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Livestock ordinance work continues

By N.S. Nokkentved
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Planning commissioners once again waded into the county's livestock ordinance Wednesday afternoon.

The Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission is working on a livestock confinement operation ordinance that will become part of the county's proposed new zoning ordinance.

Wednesday county civil attorney Justin Seamons explained the working draft of the ordinance that he is writing with the help of county planning director David Ritchey and planning and zoning board members.

"This is where we begin," Seamons told the commissioners. The ordinance still is being drafted and is not yet complete.

The county comprehensive plan

Twin Falls County planning board hears review of draft version of measure

passed in 1995 calls for density restrictions on livestock operations, but it doesn't specify how those restrictions are imposed.

The proposed ordinance would define livestock confinement operations and animal units. It also would require new dairies and feedlots to submit applications that include operation details, and topographic maps drawn by a professional engineer or surveyor.

The proposed ordinance would be subject to a public hearing before the planning commission. And the commission would be able to impose conditions on the permit as allowed by state law.

The ordinance also would require that sewage ponds and corrals be set back a

certain distance, restrict lighting to within a dairy's boundaries and allow county inspections upon reasonable notice.

The proposed ordinance also would set a maximum number of animals to be determined by the number of people who live within a set radius.

The ordinance also would require the operator to show valid water rights, including the diversion rate and the total annual diversion. The operator also must show the specifications and plans for waste storage, disposal or treatment facilities approved by a professional engineer and that will meet the requirements of the number of animals permitted.

Come and comment

Public hearing is planned at 7 p.m. today for the Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission to assess its progress on an ordinance to put the principles of the county's comprehensive plan into practice. The meeting will be at the Twin Falls County Office at 246 Third Ave. E.

Commission Chairman Kacee O'Connor said she hoped for a 100 percent consensus on the ordinance, but realized that would be unlikely. The commission will have to go for a compromise, and she wants to come up with the best one possible compromise.

Public hearings will be scheduled when the proposed ordinance is completed. Comments on the ordinance then would be incorporated in a final proposal. **Please see STOCK, Page A2**



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Four members of the Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Committee listen as Justin Seamons explains a draft of the county's dairy ordinance.

Valley districts not considering athlete drug tests

By Liz Wright
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Whether student athletes should be tested for drug use is an idea that generates mixed opinions among Magic Valley school officials.

One Idaho school district has a voluntary drug testing policy for its athletes, and a southern Idaho district is considering a mandatory policy. But four of the Magic Valley's larger school districts aren't considering drug testing policies, for now.

The Blackfoot School Board is considering a policy requiring all sports players to undergo urinalyses to test for drugs. Athletes would submit to the tests at the beginning of the athletic season, then 10 percent of athletes would be selected randomly throughout the year to undergo additional drug tests.

Drugs among student athletes at Minico High School are "not a problem at all," principal John Fennel said, and he sees no reason to consider such a policy.

Cassia County School District superintendent Thomas Morley agrees. "Typically these things come up if there are a repeated number of cases of kids breaking the rules," Morley said. "But we really haven't had much of that lately."

Phil Homer, Blaine County School District superintendent, sees value in stringent rules against drugs, and perhaps "a little higher standard" for student athletes. **Please see TESTS, Page A2**

Cellular phone abuse catches ear of Idaho politicians, rings alarms

By Karen Tolkklien
Times-News writer

BOISE - Idaho lawmakers may not be able to reach those who couch under overpasses in Los Angeles or New York City, trying with sophisticated equipment to steal cellular phone numbers.

Under legislation approved Wednesday by the House Judiciary and Rules Committee, anyone caught stealing cellular phone numbers or illegally possessing equipment allowing them to do so would be charged with a felony.

"We are ripe for cloners to sit in airports or by freeways, or anywhere people are using cellular phones and sit with their modified scanners and record cell numbers and sell them to people in New York and L.A.," said Freeman Duncan, legislative liaison for the state attorney general's office, which is sponsoring the bill.

"Cell phone theft isn't terribly common among the 40,000-sold customers in southern and southeastern Idaho, according to the two companies that dominate the area's cellular phone trade.



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while he was traveling, then made \$5,000 in phone calls, Duncan said.

One southern Idaho long-distance delivery customer uses a personal identification number before dialing, because its number was stolen so often in California, said sales associate Nita Saris of United States Cellular Wireless Communication.

But she questioned the effectiveness of the proposed law.

"I don't think it happens in Idaho," she said. "It happens in other states. And they just happen to grab our customers."

A 1988 law banned sale of scanners able to detect cell phone numbers. But technology junkies can piece together a capable unit out of a police scanner and other supplies, using FM radio waves to lift the numbers, said Mike Cardona, district market manager for Commet Cellular Inc.

Cloners will point the devices at cars, record the number from the car's continuous data stream, and program it into a separate cellular phone, then sell the phone to customers who want free service or to customers such as drug dealers who don't want to be traced.

"I don't think there's two people living in Idaho who could do it," he said.

As far as Commet Cellular is concerned, fewer than five cloners have been prosecuted across the country, Cardona said, and none in Idaho.

But then, 99.5 percent of customers in Idaho never have a problem, he said.

Verdict: Grounds for appeal, but will judges reverse it?

The Associated Press

SANTA MONICA, Calif. - The judge at O.J. Simpson's civil trial gave him plenty of ammunition for a possible appeal.

But will a higher court dare to overturn the verdict? Not likely, say the experts.

"I would be surprised by an appellate court reversal in this case because of the O.J. factor," said Loyola University Law School Dean Laurie Levenson. "You would need two judges on appeal to say, 'I vote for O.J.," and those are judges that will have to face re-election."

Simpson's lawyers haven't said whether they will appeal, but legal pundits have seen a wealth of errors on the part of Superior Court Judge Hiroshi Fujisaki that could be grounds for reversal. And virtually all of his most controversial rulings went against the defense.

Allowing testimony about a failed lie-detector test and a call from "Nicole" to a battered

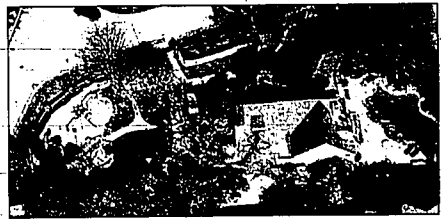
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women's shelter. Alleged jury misconduct. A ban on testimony by Mark Fuhrman, the former detective the defense accused of a racist plot to frame Simpson. Allowing an undated letter from Nicole Brown Simpson accusing her ex-husband of beating her.

Even the size of the jury's compensatory damage award of \$8.5 million to the family of Ronald Goldman could be grounds for appeal.

"This case is likely to be before the courts for years to come," Lance Ito, the judge at Simpson's murder trial, told the Pasadena Star-News.

One obstacle for Simpson: The Goldman and Brown families can start seizing his bank accounts and auctioning off his property during the appeals process unless Simpson posts a bond equal to 150 percent of the verdict.



A day after the verdict in O.J. Simpson's wrongful death civil trial, barricades blocked entry into the neighborhood of his estate in the Brentwood area of Los Angeles. A police command post was still in place.

WEATHER

IDAHO Weather
 Thursday, Feb. 6
 AccuWeather's forecast for day-time conditions and high temperatures

City	High
COEUR D'ALENE	41°
LEWISTON	39°
BOISE	38°
IDAHO FALLS	33°
TWIN FALLS	33°
POCATELLO	34°

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FORECAST

Magic Valley
 Patchy morning fog today but otherwise sunny. Highs in the upper 30s.

Extended regional forecast
 Saturday: partly cloudy with patchy fog. Lows in the teens to low 20s. Highs: 25 to 35.

Sunday and Monday partly cloudy west. Mostly cloudy east with a chance of snow showers. Ebers in the teens to low 20s. Highs: 25 to 35.

Camas Prairie, Wood River Valley
 Patchy morning fog and low clouds becoming sunny today. Highs: 30 to 35 in the mountains and in the mid 20s across the Camas Prairie.

Treasure Valley
 Patchy morning fog otherwise sunny today. Highs in the upper 30s. Light winds. Tonight clear with patchy fog forming late. Lows: 15 to 20. Friday sunny after some patchy morning fog. Highs in the upper 30s.

Sawtooth Mountains
 Patchy morning fog otherwise sunny today. Highs in the upper 20s except mid range across Stanley Basin. Tonight clear with patchy valley fog forming late. Lows zero to 10 above except near 15 below zero in the Stanley Basin. Friday sunny after patchy morning valley fog. Highs: 25 to 30 except upper teens in the Stanley Basin.

Eastern Idaho
 Partly cloudy today. Highs: 30 to 35.

Northern Idaho
 Areas of low clouds and fog through mid afternoon otherwise mostly sunny today. Highs: 30 to 35. Light winds. Tonight clear with low clouds and fog late. Lows in the mid 20s. Friday morning low clouds and fog otherwise mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 30s.

Northern Nevada
 Mostly sunny today. Light and variable wind. Highs: near 35. Tonight clear. Lows near zero. Friday increasing high clouds. Highs: 30 to 35.

Northern Utah
 Partly cloudy today. Patchy morning fog. Highs: 35 to 40. In the upper 20s except mid range across Stanley Basin. Light winds. Lows: 15 to 20. Friday mostly sunny. Highs: 35 to 40.

The ultraviolet index forecast is 2, a minimal exposure level.

ACROSS THE NATION
Storms bring rain, snow to Northeast, mountain areas of West

The Associated Press
 A strong low pressure system raced through the Northeast with rain and snow Wednesday while most of the rest of the nation was dry except for some showers in the Southwest.

In the West, developing low pressure spread clouds across Arizona and into Utah, where snow fell during the afternoon around the Salt Lake City area.

Heavy snow was possible into Thursday for northern Utah's Wasatch Range, where winter weather advisories were in effect.

Rain showers spread through parts of New Mexico into Texas during the afternoon, and snow showers were likely over parts of the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles.

A winter storm watch was in effect into today for the mountains of western and northern New Mexico.

Elsewhere in the West, a few light snow showers were scattered over sections of Wyoming and north-central Colorado.

The low, which earlier in the week poured heavy rain across the Midwest and left more than a foot of snow on South Dakota, spread moderate rain during the morning from Virginia into New England. Some places up to 4 inches of rain.

By afternoon, most of the moderate to heavy rain had moved out to sea, leaving light showers along parts of southern New England.

Up to 4 inches of snow fell across the mountains of Vermont and New Hampshire and a band of freezing rain and sleet stretched across areas of New York state and Pennsylvania.

Heavier snow was possible across northern sections of Vermont and New Hampshire.

Wednesday's lowest wind chill was 29 below zero at Butte, Mont.

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Idaho

	Max	Min	Pcp
Boise	38	21	
Burley	35	25	
Coeur d'Alene	24	22	
Gooding	33	23	
Hagerman	43	23	
Idaho Falls	31	20	
Jerome	31	22	
Lewiston	32	27	
Malden	31	21	
Malta	32	19	
McCall	37	22	
Pocatello	33	19	
Salmon	21	3	
Stanley	14	15	
Sun Valley	26	2	

Twin Falls

	Max	Min	Pcp
Yesterday	30	26	tr.
Last year	43	14	
Normal	40	22	0.3

Precipitation

Normal to date:	2.0
Normal year to date:	2.1
Water year to date:	9.36
Normal year to date:	4.35

Comfort factors

Moisture at noon:	60%
Barometer at noon:	30.20 S
Pollen count: Reports: end until next season.	
Current: Active and Allergy: 0/40.	

SKWATCH
 Sunset today 5:58 p.m.
 Sunrise tomorrow 7:46 a.m.
 Lunar phase: Last quarter, Jan. 31; new, Feb. 7; first quarter, Feb. 14; full, Feb. 22.

Visible planets: Mars, Mercury, Evening: Saturn, Mars.

NATIONAL Weather
 The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Thursday, Feb. 6.

FRONTS:
 COLD WARM STATIONARY

HIGHS & LOWS
 Idaho: High, 45 degrees at Payette; Low, 15 below zero at Stanley.
 Nation: High, 84 at Ocala, Fla.; Low, 27 below at West Yellowstone, Mont.

City	High	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	50	34	
Atlanta	57	55	.17
Boston	33	34	.02
Dallas	55	40	
Denver	42	27	
Des Moines	27	23	
Detroit	36	34	.01
Houston	64	47	
Indianapolis	35	31	
Los Angeles	67	50	
Miami	42	39	
Miami Beach	81	72	
Milwaukee	31	31	
Minneapolis	49	44	
New Orleans	63	54	
Omaha	49	35	2.32
Philadelphia	46	42	
Phoenix	72	50	
Pittsburgh	32	36	
Portland, Me.	39	27	.98
Portland, Ore.	49	30	
Reno	49	30	
St. Louis	39	31	
Salt Lake City	36	30	.15
San Francisco	60	44	
Seattle	49	28	
Spokane	38	23	
Washington	44	41	.54

Clinton modifies plan to cut defense spending

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton will propose Thursday spending \$239.4 billion for national defense next year, a dip from the \$267.2 billion planned for this year.

Next year's total includes \$247.5 billion in spending outlays for the Defense Department. Most of the rest is Energy Department spending for nuclear weapons.

But the president is seeking a slight increase in defense budget authority for fiscal 1998. He is requesting \$250.7 billion for the Defense Department and a total of \$265.3 billion for all defense programs, up from the \$262.3 billion total projected for this year.

But the authority includes some planned spending for multi-year contracts.

Clinton's defense budget is \$2.8 billion higher than what he proposed a year ago. But it also is \$2.1 billion less than what Congress appropriated for this year.

Still, it appears to reflect an effort to avoid the annual barrage of Republican criticism that the administration is underfunding defense. It also may reflect the influence of the new defense secretary, former Republican

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Stock

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posed ordinance passed on county commissioners. In turn, they will conduct their own public hearings before the ordinance becomes law.

The county hopes to complete the zoning ordinance by July 1. The planning commission will meet in another work session to continue work on the livestock ordinance at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday.

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Balanced-budget plan claims surplus by '02

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton proposed Wednesday to send Congress a \$1.69-billion budget for fiscal 1998 that cuts taxes and claims enough savings from Medicare, defense and other programs to produce a \$17 billion surplus in 2002.

Clinton plans to unveil his package today. Budget documents were obtained Wednesday by The Associated Press.

The president had promised in his State-of-the-Union address Tuesday to make balancing the budget and improving education his top priorities, and his spending blueprint was designed to carry that out.

The administration's budget proposal envisions savings of about \$400 billion over the next five years, including \$76 billion worth of tax increases hitting

Tests

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"I personally don't think it's a bad idea," Homer said. "I guess I would want to do some research and talk to a lot of parents, a lot of people, before we take something like this on."

The proposed policy trails a recent court decision in Oregon. School districts said mandatory drug testing of athletes at Vernonia School District didn't violate students' rights, said Dewane Wren, Blackfoot School District superintendent.

The frustration comes when students get addicted to drugs, but refuse to seek help, Wren said. The policy could allow schools to attack the problem before it gets out of hand.

Currently, Blackfoot high school athletes take drug tests voluntarily, at their own expense.

Blackfoot School District would pay for the mandatory drug tests through money it receives from the state drug prevention funding from a 10 cent tobacco tax. The

ROAD CONDITIONS

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Department of Transportation reported some icy roads Wednesday. Conditions:

U.S. 95 — Plummer-Coeur d'Alene, icy spots; Coeur d'Alene-Canadian border, dry, icy spots; Riggin-Moscow, dry; Weiser-New Meadows, dry, icy spots; Marsing-Oregon line, dry.

Interstate 90 — Icy spots.

U.S. 12 — Lewiston-Oronogo, dry, icy spots; Orofino-Lolo Pass, icy spots.

Interstate 84 — Oregon line-Burley, dry; Burley-Utah line, dry, icy spots.

Idaho 55 — Horseshoe Bend-Donnelly, wet, icy spots, rocks; Donnelly-New Meadows, icy spots.

Idaho 21 — Boise-Idaho City, dry, icy spots; Idaho City-Lowman, icy spots, broken snow floor; Lowman-

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WEDNESDAY, FEB. 5 NUMBERS

LOTTO
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Yesterday afternoon, Phillip Lobakken drove from his home in Burley to claim a \$1,000 prize he won on a Mega Bingo ticket purchased at the Burley Curly Circle.

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NATION IN BRIEF

Scientists on trail of new Alzheimer's gene

NEW YORK — Scientists may have found the missing piece of another gene linked to Alzheimer's disease. Researchers found evidence that an Alzheimer's susceptibility gene may lurk somewhere within a region of chromosome 12, one of the string-like structures that carry genes. "The evidence is very strong. We're convinced that there's something in this region," said Margaret Pericak-Vance, chief of medical genetics at the Duke University Medical Center in Durham, N.C. The apparent new susceptibility gene seems to have its peak effect on cases that appear after age 65, Pericak-Vance said.

Sandia suspends work at nuclear center

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Sandia National Laboratories suspended work at its nuclear research center this week as a precaution, two months after its reactor automatically shut down because it was running too high.

"It took a while for all this to fall into place and to find out what happened," spokeswoman Kathy Kuhlmann said Wednesday when asked to account for the delay.

There was no release of radiation in the Dec. 7 shutdown, which happened during a test of the reactor's emergency shutdown system. Management didn't find out about the problem until 10 days later.

Hormone relieves chemo complications

BOSTON — A genetically engineered growth hormone counteracts the devastating effects of chemotherapy drugs on cancer patients' bone marrow, reducing the risk of internal bleeding, researchers show.

The Associated Press reported on this development when it was made public last May at a meeting of the American Society for Clinical Oncology in Philadelphia. It is being published in today's issue of the New England Journal of Medicine.

Drugs powerful enough to kill cancer also often attack the bone marrow, temporarily suppressing its ability to manufacture new blood cells. As a result, patients may suffer from life-threatening shortages of disease-fighting white cells, oxygen-carrying red cells and platelets, the tiny, disc-shaped cells essential for clotting.

Many doctors help AIDS patients die

BOSTON — Half of all AIDS doctors responding to a survey in San Francisco admit they have prescribed deadly doses of medicines to help terminally ill patients commit suicide.

A report on the survey called the figure "surprisingly high," given the possible legal and ethical repercussions of such an action.

The survey was reported by The Associated Press when it was presented last summer at the 11th International Conference on AIDS in Vancouver, British Columbia. It was published in today's issue of the New England Journal of Medicine.

Blanket disability weighed for Gulf war vets

WASHINGTON — Key lawmakers said Wednesday they are considering blanket disability benefits for Persian Gulf War veterans suffering from mysterious ailments.

The senior members of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee said such a blanket disability measure may be the only way of dealing fairly with the tens of thousands of veterans who complain of a variety of unexplained ailments such as fatigue, muscle aches and memory loss.

"It may be that we have to come to the conclusion of presumptive disability as we did in the Agent Orange case," said Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., the committee chairman.

Scientists have yet to establish a single cause or even group diagnoses for the cluster of unexplained illnesses, sometimes referred to as "Gulf War Syndrome." Tens of thousands of veterans with various ailments have come forward for exams.

Land damaged by oil spill given to Alaska

WASHINGTON — Nearly 60,000 acres of land damaged by the Exxon Valdez oil spill was turned over to the U.S. and Alaskan governments Wednesday to insure their recovery and future protection.

The land was purchased for \$34 million from the Chesnegov Corp., an Alaskan native village. The funds came from the \$1 billion settlement of the 1989 accident that fouled 1,500 miles of shoreline in Prince William Sound.

Most of the land will be incorporated into the Chugach National Forest. The rest will be managed as an Alaska state park.

Maimed 3-year-old found with 2 dead bodies

OKLAHOMA CITY — A 3-year-old girl shot in the mouth and nose survived by drinking water from a toilet for five days before she was found with the decomposing bodies of her mother and a man, police said.

The girl, who was dehydrated, malnourished and immune from loss of blood, was in fair condition Wednesday after surgery at Children's Hospital of Oklahoma, said hospital spokesman Jake Lowrey.

"It looks like someone deliberately maimed her," said police Sgt. Nate Tarter. The girl and the bodies were found Tuesday by a neighbor who was concerned because he had not seen the woman in several days, said police Sgt. Kim Hughes.

Compiled from wire reports.

Komodo dragon undergoes eye surgery

SPRINGFIELD, Va. (AP) — Muffin had a cataract removed from her right eye Wednesday, possibly the first such operation on a Komodo dragon.

But she may owe the day her vision was restored.

With her eyesight back, the lizard is now ready for mating, but the liaison could be extremely dangerous.

If she fails to seduce Friendly, a male Komodo dragon, he becomes twice her size, he can become pretty violent and may turn her into a protein-rich meal rather than the mother of his brood.

The operation on Muffin, eye at the South Paws Veterinary Referral Center in Springfield, Va., might be the first one ever on a Komodo dragon, said Richard Cantrell, head of the animal health department at the National Zoo.

Like Komodo dragons, the world's largest species of lizard, often grow up to 10 feet and 50 pounds. Native to Indonesia, they are listed as endangered species. Muffin, who is approximately six feet and weighs 42 pounds, is on loan to the National Zoo from the Giza Zoo in Tokyo.

Zookeepers noticed something was wrong when Muffin turned her head so she could see with her good eye. The lizard was taken to the clinic in Virginia because it has the proper equipment for the procedure.

Muffin lay on her side on a



Muffin, a female Komodo dragon on loan to the National Zoo from Tokyo's Ueno Zoo, has her eye patched after undergoing a cataract operation at a veterinary clinic in Springfield, Va., Wednesday.

white blanket with a tube pumping anesthetic hanging out of her mouth as veterinary ophthalmologist Seth Koch examined her eye with an operating microscope before proceeding with the surgery.

Using a drill-like object, Seth chopped up the lens — a procedure called phacoemulsification and then cleaned it out with an aspirator.

"Wow! That went beautifully," the doctor exclaimed five minutes later.

Koch said Muffin won't feel

any pain or any side effects from the anesthesia and will be able to see in a day or two.

Trooper Walsh, a biologist at the zoo, said the operation was essential for the lizard not only for her general well-being but also to prepare her to mate with Friendly. Besides Muffin, the National Zoo owns the only reproductive female Komodo dragon outside Australia and Indonesia.

"Muffin represents a new bloodline, new genes, which we'd like to breed for genetic diversi-

ty. She's unrelated to any of the offspring that we produced," said Walsh.

But Muffin has not been able to reproduce because her ovaries are inactive, said Walsh. At 23, she also is considered too old for her species.

Walsh said the zoo plans to inject her with hormones and monitor the ovaries with ultrasound every week to see if she's responding to the hormone treatment. That also would be the first procedure of its kind on this type of animal.

Walsh said he was not certain the procedure would be successful.

"It's very iffy with this animal because she's so old. Even if she ovulates we don't know if she's going to produce good eggs. We don't know if the male is going to like her. They're not that different from people. They pick their mates," he said.

Washington wants Russia to clarify Yeltsin's health

WASHINGTON (AP) — Trade and technology top the agenda, but Vice President Al Gore's talks this week with Russia's prime minister also will touch on a sensitive political question: Is President Boris Yeltsin healthy enough to lead?

Prime Minister Victor Chiromyrdin, a Soviet-era technician who has survived more than four years as Yeltsin's prime minister, arrived Wednesday evening at Andrews Air Force Base.

Gore greeted him with a lunch talk. Their formal meetings begin today, and Chiromyrdin meets with President Clinton on Friday.

The Gore-Chiromyrdin agenda includes preparing for a U.S.-Russian summit, but it is unclear whether Yeltsin is recovering quickly enough from pneumonia and his November heart surgery to travel to the United States next month as planned. Gore hopes to get from Chiromyrdin a specific date for the summit.

Though he is one of contemporary Russia's most tenacious political survivors, Yeltsin has, for practical purposes, been out of commission for six months.

Yeltsin's extended absences from the Kremlin have created anxiety in Russia and elsewhere, that the struggling nation has

been left leaderless and adrift. Opposition politicians in Moscow have been demanding that Yeltsin step down, but it is widely believed he will hang on. He won re-election last June.

Clinton administration officials say they have no reason to believe Yeltsin will not recover fully and return to full-time governing.

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Passion Chicken Salad
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NATION

U.S. ambassador to France suffers stroke, dies at 76

A life full of riches, romance, politics, smiles

WASHINGTON (AP) — The long Fourth of July reception at the Paris embassy was over.

For hours, the ambassador had stood in the receiving line, her smile never less than glittering. She danced, she mingled, she charmed. And as the crowd reluctantly left the compound on Rue de Cambourg St. Honoré, she took the arm of a Marine guard for one final dance in the garden.

So typical of Pamela Digby Churchill Harriman.

Is it any wonder the French adored her? Or that they were not alone in their admiration?

Mrs. Harriman died Wednesday at 76 less than 48 hours after suffering a stroke.

"She was one of the most unusual and gifted people I ever met," said President Clinton, who sent her to Paris as the American ambassador. "She was a source of judgment and inspiration to me, a source of constant good humor and charm and real friendship. And we will miss her very, very much."

There were plenty of doubters on both sides of the Atlantic when Clinton named Mrs. Harriman ambassador to one of America's oldest and prickliest allies.

Quickly she melted her hosts' skepticism by doing something they thought beyond the capacity of any American ambassador. She spoke impeccable French.

It took all Mrs. Harriman's considerable charm to overcome her history.

She was, after all, a woman known not for her politics but for the man in her life. And what a



Pamela Harriman, the U.S. ambassador to France, wishes French President Jacques Chirac, right, a good 1997 at the Elysee Palace in Paris, in early January.

life it was. Writer Truman Capote once called her a "geisha girl" to rich and powerful men.

There were the men she married: Randolph Churchill, Leland Hayward and Averell Harriman. And there were the countless rumors linking her to the rich and famous of her time: Italian industrialist

Gianni Agnelli, French banker Elie de Rothschild, Frank Sinatra.

Connections, not diplomatic experience, made her ambassador to France. She was a genuine "Friend of Bill" and had a tireless record of moral, intellectual and financial support for the Democratic Party.

Her house on N Street, which she had shared with Harriman, her third husband, became a Democratic Party salon, a gathering place for many of the party's best minds.

It was 1981, Ronald Reagan had just been elected president and the Republicans had control of the Senate. The conservatives were claiming with some supporting evidence that the Democrats were bereft of ideas, the party of the past.

"The Democratic Party was just gone, blown out of existence," Sen. Jay Rockefeller of West Virginia recalled. "And suddenly there was Pamela, very calm, very strong, saying, 'Come on, let's put this party back together again.' And she did."

Ideas were discussed and money was raised in the house where the Van Gogh over the fireplace was an original, as were the Picasso, Matisse and Cezanne.

"I am a political animal," she said in an interview three months ago. "I'm interested in my country's politics and in other countries' politics."

Born March 20, 1920, in Farnborough, England, to Britain's 11th Lord Digby, she was a red-haired, round-faced English country girl with higher aspirations when she married Churchill during World War II. At 19, she was pressed into service as a hostess for his father, Prime Minister Winston Churchill, who warned her of the difficult nature of luncheon guest Gen. Charles de Gaulle.

That first marriage was short-lived, ending shortly before the birth of her only child, Winston Spencer Churchill, now a member of Parliament.

After the war, she moved to Paris and spent the 1950s as a fixture in the city's art world.

Her second husband was



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— President Bill Clinton

Hayward, producer of the Broadway shows "Sound of Music," "South Pacific" and "Cypsy."

They met in New York. Hayward's wife was in Europe and asked her husband to escort Pamela Digby Churchill to the theater. What followed was a messy divorce, and in 1960, she became Pamela Digby Churchill Hayward.

