fate remained unclear Wednesday night, along with the rest of the passengers aboard an airplane carrying Brown that crashed as it approached an airport in Dubrovnik, Croatia. A half-dozen business executives were believed on the plane and the whereabouts of six others was unknown.

The construction losses would be a blow to the leadership of an industry whose reach extends to megaprojects around the globe.

"It's always a hell of a shock," said Wayne Johnson, an analyst who has followed the construction industry for more than 20 years at McGraw-Hill Construction Information Group. "When you (lose) the president, the guy that's really doing the work, it's terribly disruptive. It can take over a year to get things back to work."

In fact, most analysts said it's little surprise that these companies would be on the trip, because only companies that massive would be up to the task of rebuilding the physical, financial and communications infrastructure of the region virtually from scratch, with an expected price tag of \$5 billion.

It's that kind of business opportunity — and the chance to do it under the aegis of the U.S. government — that can attract multinational firms to even an area as troubled as Bosnia-Herzegovina and Croatia, analysts said.

"Anyplace where there is a

death of basic infrastructure, a dearth of commercial buildings, a dearth of petrochemical processing plants and a need for all that stuff, they want to be there," said analyst Tom Lamb of CS First Boston.

This mission was designed to link U.S. telecommunications, construction and banking executives with the \$5 billion reconstruction assistance program being jointly funded by the United States, Europe and major international institutions.

The list of companies involved showed the broad range of needs the U.S. government sees in Bosnia: AT&T, the communications giant; Barrington Group of Miami, an international hotel and restaurant compa-

ny; Riggs International Banking Corp. of Washington, D.C.; and Bridge Housing Corp. of San Francisco, one of the nation's largest builders of low-income housing.

Also said to be on the trip, but not on Brown's plane, were executives of Boeing Corp., who reportedly were seeking to win the running for a \$1 billion order from Croatian Airlines.

The tragedy will leave many of these companies struggling with how to regroup quickly, though such losses can be devastating, experts said. A 1991 Malaysian plane crash killed a dozen employees of Conoco Inc., a Dallas-based oil company, including four senior executives.

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Nation

Losing federal crop subsidies makes farming risky

NEWMAN, Ill. (AP) — For the first time in more than 60 years, farmers on the Albin family homestead are preparing for spring planting without the government telling them what to grow on their flat, fertile land.

"Dad's been farming 40 years, and I'd say it's the biggest change he's seen," said Perry Albin, who grows corn and soybeans with his father and brother David.

Since the 1930s, the government has guaranteed farmers a set price for their grain and has paid them the difference if the market price falls below that. In return, farmers agreed to plant certain crops on a set number of acres determined by the Agriculture Department.

But a farm bill, which President Clinton is expected to sign, eliminates the subsidies, price supports and planting directions that have arrived as regularly as the seasons for generations of American farmers.

Instead, farmers will get lump-sum payments that dwindle to nothing over seven years.

"They will have to rely on the agricultural markets and their own instincts, not the government, in deciding what and how much to grow."

"I think it's good that the government is



David Albin, of Newman, Ill., prepares a planter box for corn planting. Albin says the new farm bill will not greatly affect his family farm. getting out of the farm economy in general to get a "With price stability comes a limit on the upside as well as the downside. We'd rather

be rewarded by the market and the economy rather than the government."

Farmers are already facing their first big test. This year, planting more corn is attractive because a disappointing 1995 crop and exploding foreign demand have driven corn prices up to about \$4 a bushel.

In the past, the Agriculture Department would have required farmers to set aside a part of their planned corn acres — say, 7 percent or 8 percent — in exchange for price supports. The idea was to blunt production and smooth out a possible drop in corn prices in the fall if a bumper crop suddenly hit the market.

"Now farmers will have to decide for themselves whether to risk planting more corn and seeing prices plunge this fall."

"If you don't keep a balance between corn and soybeans, the market's going to get all out of whack. The government has stabilized that in the past," said Jim Withers, who has farmed 800 acres near Launi since 1949.

There are other ways for farmers to reduce risk: investing in the crop futures markets, paying off debts, building up cash reserves and buying new kinds of crop insurance.

Study shows cervical cancer solution found

BETHESDA, Md. (AP) — Almost 5,000 American women die of cervical cancer annually and virtually all the deaths could be prevented by routine Pap smears and by safe sex, a National Institutes of Health panel of experts concluded Wednesday.

"In theory, cervical cancer is a cancer that we can completely prevent," said Dr. Patricia S. Braly, a gynecological cancer specialist and chairman of a panel of experts appointed by the NIH.

"If we could reach all the women in this country who are not getting regular Pap tests," she said, "we could eradicate this type of cancer."

The committee of non-government scientists issued a report Wednesday evaluating the current methods of preventing, detecting, and treating cervical cancer.

About 15,700 new cases of cervical cancer are diagnosed annually in the United States.

Teens respond more to ads for cigarettes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Teenagers are three times as likely as adults to respond to cigarette ads, and 79 percent of teen smokers puff brands depicted by the Marlboro Man, Joe Camel and the cartoon characters, says a study published Wednesday.

The study does not prove that seeing these ads makes a teen who otherwise wouldn't have smoked take up the habit.

But it provides evidence to back pending federal regulation of cigarette ads, showing teens are the most sensitive to tobacco advertising — "battle-of-the-brands," said study author Richard Pollay of the University of British Columbia.

"Whatever the intent of the firms, it is the youth of the nation who pay attention to and respond to the advertising," said Pollay, whose report on cigarette ads was published in the *Journal of Marketing*.

Tobacco companies insist their ads do not target teens; that they are merely an effort to get adults to switch brands. The industry runs a program that trains store clerks not to sell cigarettes to minors.

"Teens follow adults and they do the popular thing," said Tobacco Institute spokesman Thomas Laurita. "Teens will wear popular sneakers, drink popular sodas and popular beers and smoke popular cigarettes."

Anti-smoking activists have long contended cigarette advertising encourages teens to smoke by portraying the habit as fun, sexy and popular.

An estimated 3 million teens are smokers, consuming nearly 1 billion packs a year.

High court may review doctor-assisted suicide

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Supreme Court seemingly reluctant to clarify the scope of Americans' right to die may feel compelled to answer a question speeding its way: Can states ban doctor-assisted suicide?

"The court can't duck this," said Suzanna Sherry, a University of Minnesota law professor.

University of Michigan law professor Yale Kamisar agreed. "We've had two bombshells within 30 days, more action in this area of the law than we've had in the previous 20 years. I think the justices have to take a look at all this."

But Mary Cheli, a George Washington University law professor, suggested otherwise. "If history is any guide, they'll take their time," she said. "If they can avoid this, they will."

Two federal appeals courts have sent shock waves through the medical and legal communities by striking down state bans on doctor-assisted suicide.

On March 6, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals struck down a Washington state law by saying the

constitutional right to privacy encompasses a terminally ill person's decision to get a doctor's help in choosing exactly how and when to die.

Tuesday, a three-judge panel of the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals struck down two New York laws imposing the same ban. The 2nd Circuit court did not base its ruling on the right to privacy, however.

Instead, it said allowing some terminally ill people to disconnect life-support systems while forbidding others to end their lives with medication amounts to irrational and unlawful discrimination.

Noting that the two rulings bind 12 states, Kamisar said, "The rest of the country is left in disarray. Most states ban doctor-assisted suicide, but what are they to think now?"

New York Attorney General Dennis Vacco said he is prepared to ask the Supreme Court to reinstate his state's laws, a step he must take within 90 days if he chooses not to seek review by the entire 2nd Circuit court.

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Nation

Carl Stokes, first black mayor, dies at 68

CLEVELAND (AP) — Carl B. Stokes was praised Wednesday as a pioneer whose election as mayor 29 years ago was a political watershed for minorities.

He "was a lifelong role model, not only for African-Americans, but for all citizens who share his abiding concern for his fellow man," Gov. George Voinovich said.

The two-term Cleveland mayor died Wednesday at age 68 at Cleveland Clinic. He had cancer of the esophagus. He was first elected



Stokes

cancer was diagnosed. Clinton said Stokes was a friend

in 1967. Stokes was appointed ambassador to the Seychelles Islands in 1994 by President Clinton. He took a medical leave of absence from that post in the Indian Ocean last June after his

and valued colleague who "brought energy and humor to every task he undertook."

Stokes first ran for mayor as an independent in 1965, narrowly losing to Mayor Ralph Locher, a Democrat who was criticized after his police chief made racially insensitive comments.

Two years later, Stokes defeated Locher in the Democratic primary. The great-grandson of a slave went on to defeat Republican Seth Latt, the grandson of a president, to

become mayor. He won 50.5 percent of the vote in a city that was 37 percent black. Today, blacks constitute the majority in the city of 508,000.

Voinovich said Stokes' becoming the first black elected mayor of a major U.S. city served as a crucial turning point for minorities in America.

"His election ... helped knock down barriers to higher office for African-Americans throughout the nation," Voinovich said.

Prisoners will get their sex magazines

The Washington Post

RICHMOND, Va. — A federal court here has decided that Virginia authorities went too far in taking away sex magazines from prison inmates.

The 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled Tuesday that a Corrections Department policy preventing prisoners from subscribing to sexually oriented publications violated publishers' First Amendment rights. Before any magazine can be banned, the court said, the publisher must be notified and given a chance to appeal.

The decision was hailed by Monticalm Publishing Corp., which produces Gallery magazine, spiced with erotic articles and photo layouts of undressed women. Gallery went to court after inmates in Southwest Virginia complained in 1992 that their copies were being confiscated by prison authorities who said the magazine was obscene based on "the written content, not the nude photographs."

Keith S. Orenstein, a Monticalm attorney, said that prison officials ought to welcome the magazine as a harmless sexual outlet for inmates.

"They might be unsuitable for certain sexual offenders," he said.

Group claims AIDS breach

BOSTON (AP) — A coalition of groups that help AIDS victims is accusing a federal agency of violating the confidentiality of more than 100 people who have the virus, and it wants a court to order the practice stopped.

Auditors for the Department of Health and Human Services obtained the names of 113 patients to verify whether they were eligible for federal AIDS-related benefits, then shared those names with other agencies, lawyers for the coalition said.

The lawyers, representing 24 AIDS assistance groups in the Boston area, said they planned to seek a court order today to prevent the auditors for the department's Inspector General's Office from obtaining any more personal records.

"This completely undercuts 15 years of confidentiality and privacy to get people into the system," said Denise McWilliams, director of the Boston AIDS Consortium.

Injection effective to treat impotence

BOSTON (AP) — The first injection treatment approved for relieving impotence works well in most men, allowing sexual intercourse that both they and their partners consider satisfactory, a study found.

Self-administered injections have been used routinely for the past decade to help men who have trouble achieving erections. However, only one of them, the drug Caverject, has been formally approved by the Food and Drug Administration for this purpose.

A study of the drug by its maker, Upjohn Co., was published in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

Researchers study new obesity drug

NEW YORK (AP) — Scientists sharply curbed appetite in mice by injecting them with a newly created drug, which might lead to development of an anti-obesity medication for people.

The drug worked nearly as well when given to the mice by mouth, a good sign for prospects of developing a usable pill, researcher Jonathan S. Schwartz said.

Schwartz said testing in people is still several years away. Other obesity researchers agreed, praising the work but cautioning that questions remain about the drug's usefulness in people.

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Opinion

Jerks claim ADA protection



George F. Will

Compassionate government has recently rained new rights and entitlements so rapidly that you may have missed this beauty: You have a right to be a colossally obnoxious jerk on a just slightly offensive, your right will not kick in. But if you are serious to insufferable to colleagues at work, you have a right not to be fired, and you are entitled to have your employer make reasonable accommodations for your "disability." That's how the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) is being construed.

This is explained in the current issue of *The Public Interest* quarterly by G.E. Zuriff, professor of psychology at Wheaton College and a clinical psychologist at MIT. His essay "Medicating Character" suggests that the ADA, as elaborated by regulations, threatens fragile sense of personal responsibility.

The ADA is generally thought of in terms of guaranteeing wheelchair access and other provisions for the physically disabled. But the ADA's definition of disability includes "mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities." During the ADA's first 15 months, complaints of violations pertaining to mental disabilities were nearly 10 percent of all complaints, second only to complaints pertaining to back problems.

Regulations say "mental impairments" include "any mental or psychological disorder such as mental retardation, organic brain syndrome, emotional or mental illness." But no regulation defines what constitutes emotional or mental illnesses. For that, as the ADA's legislative history and court cases arising from the ADA demonstrate, the authority is the fourth edition of the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* (DSM) published by the American Psychiatric Association. In the context of the ADA, the DSM's nearly 900 pages have the potential to produce legal chaos and moral confusion.

Consider the DSM's definition of "oppositional defiant disorder" as a pattern of "negative, defiant, disobedient and hostile behavior toward authority figures." Diagnostic criteria include: "often loses temper," "often deliberately annoys people," "is often touchy" or "spiteful or vindictive." The DSM's list of "personality disorders" includes "anti-social personality disorder" ("a pervasive pattern of disregard for ... the rights of others ... callous, cynical ... an inflated and arrogant self-appraisal"); "histrionic personality disorder" ("excessive emotionality and attention-seeking ... inappropriately sexually provocative or seductive"); "narcissistic personality disorder" ("grandiosity, need for admiration ... boastful and pretentious ... interpersonal exploitiveness ... may assume that they do not have to wait in line"); "narcissistic personality disorder" ("social inhibition, feelings of inadequacy"); "dependent personality disorder" ("submissive and clinging behavior"); "obsessive-compulsive personality disorder" ("preoccupation with orderliness, perfectionism ... may be excessively conscientious, scrupulous ... mercilessly self-critical ... rigidly deferential to authority").

It is, as Zuriff says, momentous for society to decide that what once were considered faults of mind and flaws of character are "personality disorders" akin to physical disabilities that demand legal accommodation. Suggesting some of the real-world consequences of the psychiatric profession's success in medicalizing emotional problems, Zuriff asks:

"How will workers react when they see chronically late, socially difficult, temper-

mental, or unlikely colleagues being given special privileges? What will workers think of continuing training sessions that encourage them to tolerate, and even empathize with, a co-worker who is rude or lacks self-control?"

Because lots of people manifest, at one time or another, many of the traits associated with various "disorders," judgments must be made about what is "excessive" manifestation. That will vary with particular cultures and contexts. Furthermore, we are, says Zuriff, far from knowing biological or psychological causes of "personality disorders" understood simply in terms of observed constellations of personality traits. Zuriff believes that people manifesting these traits "should be held morally responsible for them. They should be encouraged to accommodate to society rather than the reverse." Instead, the ADA, as elaborated with regulations that inadequately clarify and limit the definitions of mental disabilities, encourages the proliferation of claimed disabilities. Thus does life imitate art. Read on.

In a satiric novel published just 13 years ago, Peter De Vries wrote, "Once terms like identity doubts and midlife crisis become current, the reported cases of their increase by leaps and bounds." And "Rapid-fire means of communication have brought psychic dilapidation within the reach of the most provincial backwaters, so that large metropolitan centers and educated circles no longer consider it their exclusive property, nor do they themselves on their special malaises."

So it now is with mental disabilities. Name them and they will multiply, particularly if people who acquire them acquire power in the bargain. How long is 13 years in modern America? Long enough to turn satire into solemn law.

George F. Will is a Washington Post columnist.

Editorial

Networks' cameras hold off peaceful solution to standoff

Lewistown, Mont., is a half-frozen half-populated town a long way from anywhere. But a group of Freeman from Idaho decided it would make a handy spot for a photo opportunity.

So they staged a rally there last weekend, in support of their crackpot compatriots who are holed up on a farm near Jordan, 120 miles to the east.

Exactly eight Freeman showed up for the Lewistown rally. They were met by about 25 representatives of the television networks and out-of-state newspapers.

That's about right. For the substance of this made-for-CNN show-down has long since been eclipsed by showbiz. The national media are what's keeping this crisis alive.

"No one in there wants to see these people in there fried," except NBC, CBS and ABC and CNN," said Kevin Entzel, stepson of imprisoned Freeman leader Daniel Peterson Jr., to the Associated Press this week.

"They want a big story." The 12 fugitives inside that farmhouse are getting free publicity for their loopy ideology — publicity that they could never have hoped to achieve by the merit of their arguments.

Suddenly, it's not matter that they write their own checks or try to string-arm elected officials. Now they're rebels with a cause.

The disgust of the Freeman's

neighbors in Garfield County is evident, for they know that if it had been a dozen drug dealers who barricaded themselves inside that farmhouse, this incident would have been over long ago.

Instead, the TV cameras have transformed this into high noon on the high plains.

And it's the cameras that may turn it into another Waco or Ruby Ridge. For some people with a tenuous hold on reality and a firm grasp on a .45, martyrdom in front of millions of viewers is a compelling alternative.

It's time for the networks to shut down this circus, and let the local authorities and the FBI decide the situation before a lot of people get killed.

Our guess is, if those trench-coated network correspondents would stop doing their stand-up reports from the ranches in front of the law and just want to get on with their lives.

For this is a copycat crime by a band of armed-to-the-teeth, electronic-age cowboys. It has been foisted upon a community of hard-working, Montana folks who respect the law and just want to get on with their lives.

The national media would serve those people — and the country — best by letting them do so.

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Letters

Auger Falls decision no victory

A big victory, as stated in the Times-News of Feb. 29 by Lee Paul of Idaho-Rivers United. What a joke! A big victory for a well-organized group of "trust-funder" environmentalists who have possibly never worked a day in their lives and never worried about their power bills. This is a major defeat for the "head in the sand" major consumer groups that chose not to state their position.

Shame on you, Twin Falls, for not doing your own research and letting your opinions be heard. Shame on the city fathers for the wimpy position they have taken for day one on the Auger Falls project.

Above all, shame on you, Gov. Batt, Attorney General Lance, Controller Williams, Secretary Cenarrusa and Superintendent Fox (as commended by Lee Paul). This was a political decision, nothing more, and before the dust settles, this will affect more than just Auger Falls.

Sorry, Governor, I don't believe you and your staff are to be commended. Regrettably, it would be much more fitting in my opinion, with proper site selection, professional research and proper mitigation, hydropower is still the most economical, environmentally safe, renewable source of energy available. Auger Falls should have met all these requirements and should be constructed starting this year.

To all of those severely super-intelligent individuals at the local hearing, Idaho, one of the most desirable, fastest-growing states in the union, and we don't need any more power? Convince me that this is the best for the state of Idaho. Remember when the five-year natural gas contracts expire on the newly constructed gas-fired power plants, the country is saturated with nuclear waste and the air re-breathes downtown Los Angeles, then tell me we don't need any more hydropower! Even this will not penetrate the gray matter of some.

