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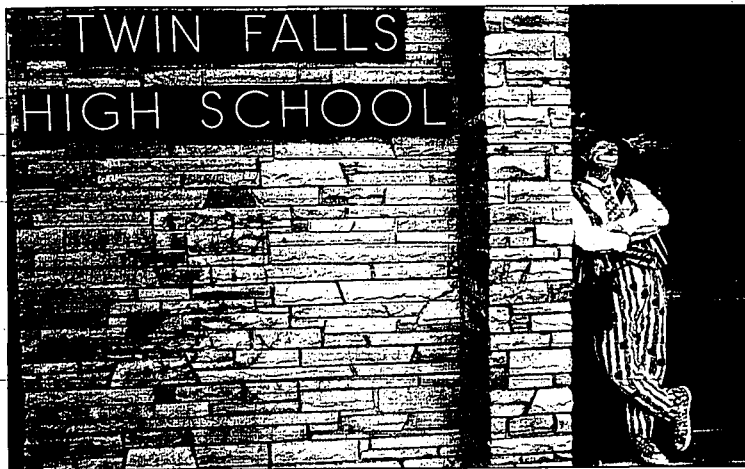
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Twin Falls High sends out the clown



Clown Wade Mathews stands outside Twin Falls High School, where school officials have said his greeting students during class time on Valentine's Day would be a disruption of the educational process.

Barred from doing Valentine show, he may try it anyway

By Liz Wright
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Mister Clown — a performer whom Twin Falls High School has banned from performing a Valentine's Day show for a student during class Friday — is wrestling with doubts about whether he should go ahead with his act anyway, in protest of the holiday injustice.

"What are they going to do, arrest a clown?" said the clown-for-hire, Wade Mathews, 35. "I'm not sure if that would be good publicity or bad publicity. I don't know. My wife is scared half to death because she thinks it's going to be bad publicity. But I don't think they would do something like that."

But a miffed clown's ire might well get lost in the chaos of Valentine's Day at school. Every year, students dollop each other with cards, candy, jewelry, long-stemmed roses and balloons. They pile up by the hundreds in schools' front offices and keep clerks scrambling.

Officials in Twin Falls arrange five long tables in the front office where florists and students can place gifts. Student clerks take fistfuls of pink slips. Please see CLOWN, Page A2

House rejects term limit bid

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House rejected a proposed constitutional amendment Wednesday to slap term limits on members of Congress after a debate that exposed deep divisions among supporters.

The vote was 217-211, 69 votes shy of the two-thirds necessary for approval of the measure to limit lawmakers to 12 years in office — and fewer than it gained two years ago.

"They're eating their own. It's just bizarre," GOP Rep. Christopher Shays, a term limits opponent, exulted as supporters quarreled among themselves over whether six years, eight years or 12 years should be set as a limit for House service.

In the end, none of the proposals came close to amassing the two-thirds needed to prevail.

One mirroring the congressional term limits initiative adopted by Idaho voters last November was offered by the state's two Republican representatives, Helen Chenoweth and Michael Crapo. It was overwhelmingly rejected, 339-85.

Idaho power could gain new meaning

By Karen Tolkinson
Times-News writer

BOISE — Imagine this. As power deregulation fans mergers and buyouts of power companies nationwide, representatives from the city of Los Angeles sit down with Idaho Power Co. to discuss buying electricity harnessed from Idaho rivers.

It could ship the power down to its own users, who would see their power bills shrink. At the same time, Idaho power users would have to turn elsewhere to buy power for things as essential as refrigerating food and irrigating crops. Users here, who enjoy one of the lowest power rates in the nation, would see their power bills grow.

But then, imagine an alternative scenario, in which representatives of the state of Idaho are at the negotiating table, holding a major trump card. If they don't like the terms of the buyout agreement between Los Angeles and Idaho Power, they can condemn Idaho Power's holdings, buy them and jump into the power business.

A bill introduced by the Senate State Affairs Committee on Wednesday would allow Idaho just that power.



"The mere fact that this legislation has been introduced ... should serve as a deterrent to those who might want to take over Idaho Power," said Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, the bill's author.

The state would have the right to condemn the land and sell power to homes and farms. It would also fix power lines, process changes and read meters.

"We'd own a power company," Noh said.

But his bill is also a card the state can hold while waiting for the outcome of discussions between Gov. Phil Batt and Idaho Power.

The utility company has proposed establishing a long-term, binding contract between it and the state, if the governor, lawmakers, counties and ratepayer groups agree for maintaining low rates at its 50-year relicensing hearings, Noh said. Idaho Power's license is up in



Laird Noh

about five years, and it could face enormous monetary claims from tribes and wilderness groups for destruction of wildlife areas.

Batt has not yet stated his position on the proposition.

"The governor has consistently stated that this water resource belongs to the people of Idaho and he wants to make sure that they receive maximum benefit from that resource," said spokesman Frank Lockwood.

"As the governor is studying these issues, he's going to be looking out for the best interest of Idahoans who pay their electricity bills. ... The governor has said consistently that he's willing to listen to proposals that folks have on this and he's willing to listen to Idaho Power as well," Lockwood said.

Utility companies — whose stock value could fall under Noh's proposal — aren't wild about his legislation.

"That's not something we would look Please see POWER, Page A2

Cupid's arrow has always had lots of help

'Be mine' messages cost more today

The Associated Press

CHANTILLY, Va. — A hundred years ago, lovers were busy expressing tender devotion.

Mail sacks sagged with valentines. Confectioners sold heart-shaped creams. Florists suggested people say it with flowers.

"Be mine" has echoed through the mists of time. Through war and peace, electricity and e-mail, man on the moon and woman in the voting booth, the essentials of Valentine's Day have stayed as firmly embedded as Cupid's arrow.

It's just that the day keeps getting bigger.

Americans are expected to swap 950 million valentines, give 90 million roses (eight in 10 of them red) and spend \$700 million on candy for Friday.

That's a hunk of burning love. It begins with tiny little flames.

At Greenbriar East elementary school in Virginia's Fairfax County, the youngsters' children have their valentine pouches made, cards ready and expectations primed.

On Friday, says third-grade teacher Mary Henry, "they will get all squiggly and giggly when they read them."

Kids will skitter off to classroom corners to read their notes. Like generations past, they will be snipping and pasting red and white paper. Glue sticks have replaced the glue pots of old.

The card exchange falls off in higher grades.

"Some of them are into the boy-girl thing and some aren't," said sixth-grade teacher Mark Stevens, counting stacks of

change for Friday's ice cream party. "Some are into the boy-girl thing a little too much."

Not so at a table where six boys from fifth grade are inhaling lunch. The two in this group planning to give valentines this year are doing so under pressure.

"Mom's making me," said Andrew. He will have his computer spit them out.

At high school, the beat picks up. Expensive roses are their debut.

As in kindergarten, but for different reasons, Valentine's Day is again a big, big deal.

A hundred years ago, Roy Farrell Greeve tried to stop all this.

In a Feb. 14, 1897, cartoon in The Washington Post, he told modern girls that Cupid and hearts were "clearly out of date."

Nice try. Elsewhere in the paper, a florist asked: "What could be prettier, or more refined, than flowers?" In another cartoon, a mailman struggled with a sack of "red-hot Valentines."

Thirty years later, newspapers were full of love testimonials and merchants out to make a buck. "Say it with flowers," a flower shop implored in 1927. You could take your sweetie to Sargeant's restaurant-in-Washington for a \$1 turkey dinner.

Roses, delicately tinted as her fair cheeks, "went for \$3 to a sweetheart \$50 a year," a florist's wage for a bricklayer, or a month's child care.

For Valentine's Day 1967, a bottle of Beaujolais sold for \$1.99 — one quarter of the price for a modest label now. A pound of Whitman chocolate in a red foil heart box went for \$1.33.



Walter Marshall of the New England Candy Co. holds some of the well-known candy hearts bearing both traditional and up-to-date messages for Valentine's Day.

Sayings from the hearts change

The Associated Press

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Change is in the sugar-dusted air where those little candy hearts with those sweet little messages have rolled off the same machines every Valentine's Day for generations.

This year, messages like "E-Mail Me" and "Page Me" have joined sweet standbys like "Be Mine" on the pastel hearts, while "Hot Stuff" has gone the way of "Groovy" and other outdated phrases.

Adding new sayings and dropping old ones is a haphazard practice at the New England Confectionery Co., where century-old machines stamp out Sweethearts Conversation Hearts.

"There's nothing formal. This is not

rocket science here. It's fun," said Walter Marshall, the company's vice president and self-proclaimed King of Hearts.

There are only a few rules: The mottoes have to be G-rated, and they must be short enough to fit on the coin-sized hearts. ("Some people, they want to write the Gettysburg Address on the heart," Marshall said.)

The six new entries this year were inspired by everyone from Jerry Seinfeld ("I Don't Think So") to Marshall's grandson Joshua ("Awesome").

The new lines among the 125 phrases stamped on the hearts also include "Excuse Me" and "Hello." Some of the banished phrases: "Buzz Off," "Stop," "Try Me," "Bad Boy" and "Say Yes."

WEATHER

IDAHO Weather

Location	Temp
Coeur d'Alene	40°
Lewiston	40°
Boise	43°
Twin Falls	40°
Pocatello	37°
Idaho Falls	34°

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FORECAST

Magic Valley

Partly cloudy today. Highs around 40. West winds 10 to 15 mph. Tonight mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s to the low 30s. Friday mostly cloudy and milder. Highs in the lower to mid 40s. The ultraviolet index forecast is 1, a minimal exposure level.

Extended regional forecast

Clearer and drier with low clouds and fog in the morning. Lows 22-32. Highs in the 40s. Monday mostly cloudy with a chance of valley rain and mountain snow. Lows 25-35. Highs in the 40s.

Camas Prairie, Wood River Valley

Partly cloudy this morning with areas of valley fog. Increasing clouds in the afternoon leading to a chance of snow. Highs in the mid 30s to low 40s except 25 to 30 on Camas Prairie. Tonight mostly cloudy and milder. Highs in the mid 30s. Friday mostly cloudy and milder with a chance of snow and rain. Snow level 5000 feet. Highs in the 30s to lower 40s.

Treasure Valley

Partly cloudy this morning with patchy fog. Increasing clouds in the afternoon with a slight chance of rain late in the day. Highs 40 to 45. Light winds in the morning, then northwest about 10 mph in the afternoon. Tonight mostly cloudy with a chance of rain or snow. Lows in the lower 30s. Friday mostly cloudy and milder with a chance of rain. Highs 45 to 50.

Sawtooth Mountains

Foggy this morning otherwise partly cloudy becoming mostly cloudy late in the day. Highs in the 30s. Tonight cloudy with a chance of snow. Milder with lows 15 to 25. Friday cloudy and milder with a chance of snow possibly may mix with rain at lower elevations. Highs in the 30s to lower 40s.

Eastern Idaho

Cloudy today with a slight chance of morning snow. Highs in the low to mid 30s. Southwest wind 10 to 20 mph. Tonight mostly cloudy. Lows around 20. Friday partly sunny. Highs in the upper 30s.

Northern Idaho

Partly cloudy today with a chance of rain in the afternoon. Highs in the low to mid 40s. Light winds becoming southwest 5 to 10 mph in the afternoon. Tonight rain likely. Snow level 5000 feet. Lows 35 to 40. Friday rain likely. Snow level 5000 feet. Highs in the 40s to lower 50s.

Northern Nevada

Partly cloudy today. Tonight and Friday. Northwest wind to 15 mph. Highs near 40. Lows near 20 tonight. Friday highs 45-50.

Northern Utah

Partly cloudy today. Highs in the upper 30s. Light north wind 10 to 20 mph. Tonight mostly cloudy. Lows in the 20s. Friday partly cloudy. Highs in the low to mid 40s. The ultraviolet index forecast is 2, a minimal exposure level.

ACROSS THE NATION

Heavy rain fills Southern rivers; light snow sifts over West

The Associated Press

Rain fell across the South Wednesday, bringing out flood warnings in Mississippi, and light snow was scattered over the Ohio Valley and parts of the West.

A weather system sliding across the West produced some light to moderate snow showers in sections of Idaho and Utah, with an inch of snow reported on the ground by midday around Clearfield, Utah, between Salt Lake City and Ogden.

That system was weakening as it edged into northern Arizona, where scattered snow showers were forecast during the night and Thursday morning.

Elsewhere in the West, rain and snow showers were expected to move eastward through Washington and Oregon, producing up to 10 inches of snow at isolated higher elevations.

A broad area of rain stretched from Texas across the Gulf states into Alabama during the afternoon.

Much of the rainfall was light, but thunderstorms were scattered over southeastern Texas and southern Louisiana, and more than 2 inches of rain was reported in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Up to 2 inches of rain had fallen by afternoon in parts of Mississippi, with heavier rain likely overnight. The National Weather Service posted flood warnings along several of the state's rivers, saying water could rise over farm land and some roads.

Some snow mixed with the rain along the northwestern edge of the precipitation area, covering north Texas with a few inches.

That snow was forecast to spread eastward into Arkansas and Tennessee during the night.

Farther north, a cold front draped across the Ohio and middle Mississippi valleys marked the leading edge of a chilly air mass.

ALMANAC

Idaho	Twin Falls		
	Max	Min	Pcp
Boise	45	32	0.01
Burley	40	34	0.02
Fairfield	29	22	0.21
Gooding	41	24	0.01
Hagerman	45	34	0.01
Idaho Falls	35	27	0.03
Jerome	38	29	0.01
Lewiston	41	34	0.17
Malba	42	23	0.01
Malta	39	30	0.04
McCall	38	24	0.01
Pocatello	38	29	0.09
Salmon	36	27	0.01
Stanley	27	20	0.01
Sun Valley	35	20	0.01

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SKYWATCH

Sunset today 6:07 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:37 a.m.
Lunar phase: First quarter, Feb. 14; full Feb. 22; last quarter, March 2; new, March 8.
Visible planets: Mars, Mercury.
Evening: Saturn, Mars.

NATIONAL Weather

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Thursday, Feb. 13:

Baro: increases high temperature zones for the day.

PRECIPITATION

- Hail
- Snow
- Freezing Rain
- Light Rain
- Heavy Rain
- Sleet
- Ice
- Sunny
- Partly Cloudy
- Cloudy

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TEMPERATURES

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	51	35	0.00
Atlanta	50	29	0.00
Boston	31	24	0.00
Chicago	25	20	0.05
Dallas	45	45	2.25
Denver	42	34	0.00
Des Moines	18	13	0.00
Detroit	30	24	0.05
Honolulu	14	3	0.00
Houston	51	47	0.00
Indianapolis	34	30	0.01
Kansas City	29	20	0.00
Las Vegas	67	48	0.00
Los Angeles	61	50	0.00
Milwaukee	22	19	0.04
Minneapolis	14	3	0.02
New Orleans	49	40	0.14
New York	39	32	0.00
Oakland City	42	33	0.00
Omaha	21	15	0.00
Phoenix	61	46	0.00
Portland, Ore.	42	28	0.00
Portland, Me.	34	15	0.00
Portland, Ore.	47	39	0.00
St. Louis	36	31	0.00
Salt Lake City	42	33	0.00
San Francisco	59	52	0.00
Seattle	49	40	0.25
Spokane	39	24	0.00
Washington	43	30	0.00

HIGHS & LOWS

Idaho High: 51 degrees at Payette. Low: 19 degrees at Soda Springs. Nation: High: 82 at Fort Myers, Fla. Low: 30 below at Internat'l Falls, Minn.

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Judge to rule on sealing slain girl's autopsy results

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — Boulder County authorities asked a judge Wednesday to seal a report detailing an autopsy on the body of JonBenet Ramsey, arguing its release would jeopardize the investigation into her murder.

Assistant Boulder County Attorney Madeline Mason said

the report contained information that only investigators and the killer know.

"The more information there is, the more bad information law enforcement gets about the case," she said. "The public interest in the successful conclusion of this investigation outweighs the pub-

lic's right to know."

Mason sealed what the report remain sealed until an arrest is made, but there was no comment on how long that would be.

Media attorneys objected to Mason's request, arguing that the report is a public record and the public deserves to know its contents.

Clown

in classrooms, alerting students to collect their presents at the front office between classes. Sometimes there are so many gifts that the clerks end up taking them directly to classes.

"By Friday, it will look like Mardi Gras," said Principal Carl Snow.

are considering a different tack.

"They're coming and going all day," said Principal John Fennell. "That is one of our concerns that we may need something that is more conducive towards school."

Twin Falls school officials say they are trying everything they can to prevent disrupted lessons and that is why they are keeping Mathews out of the school.

Mathews contends that love conquers all.

"It's Valentine's Day, for crying out loud," Mathews said. "Kids pass out valentines and stuff. Wouldn't that be disruptive to the educational process?"

Mathews to go into the high school classroom Friday to surprise their 16-year-old daughter with a poem and some embarrassing fuss. His performances can last up to 15 minutes. But unlike previous times, the school said no to his valentine ballad.

"I'm just trying to make somebody happy and now they're telling me it's disruptive," he said.

Mathews is mulling a range of merry prankster possibilities, including entering the school and staging a protest performance in the classroom or - a more watered-down version - performing his act for the principal only.

Snow was noncommittal about the protest act, as long as it remains outside classrooms.

"I'm not going to spend my time watching an act, but if he wants to dance around in the lobby and not bother anybody,

"I'm not going to object to that," Snow said.

But Snow had stronger words for Mathews' classroom option.

"If he does this, we will have him arrested," Snow said.

"There's an ordinance against trespassing, you know. We have resource officer on hand, and if he tries to come into the school and interrupt classes, he's not going to and we're not going to allow him to do it."

The school's no-clown policy isn't limited just to clowns; it also prohibits singing telegram deliverers, belly dancers, cupids, "knock throwers" and any other thespians, Snow said.

If the school allowed one clown into class, "it would be a steady stream through the door," Snow said.

Schools also say that if Mathews is still considering a protest, he could learn a lot from 30-year man's example.

In December, "30-year man," aka Tommy Moore of Portland, Ore., was escorted away from Harrison Elementary School by a policeman before he had a chance to set out on school property and start performing his show of yo-yo tricks. Moore was upset because Harrison Elementary School cancelled his show, saying it was a money-making venture more than an educational presentation.

Unlike Moore, Mathews wouldn't make hundreds of dollars, just \$25. And now he's pretty much resigned to a lighthearted prank, and no protest.

"It'll be nice," Mathews said.

Power

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"I think they have a grand approach," Noh said.

The Senate, meanwhile, is debating a resolution by emergency talks between Blam and the utility, said Sen. John Bensen, R-Idaho Falls, chairman of the Senate State Affairs Committee, which will vote on Wednesday.

It would probably be the best, he said, if the governor put together a negotiating task force.

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Tomorrow is Valentine's Day! Don't forget to buy a Sweet Rewards ticket for your Valentine.

William Blamson made a quick stop at the Boise-based Lottery office to cash in his \$1,000 winning Battership ticket. He purchased this winning ticket on Thursday evening at the 7-11 on Chinden in Boise.

Two new instant tickets are now available. Check out Cash Fantasy and Shush Fund on your next trip to your Lottery Retailer.

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NATION

Coast Guardsmen die in rescue effort

LA PUSH, Wash. (AP) — Three members of a four-man Coast Guard rescue crew died before dawn Wednesday when their boat capsized en route to aid a sailboat in 25-foot seas and 40-knot winds near this Pacific coast community.

The Northern California couple aboard the foundering sailboat were retrieved by a helicopter dispatched from Coast Guard Air Station Port Angeles, about 60 miles east.

The fourth Coast Guard crew member, seaman apprentice Benjamin Wingo, was rescued from the base of a cliff on James Island, about half a mile from this Olympic Peninsula town, said Coast Guard spokeswoman

La. Marenia LaGuardia in Port Angeles. Wingo, 19, of Bremerton, was taken to nearby Forks Community Hospital for treatment of a broken nose and cuts on his face. Wingo declined to discuss the tragedy as he left the hospital Wednesday.

The crew's 44-foot, steel-hulled boat capsized as they sped to the site of a sailboat in trouble at the mouth of the Quillayute River, about 115 miles west of Seattle. It was one of two La Push-based motor lifeboats dispatched to help the Gale Runner, reported to be taking on water at 12:25 a.m.

