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Judge sentences Nunez to 3-year term in prison

Ex-investigator draws time for 7 felony convictions

By Kent McCleary Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Former drug investigator Juan "John" R. Nunez Jr. was in jail Monday night, for the first night of what could be three years behind bars. Nunez, 38, was sentenced Monday to a minimum of three years in prison on seven felony convictions.

Nunez was taken directly into custody after the hearing, and is being held, at least temporarily, in Twin Falls County jail.

The former police officer and drug investigator is being held in a single cell, and kept segregated from other prisoners during recreation and meals, jail officials said.

A Twin Falls County jury on Oct. 24 convicted Nunez of crimes related to thefts of money from a undercover drug investigation unit. Nunez was employed by Cassia County as part of a collaboration with Minidoka and Twin Falls counties to fund the Tri-County Drug Task Force.

Nunez's attorney, Tim Williams, promised an appeal, not just of the sentence, but of the entire trial. Nunez has 42 days to appeal, a hearing on whether Nunez could be released on bond pending the appeal will be held in two weeks.

Nunez was convicted of racketeering, stemming from the disappearance of evidence money from drug investigations between July 1990 and January 1995. The jury also found him guilty of misuse of public money, four counts of sales-tax violations, and one count of conspiracy to destroy, alter or conceal evidence for entering the task force's evidence vault to cover up the missing money.

Nunez's supervisor, Don Walden, is on trial on similar charges. The sentence probably won't affect that trial, because the Walden jury has not been told of Nunez's conviction.

Monday, District Judge Roger Burdick sentenced Nunez to:

- Two to seven years in prison on the racketeering charge. The jury found Nunez had committed seven acts of theft under the racketeering charge.
- A three-year fixed sentence and three years indeterminate for misuse of public funds. Nunez was charged with taking money seized as evidence, ostensibly for use in buying other drugs from suspects, but investigators say the money



Former police officer Juan Nunez faces three years in the state penitentiary for stealing from the drug task force where he worked.

- One year in prison for each of four counts of using the task force's tax-exempt status to buy framed pictures, a motor, and parts.
 - One to five years on the conspiracy charge.
- Burdick opted not to fine Nunez — maximum could have totaled \$125,000 — but demanded restitution be paid for the thefts. Nunez was convicted of stealing \$5,688, plus 44.1 grams of cocaine and 105.9 grams of marijuana seized as evidence.
- The sentences all run simultaneously, so in practical terms, the three years fixed for misuse of public funds will set

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Weaver takes over as sheriff

New Jerome County officer loses top deputy

By Mark Heinz Times-News writer

JEROME — After being sworn into office Monday, new Jerome County Sheriff Jim Weaver said he was already delivering on some campaign promises and people will notice a change for the better.

One change has already occurred within his staff. Chief Deputy Bill Reid said Weaver had fired him because of questions over Reid's certification as a peace officer.

Weaver has chosen Deputy Joeane Roberts as his chief deputy, but declined to comment on why he decided not to keep Reid.

Weaver, along with new County Commissioner Emmett Brollier and Prosecuting Attorney John B. Lotzspeich, was sworn in Monday before a packed district courtroom at the Jerome County Courthouse. New county officials were sworn in Monday across the Magic Valley.

Reid said he was told last month he would be dismissed because his certification was not up to date.

Reid said he came out of a four-year retirement when then-Sheriff George Silver III appointed him. The state Peace Officers Standards and Training council voted 7-2 in August 1993 to reinstate his certification, Reid said.

Mike Becar, executive director of the POST Academy in Meridian, said the council told Reid, he had been retired long enough to need the academy's full training course, or an exam, to return to active patrol duty.

Reid did not take the exam, nor did he take tests to qualify for handgun and fitness standards, Becar said.

Weaver said Reid went through an academy course in Boise in 1993, which qualified him for administrative duty. However, without completing the other tests, Reid was not given power to make arrests, Becar said.

Reid said he did administrative work for Silver, but was never an active patrol officer involved in any arrests. County Commissioner Roy Prescott said the commission and the county prosecutor looked into the matter and determined Reid was qualified to be doing the work Silver assigned him to.

However, it was ultimately Weaver's choice whether to keep Reid, Prescott said. Weaver defeated Silver in the 1996 election.

Weaver said he knew he wanted Roberts as his chief deputy long before the election.

Roberts said she started with the Los Anamos Police Department as a station officer in 1983. She also worked as a jailer and police service representative for the LAPD.

She moved to Jerome in 1989 and was hired as a sheriff's department dispatcher. Since then, she has also worked in the driver's licensing office, in records and for three and a half years as a patrol officer.

While Weaver said he doesn't plan any new personnel changes, he said some department programs will start right away.

"People will see more deputies in the field," Weaver said. "They will see deputies in neighborhoods where they have not been seen for a while."

There will also be deputies on foot in Eden and Hazelton, and substations in both towns within a month, Weaver said.

He said he will be looking for citizen volunteers to do clerical work in the substations.

Weaver also said there will be an immediate jump in drug-related arrests

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Idahoan, others receive Medal of Honor



Vernon Baker of St. Maries received the Congressional Medal of Honor at a ceremony at the White House Monday.

Awards recognize World War II exploits

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Vernon Baker was standing in the White House with glistening eyes and a brand new medal around his neck, but his mind was on the Italian mountainside where he earned his place in history, 52 years ago.

Baker, 77, was reliving the April 1945 fire-fight in which he took out German machine gun posts and killed nine enemy soldiers with a rifle and hand grenades. He thought of the other black men who fought beside him and died around him as they awaited reinforcements that never came.

"We've all been vindicated," Baker said. "Those that are not here with me, thank you, fellas, well done and I'll always remember you."

Baker, of St. Maries, was one of seven black soldiers awarded the Medal of Honor Monday for World War II valor that was overlooked by the Army of a tense, segregated era. Medals were awarded posthumously to Staff Sgt. Edward A. Carter Jr. of Los Angeles; 1st Lt. John R. Fox of Cincinnati; Pfc. Willy F. James Jr. of Kansas City, Mo.; 1st Lt. Charles L. Thomas of Detroit; Pvt. George Watson of

Birmingham, Ala.; and Staff Sgt. Ruben Rivers of Hotulka, Okla.

Fox, James, Rivers and Watson were killed in action. Carter died in 1963 and Thomas died in 1980.

In presenting the medals, President Clinton praised the seven men for fighting selflessly "to lead the forces of freedom to victory" in spite of the freedom they didn't have in their native America.

"They were prepared to sacrifice everything for freedom even though freedom's fullness was denied to them," Clinton said. "Now and forever, the truth will be known about these African Americans who gave so much that the rest of us might be free."

A single tear rolled down Baker's left cheek as he listened to Clinton. He received a standing ovation as he entered the East Room and took a seat before a crowd that included Defense Secretary William Perry, Veterans Affairs Secretary Lesse Brown, retired Gen. Colin Powell, Joint Chiefs Chairman John Shalikshvili and a number of soldiers in uniform.

Baker said he never thought about receiving the Medal of Honor — the military's highest award for bravery in battle — because he considered his heroics his duty.

"I was a soldier and I had a job to do," he said.

But Clinton said Baker and the others belong alongside the nation's greatest war heroes.

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Experts say pilots of doomed plane apparently battled engine

crashed, aviation experts said Monday.

The experts discounted a scenario offered by crash investigators that all three devices could have been activated by the impact of the crash Thursday in Monroe County's Raisinville Township. The plane, an Embraer 120, nose-dived

into a farm field killing 26 passengers and three crew members.

Among the victims were Roy and Verna Marie Raymond of Twin Falls, en route to an auto dealers' meeting in Detroit.

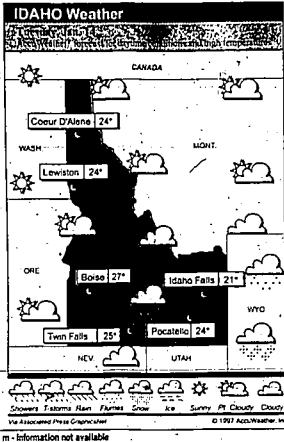
"I think the odds of that are pretty

slim," Bloomfield Hills pilot and air crash attorney Richard Schladan said Monday.

"There's certainly reason to believe they had an engine problem or thought they had an problem," Schladan said. He said it's also possible that same instru-

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WEATHER



FORECAST

Magic Valley

Tuesday mostly cloudy with a chance of light snow. Continued cold with highs in the mid 20s. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph. Tonight light chance of evening snow showers otherwise decreasing clouds. Lows zero to 10 above. Wednesday mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 20s. The ultraviolet index forecast is 1, a minimal exposure level.

Extended regional forecast

Thursday through Saturday partly cloudy with a chance of light snow. In the east lows from 5 below to 10 above zero. Highs 15 to 25. In the west lows 5 to 15. Highs 25 to 35.

Camas Prairie, Wood River Valley

Variable clouds with a chance of snow flurries today. Highs 5 to 10 above on Camas Prairie and near 20 elsewhere. Tonight mostly clear and continued cold. Lows near 25 below on Camas Prairie and 5 below to 10 below elsewhere. Wednesday mostly sunny. Highs near 10 above on Camas Prairie and lower 20s elsewhere.

Treasure Valley

Tuesday mostly cloudy. Slight chance of morning snow flurries. Highs in the mid 20s. Light winds in the morning becoming northwest 10 to 15 mph in the afternoon. Tonight mostly clear and cold. Lows 5 to 15. Wednesday mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 20s.

Sawtooth Mountains

Mostly cloudy today with a slight chance of flurries. Continued cold. Highs 10 to 20 except zero to 10 above in the Stanley Basin. Tonight cold. Decreasing clouds. Lows 5 below to 15 below except near 0 below in the Stanley Basin. Wednesday mostly sunny and continued cold. Highs 10 to 20 except zero to 10 above in the Stanley Basin.

Eastern Idaho

Mostly cloudy today. Isolated morning snow showers. Highs in the mid 20s. West wind 5 to 15 mph. Tonight mostly cloudy. Lows 10 to 15. Wednesday partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 20s.

Northern Idaho

Mostly sunny and cold today. Highs 20 to 30. Light winds. Tonight mostly clear and cold. Lows 5 to 15 above. Wednesday mostly sunny and a little warmer. Highs in the mid 20s to lower 30s.

Northern Nevada

Mostly cloudy today with a chance of snow mainly in the morning. Highs near 25. Southwest wind 5-15 mph. Tonight mostly cloudy. Lows 5 to 10. Wednesday mostly cloudy and warmer with a slight chance of snow. Highs 30-35.

Northern Utah

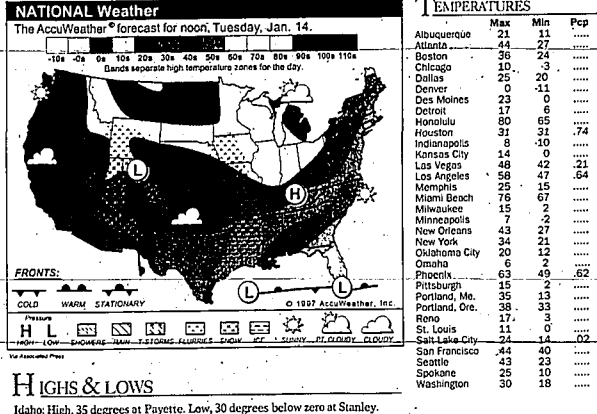
Snow today decreasing during the day. Additional accumulations 1-3 inches. Highs in the mid 20s. Tonight decreasing clouds. Lows lower to mid teens. Wednesday partly cloudy. Highs near 30. The ultraviolet index forecast is 1, a minimal exposure level.

ACROSS THE NATION

Latest storm spreads snow across Southwest, into Dixie

The Associated Press

Snow, ice and rain spread through the Southwest and into the Gulf Coast states Monday, blocking mountain passes and making highways hazardous. A low pressure system centered over southern Nevada produced the bulk of the stormy weather. Rain fell from southern California into southern Arizona, with snow at higher elevations including 10 inches on California's Mount Union. Thunderstorms dropped more than 2 inches of rain on parts of the Los Angeles area. Up to 2 feet of snow fell on the high country of northern Arizona, with drifts 4 feet deep, and drifting snow closed highways in southern and central Utah and parts of northern New Mexico. Two feet of snow fell by midday in southwestern Colorado, closing all major mountain passes in the area around Durango, and an additional 3 feet of snow was possible overnight. Sleet and freezing rain stretched from Texas through Louisiana and Mississippi into Alabama. A mass of cold air stretched from the northern Rockies and northern Plains down to the Gulf Coast and eastward to the Atlantic Coast. Temperatures fell to record lows Monday in Montana, including 36 below zero at Havre and below at Butte, and in Wyoming, where Sheridan hit 27 below zero. Monday's lowest wind chill was 62 below zero at Spencer, Idaho. Goodland, Kan., had a record low of 17 below zero and Gilbert, Ark., hit zero. Farther east, Indianapolis had a record low of 10 below and Bluefield, W.Va., had a record low of 4 below zero. In the Northeast, "lake effect" snow showers continued in parts of upstate New York, where some areas got 7 1/2 feet of snow during the weekend.



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Idaho

Max	Min	Pcp	Twin Falls
Boise	22	8
Burley	21	10
Fairfield	12	-15
Gardner	20	1
Hagerman	25	4	.....
Idaho Falls	20	2	.....
Jerome	22	6	.....
Lewiston	28	12	.....
Malad	17	5	.....
Malta	19	0	.....
Meridian	22	4	.....
Pocatello	21	4	01
Salmun	12	-2	.....
Stanley	3	-30	.....
Sun Valley	22	-9	.....

Precipitation

Month to date:	1.15
Normal mo. to date:	7.53
Water year to date:	7.53
Normal year to date:	3.40

Comfort factors

Humidity at noon:	85
Barometer at noon:	29.98 F
Pollen count: Reports ended for this season.	

Courtesy AccuWeather and Allerg of Idaho.

SKYWATCH

Sunset today 5:29 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 8:05 a.m.
Lunar phase: First quarter, Jan. 15; full, Jan. 23; last quarter, Jan. 31; new, Feb. 7.
Visible planets: Morning - Mars, Venus. Evening - Saturn.

Amtrak's Pioneer derails in Wyoming; 8 injured

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — An Amtrak train carrying about 100 people derailed Monday, injuring eight people, none seriously, authorities said.

Amtrak's Pioneer, on route from Chicago to Seattle through southern Wyoming, derailed

shorly before 4 p.m. MST, about 28 miles west of Cheyenne near an area known as Granite Canyon, authorities said.

All 12 cars in the train, including the locomotive, left the tracks but did not overturn. Rail officials refused to com-

ment on the cause of the derailment.

The injured suffered mostly suffering from bumps and bruises about the head and neck, a hospital spokesman said.

The Pioneer serves the Magic Valley, with a stop at Shoshone.

Nunez

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the length of Nunez's prison stay. In his sentencing, Burdick made clear that one charge concerned him most.

Nunez knew a crooked cop label tarnishes other area law-enforcement, Burdick said. But Nunez had never shown remorse, the judge said.

"It is the citizens' money," Burdick said.

By taking evidence money and using it for something else, Burdick said, Nunez denied people their right of due process. Even if the money was seized from suspected drug dealers, they still have constitutional rights, the judge said.

"I'm not idealist. These are not nice people you're dealing with," Burdick said. "But you have got to do this so citizens have faith in the justice system."

Nunez had left three of his four jobs in law-enforcement because

of wrongdoing but had never paid a penalty for it, Burdick said.

Williams argued for probation at Monday's sentencing hearing, and called several witnesses to vouch for Nunez's character. They included Nunez's wife, Susan, and supervisors from Smith's Food & Drug Center, where Nunez worked after the task force shut down.

A surprise witness was Twin Falls County Sheriff's Detective Lt. Bob Gauthier, who said he worked with Nunez for 15 years, including on patrol duty in California.

Gauthier said he believes Nunez's character to be good, and didn't believe Nunez had committed the crimes.

"You could find in the trenches 15 years with somebody and suddenly change your mind," Gauthier said.

Gauthier dropped a bombshell by saying Sheriff Wayne Tousey told him state narcotics investigators were threatening to apply political pressure against county under-cover agents if Gauthier testified.

Prosecutor Kenneth Stringfield put Tousey on the stand. Tousey said one of the lead state investigators, Jeffrey Black, had called and left a note making sure Tousey knew his chief directive was to testify for Nunez.