However, when your Idaho-generated power starts being wheeled to your densely populated neighbors to the south be-

cause they are willing to pay more (and are currently paying 12 to 14 cents per kilowatt, compared to our 5 to 7 cents), then the Auger Falls project, which is contracted with Idaho Power for approximately 6 cents per kilowatt hour for 35 years, may make sense to the "head in the sanders" and maybe even some of the more astute less-wealthy environmentalists!

Thank you, Times-News, for allowing me to vent a very small part of 15 years of frustration.

BRUCE C. MECIHAM
Hayden Lake

Reno trip not taxpayer-funded

So Michael Ross meets me in the airport, finds out I'm on my way to Nevada and assumes it can be for no other reason than to gamble ("Who's running the show?" March 19).

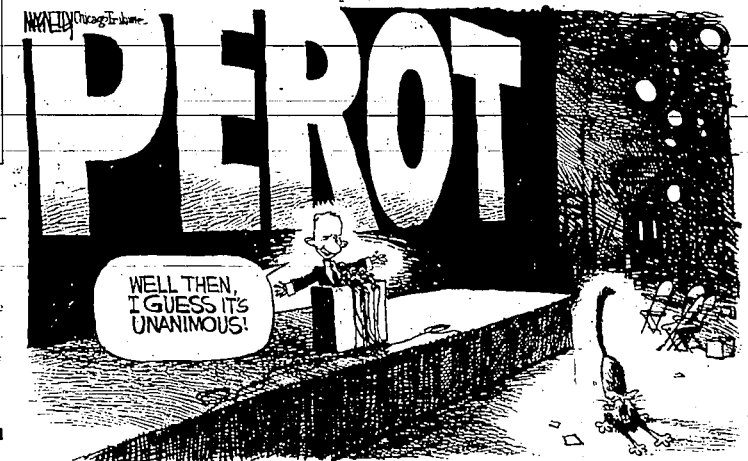
If Ross had bothered to ask, he would have learned that I was on my way to Reno (not Las Vegas, as Ross somehow remembers it), and the purpose of my trip was to address the National Association of Wheat Growers at its annual convention.

Because of my position on the Senate Agricultural Committee and my role in crafting the Craig-Leahy Farm Bill, the association hired me to speak to its members. The wheat growers were going to be directly affected by this legislation and deserved to hear first-hand what it was about.

Contrary to Ross' assertions, the trip was not funded with taxpayer money. And while I enjoy meeting with members of the agriculture community, I didn't go to Reno to have fun. I arrived in town late Wednesday night, addressed the group in the morning and then was on my way again.

I'm not sure why Ross would write these things. He's so far not returned any phone calls from my office. But it's a shame that an urban, seemingly friendly conversation at the airport could lead to such gross distortions.

SEN. LARRY CRAIG
Washington, D.C.



Letters

Valley has plenty of 'magic'

Regarding the letter that suggested "Magic Valley" misrepresents this area and belongs in the past.

The "magic" in Magic Valley isn't meant literally. I don't look for large red fruits in New York, nor will I drive to Death Valley to die. However, our valley is "magic."

"Magic" is clear blue skies, starry nights, the birth of new fields and flowers, the ritual turning of the rich soil and the abundance of birds and wildlife. "Magic" is the sun brilliantly reflecting off the northern mountains during an evening drive to Shoshone or the dazzling sunrise peering over Pomerelle. A sunset can provide such breathtaking beauty that I wish I could save the magic forever — but tomorrow will bring another.

"Magic" is knowing neighbors by name and clerks recognizing you. "Magic" is the friendly wave to our peace officers and crosswalk guards. "Magic" is letting pedestrians have the right of way and letting another car slip into your lane. "Magic" is finding a fishing hole or places to ride your horse, bike and other toys. "Magic" is seeing highways adapted to local businesses,

organizations and neighbors. "Magic" is a community supporting programs and organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, United Way, Boy's and Girl's Club, Valley Home, Salvation Army, KASH, the College of Southern Idaho, Elkstantes, TUMP Co., Herrett Museum and more. "Magic" describes people like Randy Hansen, Renee Orth, Dawn Boyd, Mr. Smallwood, the Horretts, Mr. Faulkner, Mr. Roper and many others. "Magic" surges in the home narrow organization in Gooding with the overwhelming turnout. The many people who give in their own individual way all deserve to be recognized as the "magic" in our valley.

"Magic Valley" should not be left in the past. We need to remember what makes our valley "magic" and make efforts every day to be a part of that "magic." Maybe it's because I've lived where there wasn't any "magic" that I see it here so clearly. From Hailey to Hagerman, Burley to Bull and everywhere in between, our "magic" is alive and well. I wish I could personally acknowledge everyone who shared their "magic" with me. I treasure them all.

If you can't see the "magic" in our valley,

may I suggest you take time to look again. You are missing some beautiful moments.

DIANA PAUIS
Gooding

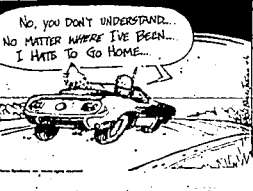
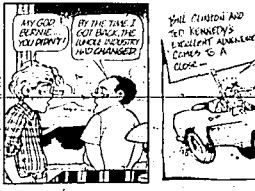
School asks for local postcards

I am a student at Kingsbury Elementary School in LaPorte, Ind. There are approximately 400 students in kindergarten through fifth grades. Our school is located in LaPorte County in northern Indiana. We live in Michigan.

During the week of May 20 to 24, we will be celebrating Kingsbury Education Week. This is a week when we focus on the importance of reading and writing. We are asking readers to respond by sending a picture postcard from your town or area (postcards only, please). We plan to display the postcards in our hallways at school.

We hope you will decide to help us with this project. Our class will be anxiously awaiting to learn more about your area. Please send the postcards to the Third Grade, Kingsbury Elementary School, 0802 W-400 St., LaPorte, IN 46350. Thank you! NIKKI TRICKLER
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World

Yeltsin: Communists a threat

MOSCOW (AP) — Showing his old fighting spirit, President Boris Yeltsin told Russians Wednesday they will be choosing between democracy and totalitarianism in the June presidential election.

Yeltsin faces numerous obstacles in his attempt to win a second term in the June 16 vote — the main one being the resurgent popularity of Communists led by Gennady Zyuganov, who is first in the polls.

But Yeltsin vowed Wednesday not to be deterred by his Communist rival. "Of course I'm nervous, but I shall fight for this post," a confident-looking Yeltsin said after being formally registered as a candidate by the Central Election Commission.

"The fight will not be easy as this is not an easy rival, quite a strong rival, but I'm afraid and I will wage a serious fight," Yeltsin said after his supporters submitted the required list of more than 1 million voters' signatures to the election commission.

Yeltsin characterized the election as a choice between continued democracy and a return to totalitarianism, saying "The fate of Russia depends on how the Russians vote."

Warplanes attack village

GROZNY, Russia (AP) — Hours after a Chechen village's leaders signed a peace accord with the Moscow-backed government, Russian warplanes attacked the village and destroyed hundreds of homes, news reports said Wednesday.

President Boris Yeltsin ordered his troops to cease fire on Sunday as part of a plan to end the 16-month conflict. The clashes with rebels have continued west and southwest of the Chechen capital, Grozny.

Probe: Power struggle, paranoia led to cult deaths

FRIBOURG, Switzerland (AP) — Wrapping up an 18-month investigation into the deaths of 53 members of a doomsday cult, Swiss authorities said Wednesday the vast majority were murdered at the instigation of a power-crazy man with a persecution complex. The tragedy — which began with the ritual slaying of a 3-month-old boy in Canada — was planned months, if not years, in advance, investigating magistrate Andre Piller said in his long-delayed report.

The investigation did not cover the mysterious deaths of 16 more members of the Order of the Solar Temple since the first mass murder-suicide in October 1994.

Forty-eight of the interred 53 victims were discovered dead from gunshot wounds, asphyxiation or poisoning in the charred remains of a farmhouse and two mountain chalets in two remote Swiss villages. Another five bodies — including that of the baby — were found in a burned-out site near Montreal.

All the buildings had been set on fire by a remote-control device triggered by a portable telephone. The device malfunctioned at the Swiss farmhouse, leaving most bodies unburned in a mirrored basement chapel decked out in the ornate trappings of a bizarre final ritual.

Neo-Nazis sentenced in election bombings

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — White extremists predicted civil war Wednesday after 10 comrades received prison terms for a double bombing spree intended to disrupt South Africa's first all-race elections.

But the tough talk rang hollow when a car carrying neo-Nazi leader Eugene TerreBlanche sped away from jeering blacks outside the courthouse in such haste that the driver struck a parked car.

The sentences and comic getaway — highlighted by how far TerreBlanche's Afrikaner Resistance Movement, known by the Afrikaans language initials AWB, has fallen since the day when it was a feared disruptive force. Now, few take the fringe group seriously.

The court has demonstrated that terrorism and murder have no place in a democratic society," President Nelson Mandela's African National Congress said in a statement.

'Mad cow' plan worries farmers

GRANT HALLINGBURY, England (AP) — Dairy farmer Andy Streeter was a happy man Wednesday, after the European Union agreed on a program that will compensate him and other farmers for the destruction of up to 1.7 million cattle.

"I am encouraged. They are doing something to restore public confidence and get the British beef industry back on its feet," said Streeter, as farmhands herded cows into the milking parlor.

Farmers with beef cattle, however,

are still wondering what the government plans to do to cushion them from plummeting prices, hostile consumers and a blanket ban on British beef exports imposed by The European Union because of mad cow disease, a brain-wasting sickness.

Britain agreed with its European partners Wednesday to stop slaughtering cattle more than 30 months old for meat. Instead, up to 15,000 carcasses a week — mainly older dairy cows — will have to be incinerated or otherwise disposed of, and

farmers will receive compensation.

But for many farmers, the crisis that erupted when Britain said mad cows dis-eased was the probable cause of at least eight human deaths still remains un-

known. "Yes, we'll get something for the animal when it is destroyed, but nothing for the loss of further income," said David Morris of nearby Sawbridgeworth. He stands to lose 200 average cattle, or half his herd.

"And in the meantime, beef's not selling and the industry is on its knees," he said.

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— Broadcaster Skip Caray when asked for predictions for the 1996 baseball season

Briefly

CSI's 'picnic in park' baseball debuts Friday

TWIN FALLS — College of Southern Idaho will serve a meal and a baseball game to fans when Treasure Valley comes into Frontier Field Friday for a critical Northern Division meeting game. Dinner will be all you can eat for \$4.75 or \$4.70 for a single serving. It will be served prior to the 5 p.m. start of the game. 8:15 a.m., 1:30 a.m., will broadcast the contest.

Burley golfer begins hole-in-one season

BURLEY — Karl Detton scored the first hole-in-one of the new golf season at Burley Municipal Golf Course on Saturday. Detton rolled in a nine-iron shot on the 135-yard second hole.

Twin Falls Babe Ruth tryouts set for Saturday

TWIN FALLS — Tryouts for the Twin Falls Babe Ruth team will be held Saturday morning at Jaycee Park in Harlow Park. Team tryouts will begin at 9 a.m. while 14- and 15-year-olds should report at noon.

Burley golfer Beck scores 2 eagles during same round

BURLEY — Wayne Beck of Burley scored two eagles on a pair of par four holes during one round at the Burley Municipal Golf Course last Tuesday.

Beck's first eagle came on the 340-yard third hole. He hit a wedge from 100 yards out to land a two on the par four.

His second eagle came on the 15th hole. Beck lofted a six iron from 175 yards that found the bottom of the cup on the 309 yard hole.

Jerome golfer scores 1st hole-in-one at old hole

TWIN FALLS — Jerome golfer Al Rocha became the first to score a hole-in-one on the Blue Lakes Country Club's No. 9 green Wednesday. The hole previously was No. 15 but changed when the course inserted two new holes and renumbered the layout.

Rocha used a wedge for the 135-yard shot.

Witnesses were Joe Rocha, Frank Hunter and John Avila.

Compiled from staff reports.

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 - High school softball: TF JV at Filer, 3:30 p.m.; Spring Creek, Nev., at Buhl, 2 p.m.
 - High school golf: Twin Falls, Burley, Pocatello, Highland at Minico, 10 a.m.
 - High school track: Hansen, Castelford and Hagaman at Buhl
 - High school tennis: Duo at Gooding, 3:30 p.m.; Jerome at Burley, 4 p.m.

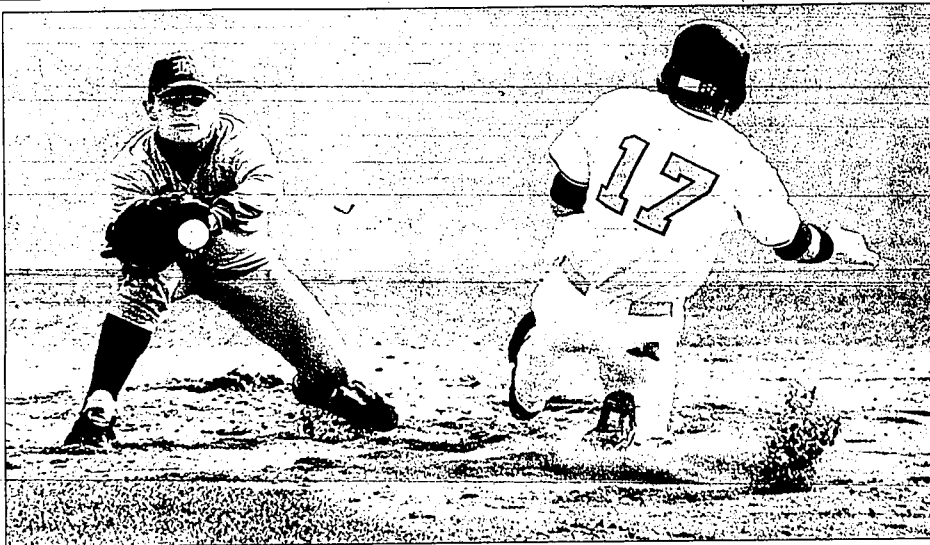
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Jerome's Dan Walters beats the throw to second base on a steal as Burley infielder Chad Robbins gets ready for the tag Wednesday afternoon in Jerome.

Opportunity knocks in winning run

Jerome captures a close one over Burley, 11-10

By John Dorr
Times-News writer

JEROME — When an opportunity comes along, it's a good idea to take advantage of it.

Jeff VanHouten did just that, using his first experience on the varsity to score a run and drive in the game-winning Wednesday when the Jerome Tigers

(2-4) won a see-saw 11-10 victory over the Burley Bobcats (2-5).

"I was nervous, but the coaches helped me and I loosened up," said VanHouten, who struck out twice before getting the two hits. "I just tried to watch the ball and make contact."

The second game, scheduled as a varsity game, saw the reserves take the field. The game was called after the second inning due to darkness with Jerome leading 7-0.

Jerome's Brian Jagobson started the game with a double and was knocked in by a Jake Benson single. Dan Walters knocked in Matt Thompson and Andy Walgamott just a free pass home.

"The Tigers built a 6-0 lead chasing Burley starter Dustin Carson with two outs

in the first inning. Jordan Robinson came into the game and was able to control the Tigers over the next four innings.

Burley was shut out in the first but came back with two in the second as Dan Pringle and Brady Draper had back-to-back singles. The Bobcats then scored seven runs over the next three innings with one hit to take a 9-8 lead after five innings.

They were helped by five Tiger errors, three players hit by pitches, two walks and a balk. Robinson scored twice and had the only hit.

Burley built the advantage to two in the top of the sixth as Eric Ondler scored on a Brainer single.

Two quick walks in the bottom of the inning brought Carson back into the

game. After recording a strike out, Walgamott took him to deep right to send Benson home. Brad Thompson scored on a bunt by Walters, who then scored the winning run on VanHouten's hit.

Jerome coach Mike Thompson was pleased with the way his team came back from behind. "We are coming along and we got some good experience at the plate. The kids didn't give up."

Burley coach Matt Harr felt his team was not very aggressive. "We have the talent, but it is up to them. We need to make things happen instead of waiting for them."

Bruins sweep softball doubleheader

By Karen Kinnairt
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — About the most exciting thing that happened Wednesday in a softball doubleheader between Twin Falls and Burley was shortage of umpires.

Despite starting the first game with umpires pulled out of the crowd, Twin Falls pounded the Bobcats 17-1, then followed with a 16-6 drubbing.

"We hit the ball well, generally," said Twin Falls coach Ted Larsen. "And we were able to play a lot of players."

In the first game, Twin Falls took advantage of 11 walks, seven hits and five burley errors to end the game after three innings.

During that time, freshman Mandi Edwards allowed only one hit and racked up five strikeouts for Twin Falls.

Tara Osborne and Joni Blackwood led

the Bruin bats. Osborne went 2-for-2 with a double and Blackwood went 2-for-3 with a double.

Larsen used the second game to mix up his lineup and try players at new positions. Of the nine positions, he put new players at eight of them.

While only giving up three hits, Twin Falls struggled at the mound, giving up five walks and committing one error to give Burley a 3-0 lead.

But the Bruin bats were just too much for Burley.

Osborne opened the inning with a walk. Then Krista Hanchey singled, Anna Leiva scored Osborne and Hanchey on a triple before Desiree Piazzat drilled a double.

The rest of the runs scored on two errors and a hit from Larsen, giving Twin Falls the 5-3 lead.

The Bruins 10 runs in the third easily negated Burley's two and Twin Falls pulled away.

"We had too many walks early in the second game. We need to throw more strikes," Larsen said. "We can't defend walks. That's how they scored most of their runs."

Both Hanchey and Leiva ended the game 2-for-3 for Twin Falls.

To go with her hot bat in the first game, Osborne went 1-for-1 at the plate and racked up nine strikeouts on the mound.

Twin Falls improves to .53 overall, 2-2 in the region.

The Bruin junior varsity also won, defeating Burley 15-5, 15-0.

Snowball thrower plans suit of his own

The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The most photographed teenage snowballs during a New York Giants game in December was convicted Wednesday of improper behavior.

Jeffrey Lange, who became a national symbol of teenage fan behavior, was fined \$500 and forced to pay another \$150 in court fees and other costs.

Lange's attorney, Robert Ballard Jr., said his client may appeal the ruling by Municipal Court Judge George Savino.

Ballard said the Giant and officials from the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority, which runs the stadium, had singled out Lange from the thousands of snowball throwers.

"He's a scapegoat," Ballard said. "He's the guy they wanted. They got him because they're happy."