One of the rescue boats struck the river bar safely, but communications with the other were

lost, LaGuardia said. A red distress flare was spotted at 12:55 a.m. and four more flares were seen 15 minutes later as the crew searched for their missing counterparts, she said.

The couple aboard the Gale Runner were listed as dead in a wreckage on the rocks, said LaGuardia, adding that she did not know where the boat was headed.

The couple did not want their names released, hospital spokeswoman Jim Elyas said. The man was treated for hypothermia and released, while the woman was comatose and observed overnight. She was released Wednesday.

Four Coast Guard helicopters

searched through the night for the missing crew. Possible sightings with infrared radar were confirmed after daylight.

The dead Coast Guardsmen were identified as Clinton P. Minkins, 22, of Snohomish, Wash.; Petty Officer 2nd Class David A. Bosley, 36, of Coronado, Calif.; and Petty Officer 3rd Class Matthew E. Schlimme, 24, of Whitewater, Mo.

All four men were wearing insulated flotation gear, said Lt. Marc Sanders in Seattle. They also were wearing crash helmets, a Coast Guard release said.

Their boat was found aground on James Island, where Wingo was rescued, Sanders said.

Key fund-raising figures decline document request

WASHINGTON (AP) — Three former Clinton administration appointees and a fund-raiser have declined for now to volunteer documents to a House committee investigating Democratic fund-raising irregularities.

The panel's chairman immediately promised subpoenas. Disgraced Justice Department official Webster Hubbell, Arkansas restaurateur Charles Yuh Lin Tzie, ex-White House aide Mark Middleton and former Commerce Department appointee John Huang declined

the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee's first request for records.

The four witnesses' lawyers gave varying reasons for their decisions, ranging from concern about an ongoing criminal investigation to prior negative experiences with Congress.

The lawyer for Hubbell, a golfing buddy of the president, writing his client had cooperated with an earlier Senate probe into Whitewater only to be re-arrested later, in possession of possible perjury because of "alleged

minor inconsistencies."

"Not surprisingly, he is disinclined voluntarily to participate in a new round of congressional investigations," attorney John Warkentin wrote.

The lawyer for Tzie said he would not cooperate at least until his "summons in light of the criminal investigation is clarified."

Huang's attorney wrote his client would like to strike an agreement for "full and complete cooperation" but that "circumstances currently do not permit Mr. Huang to produce" the

requested documents or submit to an interview.

The chairman of the House committee expressed dismay at the decisions and said the panel would issue subpoenas to compel the four to produce the documents.

"The president has pledged full cooperation in this matter, and I would hope that the president's appointees and friends would honor this commitment," said Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind.

Burton can issue the subpoenas without a committee vote.

IDAHO ROAD REPORT

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Department of Transportation Wednesday reported snowy roads across much of the state.

Conditions:
U.S. 95 — Riggin-Whitebird Hill, dry; Whitebird Hill, icy; winds; Grangeville-Winchester, wet, icy, snowing; Weiser-New Meadows, dry, snow floor, snowing.

Interstate 84 — Oregon line-Caldwell, dry; Caldwell-Nampa area, dry, wet; Boise area-Burley, dry; Burley-Utah line, dry, icy, drif.

Idaho 55 — Horseshoe Bend-Donnelly, dry, icy spots, broken snow floor; Donnelly-New Meadows, snow floor, snowing.
Idaho 21 — Boise-Idaho City, dry, wet, icy spots, snowing; Idaho City-Lowman, icy spots, broken snow floor, snow floor; Lowman-Banner Summit, closed by slides.

U.S. 20 — Mountain Home-Curry, icy spots, drif; Arco-Adrian, wet, icy spots; Arden-Mountain line, wet, snow floor.

U.S. 26 — Idaho Falls-Wenatchee, wet, broken snow floor, snow, drif; Blackfoot-Thorpe, icy.

Idaho 51 — Ar, broken snow floor, snow, drif.

U.S. 53 — Nevada line-Twin Falls, dry, wet; Twin Falls-Coray, dry, icy spots, snowing; drif; Carey-Ware, icy spots, drif; Arco-Salmon, wet;

Idaho 75 — Shoshone-Norchurn, wet, icy spots, snowing; Galena-Summit, snow floor, snowing.

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NATION

EPA chief: Air standards too lax

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton's top environmental official emphatically denounced sterner, more expensive air pollution standards Wednesday and said the debate should focus on protecting lives — not whether people will lose their backyard barbecues.

The proposal before the Environmental Protection Agency has enraged business interests, including some of the most powerful corporate lobbying groups in Washington. They say it will cost tens of billions of dollars with questionable health benefits.

Appearing before a congressional hearing where some senators also were openly cool to the proposed changes, EPA Administrator Carol Browner said the tougher standards reflect scientific research showing current allowable limits on smog-causing ozone and soot fail to protect public health.

"The current levels (of pollution) leave too many people at risk... That's what the science shows us," insisted Browner. "Too many people are suffering."

She said that more than 240 peer-reviewed scientific studies — the most ever considered by the EPA in a health standard review — show that the allowable levels of ozone and microscopic soot demonstrate that as many as 200,000 elderly people are dying prematurely and thousands of children and adults suffer respiratory ailments each year because of allowable dirty air.

"Clearly the science calls for action... to protect millions of Americans and especially millions of children," Browner told the Senate



EPA Administrator Carol Browner testifies Wednesday before the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee.

Environment and Public Works Committee. Outside the Senate office building a small group protested the EPA's proposed air standard. At least one person brought a hibachi to dramatize claims made by a number of industry critics that the tougher air standards would lead to lifestyle changes, including possible bans on backyard barbecuing, as local officials try to find ways to curb air pollution under the proposed federal mandate.

"Can you assure us that backyard barbecues are not in jeopardy?" Sen. Joe Lieberman asked Browner.

"You are free to barbecue, now your lawn

and enjoy the Fourth of July fireworks," replied Browner. She said that despite some critics' claims, the new air pollution standards can be met without imposing such lifestyle restrictions.

But some senators, nevertheless, were skeptical about the scientific underpinning of the EPA proposal, which would reduce the maximum healthy levels of ozone to 0.08 parts per billion and begin to regulate microscopic particles, or fine soot, from combustion down to as little as 2.5 microns, or less than 1/28th the width of a human hair.

"It is possible to push too far, too fast," said Sen. John Chafee, R-R.I., who suggested that the EPA leave the ozone standard alone and hold off on setting standards for soot until the next five-year review after more research on its health impact.

Chafee, who criticism carried particular weight because of his solid reputation among environmentalists, said he feared the EPA proposals could prompt "a revolt" in states and in the Congress and pressure lawmakers to re-examine the 1990 Clean Air Act, one of the most successful environmental laws on the books.

"You overload the horse... and you get the whole program in jeopardy," Chafee told reporters before Wednesday's hearing.

With industry faced with billions of dollars in additional pollution control costs to meet the tougher standards, "we cannot afford to make mistakes," added Sen. James M. Inhofe, R-Okla. He urged the EPA "not to rush into anything."

GOP donors gather at resort with lawmakers

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than 200 of the most generous contributors to the Republican Party will be mingling at an exclusive Florida resort next week with the Senate majority leader, the House Appropriations chairman and other lawmakers.

The Team 100 winter meeting, for donors who give the Republican National Committee \$175,000 over four years, will take place Feb. 19-20.

They will be paying for their travel and their stay at The Breakers, on the ocean in Palm Beach. The century-old, Italian Renaissance-style facility has

lush tropical gardens and extensive conference facilities.

RNC spokeswoman Mary Crawford said Team 100 has two meetings a year. The winter meeting features Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, Rep. Bob Livingston of Louisiana, who chairs the House Appropriations Committee, and other lawmakers.

Kant Cooper of the Center for Responsive Politics said, "This is the exact kind of access that Democratic donors wanted with Clinton. This is payback time."

It's the kind of access the average person will never have.

Even though it's not the White House, they (the donors) will have the kind of access their contributions have bought."

Ms. Crawford said members attending the meeting want to meet new Republican National Chairman Jim Nicholson, a Colorado developer.

Besides Lott and Livingston, Republican lawmakers participating in the conference will be Reps. Cass Ballenger, North Carolina; Mark Foley, Florida; and E. Clay Shaw Jr., Florida;

and Sens. Connie Mack, Florida; Bill Frist, Tennessee; and Frank Murkowski, Alaska. Murkowski is chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

Despite the \$175,000 price tag, Team 100 was surpassed in Republican fund raising last year by another RNC-sponsored group called "season ticket" holders. This was for contributors of \$250,000 and up, mostly corporations. Team 100 includes many individual contributors.

Ethics procedure to be probed

WASHINGTON (AP) — House leaders created an ethics task force Wednesday to review investigative procedures in light of the bitter, partisan investigation that led to the punishment of Speaker New Gingrich.

"After the past few tumultuous months, I think we must have a brief cooling-off period, where members can sit back and exam-

ine where the ethics process works, where it doesn't and how it might be improved," Majority Leader Dick Armey told the House.

While the task force is working, Armey and Democratic leader Dick Gephardt said there would be a moratorium on new ethics complaints through April 11.

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Thursday, Feb. 27	"Exercise for a Healthy Heart" by Julie Ellis, PT, CSCS
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Fred Goldman offers to give up money for signed Simpson confession

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — Fred Goldman offered Wednesday to give up all claims to O.J. Simpson's millions in exchange for a signed, detailed confession to be broadcast and published across the country. "I don't want to play games," Goldman told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. "But if he wanted to sign a con-

fession with all the details of his crime and broadcast it all over the country and publish it all over the nation, I would drop the judgment."

Goldman, the aggrieved father who never accepted Simpson's murder acquittal 16 months ago and doggedly pursued him to civil court, added: "All I ever wanted is justice.

It's never been an issue about money." Calls left for Simpson's attorneys were not immediately returned. Messages were also not returned by Goldman attorney Daniel Petrocelli, who also stands to gain financially from the judgments. Goldman first issued the challenge Tuesday during an inter-

view on Salem Radio Network, a Dallas-based, Christian talk network.



"The suggestion is that if the person, whose name I don't use, that murdered my son wants to write out a complete confession and publish it in newspapers

around the country, we'll be glad to ignore the judgment. That will never happen," Goldman told the radio audience.

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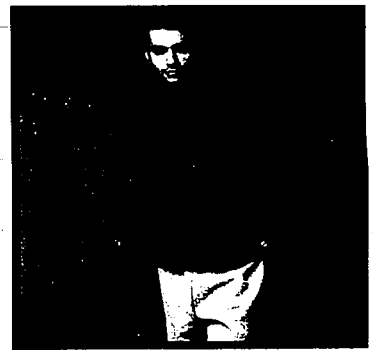
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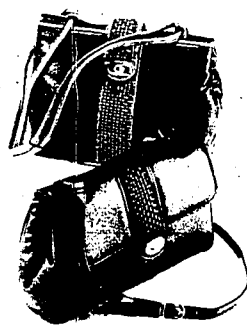


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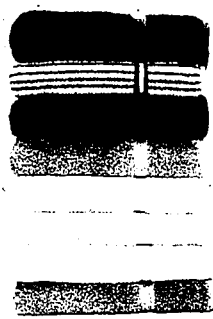
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EDITORIAL

President's money-grubbing demeans high office

Former Idaho congressman George Hansen, who later went to federal prison for fraud and campaign law violations, used to dismiss his habit of mixing personal and campaign funds as a "small technical violation."

Apparently, the state of the art has advanced considerably in the 12 years that Hansen has been out of office.

Two congressional committees and the Justice Department are investigating the Democratic National Committee and the Clinton White House for mixing fund-raising with governing. At a press conference last month, Clinton admitted that "mistakes were made" in allowing contributors access to the president and in skirting campaign finance laws.

But, Clinton added, "way over 90 percent" of the Democrats' campaign for cash was legal. It's always nice to have an administration that obeys the law way over 90 percent of the time.

Truth is, the Democrats have turned the sleazy process of raising "soft" money - contributions to political organizations not covered under federal campaign law limits - into a national treasury.

A report in last week's edition of Newsweek magazine described former Clinton operative Harold Ickes' abortive effort to transform a \$5 million offer from a Texas financial speculator into Clinton cash by funneling it through two tax-exempt groups. The would-be donor, William R. Morgan, was looking was a hefty tax deduction, Newsweek said. Under federal law, campaign contributions aren't deductible.

Moreover Ickes, as a federal employee, was barred by law from soliciting campaign money, although it's thought more and more as if he wasn't the only Clintonite earning the federal paycheck by putting the arm on fat-

cats anxious for "face time" with the president, or a favor from the government.

John Huang cultivated Asian sources in his years as a Commerce Department official before going to work for the DNC, and in 1995 and 1996 alone, the Democrats raised \$27 million from "coffees" at the White House with generous campaign donors.

If there's a distinction to be found between selling access to the president and rewarding campaign contributors with meetings with Clinton, we can't see it. It seems to us that this administration has turned the East Room and the Lincoln Bedroom into the priciest rental property in Washington.

The Democrats aren't alone, in this, of course. Republicans too have flouted the law in raising the massive amounts of cash needed to run national political campaigns nowadays.

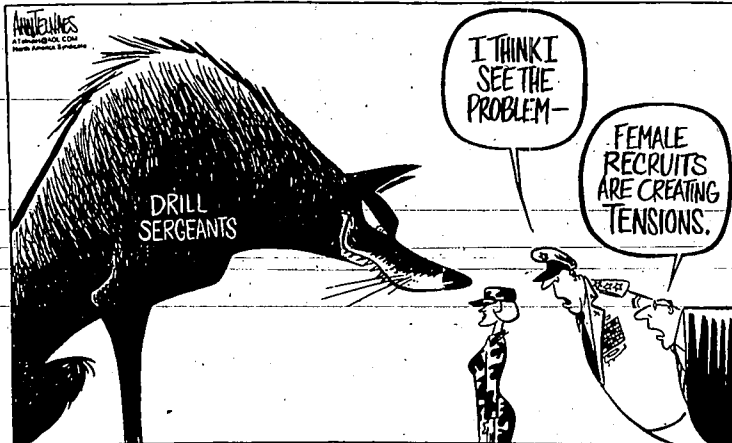
But they didn't do it as blatantly or apparently as willfully, as this administration or this president.

And make no mistake, it's Clinton's philosophy that's driving the Democrats' you-too-can-be-a-friend-of-Bill's strategy of political pump-priming.

In his years as governor of Arkansas, he attracted dollars with strings attached by the millions, including some from the Lippo Group, the Indonesian conglomerate that's at the heart of the current campaign finance scandal.

When a politician such as Clinton will do anything to get elected, there are no effective limits on what he won't do to pay for it.

Politics, after all, is the art of the possible. And the president and his bagmen have turned collecting shady money into an art form.



Funding reform would hamper free speech

Like the impetuous Sir Francis Drake who did not allow the Spanish Armada's arrival off England to interrupt a game of bowling, supposed friends of the First Amendment are showing notable calm in the face of ominous developments.

Freedom of speech is today under more serious attack than at any time in at least the last 150 years - since enactment of the Alien and Sedition Acts. Actually, today's threat, launched in the name of political hygiene, is graver than that posed by those Acts, for three reasons.

First, the 1798 Acts, which by Federalists attempted to suppress criticism of the government they then controlled, were bound to perish with fluctuations in the balance of partisan forces.

Second, the 1798 Acts restricted certain categories of political speech and activities, defined, albeit quite broadly, by content and objectives. Today's enemies of the First Amendment aim to abridge the right of free political speech generally. It is not any particular content but the quantity of political speech they find objectionable.

Third, the 1798 Acts had expiration dates and were allowed to expire. However, today's speech-restrictors put in place their structure of restriction (see above), its anti-constitutional premise and program probably will be permanent.

Its premise is that Americans engage in too much communication of political advocacy, and that government - that is, incumbents in elective offices - should be trusted to decide and enforce the correct amount. This attempt to put the exercise of the most elemental civil right under government regulation is the most frontal assault ever mounted on the most fundamental principle of the nation's Founding.

The principle is that limited govern-



GEORGE F. WILL

ment must be limited especially severely concerning regulation of the rights most essential to an open society. Thus the First Amendment says "Congress shall make no law ... abridging the freedom of speech," not "Congress may abridge the freedom of speech with such laws as Congress considers reasonable."

The text of the proposed amendment comes from Rep. Richard Gephardt, House minority leader, who has the courage of his alarming convictions when he says: "What we have is two important values in conflict: freedom of speech and our desire for healthy campaigns in a healthy democracy. You can't have both."

However, he also says: "I know this is a serious step to amend the First Amendment ... But ... this is not an effort to diminish free speech." Nonsense. Otherwise Gephardt would not acknowledge that the First Amendment is an impediment.

The reformers' problem is the Supreme Court, which has affirmed the obvious: Restrictions on the means of making speech heard, including spending for the dissemination of political advocacy, are restrictions on speech. It would be absurd to say, for example, Congress shall make no law abridging the right to place one's views before the public in advertisements or on billboards, but Congress can abridge - reasonably, of course - the right to spend for such things.

Insincerity oozes from the text of the proposed amendment. When Congress, emancipated from the First Amendment's restrictions, weaves its web of restraints on political communication, it

Proposed amendment

To promote the fair and effective functioning of the democratic process, Congress, with respect to elections for federal office, and States, for all other elections, including initiatives and referenda, may adopt reasonable regulations of funds expended, including contributions, to influence the outcome of elections, provided that such regulations do not impair the right of the public to a full and free discussion of all issues and do not prevent any candidate for elected office from amassing the resources necessary for effective advocacy. Such governments may reasonably define which expenditures are deemed to be for the purpose of influencing elections, so long as such definition does not interfere with the right of the people fully to debate issues. No regulation adopted under this authority may regulate the content of any expression of opinion or communication. (Proposed amendment to the Constitution)

will do so to promote its understanding of what is the "fair" and "effective" functioning of democracy, and "effective" advocacy.

Yet all this regulation will be consistent with "the right of the people fully to debate issues," and with "full and free discussion of all issues" - as the political class chooses to define "full" and "free" and the "issues."

In 1588 England was saved not just by Drake-but-by luck - the "Protestant wind" that dispersed the Armada. Perhaps today the strangely silent friends of freedom - why are not editorial pages erupting against the proposed vandalism against the Bill of Rights? - are counting on some similar intervention to forestall today's "reformers," who aim not just to water the wine of freedom but to regulate the will of free speech.

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LETTERS

Please keep that rest stop

To Gov. Batt:

For the past six years, we have traveled to Boise and back once a week and have used the rest stop between Bliss and Glenns Ferry each time. We have used the restroom to always be very clean, even during the busy summer season. We have observed the lady doing the cleaning, and she always cleans all of the knobs and handles that we touch. This we appreciate very much. Please compliment her for us. Also, we compliment you on the quality of care given. Many of the people we see there comment on how well it is kept.

From our local newspaper, we read that this rest stop is slated to be torn down. We have an argument against this action. Let us state our reasons for it:

- (1) The location is ideal. The water and sewage are already in place. The exits are already in place and very convenient, no matter which way we are traveling.
- (2) The location does not take fertile farm land.
- (3) There are no dangerous canyons close by.
- (4) We heard that you feel it isn't large enough. Well, as taxpayers, reasoning tells us it would be much less expensive to enlarge the existing buildings and enlarge the parking lots. We feel this could be done for much less than the \$4.5 million you think you can build the new facility for. From past experience, most projects once completed always exceed the projected cost.
- (5) With the closing of the Jerome and Bliss rest stops, there would only

be one rest stop instead of two. This is not so good if you happen to be traveling between Burley and Boise.

Let's use some common sense and leave the rest stops where they are. If you have the extra money that is tempting you, there must be many things that are really needed and wanted. From the report in the paper today, the people in the area don't even want it, and common logic should tell you that you are duplicating, perhaps even sacrificing decent facilities that could be upgraded. Please listen to the people in this time.

The statement that the funds could only be used at Malad Gorge because of a law passed in 1991 is rather feeble. Certainly updating the Jerome and Bliss rest stops would be enhancement and not maintenance.

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Plan for Jerome animal shelter

To Jerome City Council members: Recently, I read that the Jerome Animal Shelter is in deplorable condition and is in desperate need of repair to ensure the health of the animals it houses.