Hayward died in 1971 and a month later, his widow renewed her acquaintance with Harriman, the politician and diplomat who was heir to one of America's great railroad fortunes. They had first met during the war in London.

Within six months, they married and she became a U.S. citizen. Mrs. Harriman was 51, her new husband was 79.

After his death, 15 years later, Harriman's children filed suit, accusing her of squandering \$30 million of the family fortune on bad investments.

The family settled out of court in 1995 by redistributing the assets. The exact terms were not disclosed but that same year, Mrs. Harriman put up for auction millions of dollars in art.

Mrs. Harriman's resume in Paris included a period when relations were strained over trade, culture, NATO restructuring, Bosnia, the Middle East and CIA spying inside France.

It turned out she was a skilled mediator on trade and other sticky issues. French officials expressed gratitude that she presented their views directly to Clinton, bypassing those that most ambassadors could only dream about.

Having lived many years in Paris, she understood the country and its political mores. The ambassador's residence became the Paris equivalent of the house on N Street. Elegant dinner parties brought together an eclectic mix of politicians, diplomats, artists and intellectuals. The guest lists impressed people in a way many diplomats to his intellectual.

French admiration for the U.S. ambassador was expressed last April when she was made a commander of the Ordre of Arts and Letters by French Culture Minister Philippe Douste-Blazy, the first time an American foreign diplomat was so honored. Douste-Blazy praised her efforts to "introduce French-American cultural and political tension, and to maintain dialogue."

During the interview last November, Mrs. Harriman said she was ready to return to Washington. But she clearly had enjoyed her time.

"There's always some drama somewhere," she said. "But those have been gratifying successes."

Industry-government battle over teen-age smoking goes to court

WASHINGTON (AP) — On Monday, the tobacco industry's best lawyers go head-to-head with government in court in an attempt to kill the Food and Drug Administration's crackdown on teen-age smoking.

The legal arguments will be technical, even dull — unlike the three dramatic years leading up to this confrontation, when government detectives uncovered super-nicotine tobacco fields, whistle-

blowers who alleged cigarette makers manipulate addictive nicotine and secret industry proposals to market cigarettes to teen-agers.

"This was not a (John) Grisham novel," said FDA Commissioner David Kessler. But his probe at times did mimic a thriller, even using code names to protect informants' identities.

"It was the most major investigation in this agency's history," Kessler added. "As a country,

we've not taken tobacco sales to adolescents seriously."

The immediate question for tobacco foes and friends alike is whether Americans remember the years of damning tobacco headlines, or will be lulled by

Monday's legal arguments in a Greensboro, N.C., courtroom.

"This is a legal argument, not a factual argument," said R.J. Reynolds attorney Charles Blitt.

"These FDA regulations ... would go to the heart of our business,

would dramatically change the way the tobacco industry works."

But he couldn't say how much the industry's reputation will recover over its years of squandering.

"There were documents that just made them look like a bunch

of drug dealers," said Cliff Douglas, a Chicago lawyer who helped trigger the tobacco probes when an RJR whistleblower codename "Dorothy" told cigarette makers were manipulating nicotine.

Fire kills 5 in unsafe building

ENDU, Okla. (AP) — Fire killed two women and three young children Wednesday in an apartment building that a fire marshal had been trying to have demolished because of safety problems.

There was only one fire escape for the second-floor apartment where the victims were found.

"It was a set of wooden stairs off the second floor and it was already engulfed in flames," said city Fire Marshal D.W. Lang.

Eight other people escaped from apartments in the basement and on the first floor after one of them was awakened by his dog.

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Simpson's financial prospects dimmed, but not nil

The Washington Post

If O.J. Simpson has to pay the \$8.5 million judgment leveled against him Tuesday — and possibly a lot more, if the jury decides to award punitive damages — his standard of living will be substantially reduced, but California and federal law will protect him from impoverishment.

Federal law protects Simpson's pension funds — at a reported \$2.5 million, his single largest financial asset — from creditors as long as he does not use money from the funds excessively. In addition to that protection, California law limits attachment of Simpson's future earnings to 25 percent and allows him to retain up to \$75,000 in home equity, a car valued at \$1,500 and up to \$5,000 in jewelry and art.

Still, while there is no chance he will regain the lucrative product endorsements and advertising deals that were a major source of his income prior to the murders of his former wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and Ronald L. Goldman, he is likely to enjoy other earning potential, a number of prominent public relations specialists said.

"He will be the Frankenstein of celebrities, but he will be a celebrity and people will pay to see him," said Howard J. Rubenstein, the head of his own New York public relations firm. "Being a celebrity in America does not mean being applauded, it means being a curiosity."

But curiosities don't get offered the kind of big money deals like the kind Simpson had with Hertz.

"Advertisers and corporations looking for a positive association with a public figure shy away from controversy," said Leigh Steinberg, a well-known sports agent. "A corporation is looking for a positive connotation and spin-off; they're looking for as close to universality as they can find and frankly he's been condemned in the minds of many people since the criminal trial notwithstanding the verdict."

"He will be a tremendous drop



O.J. Simpson, left, leaves Los Angeles County Superior Court in Santa Monica, Calif., after the verdict in the wrongful death civil suit Tuesday. Simpson was found liable on all counts.

in his lifestyle because nearly everything he has outside his pension system can be attached and his earning power will vanish," said Harland Braun, a prominent Los Angeles criminal attorney who monitored the trial. "It's not like he can be out there advertising for Avis; saying I never liked Hertz anyway. Fred Goldman is going to be haunting him."

Even though he may become a millionaire again, it seems unlikely Simpson again would achieve the wealth and the lifestyle he enjoyed prior to the murders, when his net worth was estimated at \$11 million.

If this judgment proves accurate — and if the jury adds to the award of \$8.5 million in compensatory damages by a substantial award in punitive damages — Simpson will have more financial resources on which to draw than most Americans.

Besides his pension and retire-

ment funds that were established in the early 1980s, he can draw on these funds in five years, when he turns 55, and will also receive pension payments totaling \$2,000 a month from the National Football League and the Screen Actors Guild.

"Money in the pension funds can be used for 'reasonable expenses' without penalty but could become the target of creditors if a judge determined Simpson was using the funds excessively."

"If he used it to buy a \$20,000 Honda, that Honda would be subject to levy," Los Angeles finance lawyer Richard Brunette Jr. recently told the Los Angeles Times. "The court is not going to permit him to live a luxurious lifestyle ... but he will not be required to sell pencils on the street."

His \$3.6 million Brentwood mansion is encumbered by liens from defense lawyer Robert Baker, financial adviser Leroy Taft, and others of about \$3 million, according to most estimates. Simpson recently paid two overdue tax bills of more than \$706,000.

Simpson also recently sold a red Ferrari for \$100,000. He also is expected to sell his expensive Bentley automobile, leaving only him with a Chevrolet Suburban. When Simpson divorced Nicole Brown Simpson on Dec. 31, 1991,

Civil trial: the jury answers

Jurors in the O.J. Simpson civil trial answered "yes" to the eight questions after deliberations.

- 1 Do you find by a preponderance of the evidence that defendant Simpson willfully and wrongfully caused the death of Ronald Goldman?
- 2 Do you find by a preponderance of the evidence that defendant Simpson committed battery against Ronald Goldman?
- 3 Do you find by clear and convincing evidence that defendant Simpson committed oppression in the conduct upon which you base your finding of liability for battery against Ronald Goldman?

- 4 Do you find by clear and convincing evidence that defendant Simpson committed malice in the conduct upon which you base your finding of liability for battery against Nicole Brown Simpson?
- 5 Do you find by clear and convincing evidence that defendant Simpson committed oppression in the conduct upon which you base your finding of liability for battery against Nicole Brown Simpson?
- 6 In a question about compensatory damages, jurors are asked how much money Goldman's parents, Fred Goldman and Sharon Rife, should receive for loss of their son's companionship. Jurors will determine a lump sum, which the judge would later divide between the two parents. Ms. Simpson's estate did not seek damages for loss of companionship.

They examined

- Thursday, Jan. 28
 - Two videos showing criminal Dennis Fung and his assistant Andrea Marzella handling Simpson's blood sample and a bag containing a bloody glove found behind Simpson's estate.
 - One video of Simpson's bedroom where bloody socks were found.
 - A tape of Detective Philip Varnatter carrying a blood vial in an unsealed envelope.
 - DNA test strips of blood drops.
 - Photo boards of the rear gate and walkway at Nicole Brown Simpson's condominium. Simpson's estate where the glove was found and the interior of Simpson's Bronco.
 - Berkeley's testimony on cross-hybridization of DNA samples during testing.
- Wednesday, Jan. 29
 - A special magnifying glass often used to examine photographs.
 - A picture of a purple-topped test tube like the one used to store Simpson's blood sample.

Simpson's trials

A look at how O.J. Simpson's civil and criminal trial numbers have differed:

As of Feb. 4, 1997

The Jury

Criminal

RACE BREAKDOWN

Other 3
White 2
Black 9

GENDER BREAKDOWN

Men 10
Women 3

DAYS FROM JURY SELECTION TO END OF CLOSING ARGUMENTS

372 132

DAYS JURORS WERE SEQUESTERED

266 0

JURORS OR ALTERNATES DISMISSED

10 Six

HOURS OF DELIBERATION

Four 17 (After juror was replaced)

Testimony

Criminal

Witnesses

Prosecution 72 Plaintiffs 73

Defense 54 Defense 39

DAYS OF TESTIMONY

Prosecution 99 Plaintiffs 29

Defense 34 Defense 14

LOWEST WITNESS

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Dennis Fung: nine days each

O.J. Simpson: four days

Length of COURT TRANSCRIPT

Over 50,000 About 8,000 pages

TRIAL EXHIBITS

857 Approx. 700

THE MONEY

COST (in millions)

Prosecution \$9¹/₂ Plaintiffs \$1¹/₂

Defense \$3¹/₂ Defense \$2¹/₂

Source: AP research

his net worth was estimated at \$10.8 million. He was expected even before Tuesday night's verdict to file a statement with the court declaring that he has no net worth.

Simpson has a \$250,000 condo in San Francisco in which his wheelchair-bound mother, Eunice, lives and on which there is a \$213,000 lien payable to Simpson. It is sub-

Explanation of damages sought in Simpson trial

The Associated Press

Damages sought in the O.J. Simpson civil trial:

COMPENSATORY: The jury awarded Ronald Goldman's long-divorced parents \$8.5 million to compensate them for emotional and financial losses.

Ms. Simpson's estate sought no compensatory damages.

Attorneys asked the jury to award Goldman's parents a lump sum to cover the \$7,951,400 cost of their son's funeral, plus a potentially larger amount for their "loss of love, companionship, comfort, affection, society, solace or moral support."

Attorneys agreed among themselves that the killings also caused a total of \$350 in property losses, \$250 for Nicole Brown Simpson's dress and \$100 for Goldman's jeans and shirt. This was merely a technical point the

plaintiffs must establish to allow the pursuit of punitive damages. The jury was not asked to award the \$350.

PUNITIVE: A monetary award sought to punish Simpson and to set an example for society. All of the plaintiffs will ask the jury for punitive damages because the panel determined that Simpson caused Goldman's death and committed battery against Ms. Simpson, and that he did it with malice or oppression. The jury will return Thursday to determine punitive damages.

There is no ceiling on punitive damage awards in California, but there are some parameters. The jury must consider just how reprehensibly Simpson acted, how much the award would financially hurt him and whether the damage awards "bear a reasonable relation" to the nature of the offense.

Flashcards gave Simpson verdict for those looking in

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — MSNBC, Microsoft's cable alliance with NBC, usually does things the high-tech way.

For the O.J. Simpson verdict, it had to resort to something as crude as flashcards. With a newsman doing "a Vanna White number" by holding up letters at a window, MSNBC was able to broadcast the verdicts almost instantaneously Tuesday night even though there were no cameras allowed in the courtroom.

The cards were emblazoned "Y" for yes and "N" for no, for example.

"I was afraid they might hold up the wrong card," said NBC correspondent George Lewis, who devised the system and did the live

broadcast standing outside a news media trailer across the street from the courthouse.

By prior agreement, other networks and local stations relied on Lewis' flashcards, including NBC, ABC and CBS. The flashcard system was devised because phones and recording devices were forbidden inside the trailer where TV reporters could listen to an audio feed of the trial. So how to get word out in this age of instant information?

It took Lewis a few weeks to come up with a system. Early strategies that were considered, then abandoned, included sign language and Morse code transmitted by flashlight. Too complicated and too prone to error, he and his colleagues decided.

On Tuesday night, when the court clerk began reading question No. 1 on the jury's verdict form, NBC associate producer Charmaine Lewis struck a black card with a white I in the trailer window.

George Lewis had his cue. "Do you find by a preponderance of the evidence that defendant Simpson willfully and wrongfully caused the death of Ronald Goldman?" he said live on the air, reading from the list of questions submitted to the jury.

When the clerk read the jurors' answer inside the court, Ms. Lewis held up another flashcard with the letter "Y."

"Yes," Lewis told viewers. And so it went through the whole list.

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EDITORIAL

Stigmatized as a killer, O.J. hasn't much future

The other shoe finally dropped in the O.J. Simpson case, and it was a Bruno Magli.

Tuesday's \$8.5 million civil judgment delivers a small measure of vindication to the families of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman. The significance is even greater for O.J. himself. The jury did not merely rule against him. It stigmatized him as a killer and an outlaw — a man who may walk the earth freely, but who will never really be free.

How can this judgment be reconciled with the "not guilty" verdict of the first O.J. trial? It's not hard, really. The prosecutors in the criminal trial made mistakes. They also faced a tougher burden of proof. Demonstrating guilt beyond reasonable doubt is much harder than showing the preponderance of evidence that a civil suit requires.

Another factor played as well: Simpson himself did not testify in the criminal trial. The first jury didn't see him prevaricate on the witness stand, hollo- wly denying that he had abused his wife, and that he had ever owned the Italian shoes that appeared on his feet in photographs.

So he stands before the world as an unconvicted killer. He will be a modern-day leper, alternately shunned and hunted by the celebrity-crazed media that created his fame, while the civil judgment and appeals sap his re-

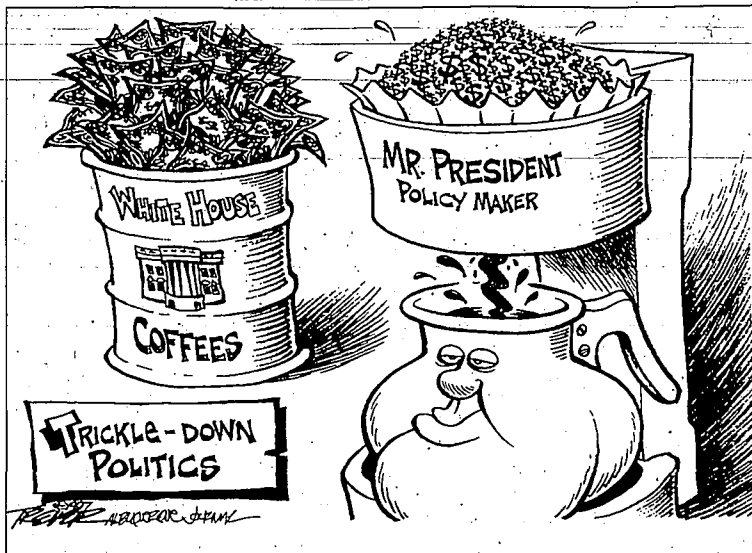
sources. Even if he manages to remain wealthy, he will wander the fringes of society like a restless ghost.

Funditis will spend many talk-show hours analyzing this case's broader significance, especially in racial terms. They will note the mostly black crowds that cheered the first trial's verdict, and the mostly white crowds that cheered the second.

But as time passes, the racial undertones of the case are fading. The two trials were, after all, not about race but about someone plunging a knife into two human beings. Even those black Americans who once regarded Simpson as a victim of "white justice" are coming to see him as a perpetrator rather than an injured party.

In some ways, this shift coincides with changing political sentiments — changes in Americans' attitudes about the roles of race and victimhood in the inner-city issues of crime, poverty and welfare. For blacks and whites alike, racial resentments are slowing giving way to rational analysis of practical solutions.

But all that is off the subject, really. In truth, any broader significance of this case is secondary to its narrow (but enormous) impact on private lives. The second O.J. trial achieved what courts are supposed to achieve — the mundane but essential business of holding individuals accountable for their acts.



What Clinton, Simpson and Watts share

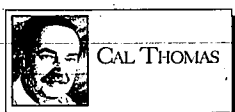
On Tuesday, we learned that Bill Clinton is a liberal, O.J. Simpson is a criminal and Rep. J.C. Watts, a black Republican from Oklahoma, is the ideological heir to Ronald Reagan. What a night!

After saying a year ago that "the era of big government is over," President Clinton invited the country to sup with him at a banquet table loaded with federal food. He says he wants to spend \$51 billion more on education, but acknowledges the same system into which he wants to pour these enormous new resources has produced legions of kids who can't read by the eighth grade.

And he would continue the imprisonment of middle- and low-income parents and their children in these intellectually failing schools by allowing them their "choice" of public schools. This is like allowing the condemned to choose their means of execution. Real competition that would raise all intellectual boats must include private schools so that every American can exercise the option the Clintons had when they enrolled their daughter in Washington's elite Sidwell Friends.

The president demagogued on Social Security again, suggesting that Republicans had better not touch retirees' Social Security checks. This brought what sounded like boos from the Republican side.

Clinton also wants to move the hand of big government into mammograms and mastectomies and put a computer in every home so that even "a sick child must no longer be a child alone." This laundry list sounded like what it was: the product of polls and focus groups with something designed to please almost everyone and make people feel good about him.



But even the president and O.J. had to sit aside for J.C. Watts. In his Republican response to the State of the Union, he said more in less time than the president said in an hour. Watts began with his own story: a small-town boy who grew up to be a star football player, parents who instilled character in him, a man honored to be experiencing the American Dream.

Watts rejected the idea floated by some timid Republicans that working with Democrats means pretending there are no serious ideological differences between the two parties: "... the state of the union really isn't determined in Washington, D.C. It never has been and it never will be." Those words could have come from Reagan's lips.

"But for a long time," continued Watts, "the federal government has been grabbing too much power and too much authority over all the people. And it is those people, it is all of us, who decide the real state of the union." Exactly right.

Watts rejected the idea of government as our keeper: "The strength of America is not in Washington (but) at home, in lives well lived in the land of faith and family ... not on Wall Street, but on Main Street, not in big business, but in small business with local owners and workers. It's not in Congress, it's in the city hall." While the president said he's on a "crusade," Watts used a different religious term to underscore what he "prays" is

the understanding of government by the Republican Party. "... we have made it our mission to limit the claims and demands of Washington, to limit its calls for more power, more authority and more taxes. Our mission is to return power to your home, to where mothers and fathers can exercise it according to their beliefs."

Then Watts spoke of knowledge beginning with "the ancient wisdom that we are nothing without our spiritual, traditional and family values." What good does it do to hook kids up to computers if it merely speeds up the process by which they receive bad ideas?

Watts said he didn't get his values from Washington but from his parents. He pitched the balanced budget amendment which he said "will lower your house payment, your car payment, your student loan."

Democrats must have been worried about Watts' image and his power to persuade. Press reports before the speech told of disparaging remarks Watts had made about Jesse Jackson and Washington Mayor Marion Barry ("race-hustling poverty pimps" he was reported to have called them). There was also a story about how a fund-raiser used his speech to solicit campaign contributions. These allegations, even if true, don't seem in the same league with personal attacks directed at Supreme Court Justice Thomas and the White House's flagrant fund-raising improprieties.

It's clear, just as the era of O.J. Simpson is fading, along with Bill Clinton's big liberal government, the era of J.C. Watts is dawning. He could be the quarterback the Republicans have been scouting for.

Cal Thomas is a Los Angeles Times columnist.

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Lance should keep nose in Boise

To Attorney General Lance: I read your guest opinion to *The Times-News* on Jan. 23. In that commentary, you advised the Magic Valley that you constitute a "safety valve" for the county prosecuting attorneys. As a taxpayer of the Magic Valley, we appreciate your "safety valve." Your self-serving congratulations to your office following an 11-month run where you managed a conviction in the Nunes case seems a bit much. There is less of a "safety valve" than you claim.

The same deputy attorney general prosecuted Don Walden and Mr. Nunes. In Mr. Walden's case, the judge threw out one-third of the charges and the jury acquitted Mr. Walden of the rest. He was a co-accused with Mr. Nunes. That acquittal will cost the city of Twin Falls well over \$100,000, probably closer to \$130,000 in attorney fees. When your office picks the charges, hires the investigators and the attorney, such a result is hard to call "safety valve" fees.

By the same token, your office initiated and lost a lawsuit in Minidoka County which resulted in Minidoka County retaining an attorney for \$15,000. They were refused to pay him and may result in treble damages of \$45,000, plus his attorney fees.

At this juncture, I can only advise you as follows: I appreciate your attempt to achieve justice in the Magic Valley. However, to date, I can no longer afford your "safety valve" of justice. At a minimum, we are looking at \$130,000 for Mr. Walden's attorney. We are looking at \$15,000 (possibly \$45,000) for the last time you helped Minidoka County. In essence, it looks to me like I am paying about \$175,000 for your "safety valve" of justice.

In the future, please restrict your activities to Ada County. Possibly, they can afford your "safety valve."

The Magic Valley cannot and should not support your financial requirements for justice in the future.

I cannot afford a Rolls Royce, a \$500,000 home or you. In the future, please see to it that you are not one of my expenses.

—M. LYNNE DUNLAP
Attorney at Law
Twin Falls

Legislators — Time to start work

Now that Congress is in session, it is time to tell them that most people are sick and tired of all the accusations made against our legislators and administrators. How much money have we spent on all these inquiries?

Right or wrong, we elected them. Quit this half-filled backstabbing and character assassinations. Get to work and earn the wages we pay you.

Do you know how much money we spend on a federal and state retirement? Don't you think that any retirement payment over \$50,000 a year is unreasonable? For most people, Social Security is a big part of their retirement; if they make too much money, Social Security is cut. What about our retired senators, representatives, etc.? Why do we pay them more than \$50,000 a year?

We wouldn't have to cut Social Security if we would first cut federal and state retirements.

All Social Security recipients, write to your legislators. Tell them not to cut Social Security until they have cut their own retirements.

Get on the Internet and e-mail every legislator. Tell them it is time to be fair; don't cut Social Security until they have capped federal retirement. All retirements are tax-funded. It is your money!

—MERLE STODDARD
Twin Falls

A leopard can't change its spots

I had to laugh when I read your editorial praising the name change for our nuclear neighbors. Adding the word "environmental" to the Idaho National Engineering Lab is as big of a change as a green coat of paint. A nuclear dump is a nuclear dump, even if you call it a rose.

The documentable truth is that Idaho will bury Colorado's deadly plutonium particles over our water supply! Idaho will expose our children and environment to incinerated, cancer-causing plutonium from out of state. When Idaho is being used as a national sacrifice zone, I don't see what Sen. Kempthorne has to smile about with this name change.

Your editorial mistakenly celebrated that "the site's defense work is all but gone. It's nuclear power research ... also is a relic of another era." Why

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then is Idaho still on the January list of sites from the Department of Energy for "location for all or some plutonium disposition activities"?

Idahoans won't hear this from our fearless foursome in Washington, but on Page 7 of this Jan. 14, 1997, Record of Decision, part of Idaho's future is revealed. While your newspaper declares nuclear reactor experiments are a thing of the past, look again. The DOE says clearly that one good option is "an existing light water reactor can be configured to produce tritium (for nuclear weapons), consume plutonium as fuel and generate revenue through the production of electricity. This configuration is called a multipurpose reactor."

Hmmm, that's the same "triple play" that Sen. McClure volunteered Idaho for in 1989. As Lockheed's \$92,000 lobbyist, Mr. McClure hopes to finally build that nuclear supersteer over our

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water supply. McClure, Kempthorne and Crapo have always pushed for more "safe" nuclear experiments. While it won't show up in a campaign ad, the DOE admits on Page 8 that an accident at the light water reactor could cause "a range of latent cancer fatalities of 5,900 to 7,300!" What is the "moderate" Republican position for risking up to 7,300 innocent people?

Crapo and Kempthorne refuse to even ask for state's rights against these projects. They even refuse to try to ban the reburial of Colorado's plutonium! I guess they're satisfied by the new name INEEL. That's pronounced, "I-KNEEL," like in I kneel and pray to the god of money. I know Dirk and Mike are better than that — but their actions aren't.

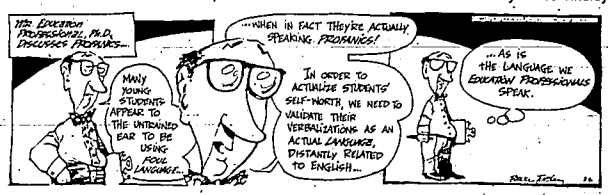
—PETER RICKARDS
Twin Falls

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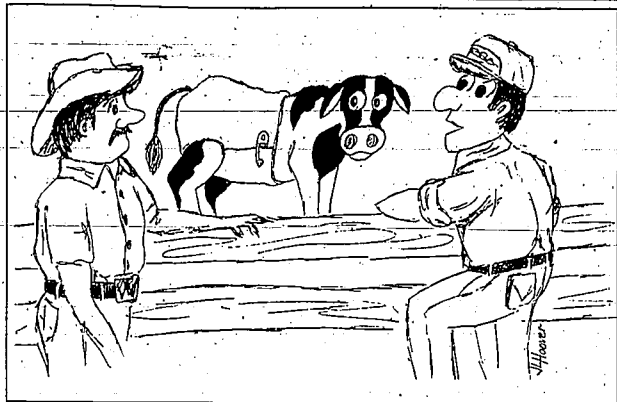


By Garry Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley



"I know it helps the environment and all, but it sure makes milking her hard."

Artist Audition

Janet Lee Hoover of Jerome offered this entry to our "Artist Audition."

If you'd like to try your hand, send your entry to:

Artist Audition

The Times-News

P.O. Box 548

Twin Falls, 83303

Each entry should offer a humorous message on a political or cultural subject in the Magic Valley or Idaho. Entries become the property of The Times-News.

LETTER

Public invited to attend welfare reform discussion

There has been wide public acceptance of the need for welfare reform. Now it is happening. In response to federal reform bills, the Idaho Legislature has passed laws creating a major overhaul of the state welfare system.

The Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) program is being replaced by Temporary Assistance for Families (TAF) in Idaho. Many food stamp eligibility rules also have changed.

These changes, already being implemented, will affect many aspects of our community beyond welfare recipients - such as business, government, service providers and churches, to name a few.

Churches of all faiths will have

to take seriously the biblical injunction to care for the poor. This is the time for all those unenthusiastic about foreign missions ("Let's help those at home first") to stand up and be counted!

How will these changes affect you and your organization? The League of Women voters and American Association of University Women are co-sponsoring a free public information meeting to help answer this question and let citizens learn what the community impact will be.

An outstanding panel of representatives from government, service providers, churches and business is scheduled for 10 a.m. this Saturday at the KMYT Community Room, 100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. Following the presentations, written questions will be welcomed from the audience.

This is your opportunity to learn what the "reform" will mean as these speakers are extremely knowledgeable. They include Joyce McRoberts, regional director of the Department of Health and Welfare; Capt. Roger Davis of the Salvation Army; Marlene Yardley, Community Action Agency child care coordinator; and Candy McElfresh, Private Industry Council; and JoAnn Bagby of Simplor Co. in Heyburn.