Lange, 26, of Readington is preparing to sue the sports authority for ruining his life, Ballard said.

In a court file, Savino took Ballard's argument Lange's behavior was not criminal and the sports authority wanted him prosecuted because he became the focal point of an unruly situation.

"But for the fact Jeffrey Lange was photogenic and published in a newspaper, Jeffrey Lange would not be here," Ballard said.

The lawyer's arguments did not sway Savino.

"There's not a doubt in my mind that the defendant's guilty," Savino said in delivering his verdict.

Lange was one of thousands of fans involved in a sometimes vicious snowball fight that almost caused the Giants to forfeit a game to the San Diego Chargers on Dec. 23.

Fifteen people were arrested and 175 people were ejected from Giants Stadium for throwing snowballs during the barrage that left 15 people injured. The Chargers' equipment manager was knocked unconscious by a snowball.

Irvin's ego, bank account may suffer

The Associated Press

DALLAS — Image is everything for Michael Irvin, and a felony drug indictment could damage more than just his ego.

The Dallas Cowboys' All-Pro receiver already has felt a backlash from his sponsors, who may pay him about \$1 million annually.

While Irvin has remained silent about his predicament, he does seem to be engaging in damage control.

The same Irvin who last week appeared before a grand jury decked out in a derby and fur coat wore a merry but conservative blue suit Monday when he heard of his indictment for possessing cocaine and marijuana.

"If you're accused of what Michael is accused of, you don't walk up to a grand jury looking like Superfly and not expect some backlash," said

Marbury will leave Georgia Tech for NBA

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stephen Marbury made it official Wednesday night: One year of college basketball was enough to prepare him for the NBA.

After one season at Georgia Tech, the 19-year-old guard said he had signed with an agent and would make himself available for the NBA draft.

During a news conference at Junior's, a 100-club restaurant fed to his classmates, one of which was named for him, Marbury made the announcement surrounded by family, friends, and his college coach, Bobby Crum.

"I've always worked hard for this. I've always watched Michael Jordan and Magic Johnson and I said I could be playing on the court with them. Next year, I will be," Marbury said. "Opportunity is knocking and I have to take advantage of that."

Marbury said left no doubt that he won't be coming back to Georgia Tech.

"I don't want to prolong it. I have signed with an agent," who he identified as Eric Fleischer.

"I am putting everything behind me and focusing only on the NBA."

Marbury had said he'd be back as November — that he would leave college if he was going to be among the top selections in the June draft. Even though there were no assurances he would be taken among the top five picks, the information Crum was visible to obtain info



Stephen Marbury Will go pro after 1 year in college. He led the 6-foot-2 star would be early enough Marbury was selected rookie of the year in the Atlantic Coast Conference after averaging 18.9 points and 4.5 assists for the Yellow Jackets, who returned to the NCAA tournament this season after a two-year absence. They reached the round of 16 before losing to Cincinnati.

Buhl remains undefeated with win over American Falls

The Times-News

Buhl. — The Buhl Indians ran their record to 7-0 Wednesday with a doubleheader sweep of the American Falls Beavers.

The Indians, behind the shour, twofold pitching of Chris Fearheller, won the open

or efficiently, run-time, the visitors 10-0. Tim Martin triple to two runs and Nate Lucas had two hits and two RBIs to highlight that win.

The Indians had to rally for a run in the seventh to claim the nightcap 7-4.

Partin again had a run-scoring triple

while Lucas had two doubles, each plating one run.

Scores and stats

Basketball

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Seattle	19	43	.300
Utah	18	44	.283
Washington	17	45	.267
Wizards	16	46	.250

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Women's tennis: Easton/Topps at Colts	ESPNchannel 13	9 a.m.
Senior golf	ESPNchannel 13	12:20 p.m.
Baseball: Colts at Braves	ESPNchannel 13	6:30 p.m.
Baseball: Maple Leafs at Blues	WGN	6:30 p.m.
NBA: Heat at Bulls	WGN	6:30 p.m.

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Jets might use Yankee Stadium

NEW YORK (AP) — A multi-use baseball stadium in Manhattan for the New York Jets also could be used as a new home for the New York Jets football team, a city official said Wednesday.

The sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the Jets' contract to play at the Meadowlands in New Jersey expires about the same time as that of the Yankees' Yankee Stadium, which is owned by the city.

"They would have to make up their mind what they want to do. They told us they would like to come back here," the official said.

The Jets inherited Shea Stadium in Queens in 1984 to join the New York Giants in playing at the Meadowlands because of dissatisfaction with the Mets' baseball park.

The city and state and Yankees owner George Steinbrenner have completed a study of four possible alternative home sites for the Jets, including a renovation of their present stadium in the Bronx.

One of those sites is on Manhattan's West Side, over rail yards just south of the Justice Convention Center.

Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said Tuesday that a multiple-use stadium there would be easier to build than a baseball stadium, and the revenue stream from a stadium in the mid-

Manhattan would be off the charts.

He said Wednesday that the study found the two best possibilities for the Yankees are modernizing their present stadium or moving to the West Side.

Each has pluses and minuses, the mayor said. The other two sites studied are at Van Cortlandt Park and Pelham Bay Park in the Bronx.

West Side could be configured so that the seats could be shifted around to accommodate football or baseball, and maybe other events too.

Giuliani said Wednesday he has a "strong emotional bias" to keep the Yankees in their present stadium, but he said if Steinbrenner decides to leave the Bronx, he has to have a fall-back strategy to keep the team in New York.

Several politicians, including Sen. Al D'Amico and Gov. Pataki, have urged Giuliani administration and Steinbrenner to task for even considering a move out of the current stadium.

Brooks Through president Fernando Ferrer said a West Side stadium would compete with vehicles going to and from the Lincoln Tunnel, Penn Station and the Port Authority Bus Terminal and "create the largest traffic jam in the Western Hemisphere."

Officials seek delay in drug test program

NEW YORK (AP) — The United States will have to wait until after this summer's Olympics before it has the toughest antidoping program in international sports.

A \$24 million package, mandating unannounced, out-of-competition drug tests for all Olympic sports, is expected to be adopted soon by the U.S. Olympic Committee next week.

But, citing time pressure, officials also will propose that key provisions of the plan, including the unannounced testing, be postponed until after the Summer Games in Atlanta.

"We're going to drug test our Olympic athletes, as we have at every game," said Burton Pittenger, co-chairman of the USOC's antidoping task force. "But it is unlikely that no-advance-notice testing will be implemented until after the Atlanta Games."

The officials said that delaying full implementation of the new program would save \$300,000 in what have cost to re-test some 800 athletes before the Games.

But the delay was not an attempt to cut costs, Pittenger said.

"It's a matter of time and putting

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Judge sides with Austry in rushing star vs. NCAA

CHICAGO (AP) — A judge on Wednesday ruled that running back Darnell Austry can take an unpaid part in a movie this summer in Italy over the objections of the NCAA.

Cook County Circuit Judge Thomas P. Durkin sided with the Northwestern sophomore running back and theater student, who has been offered an unpaid part in two scenes of a supernatural thriller called "The 18th Angel," scheduled for filming this summer in Italy.

NCAA officials were considering an appeal late Wednesday afternoon, and one of Austry's lawyers, Peter Rush, said there could still be risks if the rushing star accepts the role.

"I will advise my client of risks and rewards," and Darnell Austry will have to make that decision," Rush said in a telephone interview.

NCAA rules prohibit athletes from appearing in commercial films and

NCAA spokeswoman Kathryn Reith said Wednesday from her Overland Park, Kan., office that if Austry is found in violation, he likely would be suspended for a game and must to pay back any money he received for travel expenses.

"We want to enforce the rules," said Bedell Tipples, a lawyer representing the NCAA. "There are 11,000 or 12,000 member schools who like to see some consistency in the application of the rules and not a carved out, isolated exception of the rules."

Northwestern has tried since January to convince the NCAA to let Austry act in the movie.

On Tuesday, Austry, 19, sued the NCAA, pressing for a decision before Saturday's deadline for accepting the role.

"We want Darnell to do what every other student can do — pursue his major," said Mike Abernathy, another lawyer for Austry.

PGA's BellSouth Classic attracts a field of stars

MARIETTA, Ga. (AP) — The lure of fast, undulating greens and hilly terrain similar to Augusta National has brought out a star-studded field for the \$1.3 million BellSouth Classic beginning Thursday.

The course is a good setup for next week because of the greens," Scotland's Colin Montgomerie said Wednesday. "The greens are as high as what we'll see, and the rough is high."

Montgomerie and four others among the top seven on the Sony Open in Hawaii are in Atlanta, hoping to hone their game for the season's first major championship next week — the Masters.

"I think it suits anybody that goes out there with confidence," Montgomerie said of Augusta National. "I'll play one practice round Tuesday, nine holes on Wednesday. That will do me. I don't want to leave good shots on the course,

which I've done in the past."

Montgomerie is second on the Sony list, and the others in the field for the earlier tournament are normal Atlanta residents: No. 3 Nick Price of Zimbabwe, No. 4 Ernie Els of South Africa and U.S. stars Corey Pavin, fifth on the list, and Fred Couples, who jumped from 11th to seventh on his victory last week in The Players Championship. Pavin is the current U.S. Open champion.

The field also includes British Open champion John Daly, who said, "I want to play good here and go into Augusta with a lot of confidence."

Montgomerie and Tommy Tolles, who led TPC after three rounds, tied for second last week, four shots behind Couples.

Mark Calcavecchia faces the strongest field in the Atlanta event in more than 20 years as he seeks to defend the title he won last May.

Astros outpitch Dodgers

HOUSTON (AP) — Mike Hampton outpitched 1995 Rookie of the Year Hideo Nomo, and Derek Bell drove in two runs as the Houston Astros defeated the Los Angeles Dodgers 5-2 Wednesday.

Nomo was wild from the start. He had five walks over the first four innings and left in the fifth after consecutive bloop hits by Jeff Bagwell and Bell and a single to Sean Berry produced two runs.

Nomo, 13-8 last year and the starting pitcher for the NL All-Stars last season, allowed seven hits and struck out two in taking the loss.

Walter Hampton pitched six strong innings before Billy Ashley and Greg Gagne hit back-to-back homers with one out in the seventh. Hampton then struck out Roger Cedeno and Delino DeShields to escape more damage. He allowed nine hits, struck out six and did not walk a batter.

Todd Jones pitched the ninth to get the save.



Chicago Cubs' catcher Scott Servais walks to tag San Diego Padres' Tony Gwynn as Gwynn slides into home plate. The Padres won Wednesday's game in Chicago, 7-5. Padre Brad Ausmus watches from behind the plate. AP photo

National League

Cardinals 5, Mets 3

NEW YORK — Royce Clayton's two-out single in the seventh inning scored winning pitcher Todd Stottlemyre with an unearned run that broke a 3-3 tie.

The 30-year-old Stottlemyre, making his NL debut after eight seasons in the AL, allowed five hits in 7 2/3 innings, including a three-run homer by ex-Cardinal Bernard Gilkey in the seventh. Ron Gant, who had a two-run homer off Jason Isringhausen to open the scoring in the fourth, drove in three runs and scored two for St. Louis.

Stottlemyre struck out five and walked three before Dennis Eckersley pitched 1 1/3 scoreless innings for his first save in the National League and the 32th of his career. Eckersley came on and retired Bruce Hurst, who had hit a home run off Clayton in the fourth.

Eckersley also got in trouble in the ninth, allowing two singles after two were out. He struck out Edgardo Alfonzo to end the game.

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Braves 15, Giants 2

ATLANTA — Fred McGriff set a career-high with six RBIs, and the Atlanta Braves showed their hitting might by as good as their vaunted pitching by routing San Francisco 15-2 Wednesday night.

The Braves scored 10 or more runs in only six games last season, but have now done it twice against the Giants, winning the season opener 10-8. The Braves scored in 11 straight innings, including the last four of Monday's game.

Javier Lopez hit a three-run homer and Ryan Klesko homered for the second game in a row, giving the Braves seven homers in two games. They had 16 hits Wednesday.

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Magic Valley

Around the valley

Group to meet today on Old Towne plans

TWIN FALLS - The Urban Renewal Agency will meet at noon today in the council chambers at City Hall to discuss the financing and scheduling of public improvement projects in Old Towne.

The meeting is open to the public. For more information, call Economic Development Director Dave McClinton at 736-2240.

The agency also will hold a public information meeting at Muggers brew pub from 4 to 8 p.m. on April 16 to gather comments on the Old Towne projects, McClinton said.

\$1.78 million software will allow hospital to share data

TWIN FALLS - The county hospital's board decided Monday to spend \$1.78 million on computer software that will be used to become part of a regional computerized patient information system.

With the software, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center will be able to share information with other hospitals, doctors and the health department that also are in the Southern Idaho Medical Information Network.

Also Monday, the board spent \$4,250 for equipment to monitor cardiac patients while they're not at the hospital, and \$46,500 for cataract-removal equipment.

County offers growers new weed-free certification tags

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls County growers can participate in a new certification program administered by the county weed bureau.

Several states require that forage and straw being shipped are certified free from noxious weeds, and the Forest Service requires that forage and straw transported onto national forests be weed-free, County Weed Control Superintendent Sheila Huzar said.

For \$1 per acre, county workers will inspect fields, issue weed-free tags and predict yields, Huzar said. The program, in which participation is voluntary, will allow Idaho crops to enter the restricted areas, she said.

For more information, contact Huzar at 734-9000.

Research benefit auction needs volunteers, donations

TWIN FALLS - Volunteers are needed to help get donations together for an benefit auction organized by Twin Falls Children's Research Hospital in Meridian, Tenn.

Quality items and people willing to work at the auction also are needed for the April 20 event, which Henry hopes will raise \$100,000.

The hospital is the world's largest childhood cancer research center. The National Auctioneer's Association is doing a national fund-raising project for the hospital.

For more information about volunteering or donating, please call Henry at Henry's Auction Service, 734-5059.

Junior high students collect funds for friend's memorial

TWIN FALLS - Fund-raising efforts are continuing for the Scan Miller Landscaped Memorial project at O'Leary Junior High School.

Scan died of cancer in August 1995 and would have been an O'Leary ninth grader this year.

Contributions may be sent to the Scan Miller Memorial Fund, O'Leary Junior High School, 2350 Elizabeth Blvd., Twin Falls, Idaho 83301.

Air Force schedules 'fly-in' for educating civilian pilots

MOUNTAIN HOME - Private pilots who've always wanted to take part in a "fly-in" at the Mountain Home Air Force Base should mark their calendars for May 11.

The base's 366th "Composite" Wing will hold a fly-in as part of its mid-air collision avoidance program. The program is intended to educate civilian pilots about flying operations around, and military training routes.

In addition to flight safety briefings, aerial demonstrations and aircraft displays will be held.

For more information, call 828-2222 or 828-2304.

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Sting nabs dognappers

Operation reunites wolf hybrid, owner after year apart

By Liz Wright
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - "Wolfee," a 150-pound wolf hybrid, was reunited with his Twin Falls owner Wednesday after a sophisticated sting operation netted the arrests of four people on extortion and conspiracy charges.

Police listened in as a Twin Falls woman wearing a "concealed listening device" arranged to hand over a \$1,000 check to four people in exchange for her year-old puppy, said Detective Dan Chatterton of the Jerome County Sheriff's Department.

Brn Juno, 31, Ron Parsons, 39, Steven Anderson, 33, and Dorothy Green, 33, who live together on Hunt Road in Jerome County, were being held in the Jerome jail Wednesday night. They were expected to appear in court today.

The owner said that about one year ago, Juno refused to return the dog to her after he boarded the animal for a time. Then he moved to the Midwest with the animal for about six months, Chatterton said.

The owner told detectives she had offered a \$1,000 reward for the puppy, a black male, and had also tried to pay Juno once before, but her dog was never returned to her, Chatterton said.

Tuesday, Green and Anderson had delivered to the woman a ransom note signed by Juno asking for the \$1,000 reward in exchange for the dog, Chatterton said.

Wednesday, Twin Falls and Jerome law officers arrested Anderson and Green shortly after the pair met with the woman at the Traveler's Oasis truck stop beside Interstate 84, Chatterton said.

But Juno and Parson then brought the dog to a Twin Falls bank where they asked the woman meet them and cash her ransom check.

Juno and Parson were arrested after they showed up with the dog in the parking lot of West One Bank on Blue Lakes Boulevard and began the trade with the woman, Chatterton said.

The animal, which appeared well taken care of, was taken home by its owner, he said.

The four people arrested said they were merely responding to the owner's reward offer, Chatterton said.



Charged with extortion and conspiracy, Ron Parsons is taken into custody after a sting operation recovered a 150-pound pet wolf hybrid dog Wednesday.

Labrador lessons



As friend Kellie Malory watches, Jason Grigg tries to teach his 2-month-old Labrador-mix puppy, Scooter, to retrieve a stick at a vacant lot next to his home in Twin Falls Wednesday.

Democratic chairwoman enters race for District 23 House seat

By Karen Tokkinen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Citing a lack of Democratic candidates, Twin Falls County Democratic chairwoman Jeanne Meyer announced Wednesday that she is running for the state legislature.

After two other women backed down, "I'm going to enter the fray because we need someone on the ballot," Meyer said.

She will seek the House seat currently held by Rep. Ron Black, the chairman of the House Education Committee.

Black is a single-issue candidate, she said, focusing mostly on educational issues.

"I think that it will encourage others to do what I'm doing," she said. Democrats "have been a little afraid to get out in the public."

She didn't identify any particular issue that she wanted to run on.

Meyer has not previously sought public office.

Despite the lack of statewide Democratic candidates, Twin Falls County seems to have a surplus of Democrats in its county race.

One, Dave Bailey II of Buhl, has filed for election to the County Commission from District 1; incumbent Republican Brent Reinke also reportedly plans to run.

Bailey said Wednesday he is

Friday is deadline

Anyone who wants to be on the ballot in the May 28 primary election must file by 5 p.m. Friday, candidates for county clerk's office, while candidates for state office must file with the Idaho secretary of state's office in Boise.



Meyer Black

running because he disagrees with the positions espoused by the other Democrat in the race, Donal McMurrian of Twin Falls.

To the chagrin of local Democrats, McMurrian announced last month that he would challenge Reinke on a platform that includes changing county government to a manager form.

Bailey said he opposes such a plan.

He ran for the seat in 1994, but lost to Reinke in that race.

Bailey, a Democratic precinct chairman, predicted he would draw more party support than McMurrian, a long-time party activist and perennial candidate who has annoyed fellow members by voicing among several political philosophies.