I have discussed my concerns with the police department and have been told that there are funds presently available in the budgeted line item "animal shelter." I have been unable to find out why necessary improvements and repairs are not being done using money designated within the budget for this purpose.

Jerome County "animal lovers" would like to see the animal shelter cleaned, repaired and outside dog runs and large cages constructed in the very near future. There is money available in the budget, and I feel the general public would be happy to donate additional

money as needed for the health and welfare of these animals. I would like to help by being a regular fund donor myself. I would be happy to place newspaper advertisements periodically, urging the community to remember the animals in the shelter by adopting, donating funds, time and materials.

My primary concern in donating funds is the assurance that such funds will be used for that specific purpose.

A news article stated that cash donations could be made at the police department or City Hall in the name of the animal shelter.

I am uncertain as to whether the city has established a specific account for these designated donated funds. If no specific account has been established, I would urge that the city strongly consider such a specific account so that donors can be ensured their money is

being used for that purpose.

Not only do I believe that such an account will increase donations, but also the city will be able to demonstrate the various uses of such donated funds.

I feel that I can safely say that I speak for the general public. I can only commit myself if donated funds are set up in a special account and used solely for the purpose of the animals' welfare.

I would appreciate it if you would let me know the plans for the future concerning the Jerome Animal Shelter, finding good homes for the animals, vaccinations and spaying/neutering the adopted animals; and last but not least, your ideas of a separate account for donated funds marked "animal shelter."

Thank you very much for your attention and kind considerations.

ULYSSES VECCELLO
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By Garry Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

OPINION

Hucksters prey on sick women via the Internet

There are no safeguards for vulnerable consumers seeking reliable information on the Internet these days. That's particularly troubling, because desperate patients who seek medical advice in Cyberspace could find themselves in the clutches of unscrupulous and greedy charlatans dispensing useless and, often, dangerous information, according to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

DAVID K. MARTIN

where test labs have notified sick women that they are suffering from some as yet unknown silicone-related disease, when they actually should be receiving treatment for a "real" disease that can be alleviated or cured by modern medicine.

Dr. V. Leroy Young, a surgeon at Washington University's prestigious School of Medicine in St. Louis, exposed one of these labs in a medical journal article recently. After spotting a Memphis lab's claims that its silicone sensitivity test could measure silicone levels in the blood of women with implants and determine their risk to autoimmune diseases, he was extremely skeptical.

His skepticism turned to outrage after he sent the Tennessee lab a series of blood samples, including ones from six women who had never had breast implants — and five of them registered even higher positive scores.

"I felt it necessary to share the results of my little experiment with others who may be considering whether or not to have their patients have a SILS test or whose patients already have done so and now may be wondering what the results mean."

Young wrote in the prestigious medical journal, *Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery*.

"I myself cannot say what these test results mean. Since the test costs at least \$30, it is probably wise for surgeons to advise their patients to find a better way to spend their money," Dr. Young concluded.

Under the circumstances, it's high time for the FDA to step up and vigorously publicize its earlier warning advisories about phony silicone detection tests. Whoever releases outgoing FDA chief David Keisler should use the post like a bully pulpit to help put the frauds out of business — perhaps by exposing them at a prime-time Washington press conference. The FDA also should continue to monitor this situation and take strong action against test labs that make false claims.

The federal government cannot cure this problem by itself, however. State and local medical officials should muster the courage to impose severe sanctions on the more outrageous referral doctors — those, who more often than not, seem to be operating as adjunct members of the "American Trial Lawyers' Association."

The time for action is now, before these predators sink their teeth into the psyches and the bank accounts of yet more vulnerable American women.

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Elk working hard for their winter food is nature's way

A response to the man with a "little common sense" and the caring woman.

Pertaining to the letters on feeding elk in the Feb. 6 edition: Sir, I'd argue that an infusion of common sense would do you good. If you folks had an adequate amount, you'd educate yourselves on the issue of feeding wildlife before opening your mouths and removing all doubt as to the amount of common sense you possess.

Should we feed all God's helpless creatures?

We need people to manage and look out for our fish and wildlife, but we need wild elk, not elk that parallel welfare and unemployment of human society. Wild creatures sleep in the cold, forage through deep snow, sometimes die of malnutrition and are sometimes eaten by predators (another wild creature that is better fit for survival at that particular moment).

These are the experiences that make wild creatures so respectable and so much better than most of us arrogant humans. Today, I believe Idaho has more elk than ever before and, simultaneously, less winter range (development, grazing, burning) for their winter foraging.

Perhaps ranchers should graze fewer cows and sheep as to leave more forage on public lands for wildlife?

Perhaps we should leave feeding of wild creatures to Mother Nature?

A few starving elk (mostly old, young, weak — for example, the cow elk pictured in the Idaho Statesman had a broken jaw and

no teeth) does not equal the problem faced by endangered salmon and steelhead.

Even though elk would probably prefer government subsidies, think about how lazy, ignorant and thankless most humans

become after receiving subsidies. I prefer wild elk working hard to survive.

The next time you feel sorry for a wild creature, do not bash natural resource people that spend their lives trying to help nature,

apologize for your arrogance, ignorance and selfishness and then do something to improve your environment (home to all of us animals).

MARCEL WILLIAMS
JEROME

FDA officials point out that such information typically crops up in carefully disguised, informal ways for expensive, but worthless products. The FDA already prohibits companies from advertising non-approved products through conventional means, but promotion of such products via the Internet sidesteps all of that and is labeled. "When you see an advertisement (in a magazine or newspaper) it looks like an advertisement," said Louis Morris of the FDA's Marketing Division, noting that advertisements on the Internet often start out like a news story about some exciting, new medical breakthrough.

While the freedom of speech aspects can pose a First Amendment dilemma, Dr. Sarah Stein of Stanford University says the government shouldn't ignore "the vulnerability of sick people searching for information at a time when they are overwhelmed."

Those warnings come just in time. The Internet is loaded with seemingly legitimate doctors, peddling phony medical tests and cures.

One of the worst offenders are silicone detection kits for breast implant recipients, which the FDA considers unreliable and has never approved. The kits, which are marketed via the Internet for prices that start at \$200 and range to \$350 and up, use blood or urine tests to monitor alleged silicone leakage from breast implants.

Trial lawyers and well-paid referral doctors handling billions of dollars worth of breast implant lawsuits claim such leakage can trigger connective tissue diseases, a group of more than 80 disorders in which the body's protective devices turn against themselves. Among the best known: rheumatoid arthritis, lupus scleroderma and fibromyalgia.

There are a few major problems with the plaintiff lawyer's claims, however. First, recent epidemiological studies by such respected institutions as The Johns Hopkins University, Harvard University, the University of Michigan and the Mayo Clinic found no link between silicone from breast implants and autoimmune diseases. Science shows that women who haven't had silicone breast implants develop the same autoimmune diseases in numbers proportionate to those with implants.

Second, major concerns are emerging that some of the doctors huckstering silicone detection tests in Cyberspace deliberately may be producing false test results, and then directing the tested women to trial lawyers looking for individual or class-action clients.

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NATION

Managed care issue heats up

WASHINGTON (AP) — As Congress prepares its 1997 health care agenda, state legislators will already be at work trying to decide how much regulation to impose on managed care and whether to expand health insurance for children.

"The states have been the leaders in health care reform. There's no denying that," said Laura Tobler, who tracks health policy for the National Conference of State Legislatures.

A 50-state survey released this week by BlueCross BlueShield Association says 1997 should bring more of the same. The study predicted more efforts to regulate managed care, which saves money by coordinating medical care generally through networks of doctors and hospitals.

Other initiatives predicted by the BlueCross BlueShield survey include:

- Making it difficult for health plans to remove a doctor from the network, already adopted by 16 states.

- Requiring that plans let customers use doctors outside the network, 16 states.

- Allowing patients to see certain specialists, normally gynecologists, ophthalmologists or dermatologists, without being referred by primary-care doctors, 27 states.

Once an alternative to fee-for-service systems, in which patients have few restrictions, managed care now comprises the nation's dominant health care system. It serves three of four people insured with employer-provided programs.

Managed care's proliferation has brought complaints, and state legislators have responded. Last year, more than 1,400 bills were introduced across state legislatures to regulate the practice, a trend that Tobler says is likely to continue.

Legislation expected in 1997 includes the right to see specialists without referral, minimum hospital stays after mastectomies and wider coverage for emergency room visits.

The survey concluded states are unlikely to consider broad-based efforts since in the past to undermine a basic premise of managed care: paying providers less money in exchange for a steady stream of patients.

"Lawmakers generally support managed care," said Susan Landolina, director of research at BlueCross BlueShield. "They're probably getting it themselves."

Mastectomies draw concern

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration Wednesday warned 350 managed care plans that serve Medicare patients not to limit arbitrarily hospital stays for women undergoing mastectomies.

But the administration, in contrast to supporters of a bill introduced to Congress, did not suggest any particular minimum length of stay — saying instead that women and their doctors should decide.

Medicare pays for one-third of all mastectomies in the country. "And by law, the women

who receive them are entitled to coverage for all medically necessary care," said Donna Shalala, the secretary of health and human services.

Administration officials say they know of no examples of a Medicare mastectomy patient being forced out early.

They said the letter was meant merely to stave off efforts like those now under fire in the private sector.

Critics have attacked some private managed care plans for pushing women out of the hospital after they have a breast removed to treat cancer.

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—One-time Denver Broncos coach John Ralston, explaining why he was fired in 1976

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Girls' high school basketball
Class A-1 Region III championship
• Highland Park, 7 p.m.

Boys' high school basketball
• Millersville Twin Falls
• Wendell at Gooding
• Carson County at Bliss
• Blaine at Oakley
• Butte at Skyline
• BDD at Shoshone
• Kimberville at Declo
• Ruffin at Minico
• Carey at Dinwiddie

Men's college basketball
• North Texas at Idaho, 8:05 p.m.

High school wrestling
• Highgate Twin Falls, 6 p.m.

High school bowling
• Minico at Gooding, 4 p.m.

U.S. women's junior varsity baseball games begin at 6 p.m., and varsity games following.

SCOREBOARD

Girls' high school basketball	
Class A-2 District tournament	
• Bullhead	Jerome 37
Class A-1 district playoffs	
• Bligerman 37	Shoshone 34
• Ruffin 49	Richfield 21
• Minnigh 52	Dinwiddie 39
Class A-3 Canyon Conference	
• Declo 48	Wendell 43
Boys' high school basketball	
• Blinnville 64	Minico 61
Pro basketball	
Atlanta 110	New Jersey 100
Albany 116	Toronto 84
Charlotte 95	Indiana 75
Detroit 96	Otland 87
L.A. Lakers 100	Minnesota 84
Memphis 116	San Antonio 101
Phoenix 150	Boston 100

IN BRIEF

Illness forces Declo from wrestling meet

TWIN FALLS — Tonight's scheduled district wrestling meet with Rigby and Declo visiting Twin Falls, has been postponed to a dual because illness is keeping the Hornets home.
Rigby and Twin Falls will square off at 6 p.m. in the Bruins' final home match of the season. Sponsors in the Bruins' adopt a weekend program will be admitted free.

Parcells makes 1st moves, cuts Lowery, safety Young

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — One day after taking over the New York Jets, Bill Parcells made his first moves Wednesday. He cut Mike Lowery, the NFL career leader in field goals, and safety Lennie Young.
Lowery, 40, made 27-of-24 field goals and 26-of-27 extra points in 1996, his third season with the Jets. He has kicked 383 field goals in 17 years.
"We are making some difficult decisions in assembling this team," said Parcells, who became the Jets' coach and chief football operations officer Tuesday.
Lowery is second on the NFL's career scoring list with 1,711 points.

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REBOUND BATTLE



Wendell's Erin Rietkerk slaps a rebound away from Brandi McGrew of Declo during the late going of the District 4 championship game.

Declo earns berth

Hornets edge Wendell, but Trojans have another chance in playoff

By Gary Levitt
Times-News Staff

WENDELL — The Declo Hornets girls basketball team isn't known for its size — the tallest stands only 5-foot-8 — but if an athlete's heart can be measured, the girls from Cassia County have earned a very high place in Canyon Conference basketball and a trip to the state Class A-3 tournament.
Five foot-five inch senior Laurie Gillet found an open spot at the free-throw line and drilled four fourth quar-

ter jump shots to spark a 15-2 Hornet run and a 48-43 victory over Wendell Wednesday night.

Wendell will have one more opportunity to qualify for state when the Trojans meet the District 3 runnerup, either Melba or New Plymouth, at 2 p.m. Saturday in Mountain Home.
The District 4 championship game marked Wendell, the third seed, against the number four seed, Declo, took control from the outset, using quickness and a full-court press to offset its lack of height.

Coach Kim Johnson's strategy worked, forcing numerous turnovers and creating points off fast breaks. The Hornets were also able to keep the ball from Wendell's Erin Rietkerk, the Trojans' inside strength.

Wendell zoned the side in the second quarter by getting the ball inside to Rietkerk, who keyed a 10-4 Trojans run with three quick baskets for a 23-27 lead for the home team. The 5-11 senior dominated the boards and lead all scorers.

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Indians trip Jerome for trip to state

By John Derr
Times-News Staff

JEROME — The final shot said it all. Jann Watson's half-court heave at the buzzer put an exclamation point on a decisive Bull victory Wednesday night, earning the Indians their first trip to the state girls' basketball tournament since 1994 and only their second berth in eight years.
Buhl, behind 12 points from Angie Schroeder and the aggressive play of point guard Lenk Moore defeated

Jerome 48-37 in the championship game of the Class A-2, District 4 tournament beginning Thursday Feb. 20. Buhl will play at 8 p.m. at Centennial High School in Boise.

"This is great. It is the best feeling ever," said senior post Schroeder, who drained six jumpers from the outside and helped shut down the inside play of the Tigers. "Since last summer our goal was to go to state. I shot with confidence and wasn't worried."

Moore scored five early points and grabbed a pair of steals as the Indians jumped to a 9-3 lead. The Tigers, behind six points from Lanie Barnes, rallied to cut the lead to one after the first period.

Freshman guard Becky Thibault, playing for the injured Cassia Warriors, hit a 3-pointer to give Jerome its second and final lead to open the second quarter. The teams traded baskets until Schroeder hit three straight jumpers to give the Indians a five point

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Parity could eliminate some big names in NCAA touney

The Baltimore Sun

Imagine an NCAA tournament without Jim Boeheim, John Chaney, Bob Knight, Nolan Richardson, Dean Smith and John Thompson.
Yes, it's a scenario that's hard to fathom. Several of those coaches will steer their teams to a bid, but it's a sign of the changing of the guard in college basketball that some traditional heavyweights will find themselves on the outside looking in come March 9, when the 64-team field is announced.

There are 30 conferences with automatic bids, and as many as 19 could be restricted to one berth. With the exception of the occasional College of Charleston, Eastern Michigan or Illinois State, the majority of the 34 at-large bids will be divided among nine conferences.

With 24 days to Selection Sunday, here's the outlook in the major conferences.
ACC: If any league deserves six bids, it's the Atlantic Coast Conference, but how far below 500 can Virginia go in conference play and still warrant selec-

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Tomba walks off course after poor performance in Italy

The Associated Press

SESTRIERE, Italy — Alberto Tomba could not hide his anger Wednesday as he slidded out of the giant slalom race in the world championships, failing to defend his world title.

His much-awaited performance in front of thousands of cheering fans at one of his favorite courses lasted just over a minute.

The 30-year-old Italian — the five-time Olympic and world champion — retired from the first run of the race after his almost falling three times.

His first mistake, at the eighth gate, cost him more than three seconds. The race was over. He almost fell 10 seconds later and with just over a minute gone, he nearly missed a gate and plopped to a stop. "No, I didn't cry, but I'm really angry," Tomba said. "I did my best one-sitter. I started in the second group. Today was not my lucky day."

Michael Von Gravenegg, the World Cup giant slalom champion, left after the first leg and had the second fastest time in the second to take gold with silver for Norway's Lasse Kjus and bronze for Austrian Andreas Schifferer.
Tomba blamed his skills, some icy

CSI women try again at Utah Valley

By Brad Bunkle
Times-News Staff

TWIN FALLS — Morale certainly won't be a problem when the College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team returns to court for the first time this season.

CSI starts the final regular-season road trip with a Friday night contest against the Eagle Valley State Golden Eagles, a team that has become the most heated rivalry in the Senior West Athletic Conference.

"We never become them," said coach Paul Bate. "We have enough to do. It's our last shot at opportunity. After getting blown out in his first matchup with the Wahlons, Bate has endured a series of close defeats.

"None of them have been plus or minus five points," Bate said. "We've been in a losing streak." Bate said. The most painful memory last year's Region II tournament loss to Utah Valley was in the last minute on a controversial foulshot by CSI.

In January, CSI led by 22 points with 10 minutes left, but Utah Valley stormed back and stole the game, 85-87, on a foul shot with seven seconds left.

The epic clashes come from two teams being so similar, both in personnel and playing style.
"They play as hard as any team in the league," Bate said. "And I'd like to think we're up there, too."

Indeed, the teams easily lead the league in scoring defense. For CSI to win, the Eagles need to manage the defense, primarily while draining more offense, Bate said.

"We have to attack their multiple defenses," he said. "As this point in the season, we've won everything excepting anything can throw at us."

CSI's luckiest season just 10 points to that first meeting, with Paul Latta, Barnes, Christine Norman, Clay Ward and Laveria Johnson contributing 25.

If recent history is any indication, expect another down-to-the-wire contest Saturday. The last five CSI games have been contested in the final minute.

"The real game of what we've done this week coming back from the North Idaho game," Bate said, returning to Saturday's loss on the fatigue. "It's after an injury-induced turnover on an in-bounds pass helped seal the game into overtime."

"We kicked our wounds a little bit Monday, but we came back normal today. We're not these players' head and concentrating," he said during Tuesday's practice.

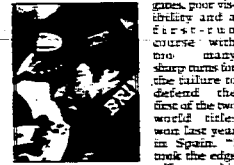
Saturday's game at Salt Lake Community College is certainly no game, even though CSI won the earlier meeting by 10 points in Twin Falls.
"We can't look just there," Bate said. "We're a position to win this."

Salt Lake proved its mettle with two overtime mad minutes last weekend, leading Bate to believe this will be an improved Bate team.

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Coach Bobby Knight's Indiana team recently went through a 3-6 stretch and may not make it to the NCAA tournament.



gates, poor visibility and a 4 x 4 x 4 course with too many sharp turns for a skier to defend the first of the two world titles won last year in Spain. "I think the edge off my skis because the course was very icy. Unfortunately, there were two icy gates and I could not control the skis," Tomba said.
He was critical of the course set by Norwegian coach Max Walmsley. Almost half of 126 corners and eight of the nine 120-degree turns were set on ice.
Von Gravenegg showed little sympathy. "It's his problem if he doesn't set very well now. He's definitely not a giant slalom skier anymore. It's not good to be a skier in only the world championships. We have a World Cup circuit. You just can't come around and care about only one cup. It's not fair to those of us who compete all the years."

SPORTS

Skating duo earns perfect scores NCAA

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - Punsalan and Swallow's tango was tony enough for perfection. Three-time champion ice dancers Elizabeth Punsalan and Jedd Swallow strengthen their lead at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships by winning the original dance. Their tango, "Panqueru," received two 6.0s for presentation, the first perfect marks in the event. "I was very surprised," Swallow said. "It goes by so fast and everything is so together. It was a real interesting experience. You always dream of 6.0s. Liz and I both kind of stared and

wondered. Is it a 5.0? "It's an achievement you work for your entire career."

The 6.0s were the first ever given in original dance at nationals in 1994. Judy Blumberg and Michael Siebert — the last dancers to win four U.S. crowns — earned a 6.0 in the original set pattern, which has been replaced by the original dance. Their other marks were nearly as good. For presentation, they earned seven 5.9s along with the two 6.0s. For technical merit, they got five 5.8s and four 5.8s. "Our artistic impression and expression especially is some-

thing we've been concentrating on all year," Swallow said. "It's something that we focused in on that is going to make us competitive with our world competitors. We've been practicing away at that passion day-in and day-out."

The married couple from Pontiac, Mich., led a Detroit Skating Club sweep of the top three spots, leading into Thursday's free dance, worth 50 percent of the total score.