"My question (to Gauthier) was, 'Do you feel you have a good conscience in testifying about character?'" Tousey said.

As an administrator interested in working with other agencies, and knowing what Gauthier knew about the Nunez case, Tousey said he was concerned. Tousey denied mentioning political pressure or getting any pressure to keep Gauthier from the stand.

Jerome

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as he begins the aggressive anti-drug program he promised during his campaign against Silver.

"That's being launched even as we speak," he said.

Weaver said his long-term goal is to push drugs out of the county for good.

"Right now you have drug manufacturing here, you have

trafficking here and you have drugs transported in from other states — had gone. Key NTSB staffers, including board member John Hammerschmidt, had returned to Washington to continue the probe.

State Police officers with dogs made a road sweep through the crash scene Monday morning, looking for fumes.

NTSB spokesman Paul Schlaam said investigators focused on removing pieces of the plane, including the two engines and propellers, which were imbedded in ice that formed after firefighters hosed down the scene.

Workers decontaminated each piece of wreckage before loading

for a mounted posse, Weaver said.

The posse would help with search and rescue operations and with security at events such as parades, but members will not be deputized, nor will they have any powers of arrest.

People interested in volunteering for the posse should call Bob Denton in Hazelton at 829-5792.

Plane

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ments made the pilots think they had an engine or propeller problem that didn't exist.

Schaden and others said investigators may clear up the mystery when they complete their review of the plane's flight records at the National Transportation Safety Board laboratory in Washington.

The cockpit voice recorder will be critical in explaining the pilots' decisions in the moments before the crash. The II-fared plane, which began its flight in Cincinnati, crashed in a snowstorm about 18 miles south of Metro Airport.

In Monroe County Monday, roads that had been closed since the crash were reopened. Many

out-of-town volunteers — and all but one of the families of the victims — had gone. Key NTSB staffers, including board member John Hammerschmidt, had returned to Washington to continue the probe.

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it onto trucks that hauled the debris to an exhibit building at the Monroe County Fairgrounds, about five miles away.

Schlaam said investigators would "lay the pieces out" on the floor for examination. He discounted some reports that investigators would try to reassemble the plane.

He said it was imperative that investigators get the plane wreckage moved indoors to prevent damage from cold and ice and allow people to work in warm conditions.

Although the NTSB planned no more briefings in Monroe County, Schlaam said some investigators would remain in the area for the rest of the week.

Medal

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including Sgt. Alvin York, Eddie Rickenbacker and Audie Murphy.

Baker was a 25-year-old lieutenant leading his platoon through a maze of German bunkers and machine gun nests in hopes of capturing an enemy stronghold near Vireggio, Italy. A German artillery began to rain down, and the commander of

Baker's all-black company in the 2nd Infantry Division went in the reinforcement.

Baker and his men stayed behind and beat back three enemy attacks; two-thirds of them were killed or wounded.

When he realized reinforcements were not coming, Baker ordered his surviving men to retreat. They destroyed two German machine gun nests on

the way out.

Baker served 28 years in the Army, retiring in 1968.

He worked for the Red Cross and ultimately moved to northern Idaho, where he enjoys hunting. He laughed Monday at the memory of his confrontation last year with a mountain lion that was stalking him.

"He's in the freezer," Baker said.

ROAD CONDITIONS

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Department of Transportation reported icy conditions on major routes around the state Monday.

Road conditions:

- U.S. 95 — Higgins-Whitebird Hill, dry; Whitebird Hill, icy spots; Grangeville-Moscow, dry; Weiser-New Meadows, dry; Payette-Weiser, closed.
- Interstate 84 — Oregon line-Mountain Home, dry; Mountain Home-Glenns Ferry, icy spots; Bliss-Twin Falls, dry; Twin Falls-Burley, icy spots; Burley-Utah line, dry, icy spots.
- Idaho 55 — Horseshoe Bend-

Donnelly, dry, icy spots, fog; Donnelly-New Meadows, icy spots.

Idaho 21 — Boise-Idaho City, dry, icy spots; Idaho City-Lowman, icy spots; Lowman-Banner Summit, closed.

U.S. 20 — Mountain Home-Fairfield, dry, icy spots; Fairfield-Carey, dry, icy spots; broken snow/frost; Arco-Ashton, dry; Ashton-Montana line, icy, broken snow floor.

U.S. 26 — Idaho Falls-Wyoming line, broken snow floor; Blackfoot-Arco, dry.

U.S. 93 — Nevada line-Carey, icy spots; Carey-Salmon, dry; Lost Trail

Pass, icy spots, broken snow floor, snow floor.

Idaho 75 — Shoshone-Ketchum, icy spots; Tolena Summit, broken snow floor.

Interstate 86 — Dry.

U.S. 20 — Idaho Falls-Utah line-Pocatello, icy spots, snowing; Pocatello-Idaho Falls, dry, snowing lightly; Idaho Falls-Dubois, dry; Monday Pass, icy spots, snowing; Soda Springs-Wyoming line, icy spots, broken snow floor, snowing, drifts.

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LOTTERY UPDATE

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A lucky player from Boise won \$1,000 playing Instant Basketball. He bought his winning ticket at Circle K on Garden.

Don't forget to buy your Lotto tickets today!

Powerball has an estimated jackpot of \$10 million for Wednesday night's drawing. That is \$1,369 a day for 20 weeks!

Tri-West Lotto has an estimated jackpot of \$770,000 for Wednesday night. This is the highest Tri-West has been in awhile. That is \$2,109 a day for one year!

Get a second play as entered!

NATION

Justices question both sides in Jones case

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court aggressively questioned both sides Monday in a battle over the sexual-harassment lawsuit against President Clinton, expressing skepticism about judges managing a president's time yet leery of having him appear above the law.

As the politically charged case was argued just one week before Clinton's second-term inauguration, the justices gave little indication whether they will let Paula Jones' lawsuit go forward while he is in office.

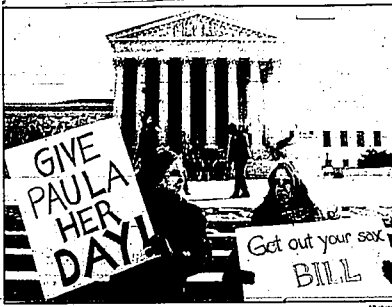
A decision, which also could affect future presidents, is expected by July.

The hour-long argument did not address the merits of Jones' allegation that Clinton propositioned her in a Little Rock hotel room in 1991 when he was governor of Arkansas. Clinton has denied her allegation and has said he cannot recall ever meeting the former Arkansas state employee.

Instead, lawyers debated whether any part of the case can proceed during the next four years. The court has never before been asked to decide if a sitting president can be sued over acts unrelated to his job, whether they took place before or during his term.

The justices sounded skeptical about arguments from both sides.

Justice Anthony M. Kennedy said allowing judges to decide whether a president is too busy to be sued in litigation would be too intrusive, and "argues strongly for the absolute privilege that (Clinton's lawyers) are suggesting."



Kistal Hamrick, left, and Shella Ervin demonstrate outside the Supreme Court in Washington on Monday, supporting Paula Jones. Inside the court, President Clinton's lawyers were asking the court to delay a sexual harassment lawsuit by Jones against the president.

Justice Antonin Scalia, although saying he was also concerned about giving trial judges too much authority over a president, voiced doubts about fashioning a blanket rule.

"We see presidents riding on horseback, chopping firewood ... playing golf and so forth. ... The notion that he doesn't have a minute to spare is not credible," Scalia said.

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, meanwhile, worried aloud about delaying litigation for some future president sued for child custody or because land he

owns "is boiling up with poisons."

Robert Bennett, Clinton's lawyer, told the justices that if presidents can be sued while in office "any county or state judge could virtually destroy the power of the presidency."

He added, "We'll give Ms. Jones her day in court, but let's not do it now."

When Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg asked whether any of the 50 states after the wedding, Pinner downplayed the rhetoric, denounced violence and said his group consisted of "loyal patriots."

Dellinger, the Justice Department's top-ranking court-room lawyer, agreed with Bennett and urged the court not to "enmesh federal and state courts in a politically charged task of managing the president's time."

Lawyer Gil Davis, representing Jones, said Clinton's presidency "confuses the office of the presidency with the person who holds that office."

Referring to Clinton as a "citizen who holds the office of president of the United States," Davis said he "has the same rights and responsibilities as all other citizens."

A president should be given a postponement only if there is "an actual, imminent interference with his job," Davis said.

But the argument soon became

bogged down when he was asked by several justices how trial judges are to determine whether such a threat exists.

"I am just totally confused now," O'Connor told Davis after one of his responses. And Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist told him, "You are not answering some of the questions quite as frankly as we hoped you would."

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Secret FBI recordings play key role in prosecuting militia case

The Seattle Times

SEATTLE — Ed and Rock were just two of the guys.

They joked, talked guns and grumbled about the federal government with their friends in the Washington State Militia and the Freeman.

Ed and Rock were so trusted that they were invited to meetings or classes where, it is alleged, silhouettes of federal agents were used for target practice and they were taught to make bombs out of sparklers, chemicals and propane tanks.

Last summer, federal agents arrested eight men and one woman — members of the Militia and Freeman — and accused them of plotting against the government. Last week, two of the men pleaded guilty to conspiracy charges.

One of them, Theodore Carter, has agreed to testify against the other defendants, who are to go on trial Wednesday on charges of conspiracy, possession of pipe bombs and transforming machine guns. Carter is likely to be given three years probation, according to the plea agreement. The other man, Richard Frank Burton Jr., faces a maximum sentence of 35 years and \$1 million fine.

It turns out that Ed Maeruer was a paid FBI informant and Rock was FBI agent Michael German. After gaining the trust of the militia and the Freeman, they infiltrated meetings and recorded many conversations on tape.

Federal prosecutors say the Bellingham, Wash.-based Militia and members of the Freeman in the Seattle area were talking about joining forces last spring to prepare for an armed confrontation with the government.

Defense attorneys contend their clients were merely gun buffs and hard-core survivalists who did nothing illegal until the infiltrators entrapped them.

The case gives a close-up look at an anti-government movement that has gained ground in recent years because of events such as the shooting deaths of Randy Weaver's son and wife by federal agents on Ruby Ridge in Idaho, and the standoff between federal agents and David Koresh's Branch Davidians in Waco, Texas, in which 76 people died.

Militia members believe the federal government has become too heavily-handed in domestic policies while giving international entities such as the United Nations too much power. The Freeman believe they must submit to no authority except their own form of self-government.

Both groups share a belief that the federal government is oppressive and that they have the right to bear all arms.

Accused Washington State Militia members are John Pinner, 45, who founded the group in 1993; Frederick Fisher, 61; Marlin Mack, 24; and Gary Marvin Kuehnol, 47, all from Bellingham. Freeman members

are John Lloyd Kirk, 56, his wife, Judy Carol Kirk, 54, both from Tukwila, Wash.; and Tracy Brown of Seattle, who also is known as William Smith. Brown has refused to give his age.

A former house painter, Pinner founded the Washington State Militia nine days after the Waco standoff. In interviews with the media, Pinner downplayed the rhetoric, denounced violence and said his group consisted of "loyal patriots."



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WASHINGTON (AP) — With newer and safer drugs on the market, the Food and Drug Administration proposed Monday to withdraw approval for the popular antihistamine Seldane because of potentially deadly side effects.

The FDA advised patients currently taking Seldane, Seldane-D or generic products of terfenadine to talk with their doctor about switching to alternative medications.

Drug manufacturers have 30 days in which to request a hearing on why terfenadine, the

generic name of Seldane, should not be taken off the market.

"We will go through whatever steps are necessary to defend the fact that Seldane should remain on the market, as long as it is taken as labeled," said Charles Rouse, spokesman for Hoechst Marion Roussel of Kansas City, Mo.

Last July, the FDA approved a new version called Allegra. It provides nearly all of terfenadine's beneficial effects but does not appear to cause a potentially fatal heart condition when combined with other common medications.

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EDITORIAL

In the reform mood? Look at initiatives

Rep. Mark Stubbs' proposal to reform Idaho campaign finance may be necessary - in, say, 2010.

But for now, there simply isn't enough evidence that money is so wholly corrupting to the state's political process to justify the kind of wide-ranging changes that Stubbs envisions.

Stubbs and his co-sponsor, Rep. David Callister of Boise, want to cap some contributions; ban other contributions; and require candidates to raise a certain percentage of their campaign money within their own districts.

Why? After all, less money was spent by all Idaho legislative candidates combined last year than the two candidates for the U.S. Senate in Massachusetts spent on media advertising alone in the final week of the 1996 campaign.

Idaho's biggest campaign finance problem, it seems to us, isn't politicians in the pockets of well-funded causes with an agenda. It's the fact that the initiative process has been hijacked by special interests.

And Gov. Phil Batt's suggestion that all out-of-state contributions be banned from initiatives comes closest to curbing it.

Less than half of the \$2.3 million raised in support or opposition to the five measures on the Idaho ballot last year came directly from out of state, but that not's counting the \$126,000 that actor Bruce Willis, a part-time Hailey resident, gave to Stop the Shipments, or the more than \$200,000 that Lockheed Martin, which has an Idaho Falls office and an Idaho corporate name, spent in fighting Proposition 3.

Fact is, deep-pocket out-of-staters, and the professional signature-gathering firms that their money hires, are driving the boom in initiatives on the Idaho ballot, and distorting the decision-making process in the bargain.

Proposition 2, the ballot measure that sought to ban certain kinds of bear-hunting in Idaho last year, is the classic example. By Election Day, the issue had effectively been transformed into a referendum on hunting and on the animal-rights groups that backed the initiative.

And it won't be the last time. Small states with affordable media markets are often used as test beds for causes - such as the flurry of anti-homosexual-rights ballot measures that have cropped up in the West in recent years.

Shutting off the out-of-state bucks that make those campaigns viable would probably reduce the number of initiatives on the ballot. It would allow Idaho to be made and changed by the law's founders intended: by the Legislature.

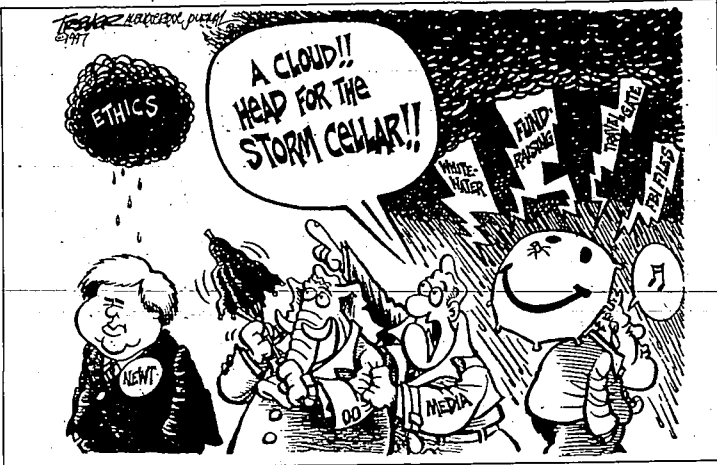
Idahoans, on the other hand, should be able to raise money for political causes.

One of the privileges of living in a free society is access to the levers of change, and advertising is a legal, legitimate form of persuasion. That takes cash.

When the cash becomes excessive, or when the law gives unfair advantage to causes with money, then change is warranted. But by and large, that's not the case yet in Idaho.

It seems to us there's a real danger that the kinds of limits which Stubbs and Callister envision might actually discourage citizens from running for election, since office-holders would have the advantage of incumbency. Challengers would have limited opportunities to raise the kind of money they need to reach the voters.

Instead, let's fix the corrupted initiative process by banning out-of-state contributions there. Then Idahoans can settle Idaho issues.



Wiretapping: A blunt question of ethics

The surreptitious and probably illegal interception, recording and distribution of a private telephone conversation involving House Speaker Newt Gingrich, other members of the House, Republican leadership and Gingrich's attorney apparently does not concern those so hellbent on destroying the Speaker that they are willing to violate the law in order to prove he is unethical.

New York Times Washington reporter Adam Clymer received the tape from a Democratic congressman he refused to identify. Clymer's story portrayed the conversation as a violation of a promise Gingrich had made to the ethics committee not to orchestrate a Republican counter-attack to its charges against him.