Other candidates to file with the Secretary of State so far:

In District 20, Rep. Robbi King, R-Glenns Ferry, will run for the Senate seat vacated by Democrat Claire Weatherell.

In District 21, Rep. Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, will seek reelection.

In District 22, Rep. Celia Gould, R-Buhl, Rep. Doug Jones, R-Filer and Sen. John Sandy, R-Hagerman will all seek reelection.

In District 23, Meyer and Black have both filed. Rep. Mark Stubbs, R-Twin Falls, and Sen. Laird Nash, R-Kimberly, will seek reelection.

In District 24, John "Bert" Stevenson and Harold Mohlman from Rupert have filed for the House seat vacated by Steve Antone, R-Rupert.

Rep. Maxine Bell will seek reelection.

In District 25, Rep. Jim Kempton, R-Elgin, Rep. Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, and Sen. Denton Darrington, R-Declo, will seek reelection. Anti-pay-rights activist Kelly Walton of Haysburn has announced he will challenge Darrington in the Republican primary.

UPS truck is cover for police

By Liz Wright
Times-News writer

GEROME - A Twin Falls narcotics agent-disguised as a brown-uniformed United Parcel Service employee helped arrest two Jerome men who paid and signed for a box of smacking pipes and bong, addressed to an undisclosed "tobacco shop."

Gary Miles, 21, and Jason King, 22 were released on their own recognizance Wednesday on misdemeanor drug-related charges. Both were charged with possession of drug paraphernalia with the intent to use the items, and King was additionally charged with possession of marijuana, according to a Jerome County Courthouse clerk.

UPS of Twin Falls notified the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department Monday after a box of drug paraphernalia broke open on its premises, according to Sheriff's Lt. Bob Gauthier.

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Filer dismisses chief of police

The Times-News

FILER - Don Barkley resigned his police chief post of more than 12 years Tuesday after city councilmembers asked him to do so, Barkley said Wednesday.

Barkley, 60, said such resignation requests often are the case after new council members take office. Twelve years, he added, is a long time as police chief.

"They listed some procedural things but there wasn't anything there that couldn't have been corrected," said Barkley, who plans to stay in Filer. "It was just politics."

Chief Councilman Gary Detrick refused to answer whether Barkley was asked to resign or to talk about the resignation.

Barkley said the resignation request was not related to a seven-hour February stand-off with an armed Filer man that left a Filer policeman and a Twin Falls County sheriff's deputy wounded.

"This was in the works long before that," said Barkley, who said that after 32 years as a police officer he is tired of "fighting city hall."

Councilwoman Bette Johnson referred questions to Detrick and Mayor Russell Sherman Jr., who was unavailable for comment Wednesday. Councilmen Bob Templeman and Jeff Webster also were unavailable for comment Wednesday.

Templeman and Webster were elected last November. Detrick was re-elected then.

Woman alleges malpractice

By Julie M. McKinnon
Times-News writer

RUPERT - A Cassia County woman who went to Minkola Memorial Hospital's emergency room in September 1993 with abdominal pains is suing three doctors for negligence.

Lori Anderson Giles filed suit against Dr. Steve A. Weber, who now is practicing in Wisconsin, and Dr. Keith Waymout of Rupert, Dr. Donald L. Weese of Burley also is named in the 5th District Court in Twin Falls.

Weber performed a hysterectomy on Giles a day after she went to the Rupert hospital's emergency room, according to the complaint.

Weber was assisted by Waymout, the complaint says.

In December 1993, after having repeated troubles, Giles went to Cassia Memorial Hospital's emergency room, complaining of pain while urinating. She then was referred to Weese, according to the complaint.

The doctors' attorney, Jeremiah Quane of Quane, Smith, Howard & Hull in Boise, did not return telephone calls Tuesday and Wednesday.

According to the complaint, which demands a jury trial, after Giles was referred to Weese, he performed three to four urethral dilations with no success.

Giles continues to have problems urinating and catheterizes herself three to four times a day.

The Times-News was unable to contact Giles, Her attorney, Kenneth L. Pedersen of Twin Falls, did not return telephone calls Wednesday.

The complaint says Giles be awarded special and general damages in an amount to be proven at trial, along with attorney's fees. Giles wants damages in the amount of reasonable medical expenses and lost earnings, the complaint says.

In addition, Giles has suffered from physical pain, mental anguish and severe emotional distress, the complaint says. She also has lost her capacity to earn money and is unable to perform tasks she ordinarily would be able to do, the complaint says.

Damages are in excess of \$10,000, the complaint says.

A hearing about whether the case should be transferred to Minkola County will be held Monday.

Utilities commission questions whether rail service improving

BOISE (AP) — State regulators are questioning Union Pacific Railroad's assertions that its centralized customer service system is improving, when customer surveys show dissatisfaction on the rise.

"I can see what your dilemma is," James Carter, head of the railroad's National Customer Service Center in St. Louis, told Public Utilities Commissioner Marsha Smith as he continued to defend Union Pacific's request to eliminate its remaining separate freight agents.

The petition opens what could be the final chapter in the decade-long shift to the centralized service operation in Missouri and away from local agents who handled the freight needs of shippers spread throughout the state.

In the 1980s, the commission initiated a study to determine the best centralization, maintaining that if Union Pacific was going to operate in Idaho it should have personnel stationed here to deal with customers.

In 1987, regulators allowed the railroad to eliminate 16 of its 30 freight agents as long as it set up regional service in Idaho Falls, Pocatello, Nampa and Coeur d'Alene.

At the same time it ordered Union Pacific to re-establish the Parma freight agent — an order it finally enforced three years later by fining the railroad \$1,000 for not assigning an agent to Parma until early 1991.

Four years ago, Union Pacific won approval to eliminate five more agents when shippers served by those points did not object. The sale of some tracks also eliminated two other agents.

And now the company wants to get rid of the rest.

"We're not asking you to transfer the customer service responsibilities to St. Louis," attorney Jan Jones, the former state attorney general representing Union Pacific.

"Maybe it's time for this commission to opt out of the regulatory role and let private enterprise move forward," Jones said.

Carter reassured the commission that the centralized facility is demonstrating improved service.

But he conceded that the most recent customer satisfaction survey leads to a different conclusion. In one of 11 categories, customer satisfaction has trended down from January 1994 through December 1995. Only satisfaction with the equipment ordering process was up over that period while there was a change in customer perception of availability of despatched equipment.

To a great extent, Carter blamed the survey outcome on overall problems the railroad had in being able to deliver equipment.

"We are not at all happy with the results of the customer satisfaction survey," he said. "But customer satisfaction would be a lot worse if we hadn't gone through some of the changes in the National Customer Service Center."

The commission staff has recommended that the agents in Idaho Falls and Pocatello be eliminated, because other Union Pacific personnel in both locations can deal with customers. The staff also agreed with elimination of the Aberdeen agent because shippers did not object.

But it said the agents should be retained in Montpelier, Jerome, Sandpoint, Bonners Ferry and Weiser-Yayette because shippers in those areas generate nearly half of the revenue the railroad gets from its Idaho operations.

"The majority of those customers are captive customers and have no choice but to use Union Pacific if they want to ship by rail," Ron Law, head of the commission's regulatory center division, said. "The railroad should be obligated to provide those customers with a high level of customer service which should include the services of local agents."

The railroad pointed out that it has only 14 freight agents left on its 22,800-mile system and half of them are in Idaho, where it has just 800 miles of track. The savings from eliminating those agents, Carter said, could be used in other areas of Union Pacific operations.

But the Idaho Joint Rail Labor Legislative Board argued that the existing Board argued that the existing agents are in protected jobs and would remain on the payroll if they decline buy-out offers that savings, if there were any, would be limited.



Woney Peters, Jott, and his wife, Laurie, of Inkom ask questions of Bannock County Prosecutor Mark Hiedeman during a town meeting in Lava. Hot Springs Tuesday to discuss the sentencing of Ligertown owners Bob Fieber and Dotti Martin.

Prosecutor, residents want Ligertown operators jailed

LAVA HOT SPRINGS (AP) — Bannock County Prosecutor Mark Hiedeman wants to jail the former operators of the defunct Ligertown game farm, and residents of the southeastern Idaho area believe it should be for a long time.

"Six months jail time is not out of the question," Hiedeman said during a town meeting Tuesday night.

But some residents in the area where 19 exotic cats were killed after a human escaped from the ramshackle compound believe Robert Fieber and Dotti Martin should pay the maximum penalty of a 12-year term in jail and a \$3,900 fine for their 13 misdemeanor convictions in connection with running Ligertown.

"They should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law," resident Phil Hueson said as the crowd of 80 applauded.

The town meeting was called so prosecutors can recommend what type of sentence Fieber and Martin, both 57, should receive.

But it was not likely that Magistrate Mark Beebe would be that severe at the April 18 sentencing, Hiedeman said. In fact, he raised the possibility that the pair could be placed on probation for several years with a probation officer having animals and collecting junk.

He said he will likely recommend a substantial jail sentence if probation terms are violated.

"We definitely want a lot of jail time hanging over their heads," Hiedeman said. Bannock County Under Sheriff Tom Canfield added, "There's no doubt in my mind they'll try this again."

When Fieber was placed on probation for animal cruelty charges in the mid-1980s in Oregon, he moved to Idaho with 14 lions and eventually set up Ligertown.

Bannock County Commissioner Tom Katsifomites promised residents that they would see a "definite change in topography" at the Ligertown site where county workers will demolish the structures unless Fieber and Martin apply for a permit by April 16 to bring it up to building codes.

Death notices

Dorothy Machacek
 BUIH — Dorothy Machacek, 60, of Buhl, died Wednesday, April 3, 1996, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demaray's Wendell Chapel.

Mel Gemar
 TWIN FALLS — Mel Gemar, 67, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, April 3, 1996, at his home.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Alice M. Hartvigsen Stephens
 RUPERT — Alice Margaret Hartvigsen Stephens, 87, of Rupert, died Wednesday, April 3, 1996, at Minidoka Memorial Exotic Care in Rupert.

The funeral will be held at noon Saturday at the Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call one hour before the funeral on Saturday at the funeral chapel.

Aleata Hudson
 WENDLELL — Aleata Hudson, 93, of Wendell, died Wednesday, April 3, 1996, at the Twin Falls Care Center.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the West End Cemetery in Buhl. A complete obituary will appear at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of the Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Services

Ronald Owen Finney, of Twin Falls, 11 a.m. today, First United Methodist Church, Twin Falls. (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Arthur "Carl" Anderson, of Glenns Ferry, 1 p.m. today, American Legion 1235 Church, Viewing, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. today at the church, (Demaray's Gooding Chapel).

James L. Thorpe, of Jerome, 2 p.m. today, Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel, Jerome. Viewing, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

Marilyn Lavigne, of Twin Falls, graveside service, 2 p.m. today, Sunset Memorial Park, Twin Falls, (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Naomi I. Coleman, of Twin Falls, memorial service, 3 p.m. today, White Mortuary, Twin Falls.

Alpha Titus of Wendell and formerly of Buhl, graveside service, 11 a.m. Friday, Buhl Cemetery. A memorial service will follow at the Buhl First Christian Church, (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

Charles B. "Chuck" Burgoyne, of Twin Falls, memorial service, 1 p.m. Saturday, White Mortuary, Twin Falls.

Hospitals

MINIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
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Admitted
 Edythe Pehrson and Florence Mickelson, both of Rupert.

Released
 Delia Arteaga, Art Ranson, Charlotte Lee and Heather Matsen, all of Rupert.

CASSIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
 Admitted —

Rosamond Crawford, Hallie Everett and Faustino Ybarra, all of Burley; Virginia Jackson and Amy Russell, both of Rupert; and Lexi Francisco of Heyburn.

Released
 Shannon Aldrich, Louise Allen, Berta Magana, Stephanie Martin, Crystal Passillas and Eunice Simmons, all of Burley; Heather Dausie of Rupert; and Wianna Rosa of Paul.

Birth
 A baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Russell of Rupert.

Obituaries

Filer
 The funeral will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 13, 1996, at White Mortuary in Twin Falls, with the Rev. LeRoy Arrous officiating. Burial will follow at the West End Cemetery in Buhl. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Friday at the funeral chapel.

Nellie Padgett Wright
 — Nellie Padgett Wright, 63, of Filer, died Tuesday, April 2, 1996, at her home.

She was born May 14, 1932, in Monterey, Tenn. As a small child, she moved with her family to Cozelle, Tenn., where she attended school. On March 28, 1950, she married Clyde Wright in Crossville, Tenn. They moved to Idaho in 1954, where they farmed and ran a dairy until the present time. Her family was the love of her life.

Survivors include her husband, Clyde Wright of Filer, three sons, Clyde J. (Michelle) Wright and Gary (Roberta) Wright, all of Filer, and Ronald (Nancy) Wright of Salem, Ore.; seven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, six sisters, Sarah Jackson and Delcie Bethel of California, Mary Lou Wooley and Edith Jordan of Tennessee, Stella Richardson of Illinois, and Evelyn Fox of Indiana, and one brother, Ralph Padgett of Tennessee. She was preceded in death by her parents, one sister and one brother.

Gooding
Wilbur G. Short
 Wilburn Gene Short, 77, of Marsing and formerly of Gooding, entered into rest with our Lord, Tuesday, April 2, 1996, at the Morey Medical Center in Nampa.

Wilburn was born Feb. 11, 1919, in Scranton, Iowa, the son of Leonard and Rosa Wolf Short. He resided in Gooding, and the last several years in Marsing.

He is survived by his wife, Ethel (Ruth) Short of Wendell; sisters, Thelma (Richard) Fink of Gooding, and Arma Mae (Paul) Knorr of Marsing; a brother-in-law, Don Archibald;

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and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two brothers and a sister.

Wilburn had love for everyone he knew. He knew no stranger. His family and his church were his life.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at Demaray's Gooding Chapel, with the Rev. Craig Hill officiating. Burial will follow at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding. Friends may call from 1 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

Mental health experts next up in trial

PROVO, Utah (AP) — Defense attorneys plan to call a battery of mental health experts when the double-murder retrial for self-proclaimed prophet Ron Lafferty resumes Thursday.

The trial, in its second week, was recessed Wednesday because some of those witnesses had schedule conflicts.

Defense lawyers argue that Ron Lafferty and his brother Dan, patients of a "shared delusional disorder" purportedly began when Dan adopted extreme constitutional and religious beliefs the early 1980s. Ron tried to defuse Dan's thinking, he instead was won over, attorneys suggest.

Prosecutors contend those

beliefs led to Ron Lafferty writing a so-called revelation in spring 1983. The document called for the removal of their sister-in-law, her infant daughter and two highland Mormon Church officials.

Prosecutors say the revelation was really a tool for personal revenge, since Ron Lafferty was angry with those who had for whom he helped his wife Diana divorce him in 1963.

On July 24, 1984, Kimberly native Brenda Wright Lafferty, 24, and 15-month-old Erica Lafferty were killed, their throats slashed.

Defense attorneys hope to prove that their client went through personality changes the years prior to the killings and that he was mentally stressed in July 1984.

That condition prevented Ron Lafferty from understanding his actions, the defense argues.

Dan Lafferty, who is serving a life sentence for his role in the crimes, proudly took credit for both killings when he testified Tuesday.

"It was something I did and never really spent a lot of time thinking about," he said. "I was not affected emotionally by the things that happened."

Dan Lafferty's testimony contradicted that of prosecution witness Charles Carnes, a drifter who was visiting outside the victims' apartment. Carnes said Ron Lafferty later bragged about killing Brenda and thanked Dan for killing the baby.

Monitoring shows some wolves left pens

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. (AP) — Federal officials Wednesday checked on the wolves recently released from holding pens in Yellowstone National Park and found that freedom through different responses.

Six of the wolves kept in one pen since January bolted from confinement, five others remained inside another pen even though officials opened the pen and cut a hole in the pen's fence.

The released wolves Tuesday evening marked the second time park officials have freed Canadian wolves brought to the park as part of an attempt to restore the species in America's northern Rockies.

The 11 wolves were among 17 brought to Yellowstone late last year.

The remaining six wolves — four at Crystal Bench site and two at the Blacktail site in the Lamar

Valley — were to be released later this week or next week, according to park officials.

Perce Perce was kept in the "Nuz" pen, holding pen near Old Faithful left the pen Tuesday — soon after officials released them, said park spokeswoman Cheryl Matthews said.

Officials checked the location of all the wolves in the park Wednesday at about 9 a.m., Matthews said.

She said four of those from the Nuz Perce group were in the park about 20 miles northeast of the pen. Two others remained near or inside the pen. Matthews said.

Meanwhile, five other wolves kept in the Rose Creek pen in the Lamar Valley stayed inside the one-acre confinement Wednesday, Matthews said.

The Rose Creek pen is about 30 to 40 miles northeast of the Nez

Perce pen.

Wednesday's monitoring showed that 31 of the 35 wolves involved in the reintroduction program were still in the park. Four of the wolves — three adults and a pup — were in the Absaroka-Bearfoot Mountains Tuesday.

She said more aerial monitoring would continue Thursday if the weather cooperates.

"It went great," Matthews said about the release. "We learned a lot from last year ... We cut a hole (in the pen) and as soon as we left they came out."

Park officials learned with the release of 14 wolves last year that the animals associated the doors to pens with human activity and would avoid the doors even if they were left open. Biologists cut holes in the pens and the wolves used those exits.

Officials start studying flood

The Associated Press

A preliminary survey of the Grand Canyon shows a manmade flood unleashed more than a week ago is creating new beaches and redistributing nutrient-rich sediment in Yellowstone National Park.

The flood appears to be having some of the effects that scientists had hoped for, although its full geological impact won't be known for three to six months, said Dave Wegner, project manager for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

"We're extremely elated our predictions are holding up," he said from his office in Flagstaff. "The

event seems to have followed the script very well."

The six-week flood, which began March 26, is an experiment to return the canyon closer to its natural state before Glen Canyon Dam was built in 1963.

Scientists wanted the flood to stir up and redistribute nutrient-rich sediment onto canyon shores. They believe the deposit will allow vegetation to take root, attracting birds and fish.

Wegner said sediment that has filled marshes along the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon now has moved into the river's main channel and new sand deposits are appearing in the canyon.

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Cassia officials decline chemical plant tour

By Jennifer Bunch
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Cassia County commissioners have turned down an offer to tour a Los Angeles chemical plant.

AMVAC Chemical in Los Angeles offered to let commissioners in its Southern California plant, which manufactures metam sodium, a soil fungicide.

A metam sodium manufacturing plant is being built a few miles south of Burley. In Idaho, metam sodium chiefly is used by potato growers.