As responsible citizens, we hear no longer just repeat hearsay about the welfare problem. Come and learn what really is happening. For more information, call Cynthia Caddy, AAUW president, at 733-7291 or me at 733-3521.

LORAYNE O. SMITH
League of Women Voters
Twin Falls

LETTERS

Weather Channel should be available to all seniors

I'm writing in reference to the idea of putting the weather channel in the cable variety pack. I feel this would be an injustice to seniors and a drain on their low incomes.

I am a certified nurse's assistant that works with seniors who have very little in their favor. The weather station gives them a common conversation subject. The weather is a good part of their day and keeps them in touch with the outside world.

Seeing what is going on across the country brings back memories of their past experiences, which creates stimulating conversation, making them feel a part of what's going on around them.

I think it is good therapy for them, besides giving them the "time," "day" and "year." Seniors are being robbed of enough without adding insult to injury.

It appears to me that "retirement" is a bleak, unwelcome, end-of-life situation. If anyone else out there feels the way I do, call your cable company and voice your opinion. Our day is becoming a senior is coming.

RAMONA MOSS
Paul

nursing a starving animal back to good health is a lot more expensive than taking care of them in the first place.

Why does the Fish and Game Department let the elk starve to the point that they are too weak to stand, let alone eat, before they wake up to the fact that these animals are starving?

You don't suppose the Fish and Game biologists got their degrees off the Cherokees box do you?

ORVILLE CLARK
Twin Falls

Starving animals a blight on Fish & Game record

I am appalled at the double set of standards the Fish and Game Department use in their day-to-day management of Idaho's wildlife.

If I recall in 1996, three Oregon hunters crossed into Idaho and poached three bull elk. At this time, the Fish and Game said that one of the bulls was the largest ever on record in Idaho. They indicated that these precious, majestic elk were priceless and that it was a real loss to Idaho that they were poached by irresponsible sportsmen. These men have since been prosecuted and are now paying for their irresponsibility.

I opened the Idaho Statesman Thursday, Jan. 30. The front page of one section had a picture of a dead elk, a seven-point bull (like the one poached) with five or six other animals too weak to get up who were starving to death at the Stanley airport. It is amazing how, in a month or two's time, these majestic, priceless animals all of a sudden become burdensome critters that are not worthy of a bale of hay!

The Fish and Game has an office a stone's throw away from these starving elk at the Stanley Airport and surely know a starving critter when they see one.

MATT SMITH
Twin Falls

The sportsmen have paid an extra \$1.50 on the price of hunting licenses to be marked to feed these animals in situations like this. Do these priceless animals deserve such inhumane treatment?

The Fish and Game must be held accountable for its irresponsibility in the same manner as the poachers. The Fish and Game Department needs a real deep house cleaning.

CHERI HUMAN
Twin Falls

Speak out against unfair power generation laws

In 1995, the last full year figures available for generating electrical power from Idaho Power gives its cost of generating at 2.27 cents per kilowatt and buying power from cogeneration plants at 5.8 cents per kilowatt. Federal law requires power companies to buy cogeneration power even if they do not need it. Using solely cogeneration power would more than double consumer rates.

When we hear all the wonderful services we are going to receive with another cogenerating plant on the Snake River, it reminds me of a report by Will Rogers on attending a senator's campaign rally. The senator spoke of all the great services he was obtaining for the people and Will Rogers asked if he meant the same type of service the milk maid got for her cow when she took it to the neighbor's bull for service.

This is a stupid law and needs to be repealed. Please let your senator know you are tired of being serviced by this ridiculous law and that you are opposed to any more "defeating or restriction" of stream flow in the Snake River.

MATT SMITH
Twin Falls

Wondering how many box tops it takes for a degree

I do not have a biology degree to be a wildlife biologist, but I do have a little common sense.

In regard to the starving elk story, it is a known fact that if a rancher lets his animals starve to the point that they are too weak to stand and chew, it does very little good to serve them a 10-course meal and expect them to bounce back. The fact is, the animals have a slim-to-none chance of ever recovering.

I am certain that the cost of

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WORLD IN BRIEF

Opposition seeks further concessions

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — Warning that the state will do what it must to defend itself, a hardline party led by Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic's wife demanded Wednesday that the opposition immediately end its protests.

On the 78th straight day of marches, students and opposition supporters vowed to continue pressing for democracy. A day earlier, they had forced Milosevic to concede that his Socialist Party had lost elections in Belgrade and 13 other cities.

Some 12,000 people showed up for the daily rally by the opposition Zajedno coalition Wednesday, a small crowd compared to the 50,000 who appeared Tuesday to hear the opposition announce Milosevic's about-face.

Earlier Wednesday, 20,000 students marched through the city center, demanding that the Belgrade University rector be fired and those responsible for election fraud and police violence be punished.

Banks open fund for Holocaust victims

GENEVA — Hoping to end an acrimonious dispute with Jewish groups, three Swiss banking giants announced Wednesday they would contribute \$71 million to open a humanitarian fund for Holocaust victims.

Switzerland has come under fire the past 18 months, accused of sitting on up to \$7 billion in World War II-era bank accounts from Jewish depositors that have been untouched for decades.

Credit Suisse, Swiss Bank Corp. and Union Bank of Switzerland said they hoped their contribution would be a "constructive solution" and help solve lingering questions over Jewish assets deposited in Swiss banks before and during World War II.

Pope has flu, cancels audiences

VATICAN CITY — The flu forced Pope John Paul II to cancel his general audience Wednesday and cut back on activities planned for the next few days.

"Influenza has also entered the pope's house," John Paul announced from his window overlooking St. Peter's Square. "And it has also reached me," he said, wearing a red cape over his white vestments and appearing in good spirits.

He said doctors told him to stay inside. "I have to, therefore, be limited to saying hello to you from the window of my office," he told thousands of pilgrims standing in the rain.

Tibetan musician's prison term protested

BEIJING — Bonnie Raitt, Sheryl Crow and 10 other musicians are protesting China's decision to sentence a Tibetan music scholar who taught in the United States to 18 years in prison.

In a letter to Vice President Al Gore, who is scheduled to visit China next month, the performers said Ngawang Choephel's case was "a glaring example of the Chinese government's persecution of Tibetan culture."

Sweden to shut down nuclear reactor

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — Sweden plans to close one of its 12 nuclear power reactors next year in a controversial and expensive attempt to phase out the source of half the country's electricity.

How the electricity will be replaced is a question the government proposal leaves unanswered, except for a call to develop renewable energy resources.

The proposal released Tuesday calls for shutting down one reactor at the Barseback plant by July 1998 and the other in 2001, but it gave no timetable for closing the country's 10 other nuclear power reactors.

In 1980, following a referendum, parliament said all nuclear reactors should be shut down by 2010, but the government now says that is unlikely.

French arrest 15 suspected in bombings

PARIS — Police have arrested 15 people in connection with a pair of bombings last fall by Corsican separatists.

The courthouse and post office in Aix-en-Provence, a popular tourist town, were damaged in bomb attacks Sept. 29 and Nov. 4. No one was injured.

The 15 people arrested Tuesday and Wednesday were being questioned in the southern city of Marseille and in Ajaccio, in the south of Corsica, the Interior Ministry said Wednesday in a statement.

Rabbi Schach taken off respirator

TEL AVIV, Israel — Eliezer Manjehem Schach, one of the world's most influential ultra-Orthodox rabbis, was breathing on his own Wednesday after doctors took him off a respirator attached three days ago.

Schach, who is believed to be at least 99 years old, was admitted to Tel Aviv's Ichilov Hospital on Sunday with breathing problems. Schach's doctor, Farkis Sorkin, said the rabbi was in stable condition Wednesday, but would remain in intensive care at least another day. On Tuesday, Schach had a feeding tube attached to his stomach, Sorkin said.

9 family members massacred in Algeria

ALGIERS, Algeria — An armed group slit the throats of nine family members in a village south of the capital, residents reported Wednesday, the latest in a wave of bloodshed blamed on Islamist militants.

About 20 attackers killed the family of mostly women and children Monday in Benichikao, 60 miles south of Algiers, the witnesses said on condition of anonymity.

Militants intent on ousting Algeria's military-backed government and installing Islamic rule are suspected in a series of car bombings and massacres that began in mid-January with the start of Ramadan, the Muslim holy month. An estimated 350 people have been killed and 700 injured.

Compiled from wire reports

Politics shadow Hong Kong's New Year

HONG KONG (AP) — Selling briskly at the lunar new year fair Wednesday was a bright red lapel button that features Hong Kong's official flower and plays Communist China's national anthem.

A few stalls down — and also going fast — were plaster replicas of the Goddess of Democracy statue, symbol of the democracy movement that China crushed in 1989.

In their humble way, the lapel buttons represented the conflicting visions of Hong Kong's future as it begins its last lunar new year before China takes over the British colony on July 1.

Ocean Fung, who was selling the statues, said that if she can do the same thing next year, it will be a sign that China is keeping its promise not to meddle with Hong Kong's freedoms.

If not, she said, "then society will have become very scary."

The three-day new year holiday, which begins Friday, is the biggest festival in the Chinese calendar. The fair in Victoria Park, the prelude to the holiday, brought together many of the themes of a society on the threshold of momentous change.

For the tradition-minded, there



Shoppers at Hong Kong's annual Chinese New Year fair in Victoria Park look at statues of the "Goddess of Democracy," symbol of the 1989 democracy movement in China.

Some stalls selling plum blossoms and ported red berries — all standard new year do-or-die items.

Those in search of what may one day be vanished colonial memor-

abilia could buy replicas of street signs for Queen's Road East and Nathan Road.

And for the first time, the pro-China market was so busy, with

long lines with the Chinese flag. Beyond playing the anthem, but was featuring the Hong Kong and Chinese flags together.

China has promised Hong Kong its own legal system to protect freedoms that exist nowhere else in China. In a New Year message broadcast on China's international radio service, Chinese Foreign Minister Qian Qichen promised "the powerful backing of the motherland" to make the handover a success, and expressed the promise of a high degree of autonomy.

But whether this tolerance will extend to Mr. Fung's circle remains to be seen.

Her stall is run by the Hong Kong Alliance in Support of Democratic Movements in China, dedicated to keeping alive the memory of the victims of the Tiananmen Square crackdown.

It sells books and memoirs that are banned in China, where people are exhorted to forget Tiananmen, and the Alliance is judged to be subversive and anti-Chinese.

"That's just completely wrong. If we didn't love China, why would we be here?" Ms. Fung said.

Still, she said, "Lots of people say we won't be able to be here next year."

U.S. consul worried about China moves on Hong Kong liberty laws

HONG KONG (AP) — Chinese moves to weaken Hong Kong's civil liberties laws are "bad news," ignoring the public's wishes and undermining confidence in the British colony's future, the U.S. consul said Wednesday.

In an interview with Hong Kong radio, Richard Boucher joined the groundswell of criticism in Hong

Kong and abroad over plans to repeal some laws that were liberalized in the 1990s, and to dilute the powers of the 1991 Bill of Rights.

"That is bad news," Boucher said, noting that China had promised little would change after the July 1 handover of sovereignty and that Hong Kong people would rule the island as a semi-

autonomous enclave of China.

"Over time, we've been concerned that the only thing that would change was the government and the flag," he said, warning a suggested series of steps would erode political freedoms and civil liberties, little regard for Hong Kong law or the Hong Kong people," Boucher said.

"It gets more difficult to think that things will indeed stay the way they are."

A Beijing-appointed committee preparing for the handover voted Saturday to change Hong Kong's civil liberties laws, including provisions protecting the rights to demonstrate and to forge links with foreign organizations and political parties.

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Advertisement for Les Schwab Tires with 'FEBRUARY MEANS... FREE BEER!' and 'WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED!'.

Advertisement for tires and services with 'LIGHT TRUCKS SPORT UTILITY GREAT VALUES CLEARANCE!' and a price table.

Advertisement for 'BRAKES' services including 'COMPLETE BRAKE SERVICE', 'COMPLETE FRONT DISC BRAKE SERVICE', and 'COMPLETE REAR DRUM BRAKE SERVICE'.

Advertisement for 'EVERYBODY'S TIRE STORE' with 'ALIGNMENT' services and 'CREDIT 90 DAYS'.

Community Event advertisement for 'Valentine Cookies' and 'Win a Dinner Show & Overnight Accommodations at Cactus Potes!'.



Flickle lanes: Everything from greasy food to oily balls can affect your bowling score, according to columnist Thelma Tucker.

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Section B

MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

"
Maryland is 15-0, undefeated, when it outscores its opponent.

"
—From a University of Maryland news release

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- Girls' high school basketball**
Regions' district tournaments
- Region III**
• Minico at Highland, 7 p.m.
• Buxley at Pocahontas, 7 p.m.
Class A-2, District 4
- Wood River at Jerome (loser out), 7:30 p.m.
Class A-3, Canyon Conference at Wendell
• Gooding vs. Glenns Ferry (loser out), 6:15 p.m.
• Wendell vs. Kimberly (loser out), 8 p.m.
- Boys' high school basketball**
Aberdeen at Dedic
Carey at Bliss
ISDB at Richfield
Carnas County at Demich
- In most cases, junior varsity basketball games start at 4 p.m., with varsity games following.*
- High school bowling**
Minico at Jerome, 4 p.m.

SCOREBOARD
High school basketball

Girls' district tournaments

Northside sub-district at Shoshone	Richfield 39
• Demich 66	Carey 42
• Shoshone 49	
Southside sub-district at Murrough	
• Hagerman 41	Hansen 30
Class A-2, District 4 at Jerome	
• Buhl 54	Jerome 50
Class A-3, Canyon Conference at Wendell	
• Kimberly 40	Valley 38
• Dedic 45	Glenns Ferry 41

Boys' high school basketball

Buxley 73	Minico 71
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Pro basketball

Miami 118	Boston 117
Toronto 89	Cleveland 84
Philadelphia 113	San Antonio 97
Utah 99	Sacramento 95
Phoenix 99	Atlanta 81
Denver 106	Washington 104
L.A. Lakers 106	Chicago 90

Collego basketball

Men

8. Duke 73	2. Wake Forest 68
4. Minnesota 85	Penn. St. 70
6. Iowa St. 61	Baylor 52
7. Maryland 66	NC State 55

Women

1. UConn 85	Secon Hall 53
6. Georgia 83	NC-Asheville 44
14. Texas Tech 96	8. Texas 73

IN BRIEF

CSI boosters plan bus trip for Utah games
TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho Booster Club is planning a bus trip to the Utah Valley and Salt Lake basketball games Feb. 14 and 15.
The trip involves an overnight stay in Provo. Bus fare will be \$29 round trip and includes a Saturday afternoon meal at Chuck Arama.
Cost does not include game ticket. Motel rooms are available for \$43.14, or \$38.72 including tax for seniors. Contact Paula Green 733-9554 ext. 2302 or Chuck Treton, 324-5905.

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Buhl holds off Jerome in Class A-2 playoffs

By John Derr
Times-News writer

JEROME — The Buhl Indians grabbed a 12-point lead in the second quarter and held on down the stretch against Jerome Wednesday night to move within one win of the Class A-2 state girls' basketball tournament.

The Indians downed Jerome, 54-50, for their third win over the Tigers in as many meetings this season, and advanced to championship game of the District 4 tournament next week.

The Indians again dominated the boards, 26-16, and forced 21 Tiger turnovers. Both teams shot 44 percent from the field.

The Tigers play Wood River tonight at 7:30 p.m. in a loser-out game, with the winner seeding two wins over Buhl.

"All day long we have been nervous. We wanted to come out to play," said Jana Watson, who led the Indians with 18 points including a back door bucket off a perfect pass from guard Lori Moore with 30 seconds remaining to put Buhl up by four. "We just connect. She sees when I'm open."

Moore hit a pair of baskets to give the Indians an early five-point lead, but Jerome battled back with a 3-pointer by Lanie Barnes to take a 15-13 advantage after one.

The second quarter was all Buhl. The Indians, with the speedy Moore easily beating the Jerome press, got the ball inside consistently during a 12-0 run, with Watson hitting for six points and Carrie Williamson chipping in nine off the bench.

"We played as a team," said Williamson, who finished with 13 points, her highest output of the season, and was a presence on the defensive end. "I feel I put my team effort in tonight."

Tiger freshman Cyndia Wenzel stepped up big time after the break trading in nine points, including a 3-pointer, as Jerome cut the lead to five.

Angie Schroeder hit a pair of long jumpers as the Indians increased the lead to nine. Nikki Martens and Shelly Kalin both hit shots inside as the Tigers rallied again near the end of the third quarter. Buhl allowed the pace of the game, while the Tigers picked up the intensity.

Wenzel was injured late in the period after she grabbed a rebound and got it back up. When she hit the floor, her ankle turned and she went down. Marcel Jensen clearly picked up the loose ball and went the length of the court to hit a layup at the buzzer.

Wenzel was carried off the floor taken to the hospital for an examination. Her status was unknown Wednesday night.

Kalin cut the lead to four early in the final period. The teams traded the lead for the next four minutes until Kalin took a layup inside to trim the lead to two with 1:40 remaining. Buhl turned the ball over, but the Tigers couldn't convert. After an Indian three out, Moore and Watson connected to give the Indians a 40-37 lead.

"We played well for three quarters," said Jerome coach Michelle Skyles. "Shelly played really well and we have some things to work on. We played hard the second half and did the things we needed to do, but we can't give up easy baskets."

Box score
Jerome: 15-22, 24-33, 24-28, 26-29, 65-82
Buhl: 18-22, 22-22, 18-22, 22-22, 80-82
3-point shooting: 4-9, 2-4
Rebounds: 26-16
Turnovers: 21-16
Fouls: 24-24
Time: 40:00



Buhl's Jana Watson gets a pass off from the floor to teammate Angie Schroeder during Wednesday night's game in Jerome.

Road-weary Eagles hope home is where the wins are

By Brad Bowlin
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team enters unfamiliar territory this weekend — the CSI gym.

The Golden Eagles have played nine of 11 games since the holiday break away from home, winning just twice.

Now they hope to build momentum for the Scenic West Athletic Conference stretch run and move out of the eighth seed for the Region 18 tournament.

Home or not, this will be a tough weekend for the eagles as they face archrival Ricks (7-4 Scenic West, 19-4 overall).

Breaker to SAC in Game of Allene in January, starting a six-game losing streak. They managed to hit two night-liner and got blown out while playing one of their worst games of the season.

"We did not play well, offensively or defensively," CSI coach Jim Ulrich said. "It's much the overtime game at March Idaho affected us. We can't win."

One thing is sure: CSI has to start winning these games if it is to assure itself a spot in the post-season tournament. The Eagles (23-8, 10-13) head Thursday when they play a game which season determining for the final tournament spot.

Coming tomorrow:
Women's preview, plus team stats

Friday night, and league-leading North Idaho College (9-2, 18-2) at Saturday. CSI lost an overtime hour.



Burley steals one on Minico's home court

By Kevin Miller
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Burley coach Matt Harr had the best angle on Joe Jensen's last second three-point attempt that would have won Wednesday night's game for Minico.

"I thought it was in," Harr said.

"We thought it was good," Spartan coach Mike Chatterton said.

The faith did not convert the back of the rim, which bounced out Jensen's buzzer-beater and saved Burley's 73-71 road win.

The Bobcats' third consecutive Region III win shouldn't be all that surprising. But since they did it without leading scorer Tyler Carson and his back-up Micah Adams, it seemed unlikely the Bobcats could sustain their second-half-of-the-season surge.

But Burley took over third place in the conference Wednesday night because they still did the things that turn into victories, like rebound and take advantage of their opponent's mistakes.

"I just don't think we did the little things we needed to do to win," Chatterton said.

Actually, the Spartans did a few things to help them lose. After Burley slipped ahead 62-58 in the fourth quarter, Minico center Lance Gibson was nailed with a technical foul arguing a call.

Sophomore Aaron

Bradley, who led all scorers with 28, sank three of four three throws. Then John Melling drilled his third try of the game with 3:38 left to put Burley up by 10, finishing a six-point play for the Bobcats.

Minico overcame Gibson's mistake, although the senior fouled out with 1:54 left to free the Spartans' could make their big move.

Burley missed six of eight shots at the free throw line in the last minute to fuel Minico's 9-2 finish. But Tyler Draper had a chance to tie the game or guarantee a tie with a pair of free throws with 3:5 seconds left in the game, but he missed them both.

Jensen, who had already hit a pair of 3-pointers, had a clear look at the rim when he released. His leap of frustration far overmeasured the height he hit on his jumper.

The Spartans' loss overshadowed a strong performance by forward Donovan Hartley, who scored a career-high 22 points.

Rok Dedin was forced to fill in for Carson and shined at point guard. Dedin scored only six points but grabbed 11 rebounds and swiped three steals.

The absence of Carson didn't really matter to Minico, Chatterton said. "Burley's a good team with him or without him."

Box score
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Florida State wins recruiting wars

The Associated Press
Florida State wasted little time in releasing: After losing to Florida in the Sugar Bowl, the Seminoles were the biggest winners on national signing day.

Coach Bobby Bowden's folksy spiel worked wonders again as he sold a bunch of the nation's top high school stars, including defensive player of the year David Warren, on the Seminoles.

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"They signed more all-world players than anyone else and get the nod for the best class," Allen Wallace, publisher of Laguna Beach, Calif.-based SuperPrep magazine, said Wednesday. "Signing three of the top nine defensive linemen in the country is unheard of. Most schools get one every two or three years. Overall, they have the best group of elite kids."

In addition to Warren, a 6-foot-3, 220-pound end from Tyler, Texas—the Seminoles landed Jamal Reynolds, a 6-2, 255-pound end from Aiken, S.C., and lineman Chase-Ron Dorsey, a 6-8, 305-pounder from Jacksonville, Fla. Warren, expected to sign with Texas before changing his mind, was USA Today's top defensive player with 105 tackles, six sacks and four blocked kicks for Tyler John Tyler, the same school that produced Earl Campbell.

"I wanted to play for a defensive school so Florida State was the best school to play for," said Warren, who says the Seminoles have to replace All-American ends Peter Bohlwiler and Raymond Wilson.

SPORTS

Miami nips Boston; 76ers win 2nd straight

BOSTON (AP) — Veston Lenard scored a career-high 28 points and Tim Hardaway added 23 points and a season-high 15 assists as Miami won its fifth straight game, 118-117 over Boston on Wednesday night.

Alonzo Mourning had 21 points and 11 rebounds, while reserve Len Austin added 17 points for the Heat.

Raptors 89, Cavaliers 84 TORONTO — Walt Williams scored 26 points and Clifford Rozier added 19, including six points in the final 1 1/2 minutes, as Toronto beat Cleveland.

Rozier also had nine rebounds and six blocks, including a fourth-quarter rejection on Bobby Star that turned the momentum in Toronto's favor. Damon Stoudamire had 19 points and 10 assists for the Raptors.

Terrell Brandon led the Cavaliers with 25 points.

76ers 113, Spurs 97 PHILADELPHIA — Allen



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The Jazz, who lost a seven-game series to the Sonics in the Western Conference finals last season, improved to 3-0 against the Sonics this season.

Shawn Kemp led Seattle with 23 points.

Denver up-106-104, Ervin Johnson blocked an outside shot by Washington's Harvey Grant to preserve the victory.

Washington's Grant scored 23 points for Denver, which has won seven of its last 11 games headed into the All-Star break.

Los Angeles Lakers kept a big lead, unlike the last time the teams met.

Elmer Campbell, moving forward to center to replace O'Neal, scored 16 of his career-high 34 points in the third quarter and grabbed 11 rebounds.

The loss snapped an eight-game Chicago winning streak and the 16-point margin matched the Bulls' worst defeat of the season.

CSI

"We have to start finding a way to win games down the stretch," Thrash said, noting that all of the Eagles' league losses have been winnable games, even on the road.

If CSI maintains the form that carried the Eagles past Colorado Northwestern and within three minutes of a win at College of Eastern Utah last weekend, the home fans should be pleased.

Most noticeably, the Eagle offense has performed better, especially against zone defenses.

"We're doing better now than we were doing in early January," Thrash said. "My main concern right now is our rebounding."

"Against Rickles, CSI faces an experienced team with good interior size and excellent rebounding. Adam Greene (6-10) and Steve Howard (6-9) are among the league's top 10 rebounders, averaging a combined 14 boards per game.

"We have to stop defensive transition, and not allow them to shoot threes on the break," Thrash said. "And we have to block off the boards."

White Rickles plays a disciplined game, North Idaho presents a different challenge on Saturday. "It's a little tough to prepare for this weekend because you're preparing for two completely different styles of play," Thrash said.

The Cardinals are "are pretty much wide open. They want to get you in that up-and-down game," Thrash said. The Cardinals enjoy a full-court press, which CSI handled in the first meeting. Shawn Myrick and Andre McKanstry lead the league in steals, with

Buck in the Bleachers' night

Fans attending Friday night's game against Idaho State will get general admission seating for just \$1 in addition to the \$1000 "Buck in the Bleachers" night. Baga D'Lites and Falls Avenue Fitness will sponsor the game, giving out bagels, coupons, free T-shirts and water bottles.

Saturday will be Jerome County Appreciation Night, with Jerome County residents gaining admission for \$1. (Valid drivers' license or student ID required.) The first 250 fans in the door will receive a free drink coupon from Baga's Restaurant, and Falls Avenue Fitness will be back with more free T-shirts and water bottles. Also this weekend, the Community Action Agency will be holding a canned food drive. Fans who bring a can of food will receive a chance to win a TV.

Todd Myles fifth. "Myrick will shoot the three, and he'll also penetrate," Thrash said. After an inconsistent first half of the season, Myrick caught fire last weekend against Dixie, scoring 38 points, including hitting all six of his 3-point shots.

McKanstry missed practice last week, having gone home to Alabama after the death of his grandmother.

Myles leads the league in assists, with 34.4. Kara Walters, He had 11 assists, 23 points and six rebounds in the first meeting with CSI before being ejected for shoving Jonathan Myrick.

Myrick also got involved in a some taunting during that game, but Thrash said this can't let that be a distraction. "The bottom line is, you've still gotta play," Thrash said. "We can't get caught up in that nonsense."

Duke knocks off No. 2 Wake Forest, 73-68

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (AP) — Jeff Capel and Robtown McLeod made key shots down the stretch Wednesday night as No. 8 Duke beat No. 2 Wake Forest for the first time in 10 meetings, 73-68.

Capel denied the Tar Heels Deacons the nation's No. 1 ranking.

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8 of 13 shots from the field. The sophomore forward made 8 of 13 against the Wolfpack, including three alley-oop dunks and two 3-pointers.

Danny Strong scored 19 for N.C. State (9-10, 1-9), which was attempting to build on its first ACC win, an upset of Clemson on Saturday. Instead, the Wolfpack trailed by 11 with nine minutes left and never cut the gap below four points.

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No. 6 Iowa St. 61, Baylor 52

AMES, Iowa — Kenny Pratt scored 35 points, including a key basket late, and Baylor, Williamson added 34 as No. 6 Iowa State overcame a sluggish performance to beat Baylor 61-52 Wednesday night.

Iowa State (15-3 overall, 7-2 Big 12) won its sixth straight and pulled into a tie for second place in the league with Oklahoma State. It wasn't the kind of slump effort

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Another Uconn blowout

SOUTH ORANGE, N.J. (AP) — Nykesha Sales and Shea Ralph scored 17 points each Wednesday night and top-ranked Connecticut won its 21st straight game, 85-59 over the longhorns in the Big East Conference.