In a classic end-justifies-the-means comment, Andrew Rosenthal, The Times' Washington editor, defended his newspaper's role in alleged violations of several laws concerning intercepted phone calls. "Isn't what's on the tape what's important?" asked Rosenthal. By this reasoning, the people in Miami who swooped down on a wrecked Brinks truck like vultures after road kill were fully justified in grabbing the loot because they shouldn't care where it came from.

Republicans are fully justified in demanding to know the name of the con-



CAL THOMAS

gressman who was the informational bag man between a Florida couple, John and Alice Martin, who intercepted and taped the conversation and Clymer. Just days earlier that anonymous congressman had taken an oath to uphold the Constitution. How can an ethics inquiry against Gingrich proceed if those charged with judging the ethics of others are themselves suspected of committing felonies? Vice in the pursuit of truth is no virtue.

Congress passed a law in 1993 at the best of the cellular phone industry to outlaw the manufacture or sale of scanners that can pick up cellular phone conversations. Picture this Florida couple - he a former treasurer of the Democratic Party of Columbia County, Florida, and she a county party secretary - capturing a conversation involving the speaker's Florida house on a scanner, coincidentally reporting it, they say, for their unborn grandchild and without male passing it to the highest ranking Democrat on the ethics com-

mittee, Rep. Jim McDermott, D-Wash., who then innocently sends it to The New York Times. The emerging facts seem to envision part of a larger game plan aimed at removing Speaker Gingrich from office.

Rosenthal believes his spin on the contents of the Gingrich conversation is more important than how the tape was obtained. Yet his newspaper's editorial page regularly takes the civil libertarian approach against police when they illegally seize evidence in criminal cases. Shouldn't the unlawful search and seizure of conversation be at least as great a concern to The Times and its congressional co-conspirator as the unlawful search and seizure of evidence inside the car of a suspected drug dealer?

House Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry Hyde has asked Attorney General Dan Rostenkowski for a criminal investigation of the intercepted phone call. If ethical equities and consistency with Democrats' support for wiretapping in the Watergate affair are to be maintained, the Attorney General should begin such an investigation with all deliberate speed. He should call on McDermott to resign, and he should, as called on by the ethics committee, if not from Congress.

Cal Thomas is a Los Angeles Times columnist.

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LETTERS

Any kind of abortion is wrong

I believe that partial-birth abortion is sick because how would you like it if somebody hurt you like that when you were almost free to live?

I think it is wrong to kill a baby because it could have lived a very enduring life like you and the people around you.

The Declaration of Independence states that everything has its choice to life. Liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

I know that it is wrong to murder anyone, especially a baby who God created.

My opinion is that abortion is totally wrong.

KAMH STANDLEE
Eden

Subdivision plans will go on

In response to the article concerning Blaine County's zoning decision in the Jan. 8 Times-News, we intend to correct some misinformation.

The children of Johnny Urrutia have been actively involved in this process of subdivision. The Blaine County commissioners, basically, recalled the Urrutia subdivision which had been approved more than a year ago and already recorded under an instrument number in the county courthouse; it was not merely a "permit overturn(ed)." One local rancher pointed out that this decision is a "terrible injustice." Consequently, this decision affects the entire south end of the

county, including the Rogers family, not just Urrutia and Reed families.

The commissioners based their decision on the agricultural portion of the county's comprehensive plan. One curiosity that we have is: What definition is given to productive agricultural land?

The Urrutia subdivision allows seven parcels of 20 acres or larger within an area zoned A-20. These lots would be more efficiently used as agricultural land than in its present state. Additionally, my father, Johnny Urrutia, intended to divide the land so he could give it to his children. Never was it his intention to profit from this division, although his children would all like to have the option to sell if we desire to do so in the future.

Coincidentally, Dean Rogers has said many times this land division would "drive (him) out of business," yet he fails to convince the Urrutias that improving 150 acres of land adjacent to his farm would cause a failure of his business. Furthermore, his interference has mandated a series of plat notes that alert the landowner of every aspect of farm life that may be an inconvenience for the landowner. These plat notes protect Dean.

There were too many instances throughout this 2 1/2-year process when we had to overcome obstacles. The 2 to 1 disapproval of the Urrutia subdivision is just another obstacle; we are confident that we will overcome this too.

SONJA URRUTIA-HUMPHRIES
Jerome

Media should report whole story

This letter is being written in response to recent articles in The Times-News regarding the Kimberly School's grant for use of "drug and tobacco" monies that was rejected by the state. Having not read the rejection letter, I cannot speak to the specifics of the rejection. I can, however, speak to the rationale behind the distribution of the monies that were set aside for the mini-grants referred to in the articles.

The rationale was simple. The members of the committee agreed that three factors are important in the effort to keep students from making poor decisions when it comes to tobacco, drug and alcohol use or abuse. First, students need to have positive activities to occupy leisure time. Second, young people need a feeling of accomplishment and success. And the third, individuals need quality time with positive role models with whom the young person can talk and trust.

With this being the rationale, the decision was made to award the "mini-grants" in several different areas for after-school programs. This was not an easy decision to make and not all committee members agreed with all of the proposals. It was, however, decided that we would give each one a try as an experiment and evaluate the results of each proposal at the end of the term.

Unfortunately, the political battle over these monies has intervened, and I believe the Kimberly program was singled out. I feel that it was unfortunate that the whole story was not told in the reports in the paper. Incidentally, the flyfishing program is not a new idea; it has been utilized in other schools, sometimes with great success.

One fact is certain, the schools have

done an excellent job with their mandate to educate young people about tobacco, drugs and alcohol: As one policeman put it, "We have some of the best-educated drug users around." So while education is important, the solution to the problem lies elsewhere.

There is a sign in my classroom that reads: "Losers point out problems. Winners figure out the solutions!" I believe we were (and are) trying to derive a solution to this ongoing problem.

I would like to see a constructive plan from the editors of The Times-News as to what could be possible solutions to this problem. This would be a refreshing change from the constant battering of school teachers and education that is so prevalent in this newspaper.

MAYOR JIM SORENSEN
Teacher, Kimberly High School
Kimberly

Bumper sticker raises red flag

I've ignored it long enough - even chuckled at it the first couple of times I saw it. Then I began to see more and more of them and realized what I was laughing at. I am referring to "My kid can beat up your honor student" bumper stickers. What a positive thing for a parent to enforce!

It is my understanding that the original "honor student" bumper stickers were designed to show students how proud their parents were that they put forth good effort in school and were being rewarded for it; a pat on the back if you will. Now parents are patting their children on the back for beating up an honor student.

I normally choose to look the other way when things offend me. I'm not one to stand on a soap box and voice my disappointment. I can't help think-

ing, though, that we spend so much time criticizing children for their behavior we sometimes fail to see the origin of that behavior. I do not intend to lay blame on anyone here, just to perhaps open some eyes. I am a new parent and hope that someday I will be able to display the original bumper sticker in my rear window.

VICKI DERR
Twin Falls

Support youth, our future leaders

Several weeks ago, many of the students at East Minico responded to address publicity created by a few of the students at their school. They emphasized that the vast majority of students were hard-working, honest, dependable students and that their reputations were being demeaned by the actions of a small minority.

Their concerns were eloquently expressed and confirmed my faith in our young people. They deserve to be recognized for all the positive things they do for others and their desire to be good students.

These young leaders of tomorrow need our support and encouragement; they are our future. Let's not demean them because of the actions of a few.

The principals and teachers need our support as well. They are expected to accomplish miracles with our children, and do. Whenever we undermine their ability by lack of support or criticism, we are destroying their effectiveness and enthusiasm.

I am always thrilled to see the positive accomplishments of all our students and teachers and applaud them for their efforts.

MAYOR DWINELLE E. ALLRED
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By Garry Trudeau



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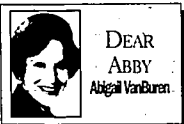


By Bruce Tinsley

VALLEY LIFE

Families of prisoners need to get support from friends

DEAR ABBY: Please continue to tell your readers how important it is to inquire about family members who are in prison. Three years ago, my son went to prison. My sister and I visit him every other Sunday. It's a 450-mile round trip, so families have not only the guilt to deal with, but the financial burden also.



DEAR ABBY
Abby VanBuren

The first year I don't know if I would have survived without friends. Even people I barely knew took a few minutes of their time to say a kind word and ask how my son is adjusting.

On the other hand, people I have supported during periods of crisis in their lives I no longer consider friends because they have even called to ask how I am doing.

Abby, the woman who was mentioned in the letter may break down and cry when asked about her husband, but she will always remember the kindness.

much is stripped away from him along with his street clothes - his dignity, his pride, his possessions and, all too often, his family. When an old friend or acquaintance acknowledges my husband, it's like giving him back a bit of himself. He appreciates being told that someone asked about him.

What bothers me more than anything are those who whisper behind my back, won't look me in the eye and act uncomfortable around me, as if they would like to ask but don't know how. It would be much more polite to just ask.

- WIFE OF AN INMATE

DEAR STRUGGLING IN ARKANSAS: Thank you for a letter that will ease the pain of those who are dealing with a similar problem. And particularly for assuring them that it is an act of kindness to inquire about a dear friend or family member who is incarcerated. I received a mountain of mail echoing your sentiments. Read on.

DEAR ABBY: My husband is in prison. When old friends and acquaintances ask me how he's doing, it tells me they still care and acknowledge him as a person.

There are many things a well-wisher can do: invite the spouse and children to an outing; any simple meal will do - a coffee shop, fast food, potluck or picnic. Ask them to go with you to the library, for a walk, a party, a movie or for a meal. Call just to say "Hi." Send a "thinking of you" greeting card or a note.

There is a big hole in the lives of families of prisoners. In addition, the families are shamed and

embarrassed. If there are children, there are inevitably cruel words from schoolmates.

I beg this friend not to let self-consciousness stop her from extending a much-needed helping hand.

- ANYWHERE, U.S.A.

DEAR ABBY: I have worked with inmates and their families in many capacities for 16 years. I am the public relations director of Turning Point Bridges, a 150-bed treatment center for convicted felons. It is usually appreciated when someone asks about their loved one (an inmate). However, it is best to do so in private or by telephone, especially if speaking to a wife regarding her husband. Keeping her husband's incarceration quiet may be necessary for many reasons.

Many wives of inmates have tremendous financial problems due to the husband's absence. Though it is not legal, many women are "released" from their jobs when their husband goes to prison. Wives of inmates are lonely, embarrassed or humiliated, and need good friends. The wife and children did not commit the crime. They need friendship, understanding and support.

- SHARON BURTON,
POMPANO BEACH, FLA.

DEAR READERS: I regret that space limitations prevent printing more heartwarming responses I received on this subject. The overwhelming majority were in favor of speaking up and asking about the relative in prison. Only a few readers felt that mentioning the subject would be unkind.

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SPORTS

Miami Heat scorches Bullets in nail-biter

MIAMI (AP) — Even with Juwan Howard playing for the other side, the Miami Heat beat the Washington Bullets...

three weeks later, the NBA voided the seven-year, \$101 million deal, and Howard resigned with the Bullets.

Hawks 98, Cavaliers 79

CLEVELAND — Christian Laettner scored 25 points as Atlanta won its sixth straight game...

Jazz 97, 76ers 96 OT

PHILADELPHIA — Utah made just one field goal in overtime but ended an eight-game road losing streak.

Karl Malone had 28 points and nine rebounds to help the Jazz end a four-game losing streak.

Magle 114, Nets 111

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Rony Seikaly scored 8 of his 29 points in the fourth quarter when Orlando wiped out a 10-point deficit.

Dennis Scott matched his season-high with 27 points and Horace Grant added a season-high 26 as Orlando won for the third time in four games since the return of Penny Hardaway and Nick Anderson from injuries.

Suns 105, Mavericks 98
DALLAS — Cedric Ceballos scored 26 points in his first game

back with Phoenix and the Suns avoided blowing a 26-point, third-quarter lead.

Dallas trailed by 11 points at the start of the fourth quarter, but rallied to tie it 55-55 at five minutes left of the third quarter. Phoenix ended a 59-55 lead on Kevin Johnson's 14-foot jumper with 55.2 seconds remaining.

Hornets 102, Nuggets 100 OT

DENVER — Tony Smith's jumper with 1:29 left in overtime — his only points of the game and the only basket in overtime — gave the Charlotte Hornets a 102-100 win over the Denver Nuggets on Monday night.

Duke axes Campbell in runaway victory

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — Washburn McLeod scored 12 points, grabbed 10 rebounds and No. 13 Duke held Campbell to one basket over the first 11 minutes Monday night en route to an 84-29 victory.

The Blue Devils (12-4) rebounded from losses last week to No. 2 Wake Forest and No. 3 Clemson by grabbing an 15-point halftime lead and cruising to victory as 11 players scored at least four points.

The Cavaliers (5-8), led by Jim Fitzpatrick's 19 points, fell to 1-18 against Atlantic Coast Conference opponents.

Men's college basketball

Despite outbounding Duke 22-29 in the first half, the Cavaliers finished 84-30 from the field and nailed 43-25.

Duke's lead reached 27 points with 7:35 remaining after McLeod hit a follow shot and Newton made a follow slam and a layup.

No. 19 Boston College 81, Georgetown 74

NEWTON, Mass. — Antonio Gomer scored 19 points and No. 19 Boston College extended its best-ever Big East start with an 81-74 victory over Georgetown on Monday night.

The Eagles (11-2, 6-4) are off to their best start since 1964-65 and their best under coach Jim O'Brien, who is in his 11th year. They have won five straight conference games.

The Hoyas (10-5, 3-4), who have lost four of their last six, have their worst Big East record ever after seven games.

Murtaugh chases off Tigers, 64-30

MURTAUGH — Behind a defense that held Richfield scoreless in the first quarter and the offensive power of Josh Funk, Murtaugh downed the Tigers 64-30 in a boys' non-conference basketball game Monday.

High school basketball

Camas County 63, TFCB 38
TWIN FALLS — The Camas County Mustangs defeated Twin Falls Christian Academy 63-38 Monday in a non-conference boys' basketball contest.

team than we were," said TFCB coach Brent Walker.

Walker also noted that the Mustangs took 72 shots compared with 53 for the Warriors. And it's hard to beat a team when they take that many more shots, he said.

Ross on the beach in the second half in foul trouble, Hagerman looked inside to cruise to a non-conference girls' basketball win Monday.

Ranise Coleman and Tara Lutz scored 27 of the Pirates 46 points on the inside, while the Hagerman defense held the Indians to eight second-half points.

Clemson drums down Georgia Tech

ATLANTA (AP) — Bruce Umph marched a career-high 20 points and Coleen Carter scored a career-best 18 Monday night, leading No. 12 Clemson to a 60-29 Atlantic Coast Conference victory over Georgia Tech.

Women's college basketball

15 points, while Kisha Ford, the No. 4 scorer in the ACC at 18.5 a game, added 14.

BASKETBALL

NBA standings table with columns for team, W, L, Pct, GB, Home, Road, Conf, Last 10, Streak.

NBA team statistics

Table with columns for team, Pts, Reb, Ast, Stl, Blk, Pct, FGA, FT, 3P, TOV, PF.

PGA leaders

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Box score for Miami Heat vs Washington Bullets.

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Moya bumps Becker

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Brain fried, feet scorched, the sizzling court feeling 140 degrees, Boris Becker peered through the haze across the net and watched Carlos Moya, bouncing yuckfully as if to mock him.

With his shoulder-length dark hair, and baggy, black shorts down to his knees, the 20-year-old Spaniard looked and felt a generation younger than Becker. Moya's show of spryness suggested disregard for the heat, if not disrespect for the defending champion.

The young crowd saw the difference and sensed the upset in the making, chanting "Moya, Moya," on changeovers and drowning out the few hardy voices who called out to support the 29-year-old Becker.

When Becker sprayed the last ball wide, ending 3½ hours of frustration and losing 5-7, 7-6 (7-4), 3-6, 6-1, 6-4 on Monday, the crowd roared for Moya, who became the first man in 20 years to knock out a Grand Slam defending champion in the opening round.

Becker, his time apparently passed on these courts after shifting to Australia for 12 years, slumped off slowly with his racket bag looking like an unusually heavy load.