Commissioners didn't think it was appropriate to have AMVAC pay their travel expenses, and they didn't want the county to expense such a trip, Cassia County Administrator Tim Hurs said.

"They didn't see the need to spend taxpayers dollars in doing that," he said.

Commissioners would not have been able to go inside the plant, because AMVAC did not want to expose any trade secrets, Hurs said. They would have been able to see only the plant's exterior, he said.

The idea of commissioners traveling to Los Angeles surfaced a couple months ago in the Local Emergency Planning Commission. The goal was to see how a chemical plant is operated safely.

The emergency planning commission is charged with keeping track of hazardous chemicals used in the Mini-Cassia area. It drafts disaster response plans in

case chemical spills. Members include representatives from businesses as well as emergency personnel, such as firefighters and police. The commission is responsible to Minidoka and Cassia county commissioners.

The emergency planning commission would not handle a chemical spill alone should one occur at the new metam sodium plant, Hurs said. A hazardous materials response team in Pocatello would be dispatched to Burley, he said. The local commission would respond to the spill first, while they wait for backup from Pocatello's team that has more training, he said.

Three chemicals are used to make metam sodium. Two of the elements, methylene and carbon bisulfide, are highly flammable. The other, caustic soda, is corrosive.

Bob Kerley of Phenix is the chief financial backer of the future Burley plant. Kerley has said he is the principal stockholder of a Tucson, Ariz., chemical plant under court order to shut down. The Environmental Protection Agency has charged that plant with having two hazardous gas leaks. The county report said that plant dumped toxic chemicals into the sewer system.

Kerley denies the allegations and has said his competitors have tried to bring problems at the Tucson plant around his neck. They don't want him manufacturing metam sodium in the middle of potato country, he said.

Water hike hearing draws no comment

By Rob Lundgren
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — Increased water rates — a topic that has drawn a lot of attention over the past two months — drew no comments during a public hearing Tuesday evening.

Before the bill can be adopted, it must be presented for public review and comment at three public hearings.

The next hearing is scheduled for 7 p.m. April 26.

The City Council has approved the bill that would change a fixed rate of 57 cents per 100 cubic feet of water.

Current rates vary from a high of 73 cents per 100 cubic feet, up to 1700 cubic feet, and a low of 20 cents for summer sprinkler rates.

Councilman Ralph Peters whether the proposed ordinance clearly stated that funds generated

Hearing date

The third and final public hearing on a proposal to increase Jerome water rates is scheduled for 7 p.m. April 26.

by the rate increase "can not be used for anything else" other than water expenses.

"There are a lot of jumpy people around town after what happened to the wastewater fund," he said. "In 1982, money set aside for the sewage system was used for something else, he said.

Mayor Gerald Oster said the proposed ordinance is only a rough draft and has not yet been completed by city's attorney Rob Williams.

Oster assured the council all questions and concerns would be resolved before the third reading.

In other business, the council directed City Administrator Jeff Bishop to look at water and sewer hook-up fees. A 1987 Foregren and Associates study recommended the city increase hook-up fees for a standard residential water meter to \$900, up from \$325.

Council members and public works staffers have said hook-up fees for three cities range from \$1,000 to \$1,500.

"This is a way for new users to the system to pay their fair share, rather than having existing water users subsidizing the new hook-up," Bishop said.

A proposal to buy and install 300 feet of 12 inch plastic pipe at the east end of Avenue D failed for the second time.

At issue is a horse pasture owned by Edwin Prescott which apparently extends onto city property, including a city irrigation ditch.

The city contends the horses are trampling the ditch, and dirt created by the horses is causing silt to fill in the ditch.

"Piping the ditch will eliminate the problems of obstruction and health issues downstream from horse manure."

Questions about who is responsible for the problem, and who should pay remain unanswered. Councilman Dennis Moore said.

The council approved the final plan for the Thompson Subdivision, north of the South Lincoln Industrial Park.

"Everybody has looked at this plan, and as it stands right now, we like the way it's set up," City Planning and Zoning Inspector Clay Davis said.

A liquor catering permit was granted to Nicholas Trappen. The permit will be used by Rose-Pan for a dance at the fairgrounds on June 6.

FBI releases letter left by bomb-planting robbers

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Authorities Wednesday looked to the public for help in tracking men who set off two pipe bombs and robbed a bank, following the release of a letter left at the crime scenes night draw tips.

The FBI released a two-page, typewritten letter containing excerpts from various parts of the King James Bible.

The letter makes 19 references to "Yahweh," an English rendering of the Hebrew name for God. The term has also been used by some members of the Christian Identity movement, which has ties to white supremacist organizations.

The letter was released in hopes that someone may recognize the contents and come forward with information, said Burdena Pasencelli, the FBI agent in charge of the investigation.

Investigators were unsure of the motive despite a possible link to extremists and tactical similarities between Monday's crimes and others attributed to fringe groups.

Authorities were trying to determine whether the letter and tactics were part of a hate campaign or merely an effort by sophisticated bank robbers to

throw investigators off their trail.

But for now, the investigation is aimed at simply catching the robbers, Pasencelli said.

"Their reason for doing it ... that's not what our focus is," she said. "We have many leads that have come in, and we're following every single one of them."

No arrests had been made as of Wednesday. Authorities released composite drawings of two bearded suspects on Tuesday.

Investigators believe the men stole a van over the weekend in Ellensburg and drove 175 miles northeast to Spokane to plant and detonate two bombs and rob a bank.

A single copy of the letter was left with a bomb that exploded outside the Spokane Valley office of The Spokesman-Review newspaper.

About 10 minutes later, two men robbed a U.S. Bank branch and exploded a bomb after ordering staff and customers to leave the building. Authorities did not disclose how much cash was taken.

The robbers scattered several copies of the letter inside the bank, Pasencelli disclosed Wednesday.

Investigators believe the news-

paper office bomb was a diversion to cover the bank robbery.

No one was injured in either bombing, but both buildings were damaged.

Authorities recovered a van believed to have been abandoned by the robbers and a third person who served as the getaway driver.

A gasoline bomb apparently meant to destroy the van failed to detonate, and FBI officials were checking it for fingerprints and other clues, Pasencelli said. Other evidence from the van was also being analyzed.

Pasencelli said the FBI was checking whether the Spokane bombings are connected to the Aryan Republican Army, a white supremacist group that authorities say has committed at least 16 bank robberies and bombings in the Midwest.

Two of the group's leaders, Peter K. Langton and Richard J. Guthrie Jr., are in federal custody and accused of at least 18 bank robberies in seven states in the last 28 months. A third suspect remains a fugitive.

The tactics in the Spokane bombings also resemble those used by the Order, a violent white supremacist group known as the Phineas Priesthood.

the Northwest in the mid-1980s.

In those cases, bombs were detonated as diversions for robberies that the group used to finance its quest for a race war and whites-only enclave in the Northwest.

The letter left at the Spokane crime scenes was being examined by FBI specialists and was also turned over to religious experts at universities, Pasencelli said.

The letter was open to interpretation, she said.

"I call it Christian rhetoric," she said. "I don't see any specific threats in it. And there's no claim of responsibility for the crimes."

The letter closes, "Flee your usurer from the face of our land, and all that would not join the Master should reign over them, for the end of Babylon is come. Praise Yahweh!"

Usurers are moneylenders who charge exorbitant rates of interest.

At the bottom of the letter is a symbol resembling a capital letter "P" superimposed on a cross.

The Spokesman-Review reported in a story published Wednesday that the symbol resembled the emblem of a secret Aryan enforcement group known as the Phineas Priesthood.

Logan woman claims to have original flag of Utah statehood

LOGAN, Utah (AP) — Ruth Lehenbauer says she has the original 45-star flag that flew over the state Capitol after Utah achieved statehood 100 years ago.

"My brother has called the governor about it several times, but he's too busy," Lehenbauer said of the lettered flag, which stars and stripes have aged to an indiglorious gray. "I wish someone would take it. I don't know how to take care of it."

Vicki Varela, spokeswoman for Gov. Mike Leavitt, says she's unaware of the calls placed to the governor, but added the state would be interested in the flag.

"It's right along the lines of what we've been trying to capture with the Centennial," Varela said, promising the governor's office will contact Lehenbauer as soon as possible. "This is the kind of artifact that can really bring people together."

Lehenbauer keeps the flag folded and wrapped in a towel and wears gloves whenever she handles it. But she says she'd rather have it preserved and displayed.

perhaps in the state Capitol.

"It's an important artifact," she said. "It's a part of our history. People should have access to it."

The former language professor and her siblings found the banner in the attic of her father, Serge Bennett, after he died. Bennett, an attorney who worked on the staff of several congressional committees, was also a president of the Utah Society. Based in Washington, D.C., the club was active from the 1930s through the '40s for Utah natives living in Washington.

Then-Utah Sen. Wallace Bennett, Sen. Bob Bennett's father, gave the society the flag that flew over the Capitol the day after Utah became a state, Lehenbauer said. The flag had been found in a Capitol storeroom during a cleanup.

"I don't know how long it flew, whether it was just the one day or longer," Lehenbauer said.

Shortly after receiving the banner, the Utah Society disbanded. And Lehenbauer's father retained the flag.

Stranger surprises honeymooning couple

ELBA — Two honeymooners awoke over the weekend to find a man they didn't know looking at video tapes in their living room.

Steven Barker, 22, of Burley, and his wife Cindy Barker, 23, told Cassia County Sheriff's Deputy R. Chris Jensen that Steven had to force the stranger out of the house at gunpoint after

asking him to leave several times, according to a Sheriff's Department report.

Later Saturday morning Jensen located the suspect in Green Canyon, west of Elba, in report said. Jensen arrested Robert Howard Adams, 40, of Albion, for unlawful entry and possession of a controlled substance, according to the report.

The Barker's were staying in a friend's home, the report said.

Burley man arrested on assault charge

BURLEY — Police arrested Tony Mark Dryden, 35, of Burley Tuesday on a charge of aggravated assault.

The man was arrested in connection with an incident at 11:45 p.m. Tuesday at 826 Normal Ave. A

woman was dragged out of her vehicle by the hair, and she and another woman were threatened with a knife.

Police said they found a lock-blade knife on the ground with blood on the handle, according to a report by Cassia County Sheriff's Deputy John Gibson.

Ranch loses more than 50 sheep to dog

MINDOKA — A dog killed more than 50 sheep valued at more than \$2,700 at a remote ranch in central Minidoka County Tuesday night, according

to a sheriff's department report.

The sheep were owned by the Oxsarango Sheep Co. and most of those killed were lambs, according to a report filed by Minidoka County Sheriff's Deputy Vic Watson.

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The defiant band behind the Montana standoff

JORDAN, Mont. (AP) — A hard-back farmer swamped by debt. A morose, frowning child, collared officials. Some fence-chalking strangers hawking cure-alls for financial woes.

Taken together they are the Freeman, now momentous news-defiant band of racketeer-government militants. Taken apart, however, they are more diverse — and more amiable — than the ominous headlines imply.

If not for their guns and dreams of Armageddon, the 20 or so people leading off the FBI from a fenced wheat farm dubbed "Justus Township" might be deemed just a common collection of misfits and miscreants.

Some came to this isolated corner of the West to hide from the law. Others came to confront it. The law obliged. For 11 days, more than 100 federal agents have patrolled the snowy hills and fields.

"You not sort of nervous. It's not the kind of people you want for neighbors."

She emphasizes she's talking about the outsiders, not the two tanglep up with the Freeman.

Those are the Strimons — Agnes, her son Elbert and his wife, Val.

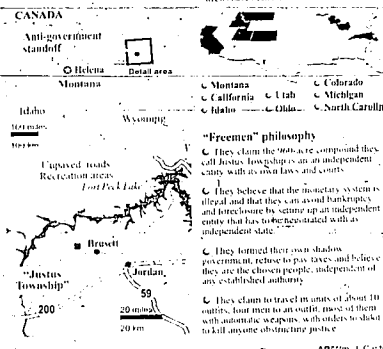
And the Clarks — Ralph and Kay, whose 960-acre farm is now "Justus Township"; their son, Edwin, and Edwin's son, Casey, next door, and Ralph's brother, Emmett, and his wife, Rosie, who live across the road.

There's no question some of the Clarks and Strimons are in the trouble, named in federal indictments for bank fraud and threatening officials. But neighbors say they're not criminals at heart.

Louise, yes. Lazy, maybe. Dreamers and schemers. But terrorists? Hardly.

"I always enjoyed Ralph," said Bob Cowin, the Coulters' hired hand. "He's a heck of a nice guy. And Edwin, he's an artist. With a

Freemen influence



wedding torch he can build anything. What I can't figure, with that talent, is why didn't he just get a job?"

Ralph Clark's troubles date at least as far back as 1982, when hail and drought flattened his crops.

Clark fought in the courts for 12 years, but his farm was auctioned off in April 1994.

By then they'd become acquainted with several well-traveled men who seemed to offer a way out: LeRoy Schweitzer, Rodney Skurdal, Dale Jacobi, Daniel Peterson Jr.

They called themselves Freeman, and they said the farmers didn't owe the government one red cent. Why? Because the government was unconstitutional.

"They had documents to prove it — a carload of documents, in undecipherable jargon, all purportedly showing that they, as free white men, could renounce governmental authority, start their own government and issue their own checks."

The farmers invited the out-

sider to live at their foreclosed farms. They arrived late last September, under cover of night and in the same ramshackle cars.

These outsiders were misfits of another sort.

After cracking his skull in a Wyoming oil-rig accident in 1983, Skurdal had trouble remembering things and developed an odd personality, according to witness statements in documents from a lawsuit he filed against the company.

That's also when Skurdal became obsessed with constitutional issues and started having fun with police because he refused to use a driver's license.

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At the farm, they created a

Freeman training center for the patrons who would take America back for its "true citizens": white, Christian men of Northern European stock.

They declared sovereignty, issued millions of dollars in phony money orders and checks, set up commune-like courts and threatened to kill any officials who stood in their way.

Then they invited people to come learn their methods.

In September, scores arrived for four-day seminars and some stayed on — mostly those with reasons to seek refuge in a place defying the law.

Among those believed to beled up in Justus Township:

Dana Dudley and Russell Landers of Four-Gates-N.C., who are wanted in Colorado on charges of filing phony property liens against officials they didn't like.

Fugitives since skipping a Jan. 30 court date, Dudley and Landers have their 16-year-old daughter, Ashley Taylor, with them.

Three other North Carolinians, Steven Hance and sons John and James, were charged last August with assaulting police when pulled over in North Carolina for driving without license plates. They skipped a March 4 court date.

Gloria Ward and her common-law husband, Elwin Ward, are on the run from child-welfare officials in Michigan, who want to put her two daughters, ages 8 and 10, in foster homes.

Members of a tiny religious sect called the "House of Chaney," the Wards are followers of John Chaney, now in a Utah jail on charges he forced his 13-year-old daughter to marry a 48-year-old apostle.

In January, the Rev. Helen Young, a Jordan pastor, ventured to the compound to see if these troubled souls needed ministering. They told her their Christian Identity beliefs decreed white males are the pinnacle of Creation, destined to save the United States from a tyrannical conspiracy masterminded by Jews, whom they say are Satan's offspring.

Young asked how they intended to achieve their destiny, and Schweitzer spoke up.

"We are there," he told her. "We have established Heaven on Earth by establishing God's law on Earth at Justus Township. We are there. All that's left is the cleanup."

On March 25, just as determined

local ranchers were assembling a posse and talking of storming the farm themselves, the FBI moved in.

Experts on hate groups aren't surprised by how dug in the Freeman are.

"A portion of their beliefs is wrapped up in the idea that there will be some sort of Armageddon, usually with federal authorities, and that they'll have to engage in some kind of race-war to establish the white Christian Republic," said

Robert Crawford of the Coalition for Human Dignity in Seattle.

The locals are shaking their heads. How did their neighbors get caught up in something so odd?

"I think they got taken in," Bob Cowin said. "This Freeman stuff, he said, is like the spring mud that will follow the melting snow."

"They were looking for some way to 'save their farm,'" Cowin said. "They got into this Freeman thing, and the deeper they got, the harder it was to get out."

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Oregon militia circulates petitions to prevent violent end in the Montana Freeman-standoff

The Associated Press

Northwest supporters of the fugitive Montana Freeman are circulating petitions calling for creation of a grand jury under their own court system to prevent a violent end to the Justus Township standoff.

The petitions go along with a proposal from Daniel Petersen Jr., a jailed leader of the anti-government group known as the Freeman. Around a dozen Freeman are believed to be on a ranch surrounded by FBI agents outside Jordan, Mont. The Freeman call their enclave Justus Township.

The fugitives would be willing to surrender unarmed if they could go before an independent grand

jury of their peers created under common law, as opposed to a grand jury convened under federal law, Petersen's stepson, Kevin Entzel, told The Associated Press.

The petition was drafted Sunday at a Walla Walla, Wash., gathering of about two dozen people who belong to regional militias or support the Freeman, said Walt Hassey.

An independent paralegal from La Grande, Ore., Hassey serves as legal adviser to the Eastern Oregon Militia.

"This is a first attempt at a peaceful resolution for the people who are held hostage in their farm-house," Hassey said. "They believe the government is trying to investigate another Waco-type situation."

Hassey said the goal was to send

the petitions to Petersen's daughter-in-law, Carol Lee Smith, in Winnetka, Mont., so she could relay them to authorities before April 19. That is the anniversary of the Oklahoma City federal building bombing that killed 169 people last year and the 1993 assault on the Branch Davidian compound at Waco, Texas, that left at least 75 people dead.

Hassey said he expected the government to create some kind of violent incident on April 19 and blame it on the militia movement.

Support for common law courts has its roots in the anti-government Ronse Combrans movement of the 1970s and 1980s, said Robert Crawford, a researcher for the Coalition for Human Dignity in Seattle.

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U.S. actually has 8 time zones

When asked to name the U.S. time zones, most people say Eastern, Central, Mountain and Pacific. And leave out Herring, Alaska, Yukon and Atlantic. Not, just.

Herring, they don't turn yellow. Secret Service men always had to bait the look for President Calvin Coolidge when he went fishing. They didn't like that. And they had to take the fish off the hook. They didn't like that, either. Coolidge some glows. But he still thought it was, s.k.

Of all the French fried potatoes the United States ships abroad - and that's a many - Japan gets almost half.

When a golf ball is kept in a freezer until its core gets extremely cold, it loses resilience, and won't fly as far when nearly as far as a normal ball, not even after its cover warms up to the touch. Both practical jokers and cheats can take frozen golf balls of various brands to the course on game day, and substitute same for opponents.

L.M. Boyd What's what?