Seton Hall (8-13, 5-8 Big East) led 7-6 three minutes into the game, but Connecticut

scored 30 of the next 37 points to lead 35-14. Kara Walters ignited the run with a layup and Carla Berube, who had 10 in the first half, followed with a putback.

Before the spurt was over, Nykesha Sales had contributed all eight of her first-half points and Berube, Ralph and Amy Duran each had six.

BASKETBALL

NBA standings

Table with NBA standings for Eastern Conference and Western Conference, including teams like Miami, Boston, Toronto, Cleveland, and their respective records.

NBA box scores

Table with NBA box scores for games like Miami vs Boston, Toronto vs Cleveland, and others, listing player names and statistics.

Men's college basketball

Table with men's college basketball scores for various games including Wake Forest vs Duke, Minnesota vs Penn State, Iowa State vs Baylor, and others.

Women's college basketball

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High school basketball

Table with high school basketball scores for various games including Minnesota girls at Highland and others.

ON THE AIR

Table with TV listings for various sports events including gymnastics, college basketball, and college football.

IN THE BLEACHERS

By Steve Moore

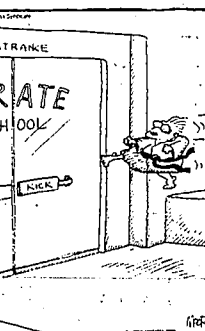


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TRANSACTIONS

Table with sports transactions, including player movements and trades between teams.

Judges Allow America Online, Federal Reserve Says No to Higher Rates

The Associated Press

Computer users who hate "junk" e-mail have gotten a break from two federal court rulings against one company.

Cyber Promotions Inc. of Philadelphia was barred Monday from sending unsolicited e-mail advertisements — known among computer buffs as "spamming" — to the 5 million subscribers of CompuServe Inc.

A spokesman for Columbus-based CompuServe Inc. said Wednesday that unsolicited e-mail concerned its customers because they have to sort through it while

paying for their time online. Cyber Promotions President Sanford Wallace said Tuesday he had not sent any bulk e-mail to CompuServe, a temporary restraining order in October.

On Tuesday, U.S. District Judge Charles R. Weiner of Philadelphia forbade Cyber Promotions from falsifying e-mail return addresses, which kept American Online members from blocking the unsolicited messages.

"They can still receive Cyber Promotions junk e-mail if they want but most members don't, and Cyber Promotions is now legally bound to respect their wishes," said AOL's associate general counsel, David Phillips.

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With signs that economic growth is moderating, Federal Reserve policy-makers felt comfortable leaving interest rates unchanged Wednesday, extending a remarkable year-long period of monetary stability.

The Fed announced its decision at the end of a two-day meeting of the Federal Open Market Committee, the group of Fed board members and regional bank presidents who meet eight times a year to review monetary policy.

Policy-makers kept the benchmark federal funds rate charged among banks on overnight loans, at 5.25 percent. That's where it's been since the Fed raised the

rate by a quarter point a year ago. The rate hasn't been increased in two years.

Private economists nearly unanimously believe the next move from Fed will push rates higher — they just can't agree on when.

"I think they can get through much of the year without doing anything," said economist Bruce Steinberg of Merrill Lynch. Still, he conceded, tight labor markets mean

they're at the point where it wouldn't take too much to tilt them toward tightening interest rates.

Only a few weeks ago economists were talking about the possibility of growth accelerating in early 1997, but that notion has been dispelled by recent reports, Steinberg said.

Among them was a Commerce Department report Wednesday showing orders to U.S. factories fell a steeper-than-expected 1.3 percent in December after a 0.5 percent drop in November.

Factory orders are the principal gauge of the nation's manufacturing strength, and continued declines would pressure reduced production and fewer jobs.

Other economists believe higher interest rates could come by late spring or early summer as the central bank makes sure the economy moderates to a sustainable pace.

The factory orders report for December, though, reveals no inflationary bottlenecks developing in the manufacturing pipeline, he said.

The December decline was the fifth of the year and, with November, marked the first back-to-back drops since June and July of 1995. Orders fell for both durable goods — long-lasting items such as refrigerators — and non-durable goods, such as clothing.

For the year, factory orders rose a moderate 4.9 percent, the smallest increase since 1993. They had risen 6.6 percent the year before.

DOEW-JONES

Table with columns: NEW YORK (AP) Final Dow-Jones averages for Wednesday, Feb 5. Includes S&P 500, NYSE Composite, and various market indices.

DOEW-JONES ACTIVES

Table listing active Dow-Jones stocks with columns: Name, High, Low, Change. Includes stocks like IBM, Microsoft, and Intel.

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LOCAL INTEREST

Table listing local interest rates for various financial products like CDs, T-bills, and bonds.

NEW YORK

Table listing New York market data including various stock prices and market indices.

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Table listing closing futures prices for commodities like oil, gold, and various currencies.

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Table listing bean market prices for various types of beans.

GRAINS

Table listing grain market prices for wheat, corn, and soybeans.

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Table listing potato and onion market prices.

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Table listing fossil fuel market prices for oil, natural gas, and coal.

STOCK LISTINGS

Large table listing various stock prices and market data for different companies and sectors.

MONEY

Standing up to Father Time

WASHINGTON (AP) — The foundation will last longer than it takes some nations to rise and fall.

The outside door, properly sheltered, will span a century. Cast-iron waste pipes are for the ages.

Tough things, houses. Move as we must — and Americans move more than most people — some things stand for permanence.

You (or successors) will get 20 years out of a quality chrome faucet and up to 100 from wood siding if it's treated right. The kids can be born and gone before the flames finally die on that gas range.

The garage door opens beyond 10 years old are cranking on borrowed time. So, too, with carpet, depending on traffic from the little rug rats.

So says the National Association of Home Builders, reporting on trends and facts in its line of work.

Against that backdrop, the government said Tuesday that last year was the best for home sales in 14 years. Americans bought 756,000 new single-family homes, up more than 13 percent in a year.

The upbeat builders say people are getting more for their money:

- Today's typical new single-family home has 25 percent more living space than 20 years ago.
- The percentage of new homes with central air conditioning, 2 1/2 or more bathrooms, a two-car garage or carport and more than one story has doubled in that time. More than 60 percent have a fireplace, another big jump.

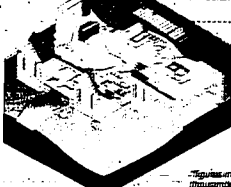
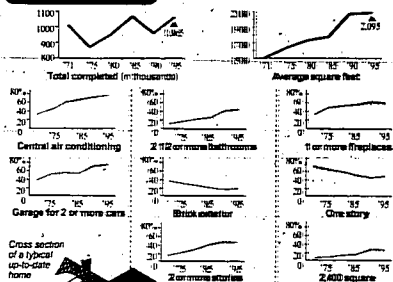
And people want more:

- First-time home buyers want bay windows in the living room and kitchen; move-up buyers want them in the living and dining

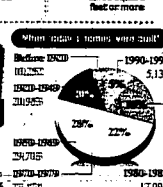
U.S. houses

Today's typical single-family home has 25 percent more living space than 20 years ago. Key features:

Characteristics of new homes



Source: National Association of Home Builders



Source: AP/Army Kres

ing rooms. Both want cathedral ceilings in the living room and the kitchen and family room.

• Mover-uppers expect everything first-timers want, plus far more space, a fourth bedroom, a bigger garage and a screened

rear porch. They are willing to pay nearly \$50,000 extra for all this.

But the story of American housing is still very much an old one. Of houses around today, one in 10 was built before 1920 — twice the number that went up in the

first half of this decade. Three in 10 were built before 1950.

And while any confounded weekend handyman might think otherwise, they're typically tough as nails.

That's one reason so many people fix them up. People spent \$42 billion in home repairs last year, but almost twice that on improvements.

Some improvements are better than others in driving up resale value. The builders say a kitchen spruce-up can return 94 percent of the investment; a deck, 72 percent; conversion of a room into an office, only 67 percent.

Bathroom renovations also pay off handsomely, but a turquoise toilet won't do. People want white, white, white.

The builders are quick to note homes represent by far the largest portion of the nation's worth. They use a bit of their report to blast about government regulation.

Even though home affordability may have declined over two decades, the rate of home ownership has risen in the most recent years. In the third quarter of last year, it hit 65.5 percent, matching the 1980 record.

As for longevity, houses generally fall apart as people do. First the cosmetics, then the serious stuff.

The foundation may last 200 years, a veritable monument. Copper wiring and slate roofs join cast-iron pipes in the century club. Father Time's huffing and puffing may bring down vinyl and aluminum siding before wood.

But that wood will only last a decade if it's wet a lot. And treating for termites is not a long-term wood fix; they'll be back munching in five short years.

Soldering congressman shows how it's done

WASHINGTON (AP) — All it took was a minute, a two-inch piece of wire and a soldering gun for Rep. Billy Tauzin to convert a legal radio scanner into one that picks up cellular phone calls.

Most experts agree it's illegal to do this without a license, but Tauzin, R-La., chairman of the House Commerce Committee's telecommunications subcommittee, who rigged the scanner at a hearing Wednesday, is considering legislation to toughen laws against altering listening equipment.

Cellular telephone intercepts by scanner caught the public eye at a hearing Wednesday, but a police scanner taped a conference call among Republican leaders, one on a cell phone, discussing House Speaker Newt Gingrich's ethics case. Parts of the tape were subsequently printed in the New York Times.

Of 10 million legal scanners sold in the United States, it's estimated that a "few hundred thousand" have been modified to pick up cellular frequencies, testified Bob Grove, whose North Carolina company offers such alteration services. New digital cellular technology is supposed to make such eavesdropping more difficult.

Tauzin used the off-the-shelf police scanner he altered to pick up a conversation between willing participants, Rep. Edward Markey, D-Mass., on a cellular phone and Rep. Anna Eshoo, D-Calif., on a regular phone.

Grove insists he operates within the bounds of the law. Markey, who wrote a 1992 law designed to protect cellular callers' privacy, disagreed.

"It's illegal to modify," Markey declared, vowing to rewrite the law to clearly block the sale of

modified devices.

Markey's law, which took effect in 1994, made illegal the import, manufacture and sale in the United States of scanners that work on cellular frequencies. It also required that new scanners cannot be "readily altered" to pick up cellular calls.

Information to turn police scanners into cellular scanners is available on the Internet and in some magazines, Tauzin said. "The law and its enforcement have been inadequate," testified Thomas Wheeler, president of the Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association, representing cellular companies.

Wheeler, who helped Tauzin demonstrate how easily legal scanners can be modified, asked for tougher laws to cover new technologies.

"It is time for the electronic stalkers ... to stop thumbing their nose at the Congress and trampling on individuals' rights," he said.

"There are laws on the books protecting the privacy of these calls," Tauzin said, "but apparently they may not be working the way Congress intended."

In an interview with The Associated Press, Grove said his company, Grove Enterprises Inc., operates legally because it neither sells nor markets altered scanners.

"There is no caveat, no direct prohibition against modifying these scanners," Grove said.

While those precise words are not used in the law or regulations, communications attorneys say companies or individuals that modify scanners to pick up cellular signals are violating federal provisions.

Stanley, Witter agree to \$9.9 billion merger

NEW YORK (AP) — The brokerage and credit-card company Dean Witter has agreed to a \$9.9 billion merger with investment banking giant Morgan Stanley to create the world's biggest securities firm.

The announcement Wednesday brings Wall Street directly into the merger frenzy that has swept corporate America. Once again, the driving force is the strategic advantage of combining with a company that has complementary strengths.

Dean Witter, Discover & Co. is strong in the "retail" brokerage business; selling stocks, bonds and such to the public. Morgan Stanley Group Inc. is a powerhouse in mergers and in underwriting securities.

The stock-swap merger will create a new company called

Morgan Stanley, Dean Witter, Discover & Co. with annual revenue of \$12 billion.

The combined company will manage \$270 billion in financial assets, the biggest of any securities firm. Dean Witter chairman Philip Purcell said in a statement. It will be valued in the market at \$21 billion, compared with current industry leader Merrill Lynch & Co.'s \$14.3 billion.

Under terms of the deal, which was approved Tuesday by the boards of both companies, each Morgan Stanley share would be exchanged for 1.65 Dean Witter common shares. Based on Tuesday's closing prices, the total value stands at \$9.96 billion.

The deal is expected to be completed by the middle of this year, pending shareholder and regulatory approval.

Wall Street appeared enamored with the deal, the biggest combination of two securities firms. Morgan Stanley shares shot up more than 13 percent, or by \$7.59, to \$54.87 1/2 by early afternoon on the New York Stock Exchange. Dean Witter was up more than 4 percent, or \$1.62 1/2, at \$40.25.

For Morgan Stanley, the merger represents a continuation of efforts to expand beyond its corporate clients into mainstream America. Last year, it paid \$745 million for Van Kampen American Capital Inc., the nation's 20th largest mutual fund family.

Dean Witter, the nation's third-largest retail brokerage firm, gets from the deal a range of financial products coveted by the bankers at Morgan Stanley, which it can sell

through its thousands of brokers.

"The financial services industry is entering an era of unprecedented convergence and consolidation," said John J. Mack, president of Morgan Stanley. "Those firms that want to control their own destinies in the next century must have leading market positions in all of their businesses, balanced earnings streams, broad-based customer access, and a global presence among both providers and users of capital."

The new company would rank as No. 1 in mergers and acquisitions, and in underwriting initial public stock offerings. It will have a total of 9,500 brokers and 3.2 million retail customers. Dean Witter, led by its flagship Discover Card, ranks as the nation's No. 3 credit-card issuer with 39 million accounts.

US West asks permission to charge Internet providers

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP) — U.S. West Communications Inc. wants permission from the Federal Communications Commission to charge Internet providers for its services.

A 14-year-old federal ruling designed to promote Internet use allows companies that provide Internet access to use a local phone company's lines free of charge.

Englewood-based U.S. West and other local telephone companies say the ruling is outdated. They filed a report with federal regulators last week arguing that providers "no longer need" the price break. They also contend the ruling is causing capacity problems.

The commission recently ruled that Internet providers should not pay additional fees. But the

agency has asked U.S. West and other local phone carriers to comment on a proposal to restructure the entire access fee system.

U.S. West officials said Internet users are contributing to congestion on telephone lines because they stay on-line for hours.

"There are costs associated with improving the network, just like there are costs involved in building new roads that we drive on," U.S. West spokesman David Beigie said. "Our position is that Internet service providers should factor these costs into the business that they're operating."

Internet providers said they would pass on any additional fees to customers, criticizing U.S. West for being slow to improve its network.



United Dairywomen of Idaho is happy to support the 1997 Cookie Drive to raise funds for Idaho Girl Scout programs and activities.

Affordable housing
Discussions will continue in an attempt to set up affordable housing plan in Keetchikan.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Committee says no to fee for crime check

BOISE — The House Judiciary and Rules Committee on Wednesday killed a proposal to charge a \$300 fee for a criminal record background check at the time of a handgun purchase.

State law enforcement director Bill Saffia said the fee would allow criminals to continue operating the insurance trust system as they are, and pay back a \$500,000 stub to the state's bonded general fund.

But opponents said the measure was excessive, a burden on taxpayers and unnecessary, especially if the Supreme Court rules the Brady Bill unconstitutional.

Committee OKs establishing DNA database of criminals

BOISE — A \$334,000 proposal to establish a DNA database of Idaho convicted violent criminals and sex offenders was the dominant approval Wednesday by the House Judiciary and Rules Committee. The measure would require \$200,000 in state money, and allow Idaho to receive an equal amount in federal money. The program, the money would pay for collecting about 3,000 samples from inmates, either increased, pardoned or on probation.

This legislation is an important step toward solving the crime problem, said Dan Conroy, executive director of the Idaho Prosecutor's Association. "We can now literally fingerprint somebody into early with their fingerprints that with their genetic code."

But Rep. Leanne Barnett, R-Charley, reminded committee members of the already tight budget.

"In a year of austerity, we're going to put another program into place," she said.

Monday's car wreck victim wasn't CSI student

TWIN FALLS — A woman killed in a car wreck Monday night was not a student at the College of Southern Idaho, although the driver of the car was, according to college officials.

Idaho State Police say Janice Celeste Donnelly, 38, of Elko, Nev., died at the scene after a car she was riding in was hit head-on by a semi-truck. The wreck was in the intersection of Clark Creek Road and State High 2.

The car, which the ISP report said Donnelly owned, was driven by Jack Daniel Garcia, 38, of Elmer, Ala. Garcia was arrested at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center for an alleged cocaine possession charge.

Garcia was arrested at CSI and living in a campus dormitory, said Gordon Sweeney, director of student services at CSI. Donnelly had been attending school in the area and was hoping to enroll, Sweeney said.

The wreck is still under investigation by the ISP.

Bellevue planners to review addition to warehouse

RELIEVE — The Bellevue City Planning and Zoning Commission will meet at 6:30 p.m. today.

Agenda items include:

- Design review application for an addition to Sam Valley Township.

- Final site plan for a conditional-use application for Belinda Chappas and Emilia Silva to reside above La Verzura Restaurant.

- Subdivision application for property located at 27 South Fraser Road, Woodrow Subdivision.

- Design review application for new construction on North Main Street, Williams Commercial Building.

Ketchikan commission plans meeting Monday evening

KEETCHIKAN — Ketchikan city planning and zoning commission will hold a regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday at City Hall.

The meeting will begin with a public hearing on Carl Corras' application to subdivide a lot of Easonville Subdivision (east end of Lava Street) into two lots, and the preliminary plat of Easonville North Subdivision.

A pre-application design review will be held for Central Park Townhomes, UES and 139 Bird Drive, for a new 32-unit condominium project of two three-story buildings.

Design review will be held for Riverfront Townhomes, 121 Bird Drive, for a new 18-unit townhouse project of two three-story buildings.

Discussion also will cover the comprehensive plan central meeting and the next commission meeting, set for Feb. 24.

Elementary school holds annual carnival Friday

AECQUILA — Aecquia Elementary School will hold its annual carnival Friday at the school.

Officials rate courthouse security

Safety checked from jail to courtroom

By Nikkie Hibben Times-News Staff Writer

JEROME — With his cheerful attitude and neat suit and tie, Jerome County Commissioner Roy Prescott seemed out of place Wednesday afternoon in the hard, dull atmosphere of the county jail.

"How are you gentlemen doing today?" he asked, as he came to a bench occupied cell. Some of the prisoners returned his greeting and engaged in small talk, while others looked away without responding.

An hour before, Prescott had been in a courtroom session with several other county officials — trying to come up with some solid ideas for a courthouse security plan.

One of the topics discussed was how to move prisoners from the jail to the courthouses upstairs without taking them through the middle of public areas.

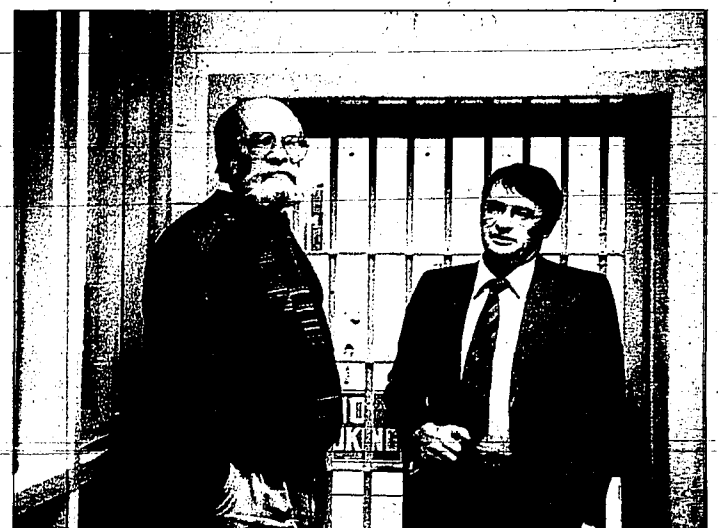
Similar sessions are taking place all over the state, as the judicial districts work toward courthouse security plans. In April 1996, the Idaho Supreme Court mandated that security plan proposals be ready by April 1 of this year. County commissions will have the final say over the plans.

Local court administrators have been engaged with helping county officials coordinate the security audits. The Fifth Judicial District is covering audits in Blaine, Jerome, Cassia, Blainville, Cassia, Minidoka, Gooding and Teton Falls counties.

Opinions Wednesday varied over what the Jerome courthouse needs.

"We need a couple of deputies assigned to this building for court and security, in fact to

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Jerome Magistrate Judge Thomas Borsen, left, and County Commissioner Roy Prescott stand in front of the last set of steel bars county prisoners pass through on their way to court. Prisoners have to be taken through busy public areas in the courthouses before they get to the upstairs courtroom. A courthouse security committee that includes Borsen and Prescott is considering that and other building safety issues.

Poaching legislation changes

By John Thompson Times-News Staff Writer

BELLEVUE — A critical component of a bill before a Senate committee to stiffen penalties against people caught poaching wildlife in Idaho has been split apart and will be introduced on its own, according to the committee's chairman.

A portion of Senate Bill 1100 that allows confiscation of equipment used to commit wildlife violations will be reintroduced as a standalone bill, said Sen. Laurel Volk, R-Kimberly, chairman of the Senate Natural Resources and Environment Committee.

"There is considerable legislative and public opposition to the forfeiture provisions of this bill, but the committee hasn't had a chance to hear all the pros and cons yet," Volk said. "I haven't heard all the arguments yet and I wouldn't want to stake out a position yet."

Rep. JoAnn Wood, R-Rigby, is one legislator lined up against the forfeiture provision.

gunge, ran into opposition when it was introduced in Noh's committee Friday.

The remainder of the 14-page bill, which in a nutshell increases penalties for wildlife violations and increases fines exponentially on repeat wildlife violations, will also be introduced on its own, Noh said.

The committee will then consider the two new bills derived from SB 1100, and give further consideration to the original bill, he said.

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Charges dropped regarding severe beating incident

By Martin Miller Times-News Staff Writer

BELLEVUE — Since his was knocked out and severe pain what happened, witnesses at an Ochoa jury trial to tell Jarge Ochoa who was responsible for hitting him with enough force to crack his skull.

Those same witnesses were not available at a Thursday preliminary hearing to suggest the 35-year-old unemployed fitness worker. As a result, three men were charged of charges of pistol-whipping, hitting and kicking Ochoa and sending more than \$10,000 from his wallet.

Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway

dismissed charges of aggravated battery and robbery with an enhancement for using a weapon against Dionicio "Don" Reyes, Pete Reyes and Roy Reyes.

"The three activists still have to appear in Cassia County's 5th District Court, though, on aggravated assault charges in a different case."

Ochoa never witnessed his own beating and had to be told what happened during a Nov. 9, 1996, fight at a party at the Cranney Earnings shop near Oakley, Defense attorneys successfully argued that Ochoa's account was, and it was stricken from the record.

Ochoa and Cassia County Sheriff's

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4 bills to weaken teachers' employment rights rejected

By Karen Tokkline Times-News Staff Writer

BOISE — The Senate Education Committee on Wednesday rejected four of five proposed laws to weaken teachers' employment rights.

Committee members unanimously agreed to reject four bills that would have eliminated tenure; required disputed teaching contracts to go to voters; allowed school districts to opt whether to negotiate contracts with the teachers' union; and given school boards the option to put unsatisfactory non-tenured teachers on probation or fire them immediately.

"If the legislation is primarily to see a major mobilization of forces from all over the state on all sides of the issue," said Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly. "It isn't conducive to the more detailed, rational discussion that this process requires."

The committee chose to introduce another bill — which teachers' union President Monica Beaudoin called "the least offensive of the five" — to cap at 180 the number of sick days a teacher can roll over into retirement benefits. It would affect mostly older teachers, who already have accumulated 180 unused sick days and would either have to use the rest of the sick leave or lose it.

"A higher number would be incentive for teachers to stay in school," said Peggy Park, president of the Region IV union, who advocates leaving the system as it is. To do otherwise would be a state mandate, she said.

"I think what we have now works," she said. "Right now it's left up to local control."

The committee will hold informational sessions on the legal issues surrounding teacher contracts and possibly encourage the Legislature to establish an interim committee on the subject.

"Much of the problems in education we're not able to address because they're covered by statute," said Steve Givens, a former Meridian School Board member who sponsored the legislation.

His school district ended up paying a year's salary to sex offender and teacher Dan Campbell while waiting for a conviction to come down, he said. As well, he paid a year's salary to a teacher who was

indicted on charges of molesting girls and released on a technicality.

"It's easier and cheaper to get a divorce than to get rid of a teacher who doesn't want to be terminated," Givens said.

"He had planned to work with the Idaho Citizens Alliance in 1996 on an initiative to allow school districts to choose not to negotiate with the local teachers' union, but the Heyburn-based group postponed the initiative after failing to gather enough signatures."

"Givens said he wasn't unhappy with the committee's decision.

"How can I be?" he said. "They've agreed that it's a much more complex issue and they're willing to address it."

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— Steve Givens, former Meridian School Board member

Public meeting successful; Malad proposal not lucky

By Glenn Hillinger Times-News Staff Writer

IDAHO GROHEAN — People still don't like the idea, but organizers were glad to have heard.

Meeting facilitator Mike Pepper said a public hearing about the proposed Malad County State Park Interpretive Center. There was a success — even though the meeting attendees still oppose the project.

About 110 Higman residents packed the Higman Senior Community Center Tuesday night to speak on the proposed project, the majority in opposition.

147 exit of Interstate 84. Estimated project cost is \$4.5 million.

Pepper, who represents the South

Central Idaho Tourism and Recreational Development Association Inc. in Jerome, said the meeting's objective was to be open to all concerns and issues surrounding the project were spoken and recorded.

"I think that the people felt better about the process after having an opportunity to get the issues out and recorded. We were not there to convince people about the project," Pepper said.

But Helen Noakes, who lives near the park entrance, disagreed.

"It was quite apparent the facilitators did not want to listen to us," Noakes said.

"It was a total waste of time." Pepper had participants divide into smaller groups to discuss and articulate project concerns. Those concerns

were posted and categorized. Noakes found that forum offensive. "They treated us like kindergarten. We would have preferred to have kept the meeting open for questions and answers," Noakes said. "They were trying to divide and conquer us."

Issues which dominated the meeting were project funding, design necessity and safety, as well as how the facility could disrupt rural life, Pepper said.

The next step is to address the issues with help from the community. A panel of eight volunteers will meet with the project's planning team, JTB Engineers; the Idaho Transportation Department, the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation and SCITRDA and take part in the evaluation. Workshop results will be brought back to the community at another public hearing.

"We want to understand the concerns and do a thorough job of evaluating them," Pepper said. "We will work at solving these issues," Bob Humphrey of ITP said.

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Panel endorses minimum wage hike

BOISE (AP) — The state Senate's leadership committee unanimously endorsed an increase in the state minimum wage...

State Affairs Committee. The bill now goes to the Senate floor, where Twigg and Democratic Floor Leader Marguerite McLaughlin...

aged to do last year in Congress. The proposal would bring Idaho's minimum wage in line with the recently raised federal minimum wage...

It appears the most palatable solution to us," Republican President Pro Tem Jerry Twigg of Blackfoot told others on the

OBITUARIES

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TWIN FALLS

BURLEY



Velma F. Lightfoot (Champlin) Lightfoot, 87, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Feb. 5, 1997...

Velma was born Nov. 14, 1909, in Egan, Idaho. She was the daughter of Hans and Lucy Kidd Owens...

Survivors include a daughter, Georgette (Dick) Pameroy of Vernal, Utah...

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, 1997, at the First Baptist Church, 910 Main St., Burley...