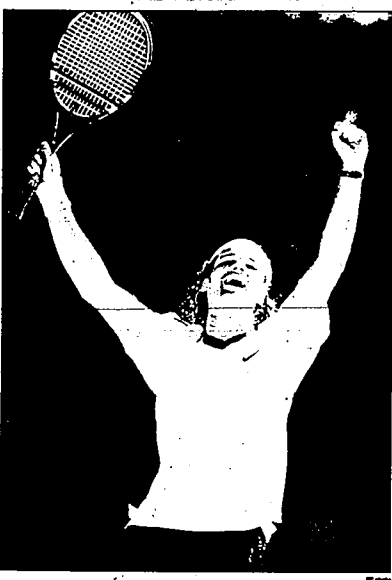
"My brain is scrambled eggs right now," Becker said when he retreated to an air-conditioned room. "I'm really struggling to speak normally because I'm burning. My feet and my legs are really hot, there were times that I couldn't move at all because I was afraid I would lose the skin on my feet."

The air temperature was 90 degrees, but Becker reckoned the rubberized hard court was closer to the 140 degrees it's reached in the past on similarly hot, cloudless days. On this afternoon, the precise court temperature couldn't be determined because tournament officials, sensitive to criticisms of the heat, banned thermometers from the court.

The weather was the key to the match, the 25th-ranked Moya said. "I was tired, but I think I was more tired than me. I'm still young."

Moya, who beat Becker in their only previous match indoors in Paris last fall, kept talking about the difference between the arenas as he spoke respectfully of Becker and thanked him for his advice to play more on hard courts.

"I grew up watching him on the TV, and it's nice for me that he



Carlos Moya of Spain is jubilant after beating Boris Becker of Germany in the first round of the Australian Open Tennis Championships in Melbourne, Australia on Monday.

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said that," Moya said. "That helped me because I realized that I can become a good player on hard courts."

Moya knew that the longer the match wore on, the better it would be for him. He was fit after playing five matches to reach the final in the Sydney International tournament last week, and he knew that Becker loathes the kind of sweating conditions they played in.

Becker launched his surge to the Australian title a year ago with a pair of five-setters. This time, he couldn't get past one. Moya, drilled on to the baseline, crapping passing shots or waiting for Becker to make mistakes.

Becker, coming off a 5-43 mil-

lion year in which he dominated virtually everyone when he was healthy, knew he would have trouble against Moya, and he was right. Becker also complained that the soft balls, designed to slow the game and produce longer rallies, favored Moya.

"I felt like I didn't really get much out of the balls, and so I sometimes overhit," Becker said. "And as the match went on, that took its toll. He is playing with a very soft strung racket, so he just sort of loops it in, whereas I have to hit it in (hard) always. That's my type of play. I didn't feel like I was getting any power from the ball, so I forced it and hit it harder and harder, and that's how I lost my title."

Though Becker hid 72 aces in Moya's five, and smacked 30 winning volleys to Moya's one, Moya proved far steadier and made many fewer errors.

Sun Valley skiers blaze on

BEND, Ore. (AP) — The Sun Valley skiers rose to the top Friday in the best individual race of the U.S. Cross Country Championships at Mt. Bachelor.

Laura Wilson of Ketchikan won the Women's 10K Freestyle. In the Men's 15K Freestyle, Carl Swenson, a skating specialist from Sun Valley, took second to seconds behind the winner, Marcus Nash of Salt Lake City. At the awards banquet, both Wilson and Swenson were named to the World Championship Team to represent the United States at the World Championships in Norway.

In the Women's 10K, two other Sun Valley skiers made the top 10. Jennifer Douglas finished ninth and Jennifer Fayerette finished 10th. Just missing the top ten, Cathi Hillmeyer improved on her

15th in the 5K finishing at 11th.

The only other Sun Valley skier in the top 30 was Bethany Goodwin in 18th.

In the Men's 15K, Sun Valley skiers finishing in the top 30 were Patrick Casey in 12th and the top Junior in the 15K Freestyle, Lars Flora in 15th and the third Junior in 16th. Another Sun Valley Junior, finished in 26th and fifth in the Juniors. Casey, Flora and Skinner were all named to the World Junior Team.

While the individual events concluded Friday, skiers competed Sunday in either a 3 x 5K women's relay or the 3 x 10K men's relay.

Sun Valley Ski Education Foundation took the women's ski race and the Mt. Bachelor Ski Education Foundation team won

the men's relay. The relay format is radically different from the single skier staggered start. All the teams start at once in a dash for the set time. And the top team wins \$3000 for its club.

The Sun Valley Men's No. 1 Team of Adam Heaney, Carl Swenson and Peter Webb finished fifth in the field of 17. The No. 2 Team of George Collier, Robert Parker and Mike Lowrey placed 10th.

The Women's Sun Valley team of Wendy Wagner, Jenny Fayette and Laura Wilson lagged by 28 seconds at the end of the second lap. Laura Wilson anchored the team, hammering the course for the fastest third lap, she passed and built another minute and a half on the team to place Salt Lake City women to take the title and the \$3000 in prize money.

Mariners give Seattle extension

SEATTLE (AP) — Seattle Mariners owners gave the City Council a break on Monday, saying the team isn't for sale and council members can have more time to figure out how to pay for game-day costs at the team's planned new ballpark.

The owners had threatened to put the team back on the block if the council didn't meet a Monday deadline to approve a plan for covering police, transportation and cleanup costs at the new stadium, which will be located south of the Kingdome.

Council members had said they couldn't meet that deadline, and the Mariners decided that was OK. As a result of recent discussions with the city, "The Mariners are now confident our concerns will be addressed in the next few months

by working with the city to understand the practical and innovative ways which we have discussed," Mariners chairman and chief executive officer John Ellis said in a statement.

"In light of the understanding with the city, outlined above, and the positive actions of the (King) County Council and the Public Facilities District, we will notify Major League Baseball that the team is no longer for sale."

City Councilwoman Sue Donohue, who supports a proposal to split costs with the Mariners, said "it could be six weeks or six months" before a deal is reached.

that is acceptable both to the team, and a majority of council members.

"It's a fairly simple idea and we should be able to make it work," she said.

On Dec. 14, frustrated by delays in moving the \$414 million ballpark project forward, team owners said they were withdrawing and putting the club up for sale. Six days later, they reversed course again and agreed to remain if certain conditions and deadlines were met.

The Mariners' and the Public Facilities District, which is overseeing the project to build a stadium in time for the 1999 season, last month agreed to a 20-year lease on the stadium. And the County Council agreed to issue \$336 million in construction bonds.

Big gains for Carolina, Clemson

The Associated Press

Connecticut led a top three that was unchanged and Atlantic Coast Conference rival Georgia Tech and Clemson made big gains Monday in The Associated Press women's basketball poll.

Old Dominion and Stanford remained second and third in the voting by a national media panel but were well behind Connecticut, which was No. 1 for the fourth straight week.

The Huskies (14-0) increased 37 of 41 first-place votes and moved 109 points to 60 more than Old Dominion. Old Dominion (13-1) had two first-place votes, while Stanford (16-1) had one first-place vote and 988 points.

Clemson (12-2) made the biggest jump in the poll, rising from 25th to 12th after beating North Carolina State and Florida State. North Carolina (12-1) jumped from 16th to 10th after one-sided victories over Florida State and Georgia Tech.

No. 4 Georgia and No. 5 Alabama each climbed one spot, with Alabama receiving one first-place vote. Louisiana Tech fell two places to sixth after a loss at New Orleans and was followed by Vanderbilt, Virginia, Tennessee and North Carolina.

Vanderbilt advanced one spot, Virginia climbed five places and Tennessee stayed the same. Tennessee lost at Old Dominion, the last of six straight road games, then beat Kentucky on its return home.

Virginia beat two ranked teams last week, Duke and North Carolina State, and also defeated Maryland.

Kansas, tied for first in the Big 12, climbed four places to head the

Second Ten. Then it was

Clemson, Arkansas and Texas Tech, followed by Arizona, Florida State and Texas. LSU, Western Kentucky, Duke and Wisconsin.

Notre Dame, Auburn, Stephen F. Austin, Florida State and DePaul held the final five spots. Auburn and Stephen F. Austin tied for 24th.

The biggest drop was by Texas Tech, which fell seven places after losing to Oklahoma State and Colorado. The 78-56 Oklahoma State was all the more stunning because it came at home, where the Lady Raiders had won 33 straight before losing to Tennessee on Dec. 15.

Losses to Virginia and Maryland dropped DePaul five places, while North Carolina State, Texas and Auburn all fell four spots. North Carolina State had the losses to Virginia and Clemson. Texas lost to Kansas State and Auburn lost to Alabama and Georgia, rearing its losing streak to four.

Arkansas also lost twice to Illinois and Vanderbilt — and dropped three places. Wisconsin fell three places after a two-point

AP poll Top 25 women's college basketball

	Rank	Points	Pv	Py
1. Connecticut (37)	14-0	1015	1	1
2. Old Dominion (2)	13-1	979	2	2
3. Stanford (1)	16-1	948	3	3
4. Georgia	11-2	896	5	4
5. Alabama (1)	13-2	870	6	6
6. Louisiana Tech	14-2	778	4	7
7. Vanderbilt	11-2	774	8	8
8. Virginia	12-3	668	13	9
9. Tennessee	11-6	635	9	10
10. North Carolina	12-1	585	16	11
11. Kansas	12-2	573	15	12
12. Clemson	12-2	475	20	13
13. Arkansas	12-3	468	10	14
14. Texas Tech	9-4	434	7	15
15. W. Carolina St.	11-6	413	11	16
16. Texas	8-3	396	12	17
17. LSU	12-0	388	22	18
18. N. Kentucky	10-3	337	19	19
19. Duke	11-4	301	14	20
20. Wisconsin	11-0	247	17	21
21. Notre Dame	11-4	238	21	22
22. Auburn	10-4	181	18	23
23. Stephen F. Austin	11-2	181	24	24
24. Florida	12-4	115	25	25
25. DePaul	9-2	114	24	26

Others receiving votes: San Francisco 48, Colorado 47, Illinois 46, Nebraska 28, Oregon 25, Arizona 21, Michigan 21, Southern California 16, Toledo 12, Maryland 11, Mississippi 10, Colorado 9, Oklahoma 9, S. Penn St. 7, James Madison 3, Tulsa 3, Michigan 2, George Washington 1, Montana 1, Portland 1, UCLA 1.

lost at Indiana.

LSU (13-0), the only unbeaten team other than Connecticut, stayed perfect by defeating Memphis and Mississippi and went from No. 22 to 17th.

Priest River starts drug testing

PRIEST RIVER (AP) — Priest River High School athletic director Ron Hopkins has started the first Panhandle drug testing program, saying it will foster what he calls the "athletic code."

The testing is voluntary at this point. Hopkins also coaches girls basketball.

"I'd been hearing rumors that the kids weren't living by the athletic code," he said. "I didn't think there were many other ways to make the code worthwhile."

"We need to make a statement to the community that our

athletes are clean. All high schools have the same problem. But this could be a way to control it."

All 10 of Hopkins' varsity players volunteered and 10 of 12 junior varsity athletes are participating. Not all of the volunteers slip for boys have been turned in yet.

Two girls and two boys were tested before Christmas. All came back negative. Two athletes will be tested randomly each week through the spring.

If the school board grants approval, Hopkins would like to

make drug testing mandatory next year.

"I'd heard some kids and parents that they thought the athletic code was a joke," he said. "I want it to have some meaning."

If the athletes test positive, they have two options. They can be suspended for the season, or suspended for two weeks and take part in a drug evaluation program.

If players commit a second offense, they are barred from the athletic season plus the next two.

Phoenix, Tampa Bay get leagues

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball's expansion teams will finally be assigned to leagues this week, and it appears virtually certain Phoenix will wind up in the National League and Tampa Bay in the American.

"When baseball owners approved the expansion on March 9, 1995, they set a deadline of January 1997 for the league assignments."

"My position has always been that in the best interests in baseball, we belong in the National

League," Diamondbacks CEO Jerry Colangelo said. "We're in a market that's been outspoken, where 65 percent of its fans are in the National League."

The Devil Rays appear happy that they're going to the AL and already are planning a celebration Friday in Florida.

"We're going to have a breakfast for a significant number of people in our area, both elected officials and prominent sponsors," Devil Rays CEO Vincent Naimoli said.

Appointing a search committee for a permanent commissioner is the other big item on the agenda for this week's owners' meeting, which starts Tuesday at Scottsdale, Ariz.

Some owners are again pressing acting commissioner Bud Selig to accept the job permanently, but Selig keeps telling them he's not interested. It appears that an executive council might be appointed as the search committee, but Selig won't be the head of the search.

Houston acting like a hockey hotbed

NEW YORK (AP) — Who's hot for hockey in Houston?

Probably, it would seem. Now the NHL is looking at which of these groups — if any — will get an expansion franchise for a second team in Lone Star State.

The Houston groups are competing to get one of two — or perhaps four — franchises. The Houstonians, along with those

from Columbus, Ohio; Hamilton, Ontario, and Minneapolis-St. Paul, made presentations Monday.

Nashville, with a brand new arena and lucrative television market, and Atlanta, backed by media mogul Ted Turner, are considered the top two. Houston, if it can work out its ownership squabbles and find a

way to upgrade the Summit facility, is thought to be another favorite with the fourth spot up for grabs.

The league isn't expected to say much until at least March. And that's when word might be given on when — and how many — teams will be added, although the NHL would reportedly go from 26 to 30 teams by 2000.

Doctors say Palmer's outlook positive

ROCHESTER, Minn. (AP) — Arnold Palmer remained hopeful Monday about his chances of beating prostate cancer after receiving encouraging test results at the Mayo Clinic.

"The fact that he is upbeat about it is encouraging to all of us," said Doc Giffin, Palmer's spokesman and longtime confidante. "And I'm sure that, in time, there would be very encouraging to the millions of people that love him."

Details of Palmer's examinations were unavailable. The medical center issued a brief statement Monday afternoon saying only that doctors were "encouraged by initial test results," and

spokeswoman Shelly Plutowski said Monday that Palmer, 67, still was undergoing tests into the early evening.

It was unclear how long Palmer would remain at the medical center. One option would be surgery, Giffin said. Plutowski said more would be known Tuesday morning.

Palmer, one of golf's greatest champions, found out he had prostate cancer Friday. Giffin, who talked with Palmer

between tests Monday, said the reason for optimism stemmed from the early detection of the cancer. Prostate cancer is a slow-developing disease that can be successfully treated if detected early.

"I can vouch for the fact that does work," said Giffin, who was successfully treated for bladder cancer 12 years ago.

Palmer piloted his own plane to Rochester from his Florida home Sunday, which Giffin said highlighted the fact that Palmer feels no physical effects of the cancer.

"I think it makes the point that he's not uncomfortable in any way because of this," Giffin said.

Hospital: Baul driving under influence

RIDGEMOUNT, Conn. (AP) — Figure skater Oksana Baiul was driving under the influence when she ran her car off a road while returning home from a night out in Hartford this weekend, a hospital report shows.

Baiul, who is 19 is two years under the legal drinking age in Connecticut, had a blood-alcohol level of .168 percent after the accident early Sunday morning, according to the report obtained Monday by The Associated Press. Baiul, a native of Ukraine, has lived and trained in Stansbury

since 1994. She was a few miles from her home in the Hartford suburb when her green Mercedes skidded more than 100 feet, then veered off the road at about 2:30 a.m. Sunday.

The Olympic gold medalist and a passenger were not seriously injured when her green Mercedes skidded more than 100 feet, then veered off the road at about 2:30 a.m. Sunday.

A police spokesman confirmed that Baiul was driving but refused further comment. No charges had been filed as of Monday afternoon.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Firefighters seek help for Eden fire victims

EDEN - Firefighters are asking for help for an Eden family burned out of its home early Sunday morning.
Guillermo Chairez, his wife and 3-year-old daughter escaped with nothing but the clothes on their backs after a chimney fire ran wild in the high weekend winds.
Chairez smelled smoke at about 1 a.m., but couldn't find the fire, said First-Responder Fire District Chief Don Utt. He and his wife had time to call for help and escape before the house caught fire.
Luckily, they all got out," Utt said. "I've never seen a house go up that fast. We figured we had 30 mph east winds, with six-degree temperatures."
The house was owned by Chairez's employer, Utt said, and several other houses are available for the family.
"Housing isn't a problem, but everything else is," Utt said. "Anything anybody can do would be appreciated."
The fire department responded with three fire trucks and six firefighters.
Utt said he is coordinating contribution efforts with the Sawtooth Chapter of the American Red Cross in Twin Falls.
To help, call Utt at 825-5725 or the Red Cross's Michael Young at 734-6464.