In second place were Eve Chalmers and Marlene Ganes, followed by Kate Robinson and Peter Breen.

NCAA

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...The Cavaliers were 5-6 heading into last night's game against Duke. A record of 7-9 might give Virginia a berth in the final week for Georgia Tech two years ago.
...Mike Forest, Duke, Clemson and Maryland are in. North Carolina will be in if it keeps playing as it has in the past three weeks.

ATLANTIC EC - Coming off its best season ever, the A-10 claims it deserves the first bids it earned last year, but it might have to settle for two.
...Kaiser and St. Joseph's appear to be the Massachusetts' best shot of six to receive its season. Temple is 6-4 in the A-10, but it swept the top three teams in Conference USA.

Hawks rip Raptors; Shaq injured

ATLANTA (AP) - The Atlanta Hawks, led by Jay Barry, reded off a 25-0 run in the fourth quarter to beat the Toronto Raptors 106-84 Wednesday night for their 20th straight win at home.
The Raptors, who lost their fifth in a row on the road, led the 64-63 with 2:45 left in the third period. But Christian Laetner hit a jumper and Tyrone Hunter scored a 3-pointer to start a 33-4 run.
Barry made three 3-pointers and Mookie Blaylock scored seven points during the 25-0 spread, during which Toronto scored scores for 6:08.

Pro basketball

grabbd his left knee, but he stayed in the game and scored the Lakers' next 10 points, four on emphatic dunks, before leaving for good during a timeout with 3:57 left in the first quarter.

Suns 131, Celtics 100
PHOENIX - Wesley Person scored a career-high 33 points and Kevin Johnson hit his 12th career triple-double by halftime as the Phoenix Suns beat the short-handed Boston Celtics.

in the Grizzlies' two-year history. Theizzlies have the worst record in the NBA at 10-43, but beat the injury-riddled Spurs for the third time in four games.

Pistons 96, Magic 87

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. - Grant Hill had 21 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists as the Detroit Pistons defeated the Orlando Magic.

Cavaliers 83, Pacers 75
INDIANAPOLIS - Terrell Brandon had 22 points, a career-high 13 rebounds and nine assists, leading the Cleveland Cavaliers over the Indiana Pacers.

Homets 113, Nets 100

CHARLOTTE - Wade Drane blocked a career-high three shots and Anthony Mason had 23 points and 18 rebounds, leading the Charlotte Hornets over the New Jersey Nets.

Lakers 100, Wolves 84
MINNEAPOLIS - The Los Angeles Lakers got Shaquille O'Neal back, then lost him after less than nine minutes with another knee injury in a victory over the Minnesota Timberwolves.

San Antonio 81, Trail Blazers 75
SAN ANTONIO - Bryant Reeves scored 31 points and the Vancouver Grizzlies beat the San Antonio Spurs to win the first season series.

Cuff leads Weber State past ISU

POCATELLO (AP) - Ryan Cuff scored 36 points to lead Weber State to an 84-76 victory over Idaho State Wednesday night.
Cuff was 7-of-10 on 3-pointers and 9-of-10 from the line.

Grizzlies 106, Spurs 101
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Ryan Jama added 13 points for the Wildcats.

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Declo 54-45
The win was Declo's 10th straight, and sends the Homets to their first state tournament since 1950, when they brought home the championship.
Declo will face the Hemetville, District 3 winner in the first round. Game time is 6:30 p.m. Feb. 20 at Valdivia High School in Caldwell.

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Buhl

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...The Bruins' problems for the Jerome grounds all night. The sophomore, who finished second in the state cross country meet, ended with 10 splits and four seconds of the mile.
"I was ready to play, I wanted to go for it," said Moore, who finished with 10 points. "We had to get the momentum going. My boys were trying to beat the press and pass ahead."
Marcel Jensen hit two shots early in the third as the Indians built an eight-point lead. Moore hit a trey and Schroeder hit a

Out of it?

Some high-profile programs still have work to do if they expect to make this year's NCAA tournament. Records through Monday's games in parentheses:
Arkansas (12-8) The Razorbacks were the last team selected in 1996, and Nolan Richardson justified his 10th straight bid by getting to the Sweet 16. Arkansas' 1991 is 64, and it's not going to rise appreciably, since it has only two more games against teams with winning records in SEC play.
Georgetown (14-8) John Thompson could be coaching in the NIT for the second time in five years if the Hoyas don't finish with a fourth Wednesday night's game against Providence was Georgetown's first of the USAF Anna since Jan. 27, but they go back on the road for three of their last four.
Louisiana (12-7) The Hoosiers were flying high in November, when they beat Connecticut and Duke, but as they slipped to seventh place in the Big Ten, Bobby Knight all but ditched his superstar. There are upcoming road games at Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin State.
Michigan (14-6) The Wolverines struggled to a 6-9 start, but they've gotten healthy and steadied themselves under first-year

coach Bruce Flint. The nation's harshest nonconference schedule concludes Saturday, against No. 10 Maryland.
North Carolina (15-6) The Tar Heels have won five of their past seven, so Dean Smith's team won't be helped by the lame cast in the Big East, nor by its weak December nonconference schedule. Its nonconference wins were against the likes of Wmington, Maine, UNC Greensboro, Buffalo, Pepperdine, Colgate and UConn.
Temple (13-7) The Owls started fourth in the Atlantic 10's East Division heading into tomorrow night's showdown with St. Joseph's, but John Chaney teams usually close strong and the NCAA will probably award an ambitious nonconference schedule.
UCLA (13-7) The 1995 champions and '96 busts have worked their way to the top of the Pac-10, but this week they have the especially unpleasant Arizona State road trip, then return (probably by air) to UCLA. Can first-year coach Steve Lavin keep the eggs in check and the Bruins on track?

NBA standings table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB, Home, Road, Conf, NetRtg, and non-conference record.

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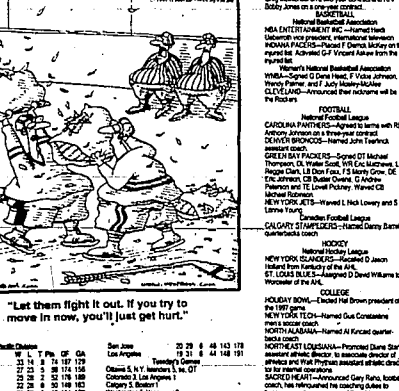
Table listing college basketball and football games on television with networks and times.

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Table listing radio broadcasts of college basketball games.

TRANSACTIONS

Table listing various sports transactions, including player signings, trades, and coaching changes.



SPORTS IN BRIEF

Moroccan trims second off mile record

GHEENT, Belgium - Hicham el Guerrouj of Morocco broke indoor track's oldest record Wednesday night, winning the mile with a clocking of 3 minutes 48.45 seconds at the Flinders meet.



Hicham el Guerrouj

The record el Guerrouj eclipsed was set by Ireland's Eamonn Coghlan 14 years ago this month in New York - 3:49.78.

Harding says she escaped abductor

FORTLAND, Ore. - Tonya Harding says she foiled an abduction attempt early Wednesday by running her truck into a tree and running away from a bushy-haired man who tried to commandeer her vehicle.

The figure skater told police the man abducted her outside her home and forced her to drive to a rural area. She said she dodged him in a chase through the woods, then jumped back in her truck and took off.

Aside from a slap mark on her face, Harding was unharmed. Clackamas County sheriff's deputies, who have responded to Harding's calls for help before, said they were taking the matter seriously.

Cowboy sues over false rape allegation

DALLAS - Erik Williams, falsely named by Dallas Cowboys teammate Michael Irvin in a rape case, accused police of violating his civil rights in a federal lawsuit filed Wednesday.

Williams, a Pro Bowl offensive lineman, also sued the TV station that first reported the story and one of its reporters for defaming him.

The lawsuit accuses police of wrongly naming Williams in public statements and of giving credibility to his accuser although he had reason to doubt her.

Belle gambled \$40,000 on sports

CLEVELAND - Albert Belle, the slugger whose career has been tainted by temper outbursts, suspensions and fines, has admitted under oath that he recently lost as much as \$40,000 gambling on sports.

Belle, who left the Cleveland Indians and became baseball's highest-paid player by signing a \$55 million, five-year contract with the Chicago White Sox in November, said Tuesday he bet on pro football and college basketball.

He answered the questions about gambling during a six-hour deposition in a civil lawsuit related to a confrontation he had with Halloween pranksters in 1995.

Belle's lawyer, Jose Feliciano, said Wednesday his client did not gamble on baseball games.

Bonds signs up as marrow donor

OAKLAND, Calif. - Barry Bonds may not have a reputation for a soft heart, but the San Francisco Giants star left fielder found time to visit a young fan with leukemia and then registered to donate bone marrow.

Bonds provided a blood sample to the National Bone Marrow Donor program, saying he hopes his act will increase donations among blacks. "We, as African-Americans, are still not coming to the table," Bonds said Tuesday. "It's just being there for your brothers and sisters. How hard is it to do that?"

Bonds visited Anthony Lee Franklin, 13, a pitcher for the world champion Babe Ruth Bambinos, who is now at Oakland Children's Hospital receiving chemotherapy and being evaluated for a bone marrow transplant.

Nevada woman named top bowler

EL CAJON, Calif. - Wendy Macpherson of Henderson, Nev., on Tuesday was named the 1996 Woman Bowler of the Year by the Bowling Writers Association of America.

Macpherson garnered 123 out of a possible 139 first-place votes and earned 631 points.

Earning money in every one of the 22 tournaments she entered, Macpherson was the Ladies Pro Bowlers' Tour prize-winning leader with \$107,230. She won three titles and finished with the second high average of 214.81.

Compiled from wire reports

By Kevin Miller
Times-News writer

RUFERT - Minico's wrestling team earned another ho-hum regular-season conference title Wednesday, but the match with Highland was still costly.

Spartan 135-pounder Vance Anderson, just back from a knee strain which kept him off the mat for five weeks, popped his right shoulder out and couldn't continue his match with the Rams' Trevor Shuman.

Anderson was leading 2-1 in the first quarter when he shot low into Shuman. He immediately retreated from his failed take-down attempt and fell on to his back, writhing in pain and clutching his shoulder.

"I don't know what happened. I guess I hit his hip or something," the senior said.

There's no prognosis for Anderson, who had surgery on his right shoulder last year after a similar mishap. "I haven't had any trouble with it yet today," he said.

To qualify for a return trip to state, Anderson must wrestle in the Region III tournament at Burley next Friday.



Minico's 130-pounder Bill Bauscher cradles Jake Shuman of Highland into a near-pin during the Spartans' win over the Rams Wednesday. Bauscher beat Shuman by a technical fall.

"He's one of the hardest luck kids I've ever seen," said Minico coach Brad Cooper, noting Anderson's future this season "doesn't look good."

Anderson was a valuable part of a Spartan squad that finished its regular season with a 13-1 dual record after beating

Highland 38-16.

Minico won nine of 13 matches Wednesday, started by a gutsy performance from 103-pounder Reggie Anderson. The light-weight sophomore battled sickness all week and carried a little too much weight earlier in the day, forcing him to cut a few

Southside squads fly high in A-4 playoffs

By Karen Baumert
Times-News writer

SHOSHONE - So much for tradition. When the District 4 representatives step on the floor next week for the Class A-4 girls' state basketball tournament, they will not be the usuals.

For years, Shoshone and Hagerman represented District 4.

This year Murtaugh goes for the first time ever. Dietrich and Raft River qualify for the second straight year but without much, if any history and Richfield enters as a newcomer.

Because of a new 16-team format, Hagerman slipped in by defeating Shoshone Wednesday for the No. 5 seed from the Magic Valley.

Raft River beat Richfield 49-21 to take the third seed, and hand the Tigers the fourth seed. And Murtaugh won rights to the No. 1 seed, defeating Dietrich 52-39.

All five teams begin play next Wednesday at Middleton and Kuna.

Hagerman 37, Shoshone 34

The Pirates had one thing Shoshone didn't - a ring-off the bench.

Hagerman, which held 10-point leads several times, looked to junior Camille Karrels to spark a comeback.

But Karrels came off the bench to score 16 points and pull down six rebounds. Karrels was assisted by the high-post-to-low-post passing of Tara Lutz, who had five assists, three of those to Karrels.

"Camille struggled early in the year but lately has been producing for us," said Hagerman coach Jason Ward. "Here is confidence. It was even-even and we bring her in and go up 10."

And the Pirates needed that 10 down the stretch when Shoshone forced a comeback.

With five minutes to play and a 35-25 lead, Hagerman watched Danielle Ross come alive.

Ross put together four points, two rebounds and one steal in the next two minutes to pull Shoshone within 35-29.

A 3-pointer by freshman Amy Williams with two minutes to play cut the Indians to three.

Lutz continued on the other end but Anita King put it back within three on a short jumper with 55 seconds left.

A Hagerman turnover gave Shoshone the last shot. After a

Shoshone miss, a Pirate foul gave the Indians one more shot but they couldn't convert.

"That's Tim," Ward said, referring to Shoshone coach Tim Chapman's ability to come back. "He knows what to do."

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Raft River 49, Richfield 21

In one of the worst first-half performances of late, Raft River took a 16-11 first-half lead and turned it into a wipe-out, outscoring the Tigers 33-10 in the second.

The sluggish Trojans, who have played seven games in the last 14 days, got solid play off the bench.

"I told the kids I thought they played a little selfish in the first half," said Raft River coach Olsen.

But the Tigers were no match for Raft River's quickness, defense and scoring options in the second half.

A third-quarter run sparked by junior Brooke Hansen and senior Amanda Steed knocked out any doubt. In the first three minutes, the two combined for eight points, two rebounds and two steals.

Junior Jill Smith joined the action, scoring the net bucket on an assist from Kim Smith. Jill Smith then pulled down a defensive rebound, setting up a jumper by Kim.

Steed scored again on a pass from Hansen, virtually ending the game.

During that span, Richfield managed only one bucket, a 3-pointer by sophomore April Whitesell.

Raft River 49, Richfield 21. Raft River 22 15-40. Richfield 10 11-21 40. Raft River 22 15-40. Richfield 10 11-21 40.

Murtaugh 52, Dietrich 39

The two teams split during the regular season.

But Wednesday, the inside game of Murtaugh beat out the quickness of Dietrich.

The Blue Devils gave up four inches to Murtaugh's Melissa Tolman and two to Tobbe Bell, and the Red Devils stretched those inches to miles.

The two players combined for 25 rebounds, Tolman pulling

High school scores

Tuesday's games

Boys

Beat Lake 70, Marsh Valley 59

Burley 54, Mountain Home 43

Camas County 60, Richfield 43

Falls Christian 62, Kootenai 41

Genesee 64, Nazarene 51

Hagerman 45, Raft River 43

Highland/Oregonian 70, Logos 61

Kamiah 52, Timberline 43

Portland 61, Clark County 68

Leaning Tower 75, Friends Academy 66

Murtaugh 75, Hansen 50

North Idaho Christian 70, House of the Lord 48

Notus 48, Nampa Christian 46

Oakley 60, Castelford 43

Patton 56, Orofino 39

Proctor 66, Soda Springs 52

Ririe 49, Firch 39

Shoshone 48, Dietrich 44

Snake River 70, American Falls 68

Twin Falls 56, Jerome 54

Valley Christian 75, Idaho City 55

Wenden 67, Buhl 38

West Jefferson 68, South Fremont 49

Wilder 78, Rimrock 58

Girls

Bonnieville 64, Rigby 55

Burley 48, Highland 46 OT

Centennial 66, Capital 67

Emmett 59, Payette 52

Homedale 33, Melba 29

Hendrick 43, Troy 41

Kunio 60, Weiser 43

Lake City 62, Post Falls 39

Lakeland 55, St. Maries 46

Madison 49, Boise 45

New Plymouth 55, Fullland 47

Priest River 56, Kellogg 55 OT

Roodland 58, Sho-Ban 53 OT

Shelley 62, Salmon 47

Wendell 54, Filer 45

West Side 40, Aberdeen 35

Down 18 of those. Dietrich's whole team combined for 21.

"We got out-rebounded real bad," said Dietrich coach Gene Sharr. "We got killed on the boards. Every time we got in the game they got rebounds. We wanted to come out and force lots of turnovers. We did that but it seemed like we couldn't execute after forcing the turnovers."

With Magic Valley scoring leader Bell struggling to find her shot, Sara Cameron came off the bench to spark Murtaugh. And when Cameron comes off the bench, sparks do fly.

There are a very few people fans like to boo," said Murtaugh coach Jim Hamblin. "I'd much rather have to turn someone down than light a fire under them. She's an asset on the floor."

While committing her share of turnovers, Cameron forced her

pounds before weighing in.

Anderson controlled Highland's Garrett Romrell, ending the match early in the third round with a 15-0 technical fall.

At 130 pounds, Bill Bauscher was in the same physical class as his lighter teammate. Another sophomore, Bauscher took less time taking care of Jake Shuman, scoring a 16-0 technical fall in the second round.

"Both those kids sucked it up and wrestled well," Cooper said. "They showed a lot of heart."

The only Spartan pins against the Rams came late in the match. Jesse Peraler at 152, stuck Wayne Fuller in the third round after patiently wrestling to a 10-0 lead.

Austin Arthur pinned Jan Michael Brough late in the third round of the 171-pound match.

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Top 5 girls' teams

This is the Idaho high schools' basketball poll as voted by the state's sportswriters. Records are through Monday. First-place votes are in parentheses.

Class A-1

Table with 3 columns: Rank, Team, Record, Points. 1. Lake City (6) 20-3 60. 2. Borah 19-3 44. 3. American Falls 20-3 43. 4. Lewiston 20-3 39. 5. Madison 18-5 23.

Also receiving votes: Eagle, Capital, Post Falls, Nampa, Bonnellville.

Class A-2. 1. Middleton (4) 22-0 58. 2. Shelley (2) 22-1 52. 3. Blisshop Kelly 20-2 49. 4. American Falls 20-3 43. 5. Bonanza Valley - 14-3 18.

Also receiving votes: Jerome, Buhl, Moscow.

Class A-3. 1. Lake County (6) 22-0 60. 2. Grandaville 17-5 45. 3. Lapwai 18-4 40. 4. Filer 14-7 36. 5. Declo 14-8 27.

Also receiving votes: Glenns Ferry, Pringle, Teton.

Class A-4. 1. Troy (5) 22-1 59. 2. Kendrick (1) 21-2 45. 3. Burley 20-2 45. 4. Dietrich 20-2 45. 5. Lakeside 13-6 29.

Also receiving votes: Greenleaf, Friends.

Bonneville holds off Minico rally for victory

By Kevin Miller
Times-News writer

IDAHO FALLS - Bonneville built a lead in the second quarter, then withstood a late Minico rally to win a non-conference boys basketball game Wednesday night, 64-61.

The Bees led by seven or eight points for most of the game before the Spartans rallied to within two late in the game.

Minico's rally was led by senior forward Cameron Gibson, leading with 23, while James-McKenzie added 20 points and 11 rebounds.

Minico ends the regular season at home Friday against Idaho Falls.

Wendell's Buff Muffly rolled a 190. High games for Buhl came from Candy Evans and Nicole Bergh, both 154.

Wendell swept the junior varsity and B-team matches.

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YOUR SPORTS

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Pictured are the top five women finishers in the Twin Falls Women's Bowling Association Star of the Lanes Tournament. From left to right are: Janice Scovel (first), Elaine Kollerker (second), Jeannie Olsen (third), Tracy Hoffman (fourth) and Rhonda Brott (fifth).

Women bowlers vie for Star of the Lanes

During the past year, each week, the lady bowling the highest scratch game qualified to roll in this year's Twin Falls Women's Bowling Association Star of the Lanes Tournament.

The top five, after three games of qualifying, who rolled the step ladder (finals) were: Elaine Kollerker 682, Janice Scovel 657, Jeannie Olsen 654, Tracy Hoffman 644 and Rhonda Brott 641.

Hoffman bested Brott 213/205 in game one of the step ladder, giving Brott 5th place and \$20. Hoffman met Olsen in game two.

Olsen took the win 216/186. Hoffman took home \$30 for fourth place.

Olsen then fell to Scovel 233/218. Olsen took \$40 for her third place finish.

Kollerker was unable to slow Scovel down when she rolled 245 to Kollerker's 201 taking 2nd place and \$50. Scovel, the "Star of the Lanes," earned \$60.