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Nancy Redder, 65-year-old Burley resident, died Tuesday, Feb. 5, 1997, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley...

She was born July 29, 1931, in Crestwood, Ky., the daughter of Elliott Lea and Mary Davis Brown Lee...

Survivors include a daughter, Nancy Redder of Burley, and two grandchildren...

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 7, 1997, at the Burley LDS Stake Center...

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The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, 1997, at the Unity LDS Ward Chapel with Bishop Ron Osterhout officiating...



Mildred Jo Jensen, 88-year-old Burley resident, died Tuesday, Feb. 4, 1997, at the Utah Care Center in Bountiful, Utah...

She was born Oct. 25, 1908, in Lima, Mont., the daughter of Martin Hugh and Ellen O'Hilly Garvin...

Survivors include a son, David (Gae) Jensen of Brigham City, Utah, a daughter, Marilyn (John) Bennett of North Salt Lake City, Utah, a sister, Genevieve (Joe) Pecharne of Boise...

The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, 1997, at the church with Father Enrique Terriquez presiding...

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DEATH NOTICES

Daniel James Orthman, 17, of Burley, died Tuesday, Feb. 4, 1997, in Burley. The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel...

Christian J. "John" Pfeiffer, of Caldwell, graveside service, 11:30 a.m. today, Hillcrest Memorial Gardens, Caldwell. Memorial service, 3 p.m. today, Deer Flat Free Methodist Church, Caldwell...

Isabel Marie Villers, of Twin Falls, graveside service, 2 p.m. Friday, Twin Falls Cemetery. Viewing, 4 to 8 p.m. today, White Mortuary, Twin Falls.

Margaret L. Dunham, 88, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Feb. 5, 1997, at the Rock Creek Rehabilitation Center in Twin Falls.

Adrienne Douglas and Winnie Ryan, both of Burley; Stella Ashley of Heyburn; and Bulma Castillo of Holton.

A baby was born to Beth Ann (Castell) and G. Craig and Michelle Turner, all of Holton.

HOSPITALS

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

Admitted: Dylan Deal Barges of Gooding.

Released: Shaunn Wiseman of Burley; and Traci Allred of Burley.

Admitted: Darlene Malberg and Reta Thurston, both of Burley; Modena Barnard of Rupert; Belma Castillo and Michelle Turner, both of Hazelton; and Deborah Feizer of Heyburn.

Released: Francis Brown of Burley; and John Walker of Rupert.

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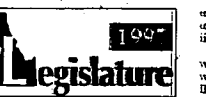
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Tax collections ahead of estimates

BOISE (AP) — Lawmakers looking just about anywhere for spare cash got a little good news Wednesday.



The Batt administration reported that tax collections through the first half of the current budget year exceeded projections.

The report showed tax receipts through December running \$4.1 million over the latest administration estimate that was revised upward slightly a month ago.

After the bottom fell out of the computer chip market last year to undermine corporate tax collection estimates, Batt slashed the overall revenue forecast by \$40 million and cut spending by 2.5 percent across the board.

When he offered his budget plan last month, Batt said the economic outlook was essentially unchanged.

Analysis continued to caution against a rocky optimism about the revenue picture since the bulk of Idaho's tax collections come in during the second half of the spending year.

But December personal income tax collections were \$6.2 million ahead of the six-month benchmark, marking the first big gain of the fiscal year for the tax category that produces nearly half of the state's general revenue.

Some estimates made before the end of 1996 that called for a decline in collecting revenues.

She assisted her husband with their insurance business for over 28 years. Following his death in 1997, she received her Underwriters Surety and carried on with their insurance business for nearly 15 years.

The strength was due to an unusually large amount of estimated tax collections.

Survivors include a son, David (Gae) Jensen of Brigham City, Utah, a daughter, Marilyn (John) Bennett of North Salt Lake City, Utah, a sister, Genevieve (Joe) Pecharne of Boise...

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Miss Idaho wins \$4,000 as 1st runner-up

BRIEFLY IN MINI-CASSIA

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) — Miss Hawaii, Brook Lee, was crowned the new Miss USA Wednesday night after George Hamilton asked the finalists how they would deal with weight gains of Miss Universe-like proportions.

"Miss Universe has recently been the subject of a lot of press attention about her weight," Hamilton demanded as the finalists emerged from a sound-proof booth. "If this happened to you, how would you handle it?"

"I think I would take a good hard look at myself, and I'd look from the inside out, and I would know that I'm the same girl that won the crown that day and it wouldn't really matter what I look like on the outside because I won," Miss Hawaii said to big cheers from the audience.

"Well I think it's difficult for any woman to handle weight fluctuations ... but I saw Miss

"Well I think it's difficult for any woman to handle weight fluctuations ... but I saw Miss Universe compete and she had an inner beauty come through."

- Miss Idaho Brandi Sherwood

Universe compete and she had an inner beauty come through," said Miss Idaho, also to cheers.

Miss Hawaii succeeded Ali Landry as Miss USA. The title comes with more than \$170,000 in cash and prizes, and a chance to compete in

the Miss Universe pageant in May.

Miss Idaho Brandi Sherwood was the first runner-up, earning a \$4,000 prize, and Miss Tennessee-Townina Stone was the second runner-up, winning \$2,000.

The final question was prompted by Alicia Machado, who gained an undisclosed amount of weight winning the Miss Universe title last May. Donald Trump, who bought half of the Miss USA and Miss Universe pageants, refused to take away her crown, but said he would put her on a diet and workouts so that she could "serve as an example to others."

The top 10 finalists also included Miss Utah, Temple Taggart; Miss Florida, Angella Savage; Miss Texas, Amanda Little; Miss Rhode Island, Claudia Jordan; Miss Alabama, Autumn Smith; Miss Oklahoma, Trisha Stillwell; and Miss New Jersey, Jennifer Makris.

Meeting set next week for Howell Canyon Road

BURLEY — The U.S. Forest Service and Cassia County are looking for ways to generate revenue for road operations and recreational services in Howell Canyon.

A public information meeting about the issue will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Cassia County Courthouse. It will be held in the district courtroom in conjunction with the monthly Cassia County Public Lands Committee meeting.

Dramatically reduced budgets — and anticipated use of Howell Canyon Road once it is paved — force officials to look for new ways to pay for recreational services. Charging a toll to drive up Howell Canyon Road, or some other sort of user fee, is one suggestion. The road leads to Pomerelle Ski Area and other recreational opportunities such as camping and fishing.

"Our primary concern is our ability to continue providing quality recreation experience for visitors to this area," said Pete Peterson, Forest Service district ranger.

The district's recreational budget has steadily dropped from \$85,000 in 1991 to \$45,000 this year, Peterson said.

Council enforces livestock ownership ordinance

RUPERT — The City Council is tightening an ordinance on livestock ownership within city limits.

The present ordinance restricts livestock numbers only on land zoned as residential. But the council heard the first reading of an ordinance to set livestock-ownership limits on land classified as industrial Tuesday.

City Attorney Rick Boljar said the new measure is being pursued as a health and safety issue.

If the ordinance passes, residents still will be able to own livestock within the city, but could have no more than two horses, mules, cattle or combinations of similar animals for each half-acre of enclosed pasture, regardless of zoning.

Five sheep or goats would be allowed for each half-acre of pasture.

Elementary school holds annual carnival Friday

BURLEY — ACEQUIA Elementary School will hold its annual carnival Friday at the school.

Dinner will be served from 5 to 6:30 p.m., and the carnival will run from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The public is invited.

Secondhand store owner charged with beating youth

BURLEY — The owner of a secondhand store and baseball card shop was arrested and charged with aggravated assault Tuesday.

Benjamin Park, 40, posted bond after his arrest at the Lucky Buck Store at 1222 Overland Ave. He is suspected of beating

Andy Lee Young, 18, after Park accused Young of stealing \$2,445 worth of baseball cards from his store, court records say. Young helped Park move store merchandise to its new location.

Young told police that Park threw him on the floor and against the wall of the new store, then took him into a back room

and swung at the teen-ager with a baseball bat, Young said he ducked under the bat, then confessed to selling one of the baseball cards "just so I could get out of the store alive." an affidavit says.

Young told police he did not have the baseball cards. He said they were returned to Park after the store owner left them in Young's car.

Juvenile vandalizes sheriff's office after being arrested

BURLEY — Max Aguinaga was arrested twice in one day, the second time without leaving his jail cell.

The 15-year-old Burley boy first was cuffed Tuesday on suspicion of driving without a valid license. While he was in a holding cell in the Cassia County Sheriff's Department, Aguinaga carved his name into a chair and door and drew things at a window, a police report said.

That landed him in the juvenile detention center with an additional charge of malicious injury to property, the report said.

Aguinaga initially denied the vandalism, but told Sgt. Peggy Marziza that he did it because he was bored and didn't want to stay in the holding cell any longer, the report said.

Damage to the law enforcement property was estimated at \$100.

Car reported stolen after fight at Burley Junior High

BURLEY — The father of a girl involved in a fight at Burley Junior High School Tuesday told police his daughter's car was stolen after she was arrested, a police report said.

A description of the car was not available, but Bruce Flint said the car may have been taken to Pocatello, the report said.

Flint's daughter, 17, whose name was not released because she is a juvenile, was involved in a fight with Cristy Olivas, 18, of Pocatello during lunch.

Both girls were arrested and taken away, the report said. Flint said his daughter was not allowed to lock the car or remove the keys from it before she was taken by police, the report said.

Council discusses traffic congestion near lumber yard

RUPERT — The manager of a local lumber yard has suggested an alternative to hiring full-time flaggers to decrease the likelihood of traffic accidents in front of his store.

Kevin Meier of Anderson Lumber told the City Council during a Tuesday meeting that a warning beacon installed on G Street would alert motorists when trucks are loading or unloading materials in front of the business. He said the main traffic-safety problem around the business involves motorists driving north on G Street and then turning east onto Sixth Street.

Motorists might not have adequate time to react to trucks that are sometimes parked in the roadway, Meier said.

The city's traffic-safety committee recently voted to Meier requesting that he hire two certified flaggers to direct traffic whenever trucks in front of the store block the roadway. Meier said that would cost an estimated \$30,000 annually.

Compiled from staff reports

Poaching

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provisions in the bill. During a recent interview Wood said owning vehicles on private equipment is a constitutional right. She also said judges haven't used the full extent of existing state law to sentence offenders.

Non said others are opposed to the idea, since innocent third parties in a poaching case could have

their property confiscated. For example, someone could loan a truck or ATV to someone else who then uses the vehicle to assist in poaching.

Fred Wood of Burley, vice chairman of the state Fish and Game Commission, said it's common for accidents to happen in the field. For example, a hunter can shoot a buck deer that is smaller than hunting unit regulations allow.

However, Wood said poaching with clear intent should be a felony. He also supports confiscating equipment used to commit crimes against wildlife.

Laverty, whose organization is sponsoring SB 1100, said concerns about the forfeiture provision are not valid. A magistrate judge would decide what is confiscated and what isn't, so damage to third parties could be avoided.

"The confiscation provisions in the bill need to be left intact," he said. "If we are going to get serious about this issue, let's get serious. There has to be teeth for this law to be a deterrent. Poachers are thieves and they are no different than someone who breaks into your house and steals your TV."

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game also supports the bill.

Dropped

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Deputy Randy Kidd were the only ones to testify against the suspect.

Disregarding Ochoa's testimony about the beating as hearsay, Holloway dismissed the charges against the Reyeses, saying the state did not provide enough evidence linking the defendants to the crime.

All attorneys with the Cassia County Prosecutor's Office — including Boyd Baggett, the deputy who tried the case — are in a prosecutors' conference in Boise and could not be reached for comment.

Evidence of Ochoa's nearly fatal injuries linger, and he is still under the regular care of doctors, his attorney Kapt Jensen said.

"He's still experiencing dizzy spells and has headaches," Jensen said. "He's not out of the woods yet."

Ochoa's skull was cracked in

the beating and he was taken by helicopter to an Idaho Falls hospital with bleeding on the brain, according to court documents.

"If somebody hadn't taken him to the hospital, he might have died," Jensen said. "He got beat up pretty badly."

In a statement to police which was used in an affidavit, Ochoa said Don Reyes, 42, waived a handgun around, pointed it at him and struck him in the side of the face with the weapon.

Don Reyes and his nephews Ray Reyes, 24, and Pete Reyes, 18, then hit and kicked him while he was on the ground, Ochoa said in the affidavit.

His wallet was emptied of \$1,048 and an ATM card while he lay unconscious, he told police.

"My client adamantly denies any wrongdoing whatsoever," said Don Reyes' attorney, Bob Nielsen, noting his client

returned from Florida to fight the charges.

Don Reyes' plea of innocent extends to a pending charge against him where Giladilo Arzeaga Juarez claims the three Reyeses beat him over an argument about a dog. Juarez suffered severe cuts above his right eye, nose and left ear.

Juarez saw his attackers, and never lost consciousness. So his testimony in Tuesday's preliminary hearing was enough for Holloway to bind the case over to District Court. But charges against the Reyeses were reduced from aggravated battery to aggravated assault.

Don Reyes was charged with aggravated assault with an enhancement for using a deadly weapon in 1995. He pleaded guilty to a lesser charge of misdemeanor assault.

Security

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to be done," said Sheriff Jim Weaver.

But Prescott said the sheriff department's budget has grown 70 to 80 percent in the last four or five years. That has paid for just enough deputies to patrol the county.

"There isn't enough money to create new positions for courthouse security, but deputies might be able to handle extra security duty as needed, Prescott said.

County Clerk Cheryl Watts and Deputy Clerk Judy West said something should be done about the courthouse emergency buzzer system.

Many county offices have at least one button that trips an alarm buzzer and light in the judge's basement headquarters.

Prescott said he tested the button in his office after Wednesday's meeting, and it worked perfectly.

"They were up her (from the sheriff's department) in less than a minute," he said.

But West and Watts said their alarm system might be having trouble a couple of times.

"Somebody from downstairs will saunter up and say 'Oh, do you have a problem up here?'" West said, when nobody in her office hit the button.

Assistant Disaster Services Coordinator Maria Sandner said an upgrade of the

office emergency buzzers in high on the county's priority list.

Prescott said another priority is keeping prisoners on their way to court out of some busy public areas.

A bench sits against a wall of the district courtroom, and that means prisoners must be taken from an elevator and moved through the common area by the main courthouse staircase. If the bench were moved, prisoners could be brought in through a judge's door, just a short way from the elevator doors.

Even so, Magistrate Judge Thomas Borresen said he isn't too concerned about facing accused felons in a courtroom without a bailiff on duty.

The unpredictable emotion that comes with many civil cases really worries him.

"It may be 'Adams versus Adams' on a child support situation, and you don't know if one of those parents is going to go off right there in the courtroom," Borresen said.

Gerry Freire, a Twin Falls Sheriff's Department deputy in charge of court security, agreed domestic cases often require a close eye.

Friday is "protection order" day in Twin Falls Magistrate Court, and sometimes as many as 12 contentious couples can move through the court that day, he said.

"It seems to be the hot spot these days. We've taken a couple people out of court and

to jail during those hearings," Freire said.

Borresen said courthouse security should be an all-or-nothing proposition.

"We either need to leave it the way it is or shut it down to just one door with a metal detector," he said.

Prescott said he will oppose any proposal to limit public access to just one side of the courthouses.

Big changes may still be a long way off at courthouses. So county employees need to keep basic things in mind when it comes to personal safety.

"Never keep things just sitting out on your desk," said Linda Wright, the Fifth District trial court administrator overseeing the Jerome County security review. "A stapler can do a lot of damage if somebody gets mad, picks it up and throws it at you."

Sanders said courthouse personnel also need to know the exit procedure to evacuate a building during a fire drill, and the location and contents of every first aid kit in the building.

But even after discussing possible dangers and touring the jail, Prescott said he never feels nervous at work.

"I found the minutes from a security committee that had met several years ago," he said. "It was mostly a discussion of all these exact same issues."

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Ketchum gives housing talks coat of paint

By Marty Krouse
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM - Discussions of affordable housing in Ketchum, which began in earnest when Portland, Ore., developer Pacific Harbor Capital proposed building affordable apartments near downtown last month, will continue, Ketchum Housing Coordinator Karl Fulmer says.

The Ketchum Housing Commission Tuesday night also talked about effective ways to work with the public when affordable housing proposals come before the city, and discussed the formation of the Blaine County Housing Authority.

"What is affordable housing in Ketchum?" is the question Fulmer highlighted as the center of an educational campaign he plans for coming months.

Town meetings are expected to address affordable housing issues, and Fulmer hopes the first will be toward the end of February.

Fulmer said the campaign aims to break down misconceptions about what affordable housing would look like in Ketchum.

"It's considerably different than projects in large urban areas," which historically, he said, have drawn a lot of criticism.

Housing Commissioner Brian Furlong said he hopes the campaign also will "show people the benefit of having a live-in work force."

Fulmer said affordable housing in Ketchum has yet to be defined, adding that community comment will help direct the city's efforts.

Commissioners addressed residents' concerns that the city was trying to move too fast, in the recently dropped PHC proposal, to make a deal which would have required Ketchum to commit \$216,000 two weeks after neighbors were notified.

Commissioner Heidi Baldwin said residents near the proposed site "were shocked" by news of the proposal and the early deadline.

line for Ketchum's commitment.

Fulmer suggested that the city require a developer who is proposing affordable housing to give ample notice in advance of any application deadline.

"I think 30 days is reasonable," he said.

Fulmer also said he thought it was fair to require a developer to supply more detailed information to the city than the city received from PHC. A feasibility study should be done, he said.

Commissioner Kyle Kuzdy agreed.

"Let's evaluate (potential projects) for 30 days before we just jump right in," he said, adding that the extra time and information would allow the city to consider other projects which come up.

Furlong expressed concern about making negotiations between a landowner and a developer public, saying it may hinder negotiations.

Ultimately, housing commissioners agreed on the need

for more advance notice, unanimously voting to recommend a 30-day review period for affordable housing projects.

In other housing news, Furlong said good-bye to the housing commissioners. He will become a member of the Blaine County Housing Authority board in time for next week's initial meeting.

Furlong said he hopes the two housing entities will keep communications open, suggesting to other commissioners that they attend authority meetings when possible.

Fulmer - also the director of the housing authority - said next week's meeting will include discussion of the newly formed authority's bylaws. The Blaine County Housing Authority meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Blaine Courthouse meeting room.

Times-News correspondent Marty Krouse, in Ketchum, can be reached at 725-0211.

First Baptist Church can sell water shares

By Melinda Gilbert
Times-News correspondent

FILER - The First Baptist Church may sell its three water shares, the City Council decided Tuesday.

"If we have no monies to purchase (the shares), I think we are remiss in not allowing the church to sell them," Councilman Jeff Webster said. Council members voted unanimously to allow the sale of the shares, each worth about \$300.

Ownership of the water shares had been in question. When the church was first built in the mid-'60s and the property annexed into the city, the shares should have been turned over to the city. The fact that they were not was "apparently an oversight by the council at that time," Mayor Russell Sheridan Jr. said.

Later, the church was sold and the shares transferred to the Baptists. They have paid the maintenance fees on the shares since that time.

In other City Council news:

- The Filer City Library will be able to purchase new drapes for the Idaho Room, thanks to donations from Idaho Arts and Archives, the City Council and a private citizen.
- The library had received \$300 from Arts and Archives but still needed \$90. Russell Peden, present at the council meeting, offered to donate \$45 if the city

could come up with the other half. The drapes will protect the Basque archives and tapes housed in the library's Idaho Room.

- Horses are a problem at the Golden Spur subdivision.
- At the council meeting, citizens complained that the Hughes family's horses are still there, though a letter from the city's attorney more than a month ago requested their removal.
- Despite the equestrian flavor of its name, the Golden Spur subdivision is not zoned for horses. Sheridan promised to meet with the attorney and look into the matter.
- Dave Vance has been elected the new chairman of the zoning board. Other board members are Amy Fender, Dave Benedict and Bob Templeman. Board members are appointed for three-year terms.
- Twin Falls County Commissioner Brent Reinke reminded City Council members that 1997 is the Year of the Family. Reinke outlined the county's monthly goals and asked that the city try to incorporate the goals into its own activities.
- "We're not asking for donations," Reinke said. "We just want you to make a difference in Filer."
- The City Council opened bids for the surplus tractor and forklift that were put up for sale. The high bid on the tractor was \$3,671.95 from George Silvers Jr. The forklift went to Brian VanLeuwen for \$3,500.

Filer school children will go with Western States buses next year

By Melinda Gilbert
Times-News correspondent

FILER - Children will ride with Western States Bus Co. next year, Filer School Board members decided.

The board voted unanimously to award its busing contract to Western States in Twin Falls, which came in with the low bid of \$2.14 per mile. The contract enlists

bus service for three years, with an option to extend that service for an additional two years.

But the bus company now provides the school district's busing, with its bid of \$2.40 per mile.

In other School Board business, the board members approved a \$432 to bring hot water into the high school's art room. An oversight during school construction resulted in only a cold water line to

that room's sink. The money will be used to plumb a new line from the school's water heater.

The board decided to go out for bids on a tractor and 11-foot moving deck. The tractor will be equipped with both a front-end loader and a broom for sweeping snow in the winter.

The School Board also decided to purchase a quarter mile of sprinkler pipe to aid in irrigating school lawns and fields.

Board members considered the need for surveillance cameras at the high school. Although it was agreed that the cameras would be a valuable tool, the board was unsure if it had the money needed for the purchase. Board members plan to decide on the issue at their next meeting.

The board approved a one-year leave of absence for Karin Borchard, an English teacher at the high school.

Blaine County road dispute revs up

BOISE (AP) - A legal pleading doesn't have to describe all specific underlying theories, the Idaho Court of Appeals says.

A pleading is sufficient if it states a claim and requests a remedy, the court ruled Wednesday.

A unanimous decision revived a lawsuit over a right-of-way near Baseline Road in Blaine County.

Landowners tried to block access to Grove Ranch, a tract of land south of the highway, when the owners said they planned to

sell two parcels of the ranch to a developer.

Former District Judge Phillip Becker granted summary judgment to the landowners, saying the family owning the ranch failed to show a gravel road to the ranch was officially set aside by the county commission.

The Court of Appeals sent the case back to district court.

In an opinion written by Judge Karen Lansing, the court said there are three ways that a road can be declared a public road, including long-term public

Buhl program pulls residents together

By Loretta Burkhardt
Times-News correspondent

BUHL - With standing room only, the vision-oriented program Experience Buhl is in its ninth year.

The leadership program, endorsed by the Rural Economic Council and patterned after Leadership Twin Falls, is an eight-month course that gives residents an opportunity to learn about the community's history, its present state of affairs, the educational system, visions for development and more.

Practical and informative monthly sessions provide a forum that helps prepare participants for leadership roles in Buhl's "cultural, social, educational, spiritual and economic future," organizers say.

Participants become a volunteer base for the community that can assist in programs ranging

from "Sagebrush Days to Christmas Frustrations," said Kacee J. O'Connor, Experience Buhl director.

"It's a program geared to pull people together," O'Connor said.

The experience, brought to Buhl by retired County Commissioner Judy Felton and implemented by George Shannon and Marge Skinner, has brought together a broad base of volunteers and community knowledge.

"I would really like to take it (Experience Buhl) again," said Felton, now a volunteer for Poppewell Elementary's kindergarten.

"Issues are different, and there's always so much more to learn about a community," Felton said.

Participants must agree to attend one full day each month for seven sessions. The eighth session is the graduation banquet. It is limited to 30 participants a

year at a cost of \$150 per person.

Bob Chadwick presented the January session, on conflict resolution.

Chadwick, a conflict-resolution specialist, presents an annual workshop using consensus-building activities to develop a vision of where Buhl could be in the future.

Other issues will include history and archeology, education, agricultural concerns, a look at the Buhl community, "Top to Bottom," tourism and visions for the future.

"People who have lived here all their lives are pleased with what they learn about Buhl in the sessions," said Barbara Geitzen, past Experience Buhl participant.

"But as a community with many issues, we're still only baby-stepping for O'Connor said.

For more information, call O'Connor at 543-8022 or 543-8908.

Blaine County road dispute revs up

use and public maintenance.

Plaintiffs in the case didn't specifically plead that theory. The Court of Appeals said when they said the road was "established and dedicated as a public roadway," that was broad enough to cover a claim that it was rendered a public road through public use and maintenance.

The lawsuit was filed by John W. Brown Properties, a joint venture, against county officials and the Molyneux Family Partnership.

Head start honors 5 from Magic Valley

By Loretta Burkhardt
Times-News correspondent

BUHL - Of five Idaho winners of the National Head Start Association Regional Awards, four were from Buhl.

Nominees were selected from Head Start regions throughout Alaska, Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

Buhl's winners are Jesus Montes, Humanitarian Award; Judy Wideman, Parent Involvement Coordinator Award; Kelly Phillips, Ann Phipps Memorial Scholarship Parent Award; and Clear Springs Foods Inc., Corporate Award.

The fifth Idaho winner, Jerome's Teresa Craythorn, received the Support Service

Staff Award.

The awards were designed to recognize deserving individuals for exceptional services to Head Start programs. Positions honored are chosen annually from every work area within the program.

"I'm excited about all these awards," said South Central Head Start Director Donna Suhr. "The awards represent the real commitment from our parents and staff and community members. And it's fun to see it acknowledged," she said.

The selection process for awards begins in the local program. Winners are eligible to proceed to the state, regional and national levels.

"It takes a community to make an organization work," said Mary

Marshall, deputy director of South Central Head Start.

"The awards give us the opportunity to give public recognition for volunteer help from people like 'Grandpa Jesus' and all the hours of work by (Head Start) parents and for the support we receive from organizations like Clear Springs - though it doesn't come close to saying how important their help really is. They are the magic behind the program," she said.

Awards for the regional winners will be presented during a Leadership and Literacy training conference to be held Feb. 26-28 in Seattle.

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FAMILY LIFE

Saving, budgeting ignored by youth

DEAR ABBY: I strongly disagree with your response to "Too Trusting in Delaware" last summer. You stated that most parents are repaid money they lend to their children. In my experience (and that of 97 percent of my friends and acquaintances), parents of today are not repaid.

You missed the sad point of the letter: that the children are not "dishonest" or "bad" — they are financially irresponsible. Young people starting out today want everything; they never want to wait. The terms "budget" and "save" are meaningless to them. Borrowing money to buy a computer and Christmas presents is typical of their mentality.

"We were brought up to see food, shelter and clothing as the essentials. Today, young people believe that television sets, computers, answering



DEAR ABBY:
Abigail VanBuren

machines, pagers, CDs, videos, microwaves, etc., are required items. Their credit cards are "maxed" out and they need co-signers on loans — but they continue to buy, buy, buy.

Advice from parents is unwelcome. They only want gifts or "loans." If parents refuse, they are considered selfish. "You have everything...and/or lots of money" is the lament. I have learned to respond, "I didn't have everything at your age. I have acquired my possessions (or money)

through years of working and saving. Try it."

HAPPILY SELFISH PARENT, HAYWARD, CALIF.
DEAR HAPPILY SELFISH PARENT: You said that you were brought up to see food, shelter and basic clothing as the essentials, but apparently that message wasn't taken to heart by your own children.

Of course, it's never too late to learn to be financially responsible, so you are not wrong to deny them money for luxuries. But please go a little easier on the young people of today, many of whom were never taught the importance of living within their means.