Shed fire almost extends to house in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS - Stiff winds Sunday pushed a shed fire into a Twin Falls house, but firefighters were able to stave off the flames.
"They are pretty lucky. A little bit more, and the house would have caught fire," said Twin Falls Battalion Chief Ron Clark.
The fire, a shed fire in the 3400 North block of 3200 East, started at about 7:53 p.m. Clark said the shed that burned was "stuffed full of everything," and had two cars inside.
The shed was upwind of the home, and the fire burned about half of a back porch on the house, Clark said. It blistered paint on the house, but did no more damage than that, he said.
The department responded with three engines, two tankers, and 10 firefighters.

Local governments get drug-fighting money

TWIN FALLS - The federal government is giving local police money to help fight drug and alcohol abuse.
More than \$228,000 in federal highway safety grants will be given to 15 communities throughout the state to fund alcohol and drug-impaired driving prevention. The money will pay for equipment to train police officers and to help prevention or apprehension of impaired drivers.
The Twin Falls Police Department will get \$5,000 for driving under the influence and underage drinking prevention programs.
Twin Falls County's sheriff's department will get \$5,000 for a breath testing device.
The Glenns Ferry Police Department will get \$6,000 for in-car video cameras.

Twin Falls board to discuss fire alarm system

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls School Board members Tuesday will hear an update on the fire alarm systems at Oregon Trail Elementary School and Twin Falls High School.
An Idaho Falls engineer recommends installing sounding devices in each classroom at Oregon Trail Elementary School, said Dale Thornsbury, director of operations for the Twin Falls School District.
With classroom doors shut, teachers and students might not be able to hear the alarms in the hallways, he said. Other problems with the alarm system have been fixed by Salt Lake City, he said.
At Twin Falls High School, the gymnasium alarm system has been temporarily rewired after Life Safety Systems Inc., a consulting firm, said the system was not functioning. The work will be done "as quickly as possible" to permanently correct the system, Thornsbury said.
In other business, Bickel, Elementary School will request a vice principal and Larry Watson, district testing specialist, will review results of students' standardized test taken in October, 1996.

Gooding School Board plans closed meeting

GOODING - The Gooding School Board will evaluate Gooding School District Superintendent Henry Kilmer's performance this year during a closed-door meeting this evening.
During the open portion of the meeting, Board members will discuss the gifted and talented program and the Western Region Math Conference in Salt Lake City. The meeting will take place at 7 p.m. at the district office at 507 Idaho Street. Call 934-4321 for more information.
Compiled from staff reports

Old West commissioner retires

By Kristan Kennedy
Times-News correspondent
HALLEY - Rupert House's retirement from the Blaine County Commission can be seen as a routine political passing of the guard or the end of an era for a disappearing generation who came to the Wood River Valley for mining, not moguls.
That depends on the analysis.
But in the Wood River Valley, a lone liberal island in the middle of a state famous for protecting private property rights as much as potatoes, a newly elected commissioner convened this week, without 80-year-old Rupert House.
It's hard to picture another octogenarian casting county votes - especially one donned in cowboy boots, packing straight talk. House's cow-kickers and politically incorrect quotes had been a courthouse fixture since House was first elected in 1980.
Sixteen years after he first ran for county office as a Republican, age didn't drive House out of office. Rather, he opted out of re-election last year because the job was squelching his sense of humor. And that, to House, is more intolerable than a controversial county ordinance.
"I built my house on a hill so I could see both ways down the road," House said. "I'm completely non-conforming by current rules, and I could care less."
For House, liberal and frustrating pol-



Retired Blaine County Commissioner Rupert House relaxes near his home two miles below the Triumph mine south of Ketchum Saturday.

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Mills gets probation in burglary

By Kent McCleary
Times-News writer
TWIN FALLS - Probation and restitution is the penalty for one of three teenagers involved in a burglary that left another suspect dead of a gunshot wound.
Josh Cooke Mills, 18, of Hollister, was sentenced Monday to three years on supervised probation. Mills must pay \$2,371.03 in restitution, get a general equivalency diploma and complete the tons of a drug and alcohol assessment, Twin Falls County District Judge Roger Burdick ruled.
On the morning of Nov. 1, 1996, Glenn Schroeder drove back to his farmhouse south of Twin Falls and surprised three people as they burglarized his house. Two of the three exchanged gunfire with Schroeder; prosecutors said Mills did not carry a weapon, although he participated in the burglary.
The hearing brought out additional details about the crime - cases of two of the three teenagers who police say were involved in the burglary of the Schroeders' home.
A coroner's inquest jury ruled in December Loper died from a wound sustained while exchanging gunfire with Schroeder. That jury also found that Schroeder had fired in self-defense.
Valencia said charges aggravated assault and burglary carry fines from the incident.

said, Mills followed along. Mills was a student at Filer High School at the time and briefly returned to Filer High after being released from jail.
Although Mills faced up to 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine, Deputy Prosecutor Ryan Shaum, had asked for one to three years in prison, and a with-hold sentence. Shaum noted Mills had no juvenile record, and previously only a conviction for drunken driving and traffic violations.
Lammers said Mills had admitted to his involvement in the crime, and wanted to make a change in his life.
Burdick told Mills the probation was Mills' one and only chance to avoid prison, a chance that hinges on staying sober.
Schroeder attended the hearing, but declined Burdick's offer to comment before the sentence. Burdick said he was taking into account the loss of peace and tranquility Schroeder has suffered because of the shooting.
The sentence closes the cases of two of the three teenagers who police say were involved in the burglary of the Schroeders' home.
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Josh Mills was sentenced to three years probation Monday after pleading guilty to burglary. Another teenager was shot and killed in the Nov. 1, 1996, attempted break-in of a farmhouse south of Twin Falls.

Raymonds remembered at banquet

By Pat Marcantonio
Times-News writer
TWIN FALLS - Because of Thursday's death of Roy and Verna Marie Raymond in a plane crash near Deming, the annual Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce banquet was almost canceled.
After discussions among chamber members and the Raymonds' family and friends, chamber leaders decided to proceed - with Monday's event.
Mike Johnston, outgoing chamber president
"Roy would be very upset with if we did (cancel)," Johnston said. "They were very supportive of the chamber. This is a chance for us to think of them tonight to have this program in their honor. They left a real void in the chamber."
The Raymonds, longtime business and community leaders, were very much a presence at the banquet. But the mood Monday was not somber; the 260 people there remembered the Raymonds' lives more than their deaths.
In his opening remarks Johnston recalled the couple's contributions to Twin Falls and the chamber.
And the Rev. Brian Freisman of the Twin Falls Reformed Church, the church the Raymonds attended, led a prayer remembering the couple.
The words brought tears to the eyes of Doug Vollmer, a close friend of the Raymonds. But he was comforted to hear banquet guests around him talk about good memories they had of his friends.
"50 many good memories. I'm learning a lot from what people are saying. It's good to hear them," said Vollmer, a local real estate appraiser. "We can laugh and we can cry."
The Raymonds had planned an attending the banquet to present the Curtis T. Eaton Award to First Security Bank to honor the bank's business and community leadership. The Roy Raymond Ford-Mitsubishi dealership won last year.
In their place, Verna Marie's daughter, Renee Bonander and husband, Cal, presented the award. During the evening, there were mixed feelings at the table of dealership employees, Cal Bonander said.
(Renee) didn't want to come, but we decided to carry on," he said.
Within the few months before their death, the couple donated \$20,000 to the chamber to sponsor a program about education and \$10,000 to the Business Plus fund used to attract new businesses to town, said Johnston. Area Chamber of Commerce members also knew Roy and Verna Marie Raymond since the 1980s.

Memorial Service
A memorial service for Roy and Verna Marie Raymond will be held at 4 p.m. Wednesday at the Roper Auditorium at Twin Falls High School.

Old Towne gets OK for city funds

By William Brock
Times-News writer
TWIN FALLS - A proposal to raise millions of dollars for the continuing renaissance of the Old Towne area passed an important test Monday when the City Council gave its blessing.
Though unanimous, the vote was informal - and a full round of public hearings is required before a bond issue can be approved. Neither the city nor the Urban Renewal Agency would be liable if the revenue bonds aren't paid off, said Dave McAlindin, city economic development director.
If things go smoothly, the bonds would be paid by property taxes in the area, including Lamb Weston and Henningsen Cold Storage, McAlindin told the council.
McAlindin outlined a two-phase bond issue, with the first step tailored to fund

a variety of projects within the Old Towne area. The second phase would be aimed solely at purchasing the Eastern Idaho Railroad switching yard, which lies in the heart of Old Towne.
The city's Urban Renewal Agency is hoping to spend \$2.33 million on a host of projects in the Old Towne area - ranging from water line improvements to purchasing privately owned properties. Some projects have been completed, but many others are unfinished.
Buying the Eastern Idaho Railroad switching yard would cost another \$3 million, McAlindin said.
Given the \$2.93 million already pledged for phase one, financing restrictions would limit the railroad deal to less than \$1 million in revenue bonds, McAlindin said. Most of the additional money would have to come from grants.
Moving the switching yard would be nice, but it is not a top priority, said Mayor Jeff Gooding. If funding can't be

nailed down, the idea may be abandoned and the bond issue trimmed accordingly.
Councilman Chris Talkington wasn't convinced Old Towne's success is a foregone conclusion.
"I see a lot of parking spaces, but no place to go except a pub or a restaurant," he said, lamenting the lack of a well-financed "anchor" business. A single bad year could ruin many of the new businesses that have opened in the area.
McAlindin said there has already been "significant private investment" in the area and said "critical mass" is building steadily. However, he conceded that an anchor business hasn't dropped in yet.
Councilman Lance Clow said the city's role is not to guarantee success for businesses that move to Old Towne.
"our job ... is to make it as easy as possible for a business to come into the area," he said.

Ambulance issue still lingering from '96

By N.S. Nokkentved
Times-News writer
TWIN FALLS - Their first official action upon being sworn in Monday was to declare 1997 the Year of the Family, in Twin Falls County.
After that, county commissioners took no action on a piece of unfinished business from 1996: a proposed ambulance ordinance.
The last stumbling block to passing a county ambulance ordinance remains the issue of transporting patients to the

hospital of their choice.
The privately owned Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital wants the ordinance to ensure patient choice.
The county-owned Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, which operates the county's ambulance service, agrees that such policy should be hammered out, but not within the ambulance ordinance.
Commissioners have been considering an ordinance to set minimum operating standards for an ambulance service operating in Twin Falls County. The aim

is to keep taxpayers from having to subsidize ambulance service, Commissioner Brent Runkle said.
No one disagreed that patient welfare must come first. The two hospitals disagree over how best to ensure that welfare.
The clinic is concerned over the patient who is taken by ambulance to Magic Valley Regional, while the doctor waits at the clinic with the patient's medical history.
Magic Valley Regional is concerned

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MAGIC VALLEY

OBITUARIES

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TWIN FALLS



Roy Ellis Raymond

Roy Ellis Raymond, 56, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Jan. 9, 1997, in an airplane crash near Detroit, Mich.

Roy was born Nov. 25, 1940, in New York. He is the son of Emile and Inez Anderson Raymond. When Roy was a year old, the family moved to Portland, Maine. Upon graduation from high school, he attended Western State College, graduating from there in 1963, with a degree in history and math.

Roy enjoyed golf, traveling, fly fishing, history, wildlife, skiing, and family time. He was a pilot and had owned and piloted his own private plane. He was very involved in the community and state as chairman of the State Medicaid Reform Committee, Southern Idaho Economic Development Council, Board of Commerce Advisory Department Chair, Magic Valley Chapter of Medical Center Finance Committee, the Republican Party, as well as many other community, state and civic organizations, as well as his church. He also supported and was actively involved in the College of Southern Idaho. Roy was recently nominated as the Idaho, Time Magazine's Dealer of the Year, and was also a recipient of the Curtis Eaton award for Twin Falls.

Roy is survived by one daughter, Emily of Twin Falls; one son, John Raymond of Las Vegas, Nev.; one daughter, Brad Plau of Seattle, Wash.; three stepdaughters, Renee Bonander of Twin Falls, Valerie Schmidt of Vacaville, Calif., and Wendy Plau of Fairfield, Calif.; one son, Brad Plau of Seattle, Wash.; one stepson, John Raymond of Las Vegas, Nev.; 10 grandchildren; her parents, Vern and Dorothy Reak of Montana; and one sister, Mary Lee Piazza of Polson, Mont.

A memorial service will be held 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 15, 1997, at Roper Auditorium at Twin Falls High School, with the Rev. Brian Wiseman officiating. A reception will follow at the Roper Reformed Church, 1631 Grandview Ave.

The family suggests memorials be given to the Twin Falls Reformed Church Building Fund, 1631 Grandview Ave., Twin Falls ID 83301.

Kenneth Elwood Masoner

Kenneth Elwood Masoner, 78, of Twin Falls, passed away Saturday, Jan. 11, 1997, at home with his loving wife, Donna, as always, by his side.

He was born Sept. 17, 1918, in Rupert, the fourth son of Emma and Charles Masoner. He was gifted at an early age as an artist. His great memory allowed him to play the organ by ear. Upon meeting Donna, artist and graduation from Rupert High School, he was 18 and she was 14, he headed to Yellowstone National Park to do a fellowship, where he worked in California in 1939. Donna then joined him after high school. They were together 57 1/2 years—survived conviction of these homes, and shared the responsible upbringing of two sons, Ken and Wade. Prior to World War II, Elwood worked as a tooling specialist for Douglas Aircraft. Elwood enlisted in the Navy in 1944. After employment with the Music Center, Western Life Insurance Co., and Western States Lumber, they purchased the Music Store. "Masoner Music Sells Happiness" was the motto.

In 1947, Elwood and Archa Brown, with Explorer Post 69, he blazed the Masha Trail for Snake River Council of the Boy Scouts. The 68-mile trail traversed the Idaho primitive area. This was his first look at the beautiful Middle Fork of the Salmon River. His first descent in old World War II surplus rafts included the logistics of horse packing at Elmoreton from Sheepeater Hot Springs to Graybound Ridge and peeping out. Elwood was elected spokesman for the first large scale trip in 1952.

Donna and Elwood shared enthusiasm with their business of Whitewater Adventures. He led the first commercial rafting trip on the Selway River in 1972. He was past president of the Idaho Outfitters and Guides Association. Scouts and guests were the ultimate contribution from Elwood - that of honesty and cheerful donation of time and labor. His collection of Indian antiques was at the Wood River Museum for years. Elwood was a member of Clear Lake and Blue Lakes Country Club, on two occasions, got a hole-in-one in golf.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his son, Wade, and brothers, Marie and Manfred. Survivors include his wife, Donna; his sister, Reva Simons of Hailley; and brother, Ron "Hop" Masoner, and his son and daughter-in-law, Ken and Sue.

At his request, baptism was performed on Wednesday, Jan. 8, 1997, at the home with the help of the wonderful staff at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. His membership, was sustained into the 1st Ward of the Church of Christ of Latter-day Saints on Sunday, Jan. 12, 1997.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 15, 1997, at the 1st Ward LDS Church on Elizabeth Boulevard in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at White Valley Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Donations in his honor may be made to the Southern Idaho Regional Cancer Center or the American Diabetes Association.

Verna Marie Raymond

Verna Marie Raymond, 57, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Jan. 9, 1997, in an airplane crash near Detroit, Mich.

She was born Nov. 17, 1939, in Hamilton, Mont., the daughter of Vern and Dorothy Sizer Reak. She attended schools in the Hamilton area. In 1955, she married George Plau and raised four children. They lived in Stevensville, Mont., Powell, Wyo., and Bozeman, Mont. They were later divorced in 1975. Verna Marie attended college and received her degree as a certified surgical technician. She spent 20 years in this occupation. After her marriage in 1977, to Roy Raymond, they resided in Powell, where their daughter, Emily was born. In 1980, they moved to Twin Falls where she was actively involved in the co-ownership of the Roper Reformed Church/Mitsubishi dealership.

Verna Marie enjoyed golfing, traveling, entertaining and family gatherings. She was very involved in the Republican Women's Organization, as president of the PEO, past president of Twin Falls Regional Medical Center, past chairperson of the Festival of Trees, member of the College of Southern Idaho Foundation Board, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, past graduate of Magic Valley Leadership, and a recipient of the Paul Harris Award presented to her in the fall of 1995 by the Rotary Club. She was also active in many other civic organizations and her church.