The event was run very well due to the efforts of Jessie Biggerstaff, Director. This tournament provided an excellent lesson by the individual who is D.L.B.F. (dead last but finished). It is the sheer joy of knowing how many ladies you made happy because they weren't D.L.B.F.

There is still another weekend to go in the Twin Falls Women's City Tournament being held at the Magic Bowl but here are the leaders and the scores:

Team - The Mixed Nuts (Helen Watson, Mae Murri, Bonnie Steward, Mary Grabert & Lucy Schuckert) lead with 3,263.

Awards given

Frank Palmer, 90, received the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Ranch Bowl in Gooding.



For the women, Marceline Becker was given the honor.

Palmer has bowled for 37 years at the Ranch Bowl. He competed in as many as four leagues at one time through the years but now bowls in one league on Monday nights.

Becker has been bowling at the Gooding Ranch Bowl since it opened in 1960. She bowls Thursday nights in the Channel Chums league.

Beck raised nine boys and five girls. She has 38 grandchildren and 31 great grandchildren.

This is the first year the bowling alley has given this award and plans on continuing it for years to come.



Hub City placed first in the Team Handicap division at the Ranch Bowl men's city bowling tournament held Jan. 27 through Feb. 2 in Gooding. Members of Hub City's team are from left to right: Rich Curtis, Don Dunn, Mark Scheer and Clint Benson.

Hub-City shines in Ranch Bowl

Here are the results from the men's city bowling tournament at the Ranch Bowl in Gooding.

Team, handicap-1, Hub City 2,648; 2, Gem Vet; 3, Leviton Appliance.

Singles, handicap-1, Bob Watts, 1,999; 2, Mike Ward; 3, Clint Benson; 4, Ted Nalley; 5, Mike Scherer.

All Events, handicap-1, Bob Watts, 1,999; 2, Mike Ward; 3, Clint Benson; 4, Gary Fuqua.

Doubles, handicap-1, Bill Sizemore and Bill Korse, 1,384; 2, Monty Bartholomew and Jay Edwards; 3, Mike Ward and Gary Tracy; 4, Monty Easterday and Randy Atkinson; 5, Chris Christensen and Monty Howard.

All Events, handicap-1, Bob Watts, 1,999; 2, Mike Ward; 3, Clint Benson; 4, Ted Nalley; 5, Mike Scherer.

All Events, scratch-1, Craig Levitan, 1,953; 2, Mike Ward; 3, Gary Fuqua.



Bob Watts took the Singles Handicap division and the All Events Handicap division at the men's city bowling tournament in Gooding.

Note to readers

Due to the volume of material for this week's YourSports section, many items will be published in tomorrow's sports section.



BOWLING Thelma Tucker

Leading in the Doubles event are Jessie Biggerstaff and Linda Vining at 1,364. Diana Brady at 733 is the Singles Leader.

All Events Handicap is Kerrie Brooks at 2,041 and All Events Scratch is Barb Reynolds at 1,640.

The Scratch Team is White Satia (Sharon Thorse, Gail Joy, Carla Sparks, Billie Joy and Melody Werry) at 2,716.

The scratch doubles team is Ilene Hosington and Rhonda Brott with 1,090. Scratch singles is Barb Reynolds with 577.

There are still 19 teams yet to participate plus 46 sets of doubles and 92 singles. The total tournament prize fund is \$4,219.

Good Luck to you ladies bowling this weekend.

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TWIN FALLS - Old, worn out or damaged child car seats can be turned in for a \$5 "bounty" through a program sponsored by the State Center for Health, Safety, Department and the Idaho Transportation Department.

The car seats may be turned in from Friday to April 30 to all health department offices, all Head Start Centers and fire departments in Twin Falls, Buhl, Kimberly, Ketchum, Jerome, Coaling, Wendell and Burley.

Unsafe car seats also may be dropped off at the parking lot of the Twin Falls Fred Meyer's store from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday during a passenger-safety event sponsored by the Magic Valley Safe Kids Coalition. The coalition and Idaho State Police will inspect child car seats and seat belts. Police will train participants on correct use of child safety seats, belts and air bags.

Car seats are considered unsafe if they are more than 10 years old, have missing parts or have been damaged or in an accident.

The program's kickoff coincides with National Child Passenger Safety Awareness Week, Feb. 9-15.

For more information, call Mary Valentine at 734-5500.

Cable maintenance may induce brief loss of signal

JEROME - Don't change that channel. It's only cable maintenance.

Starting today, crews from Continental Cable Co. continue their annual preventative maintenance of the system in the Jerome area, said Tim Williams, operations manager. For customers, that means the cable signal will go off the air for durations of a few seconds, unless crews spot a problem.

Maintenance work will continue between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. until next week. The company has about 2,000 customers in the area.

Work started Wednesday morning, but one customer chided the company for issuing no warning about the cable interruptions, he said.

The job includes physically checking every foot of underground and overhead cable - and that totals 430 miles within the company's service area in the Magic Valley, he said.

Maintenance on lines in the Twin Falls area was completed last week and crews will move on to Wendell and Coaling after Jerome.

With questions, call 733-6230.

Commission meets tonight to consider 5 permits

TWIN FALLS - Five conditional permits will be considered today at a Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission public hearing.

- Jeff and Sherry Pfeiffert want to split 6.7 acres in the outdoor recreation zone north of Buhl near Miracle Hot Springs into two parcels.
- Rex E. Lytle and Lowell and Florence Lytle want to divide 1.56 acres and a house in the agricultural zone 1/2 miles east of the Magic Valley Mall on Fole Line Road.
- Gaylord and Maxine Drown want to split 5.19 acres for a home site from 40 acres in the agricultural zone north of Filer.
- David M. Donnan wants to split two 20-acre parcels on 40 acres in the agricultural zone west of Twin Falls.
- The Pleasant Valley Development Co. wants to build a clubhouse, driving range and seven lots for Pleasant Valley Ranches No. 3 on 20 acres in the agricultural zone 4 1/2 miles south of Kimberly.
- The meeting will be at 7 p.m. today in the Twin Falls County Office Building at 246 Third Ave. E.

Bellevue City Council meets tonight at city hall

BELLEVUE - The Bellevue City Council will meet at 7 p.m. today at Bellevue City Hall.

A public hearing will be held on an annexation and subdivision application submitted by Richard Hazen for property along the river north of Broadford Road. The request consists of seven residential lots ranging in size from 5.1 to 6.51 acres and includes a 4.8-acre parcel designated as a future park.

Mark Ackler of the Wood River hospital board will discuss changes being considered by the Wood River Medical Center, and a resolution to amend subdivision fees to \$150 per lot will be considered. A review draft of the impact zone ordinance between the city of Bellevue and the city of Hailey, and one between Bellevue and Blaine County, will be discussed.

Old business, including a city audit, will be discussed at the meeting.

Recycling efforts earn 2nd bin for Jerome

JEROME - The response to neighborhood recycling has led the Southern Idaho Solid Waste District to put a second recycling bin at Lincoln Plaza.

The bin on South Lincoln has compartments for newspaper, cardboard, waste paper, aluminum and tin cans. Jerome residents deposited record amounts of recyclable materials last month.

The amount reached a record of 20,614 pounds in December.

Compiled from staff reports

Twin Falls principal changes jobs, eyes retirement

By Liz Wright
Times-News Staff

TWIN FALLS - Carl Snow is going downtown again. This time, it's for good.

In a prelude to retirement, Snow will leave his post as principal of Twin Falls High School in August to spend a year managing special projects in the downtown office of the Twin Falls School District, the district announced Wednesday.

Teachers were astonished when Snow, told them the news during Wednesday's faculty meeting after school.

"It was just kind of like a bombshell, everybody was totally silent. No one knew what to say because nobody knew it was coming," said math teacher Kathy Stover. "I don't think anybody had even heard rumors."

Snow has been a traditional fixture in the district office downtown, having



Carl Snow

served twice as superintendent, once in 1976-77 and again in 1982-89. While at times he has been popular with students, some of his relationships with teachers have not been as close. Two teachers declined to comment about his years as principal of the school.

"A district employee since 1966, Snow jokingly refers to himself as an 'old goat' and holds conservative views about school life. Of all the jobs he took, the principal position was where his heart lay, so much so that he took a pay cut in 1989 and left his job as superintendent to become the principal of Twin Falls High School.

"I like working with kids, teachers - my goodness, pay is not everything," said Snow, 59. "Now I'm getting ready to retire, but I'm going to prolong it for awhile."

During his "one-year special assignment," Snow will undertake five special projects that mostly streamline paperwork procedures. Among his goals: Tightening the accounting procedures for money earned and spent by student clubs and teams, helping the district meet state audit standards by creating an inventory of school equipment, aligning the philosophies and goals of student sports and other extracurricular activities, assessing the most effective way to spread janitorial and repair services through the schools and directing efforts to renew the facilities maintenance levy, which expires in 1998.

Snow said he isn't even certain that after a year at the district office, he will

leave for good.

"I will take it one year at a time," he said.

Originally from Colorado, Snow moved to Twin Falls with his wife in 1965. During his employment, he has been a high school biology and math teacher, vice principal and principal of Vera C. O'Leary Junior High School and assistant superintendent.

The Twin Falls School Board voted to create Snow's new job Tuesday evening following a closed-door session. During the session, board members discussed the staffing reorganization that would follow Snow's transfer, said Linda Baird, district spokeswoman.

Snow's new salary won't be determined until this summer, when administrators and teachers hash out their salaries through collective bargaining, Baird said.

The district will begin a search for Snow's replacement right away.

Man shot in dispute

By Kent McCleary
Times-News Staff

TWIN FALLS - A Twin Falls man was shot in the neck late Wednesday afternoon during a domestic dispute, police say. His assailant fled and police were searching for him Wednesday night.

Police say Brent Richardson, 33, was shot while taking a woman to a house at 1429 Eighth Ave. E. Richardson was in serious condition late Wednesday at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center after surgery.

The woman, Bridget Lee Campbell, 26, of Twin Falls, had been living at the house, but had been involved in a weekend domestic dispute, police said.

Campbell's belongings apparently had been thrown out in the yard Wednesday, neighbors said. Richardson brought Campbell by the house to pick up her belongings at about 5:30 p.m. and parked in front of the house, a police report said.



Twin Falls K-9 officer Brian Krear walks Wolfgang back to the car after gathering evidence inside the house at 1429 Eighth Ave. E. where a shooting occurred late Wednesday afternoon.

Richardson walked around to a door on the west side of the house, and was met by a man on the front lawn, the report said.

The two exchanged words, then the man shot Richardson with a handgun, the report said. Richardson ran back to the car on the street, witnesses said.

Campbell got in the car with Richardson and drove away, spilling her belongings on the street as they pulled away, the report said.

Campbell drove Richardson to Magic Valley Regional where he underwent surgery for his wounds, the report said. Minutes after the shooting, a woman

drove up to the house, and at least two men ran out to the car, got in and drove away, witnesses said.

Campbell has a pending Twin Falls County charge of grand theft by receiving stolen property, court records say.

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High-tech future: You can bank on it

U.S. Bank executive says future is here, technology still rules

By Pat Marcantonio
Times-News Staff

TWIN FALLS - When you think about banking in the next 20 years, think "The Jetsons."

George and Jane Jetson took electronic wizardry for granted, but modern banking customers will have to learn to trust futuristic technology already in use, says Pete Sinclair, president and chief executive officer of U.S. Bank of Idaho, one of the state's largest financial institutions.

"It's not so much the technology isn't there, it's many consumers aren't quite ready," Sinclair, of Boise, said in Twin Falls Wednesday for a bank agricultural-customer appreciation lunch.

However, many customers appreciate the changes that have swept into banking during the last five years, he says. That includes corporate clients who bank electronically.

And that's where they can manage their money. They can collection their funds and make disbursements via the computer without even needing to write a check," Sinclair said.

Will electronic banking will be as secure as a steel bank vault? There are no easy answers but a growing number of safeguards.

There are personal identification numbers. And certain types of transactions you couldn't do. You



Pete Sinclair, CEO of U.S. Bank of Idaho, says contemporary America wants high-tech banking, and that is not limited to urban areas.

About Pete Sinclair

- President and chief executive officer for U.S. Bank of Idaho, a subsidiary of U.S. Bancorp, one of the 30 largest banking companies headquartered in America.
- Experience: Has been with U.S. Bank for 27 years. Formerly president, chief executive of U.S. Bank of California.
- Age: 47.
- Education: Graduate of Pacific Coast Banking School and attended Portland State University and Oregon State University. Former instructor at American Institute of Banking in Portland.

other industry and saying, "I'd like to purchase something," and give them their Visa number and expiration date and who knows what else."

Cashless transactions already are the norm with people using checking cards and phone cards.

"Are we going to a cashless or paperless society?" Sinclair said. "It all comes down to a person's comfort level and a desire to work in an electronic environment."

And that desire may be generational.

With sandy-red hair and approachable manner, Sinclair looks younger than his 47 years. He describes himself as "somewhat" hierate with computers. But his 23-year-old son is even more online.

"My children and my children's children are going to have a different set of values towards banking than I have today," he said. "We can't even begin to comprehend what the information systems in the next 10 years will bring. That's the exciting part."

U.S. Bank will develop more electronic banking capabilities and still offer the traditional services, instead of moving into one specialty or the other, he says. "You let the client decide."

Electronic banking will benefit Idaho rural residents because they won't have to travel long distances and will be able to review transactions daily or weekly, Sinclair says.

"The myth is urban areas want technology. I think contemporary America wants technology," said the bank president. "It's a mind set. It's not a location."

Moving in: California the main source of movement into Idaho

The Times-News

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TWIN FALLS - More people moved into Idaho than moved out in 1996, and California was both the popular destination and the popular jump-off point.

That is according to an annual survey by United Van Lines, which calls itself the largest mover of household goods in the United States.

Last year, the company moved 1,244 household shipments into Idaho.

Another 799 shipments went the other direction.

California was the destination of most of those Idaho moves, and also the main source of movement into the state, said company spokesman Wayne King of Fenton, Mo.

The Northwest continues to be a pop-

ular destination nationwide, while retirement moves to Florida, Texas and Arizona have dropped off somewhat, he said.

Idaho was among the states with the busiest inbound movement last year, according to the company. In fact, the Gem State ranked higher than Arizona, South Carolina, Georgia, North Carolina, Colorado and Florida.

For the fourth consecutive year, however, Nevada led the 48 contiguous

states in the percentage of incoming moves. In 1996, 67.8 percent of the company moves were inbound moves to Nevada.

Idaho was higher at 68 percent.

The largest exodus was out of North Dakota, where 68 percent of the shipments were headed elsewhere. The state beat Pennsylvania, which topped the 1995 out-migration list.

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MAGIC VALLEY/IDAHO

Idaho Supreme Court hears appeal of water rights ruling

BOISE (AP) — Attorneys for the state and ground water pumpers want the Idaho Supreme Court to reject a judge's ruling that irrigators can keep all their appropriated water even when some of it no longer is being used.

more efficient irrigating methods. "This argument is not about use. This argument is about ownership, and the two are fundamentally different issues," Hohnhorst said.

Jeffrey Ventrella, representing the Payette River Water Users Association Inc. and others, said water-right holders must allow any water they do not immediately need to flow downstream for the use — but not the appropriation — of others. The legal concept of prior appropriation or "first in time, first in right" still applies, he said.

Daniel Stenson, representing the Nampa and Meridian Irrigation District and others, agreed that the concept of "when you don't need it, don't take it" maximizes beneficial use.

It encourages people not to take more than they need because they are not subject to a penalty, such as partial forfeiture of water they might need at some other time, Stenson said.

But Jeffrey Foreday, representing Idaho Ground Water Appropriators Inc., said the law requires only that water-rights holders make maximum beneficial use of the water whenever possible. They must have a way for the water but need not irrigate when it rains, for instance,

or keep flood irrigating when less water can be used to irrigate the same amount of land with sprinklers, he said.

The question, Hohnhorst said, is whether water rights should be held as inalienable property rights even when the holders no longer have a use for the water. He said Hurlbutt's decision opens the door to one irregular message being paved over that farmers still retaining their entire water right.

Dana Hofstetter, representing the North Snake Ground Water District in Bonanza, Gooding and Lincoln counties, said Idaho should not have to spell out in its laws well-established water rights concepts just because other states have added specific language in recent revisions.

"The respondents would have this case make a radical change in Idaho water law," Hofstetter said. "Everyone has always recognized that partial forfeiture exists."

The Snake River Basin Adjudication, which started in the mid-1960s, is an unprecedented legal process sorting out some 180,000 Idaho water rights. It is a similar concept just because other states have added specific language in recent revisions.

Lawmakers always meant water-rights holders to lose the right to any part of their water not put to maximum "reasonable, beneficial use" for five consecutive years, Copsey said.

But lawyers for senior water-right holders, led by Hagerman Water Right Owners Inc., argued that if the Legislature wanted a "partial forfeiture" provision in the law it should have followed the lead of other states and said so specifically.

Twin-Falls attorney John Hohnhorst said the state's "use it or lose it" argument, when applied as partial forfeiture, does not maximize the availability of water for others to use. In fact, he said, it promotes waste and hoarding and discourages

Circuit-breaker help now available for property owners

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Read their lips. Idaho property owners can get a tax break.

But you must be 65 or older, widowed or a veteran to receive the credit-up to \$1,000 on the County assessors are taking applications for the circuit-breaker exemption until April 15.

To qualify, property owners must have owned and occupied the home or mobile home as their primary residence in 1996. Their household income must be \$28,300 or less during the year, after deducting any non-excessed household medical expenses.

Recipients also must be at least 65 years old; a widow or widower; a veteran with a service-connected disability, receiving a Veterans Administration pension; disabled; legally blind; a child under 18 years old who owns the home; or a former pris-

Circuit breaker relief
Statewide, the State Tax Commission approved 24,385 applications in 1996 and \$3.6 million in sales-tax revenue helped pay property taxes for qualified homeowners.

oner of war or hostage. If you received the tax reduction last year, you must reapply again this year because income and medical expenses change, said Mary Gates with the Twin Falls County assessor's office.

When applying, you must bring the following information:
• Social Security numbers for all household members.
• Social Security income for 1996.

An income tax form.
• Data on interest earned from any saving accounts.
• Pension or retirement

income for 1996.
• Medical expenses not paid by an insurance company or Medicare.

Medical insurance premiums, excluding Medicare. Depending on income, property owners can have up to \$150 of their property taxes paid by the state, said Sandy Bowns with the Idaho State Tax Commission.

A state law passed in 1996 increased the credits, which had run from \$100 to \$900.

About 40 percent or more of eligible seniors and other Idaho homeowners don't apply for the tax relief, he said.

Applications may be made at the Twin Falls County assessor's office through April 15. Office hours are between 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Staff there will help with the filing.

For more information, call 736-4010 or your nearest assessor's office.

Police confiscate gun from Wendell Middle School student

By Steve Koehler
Times-News correspondent

WENDELL — After receiving a tip from a parent, Wendell police Monday confiscated a loaded pistol from a Wendell Middle School student.

Principal Steven Aspschussheim said an eighth-grade boy, who will turn 14 in March, received the gun from another eighth-grader, whose father called police.

The student was asked to leave class. Outside the classroom, Police Chief Philip Cowell said the student revealed the .22-caliber Magnum, hidden in his pocket.

The student said that he was just lending himself, Aspschussheim said, and intended only to flash it.

Cowell said the situation was the result of a gang of high school students going to the middle school after school and harassing the younger students. The middle school student decided to take the matter into his own hands, Cowell said.

The student used to hang out with the high school gang, but broke away from the gang some time ago, Cowell said.

Another Wendell student carried a loaded pistol to school for protection in November 1995. In that incident police said a student brought in a gun to the high school as defense against bullies.

The middle school case has been turned over to the county prosecutor, Cowell said.

Aspschussheim said the incident will be addressed by the Wendell School Board in a closed executive session. No date has been set.

State law allows school boards to hold closed sessions to discuss student discipline.

"The police found out about it and took the gun away," Aspschussheim said. "The girl it turned out she wasn't into it."