Q. How long can an eel live?

A. In captivity? About 50 years insofar as is now recorded. In the wild? Unknown. It's not easy to tell one free eel from another.

Female blackbirds, are sort of hanoi, sort of grov, but not what you'd call black.

Sydney Omarr Horoscope

IF APRIL 4 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are independent, controlled, creative your own traditions, possibly, were separated from one of both parents at relatively early age. Laura, Leo, Scorpio, two, play, measurable risks in your life. You are intuitive, determined to be first in line. Current cycle, late to mental status, public appearances, activities connected with food, restaurant. Major domestic contention involves possible change of residence, career.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Focus on mood, inspiration, meditation, element of deception. Conclusion reached in connection with partnership, legal affairs, marital status. Procs. Virgo persons play out-standing roles.

TARUS (April 20-May 20): Full Moon relates to basic issues, dependencies, employment - organize priorities, deal energetically with Capricorn. Cancer natives. You're called upon to bring order out of chaos of confusion.

LEO (May 21-June 21): Long-distance communication relates to travel, publishing, search for soul mate. You'll exhibit isolation in romance - Libra could confide. You liberators attract.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Make fresh start, deal with situation at home involving another. Cancer natives find approach necessary, moves and future involved. Stick with familiar ground without being bound down.

LIBRA (July 23-Aug. 23): Intuitive intellect proves accurate gauge. Full Moon postnatal emphasizes trips, visits, relatives, ideas acquiring time to mature. Family member makes bizarre proposal - don't be foolish!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Count change? Be versatile without scattering efforts. Social activities involve moves, necessity for investing in beliefs. What was lost will be returned. Blessings.

LIRIA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Made to order. Challenge right to your ally - what's exciting could be on practice of fame and fortune! Don't follow others, impart style. Be open to fate. Scorpio is receptive.

Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

I JUST LOST MY JOB!
MY WIFE RAN OFF WITH THE BLACKSMITH!
MY HOUSE BURNED DOWN LAST NIGHT!
LAST CALL!
HAPPY HOUR IS OVER IN TEN MINUTES!

Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker

HOW DID YOU MAKE OUT WITH THE REVIEW BOARD, SARGE?
REVIEW TODAY!
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HEY! THAT BETTER NOT BE A FAT JOKE!

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

OH, HERE'S YOUR FILE, RIGHT HERE... UNDER "ACCOUNTLETS".

The Bora Loser By Art Sansom & Chip

SIGH...
PICASSO HAD HIS BLUE PERIOD...
I'M HAVING A BLUE LIFE!

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Valley life

Tracing family history helps adult adoptees find identity

DEAR ABBY: I loved the recent letter from the woman who received a family history from her grandmother as a Christmas gift. You responded that a family history is a treasured gift. I agree with you completely. However, there is an aspect of having a family history that many people do not think is necessary. I am referring to the need for some adult adoptees to know about their birth family.

My husband is an adoptee in his late 40s. He was a teacher for more than 20 years and is now a middle school administrator. We raised a handicapped child who, for many years, was in the top 10 percent of her class. She is now grown and is also a teacher.

My husband did not search for his birth family until he was well over 40 years old. We knew nothing about these people. What we found was a wonderful family genealogy of his birth family that revealed pioneer Virginia families, and birth grandparents who were educators. We worked hard to trace the birth family back to the 1700s.

When adoptees search for their heritage, it is an act of fulfillment, not necessarily to disrupt the birth families. We have had the pleasure of meeting most of my husband's birth relatives, but the discovery of his "roots" has really been the best



Dear Abby
Abigail VanBuren

of bonuses. My husband was raised an only child. Now he has two wonderful half-brothers who have been fascinated with their family history that we found, parts of which they were unaware of.

Abby, thank you for any support that you can give adult adoptees who want to know about their families of origin. It gives them courage when others see why all aspects of family are important to the adult adoptee.

-AN ADOPTEE'S WIFE
IN RICHMOND, VA.

DEAR WIFE: My heart aches for the many "older" people who were adopted as infants, but because their families falsely regarded the circumstances of their birth (twisted mouths) as somehow disgraceful, they have been denied information concerning their parentage.

DEAR ABBY: Regarding "Hurt and Hoping," Fort Worth, Texas, whose son mysteriously disappeared five years ago, leaving his family to wonder if he was dead or alive: I had the same experience. My son was staying at my sister's

home when he went out one evening and never returned. At first we assumed it was a temporary disappearance, but as time went on, we realized it was for real.

For five years, I heard not one word, and I visualized everything from prison to death. The anxiety of not knowing is indescribable. Finally around the fifth year, I gave up and said to my Lord, "I am turning it over to you"; then I put it out of my mind.

In September of the fifth year, I received a letter, and the thrill of recognizing his handwriting on an envelope made my heart want to jump right out of my chest! His letter said that he was coming home and would be at the airport at a certain time on a specific day.

Of course I was there to meet him, and I have never questioned him as to where he had been or the reason for his silence. I felt that since the Lord had answered my prayers, who was I to question him?

He is now a respectable young man, holding a good job and sending me letters of appreciation constantly.

So to "Hurt and Hoping," I don't give up—Keep praying.

-FAITHFUL FROM PRESNO
DEAR FAITHFUL: Thank you for writing. Your letter is a testament to the power of faith, hope and prayer.

Booth Home seeks alums

The Times-News

BOISE - The Booth Memorial Home and School will celebrate 75 years of service in Idaho the week of Sept. 9-14. Information is being sought about those who wish to attend; who have memorabilia, pictures, articles or stories to share; who know of or who were previous staff members or volunteers; or who would donate inmates to the event.

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Valley happenings

Gooding seniors schedule breakfast

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Pancake breakfast planned Saturday

TWIN FALLS - A pancake breakfast is planned for Saturday at the Twin Falls Senior Center on Eastland Drive.

Scrambled eggs, ham, hashbrowns, fruit, coffee, juice and milk are included on the menu. Cost is \$5.00 for seniors over age 60 and children under age 12 for all others, its \$3.50. The public is invited.

Open house honors Butler's 80th

JEROME - Ruby Butler will celebrate her 80th birthday at an open house set for 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday at the First World Baptist Church, 829 S. Cleveland. No gifts please.

Ruby Hayhurst was born Feb. 12, 1916, in Carroll County, Ark. She married Kenneth Butler in 1932, and they came to Jerome in 1947. The event is host-

ed by her children, Joan Tortel of Filer and Loren Butler of San Dimas, Calif., and their families. She has three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Conner celebrates 80th birthday

RICHFIELD - An open house to help Clifford Conner celebrate his 80th birthday is planned for 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Richfield Senior Center.

Conner was born April 7, 1916, in Edon. His family moved to Richfield while he was a baby, and he has lived there all his life. He married Ethel Pope in 1942, and they have one daughter, Glennis Dee Tester, and three grandchildren. The event is hosted by his family. No gifts please.

Kimberly seniors set Sunday dinner

KIMBERLY - The Kimberly senior citizens have planned their monthly Sunday dinner for noon to 2 p.m. Sunday at the Ageless Senior Citizens Center, 310 Main St.

An Easter dinner is planned. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12. For more information, call 423-4338.

Compiled from staff reports

Seniors invited to Easter buffet

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Senior citizens are invited to an Easter buffet Sunday in the cafeteria at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Dinner will feature Greek lemon chicken or spiced glazed ham, potatoes au gratin, steamed asparagus or steamed green baby carrots, green salad, dinner roll, lemon cheesecake and a small beverage. Cost is \$4.25 per person. Serving hours are 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 to 7 p.m.

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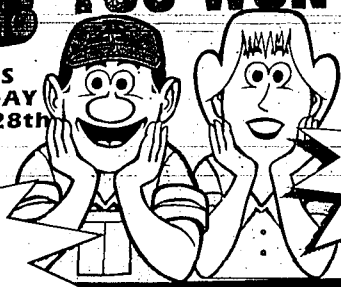
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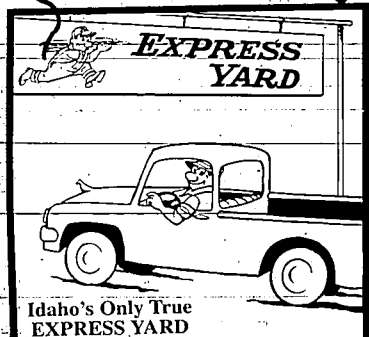


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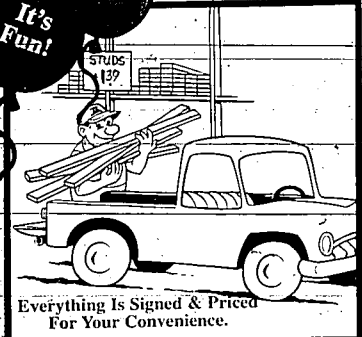
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Outdoors

Skiing the 2nd season

Stable snowpack, warm weather combine for sublime skiing

By Mark Weber
Times-News correspondent

As the days grow longer and temperatures rise, nature wakens from its winter slumber and starts to buzz with the arrival of spring. Skiing on light powder snow is a thing of the past, so outdoors adventurers turn their thoughts to warmer pursuits — such as climbing, cycling, boating and so on. Skis are consigned to their storage place to await another season, but they needn't be.

For many of Idaho's most dedicated skiers, spring is the finest ski season of all. Carving sinuous turns in granular corn snow atop a solid base — in a T-shirt, no less — is pure heaven for many skiers.

April, May and early June usually are the best months to take advantage of good spring conditions. If you venture afield much earlier, the snowpack may not be fully consolidated — leaving hollow areas just beneath the surface, going too late may yield slippy snow or sun cups.

In most cases, mid-morning is the optimal time to ski; before that, the snowpack often is too icy to ski well. By 10 a.m., the first few inches of snow have been softened by the morning sun — providing something to edge turns against, while the solid base provides a uniform platform to prevent skiers from breaking through.

By late afternoon, upper layers of the snowpack often sloshy skiing and, in some cases, can cause wet snow avalanches.

Finding the right spot isn't always easy, because the sweetest spring skiing often lies beyond the lifts.

Spring skiing runs the spectrum from many runs on short slopes, to a full-length mountain descent after a full-alt climb to the summit. A typical outing requires steep uphill hiking, generally with a pack laden with ski, food and water, extra clothes always are a good idea because spring weather can change swiftly.

Done properly, the reward for these labors is ideal snow — with the surface softened by the morning sun and a firm base. Alpine skiers and telemarketers thrive under these conditions, linking one jump turn after another.

Back at the bottom, they doff their skis and hike back up for another run. When lunchtime rolls around, they can find a warm place in the sun to enjoy a leisurely meal.

Of course, a few skiers balk at the idea of hiking to ski, which in some circles is known as "earning your turns."

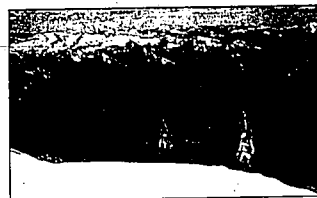
However, skiing on spring snow is consistent, safe and fun — and the thermal virtues of spring will be evident on the first outing. Barring the occasional thunderstorm, spring weather generally is pleasant. Bright sunny skies, mild temperatures and long days all contribute to the laid-back and relaxing character of spring skiing.

As for the snow, no human can groom it as well as nature does in spring. Getting up the hill requires some effort, but kicking steps in well-consolidated snow generally is as easy as climbing stairs.

So if you didn't do enough skiing this past winter, now is the time to take advantage of the "best" ski season. It's a great way to get some exercise and mix cold-weather fun with warm-weather sun.



Not bothering with too many clothes, writer-skier Mark Weber does some springtime shredding on Pike Mountain, in the South Hills. Photo courtesy TRACEY W. BEHR



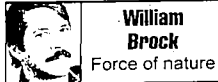
Spring skiers Bill Powers, right, and Basil Service near the top of Galena Summit, in the Boulder Mountains. MARK WEBER/The Times-News



Twin Falls resident Bill Powers takes the hold-and-toe lift up a couloir above Lake Cleveland, in the Albion Mountains. MARK WEBER/The Times-News

Slobs make 'War on the West'

Spring is here, no doubt about it. Birds are singing, trees are budding and the slobs are out — thoughtlessly leaving their trash in some of my favorite places. They were out in force at Bierkes Lake over the weekend, adorning the landscape with beer and pop cans, fast food wrappers and plastic bait rubs. Slobs go to great lengths to haul virtues and swirl into beautiful areas, where they feast their eyes as they gobble and gulp.



William Brock
Force of nature

Is carrying away one's cast-offs too much to ask? Heck, many of the beer and pop cans I pick up aren't even empty — so these folks are driven by some reflex action, not a morbid fear of dehydration.

What motivates these slobs? Can't they enjoy a remarkable place like Bierkes Lake without mechanically sacking something into their mouths? Whatever happened to drinking water from a favorite canteen? Or eating an apple? Couldn't they manage a few hours without sacking anything to eat or drink?

Slobs aren't pondering these questions. Instead, they're setting their beverage down on a rock, tossing the potato salad carton into the sagebrush and tearing the wrapper off their Cheez Doodles. Now where'd that drink go?

Hmm, better get a fresh one.

Let's face it: Slobs are part of the American landscape. Regrettable as it may be, Idaho isn't off limits to slovenly behavior and chances are that some of your "secret spots" have been trashed by someone else.

Bierkes Lake — one of the finest city parks I've ever visited — is a far cry from "secret," so I don't expect to be alone there. I do expect other visitors to honor the wild character of the area which is, after all, why we go there.

If scenery and wildlife weren't important, slobs would whoop it up at the dump. After all, the setting would be familiar.

Trouble is, trashy behavior isn't confined to popular landmarks like Bierkes Lake. I've found heaps of fresh garbage on favorite trails in the South Hills and in backcountry camps in the Sawtooth Wilderness.

I'm growing weary of it — and I'm getting more assertive. I'll continue to carry a trash sack and pick up other people's garbage, but I'm starting to ask likely looking people — point-blank — if they intend to carry out their cast-offs.

It's unfortunate, but I no longer carry as some people "will do the right thing" and haul their garbage away.

My question probably sounds impertinent, because a few people have responded with a "What if it ya?, buddy?" Still, it fun to talk to consider the eventual fate of their garbage and will actually shame them into picking it out.

The "anything goes" spirit of the West was acceptable when there weren't many people around, but the region's elusive wild qualities are being trampled into oblivion as more and more slobs discover the great outdoors; one broken beer-bottle cap, one crushed, but a broken bottle is a wound on the face of the earth.

Everyone is entitled to enjoy public lands, but no one is entitled to ruin them for those unfortunate enough to follow. Whether you're throwing beer cans in the lake, or slewing a four-wheel-drive around in a mud-bog, the question to ask is this: What if everyone were doing it?

Could "we" keep it up indefinitely? Or would our lakes eventually fill up with garbage and our mud bogs become impassable?

I'm not willing to sit by and watch as slobs make war on the West — so I'll continue to ask politely, if they're planning to carry their garbage to the nearest trash bin.

Outdoors Editor William Brock urges people incapable of picking up their garbage to stay home.

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Mixing-cold-weather fun with warm-weather sun — safely

- Know your ability: How steep should you attempt to ski? In the event of a fall will you be able to stop quickly? Or will the fall turn into a slide for life?
- Use caution on the terrain: Are there rocks or trees to avoid during your descent? Is there a safe "run-out" at the bottom of the slope — or a jumble of jagged rocks?
- Bring plenty of water: Temperatures may be warm and you will be exercising vigorously.
- Bring sunscreen and sun glasses: Ultraviolet rays are powerful in the mountains.
- Dress for success: Shell pants over shorts or tights can keep you dry in the event of a fall and protect against friction burns. A light coat and shell parka also may come in handy.
- Know how to handle yourself in an emergency and carry a shovel, ski repair kit and First Aid supplies.
- Use good judgement and never be too proud to back away when a desired route looks unsuitable.

Pleasing carp is 'pain in the neck'

The Associated Press

SPRIT LAKE, Iowa — For a fish, life with Keith Jones is as good as it gets.

There are first-class accommodations, complete safety, even respect. For this, the fish are asked just one thing in return.

"I'd like them to tell me what they like to eat," said Jones, a fish biologist at Berkeley and a maker of fishing lures and equipment.

Over the years, trout, catfish, bass and other fish have eagerly cooperated, and Berkeley's packages the information into lures that help fishermen around the world catch such species.

One fish, though, won't reveal its secrets the carp.

"They have outsmarted me. We had to abandon carp and go to goldfish. I don't want to be de-



Biologist Keith Jones Outsmarted by carp

meaning to goldfish, but they're not very smart," Jones said.

The problem is, carp learn too quickly, imitating Jones' method of determining what

things fish like the most.

Some fishermen won't understand the problem. In many places, carp are considered trash fish and are left to rot on the riverbank. They're bony, hard to prepare and like to eat the eggs and young of more preferred species.

"They're not very good eaters," Jones said. "The bait story is, the preferred way to prepare a carp is to fillet it and season it to taste, put it on a wooden board, bake it at 350 for an hour and then throw away the fish and eat the board."

But the bottom-feeder is popular in Europe, where it is considered a challenge to catch and is gaining converts in the United States, according to John Yancey of Groveland, Ill., president of the Carp Anglers Group.

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Idaho's nonresident elk tags sell out

The Associated Press

BOISE — Idaho's regular and mountain-elk tags allocated for nonresident hunters were sold out early Tuesday.

The Idaho Fish and Game Department said only 531 Panhandle elk tags remain available in nonresident.

Nonresident deer tags still are available except in units 75, 76, 77 and 78 in southeastern Idaho. As of Tuesday, 6,297 deer tags remained unsold, but Fish and Game personnel said those tags were selling faster than they did last year and it can't be pre-

dicted when they will sell out.

After the tags officially sell out, nonresidents still have a shot at a tag that might be returned for a refund or returned by an outfitter. Big game outfitters are allocated tags each year, but not all outfitters have a customer for every tag.

Leftover tags are returned by July 1. Tags may be available for refunds by hunters up to Aug. 31. Nonresidents who want to be notified of leftover or returned tag availability can call Fish and Game. Tags will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Shooter aims for Olympics

Woman gets a late start but becomes champion material

By Steve Waters
Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel

SUNRISE, Fla. — When Short LeGate tells her students that any one can become a champion shooter, she speaks from first-hand experience.

A national and Olympic Festival competition by double trap, LeGate hopes to compete in the 1996 Summer Olympics. Her final qualifying match will be today in Atlanta. The top two shooters will make the U.S. team.

Not bad for someone who never fired a gun until she was 31. Even more amazing is that LeGate, 40, has been shooting less than 10 years.