Verna Marie is survived by four daughters, Emily, age 16, Twin Falls; Renee Plau Bonander of Twin Falls; Valerie Plau Schmidt, of Vacaville, Calif.; and Wendy Plau Schmidt, of Fairfield, Calif.; one son, Brad Plau of Seattle, Wash.; one stepson, John Raymond of Las Vegas, Nev.; 10 grandchildren; her parents, Vern and Dorothy Reak of Montana; and one sister, Mary Lee Piazza of Polson, Mont.

A memorial service will be held 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 15, 1997, at Roper Auditorium at Twin Falls High School, with the Rev. Brian Wiseman officiating. A reception will follow at the Roper Reformed Church, 1631 Grandview Ave.

The family suggests memorials be given to the Twin Falls Reformed Church Building Fund, 1631 Grandview Ave., Twin Falls ID 83301.

Jessie and first grandson, Dillon; his parents, Cornilio and Florencia Contrazurbeta in Munibaur, Spain; sisters Rosa Mari Guericabeta and family of Boise, Mari Teri and family of Durango, Spain, and Mari Sol and family of Munibaur, Spain. At the time of his death, he was with the step in Blythe, Calif., doing what he loved to do—fishing.

Wherever Mike went he instantly made friends. From continent to continent, state to state, town to town or camp to camp, he was always happy and loved his work with the animals. Mike would say "The best time of holding is in the summer, when the tomatoes are done and this is your country."

Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 15, 1997, at the St. Charles Catholic Church in Hailley. The funeral Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 16, 1997, at St. Charles Catholic Church with Father Robert Keller officiating. In addition, there will be a gathering of friends to celebrate Mike's life at 2 p.m. at the Carey LDS Church, followed by burial at the Carey Cemetery.

The family suggests contributions may be made to the Carey High School Booster Club, in care of Judy and Bobbi Edwards, Carey, ID. Arrangements are under the direction of the Wood River Funeral Chapel in Hailley.

TWIN FALLS

Marty Campbell

Marjorie - Marty: Mae Glenn Campbell, 82, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Dec. 12, 1997, at the Twin Falls Care Center.

She was born Jan. 30, 1914, in Anslemie, Neb., the daughter of Medd and Lona Shaddess Glenn. In 1938, she moved to Twin Falls and began working for Swift and Co. She later went to work for Ida Gem Dairy, which later became Jerome Co-op. She retired from them after 25 years of service.

She was a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church for many years.

She is survived by three daughters, Joan (Forrest) Stokesberger of Filer, Frances (Martha) Kittredge of Twin Falls and Leona (Jim) Thomas of Plainview, Texas; eight grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; one brother; and four sisters. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Frank Campbell; two sisters; and three brothers.

At her request no services are being held. Cremation took place under the direction of White Crematory in Twin Falls.

DEATH NOTICES

Mary M. Hunter

-OAKLEY - Mary M. Hunter, 80-year-old Oakley resident, died Monday, Jan. 13, 1997, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Friday at the Oakley LDS Stake Center, with Bishop Nolan Critchfield officiating. Burial will follow at the Oakley Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Payne Mortuary in Burley and from noon to 12:45 p.m. on Friday at the church.

Dawn Adele Cluff

MERIDIAN - Dawn Adele Cluff, 48, of Meridian, died Monday, Jan. 13, 1997, at her home of natural causes.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Meridian United Methodist Church. Burial will follow at the Dry Creek Cemetery in Boise. Arrangements are under the direction of the Relyea Funeral Chapel in Boise.

Bernice 'Bonnie' Schaner

BURLEY - Bernice "Bonnie" Schaner, 75-year-old Burley resident, died Sunday, Jan. 12, 1997, at the Parke View Care Center in Burley.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Rupert, with Father Henry Carmona as celebrant. Rosary

will be held at 7 p.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary Roper Chapel. Friends may call one hour before Rosary today at the funeral chapel and one hour before Mass on Wednesday at the church. Burial will be at the Paul Cemetery.

SERVICES

Nila Rake, formerly of Burley, 11 a.m. today, View Cemetery, (Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel).

Mervin W. Edson, of Twin Falls, funeral Mass, 1 p.m. today, St. John's Cathedral, Boise; burial will follow at Morris Hill Cemetery, Boise, (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Martha "Tillie" Henson, of Eden, graveside service, 1 p.m. today, Hazelton Cemetery, (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Gary "Tub" Lynn Koepnick, of Twin Falls, 1 p.m. today, Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

Alice Harman, of Acquia, 2 p.m. today, Hansen Mortuary Roper Chapel. Friends may call before the funeral today at the funeral chapel.

Elizabeth Mary Hocklander Dining, formerly of Wendell, 2 p.m. today, Demary's Wendell Chapel.

Dorothy E. Glahn, of Payette

and formerly of Bellevue, 10 a.m. today, Shaffer-Jensen Memory Chapel, Payette.

A. Joan Pond, of Boise and formerly of Filer, 2 p.m. today, Alden-Waggoner Chapel, Boise.

Kenneth Merrill Widmer, of Twin Falls, memorial service, 3 p.m. today, White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Clara S. Armstrong, of Jerome, 10 a.m. Wednesday, Howe-Rosenberg Funeral Chapel, Jerome. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

Ruby Louisa (Palmer) Matson Durfee, of Twin Falls, 1 p.m. Wednesday, Twin Falls 6th Ward LDS Chapel. Friends may call from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Wednesday at the church, (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Edna Marie Williams, of north Shoshone, 10 a.m. Saturday, Demary's Shoshone Chapel. Friends may call from 1 to 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral chapel.

HOSPITALS

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Some names are omitted at patients' request.

Released Marian Butterworth of Buhl; and Charles Hieff of Gooding.

CASSIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Admitted Rhoda Dayley and Irvin Dayley, both of Heyburn.

Released Marc Salgado and Anita Lind, both of Burley; Alexander Romer of Paul; Madge Roundy of

Rupert; Grace Bingham of The Dalles, Ore.; and William Davis of Canton, Ohio.

Births A baby was born to Jessica and William Garner and Kuipio and Jeremiah-Randall, all of Burley.

MINIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Some names are omitted at patients' request.

Admitted Arthur Norby, Dominga Guzman and Diana Ramirez, all of Rupert.

Released Lori Hall, Magdalena Fernandez and Dannel Vega and baby girl, all of Rupert.

KIMBERLY

Shirley Rae Henry Floyd

Shirley Floyd, native Idahoan, passed away at the family home in Las Vegas, Nev. on Jan. 10, 1997, after a lingering bout with cancer.

She leaves behind her husband, Bill, of Las Vegas; her daughters, Laurie Adeline of Columbus, Ohio, and Keni Becker of San Diego, Calif.; her sons, Brett of Idaho Falls, Bill H. of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Barry of Las Vegas; 14 grandchildren; her mother, Reba Henry of Lake San Marcos, Calif.; her sister, Janice Stoker of San Juan Capistrano, Calif. Her daughter, Sally Ann; and her father, James W. Henry, preceded her in death.

Shirley was born in Twin Falls on May 5, 1935, the first daughter of James W. Henry and Reba George Henry. After graduation, they lived in Kimberly for 14 years. The family moved to Idaho Falls in 1971, where all five children graduated from Bonneville High School. She was co-valedictorian at Kimberly High School, graduated Summa Cum Laude at the U of I, enjoyed golf, camping with the family and helping others in need. She was an active member of the LDS Church her entire life. While living in Las Vegas, she was a member of the Whitney Ranch Ward and the Warm Springs Ward.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 17, 1997, at the LDS Chapel on the Lincoln-Ammon Road, just south of 17th Street in Idaho Falls. The family will greet friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Wood Funeral Home, 275 N. H Ridge in Idaho Falls. Internment will follow at approximately 4:30 p.m. Friday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

Memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society.

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Zoning commission meets

By William Brock
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A proposal for a much-discussed plastics plant, and other smaller projects, high-light tonight's city Planning and Zoning Commission schedule.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in City Hall.

Planners will consider annexing 16 acres at Eastland Drive South and Osterloh Avenue into the city. Clear Shield National Inc. plans to build a plastic molding plant on the site, which is zoned for industrial manufacturing.

Another agenda item is a request to expand a ranch home with a big view on the edge of the Snake River Canyon at the top of

Canyon Springs Grade.

Joe Sorenson wants to build a major addition to the 1,008-square-foot home, but the house is deemed a "non-conforming building" because it is less than 20 feet from the canyon rim. City code calls for a minimum setback of 100 feet, or 50 feet if a geologist says the site is safe.

Sorenson has submitted a geologic report, but the credentials of its author are in dispute.

Sorenson has proposed a building addition 28 feet high, which is taller than the existing structure. City officials say a reduction in height — to about 18 feet — would be appropriate to preserve the area's "nightline."

In other agenda items:

- Arctic Circle restaurant owners

are seeking to build a drive-through restaurant in a vacant lot at 688 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. The land lies immediately south of the now-defunct Denny's Restaurant.

Plans for the drive-through restaurant seek to route vehicles onto Blue Lakes Boulevard, but city officials recommend the site also have access to Spruce Street.

- A massage therapy and massage shop proposal, from Ralph and Kande Jones, is for a building at 455 Addison Avenue E.
- Planners will consider two day care proposals, one from Mary Robinson at 475 Buchanan St., and one from Lee Wagner and Colleen and Dave Loevner, at 2077 Addison Ave. E.

Minidoka commissioners approve more attorney contracts

By Lori Bettineski
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Minidoka County commissioners Monday approved contracts Monday for two attorneys assisting in the prosecution of three murder cases involving Corey Hood, Kody Butcher and Jesus Diaz.

A contract for Minidoka County special prosecutor John Bradley was extended through the conclusion of the three trials. Prosecution fees not broken down by case, but are estimated to run about \$43,220.

Commissioners also approved a contract for Cassia County Deputy Prosecutor Howard Smyser, who will continue serving as a special deputy prosecutor. For \$80 an hour, Smyser will help Bradley with research and jury selection in the upcoming murder trials in Ada County involving Butcher and Diaz.

To date, Smyser has provided \$6,400 in legal services to the county since Nov. 21. He was officially deputized Monday.

Minidoka County Prosecutor Rick Bollar, who was officially sworn in Monday, advised the commissioners to extend Bradley's contract and accept Smyser's help.

"It's in the best interest of the county that John (Bradley) see them through the end," Bollar said. "He's done all the prep work for the Butcher and Diaz trials, and the Hood matter is nearly completed."

Bollar said he is unsure of Smyser's role after jury selection is complete in Ada County.

However, County Clerk Duane Smith said Smyser's contract was approved through the conclusion of the three trials.

Although there was no formal contract between Smyser and the county, commissioners knew Bradley needed help with the cases, Bollar said.

"From all indications (Bradley) wasn't getting the cooperation he needed from the prosecutor's office and had to go elsewhere," Bollar said.

Rupert attorney Raymond Pena questioned why Smyser's contract was approved during an interview with *The Times-News* Monday. Pena said the commissioners seem to have a double standard.

"I find it interesting that he (Smyser) would submit claims for those fees if he didn't get approval for the work prior to completing it," Pena said. "I don't know if he did or not, but it seems as though the commissioners have two sets of standards that they apply. One for me, and one for everyone else."

Pena, who provided more than \$15,000 in services to the county last year, is suing for triple that amount after payment in September denied payment.

County Clerk Duane Smith said commissioners are standing firm on their decision, because a contract for Pena's services was never formally approved.

Hood agreed last week to plead guilty to first-degree murder. He will be sentenced to serve at least 33 years in prison in connection with the deaths of Mae Hood, his grand-

mother, and 17-year-old Wendy Hunter.

Butcher and Diaz both face first-degree murder charges in connection with the April 10 shooting of Blake Morgan.

The three murder cases are expected to cost Minidoka County taxpayers more than \$250,000.

As county commissioners begin receiving these bills, Bollar advised them Monday to look the bills over carefully before signing.

Commissioners deferred on two bills Monday, after discussing them with Bollar.

Burley attorney Kent Jensen in December submitted a \$411,40 bill. Jensen was appointed by the court to represent Matthew Mines in a state case against him. Fees included several conferences from Dec. 5 to Dec. 26 with Mines, plus a Dec. 19 court appearance.

Twin Falls attorney Monte Carlson submitted a \$1,916 bill for representing Shannah Reeves on the Hood case.

Bollar requested the commissioners defer payment on the bill until he met with 5th District Judge William Hart to review the files on Mines and Reeves.

"There was no criminal action pending against either of them (Mines and Reeves) when they testified, which makes me question the county's payment responsibilities here," Bollar said.

Both Mines and Reeves were initially charged as accessories in connection with the Hunter murder, but the charges were later dropped.

UP, UP AND AWAY!



A large flock of Canada geese, caught munching on winter wheat in a field northwest of Burley, erupts into flight Monday afternoon.

House

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itics in Blaine County politics proved more and more unpalatable, and influenced his decision to jump ship.

While a good fight never scared House, too much government did. By his standards, Blaine County trampled some boundaries in recent years, imposing restrictive ordinances and cumbersome planning procedures on landowners and residents.

House's departure marks the end of an era, and silence and a new voice for the valley's true "local" population, dwindling by interview last summer after House announced he wouldn't seek re-election, Roberta said the word and her generation would suffer. She had fond words for House, a friend for six decades.

"People don't understand, but we're not just losing a good com-

missioner here," said McKerber. "He's fought things brought here by outsiders. People leave a place they don't like (now I don't want to sound mean here), and they move here and do the same things that made 'em move. He knew that, and he fought it."

House defended many bygone values. It was no surprise House's final vote as an elected official Jan. 6 pertained to one of the most critical zoning issues facing Blaine County: subdividing farmland.

It was also no surprise he was overruled, 2-to-1.

The issue was paramount: should private landowners be allowed to subdivide farmland, a deviation from the county's 200-

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— Rupert House

passion for recycling and the environment. House, with his cowboy boots, sat smack in the middle.

While the threesome had a newsletter back in the last years it became apparent House was fighting a losing battle on many major issues.

He stridently opposed a hillside ordinance — four years in the making and finally approved in 1994. The law restricts development on Wood River hillsides. House not only balked at the idea throughout the debate, but he refused to put his signature on the document, once put into law.

"I came up here the same year Sun Valley started building. I watched the whole thing. Mining was good to me. I enjoyed every minute of it. It aggravates me to see historians say history started here with skiing," said House. "That's not true, it came with mining."

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Leaders challenge '96 federal term limits

BOISE (AP) — A bipartisan coalition of state lawmakers, headed by Speaker Michael Simpson and Senate President Pro Tem Jerry Twigg, asked the Idaho Supreme Court Monday to void the 1996 federal term limits initiative.

The lawsuit claims the proposition, which was supported by 55 percent of the voters last November, violates the state and federal constitutions.

"By requiring the state to identify on the ballot any candidate who has not done everything possible to require term limits on Congress, the suit contends the state is essentially forced to sanction the political belief that term limits are appropriate over the political belief that they are not, illegally squelching political debate."

Simpson and Twigg represent Bingham and Butte counties — voters in both opposed the 1994 term limits legislation. They were joined by Republican Sen. Laird Noe of Kimberly, Democratic Sens. Bruce Sweeney of Lewiston



and Marguerite McLaughlin of Orofino, Democratic Rep. Wendy Jaquet of Ketchum, and Republican Reps. Maynard Miller of Moscow, Jim Kempton of Albion, Golden Lindorf of Rexburg and Reed Hansen of Idaho Falls.

The suit seeks an order barring the Secretary of State from carrying out the requirement that ballots identify candidates without the proper credentials, including pressing for a constitutional amendment having "Disregarded Voters' Instructions On Term Limits."

In their cases, Simpson and Twigg argued that voting for term limits disregards their voters' instructions.

And Twigg, who is retiring after finishing his seventh term,

would like to see the 1994 term limits law repealed. He argues that an eight-year limit on county officials would force qualified candidates from seeking offices like sheriff or clerk.

Housing authority negotiations today

HAILEY — An open meeting to negotiate the formation of a Ketchum/Blaine County Housing Authority will be held at 10 a.m. today in the top floor meeting room at the Blaine County Courthouse.

Negotiations are expected to include the respective financial contributions of the City of Ketchum and Blaine County. The county had originally committed \$10,000, compared to Ketchum's housing budget of \$78,000 and land acquisition fund of \$450,000.