DEATH NOTICES

Bernardo G. Wiveros

BURLEY — Ramiro Garcia Wiveros, 72 years old, son of Francisco and Marcelina Garcia Wiveros of Burley, died Monday, Feb. 10, 1997, at his home from injuries sustained in a fire. The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Sunday at the Burley LDS West Stake Center, 2420 Parke Ave., with Pastor Bonifacio Ramirez officiating. Burial will be at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley. Friends may call from 3 to 5 p.m. Friday at the Payne Mortuary, 224 W. Main St. in Burley and from 9 to 9:45 a.m. on Sunday at the church. Donations can be made at the First Security Bank, 130 E. Main in Burley for the Wiveros family.

Daryl Catherine Wagner

BOISE — Daryl Catherine Wagner, of Boise, died on her 61st birthday, Sunday, Feb. 9, 1997, in a Boise care center. A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. today at the Gibson Funeral Home in Boise. The funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday at the Immaculate Conception Church in Buhl, with the Rev. Donald Cook and the Rev. Simeon Van De Voord presiding. Burial will follow at the West End Cemetery in Buhl. Friends may call from 4 p.m. until the time of the vigil service today at the funeral home. The family suggests that memorials be made to St. John's Cathedral, 804 N. Ninth, Boise ID 83702.

REVA L. SIMMONS

REVA L. SIMMONS, of Hailey, 1 p.m. today, Wood River Funeral Chapel, Hailey. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

Bernold Wickel

BOISE — Bernold Wickel, 72, of Ashton, died Wednesday, Feb. 12, 1997, at the Veterans Hospital in Burley.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Chapel, Burley.

Elwin John Dennis

BOISE — Elwin John Dennis, 11 a.m. today, Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel, Boise. Interment service will be at 3 p.m. today, Hagerman Cemetery.

Nellie Coffman, of Jerome, 11 a.m. today, Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel, Jerome. Friends may call from 9 to 10 a.m. today at the funeral chapel.

WILLIS H. CASTLE

WILLIS H. CASTLE, of Pocatello, 1 p.m. Friday, Wood River Funeral Chapel, Hailey, Burley, Hailey Cemetery.

John A. Clark of Oakley, 1 p.m. Friday, Oakley LDS Stake Center, 301 N. Center. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today, Payne Mortuary, Burley, and from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Friday at the church.

Probation officer profiles juvenile delinquents

By Steve Koehler
Times-News correspondent

WENDELL — Twin Falls County chief probation officer Doug Rubliatus presented a profile of juvenile delinquents to the Wendell Chamber of Commerce Wednesday.

Twin Falls County logged 280 juvenile delinquents in its probation system during October through December of 1996. Of these, 177 were male and 103 were female. Five of the females were known to be pregnant.

Thirteen children under probation for crimes committed before they turned 18.

"The ethnic backgrounds of the youths were: 127 white, 29 Hispanic, one black, and 58 others."

"We've got to concentrate on prevention," Rubliatus said.

He said the county's Parenting Program began five months ago and will be expanded when it begins in the spring.

"When it begins, it is willing to share the program with other counties," Rubliatus said.

OBITUARIES

For obituary rate information, call 733-0931, extension 278

BURLEY



Helen Joy Brower, 72-year-old Burley resident, died Tuesday, Feb. 11, 1997, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley. She was born April 10, 1924, in Burley, the daughter of Ray Gilbert and Rova Manning Munson. She graduated from Burley High School. She had worked at Spaul's Grocery, at Cassia National Bank for several years, as a secretary and bookkeeper for Henderson Oil Company, and later for the Burley Highway District where she worked until her retirement. She married Grant Brower on Dec. 3, 1941, in Burley. He preceded her in death on Dec. 7, 1979.

resident of the Wood River Valley, died late Tuesday, Feb. 11, 1997, at his home in Ketchum, following a short illness.

Lindsay was born Dec. 28, 1937, in Hailey, the son of Alex and Geraldine Brown. He attended schools in Hailey, graduating from Hailey High School in 1956.

He worked at Sun Valley Company for many years in guest services and as a bartender. More recently he had worked as a tax and KARI tax.

Lindsay enjoyed hunting, flyfishing, golf and traveling with his wife, Joan.

Survivors include his brother, Jimmy Brown of Hailey; the former Lucille Johnson of Hailey; and Verma Hall of Layton, Utah; an uncle, Elwin Shipp of Boise; and several cousins.

Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday at the Wood River Funeral Chapel in Hailey. Cremation will follow the time of visitation. A memorial service is planned for Saturday, Feb. 22, with details to be announced.

KETCHUM

Lindsay Brown Lindsay Brown, 59, a lifelong

Some names are omitted at patients' request. Admitted. Lois Juffs of Twin Falls; and Crystal Povalawski of Biller.

CASSIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Admitted. Inez Bernavides, Thelma Carrick and Gina Chapman, all of Burley; Elva Blackburn of Twin Falls; Arlen Camillo and Jeanette Dudley, both of Rupert; and Emma Smith of Oakley.

Released. Lorraine Anderson, Lucy Anderson and Marcelina

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Some names are omitted at patients' request. Admitted. Birth. A baby was born to Gina Chapa of Hurley.

MINDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Some names are omitted at patients' request. Admitted. Dale Hobbs of Rupert.

Released. Maria Caldera and baby boy of Paul.

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Plea resolves case involving Times-News photographer

By Mike Miller
Times-News writer

JEROME — A plea agreement Wednesday settled a 3-year-old criminal case involving a Times-News photographer arrested at an automobile scene.

Mike Salsbury, a former photographer with The Times-News, Wednesday pleaded guilty to one count of obstructing and delaying an officer.

Jerome County Magistrate Judge Thomas Berresen withheld judgment in the case, leaving Salsbury the option of changing his plea at a later date. At that point, the charge could be dropped.

Berresen sentenced Salsbury to five days in jail, suspended with a \$200 fine. Salsbury was ordered to pay \$25.50 in court costs and was given one day of unsupervised

probation. Jerome County sheriff's deputies arrested Salsbury while he took photos at the scene of a fatal auto accident on Sept. 28, 1993.

Deputies alleged that Salsbury took photos three to five feet away from where rescuers were trying to free a victim from a wrecked car, and that he refused to cooperate with police who tried to move him. Salsbury and Times-News editors have maintained Salsbury violated no laws.

In an interview after the sentencing Wednesday, Salsbury said, "I view the withheld judgment as an opportunity to come back, enter a not guilty plea and have the case dismissed."

Jerome County Prosecutor John Lorscheich declined to comment on the details of the case.

"I'm just glad the whole matter is finally resolved," he said. John Horgan, who was county prosecutor when the charge was filed, also declined to comment.

Salsbury has taken a job as a newspaper photographer in Las Vegas and worked his last day with The Times-News Tuesday. He had worked at the newspaper since 1988.

Managing Editor Clark Walworth described the plea agreement as "the simplest way to conclude the case" in light of Salsbury's resignation from The Times-News.

"We want to make it clear that Mike's departure from the paper is not related to the case," Walworth said. "He has been offered an excellent opportunity at a larger paper."

Salsbury said he doesn't think he did anything criminal at the

accident scene, but added that the deputies were probably just doing what they thought was right.

"Your actions as a photographer can be perceived differently by different people, and you have to be aware of people's perceptions," he said.

"This newspaper and its photo staff have always had good working relationships with local police agencies, and we fully expect that pattern to continue," Walworth said.

The case spawned a dispute between Jerome County and Twin Falls television station KMTV, which went all the way to the Idaho Supreme Court. The county called for KMTV to hand over video footage of the scene as evidence.

The court in 1996 ruled in favor of the county, but the video was never used in the case.



Samantha Harper and her brother Adam of the Magic Valley Ballroom Dancers perform the Paso Doble Wednesday at White Pine Intermediate School in Burley. The presentation was part of Fine Arts Night Week at the school. Students have also had the opportunity to learn about drama, art, music and tape painting. Ballroom dance classes are being offered at the school on Mondays at 3:30 p.m. at the school. For more information call Nancy Blaine at 678-7221.

Twin Falls man charged with beating wife; faces trial

By Mike Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A Twin Falls man charged with battery and attempted assault after police officers said they saw him beating his wife has been sentenced to jail time on one charge. He still faces trial on the other.

Court records say the assault has been in progress at the time of the hearing.

Jose Benitez, Jr., 27, was arrested Nov. 10 after police responded to a domestic violence call. Officers who entered the home reported seeing Benitez in a back bedroom, holding his pregnant wife down and pushing her under a table.

Twin Falls city prosecutors charged him with misdemeanor domestic battery, while county prosecutors are charging him with felony aggravated domestic battery. County prosecutors dropped a charge of second-degree kidnap-

ping filed on suspicion of Benitez pushing his wife under the crib.

In a plea agreement, Benitez pleaded guilty to a reduced charge in the misdemeanor case. Monday, Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards sentenced Benitez to a maximum term of 180 days in jail.

Deputy public defender Paul Riggins asked Edwards to give credit for the 84 days Benitez already has served, but Edwards didn't.

"Notice you've had no battery charges in prison," Edwards told Benitez after reading the case file. "Could it be the size of the people? They fight back."

By pleading guilty to a lesser charge, Benitez could avoid stiffer penalties if ever again convicted of domestic violence.

Idaho law allows more stringent penalties to be applied if a convict has multiple domestic violence convictions, Riggins said. Benitez already has a

September 1993 domestic violence conviction in Twin Falls County.

Battery and domestic battery can carry the same penalty.

"Essentially the only difference is the wording in the statute," Riggins said. "It does save him from the multiple-charge penalty, but certainly a judge can consider the fact that he has been convicted of battery. It just doesn't add to the sentence."

Benitez probably won't be released from Twin Falls jail, even after serving the sentence.

Besides the upcoming aggravated assault charges, officials in Missoula County, Mont., have a warrant on Benitez on suspicion of at least two probation violations relating to a September 1990 charge of felony injury to a child. He was given a five-year suspended sentence after bruises were detected on a child, and a Montana state agency pressed

charges, according to probation records.

Benitez also has a Twin Falls County sentence of three years in prison that he never reported for.

Benitez pleaded guilty to failing to stop, running stop signs and swerving to hit police cars while Twin Falls police tried to stop him in January 1995.

Benitez was sentenced March 11 to a minimum of three years in prison. However, 5th District Judge Daniel Mehl kept court jurisdiction over Benitez, and sentenced him to 120 days in Twin Falls County's jail, with credit for 63 days served. After that, Benitez could have been sent to prison.

When the 120 days were up, Benitez went to Valley County on charges of failure to appear, according to Twin Falls County jail officials. Valley County apparently failed to have Benitez sent on to either Idaho prison or probation officers in Montana.

Senate endorses restrictive stabilization fund

BOISE (AP) — As the House unanimously ratified a \$17.7 million cut in this year's state budget Wednesday, the Senate was about the business of amassing cash.

The Senate voted overwhelmingly for a relatively rapid "scheme" to scrape together money to alleviate future budget reductions and finance emergencies.

"This is nothing but common sense," Republican Sen. Hal Bunderson of Meridian said. "We counsel ourselves, we counsel our families, we counsel how some money set aside



for emergencies." "The House was unanimous in passing the 2.5 percent across-the-board budget cut that I have imposed last fall to cope with a precipitous decline in corporate tax revenues due to the collapse of the computer chip market. Only public school will escape the entire holdback, although

budget-wisely have shaved it by nearly 50 million to help replenish the existing budget reserve.

The omnibus budget-cutting measure now goes to the Senate for final action.

Under the revision of the existing revenue system, now headed by the House, an amount equal to 10 percent of the general tax budget — about \$1.4 million — would be automatically deposited in the new Budget Stabilization Fund unless two-thirds of the Legislature voted to reduce or change the deposit.

The fund would be capped at 5 percent of the budget and with-

drawals would be limited to half the fund balance in any year.

There were only five skeptics, but among them was respected Republican Laird Noh of Kimberly, who questioned coming up with such a right plan when the state does not even have the cash for modest state employee pay raises or to maintain its original commitment for public school aid.

"If you look at the difficulties we have this year, there's only one way to put additional revenues in this fund next year — with a revenue increase," Noh said. "That's the implication."

Men arrested in bombing case

GRANGEVILLE (AP) — Two men have been arrested on murder warrants following a bizarre explosion that killed a Grangeville man last weekend.

Robert Wayne Matthews, 19, of Grangeville, was arrested at the Idaho County Courthouse on Wednesday in the death of Tracy Calhoun, the sheriff's department said.

On Tuesday night, Gary Lyn Gordon, 28, also of Grangeville, was arrested without incident by Sheriff Gene Meenan.

The sheriff's office said the investigation continues. Gordon was jailed on \$250,000 bail Wednesday. Matthews was being held with Calhoun's father, three-year-old Tracy, who was killed Saturday night when

an explosive device detonated in the back of his pickup truck.

The sheriff's office said someone threw the device into the back of Calhoun's truck about 10 p.m. Saturday.

Calhoun and a female companion noticed a red glare they thought was perhaps a cigarette butt and Calhoun had begun throwing snow on the device when it detonated.

The explosion blew a hole through the side of the pickup and Calhoun was struck in the legs, severing a major artery. He was taken to Sylvania General Hospital, then by ambulance to St. Joseph's Central Medical Center in Lewiston, where he died early Sunday morning.

Shooting

Continued from C1. She was arrested Nov. 30 on that charge and was released on bond Dec. 3, jail officials said.

The neighborhood along the block of Eighth Avenue East is fairly tight-knit and has many children, and residents keep

track of each other. The block between Walnut Street and Laurel Street is fairly quiet, residents say, except for a

few problem houses. Neighbors say they're shocked to have a shooting in their neighborhood.

Moving

Continued from C1. For several years, California tallied the top percentage of households moving out. But in 1996, as many people moved out of California as moved in, said the company.

United logged 51,916 shipments into or out of California, tops in the nation.

Trends by company analysts showed the states in the West

and Southeast also were among the most popular destinations. Meanwhile, many households seemed to be moving out of states bordering the Mississippi River and the West Coast.

The annual survey is used by real estate firms, financial institutions and others interested in relocation trends, said Dennis J. Lurch, United executive vice president.

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Busy dental patient can't find time to brush at work

DEAR ABBY: The letter you printed from the dental hygienist who was upset because her patients came in without first having brushed their teeth really frustrated me.

I used to schedule my dental appointments so I could stop on the way home from work, and I was usually the last appointment of the day. There was no way I could take time out from my job to brush my teeth. I had enough to worry about with rush-hour traffic allowing me to just get there on time.

What are working people supposed to do — go home, bathe, brush their teeth, then go to the doctor or dentist?

I'm sure that most people would like to be able to quit their lives in the fast lane,



DEAR ABBY
Abigail VanBuren

but if that's where the money and jobs are, what can they do?

Abby, while we're on the subject of cleanliness and health-care professionals, I'm sure we all remember our mothers telling us to always wear clean underwear with no holes in them in case we were in an accident and had to be taken to the hospital.

When I had a massive stroke

last February and the paramedics transported me to a trauma center, I wasn't wearing any underwear, let alone clean ones with no holes, and not one medical professional commented on that fact. They were too busy literally saving my life, for which I bless them daily.

—MAVIS E. WINTER, LAGUNA NIGUEL, CALIF.

DEAR MAVIS: Perhaps the dental hygienist was having a bad day, or was daunted by the amount of debris that had to be disposed of before she could get down to serious business with her patients. However, the woman's complaint was hardly frivolous.

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Online matchmaking soars in popularity

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Suzanne Cox figured that men using online matchmaking services on the World Wide Web had at least one up on the random men she might meet at dating companies or in social settings. They at least knew how to use a computer. Cox, a former technical writer for Netscape Communications Corp., joined Match.com, a Web-based dating service, more as a lark than anything else. She spent much of her work and personal time online anyway and the service was free, so what did she have to lose?

"I knew I'd be dealing with a certain class of guys this way," she said. "Even if they're not professional or educated, they at least appear to be upwardly mobile."

Match.com's mail-order brides to online matchmaking services, the medium for romance has changed with the times. The worldwide network of computers known as the Internet has transformed the way people communicate and meet. And that has been heightened with the popularity of the Internet's Web, which allows people to see graphics, pictures and hear sound over the computers. Destiny dictated that future mates would meet in this new frontier.

As Valentine's Day approaches this week, online love reaches its height in popularity. Dozens of sites, or addresses, on the graphically oriented Web are touting their love connections and how they can help eliminate those lonely nights at home.

While it's so routine and one-sided as the days when Western frontiersmen picked their mates while skimming through worn catalogs, the Internet is offering a chance to court and flirt from afar. But unlike the days of old, now people can pick and choose who they want to meet and woo. And now, instead of taking weeks or months to converse with potential matches, those who venture into online dating can get responses through electronic mail within hours.

Cox, 40, had looked into traditional matchmaking services, but found the cost prohibitive. "I saw the prices and I thought, 'I'm not desperate,'" she said. "This was free. It was like mining for gold." Match.com and other sites initially offered their services for free, but now typically charge \$5 to \$10 a month.

A year and a half and about 20 blind dates later, Cox has no regrets, though she wishes men were a bit more accurate with their self-descriptions. The online world also has offered workers the chance to carry on an office romance somewhat anonymously, as long as sender and recipient are careful. The high-profile trial of Adeline Lee, a former employee of Oracle Corp., showed, if nothing else,

Tips for the online lover

If you're ready to brave the online world of romance, expert Laura Banks (author of *Love Online*) offers these tips:

- Don't put much personal information in your profile. Your first name, general living area and a few hobbies should suffice — and prevent unwanted phone calls.
- Do, however, put in what you're after. If you're serious about finding someone, and you write "no married men or couples," Banks says, most of them will avoid you. There are enough people out there who are into that.
- Don't lie. Unless you expect others to lie to you, or you plan an elaborate ruse to keep your lies undiscovered.
- The first time you meet someone in person, take someone else. Don't have it be a one-on-one date.
- "If your life's a mess online," Banks says.

how romantic e-mail communication can turn sour.

Lee, 33, was accused of faking a one-time e-mail message that helped her win a \$100,000 settlement in her 1995 wrongful termination suit against her former boyfriend, multi-billionaire Larry Ellison, chief executive officer of Oracle Corp.

In the trial, Ellison conceded he playfully wrote e-mail messages agreeing to buy Lee an Acura NSX sports car, a house, a jet, the Hope Diamond and General Electric Corp.

"I was trying to be humorous," Ellison told the jury.

In-office romance can also happen by mistake. Fran Maier, general manager of Match.Com, said, "We had a CNet employee who got into an anonymous e-mail relationship with someone at Match.Com, but unbeknownst to him it was someone he worked with."

Since April 1995, Match.Com has had about 110 marriages, 39 engagements and 12 children born as a result of matches. Three more weddings are planned for Valentine's Day.

Apple Computer, Inc. employee Richard Robbins, a Match.Com member, plans to propose to his girlfriend on Valentine's Day. He lives in San Jose, Calif.; she lives in New York. He said getting to know someone through e-mail provides a fast and intimate way to get to know women.

"There is a different level of communication that you do used to write letters until about 40 years ago, then they started using the phone more and more. I think we've lost something by not writing."

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Committee moves campaign finance reform measure to full House

BOISE (AP) — Although support was lukewarm, a House committee approved legislation that would severely restrict political candidates from building large "war chests" from one election to the next.

The State Affairs Committee, which earlier rejected a number of campaign finance reform proposals, on Wednesday approved introduction of a bill from freshman Rep. Margaret Henbest, D-Boise.

It would require candidates to use up all their campaign donations by one year after an election or donate the remainder to charity.

The proposals also forbid political candidates from using donations for personal use, and would



and the practice of shifting money from one candidate to others.

Henbest called it "a step in the right direction" toward tightening laws on campaign finances. But she acknowledged few of the lawmakers who have seen her legislation had "warm, fuzzy feelings about this."

"I think it has a lot of problems" but brings up issues that should be discussed, said Rep. Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley.

Only Rep. Ruby Stone, R-Boise, voted against introduction. Rep. Twila Hornbeck, R-Grangeville, lost an effort to amend the proposal to remove the requirement that campaign donations must be spent within a year after the election.

Hornbeck said that after an election she uses campaign donations to defray the cost of traveling in her legislative district, which could be considered campaign-related activities.

"My campaign owes me \$10,000, and I don't have that in my war chest," she said.

Stone questioned whether Henbest's legislation would take away from candidates the ability to control their own funds. Other lawmakers wondered what would

happen if candidates wanted to run joint campaigns.