"Anybody has it inside of them to be an Olympian in any sport," said LeGate, who was at the Markham Park Target Range last week coaching the USA Shooting Alumni team in the eighth annual Sportsman's Team Challenge.

"All it takes is desire, dedication and determination. If you want to do it, you can do it, but it takes a lot of work. Some people have natural talent and it comes easier for them, but I know people who have very little natural ability, but they worked at it. They have a passion for their sport."

Few are as passionate about shooting as LeGate. A U.S. Shooting Team member, she lives and trains in Colorado Springs, Colo.

LeGate also is a senior instructor with the Women's Shooting Sports Foundation and has her own company, Shoot The Moon, which makes

fashionable yet functional shooting vests and upland bird-hunting vests tailored to a woman.

Lynne Winger, an Olympic gold medalist and former coach of the U.S. Shooting Team — LeGate was coaching him last week — attributed much of LeGate's success to her attitude and personality.

"She's always up and exuberant," Winger said. "She kind of came from out of nowhere, and made herself my competitor."

LeGate's odyssey began on a Saturday afternoon in 1986. The marketing director for a concert hall in Arizona at the time, she was flipping through the channels of her television. She stopped at a skeet-shooting match between Matt Dryke, the 1984 Olympic gold medalist in international skeet, and actor Robert Stack.

"I watched it and it really intrigued me," said LeGate, adding that no one in her family shot. "So I got the Yellow Pages, looked up a local trap and skeet range, called and said, 'Can I get instruction?' I went there the next Saturday and they taught me to shoot American game in a beat-up 20-gauge Remington 1100 shotgun and said, 'See those old men over there? They'll show you how to shoot.'"

LeGate shot poorly that first time, but she kept coming back. About four months later she broke 25 targets in a row, a significant achievement for a skeet shooter. Her teachers encouraged her to shoot in a match. So she entered the Kachina Open with a borrowed 12-gauge

shotgun and broke 98 of 100 targets. "That got me into a shoot-off for third place with Matt Dryke," LeGate said. "This was my ideal, the man who got me started in shooting."

She lost the shoot-off — "Matt and I are good friends. He laughs about it now" — but a shooting star was born.

LeGate switched to international skeet, which is basically a harder versus-easier sport. She tried to teach herself the game, but couldn't quite get it.

"Then one day at the range, a guy comes over and says, 'Let me give you a couple of pointers,'" LeGate said.

That guy was Richard Attkin, who was a member of the U.S. Shooting Team for 10 years. He became not only LeGate's coach, but her husband: They were married on Dec. 31, 1989.

LeGate improved rapidly under Attkin's guidance. In 1990, LeGate tried out for and made the U.S. Shooting Developmental Team. In 1992, it was announced that double trap for women was going to be an Olympic sport at the Atlanta Games. LeGate took up that game and won the gold medal at that year's Olympic Sports Festival and the 1994 Double Trap Nationals.

The only U.S. woman to break 50 straight double trap targets, LeGate had an off year in 1995. This year she has worked hard and heads into the Olympic qualifying full of confidence.

For a shooter, there's no better ammunition.

Briefly

Speak on recreational resource use
TWIN FALLS — Anyone with an opinion about recreational opportunities, and resources along the Snake River corridor from Massacre Rocks to Glens Ferry is invited to speak their mind at a series of public workshops.

The meetings are sponsored by the Middle Snake River Recreation Work Group, which is dedicated to public access to the river, as well as its canyon and floodplain, while respecting the integrity of private property rights.

The workshops, which run from 7-9 p.m., will be held:

- April 23 in Burley, in the U.S. Bureau of Land Management office at 3360 Overland Ave.
- April 24 in Hagerman, at the National Park Service office at 221 N. State St.
- April 25 in Twin Falls, in the state Health and Welfare building at 601 Pololine Rd.
- May 8 in Glens Ferry, at the Carmella Winery.

Comments will be used to tailor draft recommendations ranging from requests for new recreational facilities, to the need for stricter resource protection. Final recommendations will go to government, federal and public land management agencies.

For more information, call Mike Pepper at 324-3389, or Marty Sharp at 886-2206.

Comment on proposal for bike trail
KETCHUM — Officials with the Sawtooth National Recreation Area want to know what people think of the Sun Valley Co.'s proposal to build a bicycling and hiking trail on Bald Mountain, then operate two chairlifts to carry hikers and bikers to the top of the mountain.

"We are interested to know how people feel about this proposed trail, which would help meet the increasing demand for additional mountain biking and hiking trails close to Ketchum," said Doug Ahromet, recreation specialist with the Sawtooth Forest's Ketchum Ranger District.

The proposed Baldy Perimeter Trail would run 17 miles from Warm Springs Lodge to Broadway Saddle, then head south of Seattle Ridge to Gold Springs Gulch, where it would join with the Wood River bike path. Some of the trail would encompass existing roads, but 12 miles of new trail would be constructed.

If approved, it would pass over land controlled by the National Forest Service and U.S. Bureau of Land Management, as well as privately owned lands; the Sun Valley Co. would be responsible for all private land easements.

Tentative plans call for construction of the Broadway Saddle to Cold Springs section sometime this

summer, while the Warm Springs to Broadway Saddle segment would be added next year.

A briefing paper and map of the proposed trail is available at the Sawtooth Forest's Ketchum office, at 236 Sun Valley Rd. Written comments should be sent to the Ketchum District Ranger at P.O. Box 2356, Ketchum, ID, 83340. Comments should be received by April 17.

For more information, call Ahromet at 622-5371.

Center teaches backcountry packing
GOODING — The College of Southern Idaho's North Side Center soon will offer a backcountry packing course.

Bald Lamb will instruct students in the art of rope knotting and tying, saddling pack animals, braiding and more. Class will meet from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 20 at the instructor's home in Gooding. Cost is \$30.

For more information, to register and to obtain directions, call the North Side Center at 934-8678.

Jerome club meets at shooting range
JEROME — The Jerome County Rod and Gun Club will hold its monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the shooting range.

The trap range will be open at about 4 p.m. for those who would like to shoot a round beforehand; members and non-members are invited. The range is located five miles north of the junction of Highways 93 and 25, and one-half mile east of Alt Post 64.

For more information, call John L. Weston at 324-7374.

Batt seeks Fish, Game commissioners
BOISE — Do you know someone who would make a good Fish and Game commissioner for Idaho? Idaho Gov. Phil Batt is accepting nominations to fill two openings on the state Fish and Game Commission, which sets state policy on fish and game issues.

Both terms begin July 1 and expire June 30, 2000. Nominations must live in the region they represent and be well-versed in fish and wildlife issues.

The Region 4 seat, presently held by Jerome opponent Ernest Woe Rose, encompasses Twin Falls, Jerome, Gooding, Lincoln, Camas, Blaine, Minkola and Cassia counties. Rose said he'll seek reappointment.

The Region 7 seat represents Custer and Lemhi counties — which have a combined population of fewer than 11,500 residents; the commission's seventh seat was created by a recent act of the Idaho Legislature.

Compiled from staff reports.

High-altitude hobby



Tom Nass, left, and Sophia Sparks pause 200 foot up in a Douglass Fir tree near Morlin, Ore.

Bait

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Berkley, North America's biggest sport tackle company, with headquarters in Spirit Lake, near the Minnesota line, has never marketed a carp bait.

"What we're trying to do is find exactly what components of food they're looking for and then exaggerate those components in a bait," Jones said.

Jones' method is to soak cotton balls with various flavors. If the flavor is delicious, the fish will swallow. If it's less than delicious, the fish will chew it up and spit it out. If it's completely awful, the fish will spit it out right away.

The cotton balls itself is neutral; fish neither like nor dislike them, and they're harmless if swallowed.

Trot continued...

"We've done about 25,000 or 30,000 of those tests. Trust me, that's a lot of time taking a tweezers and dropping a cotton ball in a tank. Each test is scored. As a result, we've got a truly outstanding trout bait," Jones said.

"They quickly learn that some of the cotton pellets are a slightly different look to them. They figure out which ones are going to have the right taste and the wrong taste," he said.

"He'll quickly learn that some cotton pellets are not going to offer the flavor he wants. He'll not even try them, so we can't tell how much he likes them," Jones said.

Jones also discovered that carp somehow make decisions based on the rate of descent of the target pellets, then reject those that sink at a certain rate even if the flavor has changed.

Jones' laboratory has dozens of tanks; the centerpiece being one the size of a swimming pool in which bass live the good life, sampling lures that are pulled through the water by a device that works like the mechanical rabbit at a dog track.

Jones is still interested in carp. But for now, he's trying to draw conclusions about them from their more predictable relatives, the goldfish.

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3 marauding lions trapped, removed

LAVA HOT SPRINGS (AP) — Snake River Game Department biologists have trapped and removed three mountain lions that had been killing farm animals east of Lava Hot Springs.

The third and final cat, a young male, was trapped on Tuesday. A young female was caught a day earlier and the large male mountain lion was trapped in the week.

They are being shipped to the department's wildlife and veteri-

nary lab in Nampa where they will be kept in isolation until they are old enough to be released or until another home is found for them.

For about a month, the two young lions were in the area around Bruce Hansen's farm, eating road kill deer, state biologist Carl Anderson said. But then Hansen began noticing some of his animals disappearing.

"They made themselves at home," Hansen said.

After Anderson tracked down the older lion in a nearby draw a week ago, Hansen set traps around his place Sunday to trap the two young lions.

"Something obviously happened to my mother, and that's why they're getting in trouble now," Anderson said.

"Lions stay with their mother up to two years. During that time, they learn how to be a mountain lion."

Young angler reels in whopper flathead catfish

BOISE (AP) — Dustin DeGrange of Boise was reaching for a bag of potato chips while fishing with his dad, Daryl, on Bronowice Reservoir when he hooked what he thought was a snail.

But what almost jerked the 11-year-old angler's fishing rod out of the

rod turned out to be a 39-inch-long, 29-pound, 7-ounce flathead catfish.

"It's my biggest fish ever," Dustin said. "I got red marks on my stomach from the burr of the fishing pole."

It took him about 15 minutes to reel in the big flathead while fishing for bass near the Spring Recreation

Site, bouncing a green-and-black jig in about 25 feet of water. It was in a 12-pound-test line on a small spinning rod.

The state-record flathead catfish was 48 inches long and weighed 58 pounds, 8 ounces. It was caught on Aug. 23, 1994, at Bronowice.

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Tribal project releases fall chinook

PITTSBURG-LANDING (AP)—About 115,000 fall chinook salmon have hitched a ride to Hells Canyon as part of a Nez Perce tribal project to rebuild a historic run.

The chinook were drafted from Washington's Lyons Ferry Fish Hatchery, which biologists believe holds the truest remnants of the Snake River run.

Only a few hundred wild fish still return to the Snake to spawn each fall, a bare whisper of the thousands that once died near the river's gravel.

The Washington Fish and Wildlife Department's efforts to keep the fish run at Lyons Ferry have been paying off, enough so

that the tribe's plan could proceed this year.

Fifteen fiberglass tanks were located at Pittsburg Landing, the takeout spot for boats and floaters in the canyon.

The fish will camp out there for another two weeks before tribal biologists open the tanks.

At Lyons Ferry, between Little Goose and Lower Monumental Dams on the Snake and nearly 100 miles downriver, the return rate averages about three adults per thousand smolts.

The fish—slim as nearly 1 1/2 year olds—once they are released April 15, the tank farm will be torn down and stored for a replay next year, according to plans.

The experiment is scheduled to last three years. Problems prevented the original target release time of mid-March.

Acclimation sites, at the tanks or more typical earthen ponds are known, are standard operations by U.S. Fish and Wildlife and other agencies.

An agreement with the National Marine Fisheries Service required the fish to be spawned in hatchery raceways and their young reared there until they were big enough to be released upstream from the dam.

The plan was intended to keep hatchery-reared salmon from mixing with wild fall chinook in the Snake.

Fishing's repercussions can be a pain for serious anglers

By Ray Serner
Dallas Morning News

DALLAS—On a typical tournament day, bass pro Larry Nixon spends seven hours whipping his right arm as if he were Greg Maddux delivering a fast ball. When Maddux's pitch count rises above 100, his pitching coach gets concerned.

Nixon has no pitching coach, nor does he have a guaranteed cast, but he has a sore elbow, resulting from millions of casts.

If you counted Nixon's daily casts during the recent B.A.S.S. MASTERS, his pitching motion would range from 1,000 to 1,500.

"The casting motion is like a baseball pitcher throwing the ball," says Nixon, the B.A.S.S. career leading money winner. "I hurt my elbow in December on Lake Seminole. We were making long casts with a crankbait. After two days, my elbow was hurting so bad, I had to change fishing styles."

Nixon underwent a series of corrective shots in his elbow and laid off fishing for more than a week. The pain came back in February, and Nixon has spent most days since in a temporary cast that immobilizes his right arm from elbow to wrist.

Robert Tucker knows the feeling. The Sachse, Texas, bass pro has suffered tendinitis the past five years and plans to undergo corrective surgery later this spring.

"The pain gets so bad, I can't lift a cup of coffee," Tucker said. "Casting is like a throwing motion, except fishermen make it worse because they don't have a follow-through."

The elbow pain suffered by so many serious anglers generally is referred to as tennis elbow, but Dr. Neal Small, an orthopedic surgeon from nearby Plano, Texas, who treats a number of anglers, said the technical term is lateral epicondylitis.

"Tennis elbow and rotator cuff problems are common with fishermen," Small said. "These are not dramatic sports injuries like those associated with football. They are repetitive motion injuries that take awhile to show up."

Fishing is viewed by the general public as an idyllic, contemplative sport, but that's not the way bass pros do it. With each cast repetitions on the line, the angler who makes the most casts multiplies his earning potential, in tournament winnings and lucrative endorsements.

And forget about the modern tournament bass boat as a plush mini-yacht complete with padded cushions and swivel fishing seats. Many of the

pros actually remove the comfortable fishing seats from their boats.

"If you believe tournament bass fishing is easy, all you've got to do is fish a day with Gary Klein," Small said with a knowing chuckle. The doctor has been a fishing partner for the 38-year-old bass pro from Weatherford, Texas. The result? "I've never felt so beat up in my life," Small said.

Klein and most other pros believe it's more efficient to cast and fish while standing.

'I've had several pro athletes in my boat, and they're worn out by the end of the day.'

— bass pro Gary Klein

"In 23 years of competitive fishing, I have never made a cast while sitting down," said Klein, one of the first generation of bass pros who never had a job other than professional fishing.

"I've had several pro athletes in my boat, and they're worn out by the end of the day," Klein said. "They can't believe we keep up the pace for three or four days at a time."

They also maintain the pace in all kinds of weather. Since the first B.A.S.S. tournament in 1967, the organization has canceled just four days of fishing because of weather.

"That often translates to long, bone-jarring boat rides to and from productive fishing holes.

The constant pounding results in back problems for pro anglers, particularly those such as Robert Hamilton, who suffers degenerative disk problems, anyway.

Hamilton has undergone three disk operations, including spinal fusion with titanium hardware last fall. The Mississippi bass pro routinely sets off airport metal detectors, and his high-tech nickname "Six Million Dollar Man."

"I've been doing a lot of weight lifting, stretching and walking for the past six months," Hamilton said. "Hopefully, the spinal fusion will do the trick. There's not much you can do to help a rough boat ride."

Driving a boat is about the only thing bass pros do from a seated position. When the boat crashes through rough water, it sends a shock wave up the driver's spine.

Hamilton has just signed a deal to work with Cajun Boats, and he plans to approach the company about designing a pro-style bass boat with a stand-up console. A stand-up boat driving style trans-

fers shock from the spine to the knees.

Medical science can substitute metal for bone, but it cannot repair the healing loss suffered by Nixon and other pros who run their 150-horsepower outboards at full throttle while water conditions permit the 60 to 75 mph speeds.

While fishing a 1994 tournament at Lake St. Clair, Mich., Nixon became dizzy. For three months, he suffered dizziness problems.

"Doctors told me that the wind from operating boats at high speed would cause the seas to be damaged," Nixon said. "Now I wear a sweatshirt with a hood and put the hood up whenever I run the boat. I advise young pros to wear a visor when running the boat."

Pro fishing, Klein said, is the only sport in which most competitors do not work out, and they even warm up before a competition.

Klein, who has been lifting weights for about eight years, does stretching exercises before and after a fishing day. Klein credits his preference for long fishing rods with avoiding elbow problems.

"With the longer rods, you have more leverage, so the rods do most of the work," Klein said. "People who fish with shorter rods do more of the work themselves and tend to hyperextend their elbows."

Wearing an elastic back support while operating the boat is good preventative maintenance, but Hamilton swears against relying on the support for the entire fishing day. Wearing a support all day, Hamilton said, weakens your muscles and exacerbates back problems.

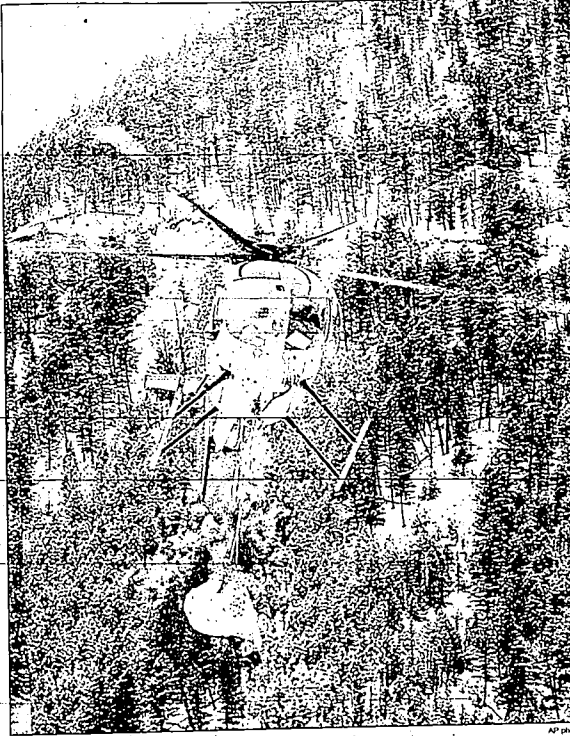
Nixon's poor showing in the Megalucks Tournament partly was due to his elbow problems. "I'm in pain," he said the day he was eliminated. "The elbow has definitely affected my fishing ability."

Small says anglers can help avoid shoulder and elbow problems by varying their casting style. Casting sideward or underhand provides relief to tendons and joints stressed by overhead casting. Small recommends wearing a two-pronged elbow sling for support and heat retention. Tendons, he says, become more brittle in cold weather.