DEAR ABBY: This is for the woman who says she despises bumper rides: Did it ever occur to her to put a couple of dollars in an envelope and give it to the driver? "I drive," and I never refuse a

ride to anyone from our church who asks; but the cold hard fact is, it costs me money to drive my car. My insurance is \$900 a year. Last year I spent about \$800 on repairs, plus gas, oil and parking. There are a few folks (very few) who will slip a couple of dollars into my purse. These people are picked up at their door, rain or shine, and returned there.

For years, my mother lived in Florida. She didn't drive, but she always gave the driver \$2 for gas. Abby, please tell these people to "wake up!" — I am living on a limited income.

No name, please. Sign me ...

DEAR CHICAGO: I'm printing your letter with the hope that those people who are given chauffeur service routinely will see themselves, and reward the driver appropriately.

Kevans celebrate 50th

TWIN FALLS — The children of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kevan of Twin Falls, invite friends and family to join them in celebrating their parents' 50th wedding anniversary at 12:30 p.m. Sunday at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 910 Sherman St. E. in Twin Falls. The couple requests no gifts.

Kevan and Barbara Warner were married Feb. 9, 1947, in the old First Baptist Church of Twin Falls. The couple lived on his farm until 1952, when he was recalled into the Air Force. They spent the next 20 years raising their family in California and Washington. He retired from the Air Force in 1972, and returned to farm southwest of Twin Falls. They are the parents of Kay Callentine of Merced, Calif., Mary Kevan-Allen of Providence, Utah, Barbara Kevan-Scheffer



The Kevans will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

The couple has 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Go to college; learn the art of kissing

The Providence Journal-Bulletin

College students may be all too knowledgeable about sex, but they have a lot to learn about planning a proper kiss, according to a self-proclaimed smooching expert.

Kissing, according to Boston lawyer and teacher Michael Christian, is a sexy skill that takes practice.

"I think people are fascinated by kissing, but a lot of people have anxiety about it," he said. "The most frequent question I get is, 'How can I kiss properly?'"

With Valentine's Day fast approaching, the lessons can't come too soon. Jessica White, who's in charge of booking guest lecturers for the University of Rhode Island's student entertainment committee, says the group voted to invite Christian after his recent sent a tantalizing publicity release.

In it, he promises that students will demonstrate how to perform "today's trendiest kisses," including the Uppside-Down Kiss, the Lip-O-Suction Kiss and the Trobriand Islands Kiss.

"After no one responded to White's appeal for volunteers in

the campus newspaper ("We go to this big school and no one wants to kiss anybody," she complained), Christian drafted a few friends for the show.

Anne Wiske, a 21-year-old senior studying marine affairs, is one of them.

A lot of people are used to hearing about sex and safe sex and this is just a fun way to enjoy another person, I guess. It seems pretty harmless," said Wiske, who will bring her boyfriend, a tooth-brush, toothpaste and mouthwash to the kissing rehearsal Christian will hold one hour before his lecture on Feb. 18.

Christian has penned "The Art of Kissing," "The Book of Kisses" and "The Art of Hugging."

So what exactly is the Trobriand Islands Kiss?

Couples on that group of islands, located off the coast of Papua New Guinea, kiss in a style unfamiliar to most romantics, Christian said.

"They get together on a mat, hug each other, tear out handfuls of each other's hair and nibble off each other's eyelashes," he said. "It's a status symbol there to have short eyelashes."

Clinic offers 'medicine' for young, active minds

The Washington Post

It looks rather innocuous, the little pad carried by doctors in the pediatric clinic at St. Agnes Hospital in Baltimore.

"Prescription for Reading," each sheet says, and below, in the space where a doctor might scribble something about medication, there is the printed instruction: "Share a book with Your Child."

Following that are two options: "Every night at bedtime" and "For — minutes."

To the doctors who sign and distribute them, these prescriptions are serious business. Since last August, St. Agnes has been taking part in a literacy program targeting very young children and their parents who might not spend time with books on their own.

The program, organized by a Boston-based group called Reach Out and Read, consists of three elements: volunteers reading to children in clinic waiting rooms, pediatricians urging parents to read to kids at home and youngsters helping themselves to free books.

St. Agnes is one of 71 sites in 31 states where the reading program has taken root.

Among many families in the low-income population served by St. Agnes, says pediatrician Kenneth Koskinen, the reading habit needs to be introduced and

pushed. "The majority of the patients that we see are on medical assistance," he says, "and the environment from which these people come is not necessarily optimal for learning."

After a doctor hands a reading prescription to a parent, the child is invited to select a take-home prize from a set of bookshelves near the nurses' station. "Our most popular books are the ones for infancy to 2 years, because that's when we see the children the most," says nurse Roberta Poulton. Once selected, a volume is fitted with a bookplate bearing the child's name.

Down the hall in a waiting room, volunteer Eula Gray finishes reading a story to a little boy. She has completed her two-hour shift here, and she is happy. "I used to be a teacher, and I know how important it is for children to listen to reading from the very earliest ages," Gray says.

Most parents appear glad to have their kids entertained by storytellers, Gray says. But occasionally there is tension, as when one mother told Gray it made no sense to read to an infant, since infants don't understand words.

"But that night I saw (the mother) the next month," Gray says, "and she told me, believe it or not, that she had decided to do so. And she felt the baby had responded to her voice."

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HAYING MACHINERY
New Holland 220 string tie P.T.O. case, bale turner - IHC 4457 string tie hay baler with P.T.O. drive and bala turner - Case 4 bar chaffage rake on dual rubber - IHC 7 hangon mower, with fast hitch

GROUND WORKING MACHINERY
IHC 120 x 4 bottom 2 way hydraulic tread drive, front loader, 3 pt. hitch - John Deere 520 16 bender disc hydraulic folder, inside dual rubber, cone discs, hydraulic lift - Atlas Chalmers 20 tandem disc with 4 folding wings, hydraulic lift, cutoff front, dual inside rubber, hand crank, 2 pt. hitch, roller harrow, draw foot rollers behind, dual inside rubber, hydraulic lift - 5 alfalfa crowner with gauge wheels and 3 pt. hitch - Homage 8 rollover carry-all scraper with hydraulic lift and dump possible double bottom roller compressor - Acetylene welding and cutting outfit and cart - Craftsman gas weed eater - Toolboxes - Grindor - 2 Large bench vises.

MISCELLANEOUS
(7) 300 gallon overhead fuel tanks - Stock tank - (50) 3/4 x 60" aluminum siphon tubes - Best disc hovel - Weed sprayer - Cultivator tools - Wheel nuts - Gall sprayer - 2 or 3 boys beginner and intermediate down hill skis and size 6-8 ski boots and other misc. items too numerous to mention.

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Maat Wally Sparks (R) Then 5:15-7:45-9:15	Star Wars (PG) Then Friday 4:15-6:45-9:15
Fierce Creatures (PG) Then 4:45-7:00-9:15	Friday at 9:00 Daily
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Adults \$2.50 - Kids \$1.25

Chess catches on in the Magic Valley

KIMBERLY - A scholastic chess tournament is planned for noon to 5 p.m. Saturday in the lunch room at the Kimberly Elementary School.

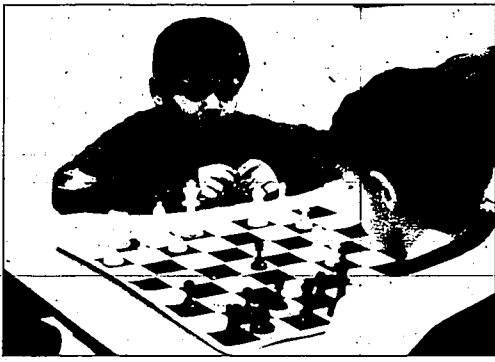
Children in first through 12th grades are encouraged to participate. Bring chess sets if possible. Those attending should use the west entrance of the school. Admission is free. For more information, call Ann McLaughlin at 423-6186, Ext. 3008.

The Magic Valley Chess Club is trying to start scholastic chess in schools in the Magic Valley area. Scholastic chess is a school-based program that promotes chess for students in kindergarten through 12th grade.

Elementary schools provide instruction for students new to the game and organize after-school tournaments and free play time. They also attempt to foster creativity, encourage thinking and planning ahead, invite adults and give children an interest in being at school.

Magic Valley area schools and contact people include the following:

Bickel Elementary in Twin Falls, Duane Reynolds, 733-6753; **Bills High School**, Duane Evans, 352-4443; **Castledorf High School**, Rich Dykes, 537-6511; **Dietrich High School**, Jim McDaniel, 544-2158; **Filer Middle School**, Jim Wray, 316-5141; **Glosses Ferry Middle School**, Maxine Johnson or Kendra Fallen, 366-7453; **Gooding Middle and High Schools**, Leroy Austin, 934-8443; **Grand View Elementary School**, David Miller, 834-2775; **Hagerdale Elementary School**, 837-4777; **Hansen Elementary School**, Tom Hansen, 423-5475; **Hanson High School**, Mr. Estephan, 423-5593; **Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind** in Gooding, David Neumann, 634-4657; **Jefferson Elementary School** in Jerome, Dale Lane, 324-8896; **Jerome High School**,



Thirty students in first through 11th grades from Kimberly, Jerome, Twin Falls and Gooding participated in the McDonald's Kimberly Elementary School Scholastic Chess competition held Jan. 25 at Kimberly Elementary School. Pictured is Gooding first-grader Emilio Garcia, the youngest participant in the five-round Swiss-style competition.

Marti Swan, 324-8137; **Kimberly Elementary School**, Ann McLaughlin, 423-4170; **Kimberly Middle School**, Jim Kammerzell, 423-4170; **Mega Valley Christian School** in Twin Falls, Barry Eacker, 734-2855; **Murtough High School**, Mr. Birch, 423-5451; **Rimrock High School** in Grand View, 834-2260; **Richfield High School**, Vicki Southwick, 487-2790; **Shoshone Middle School**, Diane Norman, 886-7643; **Shoshone High**

School, Mr. Weber, 886-2381; **Valley Middle School**, Mrs. Nelson, 829-5961; **Valley High School**, Rod Malone, 829-5353; **Wendell Junior High School**, Paul Morgan, 536-1671; **Wendell High School**, Ron Withers, 536-2100.

For more information about the scholastic chess clubs, call Don Shouse at 423-5730 or Leroy Austin at 934-8443. Anyone who has time to assist with a chess club is encouraged to call Shouse.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Breakfast planned

EDEN - The Silver and Gold Senior Center has planned its monthly pancake breakfast for 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at the center.

Pancakes, sausage, eggs, hashbrowns, coffee and juice will be served. Cost is \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12. The public is invited.

Sweetheart brunch set

SHOSHONE - The West Magic Lake Recreation Club will have a Sweetheart Champagne Brunch from 10 a.m. to noon Sunday at the West Magic Lake Resort. Cost is \$55 per person. Everyone is welcome.

A general meeting will be held at noon. For more information, call Johnny Bubb at (208) 487-2037.

Class broadcast at ISDB

GOODING - The Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind will be the downtown site for a two-part educational teleconference sponsored by the State Department of Education.

"Accommodating Special Needs Students" will be broadcast from 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, with Part II, "Making Inclusion Work," set for 2 to 4 p.m. Feb. 25. Teleconferences are held in the ISDB multipurpose room located on the south side of the gymnasium.

We want your news

If it's news to you, we want to hear about it. We are April Grubb and Nancy Miller. It is our job to fill this page with news about:

- Community meetings.
- Calculations.
- Social events.
- Individual achievements.
- Your kids and their activities.

We also want to publicize your photos of special events in the life of the community that are important to our readers.

Please send your news and photos to:

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Nancy Miller

The Times-News, 325 1/2 E. Fifth St., Burley, Idaho 83318

You may also reach us by fax at 677-4543 or 734-8838. Fax can also email us at twnews@twcnet.net.

Deadlines for the Sunday page is 5 p.m.

Wednesday. Deadline for the Thursday page is noon Friday.

Deadline for the Saturday page is 5 p.m. Tuesday.

Additional information

The purpose of "Accommodating Special Needs Students" is to serve as an information clearinghouse for resources and programs on the successful inclusion of students with disabilities and to help educators provide better educational programs for all students.

"Making Inclusion Work" will stress cost-effective implementation and modifications for children to enable successful inclusion to occur. Modification for young children will be presented.

Administrators, teachers and paraprofessionals are encouraged to register. No registration or sign up is required. School districts planning to bring a large group are asked to call Kathy Uglade at 934-4457, Ext. 322 or 321, in advance so that adequate handouts will be available.

Chili Cook-Off begins

BELLEVUE - The Bellevue Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Founder's Day Celebration and Chili Cook-Off from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday at the new Wood River Valley Market.

Those attending will be able to sample various chili dishes and have a roll and beverage for \$3 per person. The prize for the best chili is \$50. To enter, call Debbie at 788-9555.

An auction and drawing for a trip for two to Jackpot plus \$100 spending money will be held. Tickets are \$5 each and are available at local merchants and at the market on Saturday. The Bellevue Old City Hall Museum will be open. For more information, call 788-7060.

Anniversary dance set

JEROME - The Buttons and Bows Square Dance Club will hold its annual anniversary dance at 8 p.m. Saturday in the recreation hall at Anderson Camp, located off Interstate 84 at Exit 182. Round dancing will begin at 7:30 p.m. Visitors are welcome.

Astronomical club meets

JEROME - The Magic Valley Astronomical Society has planned its regular meeting for 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Jerome Public Library.

The program will be titled "The Universe." Everyone is invited and encouraged to bring their telescopes for assistance in understanding and using them. A public observing will follow the meeting if weather permits.

Brant celebrates birthday

JEROME - An open house to honor Loreta Brant on her 98th birthday will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at her home, 1407 N. Fillmore.

The event is being hosted by her son and daughter-in-law, Gerald and Barbara Brant, and their daughters, Jennifer, Katherine and Janet. No gifts, please.

Flea market scheduled

FILER - An indoor flea market will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday in the Produce Building at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds.

Approximately 50 vendors will be set up. Food concessions will be by the El Paisano (Mexican food) of Burley. Available items include antiques, collectibles, crafts, new and used books, vintage clothes, weight-

loss products, new merchandise, Mountain Fruit and nuts, Avon and Watkins products and more. The event is promoted by Leo and Clara Reese of Claudia's Country Cabin in Bull.

Admission is free. For more information, call 543-5315. The next flea market is planned for March 8.

Tolman awarded Eagle

TWIN FALLS - Jared Tolman has earned the Eagle Scout Award presented by the Boy Scouts of America. The award will be presented to Jared at a Court of Honor set for 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Twin Falls 7th Ward LDS Church, 847 Eastland Drive N.

To earn the award, scouts must complete at least 21 merit badges and earn an Eagle project.

Jared has earned 27 badges. For his project, he coordinated and supervised the setting up and clean up of a cancer walk. Jared is 14 and the son of Karla and Lawrence Tolman of Twin Falls. He is in the eighth grade at O'Leary Junior High School and is a member of Varsity Team 101 sponsored by the Twin Falls LDS 7th Ward and led by Cleve Butters.

Hotline offers information

SALT LAKE CITY - Sports injuries and orthopedic surgery will be the topic of February's Deseret News/Intermountain Health Care Health Hotline.

The hotline will be offered from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday. The toll-free number, 1-800-925-8177, may be called from anywhere in the Intermountain Region. All calls are confidential.

Questions will be answered by an orthopedic surgeon and physical therapist from HHC's orthopedic Specialty Hospital in Murray, Utah.

The health hotline is a free community service provided by the Deseret News and HHC, a charitable, community-owned, non-profit health care organization.

HHC is a division of HHC Health Services, which serves the health needs of Utah, Idaho and Wyoming residents.

LETTERS OF THANKS

Community fills boxes

With the help and generosity of the community, the Christmas Council provided boxes for 475 families.

We cannot publicly thank everyone individually, but we appreciate the church groups, scout, service organizations, businesses and individuals who helped in any way.

Members of the council deserve a big thank you for their hours of service - Ruth Heinrich, Linda Short, Dolly Friebringer, Mildred Lakech, Mary Young, Pat Hunter, Jackie Handy and Richard Povison. We also appreciate the cooperation and help of their spouses.

Thanks to Verlee Frost, Don Redfield, Kris Peterson, Gail Palomarez, Jesse Torres, and Connie

CLUB CALENDAR

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Blue Lakes Rotary Club
Meets at 7 a.m. Tuesdays at the Weston Plaza Hotel & Convention Center in Twin Falls. For more information, call President Andy Barry at 734-4147 or Vice President Bruce Baker at 734-9757.

Kiwanis Club of Filer
Meets at noon Tuesdays at the Filer Methodist Church. Lunch is served by the Filer Methodist Women. New members are always welcome. For more information, call President Bob Parish at 733-6126, or Secretary Shirley Gailley at (208) 326-4520, business phone or home at (208) 326-4051.

Kiwanis Club of Twin Falls
Meets at noon Thursdays at the Turf Club for lunch. Kiwanis is a service organization for the youth and our community. New members are always welcome. For more information, call President, at 737-5021 or Marvin Chamberlain, secretary at 734-4244.

Magic Valley Optimist Club of Twin Falls
Meets at 7 p.m. Thursdays at the Prime Cut Restaurant, Twin Falls. If you want to join a youth oriented organization and make a difference in your community, call George Gilmore at 734-5892, or Ardie Goodman at 733-2049. New members are always welcome.

Mothers of Young Children
The group meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1631 Grandview Drive N.

For more work time at or outside the home, here's a chance to unload your concerns, develop friends and learn new ways to cope with raising your children in today's world. Free childcare is available. For more information, call Sandy Nordquist at (208) 324-7035.

Twin Falls Lions Club
Meets at noon Tuesdays at the Turf Club. For more information, call Alan Melton, president at 733-7700, or Ray Strubberg, membership chairman at 734-6644.

Twin Falls Optimist Club
Meets at 10 a.m. Thursdays at the Masonic House. If you are interested in joining a youth oriented civic organization, call Dennis Boywer, membership chairman at 736-2265 or John Head, president, at 733-4900.

Writers Support Group
Meets at 6 p.m. Wednesdays at Chapter 1, (bookstore in Hailey) 120 N. Main. For more information, call John at (208) 788-4403.

XG Alpha Tau Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi
Meets at 7:30 p.m. today. Beta Sigma Phi is an international organization of women that promotes service and cultural activities.

For more information and/or meeting place, call Debbie at 734-1665 or Judy at 734-1367.

WEIGHT LOSS

Gooding T.O.P.S. Chapter No. 250 (a non-profit organization)
Meets at 5 p.m. Thursdays at the Gooding Senior Citizens Center, 3008 Senior Ave. For more information, call (208) 934-4638.

Jerome T.O.P.S. Chapter No. 48
Meets at 6 p.m. Wednesdays at the Public Library. T.O.P.S. is a non-profit organization to support weight loss. For more information, call (208) 328-4100.

Twin Falls T.O.P.S. Club ID No. 3
Meets Tuesdays at Valley Vista Village, 653 Rose St. N. T.O.P.S. is a non-profit weight loss organization. For more information, call 733-3394.

Twin Falls T.O.P.S. Chapter No. 309 (a non-profit organization support group for weight loss)
Meets at 7 p.m. Wednesdays at Valley Vista Village, 653 Rose St. N. For more information, call 734-5032 or 736-2331.

Overeaters Anonymous
Meets at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at First Baptist Church on Shoshone Street (opposite side of street) in Twin Falls. For more information, call 734-4587.

Overeaters Anonymous
Meets at 10 a.m. Saturdays at the First Baptist Church, 910 Shoshone St. (center of town) in Twin Falls. For more information, call 734-4762.

Overeaters Anonymous
Meets at 12:30 p.m. Mondays at First Methodist Church, Twin Falls. For more information, call 734-4547.

SUPPORT GROUPS

All-Asian (for relatives and those friends of Asian descent) in Twin Falls. For more information on meeting times and places, call the All-Asian Hotline at 736-3355.

Adult Children Anonymous
Meets from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday at the First Presbyterian Church, 2108 Fifth Ave. N. Twin Falls. For more information, call Marlene at (208) 326-4445.

Alcoholic Anonymous
For more information, call 736-8844, 734-4300 or 733-7897.

Christian 12 Step Support Group
For more information, call Suzanne at 734-7201.

Cocaine Anonymous
For more information, call 734-7262.

Diversex Club
Meets at 7 p.m. on Mondays at Armory. Grace Fellowship, 1861 Eastland Drive N. in Twin Falls. Diversex care is a billiolecent recovery and support group for individuals who struggle with drug abuse. Meetings are open to anyone seeking support, and are free. Child care is also provided. For more information, call the church office at 736-4752.

Wives Support Group
Meets at 7 p.m. Monday at J. Williams Beck Room at Cassin Regional Medical Center, 1500 Eastland Drive. For more information, call (208) 436-3240 or 436-4676.

Magic Valley Breast Cancer Support Group
For more information, call Cassamini Blakley at (208) 326-4080 or Stuntin Blakley-Reaser at (208) 733-0624.

Miss Cassin Cancer Support Group
Meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday at 4138 Onida in Burley. For more information, call (208) 678-1533 or (208) 656-2281.

Narcotics Anonymous
For more information, call (208) 656-1260 or 1-800-328-5257.

Overeaters Outreach Christ-oriented 12-Step Support Group (for adult and compulsive behavior)
Meets at 7 p.m. on Mondays at First Baptist Church, 2262 Eastland Ave., Burley. For information, call Minch or Rita at (208) 678-3678.

Parents of Down Syndrome Children
For more information, call Dornelle Greer at 733-8868, or name of a contact person to Bobbi Jo Ball at The Ternes News, P.O. Box 248, Twin Falls 83403, attention Cherie Calumita. The deadline is noon Tuesday.

MUSICAL

Magichords Barbershop Chorus
Meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at First Methodist Church in the basement, corner of Shoshone and Fourth Street, Twin Falls.

Sweet Adelines Chorus
Meets from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays for rehearsal night at Valley Christian Church and Our Savior Lutheran Church in Twin Falls. All women age 15 to 70+ are all about to accept this membership. Come join the fun and come learn about this unique, American Folk Art called Barbershop Singing. For more information, call Kelly at 733-6328 or Barry at 734-1900.

HOBBIES

Crop 'Til You Drop Photo Album Club
Meets from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Filer Public Library on Main Street. For more information, call Joanna Petrone at (208) 326-5399. Newcomers welcome.

Mega Valley Chess Club
Meets from 6 to 10 p.m. Saturdays at First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, corner of Ninth and Shoshone St. Twin Falls. For more information, call Barry Eacker at 733-6186.

Mega Valley Pinacol Club
Meets at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Disabled American Veterans Hall on Harrison Street and Shop Avenue, Twin Falls. Open to the public. \$2 donation. Free Bridge.

Bridge
Meets at 1 p.m. Mondays at Magic Valley Bridge House, 246 Falls Ave. N. Twin Falls. For more information, call 733-8699.

and Boni Ramirez.

A big thank you to all who helped make Christmas happier for others. That is what Christmas and Christmas Council are all about.

It isn't too late to contribute. Please send your contributions to the Mini-Cassia Christmas Council, P.O. Box 335, Burley, ID 83318. Thank you.

JUANITA KERBS
Christmas Council President
Burley

Center thanks CSI

The Gooding Area Council Learning Center would like to thank the College of Southern Idaho Technical Division, under the direction of Dave Wilcox, for its donation of the much needed equipment for the small-empire clinic.

Among things donated were many electronic meters, tools, equipment and metric tools, engines and valves.

MICHELLE OWENS
Gooding

Get Listed

This public service unit has as its goal to publicize Magic Valley clubs and organizations. To have your meeting listed, or to update your meeting information, send notice with name of the organization, day and week(s), time of the meeting with a telephone number and name of a contact person to Bobbi Jo Ball at The Ternes News, P.O. Box 248, Twin Falls 83403, attention Cherie Calumita. The deadline is noon Tuesday.

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NATION IN BRIEF

Pony Express truck driver killed in crash

MINNAPOLIS (AP) — A Murray, Utah, man has died after hitting a snowdrift on Interstate 15, the Idaho State Police report. George Melton, 61, was killed early Wednesday morning near Blinheim. He was driving a Pony Express van in the southbound lane when he apparently lost control of the vehicle, a dispatcher said. It crossed the median and hit a guard rail. Melton was not wearing a seat belt. He may have had medical problems that caused the accident, the dispatcher said.

Father pleads innocent in death of son

BLACKFOOT — An eastern Idaho man has pleaded innocent to involuntary manslaughter in the death of his 3-month-old son. Canuto Molina was ordered to stand trial June 9, 7th District Judge James Herndon said. An autopsy showed Cedric Molina died from a skull fracture. On June 8, 1996, a babysitter took the infant to Bingham Memorial Hospital, according to a sheriff's deputy report. He died the following day. Molina was released on his own recognizance. No bond was set in the case.

Warden believes he's exempt from firing

BOISE — A former warden of the North Idaho Correctional Institution at Cottonwood contends the state acted improperly when he was fired in 1993. The Idaho Supreme Court on Wednesday heard the appeal of Ron McKinsey, who sued the Department of Correction and Board of Correction members. Last April, 4th District Judge D. Duff McKee granted a motion for summary judgment in favor of the defendants. McKinsey contends he was a classified employee on March 19, 1993, and was not subject to termination without cause. The day before, then-Gov. Cecil Andrus signed legislation which made the wardens of the state prisons nonclassified but that did not take effect until July.

Man backs out of plea agreement; trial set

BLACKFOOT — A man accused of practicing medicine on animals and humans without a license, writing drug prescriptions and writing bad checks has decided not to honor a plea agreement. Gary Boldt, 42, had agreed to plead guilty to one count of practicing medicine without a license, one count of issuing an insufficient funds check and practicing veterinary medicine without a license. But instead he pleaded innocent Tuesday. Seventh District Judge James Herndon scheduled a trial to begin April 23.

Massage therapist gets a year in jail

POCATELLO — A massage therapist convicted of sexually molesting a 16-year-old girl has been sentenced to a year in jail and 25 years on probation. Sixth District Judge Randy Smith also barred James F. Cardell from operating any health-related business. Cardell, 46, could have been sentenced to life in prison for felony sexual battery on a minor, but Smith said he did not believe prison time would best serve society or deter Cardell from becoming a repeat offender. Cardell will get credit for 10 months he has spent on house arrest.

Compiled from wire reports

Bill clarifies state's position on games

LEWISTON (AP) — Idaho Gov. Phil Batt plans to propose a bill to clarify that the state lottery can not offer any video lottery, video pull-tab games, electronic or electromechanical imitations.

Under the bill, the state lottery may offer lotto games, scratch ticket games and paper pull-tab games, but no form of casino gaming. The same conditions would apply to Indian tribes, which are allowed to operate the same types of legal gaming as the state under the federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, Deputy Attorney General David High said.

Questions have been raised about whether the state lottery is permitted to operate video lottery and video pull-tab games. High said because the state contends they are illegal on Indian reservations.



The tribes disagree.

Batt said he does not believe the state should maintain a double standard for gaming on the reservations.

"Either we condone video, poker and slot machines in Idaho, or we do not," he said in his State of the State address.

Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, who has agreed to sponsor the bill for Batt, said he understands it would eliminate any possibility of interpreting state law as allowing "the punch-button slot machines in the Indian casinos."

During the North Idaho



Phil Batt



Laird Noh

Chapter of Commerce legislation over in Lewiston two months ago, he asked questions about the legality of the 400 lottery terminals operating in the Nez Perce Tribe's new Clearwater River Casino.

"From the tribe's point of view, this is a bill that is targeting Indian gaming while at the same time protecting and preserving state gambling," said Douglas Nash, general counsel for the Nez Perce Tribe in Lewiston.