Ketchum Housing Coordinator Kay Fulmer has brought representatives from Blaine County cities will come to the meeting to discuss affordable housing issues, which he says are relevant countywide.

Sun Valley planners to meet

SUN VALLEY — The regular meeting of the Sun Valley Planning and Zoning Commission will be held at 9 a.m. Tuesday in council chambers at City Hall.

The commission will hold several public hearings on the Crown Ranch land parcel, and

will consider a Ketchum/Sun Valley Community School planning stalls and one enclosed parking stall.

The commission also will discuss the building of a new residence at 107 Fireweed.

Regular meetings are scheduled for Jan. 28 and Feb. 11.

Kimberly City Council to meet

KIMBERLY — The Kimberly City Council will meet today at City Hall, with a workshop starting at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting at 7 p.m.

A public comment period is on the agenda, followed by old business with Scott Bybee and JUB Engineers and Kathy Uker for Region IV Development.

Under new business, the mayor will make appointments for 1997.

Reports, staff input and other items before the council include the mayor's additional items and reports from the fire, police, parks and zoning, street, and water and sewer departments.

In other business, a grievance hearing is set for 8 p.m.

Banquet

Hospital and Volco Building Materials Centers were recognized for more than five decades in business.

The hospital was founded in 1947 by four physicians, among them Dr. Elwood Reese, 88, who attended Monday's banquet.

"For 50 years, my son will be up here to accept the 100-year honor," said Dr. David McClusky, the son of another founder.

Volco manager Bob Lassiter, who started with the firm while a teenager, says the business has been a part of the area's growth.

"It's been a pleasure to do business in this community," he said.

OBITUARY

TWIN FALLS

Robert R. Geer

Robert Ralph Geer, 83, of Twin Falls, died Saturday evening, Jan. 11, 1997, at his home.

He was born Jan. 17, 1913, in Pocatello, to Ralph and Eva Geer. He married Marion Goldsmith on June 13, 1937, in Cheyenne, Idaho. He served in the Air Force during World War II and was stationed in California, Washington and Indiana.

Robert had six children: three sons and three daughters. He and Marion moved to New London, Ohio, where Bob owned a restaurant and night club. The returned to Idaho in 1951, and to Twin Falls, Idaho, where he owned and operated West Five Points Sporting Goods for many years. After selling West Five Points, he began bartending. He owned groups in Twin Falls and Sun Valley until he retired. He spent much of his free time hunting and fishing with friends and family.

He is survived by his wife, Marion of Twin Falls; sister, Jurie (Paul) Droubay of Rio Verde, Ariz.; brother, Dick Geer of Hagerman; three grandsons: Duane (Tom) Geer of Salt Lake City, Utah; James (Susan) Geer of Middleton, and Mac (Lynn) Geer of Twin Falls; five grandchildren, Ryan (Amanda) Alycia, and Kevin Geer; and one great-grandchild, McKayla Geer.

Following cremation, an open house will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18, 1997, at the home of his son, Mac Geer, 777 Monroe St., Twin Falls. Friends and family are welcome. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Ambulance

Brent Bodily said,

Dr. Kevin Kraal, emergency physician at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, warned against codifying patient care in a county ordinance. Taking a patient with chest pain to a facility without 24-hour emergency care probably would amount to malpractice, he said.

Bodily said the clinic can deal with most emergency patients. After an initial evaluation, these patients can be sent directly to the intensive

care unit if necessary.

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In a world which measures people by the money they made, Roy and Marie Rayntand were wealthy by greater standards, such as what they gave to the community, he said.

"They were just nice people. It was that stuff that made them rich," Johnson said.

Other people and businesses were honored at the banquet.

Sandy Flora was honored as Chamber Ambassador of the Year for volunteers with the group that welcomes new businesses and plans other events.

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State budget writers endorse Batt's holdback

BOISE (AP) — Gov. Phil Batt's \$17.7 million spending cut to keep the current general tax budget in the black was overwhelmingly approved Monday by legislative budget writers.

Only Republican Sen. Evan Frasure of Pocatello objected to the 2.5 percent reduction in general tax support because it exempts state aid to public education while affecting other state operation, including higher education.

"We build a higher education budget for growing institutions and then comes this across-the-board cut," Frasure said. "Education is fratured. It all ought to be treated the same."

Batt exempted public education, which would have suffered a loss of \$17.2 million, to avoid placing any more pressure on



local property taxes, which still provide about 20 percent of basic school financing.

The four state colleges lost about \$4.5 million of their \$178 million in state support.

Economic circumstances left the state little choice but to impose the cut — or raise taxes, and the GOP governor and the nation's most "Republican Legislature rejected that alternative out of hand.

It was the second straight Batt holdback endorsed by the Joint Finance Appropriations

Committee. A 2 percent across-the-board cut was imposed on the 1995-1996 budget — except for public education — to accommodate the overall slowing of the state's economic growth.

This year's reduction was caused by the bottom falling out of the computer chip market, slashing projected corporate tax payments by 33 percent.

"Two cuts in a row from spending blueprints that were frugal to begin with, combined with years of ignoring the rising cost of operations and need for replacing program equipment, have left some concerned that the integrity of state programs serving tens of thousands of people was finally in jeopardy."

But mulling the current reduction was about \$7 million in cash state agencies did not have to

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pay out for group health insurance because of a premium surplus that had built up over time. Batt allowed agencies to use the money to partially offset the reduction.

And while the University of Idaho as a self-insurer did not benefit from the premium surplus, analysts said it used an

accounting maneuver to soften the holdback's impact.

Budget writers also approved several emergency appropriations for agencies that had found other sources of cash to further offset the holdback.

The Corrections Department got approved to use \$200,000 in higher than expected receipts from inmate labor crews and unanticipated payments from the state Endowment Fund to further offset the effects of the budget cut.

But the Parks and Recreation Department was grudgingly given the authority to spend another \$26,000 in receipts from its new mountain licensing program for administration, replacing government tax money that has been substituting the running of the program since it began.

The department was authorized to spend up to 15 percent of the estimated \$200,000 a year being collected under the program to run it with the rest of the cash being doled out in grants to local organizations for bike trail development.

Only about 7 percent has been diverted for administration, with general tax money picking up the slack. But analysts said that after two straight holdbacks and limited increases in operating and capital budgets in recent years that had to change.

"I think you're going to see this in other agencies as well," said Jeff Youtz, supervisor for legislative policy and budget analysis. "We've asked agencies to turn over rocks and find other funds to manage programs when general funds are not available."

Lawmakers begin tackling public school policy changes

BOISE (AP) — The Legislature started work Monday on what could become one of the most significant pieces of legislation in 1997, plowing through major revisions to the rules used for operating public schools.

It is a task made tougher by the fact 14 of the 27 members of the House and Senate Education committees are freshmen, and another five members have only the experience of one term.

"They have a learning curve that reaches to the sky," said Senate Education Chairman Gary Schroeder, R-Moscow. "It will take another day or so" for members to start getting an idea of the changes.

The Legislature a couple of years ago ordered a complete review of the rules used to operate public schools, after receiving public complaints that the rules were cumbersome with duplications and outdated requirements.



Curtis Eaton

After 2 1/2 years of work, a committee under the state Board of Education has submitted a set of proposed changes. If the Legislature does nothing, the new rules automatically go into effect April 1.

Schroeder and House Chairman Fred Tilman, R-Boise, admit their inexperienced committees have catching up to do.

"That's why I have set aside the entire month of January for the rules," Tilman said. "We plan to go over the recommendations rule by rule, word by word."

"There will be tremendous implications for the schools when these rules are adopted," he said. "It's a major decision we are making."

Schroeder said even the new members have had numerous suggestions from their constituents. "It will be interesting to see what comes out of all this, whether there will be new proposals from the members," he said.

Keith Hinkley, a former state Board of Education member who headed the committee that came up with the regulations, told lawmakers Monday it's such a good idea that they should consider doing it with all state agencies.

"Sunset all the rules and policies and start over," he said. Curtis Eaton, Board of Education member from Twin Falls, said it's been a very open process, with educational groups and the public invited to take part as the recommended changes were written.

"The goal is a balance between local control and the statewide constitutional structure," he said.

Drug testing bill introduced on House floor

BOISE (AP) — In 1995, the Idaho Supreme Court held that testing positive for drugs or alcohol wasn't by itself sufficient grounds for firing an employee and then denying unemployment compensation.

Legislation approved for introduction in the Idaho House on Monday effectively would reverse that decision.

A bill prepared by a small business coalition won preliminary approval from the House Human Resources Committee. It will return to the committee for a hearing later. It allows companies to adopt voluntary substance testing programs, with reductions in their worker compensation premiums as an incentive.

David Miner, who operates a Meridian drug-testing company, said the measure would mandate a 5 percent reduction in a company's employee compensation insurance costs for four years.

The proposal also would reverse the burden of proof in worker compensation claims for on-the-job injuries. If an employee tested positive for drugs or alcohol, there would be a presumption the worker was intoxicated or impaired and that was the cause of the accident.

The employee then would have to prove either that he or she was not impaired, or that impairment didn't cause the accident.

The Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry opposed the bill, in part because it would impose an arbitrary reduction of 5 percent in worker compensation premiums.

Educator, former-lawmaker dies at 86

CALDWELL (AP) — Memorial services are scheduled Saturday in Caldwell for Erwin Schwiebert, former state legislator, educator and twice a candidate for Congress in Idaho's 1st Congressional District.

Schwiebert died Jan. 8 at Portland at age 86.

Schwiebert was elected to the Legislature in 1942 and served four terms in the House and one in the Senate. He ran for Congress as a Republican in 1954 and 1962.

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WORLD IN BRIEF

China makes room for world's biggest dam

BEIJING — China has moved 21,000 people to make way for the world's biggest hydroelectric project and more will be relocated this year, the official China Daily reported Monday.

More than a million people will have to be resettled eventually. By the time the Three Gorges Dam is completed in 2009, 20 cities, 11 county seats and 114 towns will be wholly or partly under water.

More than 29,000 people will be moved by November to accommodate construction, according to the newspaper, which quoted Qi Lin, director of the office handling relocation for the Three Gorges Dam project.

Workers are constructing a rock berm to redirect the flow of the river late this year, allowing work on the dam to begin.

China sentences U.S. man to 10 years

BEIJING — A Chinese court sentenced a U.S. businessman to 10 years in jail Monday for smuggling garbage and medical waste into China.

William Ping Chen also was ordered to leave the country, according to the official Xinhua News Agency. It was not clear whether he would be expelled immediately or after serving his prison sentence.

Chen was convicted of illegally importing 238 tons of garbage, including banned household and medical waste, from the United States into Shanghai from July to December 1995.

Russian fishermen rescued from ice chunk

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia — A rescue helicopter on Monday plucked four Russian fishermen off an ice floe that had been drifting in the frigid Gulf of Finland for 12 hours.

The men were spotted Monday morning by the crew of the ice-breaker Kapitlan Dranitskiy, but the vessel was unable to get close enough to rescue them, the ITAR-Tass and Interfax news agencies reported.

Compiled from wire reports

Rebels fire shots inside embassy in Peru

LIMA, Peru (AP) — With a burst of gunfire that sent police scrambling for cover Monday, leftist Peruvian rebels who have held 74 hostages for nearly a month underscored their demand that hundreds of jailed comrades be freed.

About a dozen shots were fired inside the Japanese ambassador's compound where the heavily armed guerrillas are holed up with their hostages. No one was hurt, said Michael Manning, a Red Cross representative who visited the compound minutes before the shooting and returned there afterward.

Police outside the residence's fortress-like walls fired for cover and drew their weapons when the shots were fired at 11:30 a.m.

It was the biggest burst of gunfire since the Tupac Amaru guerrillas stormed the compound Dec. 17. Twice previously, the rebels fired a couple of shots before dawn in what Red Cross officials later were told was warning fire.

Asked what prompted Monday's fusillade, Manning replied, "We are trying to figure that out."

Hours earlier, the rebels had requested an interview with a local television station to respond to a government proposal to form a peace commission to oversee negotiations.

The request, conveyed by a sign placed in a window of the



Peruvian National Police officers respond as they hear shots fired inside the Japanese ambassador's residence in Lima, Peru, Monday.

Police officials have refused to isolate the rebels by denying them access to the news media and cutting the compound's telephone and electricity service. Officials say previous government negotiations were derided by guerrillas who slipped into the compound to interview the rebels.

The government did not comment on Monday's report. The last contact

Letter bomb forces U.N. evacuation

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Two letter bombs were discovered at the U.N. headquarters Monday, forcing the evacuation of scores of people.

Authorities said at least one of the bombs was addressed to the U.N. bureau of an Arabic-language newspaper.

Earlier in the day, a bomb exploded at the London headquarters of the same newspaper, Al-Hayat, injuring two people.

U.N. spokesman Fred Eckhard said both bombs were contained in greeting card-sized envelopes. One addressed to the newspaper was found about 11 a.m. about 15 minutes before it would have been delivered to the newspaper's offices.

U.N. security guards started inspecting all the mail, and discovered the second bomb later in the basement mail room.

After the first discovery, guards evacuated the second and third floors of the 38-story U.N. headquarters, located along the East River in Manhattan, and summoned the New York City bomb squad.

The basement mail room and delivery area were evacuated after the second discovery.

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SEC seeks clarity in corporate documents

The Associated Press WASHINGTON — The Securities and Exchange Commission is asking corporations to rewrite their stock and bond documents into a different language: English. The stock market regulator unveiled proposed rules Monday that would require companies to present their securities prospectus documents — the frequently dense paperwork describing a sale of stocks or bonds — in a summary that nearly anyone could comprehend. Simple as it sounds, SEC commission and staff solemnly suggested it represents a mini-revolution of sorts for corporate attorneys and the SEC itself. "I've been around our markets for

most of my life and I can't understand much of what passes for disclosure," said SEC Chairman Arthur Levitt Jr. "Anyone who's spent a few minutes reading SEC filings knows this is an area ripe for reform. Consider this passage from a 1996 proxy statement concerning the merger of Bell Atlantic Corp. and NYNEX Corp.: "In the Merger, each share of NYNEX Common Stock issued and outstanding immediately before the Effective Time (excluding those held in the treasury of NYNEX) and those owned by Bell Atlantic, without action on the part of the holder thereof, will be converted into the right to receive 0.768 of a share of Bell Atlantic Common Stock." Bell Atlantic's revision: "If the merger

is completed, NYNEX stockholders will receive 0.768 of a share of Bell Atlantic common stock for each share of NYNEX common stock that they own. Bell Atlantic is one of 23 business that volunteered to help SEC staff develop the proposed rules, as well as a how-to handbook on plain-English writing. The agency is releasing for public comment new rules that would require companies to use plain English in the cover page, summary and risk-factors sections of stock, bond and mutual fund prospectuses. The push for corporate clarity is significant, considering that 15,000 corporations, mutual funds and individuals file an estimated 12 million pages with the SEC yearly.

T-Bill interest rates mixed

The Associated Press WASHINGTON — Interest rates on short-term Treasury securities were mixed in Monday's auction. The Treasury Department sold \$11.6 billion in three-month bills at an average discount rate of 5.04 percent, up from 5.02 percent last week. Another \$11.6 billion was sold in six-month bills at an average rate of 5.11 percent, which was unchanged. The three-month bill rate was the highest since they sold for 5.03 percent on Dec. 30. The six-month rate was

exceeded 5.11 percent on Oct. 28, when it averaged 5.15 percent. The new discount rates understate the actual return to investors — 5.18 percent for three-month bills with a \$10,000 bill selling for \$9,872.60 and a six-month bill selling for \$9,741.70. The separate report, the Federal Reserve said Monday that the average yield for one-year Treasury bills, the most popular index for making changes in adjustable rate mortgages, rose to 5.61 percent last week from 5.55 percent the previous week.