Compared with other competitive sports, Klein said, pro fishing is a new comer. Long-term effects on the competitor's health are being discovered every day.

"Bottom line, competitive fishing is an endurance sport that presents unique challenges," Klein said. "Fishermen must do a better job of staying in shape, both physically and mentally."

Moving day



A helicopter crew from New Zealand airlifts three bighorn sheep out of the Rock Creek area of Montana near Phillipsburg last month. A total of 40 sheep were captured and transported to either the Elkhorn Mountains or the Boartooth Game Range.

Yellowstone fisheries management changes

BOZEMAN (AP)—The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is closing its shop in Yellowstone National Park and moving to Bozeman, ending more than three decades of managing fisheries there.

It will be up to the National Park Service to take over ongoing projects, including finding ways of controlling growing populations of illegally introduced lake trout in Yellowstone Lake.

"We're hoping we can remain involved at least at a technical level," said Lynn Kaeding, who runs

the outgoing agency's Yellowstone operations but will be moving to Bozeman after this summer.

Yellowstone currently has no fisheries biologists, but Kaeding said park officials were planning to add some staff, although funding there could be a problem.

"Everyone is dealing with reduced budgets and a great deal of uncertainty," Kaeding said.

Park researcher John Varley said Thursday that an increase in fishing license fees will make up for lost fish and wildlife agency money and allow

the lake trout program and others to continue.

Lake trout prey on young cut-throat trout, which are native to the park and provide a critical link in the food chain for pelicans, prairie dogs, ospreys, eagles and other predators.

Lake trout are not available to those predators because they stay in deeper water, where surface feeders can't reach them.

Field work on lake trout now must be done by the Park Service, Kaeding said.

Approval streamlined for non-toxic shot

BOISE (AP)—The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is trying to streamline its process for approving new kinds of non-toxic shot, but Idaho hunters probably won't see it in their shotgun shells this fall.

Since lead shot was banned from waterfowl hunting in the 1980s, the only available material was steel shot. Pellets made from bismuth combined with a trace of tin were provisionally approved by Fish and Wildlife for last fall.

The Idaho Fish and Game Commission also approved bismuthin.

Steel shot has been unpopular with many hunters because of its shogun barrels, and has been blamed for excessive wounding losses, especially by goose hunters.

Supplies of bismuthin shot, currently manufactured by one Texas company, were extremely limited last season and it was priced.

Nor Fish and Wildlife is proposing to make the approval process easier.

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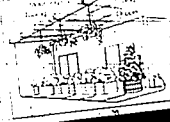


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Money and Classified

Most affordable homes sit in Midwest

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Buyers looking for affordable housing might shop in the Midwest, which had more than half the nation's 25 least-expensive markets in the final three months of 1995.

The National Association of Home Builders said Wednesday that consumers could choose from metropolitan areas such as Kansas City and Minneapolis, or smaller cities like Lima, Ohio, the most affordable city in the nation.

Lima regained the top spot on the Home Builders Housing Opportunity Index that is fast held in the fourth quarter of 1995. Kansas City and Minneapolis were the only cities with populations of more than 1 million to make the Top 25.

Still, affordability improved in many of the U.S. markets as prices and mortgage rates both fell, the Home Builders said. In fact, the nation had a 63.4 reading on the

The best and the worst—

The 25 most-affordable and 25 least-affordable U.S. housing markets in the fourth quarter, according to the National Association of Home Builders. The number corresponding to each area is the percentage of the homes sold that were within reach of the median income household at the prevailing mortgage interest rate.

MOST AFFORDABLE			LEAST AFFORDABLE		
Lima, Ohio	85.2	Jackson Miss	80.7	San Francisco	21.4
Chatt, Ind	83.2	Wichita Kan	80.7	Albuquerque, N.M.	41.5
Indianapolis	82.8	San Jose Calif	79.8	New York	41.5
San Jose Calif	82.4	San Diego Calif	79.8	Los Angeles	41.5
San Francisco	82.0	Portland Ore	79.8	Austin Texas	41.5
Portland Ore	81.7	San Antonio Texas	79.8	San Antonio Texas	41.5
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homes sold in a specific market that a family earning the median income could afford. The median is the midpoint, meaning half the families earn more and half less.

The index also takes into consideration differences in property taxes and insurance rates. The latest list was based on a survey of 525,000 sales of new and existing homes in 192 metropolitan areas.

"Housing affordability improved across the country in the fourth quarter as interest rates fell from about 8 percent in the third quarter to below 7.5 percent by the end of the year," said association president Randy Smith, a builder in Walnut Creek, Calif.

"That difference in the cost of a 30-year, fixed-rate mortgage would mean a monthly savings of \$35 on a \$100,000 mortgage. In addition, the Home Builders said, the median price dipped to \$117,000 from \$118,000 in the third quarter.

P&G expands Satanism suit

The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Amway Corp. claims it is being unfairly blamed for rumors linking Procter & Gamble to Satanism.

P&G on Tuesday said it had added Amway and five Amway distributors to a lawsuit concerning the rumors.

Amway independent distributor Randy Hagen was the sole defendant named in the original lawsuit filed Aug. 1 in U.S. District Court in Salt Lake City.

The lawsuit accused Hagen of using Amway's voice mail system to spread the rumors to other Amway distributors. It seeks a minimum of \$50,000 in damages. The court will decide the exact amount.

Markets

Dow-Jones

Index	High	Low	Close	Chg
Dow Jones	8250.00	8200.00	8210.00	+10.00
S&P 500	450.00	445.00	448.00	+3.00
NASDAQ	2200.00	2150.00	2170.00	+20.00

Most active

Symbol	Volume	High	Low	Close	Chg
IBM	10,000,000	120.00	118.00	119.00	-2.00
Microsoft	8,000,000	55.00	53.00	54.00	+1.00
Apple	6,000,000	45.00	43.00	44.00	-2.00

Grains

Commodity	Unit	Price	Chg
Wheat	Bushel	2.85	+0.02
Corn	Bushel	1.95	-0.01
Soybeans	Bushel	10.50	+0.10

Oil

Commodity	Unit	Price	Chg
Crude Oil	Barrel	22.50	-0.10
Heating Oil	Gallon	1.80	-0.02
Natural Gas	Cu. Ft.	0.80	+0.01

Stocks

Symbol	Price	Chg
IBM	119.00	-2.00
Microsoft	54.00	+1.00
Apple	44.00	-2.00

Local interest

Description	Close	Change
American Cable	45.00	+0.50
Bank One	35.00	+0.25
Bojiac	15.00	-0.10
Chrysler	25.00	+0.15
Eastman	18.00	-0.20
FirstEnergy	30.00	+0.30
General Electric	40.00	+0.40
IBM	119.00	-2.00
Microsoft	54.00	+1.00
Oracle	20.00	+0.50
Procter & Gamble	35.00	+0.10
United Technologies	28.00	+0.20
Walt Disney	22.00	-0.15
WorldCom	12.00	+0.10
Xerox	32.00	+0.30
Yahoo	18.00	+0.20
Yield	15.00	-0.10

Local interest (cont.)

Commodity	Unit	Price	Chg
Wheat	Bushel	2.85	+0.02
Corn	Bushel	1.95	-0.01
Soybeans	Bushel	10.50	+0.10

Oil

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Stock listings (cont.)

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Procter & Gamble	35.00	+0.10
United Technologies	28.00	+0.20

Stock listings (cont.)

Symbol	Price	Chg
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Money

Incomes, spending rise; factory orders plummet

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumers bucked the severe weather in January, celebrated their release a month later with a buying binge and a return to their jobs that helped boost income by the largest amount in a year.

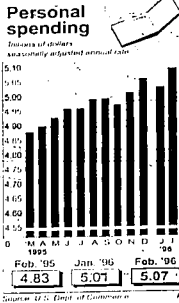
At the same time, orders to U.S. factories suffered the steepest decline in 10 months. But analysts noted that when the volatile transportation sector was excluded, orders rose for the third straight month.

Richard Bener, an economist with Mellon Bank in Pittsburgh, said Wednesday's reports confirmed with other data suggest "the economy is accelerating, growing moderately." But

he added, "It's certainly not a boom." The Commerce Department said consumer spending shot up 1.1 percent in February, to a seasonally adjusted \$407 billion annual rate. It was the steepest advance since a 1.7 percent gain two years earlier.

Spending had fallen 0.4 percent in January, the first decline in three months, as the East Coast blizzard and other storms kept many shoppers shuttered inside.

Bener acknowledged that part of the subsequent increase was a rebound and said "that kind of growth is not sustainable." But he added that the data also show "some underlying strength there as well."



Around the watercooler

NO LAUGHING MATTER: It costs more to laugh this year than in 1995, finds Malcolm Kushner, who describes himself as an attorney-turned-humor consultant. According to Kushner's index of leading humor indicators, a dozen rubber chickens now cost \$66, up from \$60 a year ago. The price of a copy of Mad magazine is up to \$2.50 from \$1.95. Comedy club ticket prices are up an average of 1.7 percent. But there's good news: The prices of Graccho glasses and arrow-through-the-head pags are the same.

THE PAWN BROKER: One of the features in the monthly magazine here is a description of a business for sale. The company on the block in the April issue is a Nevada pawnshop. After giving the concern's vital statistics (1995 revenue of \$890,000, in good prospects because it's the only pawnshop in town), Inc. lists a few pros and cons. A pro: the

pawnshop's film-noir ambience. Cons: "Do you really want to own a business where you probably won't trust your employees, like your customers or want your neighbors to know what you do?"

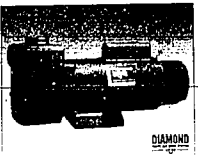
HOW TO AVOID A FAUX PAS: Traveling overseas on business and worried about insulting your hosts or customers? "Do's and Taboos Around the World" is a guide with tips to help travelers avoid pitfalls. For example in Britain, "you may smoke after the toast to Her Majesty's health but never before." In Austria, don't discuss money, religion or politics, unless you're specifically asked about them. In Ecuador, avoid any topics that would imply the superiority of the United States. In South Korea, it's bad manners to blow your nose in front of others.

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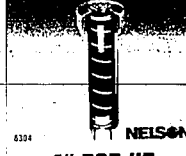


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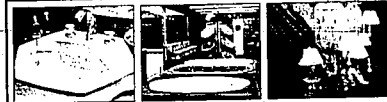
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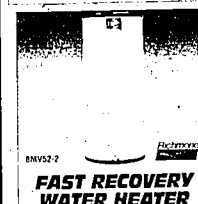


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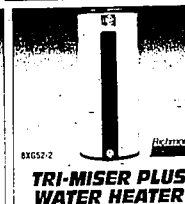
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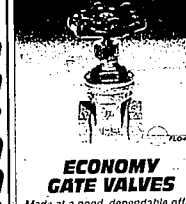
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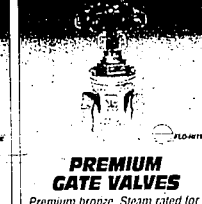
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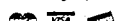
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STORE HOURS
Monday through Friday: 8:00 to 5:30
Saturday: 8:00 to 5:00
Sunday: 9:00 to 4:30

Some items limited to retail sales. Certain items may not be readily available at all locations. Special order and rain check gladly given.

Prices effective through April 10, 1996.



NOTICE OF EXCHANGE PROPOSAL

Proposed by the Bureau of Land Management, Snake River Interior Area, Idaho. Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management is considering a proposal to exchange land parcels...

NOTICE OF IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD MEETINGS

Public meetings to discuss and review the State Water Plan are scheduled for April. Meetings will be held in Boise, Idaho Falls, Pocatello, Twin Falls, Lewiston, and Coeur d'Alene.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND HEARING CONCERNING FISCAL YEAR 1997 MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER UTILIZATION ASSISTANCE PLAN (UAP) INTENDED USE PLAN (IUP)

This letter serves as notice of an upcoming public hearing concerning the Fiscal Year 1997 municipal wastewater construction assistance plan...

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On July 23, 1996, at the hour of 2:00 o'clock P.M., of said day at the lobby of Trustee, 163 1/2 North Main Street, Twin Falls, Idaho, TRUSTEE, INC., an Idaho corporation...

FALLS RECORD April 10, 1996. NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE. 1995005734. Mortgage recorded in the County of Twin Falls...

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE. On Thursday, July 10, 1996, at the hour of 1:00 p.m., I, the undersigned, Trustee, Inc., 163 1/2 North Main Street, Twin Falls, Idaho...

NOTICE OF RIGHT OF REPRESENTATION. In the County of Twin Falls, Idaho, the undersigned, Trustee, Inc., 163 1/2 North Main Street, Twin Falls, Idaho...

NOTICE OF HEARING. IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS, MAGISTRATE DIVISION...

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE. On Tuesday, the 30th day of July, 1996, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., I, the undersigned, Trustee, Inc., 163 1/2 North Main Street, Twin Falls, Idaho...

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE. On July 8, 1996, at 10:00 a.m. at the Offices of Twin Falls Title and Escrow Company, 100 North Main Street, Twin Falls, Idaho...

NOTICE OF HEARING. IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS, MAGISTRATE DIVISION...

NOTICE TO CREDITORS. Estate of JOHN H. HANSEN, Deceased. The undersigned, Personal Representative of the Estate of JOHN H. HANSEN, Deceased...

NOTICE TO CREDITORS. Estate of BERNARD KAMAKA KAMA, Deceased. The undersigned, Personal Representative of the Estate of BERNARD KAMAKA KAMA, Deceased...

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THE TIMES-NEWS CURRENTLY HAS THE FOLLOWING CARRIER ROUTES AVAILABLE... GOODING ROUTE... JEROME ROUTE...

Buy the Guaranteed package and The Times News guarantees to sell your home...

302 MONEY TO LOAN... Rates as low as 7.5%... New money to introduce your home for...

303 NEED CASH?... We buy notes and real estate contracts... CONTRACT MORTGAGE FINANCING...

303 MONEY WANTED... \$10,000 secured by 5.0% rate... Want to save money? Stop classified first...

305 CONTRACTS & MORTGAGES... \$5 TOP DOLLAR \$5... BUYING CONTRACTS... REAL ESTATE SALE...

301 OPEN HOUSES... Please check your ad for contact on the first day that it runs...

302 TWIN FALLS HOMES... BY OWNER 2 bdrm, 2 bath, liv. dining, fireplace, basement...

303 BURLY/RUPERT HOMES... BURLY 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 1st floor, 2nd floor, 3rd floor...

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505 GOODING/WENDELL... GOODING 2 1/2 ACRE HOBBY RANCH... INVESTMENT PROPERTY...

506 JEROME/HAGERMAN HOMES... EDEN Country living 1 acre, 3 bdrm w/ basement...

507 HAGERMAN VALLEY... HAGERMAN VALLEY New home on quiet street...

508 HOLISTER New 3 bdrm 2 bath... BUY HOMES... Why stop there when you can sell it...

509 KIMBERLY, Sunning Ranch Style Home... KIMBERLY Sunning Ranch Style Home...

510 EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY... Equal Housing Opportunity... We are an Equal Housing Opportunity...

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Come Home To Luxury... Enjoy the relaxing atmosphere of our 1 & 2 bedroom apartment homes featuring: Full size washers/dryers in each unit, Dishwasher/Disposal, Self-cleaning oven, Central air conditioning, Hardwood floors, Carpeting, and more...

FURNACE, Gas wall... GAS TANK - 5000 gal... GENERATOR, Yamaha...

GOLF CART 1965... HOSPITAL bed, electric... HOT TUB portable...

POOL TABLE, regulation... RABBITS German males... REMEMBER That birthday you placed...

SAW, Table Top Shop... SEWING MACHINE... STEPPER, em entertainment...

STOP BUGS! Keep ants, fleas and other bugs... AIR COMPRESSOR, Curtis...

SUN TAN MACHINE... TV, 19" color, good cond... TWIN FOLDING cot cond...

TREES, last, grows 6-10 ft... VIDEO EQUIPMENT... WANTED TO BUY...

CAMPER SHELL for full size Ford PU... DRIVERS WASHERS... HOLSTEIN Steers...

HONDA XR500... LIVE TREES WANTED... MOTOR, wanted to buy...

NEEDED Hand lms... PRINTERS, Cash for computer printers... REAL ESTATE...

RESTAURANT equip... TAIL GATE 98 Ford... TOYOTA 4x4 PU...

WANTED PROPERTY... WANTED Small swamp cooler... WANTED TO BUY TOYS...

WANTED TOY Honda... FREE Good Land Rover... FREE to good home...

LAB AKC, black, 60 lbs... LAB AKC reg chocolate... MALAMUTE X puppies...

POODLE Silver Teacup... RED-BLUE HEELER pure bred... ROTTWEILER CROSS...

SHIH-TZU babies, 6 weeks old... SNAKE Burmese python... SPRINGER Spaniel, AKC...

WOLF HYBRIDS 5 weeks old... WOLF-MALAMUTE X... WOLF-PIT BULL X...

WOLF-PIT BULL X... AIR COMPRESSOR... MINING equip - Shaker...

PAINTERS EQUIP 3000 psi... TOOLS, 2 drawer tool box... VIDEO EQUIPMENT...

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HONDA XR500... HONDA 95 CR 250... HONDA 96 XR 400...

KAWASAKI 650 Voyager... KAWASAKI 650 Ninja... KAWASAKI 400 S800...

MOTORCYCLE, 1994... MOTORCYCLES - Honda... SUZUKI 125 4 Wheeler...

WENDEL making stoves... WENDEL making stoves... WENDEL making stoves...

YAMAHA 1987 VZ 80... YAMAHA 1995 WR 250... YAMAHA VZ 125...

YAMAHA 1980 Spec 2... HARO BMX bike Group... HARO BMX bike Group...

902 BICYCLES... HARO BMX bike Group... HARO BMX bike Group...

903 BOATS & ACCESSORIES... HARO BMX bike Group... HARO BMX bike Group...

905 GUNS/RIFLES... HARO BMX bike Group... HARO BMX bike Group...

ARISTOCRAFT 78... BOAT 85 Bayliner... BOAT 14' Glasstrand...

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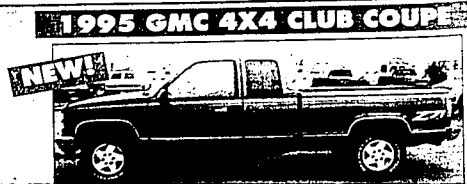
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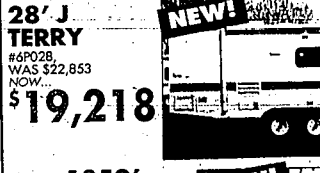
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