Rep. Paul Kjellander, R-Boise, said the cost of campaigning could go up dramatically if candidates knew they had to use donations or lose them. Henbest said costs also could go down.

Newcomb said that in a recent Idaho gubernatorial election, the losing candidate had a \$40,000 debt that creditors carried for several years.

Candidates in that position would have a hard time raising money to erase those debts, he said.

Rep. Kent Kunz, R-Pocatello, won introduction of his bill to encourage employers to guarantee legislators they would have their jobs back after a legislative session.

"The Legislature does not look like Idaho," he said, noting that the average age of the 105 law-

makers is 25 years older than the average Idaho resident and 42 members are retired, or are ranchers and farmers who have time in the winter to serve.

Protecting jobs is one way to encourage a broader spectrum of people to serve, he said. Kjellander opposed the measure, saying job arrangements are something lawmakers have to take into consideration when they run.

Lawmakers eye phone deregulation

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Legislature has its first bill on telephone deregulation, and members of a special subcommittee that helped put it together warn it won't be the last.

The House State Affairs Committee Wednesday voted to approve introduction of a bill to carry out state requirements under federal telephone deregulation.

Members of the panel that wrote it say lawmakers need to become informed on the issue because it is so important to Idaho consumers.

"Each one of us is going to have to do a lot of thinking to decide the issues," said Rep. John Alexander, D-Pocatello. "Our decisions are going to

impact rates and competition for a long time down the road."

"We will be revisiting this issue again," said Rep. Ron Crane, R-Nampa, cochairman of the panel that met 10 hours with telephone company lobbyists last week to work out the legislation.

He said the bill is the result of many compromises, "fragile at best," and warned that any amendments might cause the compromise to unravel.

"Everybody hates it a little bit," said Rep. Paul Kjellander, R-Boise. "Competition is here. This helps get it off the dime."

Crane said congressional deregulation means states must pass laws requiring competition at the local exchange level. The bill would:

- Authorize the Public Utilities Commission to set rates.

- Remove all barriers to companies competing for local service customers in what has been the exclusive domain of carriers such as U S West and GTE.

- Prevent companies from using revenue from one part of its business, such as long distance, to subsidize local service.

- Exempt rural telephone companies and cooperatives for three years. Crane said that will give them time to deal with the fact that outside companies might want to compete for their customers.

Committee members were told it was possible that rates for basic, local telephone service might double.

U of I restricts alcohol drinking

MOSCOW (AP) — There was no celebratory sound of champagne corks popping, but rather the resolute whack of a wooden gavel.

The University of Idaho Interfraternity Council voted unanimously Tuesday night to pass an alcohol policy more restrictive than what is allowed by state law, limiting where and when alcohol can be consumed in fraternity houses.

The sorority-organized Panhellenic Council voted to table the issue, taking it back to their houses for one more round of discussion before giving final approval.

The policy allows fraternity members and guests over 21 to consume alcohol only in their rooms. It limits social events to no more than four Greek houses at a time, each with a guest list of 20 people. Alcohol cannot be purchased through the fraternity's treasury or by any person acting on behalf of the fraternity.

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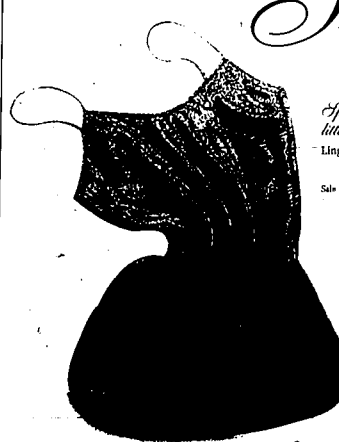
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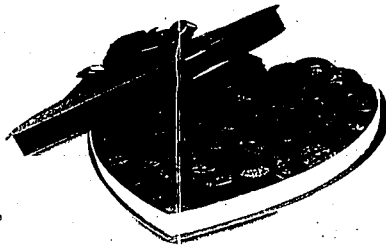
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Runoff could cause Lake Mead to rise

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A heavy snowmelt in the upper Colorado River Basin likely will raise Lake Mead by at least 12 feet during 1997, delighting fishermen but forcing marina operators to move their docks.

Lake Mead's surface elevation, now at less than 1,196 feet, is expected to exceed 1,207 feet by year's end and could go five feet higher, according to Bureau of Reclamation spokesman Bob Walsh.

The Colorado River Forecasting Service, a branch of the National Weather Service, projects a runoff of 171 percent of normal because of extra snow melting and entering Lake Powell, upstream of Lake Mead, from April through July.

If the lake's elevation rises to the 1,207-foot mark, it will be more than 18 feet shy of the all-time, high-water mark reached on July 24, 1983. That year, water rushed over Hoover Dam's spillways because the upper Colorado River Basin was inundated from heavy snowfall followed by heavy rains.

"It came down the river all at one time," Walsh said, explaining that the reservoirs that comprise the Colorado River system were holding more water at the time.

When the water receded, a line, similar to a bathtub ring, was left on rock faces along the shore.

Paul Chandler, general manager at Lake Mead Marina, one of six on the lake, said the high-water year of 1983 sticks out among the 35 years he has operated his business.

"It was quite a deal," he said Tuesday. "They were actually tying boats to the palm trees at the entrance out here."

For every three feet of vertical rise on the lake, docks must be moved 80 feet closer to shore. "It's time consuming and expensive. We lose parking area," Chandler said.

But more water can be a blessing for anglers, according to state and federal wildlife biologists who agree that more submerged vegetation enhances cover and food supplies for largemouth bass and pan fish.

Walsh said the last time Lake Mead reached the 1,207-foot mark was in May 1989.

Tree cutting along St. Joe River rankles residents

ST. MARIES (AP) — Federal wildlife officials have temporarily stopped cutting cottonwood trees along the St. Joe River because the work disturbs bald eagles.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife biologist Jim Alto issued a stop-work order Tuesday, after residents told him they saw the birds — protected under the Endangered Species Act — roosting in some of the trees.

The stop-work order is effective until March 1, when the migratory eagles should be gone. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is removing the trees

as part of a dike improvement project. The corps says the trees undermine the dikes.

About 80 percent of the trees already had been cut when the order was issued, said Joe Eppler, a commissioner with the Meadowhurst Drainage District, which is responsible for dike work.

The project upset many local residents and wildlife officials, who said removing trees that inspired the name "The Shadowy St. Joe" robbed bald eagles of nesting sites.

They also questioned whether

the cutting might actually increase the risk of flooding on the river, which feeds into the southern end of Lake Coeur d'Alene.

"There seriously are trees that need removing," said Gary Appel, who enjoys watching eagles roost in cottonwoods on his riverside property. "But what they're doing over there is a worse disaster than the flood."

Appel, a logger, is one of several riverside property owners whose homes were flooded a year ago following a sudden thaw. Corps officials who studied

ways to prevent future flooding believe removing cottonwoods along riverside dikes will help stabilize them.

Agency officials say they realize the trees' value as wildlife habitat and believe low spots in dikes — not the cottonwoods — caused last year's flooding.

But the tops and slopes of the nearly century-old dike have become overgrown with vegetation in many places. The trees may fall over and weaken the dike if the ground becomes saturated, said Bob Newbill, the corps' national disaster manager.

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Pair of wolves moves to Idaho pen

LEWISTON (AP) — A pair of wolves implicated in killing a cow in southwestern Montana will be moved to a remote holding pen along Idaho's Selway River by Nez Perce Tribe biologists.

The pair was captured Dec. 17 in Montana's Big Hole Valley with tranquilizing darts fired

from a helicopter. The wolves were originally released in Idaho in 1995 as part of the federal wolf reintroduction effort. They have been held since their capture in a holding pen in Yellowstone National Park, said Curt Mack, a tribal wildlife biologist at Lapwai.

LEGISLATIVE LOG

Sent to Governor
HB90 (Revenue and Taxation) — Brings Idaho tax code in line with federal tax law.

HB69 (Simpson) — Reduces copies required with prescriptions for controlled substances and requires electronic filing with state.

HB44 (Simpson) — Clarifies Agriculture Department's authority to declare quarantines.

HB46 (Simpson) — Exempts in-state seed producers selling their own crop from dealer licensing.

HB2 (Simpson) — Enacts the Uniform Prudent Investor Act governing trustees.

HB24 (Simpson) — Authorizes Agriculture Department to collect fees set by rule for pesticide applicator licenses.

Introduced in House
HB290 (Education) — Allows school districts to work with public transportation providers to use public transportation for students where it is cost effective.

HB291 (Revenue and Taxation) — Imposes 10 percent surcharge tax on liquor sales and doubles taxes on beer and wine to finance drug education programs in schools and county juvenile probation services.

HB292 (Revenue and Taxation)

— Doubles taxes on beer and wine.
HB293 (State Affairs) — Removes term "record of survey" in zoning laws.

HB294 (State Affairs) — Allows Public Utilities Commission to exempt the filings of securities from requirement for an application filed with the commission.

HB295 (State Affairs) — Makes it clear that persons representing the state may act to modify the state or federal constitutions or enter into treaties only with specific authorization from the Legislature by concurrent resolution.

Introduced in Senate
SB1103 (State Affairs) — Calls on Congress and the president to reduce the capital gains tax.

SB1203 (State Affairs) — Requires the Department of Administration to adopt regulations governing state-owned housing.

SB1204 (State Affairs) — Requires independent audits of affiliated organizations to government agencies.

SB1205 (State Affairs) — Exempts home brewing of beer from beer manufacturing laws.

SB1206 (Judiciary and Rules) — Creates passenger responsibilities as amusement rider passengers.

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Japan, South Korea discuss nuclear aid

TOKYO — The United States, Japan and South Korea discussed Wednesday how to provide North Korea with safe nuclear reactors, a U.S. official said.

The meeting, which was to continue Thursday, was to discuss technicalities involving the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization, a U.S. Embassy official said. KEDO is an outgrowth of a U.S.-North Korea deal that seeks to stop the communist country from developing nuclear weapons.

The official refused to disclose further details.

Confidant of North Korean leader defects

SEOUL, South Korea — A confidant of North Korean leader Kim Jong Il defected Wednesday and is seeking asylum in South Korea, becoming the highest ranking official to flee the communist North.

Hwang Jang Yop, 72, a member of the Central Committee of North Korea's ruling Workers' Party, fled to the South Korean Embassy in Beijing and asked for asylum, the South Korean Foreign Ministry said.

South Korean Ambassador Chung Jong-wook said in Beijing that Hwang had defected with an aide. The Foreign Ministry identified the aide as Kim Duk Hwang, the president of a North Korean trading company who is in his 50s.

Vietnam blocks Radio Free Asia

HANOI, Vietnam — Accusing the United States of airwave imperialism, Vietnam said Wednesday it was blocking U.S.-based Radio Free Asia broadcasts.

The move is the latest attempt by the Hanoi government to control how the Communist country is portrayed inside and beyond its borders.

"We cannot help using necessary measures to defeat the plot of using Radio Free Asia to interfere in Vietnam's internal affairs," government spokesman Tran Quang Hoan said.

A government official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said these measures included jamming the Radio Free Asia signal. He did not say when the jamming started.

Emergency session held by Albania's rulers

TRANA, Albania — The ruling Democratic Party met in emergency session Wednesday, prompting speculation of a change in government to appease Albanians upset about the loss of savings from a failed pyramid scheme.

Authorities, meanwhile, prevented opposition leaders from leaving a building for 12 hours to block them from leading an anti-government rally in the southern city of Vlore.

The protest went ahead without the leaders and the 2,000 people who gathered were not confronted by police. After the demonstrators dispersed, the leaders were allowed to leave the building.

NATO increases patrols to calm Mostar

MOSTAR, Bosnia-Herzegovina — A Muslim cleric appealed for reason Wednesday while relatives and friends buried a man killed earlier this week trying to visit family graves on the Croat side of this divided city.

NATO soldiers increased patrols in and around the city, dismantling illegal Croat checkpoints and seizing a handful of weapons. Armored personnel carriers and heavily armed soldiers were posted at each bridge linking the Muslim and Croat sides, but no incidents were reported.

Skill, officials said that overnight more Muslims had been forced from their homes in the western, Croat-held side of the city. It was not clear how many.

Retailer forced to deal with unionized store

TORONTO — Wal-Mart Stores, the world's biggest retailer, has lost a labor dispute in Ontario and must deal with a union for the first time at any of its 2,736 stores.

A provincial labor board ruled Tuesday that Wal-Mart subtly threatened to close its Windsor branch if workers voted to unionize. The workers rejected unionization by a 151-43 margin last May, but the board said the outcome was "meaningless" because of deliberate efforts to threaten job security.

Compiled from wire reports.

Pope opens Lent with Ash Wednesday Mass

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope John Paul II opened Lent's "road of prayer and penitence" with his traditional Ash Wednesday Mass on one of ancient Rome's seven hills.

However, the 76-year-old pope did not lead the usual procession to Santa Sabina Basilica on the Aventine — a sign he is following doctors' orders to reduce his activities after several health problems, most recently the flu.

He looked well and his voice sounded strong during the Mass, in which ashes were smudged on his forehead and on the heads of prelates, priests and monks.

Many Catholics fast, give up meat-and-renewance other pleasurable habits during Lent, which started Wednesday. On that day, ashes are smudged on the heads of believers as a reminder of mortality.

Ash Wednesday begins "a spiritual road of prayer and penitence, with which Christians let themselves be purified and sanctified by the Lord," John Paul said.

Earlier, during his weekly audience at the Vatican, John Paul told the faithful they should mark the Lenten period leading up to Easter with a sense of solidarity for the homeless.



Pope John Paul II waves to the faithful as he arrives at Paul VI's Hall at the Vatican for his weekly general audience.

He also noted that the Roman Catholic Church has dedicated this first year of the three-year preparation for Jubilee celebrations of the new Christian millennium to a reflection on the figure of Jesus Christ.

Army sex scandal spreads

BONN, Germany (AP) — The sex scandals in the U.S. Army have spread to Germany, where the service relieved three male instructors of their duties after 11 female soldiers accused them of sexual abuse and harassment.

Two of the instructors at Darmstadt training center have been in custody since Feb. 7 after allegedly trying to "influence the testimony" of one woman, the Army said Wednesday.

The third suspect was ordered not to contact any victim or potential witnesses at the training center south of Frankfurt.

It is the most serious sex-abuse scandal to hit a U.S. military installation in Germany in years. At

least some of the alleged acts happened after accusations of sexual misconduct surfaced at the Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland last November, which led to the appointment of a panel to investigate the extent of the problem in the Army.

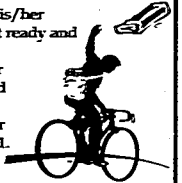
The women in Germany accused the instructors, all non-commissioned officers, of sodomy, indecent assault, cruelty and maltreatment of subordinates, the Army said in response to an inquiry by The Associated Press.

The training center offers a two-week course attended by all soldiers with the 23rd Base Support Battalion and other units around Darmstadt.

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Swiss agree to Holocaust fund

BERN, Switzerland (AP) — Switzerland agreed Wednesday to set up a fund to compensate Holocaust victims, but said it would not decide whether to contribute until it receives a report on Swiss banks' wartime activities.

The government decision follows an announcement by Switzerland's three biggest banks last week to contribute \$71 million to such a fund.

Foreign Minister Flavio Corti said that the government would set up and manage the fund. Banks will provide the initial contributions but the fund would be open to others, so its final size is not known.

The announcement was sharply criticized by Sen. Alfonso D'Amato, R-N.Y., who accused the Swiss government of running a shell game and using the banks' money for pro-

Vessel sinks; crew rescued

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — A U.S. cruiser rescued the nine crew members aboard an Iranian vessel that sank Wednesday in the Persian Gulf, the U.S. Navy said.

The USS Antietam received a distress call from the 110-ton Sorookh cargo ship early Wednesday, according to a Navy statement. A rescue team boarded the ship and evacuated the Iranian crew to the Antietam.

The Sorookh was en route from Qatar to Iran when it started to flood. Attempts to tow it were abandoned because of poor weather.

The United States and Iran have been sworn enemies since fundamentalist Muslim clerics seized power in Iran in 1979.

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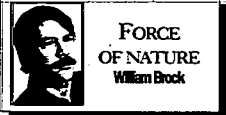
Ah, spring - but treat it with respect

Winter's on the run. According to the calendar, nature's cruellest season still has another five weeks remaining - but the worst is clearly over. The deep freeze is behind us and the darkness is turning to light. The sun is rising before 8 a.m. and setting after 6 p.m., and six hours of operation will be increasing for another four months.

It's time to start thinking about spring - which is a euphemism for mud.

By all indications, we've got a championship mud season ahead. Many lowland areas already are soggy, but the high country remains hidden under vast amounts of snow. Sooner or later, the snow is going to melt and when it does, Outdoor Idaho will be awash in glop.

For people with more horsepower than sense, mud is great fun. Guys in dirt-ripping 4x4s will gouge out axle-deep trenches, and for them, it will be a roaring good time.



FORCE OF NATURE
William Brock

Flame throwers are a lot of fun, too, when you've got the flame thrower. For the rest of us, motorized mayhem in the mud means impassable roads when conditions dry out. Spinning wheels create deep ruts, which become permanent when mud is baked by the sun. In this era of declining budgets, public land managers have less - not more - money for road grading.

Over the long haul, people who tear up muddy roads are tearing up your ability to use those same roads later in the year.

The best thing to do with mud is to stay out of it. That applies to 4x4s, off-road motorcycles, mountain bikes and even hiking boots.

If you've got to get out, get out on the snow. Even though most of it is in Idaho's high country, so backcountry skiers, snowshoe enthusiasts and snowmobilers can do their thing for months to come.

Endless snowpacks also guarantee that 1997 will be a bumper year for boaters. Little creeks will run big, big creeks will become rivers, and rivers will be transformed into raging rapids. The Snake River could be ripped from their foundations if a prolonged spell of warm weather settles in before June. Nature plays its hard rules and has little respect for private property.

With water everywhere, many people will be tempted to haul out their boats. The danger on lakes and reservoirs doesn't change much in big water years, so my advice is: 1) Wear a life jacket; 2) Don't wear your seat belt; 3) Stay sober; and 4) Head for the dock when bad weather threatens.

For those who launch on moving water, an old Colombian proverb comes to mind: "If you swim with the Devil, be sure you know the rope."

For people with sharp boat-handling skills, it's going to be a great spring and summer. White-water rapids will have plenty of fish and the big-water fun should last for months.

People with sharp whitewater skills know who they are. They've been in violent water before and know how to maintain control when the chips are down. I'm not too worried about them.

The people I'm worried about are the ones - generally men and boys - who set out on "easy" stretches in old fishing boats, family canoes or truck inner-tubes.

Over the years, I've written plenty of stories about boating deaths. The details vary, but the general theme is the same - the victims underestimated what they were getting into.

They got away from the dock all right, and many had time to crack open a beer before capsizing on a rock, getting swept into a half-submerged tree, or simply capsizing in rough water.

In many cases, their life vests were scratched away when the trouble started - and there weren't enough vests to go around, anyway. The danger of float wear is that they get heavy boots, which raised their chances of swimming and did nothing to blunt the shock of cold water.

You don't think cold water has anything to do with it? Go jump in the Snake River in your street clothes and see how quickly your motor skills fall apart.

Boating accidents often stem from simple mistakes - leaning upstream, inadvertently striking an eddy, or bronching off. When the weather turns, accidents happen fast and things go downhill quickly.

If you go boating this spring, be prepared for boating.

William Brock is the Outdoors editor at The Times-News.

Simple pleasures

Outing hooks more than fish

By James J. Krumlich
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - It was one of those February days that beckoned in a subtle fashion.

The sound of water, dripping from the roof of my house, and a puppy rugging at the covers of my bed served as the alarm clock. I grabbed the energetic puppy and headed for the coffee pot.

Outside, a premature glimpse of spring appeared. Only a few snow drifts remained, highlighted and framed by a greenish-brown lawn. Two squirrels, invigorated by the warmth and sunlight, bounded back and forth across the lawn. Time to introduce Beau, the puppy, to wild creatures and wild smells. Initially, the squirrels stood their ground, freezing in place, except for the curious twitching of tails.