Nash said tribal officials will have something to say if or when the bill is introduced and heard in the house.

"I really don't know the attitude of the Legislature in Indian casinos," he said.

"They need to be aware of the very positive impact the Nez Perce gaming enterprise has on the community and on the tribes people in the region."

The tribe's casino near Lewiston and in Kamiah have provided 200 jobs to Indians and 200 Indian jobs said.

With Batt's office noting the lowest unemployment rate in the state in 1996 — 5 percent in 1996 — the governor should take a look at the number of jobs the casino provide, Nash said.

The state has promised economic support and assistance to the tribe, but none has been provided, Nash added.

IDAHO LEGISLATIVE LOG

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For Wednesday, Feb. 5:

Confirmed by Senate
Beverly Boyd, Genesee, to the Idaho Parks and Recreation Board.
M. Kathleen Sims, Coeur d'Alene, to the Idaho Human Rights Commission.

Bud Tracy, Malta, to the Idaho State Building Authority.

Legislative Action Complete
SCR101 (Judiciary and Rules) — Sets new deadlines for the drafting, approval and transmission of joint resolutions for proposed constitutional amendments.

Introduced in House
HJR1 (Transportation and Defense) — Proposes constitutional amendment to allow proceeds from a tax on gasoline and similar motor vehicle fuels to be used to prevent and remediate petroleum releases.

HJM4 (State Affairs) — Memorial to Congress urging Congress to direct Bureau of Land Management to cease and desist from developing proposed regulations allowing search and seizure without due process and authority to use state water laws.

HB205 (State Affairs) — Requires write-in candidates for nonpartisan elections to file declaration of intention by 25 days before an election.

HB206 (State Affairs) — Limits

right of local communities to impose franchise fees on telecommunications providers.

HB207 (Health and Welfare) — Clarifies that lien on personal property required under medical indigency statutes is filed with secretary of state same as a filing under the Uniform Commercial Code.

HB208 (Health and Welfare) — Removes licensing exemption for psychologists working in government.

HB209 (Transportation and Defense) — Clarifies manner of making left turns at intersections on Idaho highways.

HB210 (Transportation and Defense) — Repeals law requiring certification of individuals performing underground storage tank testing, repair, removal and installation.

Introduced in Senate
SCR104 (Health and Welfare) — Creates a special committee to investigate mental health services.

SB1117 (Health and Welfare) —

Extends the responsibility of the Council on Dismal Conditions to current session.

SB1215 (Local Government and Taxation) — Repeals the upward limit for general business provisions in SBA's.

SB1216 (Taxation) — Authorizes a \$50,000 amount of fuel tax revenues to the state's Indian tribes for reservation road maintenance.

SB1220 (Transportation and Defense) — Requires one headlight to be operating whenever windshield wipers are functioning.

SB1221 (Transportation and Defense) — Requires notification of people qualifying for a disabled license plate or sign.

SB1222 (State Affairs) — Prohibits licensed business names to include words falsely indicating a financial organization or registered entity.

SB1223 (Commerce and Human Resources) — Repeals state laws that chartered state banking charters.

Schools look at district policies

SPOKANE AP — Small school districts across Eastern Washington are expected to review their sexual harassment reporting policies after the Davenport School District was ordered to pay \$3.5 million in a federal suit.

A jury Monday awarded Heather Olsen \$3.5 million and her parents \$350,000 after finding Davenport School officials failed to protect her from sexual exploitation by another Charles J. Jumper when she was a student.

Davenport Superintendent Dave Presser said his district's loss probably will prompt many districts to evaluate how they handle harassment complaints. Jumper is serving a 10-year sentence in Arizona for paying girls to make sexually explicit videotapes.

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Idaho delegates laud Clinton on bipartisanship

States News Service

WASHINGTON — Idaho's all-Republican delegation applauded President Clinton's call for bipartisanship in his State of the Union address Tuesday evening, but each members stated differences lie ahead as they "build a bridge" to the 21st century.

Sen. Larry Craig said he found some themes in common with Republican goals but disagreed with Clinton's balanced budget plan.

"My greatest disagreement with the speech tonight was for him to reject a balanced budget by constitutional amendment because that is the security the American people must have — a balanced budget from now on to the future," Craig said. Under Clinton's plan, he said, future presidents and congresses will have to continually rehash the issue.

In his speech, Clinton outlined a balanced budget amendment on the grounds that it could "cripple our country" if a future crisis were to occur. He will present his plans for a balanced budget to Congress on Thursday.

"Tonight we've heard the rhetoric. Thursday we'll see the details," he said.

Sen. Dirk Kempthorne said that while Clinton did touch on popular themes in the country, he opposed the federal government's role in carrying out the plans.

"My question is what role do the states play in these United States of America?" Kempthorne said. He (Clinton) contends that the era of big government is over, but apparently the era of big spending continues."

Both Reps. Michael Crapo and Helen Chenoweth applauded Clinton's call "to be partners, not partisan."

"I was pleased to see the President started out with a call for bipartisanship, and that he has adapted a lot of the goals we have been working toward for the last three or four years," said Crapo, referring to the



Larry Craig



Dirk Kempthorne



Mike Crapo



Helen Chenoweth

President's proposals for a balanced budget, social security, medical and educational reform and health research.

"I am hopeful that it will give the basis for common sense solutions in those areas," Crapo said. But, like Kempthorne, he said he was concerned about the President's "move toward federal control."

"I was concerned that some of the proposals he made were toward federal control and decision making, where the the reverse should be the case. We should move back to families and individuals and, where appropriate, local and state governments," Crapo said.

Chenoweth, who attended her mother's funeral on Tuesday, issued a statement that also supported the president's call for bipartisanship. "I believe there has been too much partisan rancor, especially during the past year," she said.

"The attempts by some to scare people for political advantage have gotten in the way of solving the very real needs of our nation. We must all work together to solve the many challenges facing our nation."

Landowner sues county to keep road open

BOZEMAN, Mont. (AP) — A landowner claims Box Elder County violated the Constitution by illegally taking his property when it closed ownership of a road in the Snake River Mountains.

The Ridge Road provides access to areas on the Sawtooth National Forest. It begins on private land owned by rancher Hamilton Campbell.

Traditionally, its public use has been largely restricted to the fall deer hunting season.

Some boom rocks wide area of west

WENDELL, Ore. (AP) — A small boom heard over many parts of Oregon and Washington was caused by a California-based military jet. Air Force officials said this morning.

Dozens of people in the Northwest called authorities asking about the loud boom Tuesday evening. Initial responses were cautious.

"It was an F-16 aircraft in Wilson Canfield at Beale Air Force Base, Calif., in a telephone interview.

The boom was caused by one of Beale's two SR-71s — also called Blackbirds — on an air-to-air refueling training mission, Canfield said.

open during the hunting season. In turn, the county asked for a temporary injunction to keep the road open.

In October, the court issued the injunction and the road was opened during the deer hunt. It has since remained closed.

The two sides resumed the battle in 1st District Court on Monday. Afterward, Judge Ben Bradford said he would rule later, a decision expected to take several weeks.

Salt Lake City lawyer Bruce Baird, representing Campbell and neighboring landowners, said a state law used by the county to claim authority over the road vio-

lates both the state and U.S. constitutions.

Baird said the Fifth Amendment forbids the taking of property without compensation, "and that's exactly what the county is trying to do in this case."

Baird said the case centers around whether Box Elder County can claim the road as a "prescriptive easement," a legal standard which permits access across private land if there has been a long tradition of use by a specific person or group.

Box Elder County attorney Jon Bunderson said the Ridge Road has been used by hunters for at

least 10 consecutive years, which he said created a "public prescriptive easement."

But Baird argued prescriptive easements only apply to very limited instances involving private citizens, not a general group such as hunters and not state or local governments. He said the county illegally tried to take control of the road without compensating Campbell.

It would be legal for the county to condemn the property under the principle of eminent domain and then compensate Campbell for taking it, Baird said, but that's not what the county is doing.

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State has hard time giving away unclaimed money

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — The state of Idaho is trying to disperse \$20 million owed to people due money from old payroll checks, forgotten safe-deposit boxes and other sources.

The total has accumulated since 1961, the year the State Tax Commission began circulating a list of people owed money held for them by the state. The list is published in Idaho newspapers each winter.

The state program to collect, safeguard and return lost or forgotten cash has a master list of 80,000 people who are owed money, said David Bergener, the program's administrator. Most payments are less than \$100.

The money is from sources such as proceeds from insurance policies, overpaid utility bills, unashed checks and misplaced gift certificates.

Whittling the list down is becoming increasingly difficult, despite the state's use of a database with information on 133 million people, he said.

"These days people are constantly on the move — job to job, city to city, state to state," Bergener said. "They're harder

and harder to locate."

Returning money often proves impossible because many uncollected checks have misspelled names, incorrect addresses and transposed numbers, he said.

But some people avoid money question whether the state is doing enough to return the property.

A reporter who learned the state had been trying for a year to give cash to Janet Fazziano tracked down the Bonner County man with a single telephone call.

"You'd think they'd know how to use a phone book," Fazziano said.

Still, people are usually so happy to learn they've owed money that Bergener ends up feeling like Santa Claus.

"Giving it away is certainly more gratifying than not," he said.

Clifford Puroell, of Bagdad Lake, learned he was owed money from friends who saw his name on the state's list.

"It's really great to see someone from the government out there trying to give money back," he said, chuckling. "That's a switch, eh?"

Chenoweth heads subcommittee

The Associated Press

Republican U.S. Rep. Helen Chenoweth has been named chairman of the House Resources subcommittee overseeing forest health.

"I think the vast majority of people who have been involved in forest-related issues share the view that our forests are today in precarious health," Chenoweth said Tuesday. "This is a serious challenge."

Resources Committee Chairman Don Young, R-Alaska, said Chenoweth's selection is good news for the nation's timberland.

"I know how committed she is to improving the health of the forests," he said. "I think we can anticipate a lot of hard work and thoughtful solutions coming from this subcommittee."

Chenoweth also will serve on subcommittees on national parks and public lands, and water and power.

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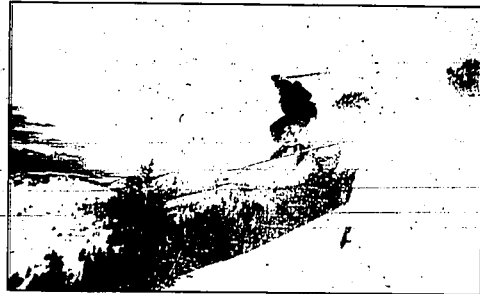
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Section D

Rippin' it up!



Photographer Tim Brown, of Bellevue, launches into the void.

WILLIAM BROCK/The Times-News

If it's been snowing, they'll be up there - hiking above Galena Pass and rippin' it up on their way back down.

Snowboarders, telemarkers and nuts from every other branch of skiing's family tree arrive like pilgrims, but they don't come because it's easy. There are no chairlifts on Galena.

You can drive fairly close to the top, but the final push is strictly a heel-and-toe affair. At the road, the elevation is almost 8,700 feet, so the last few hundred vertical feet are a lung-searing burn.

Physical exertion culls some of the pretenders from the herd, but there are other reasons why Galena isn't for everyone. For starters, there's no Ski Patrol, no "out of bounds" and no avalanche control.

Under the wrong circumstances, it's a place where people get killed. Last year, a pair of 19-year-old snowboarders got swept away by an avalanche and paid with their lives.

Self-rescue skills are mandatory on Galena: essential equipment includes collapsible shovels, probe poles, avalanche transceivers and friends with good judgment. If someone gets buried in a slide and you send for help, the general rule is that the "rescuers" will be digging out corpses - not survivors.

Remember, Galena Pass can be a deadly place on a bad day. On a good day, however, it's like skiing at the top of the world.

The view is dominated by mountains - with the Sawtooths to the northwest, the White Clouds due north, the Smolys to the south and southwest, the Pioneers to the southeast, and the Boulder Mountains underfoot: The north side of the pass is where the Salmon River is born, while the south side collects the headwaters of the Big Wood River.

At this time of year, the raw materials for both rivers are locked up in the form of snow. There's already a colossal amount



Skier and shadow carve a graceful line on the south side of Galena Pass.

on the ground and winter is far from over.

With hundreds of powderhounds living not far down the road, the word is out on Galena Pass. They're out in force almost every weekend, trudging to the top, then slicing

back down through thigh-deep snows like Zorro on a bend.

They ski, or snowboard, or simply sled their way to the road at a spot far below their own vehicles. Then they stick out their thumbs and snag a lift back up to the top.

You can't miss 'em.

Almost invariably, they are fit, healthy and grinning like they've won three beers for life. In summer months, many of these same funhogs can be found thumbing next to Idaho's rivers - sopping wet, holding a paddle and eager to get back upstream for another run.

These days, the road over Galena Pass is hemmed by enormous snowbanks, so it's narrow, icy and on-edge to linger. The ride of choice is in an open-bed pickup, which allows skiers and snowboarders to hook their gear in the back and jump in with a minimum of fuss.

Hitchhiking is part of the scene, so going - and getting - a ride is a friendly, meet-the-locals experience.

Everyone hops out near the pass, then foot-slogs the final few hundred feet to the top. Telemark skiers can strap adhesive "skins" on the bottom of their skis to increase traction, but for boarders, the ascent is a less-sophisticated process: 1) Carry snowboard; 2) Walk to the top.

Depending on the descent route, the climb can take as little as 10 minutes. Once on top, powderhounds strap off their skins and snowboarders strap on their gear.

After their skinnies generally devolve into a full-tilt free-for-all - with everyone aiming for the steepest and deepest snow. Even so, wise backcountry travelers never lose track of subtle, yet important, details like the elevation, angle of the slope, and how much sun it gets.

If it's been snowing, the powderhounds will be sniffing around on Galena Pass - and you can bet they'll be rippin' it up.

Photos by Tim Brown
Story by William Brock



With the road in sight, skier Pat Brown cuts a sinuous path through deep snow.



Far from the courtroom, Twin Falls attorney Pat Brown enjoys one of life's simple pleasures.



Trudging to the top is part of the Galena experience.

OUTDOORS

Sunshine after the rain

Birds benefit directly from Western flooding

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — For birds throughout the western states, this winter's heavy rains and flooding are a dream come true. They'll mean less crowded winter conditions, full bellies in the spring and abundant breeding this summer.

"If you're a duck, the entire Central Valley is your oyster at this moment," said Craig Breon with the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society.

"Waterfowl populations have decreased dramatically since the 1970s, hurt by years of drought and a century during which the Washington, Oregon and California wetlands where they winter have been dried up by dams, levees, farms and housing developments.

"In that time, bird counts in the Pacific Flyway from Canada to Mexico dropped from more than 4.5 million in the 1970s to 1.5 million in the mid- to late-1990s," says Andrew Engilis, a biologist with Ducks Unlimited in Sacramento. They're back to

nearly 4 million now and biologists hope they recover their numbers well beyond their level of two decades ago.

The problem is that the Central Valley is now once like a bathtub, holding mountain snow runoff and water draining from

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— Craig Breon with the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society

the San Francisco Bay and San Joaquin Delta. In Oregon and Washington, the areas around the Willamette and Columbia rivers were similarly wet.

"Millions of waterfowl migrating south for the winter from Canada and Alaska passed overnight and stopped for the night or spent the entire cold season on the lakes, ponds and swamps. For geese, swans, ducks and geese ate, formed mating pairs and got ready to

nest in the spring and summer. But over the century, the 4 million acres of wetlands have been dried up, cultivated or paved over and birds found themselves overcrowding fewer and smaller bodies of water. They competed for limited food supplies like avian botulism and fowl cholera wiped out thousands at a time.

In recent years, awareness of those problems has grown and wetlands have been restored or created on private land. But nothing could help as much as a good flood.

"The timing of the floods was perfect for birds because they can find a lot of food and the flood waters actually helped them form their mating pairs," Engilis said.

"They'll be fat and sassy and ready to go back and lay clutch-
es."

For some bird species, the high water will hurt in the short-term. Ground-loving sparrows and wrens, for example, are displaced. And the hummingbird

mating season, which begins in January, was interrupted.

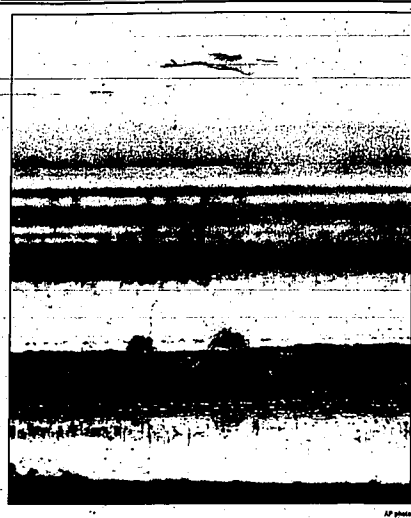
In addition, raptors like hawks and vultures that feast on rodents will have trouble finding food because so many mice and gophers drowned.

Swallows, warblers and other insect-eating birds will have a heyday when they return from Mexico in the spring, though. That's because, by then, the insect population will have bloomed.

The water will cause a bumper crop of mosquitoes and midges, which in turn helps dragonflies, beetles, praying mantises and other insects. Those make up a large part of swallows' and warblers' diets.

"They're going to come up to a cornucopia of insects," Engilis said. "It's going to be a banner year for insect-eating birds."

"It's a dynamic process and it's going to be really interesting to see how it unfolds," he added. "We're going to see some species benefit and to some it will be detrimental. Only time will tell."



— An egret soars above a flooded field north of Sacramento, Calif., on January 15. Flooding throughout California's Central Valley has improved the habitat of birds by creating more standing water in their environment.

Ice fishing goes high-tech with portable GPS units

Receiver gives quick, accurate information

By Chris Miskannen
Knight-Ridder News Service

ISLE, Minn. - You won't find too many Minnesota ice-fishing spots more desirable than less than the middle of Lake Mille Lacs.

When Mark Leadsens guided us to one of his favorite holes — a mud-flat ledge about the size of a compact parking space — the nearest shore landmark was six miles away.

"It's not the sort of place where you can line up a tree to find your spot," chuckled the guide from Elk River.

Leadsens instead relied on the latest in ice-fishing technology. With a Global Positioning Systems (GPS) mobile unit nestled between his legs, Leadsens snow-mobiled to one of Mille Lacs' famous mud flats, made three circles on his sled to pinpoint a "finger" extending from the flat and then probed the water to find an electronic sonar flasher until he found it on a school of jumbo perch.

Developed by the U.S. Department of Defense, GPS is rapidly becoming the favored national tool of hunters, open-water anglers and ice fishermen. GPS receivers work by picking up signals from 24 satellites and instantly translating locations into latitude, longitude and longitudinal coordinates.

With civilian units accurate to within 50 feet, GPS units are invaluable on large bodies of water. It is now possible to buy a map with coordinates to dozens of popular fishing holes on Mille Lacs, although many guides program GPS units with their own coordinates to top fishing spots.

"We were out there a couple of weeks ago, but you can't see any traces of our holes," Leadsens said. "With a GPS, I can return to the exact spot every time."

It might seem a bit unsporting to use GPS to pinpoint fish, but in the dead of winter, it is the only way to find an exact location on the enormous icecaps of Lake Mille Lacs.

Of course, as any ice fisherman will tell you, finding the fish is only half the battle. Getting them to bite is another matter.

That was certainly the case when we ventured across Mille Lacs on a day when a northwest wind dropped the wind chill to a brutal 50 below zero. Leadsens predicted accurately that the high pressure system would "put the fish down."

"The frigid temperatures also nixed our plans to snowmobile

the eight miles from Eddy's Lake Mille Lacs Resort on the west shore. We opted to drive on plowed roads from the east shore in order to park the pickup nearby in case our snowmobiles malfunctioned.

Getting stranded far offshore on Mille Lacs in such conditions would be dangerous, if not fatal, Leadsens warned.

As cautious as he is, Leadsens still had that glint in his eye of an angler obsessed with catching perch and walleye through

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the ice.

Birds fish sonars were adapted for ice use. Leadsens plumbed the lake with a 30-foot carpenter's tape measure to find a fishing hole. After the rusty tape revealed the correct depth, Leadsens used red flags to plot the length of fish-holding rock bars and drop-offs.

This was before portable fish houses became the rage, so Leadsens employed flat beds trucks to move his small fleet of wooden fish houses from spot to spot.

"I wanted to get spots all to myself," he said. "But I ended up paying resorts a lot of money to keep my houses moving."

The invention of self-contained, portable canvas fish houses opened a new world for Leadsens and legions of Lake Mille Lacs anglers. Leadsens tows a pair behind a snowmobile, thereby opening the entire lake to mobile, guerrilla-style ice fishing.

GPS and electronic sonars completed the equation by providing a navigational tool over thick ice and a "window" to see what's going on below.

If Leadsens can't find fish at one of the 200 spots logged into the memory of his GPS unit, he moves to another.

"The fish are always biting somewhere on the lake!" he chortled.

After driving several miles across the lake, the road ended at a treacherous fissure in the ice. A pair of tire tracks and the ugly pink stain of transmission fluid was fair warning not to venture further.

So we parked and snowmobiled the rest of the way, leaving a rable of ice shanties on the horizon. Leadsens finds the snowmobile ride impresses his clients as much as the fishing.

"I had some attorneys up from Houston who were as

excited about snowmobiling across the lake as catching any perch," he said.

Our destination was a small saddle between two mud flats. For hours, the locations of these mysterious plateaus were a blood secret among Mille Lacs guides. With GPS, most of the mud flats now are plotted on maps.

They vary in size from a few yards to several miles in length, and in texture from a hard sandy consistency to soft mud.

Some flat areas are round, while others are elongated with fingers. The tops range from 20 to 27 feet deep, falling off to 30 to 35 feet.

Fertility is the key feature of the mud flats. They serve as nurseries to billions of mayfly nymphs, caddis fly larvae and blood worms — insects the provide food to game fish, big and small.

In the winter, perch gorge on mayfly nymphs and caddis fly larvae, giving them pot bellies and earning them the moniker "jumbos."

Leadsens parked our shanties over a mud flat drop-off that was loaded with perch and walleyes. We could see them as heavy red lines on the screens of our sonar flashers.

We levered every variation of lure in our tackle boxes, switching between wax worms and minnow heads. The perch just stared at the offerings, their noses parked just inches away from our lures.

And therein lies a problem with today's electronic flashers. It is almost more maddening to watch fish ignore your lure as it is to fish blindly.

"Look at that red line," Leadsens croaked, pointing to a signal that indicated a large fish was stalking his lure. "It has to be a weeye, but I can't get him to bite."

With just seven perch on the ice and the daylight waning, Leadsens decided to call it quits. We had been tormented enough by the skin-scalding wind and insolent perch.

"Sniffers, that's all we got today," Leadsens scowled. "But you never know. They could turn on at any time, even at night."

We weren't waiting to find out.

Tall tales: A whimsical guide to Muskie fishing in Minnesota

By John Husar
The Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — Al Nutty, the premier Kinkaid Lake muskie guide, clearly was feeling his oats.

Well aware that thick ice and deep snows have locked up the fourth muskie season — and that he already has caught a few muskies this year himself in comparatively warmish southern Illinois — Nutty thought he would rub some salt in a pal's wounds.

He took a long, jaundiced look at the display of prized lures Minnesota legend Marv Kiley had brought to the recent Chicago Muskie Show.

"Get those things! Catch some nice walleye," Nutty muttered, his mustache twitching.

He examined Kiley's enormous bucktails and spinnerbaits.

"So when are you gonna make some real muskie lures?" Nutty growled. "If you don't have anything big enough for the fish down here, I have some Baby Man hupjumps from 1957. They may use for spinner blades."

While the startled Kiley — muskie master of Ontario's Lac Seul — cleared his throat, Nutty tried to explain how folks at Kinkaid first discovered they had trophy fish in their balmy waters.

"You know how deer like to take shortcuts by swimming across a lake? Well, all at once we started finding half a deer here and there in Kinkaid. And after a while, the rest of the deer stopped swimming. They made this big path on the shoreline as they circled the lake. The deer knew what was there."

The whimsical Nutty's forte long has been tall tales and pulled legs.

He recalled catching a 15 1/2-inch muskie at Kinkaid while waiting to meet some muskie clients and deciding to have it mounted.

"I got to the boat ramp and

some guys saw all the muskie lures in my boat and said they supposed I'd been muskie fishing."

"Nope, crappie," I told 'em. So this one guy laughs and says, 'Show me a crappie you can catch with one of those baits.' So I reached into the livewell and pulled out this big crappie and they just stared at it."

"You can't tell us you've been fishing just for crappie," the guy said. I waved my arm around the boat. "You see any other kind of fish in here?"

Within two hours, that crappie grew to two feet in length as word spread around the lake. "Friends came by to tell of this humungous crappie—that some guy had caught on a muskie bait. I just laughed," Nutty said.

His finest gem stems from the time a fishing client implied Nutty knew little about hunting geese. That's like telling a good of hell his bird dog is in a way."

Nutty said, "In all my life, I'd managed shot twice at geese and maybe to kill one, but I wasn't going to let him know."

I started telling of the time I went to Canada and learned a strange goose call from some Ojibway Indians, a call that was so effective I became the greatest goose guide in southern Illinois history. I told him this call enabled me to summon hundreds and hundreds of geese at a time, that geese would pile through the windows when I practiced my call.

"I told him how I was paid huge sums to go to clubs that hadn't come close to their average numbers, that in two or three days I'd have those numbers back to where they should be, and often considerably higher."

In that case, the client said, he wanted to book a two-day trip with Nutty in the fall — one day for muskie fishing, the next for goose hunting.

Nutty had to think fast.

"I told him how I went to this calling contest somewhere back in the East and, when it was my turn, I made this funny little goose sound that resembles nothing you've ever heard and geese piled in from all directions. But just when two guys tackled me and pinned me down. They were furious. It turned out they were Ojibway shamans and that I'd been using their secret, sacred call that summons Brother Goose for special religious ceremonies. I felt so bad I've never used it since for hunting. And I won't, ever again."

"Nutty saw the men giving him the fish eye."

"So it's all a crock," one said. "You really can't call geese."

Nutty rose to this final challenge.

"Well, that's not true," he said. "And I'll prove it this way. I'll do the call and, if a goose doesn't show up within five minutes, your guide trip will be free for the day."

By then they were opposite a point where Nutty knew two Canada geese were nesting. He made his feeble call and every one waited.

As they passed the point, Nutty resolutely looked ahead, hoping against hope that the nest-guarding male goose would do his customary thing and follow in the wake of the boat. Their heads when this goose came out the bay and swam after our boat. They were believers then.

If there is a moral to this yarn, it's to go ahead and book all the muskie trips you would like with Nutty. But if you're a betting person, be sure to lock your wallet in the car before you hop onto the boat.

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Tiger sanctuary offers protection for mistreated, exploited cats

EAGLE POINT, Ore. (AP) — Don't be fooled by the baby bottle.

Or by the huge pink tongue lapping the nipple of the bottle Penny Torres Rubin strains to hold while standing inside the chain-link fortress of "Tiger Island" in the Oregon Tiger Sanctuary, a private preserve for the protection and rehabilitation of exotic animals.

Focus instead on the three-inch fangs of Kali, a Siberian tiger weighing nearly 400 pounds, whose intense glare would startle William Blake in the forest of the night.

"This tiger could kill you very easily," cautions Torres Rubin, who started the sanctuary in 1991. "These are pure predators. God gives them that natural instinct to kill."