MARKETS

DOW-JONES
NEW YORK (AP) First Dow-Jones averages for Monday, Jan 13
Open High Low Close
30 Ind 6724 6744 6641 6728
S&P 500 2266 2277 2252 2261

CLOSING FUTURES
Futures on Dow Jones
Fut. Dow Jones 6728.00
Fut. S&P 500 2261.00

POTATOES/ONIONS
CHICAGO (AP) — Major potato futures
Chicago potatoes
Chicago onions

DOW-JONES ACTIVES
NEW YORK (AP) — Dow Jones active stocks
Name Volume % Chg
Alcoa 1,538,200 +1.4

BEANS
Chicago Beans
Protein 2.53
Oil 2.22

SUGAR
NEW YORK (AP) — Sugar futures trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange
Sugar futures

NASDAQ ACTIVES
NEW YORK (AP) — Nasdaq active stocks
Name Volume % Chg
Amazon 14,575,000 +1.0

GRAINS
Chicago Grains
Wheat 2.15
Corn 1.85

METALS
Selected world metal prices
London metal prices

LOCAL INTEREST
Description One Change
American 364 -1.2

STOCK LISTINGS
NEW YORK
NEW YORK (AP) — Nasdaq active stocks
Name Volume % Chg

LIVESTOCK
POCAHONTAS (AP) — Live Farm Bureau
Live livestock prices

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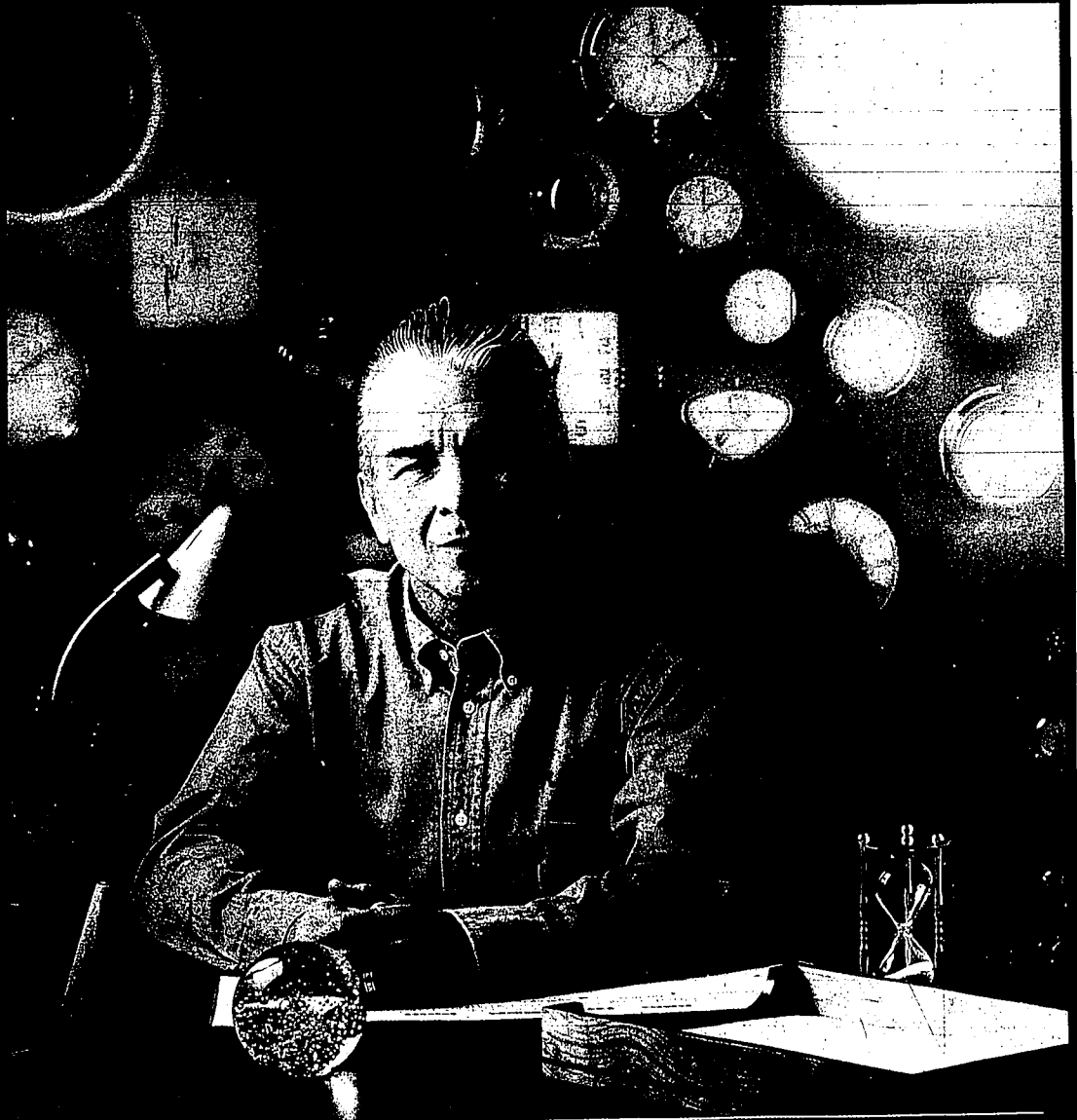
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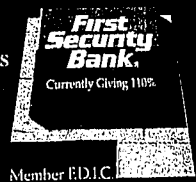
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Dietrich students develop winning system

DIETRICH - The Dietrich High School student council has received the Idaho Association of Student Councils Outstanding Student Council Award.

Advisor Cheryl Miller and Student Body President Tyson Sorenson headed the award-winning council. Other members of the council are Vice President Ruben Vasquez and Secretary Tionna Norman and a representative from each class and organization.

Dietrich was one of only six schools to earn this award. The council had to earn points by setting objectives, then planning and carrying out projects that meet these objectives. The objectives and projects are divided into eight categories: Student attitude improvement, educational, health and safety, leadership, fund-raisers, public relations, service, and social and recreational.

Some of the council's projects included Courtesy Days, where students receive awards for their courtesy to others; Red Ribbon Week; a drug-free graduation party; a Halloween Carnival; concessions; dances; a senior/freshman field trip; and Faculty Appreciation Day. One additional project included a change in student body officer election procedures, with the new procedures being similar to national election procedures. The student council also participated in a fund-raiser for a Shoshone girl who faces serious medical needs.



Dietrich High School's student council received the Outstanding Student Council Award at the Student Council Fall Convention held in Boise. Kneeling in front are Brandon Bettaz (left) and Keaton Southwick. Standing from left are Advisor Cheryl Miller, Rayna Jones, Joe Nance, Krista Green, Tyler Telford, Tionna Norman, Bryce McCowan, Lori McCowan, Principal Robert Stevens, Laura Hernandez and Abbi Hoekanson.

CLUB PROFILE



Members of St. Jerome's Council of Catholic Women are, from left, Sharon Witcheb; historian; Jean Wallin and Karen Huley, co-presidents; Connie Barnes, vice president; and not pictured Donna Nagel, secretary.

St. Jerome's Council of Catholic Women

Purpose: St. Jerome's Council of Catholic Women works to create a unit among Catholic ladies. This group organizes and participates in social functions, donates to worthy causes and offers help when the need arises.

Meets 7 p.m. the first Thursday of each month from September to May at St. Jerome's Parish Hall in Jerome.

Dues: \$5 a year

Major Projects: Throughout the year members work toward the presentation of annual events such as the Harvest festival dinner or Oktoberfest and the Christmas

Craft day and bazaar. Members also conduct Lenten Friday noon luncheons for the public and parishioners and cook funeral dinners for the bereaved.

For more information contact: President: Jean Wallin at 324-4970.

Profile your club

The Times-News would like to profile your organization. Send your information along with your name and phone number and a photo to April Crnich, Community Editor, P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83303.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Photo album club meets Saturday

FILER - The Crop 'n' You Drop Photo Album Club will meet at 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Filer Public Library on Main Street.

For more information, call Joanna Perone at 543-4650.

Aslett celebrates 80th birthday

KIMBERLY - Arrell Aslett will celebrate his 80th birthday at an open house set for 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday at the Ageless Senior Center, 310 N. Main. No gifts please.

Arrell was born Jan. 16, 1917, in Lava Hot Springs and has lived in the Magic Valley area for many years. He moved to Twin Falls from Kimberly eight years ago.

The event is given by his daughters, Marjorie Savala of Colorado, Gloria Johnson of Twin Falls and Ann Admire of Hansen.

New member orientation begins

TWIN FALLS - The Regional Infant/Toddler Committee will meet on Thursday in the conference room at the Department of Health and Welfare, 601 Pole Line Road. An orientation for new members and others interested in learning more about the infant/toddler program will be held from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the

same location.

RITC is a partnership of parents, local service providers, representatives of the medical and educational communities and staff from the Adult/Child Development Center. Regional policy impacting children under age 3 who have developmental delays will be discussed.

The public is encouraged to attend. For more information, call Caroline Eslinger at 736-2182 or 1-800-432-3255.

Birthday celebration planned for Moore

TWIN FALLS - An open house to help Ruth Moore celebrate her 90th birthday is planned for Thursday at the Woodstone Retirement Center, 491 Caswell Ave.

W. Friends are invited to stop by for a visit during the afternoon.

Ruth Brown was born Jan. 16, 1907, in Odell, Neb. She came to Idaho with her family in 1910, and married Morris W. Moore on Dec. 22, 1927. She has four children, Robert W. (Deione) Moore of Kimberly, James E. Moore of Palm Desert, Calif., Lois (Marvin) Fouts of Twin Falls and Sandra (Kelly) Thomason of Jerome; 11 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and three step-grandchildren.



Ruth Moore

Shoshone Street.

For more information, call Lori at 733-8918 or 736-3998.

Storyteller comes to Herrett Center

TWIN FALLS - Rebecca Horn will share her talent as a storyteller beginning at 8 p.m. Friday at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science, located on the College of Southern Idaho campus.

Horn's stories, traditionally told in the dark winter months under a starry sky, will be presented under a night sky created by the staff of the Faulkner Planetarium.

Families are encouraged to attend. Admission is free. For more information, call 733-9554, Ext. 2655.

New member meeting scheduled

SHOSHONE - The Magic Valley Team Sorting Association has planned a general meeting for all interested people to establish a membership. The meeting will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Cooperative Extension Office.

The agenda includes an election of officers for 1997, planning 1997 events and a general discussion of dues, points and prizes.

For more information, call Chick at 326-3180.

EVENTS ELSEWHERE

Railroad safety for children addressed

JEROME - Children at the Northside Headstart Center will

have a state instructor at their classes at noon Wednesday.

Lloyd Overlin, Idaho Operation Lifesaver and coordinator for railroad safety, will be demonstrating safe railroad practices children should use. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call the center at 324-2385.

Red Cross plans blood drive

JEROME - The American Red Cross has planned a blood drive for 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday at the Moose Lodge on North Lincoln.

Anyone wishing to donate is reminded that they must weigh at least 110 pounds, be at least 17 years old and be in general good health.

Appointments are encouraged but not required. To make an appointment, call Jamie at 324-4124.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Hawkes receives Master of Science

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln held its commencement exercises Dec. 21. Richard Davidson Hawkes of Twin Falls received a master of science degree from the graduate college.

Crapo announced academy choices

Rep. Mike Crapo has announced his nominations to the military academies. Those nominated from the Twin Falls area are Kelly

Franson of Buhl High School to the U.S. Air Force Academy and Thomas Howell of Buhl High School to the U.S. Merchant Marine and the U.S. Military academies.

Lee wins 1996 Miss Idaho Tiny Tot

Alexys Lee, Miss Idaho Tiny Tot 1996, is looking forward to representing her 2- and 3-year-old age group in 1997 with public appearances.

Alexys won her first competition in Burley last on to win the state level in Boise in October. Seven area tots were judged for their photo, talent and other points to try for the crown. She won the talent division with her recitation "I'm My Daddy's Darling." She is the daughter of Brandt and Christy Lee of Hazelton, granddaughter of Melvin and Judy Tipton of Murtagh and great-granddaughter of Florence Tipton of Hansen, Zelma Ross of Burley and Helen Kaufman of Twin Falls.

Alexys is going to be ready for the 1997 competition as a 4-year-old next fall. She is grateful for her many sponsors, which included Ed and Tracey Stanger, Howard Conrad, MarReen Melody, John Conrad, Community Building, Lone Pine Ranch, Mark and Barb's, Verla's Beauty Shop, Rod Tipton, Lee Nay, and the Oregon Region, Denney, all of Murtagh; the Glass House and the Cube, both in Burley; Donna Huether and Jim and Beth Campbell, all of Kimberly; Randy Berry of

SERVICE NEWS

Morgan completes crewmember course

SHOSHONE - Army Pvt. Philip E. Morgan, son of Mary E. Fritch of Oroville, Calif., and Barry J. Morgan of Shoshone, has graduated from the multiple launch rocket system crewmember course at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

During the course, students were taught launcher operations, including manual elevation and traversing of the launcher launcher. They also were taught communications for sending and receiving firing orders and to give movement information.

His wife, Tamara, is the daughter of Ernesto and Pamela Vasquez of Shoshone.

The private is a 1996 graduate of Magic Valley High School in Twin Falls.

want your news

If it's news to you, I want to hear about it. I'm April Crnich (See-rich), the community editor at The Times-News. It is my job to fill this page with news about:

- Community meetings.
- Tribe news.
- Social events.
- Reunions.
- Local sports achievements.
- Your kids and their activities.

I will also want to publicize special events in the life of the community that are important to our readers. Please send your news and photos to: Community Editor April Crnich

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You can reach me by fax at 734-8538. You can e-mail me at tcnich@twinnnews.com.
Deadline for the Sunday page is 5 p.m. Wednesday. Deadline for the Thursday page is noon Monday. Deadline for the Tuesday page is noon Friday. Deadline for the Saturday page is 8 p.m. Tuesday.



SENIOR CALENDAR

- Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center
616 Eastland Drive
Dinner served from noon to 1 p.m. Suggested donation is \$2.50 for seniors. The cost is \$3.50 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.
Today: Ham with raisin sauce
Wednesday: Baked potato bar
Thursday: Chicken pot pie
Friday: Salisbury steak
Monday: Anniversary dinner with fried chicken
- Activities
Library, Pool Room and Bargain Center with cards, games, color television and movies. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Blood pressure checks from 10 a.m. to noon.
Wednesday
Bus to Jackpot.
Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Board meeting at 1 p.m.
Line dancing at 3 p.m.
- Thursday
Pinchle at 3 p.m.
Friday
Blood pressure checks from 10 a.m. to noon.
Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Foot clinic. Call 736-2920.
Saturday
- Center closed.
Sunday
Center closed.
Monday
Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- Ageless Senior Citizens
310 Main St. N., Kimberly
All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$2.50.
Wednesday: Spaghetti
Friday: Birthday dinner with pork roast
Monday: White beans and ham
- Thrift shop open Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Activities
Today
Ceramics at 1 p.m.
Wednesday
Blood pressure checks.
Thursday
Crafts at 1 p.m.
Friday
Pinchle at 1 p.m.
- West End Senior Citizens Inc.
1010 Main St., Buhl
All meals at noon, Monday through Saturday; 1 p.m. on Sunday. Thrift shop open every day from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Today: Barbecue ribs
Wednesday: Barbecue ribs
- Thursday: Sweet and sour pork
Friday: Sweet and sour pork
Saturday: Chili
Sunday: Fried chicken
Monday: Pancakes/toast, ham or sausage, scrambled eggs and fruit
- Activities
Today
Quitting at the center
Wednesday
Exercise class at 10 a.m.
Thursday
Quitting at the center.
Evening lunch at 5:30 p.m. and cards.
Friday
Exercise class at 10 a.m.
Saturday
Exercise at 10 a.m.
Monday
Exercise at 10 a.m.
Evening meal at 5:30 p.m.
- Filer Senior Haven
222 Main St., Filer
Dinners served at noon on Tuesday and Thursday and at 6 p.m. on Friday. Suggested donation is \$2 for seniors. Home delivered meals available each meal time.
Today: Beef pattie on a bun
Thursday: Roast beef
Friday: Hot turkey sandwich

David Denkers, P.A.

In July 1996, David Denkers joined the medical staff in Gooding county as a physician assistant.

He had just successfully completed PA training, and was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Osteopathic Medicine and Health Sciences in Kirksville, Mo.

Prior to that time, David had worked as a surgical technician for several years at the Oregon Regional Cancer Center in Oregan. David has extensive experience in general surgical oncology, neurology and orthopedic surgery. He is currently a surgical oncologist in Gooding.

David Denkers has also completed his education at Weber State and Utah State Universities. He is currently a hospital companion in the United States Navy from 1982-1986, on board the USS Pelican (LST-1169).

Mr. Denkers has also worked for Idaho Falls and Gooding High Schools in 1987.

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