Kali is one of seven large tigers in the sanctuary, along with two cougars, two snow leopards and 10 primates. The non-profit sanctuary is an 80-acre private parcel on a picturesque bench on the west slope of the Cascade Range in the Rogue River National Forest.

The sanctuary has been a low-profile project by the high-profile Torres Rubin. She is known nationally for her meditation seminars and as the New Age channeler of Mafu, an ancient enlightened being who supposedly walked the earth when Pompeii prospered.

But Torres Rubin is quick to separate her work at the tiger-sanctuary from her meditation seminars, although she notes it was started as part of her religious foundation. The sanctuary's mission is to help stop the abuse of exotic animals and educate humans about that mistreatment, she explains. "I want to make sure exotic animals are treated right and retired appropriately," she says. "I want people to see the truth, that these animals aren't toys. These are big, wild animals that deserve a good life."

"She treats them like they should be treated, as dangerous, wild animals."

Last year, when a National Geographic film crew couldn't find animals to film in the wild, they turned to the center, to film portions of "Spell of the Tiger."

As evidence of their wild ways, Torres Rubin, an energetic woman who pumps iron to keep in shape, tells of concussions and scratches suffered while working with the animals. "I've learned that a tiger's paw can take a 5-foot-6-inch girl down to the ground," she says as she pokes a furry forearm. "These are Mohammed Ali arms here."

Kali emits a rumble, sounding like a bulldozer engine muffled slightly by orange and white fur. Not to worry. He's only "chuffing," a friendly purr-growl made by tigers, Torres Rubin says. "If this animal was in a different mood, I wouldn't be out here," she says, adding that she has spent years studying the nature of the big cats.

To keep the cats contained when they are in an aggressive mood, safeguards exceed U.S. Department of Agriculture standards. Each enclosure is surrounded by a 14-foot-high chain-link fence with a 3-foot overhang. As an added safeguard, the bottom of the heavy-gauge fence is buried two feet into the ground. One frequent visitor is

Kathi Travers, 46, director of exotic animals and animal transportation for the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Travers, who lives in Los Angeles, travels the nation in her work with abused animals.

"I applaud what they are doing here," Travers says. "These animals cut better than most people. This is a paradise for animals."

The center spends some \$202 a month to feed each big cat a zoo-formulated diet of ground horse meat, says compound manager Leslie Scott-Rose. A slab of horse meat and chicken is also thrown in, she says.

When Travers first heard about the sanctuary from a veterinarian friend, she was a little dubious. "It was totally different than anything I had ever seen," she says. "I can count on my right hand how many places there are like this."

Travers has feed several abused animals at the center, including a spider monkey called "Puck."

Puck was literally bouncing off the wall in a New Orleans motel room when I first met him," Travers says, noting the monkey had a dull coat and duller eyes. "Now look at him," she says of the bright-eyed monkey with a glossy coat. "His monkey has changed drastically. It makes me feel good to come back and see something like this."



Penny Rubin bottles feeds Toga, a Siberian tiger, on Jan. 14 outside his enclosure at the Oregon Tiger Sanctuary, a private preserve for the protection and rehabilitation of exotic animals near Eagle Point, Ore. Rubin started the non-profit sanctuary in 1991.



A calf elk munches on a fir tree while another samples the grass on Jan. 11, at the Dean Creek Elk Reserve near Reedsport, Ore. The clouds and rain that plagued the southern Oregon coast for weeks finally moved on, and the animals were able to forage more easily.

Utah lawmaker: Ranchers should be able to raise elk

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah ranchers should be able to raise domestic elk for profit, says one legislator who plans to sponsor legislation to legalize the practice.

It is illegal for Utah ranchers to raise domestic elk, which by law are considered wild animals.

Rep. Brad Johnson, R-Aurora, a cattle rancher, will sponsor a bill to change that when the 1997 Legislature convenes Jan. 20.

"Every state around us already allows it," said Johnson. "Constituents in my district want to do it. It's not really any different than raising buffalo, which is done pretty freely throughout the state."

Johnson knows people who would like to, raise elk exclusively. There also are ranchers raising other livestock who might like to have a herd of elk as well to

improve their cash flow.

There are three markets for elk: gourmet restaurants that want the meat; other elk ranchers who want breeding stock and — biggest of all — Asian nations whose citizens want ground under powder for medicinal purposes.

Thaw provides additional feed for hungry deer, elk

POCATELLO (AP) — Last month's rainy thaw exposed plenty of food for deer and elk on many of southern Idaho's major winter ranges, biologists say.

Idaho Fish and Game Department workers and the department's citizen advisory committee on winter feeding

toured winter range from Pocatello to the Utah border in Bear Lake County on Saturday.

Fish and Game's regional director, Dexter Pittman said much snow had melted away even on higher winter valley ranges in the Georgetown and Montpelier areas.

They had the greatest early-season snowpack, where biologists were most concerned they might need to start supplemental feeding.

The thaw opened up previously buried browse for deer and forage for elk, allowing the animals to move and feed

on higher ground.

"Of course, future snow will mean we'll have to continue to keep tabs on things."

Part of biologists' strategy to minimize winter mortality is to keep deer and elk dispersed and feeding on natural food for as long as possible.

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OUTDOORS

Idaho man helps youth learn to experience the great outdoors

CAMP WITTMAN (AP) — Bob Lining is in his element. He's outdoors. The Valley Boys and Girls Clubs' executive director glides across a crusty January snow for a tour of Camp Wittman at the foot of Craig Mountain. Lining is enthused about this outdoor and natural resource education camp for youths and a new log lodge nearing completion. He's no less enthusiastic about the chance to help other boys and girls clubs across the nation build on the lessons the Lewiston-Clarkston Valley club has learned. This year to Camp Wittman on a bright Thursday morning also is a business trip. Along the way to the

camp, Lining stops by the Wittman shop to check on road conditions. Back on the rural road, he sees a pickup truck approach, then jams on the brakes as it passes. He needs to talk camp business with Dick Wittman and his son, Matt. Dick reaches across the gap between the vehicles to hand Lining a plan meticulously drawn by Matt showing window placement in the lodge. Lining wants to adjust the locations of some windows. "You've got a little room to work with," he says, "but not a whole lot." The pair talks details about the camp a few more minutes, then head their separate directions.

Views of a different sort occupy Lining's attention this morning. He'll soon have a chance to offer his views of outdoor education to a national audience. He's challenged by a new role: spreading the word among boys and girls clubs across the country about how to share the outdoors with their young members. Lining traveled to the club's national headquarters in Arlington in December to review the Lewiston club's outdoor program. He left as one of two executives responsible for helping other clubs work the outdoors into their offerings. The national organization allows on experts about various subjects

from within its ranks to broaden opportunities ranging from arts to soccer. Lining, who joined the Lewiston club in 1986, has helped direct outdoor programs and camps in other clubs from Pasadena, Calif., to Alaska, picking up several national awards for his efforts. For many executives, working the outdoors into club programs is an exercise in navigating unknown territory, Lining said. "There are a lot of clubs that don't give outdoors education much thought," Lining said. "They don't have anyone on staff who knows about it and they don't know what's available to them."

Lining, a former backpacking outfitter, intends to help clubs map out how they can bring their members into closer contact with

nature. His new role as guide will take him across the country to give seminars at least twice a year.

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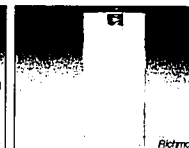
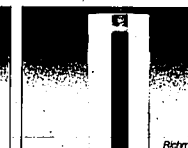
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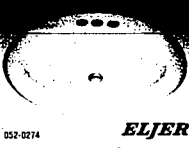


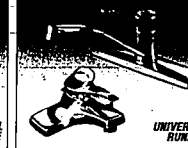






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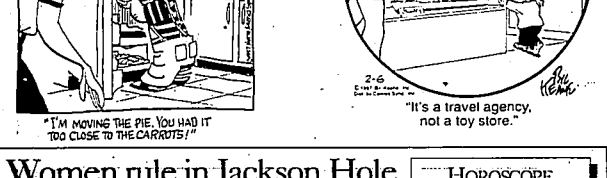
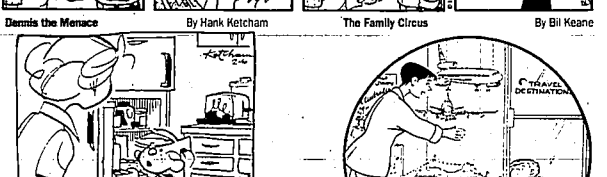
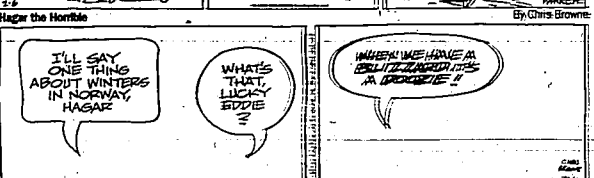
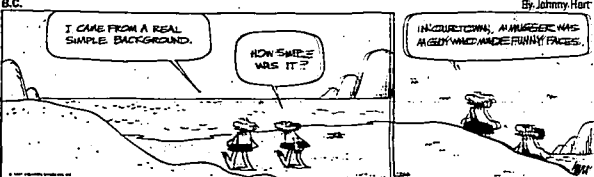
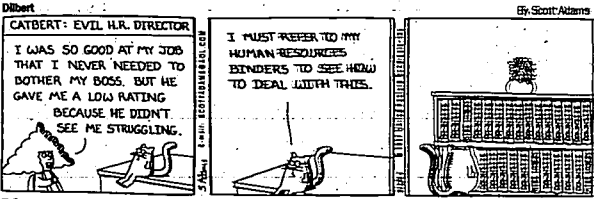
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Following the Chaco trail

Spring beckons mountain bikers to tour ancient Anasazi culture

CHACO CANYON, N.M. (AP) — Touring by mountain bike is a relaxing way to enjoy the New Mexico sun and take in a bit of the state's rich cultural heritage at the same time.

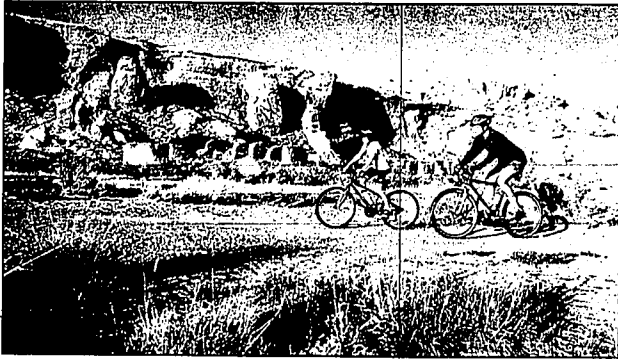
Riding bicycles at Chaco Culture National Historical Park makes a perfect weekend-long introduction to both the park and to mountain bikes. You can enjoy the paradox of using the latest technology in bike frames and suspension to explore the remarkable engineering skills of ancient Anasazi builders.

The obvious starting place is touring the main loop road. From a bike you can savor the changing canyon walls, stare into the crevices incised arroyos, look at Chaco Wash, and find the small details of the park environment often missed by those who drive through.

The loop begins and ends at the visitor center, and makes an eight-mile round trip. The flat, paved route is an easy ride on either a car or bike. It takes you to five major ruins within the canyon.

Built between A.D. 850 and 1200, Pueblo Bonito is the largest of the villages, with more than 650 rooms. A few of the tallest walls still stand four stories high. The mix of square rooms and circular kivas makes the ruin a visual delight.

Chaco Kutz is the town next door, famous for its 200-foot back wall. The cavernous Casa Rinconada is the canyon's best example of a Great Kiva, a ceremonial chamber with attractive symmetry. Hungo Pavi and Pueblo del Arroyo are less-visited but equally fascinating ruins



Cyclists tour the Chaco Culture National Historical Park in Chaco Canyon, N.M., in October 1986. A bike trail loop begins and ends at the visitor center and makes an eight mile round trip.

along the route.

The real attraction of biking at Chaco lies beyond the main loop. Mountain bikes are permitted on the two dirt roads that lead to Wijiji and Kin Klizhin ruins in the Chaco backcountry. The two ruins receive just a few visitors each day. Having one of these great ruins to yourself for just a few moments is the only way to soak in the elusive spiritualism of this haunting canyon.

A backcountry permit, available at the visitors center, is required to do either of these rides, and a free biking brochure

and a photocopied map gives detailed directions for reaching the Chaco outliers managed by the park.

A five-mile round-trip from the visitors center to the campground, Wijiji ruin makes a vivid first impression of Chaco beyond the main road. The start of the road is just east of the campground entrance. From there, it's an easy pedal between the base of the crumbling cliffs of Wijiji Mesa and Chaco Wash. The mile and a half dirt-and-gravel road to the ruin demands little in the way of off-road skills and has no

elevation gain.

The thickened walls of Wijiji cut through the thick vegetation that has grown up in the ruin since the pueblo was abandoned 500 years ago. The U-shaped layout and the uniform size of the rooms makes Wijiji unique among Chaco ruins. The uniform construction technique in the rock walls at Wijiji implies that the pueblo was built quickly.

The most complete backcountry road adventure at Chaco is the 24-mile round trip to the Chaco outlier ruin called Kin Klizhin. The trip is fairly flat and

Touring Chaco Culture National Historical Park

Chaco Culture National Historical Park is in northwest New Mexico. A well-marked entrance on N.M. 44 is five miles east of Hagerman. After five miles of paved road, a sign directs you right onto County Road 7950. The park is 1.6 miles farther on this sometimes rough dirt road. Be sure to obtain backcountry permits at the visitors center before riding any trails.

entirely on dirt roads. No technical skills are required, but it takes some stamina to ride from the visitors center and back.

The route to Kin Klizhin goes from the visitors center to the south entrance of the park, follows N.M. 57 for two miles, then turns onto double track. The wide-open sagebrush plains are a joy to ride through, with the buff and orange cliffs of nearby

mesas adding color to the scenery. The road crosses Navajo Indian land, which should be treated like private property. Stay on the road. Signs point the way to the ruin at most questionable intersections.

Kin Klizhin sits atop a low hill like a medieval fortress, and the thick walls of several semi-circular rooms add to the effect. Typical of Chaco outliers are the multiple beams of wood from the downtown Chaco Canyon — Kin Klizhin was connected to the villages in the main canyon by primitive roads. Outliers that remain connected with the villages in the main canyon and Kin Klizhin can be seen from Twin Klizhin on South Mesa, above the campground.

It's a bit too much to do all these rides in a single day, but the pacing of the rides fits into a weekend like a hand in a mittling glove.

Forget mountain biking's rugged image for just a while, and ride these slow-paced roads to ruins.

Snowshoeing for sport gains new interest

High-Rider News Service

BOULDER, Colo. — Two words probably best describe the sport of snowshoeing: leaps and bounds.

That is how the industry is growing, and those are the moves its enthusiasts are making.

Snowshoeing is a means of getting from one point to another when the snow was too deep for walking, snowshoeing — has become a new industry. And it's attracting a following.

"Snowshoeing three years ago was just people coming in the backcountry who were using the get out," said Dan Howley of Mountain Sports in Boulder, Colo. Those days are gone.

Outdoor lovers, the fitness-minded and hard-core athletes are flocking to snowshoeing events that have exploded in numbers within the past two years. The events are generally centered around races in which the participants are not just trudging and tromping; they're leaping and bounding.

"There used to be two or three races a year, and 10 or 15 people would show up," said Danielle Ballengee, captain of the Tubbs Snowshoe Racing Team, which organized two years ago. "Now there's like 80 races a year, and one race in Avon had 700 people last year."

A barometer of the sport's popularity is snowshoe sales, which Howley says have been on the rise. "And we've doubled the size of our rental department," he added.

Like many of today's snowshoe enthusiasts, Ballengee and her Tubbs cohorts took snowshoeing and ran with it — literally. In need of a way to maintain her fitness level during Colorado's winters, Ballengee, a avid runner, tried a snowshoeing race four years ago. She was hooked.

"It was so fun. It was a great workout, and it was just beautiful running through the snow," Ballengee says, she looks forward more to winter snowshoeing than summer running.

As are all of the members of the Tubbs racing team, Ballengee is a serious athlete, winning the Estes Peak Marathon twice and participating in the U.S. triathlon and duathlon amateur team. The snowshoe team, sponsored by Tubbs Snowshoes, has 10 members. Eight are from Colorado, including well-known mountain runners Tom Sobal and Ely Browning. The core demands of snow races that now can be found somewhere in Colorado's mountains nearly every winter weekend.

For those who want to try the sport, check publications at outdoor stores for listings of snowshoeing events. Ballengee touts the events as the perfect means of getting acquainted with snowshoeing, noting that snowshoe demos are generally available free for registered participants.

While some racers take the events a bit more seriously, many

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Those with poles — a use many people encourage — can get a good upper-body workout as well. Ballengee, however, is in the anti-pole camp, siding instead with using the sport to build coordination and balance, which happens because of the constantly changing snow. "The poles actually work as a crutch, and you're not forced to develop that coordination and balance."

And runners can even work on speed while snowshoeing, she said. "On a groomed trail,

some of the best racers can run six or seven minute miles."

It is also a safe sport, as the shoes provide stability, and the snow acts as a shock absorber. "There are very few injuries in snowshoeing," Ballengee said.

Snowshoeing is a sport that can be done anywhere, anytime — as long as there's snow, that is.

National forests, open space and alpine and nordic ski areas are other good options, Ballengee said.

"Generally speaking, people should try to stay off of cross-country ski trails," said Howley, since snowshoeing will break up skiers' tracks. However, any place else works because snowshoeing is an environmentally sensitive sport.

But if snowshoers stray from the trails, cautioned Black, they need to keep two things in mind:

finding their way back and protecting themselves from the dangers of an avalanche.

Usually, snowshoers can go exploring and follow their own tracks back, Black said. "But be aware of where you're going. If you have to find your way back in bad weather, you might not find them (the tracks)."

And unless snowshoers don't mind hiking in the dark — which Ballengee says can be a beautiful way to hike, if there's moonlight — keep in mind that snowshoeing takes more time than hiking and running, Black said. One of his favorite nine-mile running loops recently took him three and a half hours to snowshoe, he said.

And, as always when traveling in the backcountry, do not go out without first calling the Avalanche Information Center at the very least. Ballengee and Black, who periodically do snowshoe clinics advise taking an avalanche-safety course. Books and videos are also available at local outdoor and book stores.

As snowshoers are hitting the backcountry areas, they are increasingly becoming avalanche statistics, according to Black. Howley noted that a lot of snowboarders in search of slopes are snowshoeing into the backcountry to find them.

Finally, invest in some good snowshoes and backcountry gear because, according to Ballengee, "Once people start snowshoeing, they stick with it."

people "walk" the races and take part in the other fun-focused events, Ballengee said.

Howley agreed, adding that some of the larger festivals include such things as family snowshoe hikes, backcountry tours, kids' races, games and an end-of-the-day lodge party.

With the revolution of the industry, snowshoes are not what they used to be, and newcomers to the sport should test a few pairs before investing in their own, most agree. The average rental price locally is \$12 for a weekend, Howley said.

And for those who would prefer to learn the sport on their own, the experts say: Rent a pair and take off to any place snow can be found. "It's easy," Ballengee said, adding that its ease of learning is one of the sport's best attributes. "If you can walk, you can snowshoe."

Once runners-turned-snowshoers get used to the shoes, they can start running their favorite mountain trails in snowshoes, said Eric Black, a Tubbs race team member. "In the mountains we run on trails with snowshoes instead of the roads with cars." It makes for an even better endurance builder, said Black, who has won two Iron Man Canadas and three Iron Man Hawaii. "A short route you do in the summer in the winter can take you three hours."

Ballengee, a 1994 biology and kinesiology University of Colorado graduate, cannot mask her enthusiasm when she talks about snowshoeing as a fitness activity. She says snowshoers can increase their aerobic thresholds, the point at which lactic acid is produced too fast for the body to clear, thus increasing the intensity and length of their workouts.

Snowshoers will increase their hip-flexor, quadricep and gluteal strength so much that "you could skip the weight lifting in the winter," she said. And the staimaster, according to Black, "Just go snowshoeing in deep snow. It's like a staimaster, but you're outside."

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Toy safety isn't guaranteed despite testing

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Delores Shaw never imagined that Mattel Inc.'s Cabbage Patch Kids Snacktime Kid could chomp off 5 inches of her daughter's long hair.

She just assumed the world's biggest toy maker produced safe toys.

"I trusted Mattel's reputation and never thought they'd put out something that could be dangerous," Shaw said. "I sure was surprised when it ate her hair."

"Toy safety isn't guaranteed. It's not that toy makers knowingly manufacture dangerous toys — in fact, most including Mattel — to test their toys to be sure they won't injure children. But loose federal guidelines and a lack of government oversight mean some harmful toys do reach store shelves and find their way into children's hands."

"No one is checking these toys before they go on the market," said Stephanie Oppenheim, who publishes an annual toy guide, the Oppenheim Toy Portfolio. "The toy industry is a self-regulating business, and people just don't realize that."

Toy makers test whether their products can stand up to children's play and they examine everything from flammability to sharp edges. There are also some industry-wide regulations, especially for toys designed for young children, that deal with small parts and lead-paint content.

Toy makers including Mattel, Tyco Toys Inc. and Hasbro Inc. declined to discuss their testing procedures with The Associated Press.

The government doesn't get involved until after toys reach the marketplace and problems arise.

In 1972, Congress passed a law that created the Consumer Product Safety Commission to police industries including the toy business. The CPSC establish-



Gina Melchiori, 4, of Normal, Ill., received a Cabbage Patch Snacktime Kid doll for Christmas. The doll took liberties with Gina's hair. Kelly Melchiori, Gina's mother, shows where the doll gobbled the girl's hair.

es safety standards, does product testing and can ban goods it considers immediate dangers to the public.

Under the CPSC's jurisdiction are 15,000 consumer products ranging from toys and cribs to coffee makers and lawn mowers.

Consumer groups have pressed Congress to broaden the duties of the CPSC, allocate more federal funds for staffing and allow the commission to do pre-marketing testing of toys. But in an era when less government is thought to be better government, such calls have not been answered.

"Everyone is always yelling there are too many regulations," said Janice Shields, consumer research director at the U.S. Public Interest Research Group, a Washington-based consumer advocacy organization. "But when there is an injury or death, everyone wants to know where the regulators are."

There were 21 reports of toy-related deaths in 1995, and 17 of the victims were under 5 years old. Choking was reported in 12 of the deaths, according to the CPSC.

"We are putting toys out there that are time bombs, and they can explode," said Ed Swartz, a Boston attorney and author of "Toys That Kill."

While Mattel refused to comment to the AP on its testing because it has been sued over the dolls, The Washington Post reported that only three dozen children were used to test the toys before they went to market and the product was never tested for lead entrapment.

The government did not test until after the first incidents were reported and didn't find any serious safety hazards with the doll.

Despite the CPSC's findings, Mattel pulled the doll from store shelves and decided to allow parents to return it for a \$40 refund.

Safety guidelines for toys

Some precautionary steps to take before buying toys:

- Run your fingers around the edges to check for sharp edges, hidden thorns or parts that can pinch.
- Read age warning labels and know what age your child is at developmental level.
- Examine toys for small parts or pieces that can easily be pulled off, like buttons and eyes.
- Avoid toys that can be chewed or broken apart easily.
- Make sure the parts are large enough that they can't be swallowed or stuck in a child's throat.
- Some steps to take after purchasing toys:
 - Take toys out of packaging to check safety before giving to child.
 - Supervise while child plays with toys to watch that they are used in the manner for which they were designed.
 - Throw away broken toys.
 - Establish an area in home for playtime to prevent children from running around with toys in hand.

Sources: Oppenheim Toy Portfolio, Consumer Reports Books "Guide to Baby Products"

"This incident points out one of the shortcomings in toy testing," said Chris Byrne, editor of Mattel Focus Toys, a New York-based trade publication. "Manufacturers try to foresee abuse of the toy more than what can happen during actual play."

"But then you never know what kids are going to do," he said. "That's the way Shaw felt when the Cabbage Patch doll ate her daughter's hair."

"It frustrates me because it's a child's nature to put things in a doll's mouth," the Speedway, Ind. resident said. "It's a matter of knowing a child's nature and manufacturers should understand that."

And Shaw joins millions of other parents who also put their trust in toy companies and just assume toys are safe. "I look at price, and equate price with quality of the product," said Susan Taylor, a Stamford, Conn., mother of two kids ages 6 and 9. "But do I really look closely at whether they're safe? No."

warn that real safety only comes after parents take toys out of boxes for examination, read warning labels and avoid toys that can pinch easily.

"For some parents, buying a toy is a more emotional decision rather than an intellectual decision," said Sandy Jones, author of the "Guide to Baby Products" from Consumer Reports Books.

"Parents need to do their homework," she said. "A toy that might be excellent for a 3- or 4-year-old, can be very hazardous to a 1- or 2-year-old even if you think your kid is smart."

Jones encourages parents to return toys they feel are unsafe by bringing them back to the stores where they were purchased or by sending them directly to the manufacturers.

And parents who feel a toy is potentially harmful to a child or in any way defective should immediately report it to the CPSC for review.

"Today's parents are getting more aggressive, and they need to be in order to have safe toys for their kids," Jones said.

Toy makers gather at expo, hoping to get next Tickle Me Elmo

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — What will be the Tickle Me Elmo of 1997?

Toy makers all hope the answer to that question can be found in their new product lines.

The giggling plush doll stole the show last Christmas as parents used guerrilla shopping tactics to capture Elmo for their kids. Now as toy companies hold Toy Fair, their annual trade expo, everyone is wondering what the next toy sensation will be.

"They only hope that they will capture the market like Elmo," said Jill Krutick,

a toy analyst at Smith Barney. "But it's impossible to know." Tickle Me Elmo was the surprise success of 1996, selling out of stores nationwide well before Christmas.

Manufacturer Tyco Toys Inc. had to fly the dolls from factories in China to get them here faster.

Thanks to the Elmo craze, sales of plush dolls climbed 12 percent in 1996, according to the NPD Group, a market research firm.

But on Elmo phenomenon isn't planned in advance, and even the biggest toy companies can't predict what's going to sell. In fact, Mattel and

Hasbro, the top U.S. toy makers, passed on the Ninja Turtles idea in the late 1980s, and the fighting-figures ended up selling billions.

At the American International Toy Fair, which officially begins Monday, manufacturers will show their 1997 lines and retailers will be scouting around for what may be the industry's next megahit. Elmo will be back, and Tyco will make some of his Sesame Street pals laugh too. But the ticking gimmick probably won't generate the same buying excitement as last year.

As usual, manufacturers will depend heavily on licensed toys, link-

ing their products to new Hollywood productions: "We're definitely going to see a lot of event-driven products in the marketplace," said Gary M. Jacobson, an analyst at Jelleff & Co. "Every big movie will have products tied to it."

The frenzy begins this month with the relaunch of the "Star Wars" trilogy, and other upcoming films with toy tie-ins include "Jurassic Park," "The Lost World," "Batman and Robin," "Hercules," and "Anastasia."

Toy makers like movie-related paraphernalia because the products are identified with a heavily-advertised enter-

tainment package. That reduces the research, development and marketing costs of rolling out a toy.

"While we know there will be more toys this year tied to movie properties, we'll have to wait and see if kids respond to these movies," said Margaret Whitfield, a toy industry analyst at Hancock Institutional Equity.

Video games are expected to have another big year after sales climbed 23 percent in 1996 thanks to the excitement over new, graphically sophisticated systems on the market, said Port Washington, N.Y.-based NPD Group.

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