Beau barked, which was still a new concept for him. The squirrels reared up a backyard tree and delivered noisy retaliation. The yellow puppy fell down in a tangled mess of legs, then ran for the safety of the house.

Warm sunlight poured through the kitchen window as the sound of dripping water increased as the day began to warm. Beau bit at my pant leg, pulling and twisting in puppy fashion.

Suddenly I received the message: Sunlight, the sound of water, and Beau subconsciously pulling in the direction of the door. I began gathering my boots, waders, and rod.

When we got to the river, life was simple. There were no fishermen and no interruptions, except for the curious, yellow companion I'd brought along.

I tied on a pheasant tail nymph, a standard winter pattern, and cast upstream. The casting, the sunlight, the steady force of the current against my legs - all felt inwardly gratifying.

Suddenly, a small yellow object brushed and scratched my waders as it slashed downstream. I threw the rod on the bank, then tripped, fell, and ran with the current.

Beau, swept by the river toward a log jam, thrashed away like an uncoordinated puppy. Falling one more time, almost within reach of Beau, I took no chances. I reached for the net.

With Labrador tangled in net, I reached the bank, wet and soggy, but warm in my heart. Beau stood and wined, showing obvious appreciation for his sopping hero.

The cool waters drained Beau's enthusiasm and energies. He curled up on my soaking vest and fell asleep. Sunlight, exercise, and panic set the stage for a good nap.

While Beau dozed, I focused on fishing.

I used my usual winter approach, which is the essence of simplicity. Measure each cast, lengthen and shorten as needed, then cover the water thoroughly. Move the strike indicator up and down to locate the strike's depth of the holding fish. Change

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While Beau snoozes, puppy trainer-writer Jim Krumlich enjoys a simple winter outing on a favorite trout stream.

nymphs if needed.

The first rainbow took the fly and raced downstream. It was 14 inches long, bright and silvery, with a distinctive pre-spawn pink on its side. I guided the trout into the shallows and released it with my hands.

Smiling, I knew that larger trout would be concentrated in the same area.

A pass through the same stretch yielded only a single finch fish - a true no-brainer in the fly fishing world.

Time to change patterns. I opened the fly box.

"I bought only one box of flies, instead of the five or six I usually carry in summer. Winter fishing requirements are minimal; there is no need to contemplate potential hatches, except for the possibility of midges, but only if the afternoon warms up."

Here's ear, Prince, brassies, midge

pupa, pheasant tail and several other patterns were at my finger tips. Why not the Prince? It was an unannounced tied fly, with delicate white wings.

"What about size? The pheasant tail had been a size 14, so why not smaller, say an 18? Logical enough for me. Keep it simple. This is fishing, not calculating the landing trajectory for the space shuttle."

The indicator hesitated in the current and I raised my rod. Instant gratification. Bending and vibrating, the rod signaled that life was attached to the line somewhere under the water.

This fish headed upstream, oblivious to the current, which is always a good sign. It kept going, so I began the River Bank Walk - an amphetamine, partially running, slipping, sliding.

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Stuffed and mounted

Taxidermists preserve tradition, nature's bounty

By Jim Miller News Service

TELFORD, Pa. - For the animals, it begins in Barry Lederach's shop where it should, at the end.

They are frozen in majesties of the moment. There are no stiff museum poses, no drooping man-eaters reared up and snarling, no novelties like poker-playing chimpanzees.

This is finer world as they mostly must have witnessed it. A bighorn sheep surveys the domain beneath its rock perch. A lioness assesses a downed gazelle made fixed forever to a tableau of survival.

This is also the changing face of taxidermy.

"It's a whole lot more now than a squirrel with a nut in its paw," said Lederach, 54, who started his taxidermy business in Telford, Bucks County, 33 years ago. "It's like good art. It should tell a story without words."

It has also become a minor industry. About 75,000 Americans - most of them hobbyists or those seeking a second income - consider themselves practicing taxidermists, according to a survey by the National Taxidermists Association, based in Slidell, La.

Several decades ago, taxidermists purchased from only a handful of suppliers. Some, roughly 150 supply houses offer products that range from glass eyes that swirl to artificial underbodies that can be fashioned to almost any shape.

"It's the American dream. Everybody wants to own their own business," said Cindy Crain, the association's executive secretary.

In Pennsylvania, taxidermy is a regulated business. Anyone among surrounding states, Pennsylvania requires taxidermists to pass both a written and a hands-on test.

Since that law, designed to protect consumers from shoddy work, went into effect roughly 30 years ago, the number of Pennsylvania taxidermists has actually risen. About 975 are now licensed, compared with an 625 a decade ago. And during this month, those who seek to profit from an unlicensed operation face minimum fines of \$500, said Dave Overcash, assistant director for the Bureau of Law Enforcement.

Mike Benner, Lederach's lone employee, serves on the state panel that decides who merits entry into the profession. Benner, 31, apprenticed under Lederach and was judged the country's best all-around taxidermist in 1990.

One of his works - a brown trout in full spawning colors, part of his winning entry - has appeared on the cover of *Taxidermy Today*, a glossy trade magazine. Benner looks at that fish

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Bellevue boy gets passionate about sled-dog racing

The Associated Press

BELLEVUE - Chadd Montgomery hearkens to the call of the wild. Nothing makes this 12-year-old feel more alive than a dog sled in his hands, the cold air biting his forehead and his four huskies bursting with power as they strain against the harness.

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Chadd Montgomery hooks up the lines to his practice sled near his home south of Bellevue. The 12-year-old Idaho youth has been racing sled dogs since the third grade. At right, Montgomery takes his dogs for a run after school on the back roads near his home.

Montgomery, said.

But nothing compares to dog-sled racing.

Chadd became interested in the sport while he was in third grade, when his dad bought him a Siberian husky after the family moved from Ohio to Idaho.

Don Montgomery, a retired insurance executive, used to haul milk with farm dogs as a kid growing up in Michigan. He raced in the Iditarod - the legendary 1,049-mile odyssey across Alaska - in 1977 and 1979.

His own racing was cut short in an automobile accident while he was train-



Chadd Montgomery hooks up his sled, signifying that he's among those who have finished the race.

Chadd would appear to be on course for his own bid at the Iditarod. He won the junior division of the Ashton Dog Dangle last year, and he won his first two races of 1997 in Sumpter, Ore., and Missoula.

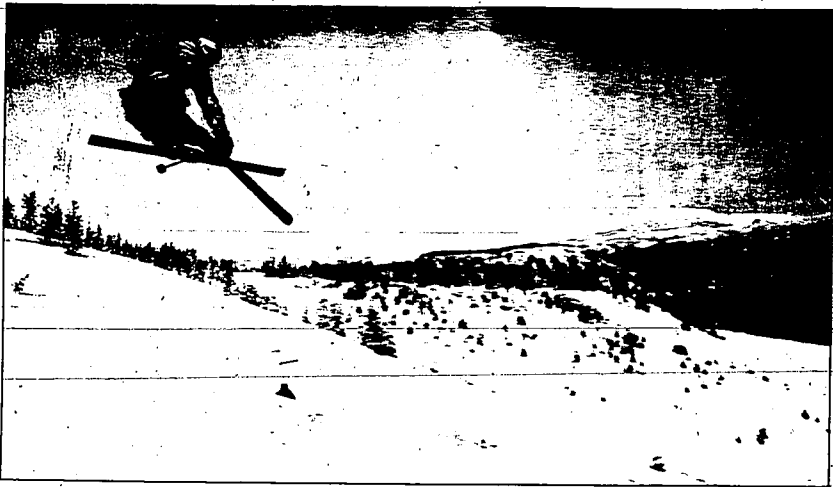
But so far he's noncommittal about going for the Iditarod. He realizes the training and money involved. That's fine with him: "Chadd has a long way to go

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Shane Slover, 21, of Albany, Ore., enters the black diamond run "headfirst" at the Idaho Ski Area last week at Coulter Pass, Ore. Slover, a student at Utah Bonner Community College, has been skiing since the eighth grade.

Meeting on hunting plans set for Jerome

JEROME - Proposals to allow unlimited killing of female mountain lions, lengthen the black bear hunting season, and boost hunters' odds for drawing controlled hunt permits will highlight an all-day public meeting on Wednesday. The open-house forum will run from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Idaho Department of Fish and Game's regional office, 868 E. Main in Jerome. Comments also can be delivered by mail or telephone. The mountain lion proposal seeks to eliminate all quotas on females in all but two of Idaho's hunting units; due to on-going research on mule deer, a one-female quota would be set for units 56 and 57. The current black bear season runs from Sept. 15-30 and Oct. 15-30, but Fish and Game is proposing to eliminate the two-week ceasefire and run the season, nonstop, from Sept. 15 through Oct. 30. Three options are being considered to improve the odds of drawing a controlled hunt permit. One idea would require deer, elk and antelope hunters to applying for only one species per year. Another idea would require hunters who draw an antelope or elk tag to wait two years before applying again; currently, a one-year wait is required. The final idea would limit permits for unlimited, controlled hunt to hunters who selected it as a first choice.

Combined ski race planned near Ketchum

KETCHUM - Anyone who thinks they've got winning telemark and Nordic skiing technique might be interested in a combined race on Saturday. Telemark skiers can test their ability at 10 a.m. on a giant slalom course on Bald Mountain. At 1 p.m., the action will shift to the Sun Valley Nordic Center for races on a 5-kilometer and 10-kilometer course. Points will be given for each race and overall winners in several age categories will be announced at the end of the day. The entry fee is \$15, which includes lifts for the Bald. Registration will be Friday, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at the Warm Springs Lodge. Race-day registration will run from 8-9 a.m. The race is open to all comers. For more information, call the Sun Valley Ski Club at 622-3003.

Alaska sheep permit gamers \$200,000

ANCHORAGE, Alaska - A state permit to hunt a Dall sheep has sold at auction in Philadelphia for \$200,000, much of which will pay for sheep research in Alaska. The sale, at an auction sponsored by the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep, was permitted by a law adopted by Alaska legislators last year. The amount amazed state Department of Fish and Game officials and members of the Alaska chapter of FMAVS. "This blew me away," wildlife biologist Ken Taylor. "We were expecting somewhere in the neighborhood of \$30,000 to \$40,000." Normally hunters pay a nominal fee to enter annual lotteries for Dall sheep permits in the small portions of Alaska where permits are required, but they can spend years in the lotteries without success. The odds of drawing most Chugach State Park permits, for instance, are less than 5 percent.

Huge Siberian republic sets aside reserves

GENEVA - The vast Siberian republic of Yakutia is setting aside 270,000 square miles - twice the size of Japan - for nature reserves in hopes of saving the Siberian crane and other endangered species. Polar bears, walrus and reindeer will be among the wildlife protected in a system of national parks and other reserves stretching into the Arctic. "Yakutia is a unique place, with a vulnerable Arctic ecosystem," Mikhail Nikolayev, president of the republic that makes up one-fifth of Russia, said at a news conference Tuesday. The campaign aims to correct "mistakes made in previous years (that) have left us with a heritage of severe environmental degradation," he said.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Idaho couple offers tons of hay for deer, elk

SODA SPRINGS (AP) - Instead of counting dollars, a former Utah tax accountant counts all the deer and elk that eat the hay he provides them. Bill Shore and his wife, Bobbie, are feeding nearly 400 deer and several elk every day when they give food to their 300 head of cattle. They have been doing it for the past nine years, but this year is different. "We've been getting about 400 head of deer instead of 100 to 150 and as many as 200 elk coming in this year," Shore said. The Shores feed the wild animals a ton of hay daily. Shore said the sound of the tractor raving up is like a dinner bell.

"The deer hear that tractor and start coming down out of the canyon."
- Bill Shore, Soda Springs
"The deer hear that tractor and start coming down out of the canyon, and then he offers his own insight," Shore said. "I've never been able to get night up and get one, but they smell around the tractor when we feed."
The Shores did not set out to provide winter

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with a fresh eye, he does not back in to photograph reflections that come from its body. Fish lose their lustrous coloration within minutes of death; Benner took photographs of his trout seconds after it was caught so he would be able to recapture its details. Though the fish - a 100-hour project painted scale by scale and positioned over two scale in a gravel bed - seems as if it could still bolt for freedom, Benner is not satisfied with marginal particulars around its eye sockets. "Guys like that take taxidermy to a whole new level," said Terry Ehrlich, editor of Taxidermy Today. "For far too long, too much commercial taxidermy was an ego trip for the sportsman. He'd bring in a big bass to the taxidermist and want it mounted so it looked like it could swallow a mayonnaise jar." To that end, Lederach and Benner try to discourage customers from mounts with exaggerated poses. "A relaxed animal is much more comfortable to be around," Benner said. Gene Bell, chapter of Safari Club International and president

of Bell Taxidermy in Shoemakerville, has brought Lederach about 60 animals, including a carp bubble and an argali sheep. "He tries to get as much input as he can from the customer, and when he offers his own insight," Bell said. "It works out well for everybody." And it has worked out exceedingly well for at least one former employee, the John Crossley, 43, worked with Lederach for a year in the early 1970s after apprenticeship under a secretive state in Philadelphia. "Thank them," Crossley said. "Taxidermists taught you only what they wanted you to know. They didn't want to train former competition. But Barry wasn't like that. He's always been very open with his knowledge." With \$300 in savings, Crossley started Tishibon Glass Eyes in Estwina. The 30-employee company now sells more than one million eyes a year to 80 percent of the market - to manufacturers. "It's a niche," Crossley said. "But the eyes are the window to the soul. If they're not anatomically correct, the whole effect suffers." In general, anatomy suffered

greatly during the first days of taxidermy. The oldest known specimen is a zebu ox, circa 1200, made for the Royal Museum of Vegetables in Florence, Italy. Before it was sent back on the ship's skin was tanned and then stuffed with grass. The American Museum of Natural History in New York, established in 1859, houses some of America's earliest works of taxidermy. Practitioners in their own hands the bones of the animals, reassembled and wired them together, and filled the final spaces with wax. The results, however, were often stiff, clinical studies devoid of expression. The work of today's taxidermists is anything but. The heads of two newly finished eagle hawks in Lederach's shop carry heavy-lidded, comical expressions that suggest the viewer has missed a lone moment. "It's their heads," Lederach said. "They are - alive." Looking, a 15-foot couatle has a look like an other; it sports a severe overbite apparently caused when another couatle chased off a six-inch chunk of its lower lip. Lederach plans to

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form of locomotion. The fish turned, hit full throttle with the current, and powered downstream. I began another River Bank Walk, upped the current, and hoped the fish wouldn't break off. Loudly clicking, the reel provided a clear warning. "This is a good fish, Buster, but one stupid move and you'll never know how good." Holding in deep water, the trout surged three more times, and then jumped into the sunlight. It was an 18 inch, maybe more. I reached for my net, but - what's this - no net! I looked downstream where Beau slept silently on my vest and net. Walking downstream, with one arm stretched over my head, I hoped the line and leader wouldn't tangle on a rock. Luck went with me and I retrieved my net without losing the fish. Easing into the water with net in hand and dog underfoot, I swiftly captured my prize. Beau barked a greeting to the fish, which was a nice 14-inch rainbow. After a jump introduction on the part of both trout and dog, I slid the hook from the jaw of the fish. Beau bounded into the shallow, looking for the fish, then plunged headlong into the current. "Toss the rod, don't drown the child," Once again, I went after my puppy. "Back at the truck, Beau snoozed on the front seat while I removed my waders and stowed equipment. If I hurried, the squirrels might still be in the backyard, enjoying the warm February afternoon.

Musher

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before I'd let him spend long nights in the frozen north," she said. Right now, Chadd is a wiry 5-footer trying very hard to get to 100 pounds so he can handle a six-dog sled instead of the three-dog sled he currently races. His passion demands time-consuming commitment. He gets up at 6 a.m. every day to feed and water the dogs, and then feeds them again at four. Four times a week, except during the summer when the temperature stays above 50, he takes them for a four-mile spin along the back roads. "I think this'll make me more responsible in high school and college," he said. "It's helped me become real organized." Pulling Chadd and the sled is no chore for the dogs. The second they see the sled, they erupt in happy barks. Moose, an Alaskan husky, is the leader. He holds the line taut so Chadd can hitch the other dogs. He also leads the turns as Chadd yells "go!" and "slow." Chadd always acknowledges him first upon entering the pen - there's a pecking order among the dogs.

"It's the smart ones who smother the leaders, not the biggest or strongest," Don Montgomery said. Arley, who is learning how to lead, is paired with Moose during practice runs. Major and Vampire, whose mother was an honored winner Jeff King's team last year, are the best dogs closest to the sled. They provide the power. They also know to jump to the inside of the track to keep the sled from sliding over a corner at 30 mph. "Some people think we beat these dogs into submission," Don Montgomery said. "But if you want to be cruel to a dog, you leave him at home. These dogs want to go." A short, chunky, "Eek, hee, hee" and the dogs are off, sweeping Chadd off his feet. The main brake - a rubber mat with spikes - breaks off as the team spins around the second corner. Chadd stumbles as he struggles to leap onto a wooden trough-braile. Still, he manages to hold onto the sled with a death grip as the team bounds over mounds of snow and speeds down the road.

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View of raptors flying free a 1st for many 'Eagle Day' visitors

NORTH OGDEN, Utah (AP) — Ten-year-old Zebulun Goodrich of North Ogden had only seen the symbol of America perched behind bars at the zoo.

On this day at Salt Creek Waterfowl Management Area, though he saw for the first time bald eagles soaring free.

"I like eagles a lot. I like how fast they go and how they eat their prey," Goodrich said as he and his friends from Scout Pack 493 took turns peering through telescopes set up for the public at Salt Creek, northwest of Corinne in Box Elder County.

A lot of people flocked to Salt Creek and the Farmington Bay Waterfowl Management Area to

enjoy the annual "Eagle Day" sponsored by the Division of Wildlife Resources and the Wasatch Audubon Society.

The day was sunny but the wind chill made for a cold day at Salt Creek. Many families and groups took turns warming up nippy ears and fingers in their cars, but their persistence paid off as almost 50 bald eagles could be seen soaring the landscape.

Scott Linsley, 10, also of Pack 493, said he saw a couple of eagles fly close to the water's edge but he sat hoping to see one catch a fish. "I like how they catch their fish. I like how sharp their claws are.... It's pretty cool."

Jake Faibisch, northern region

information and education manager for the division, said hundreds of people come every year to watch the eagles and to meet other bird enthusiasts.

Eagle Day was devised to spark wildlife interest among kids and adults.

Chosen as a symbol of freedom by Americans, the bald eagle, after spending decades on the endangered species list, has also become the symbol of resilience.

"Eagles have made a remarkable recovery since they found out DDT was a big reason for eagle decline," Faibisch said.

Because of the use of DDT after World War II as a pesticide, bald eagle populations, as well as

those of other raptors, began to decline.

The chemical would be picked up by insects, which in turn would be eaten by fish, and would eventually accumulate in eagles, which would lay thin-shelled eggs.

The use of DDT was banned in the United States in 1972. But it has taken until recent years for the population to begin recovering.

With less than 4,000 of the birds in the 1960s, counts now average about 13,000 wintering birds, but they are still listed as threatened.

The Potoker family from North Ogden said they were taking

advantage of the rare opportunity to see eagles in the wild. "It's kind of a once in a lifetime chance.... You just don't get to see them that often," Sean

Potoker said.

"They were an endangered species and it's just neat to see them and they're beautiful flying," Jean Potoker added.

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Jeff Walker, left, and Brian Mahon head up Mt. St. Helena near Cougar, Wash., in June 1996. Walker, a house painter from Willard, Wash., has survived kidney cancer and has been invited to climb Mount Everest in May but he must raise \$27,500 by March to pay for his spot on the climb.

County official to lead expedition

SPOKANE (AP) — Spokane County Commissioner and world-class mountain climber John Roskelley said he expects to be criticized for taking a planned three-week vacation this summer to lead an expedition.

Roskelley, author of three books on mountain climbing and a veteran of at least 23 Himalayan climbs since the early 1970s, has agreed to lead a sight-seeing and climbing expedition in August to northern India.

Roskelley said he made a commitment before his re-election.

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Land-locked salmon numbers fall in Dworshak Reservoir

BOISE (AP) — High flows at the Panhandle's Dworshak Dam mean far fewer kokanee salmon will around for anglers, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game reports.

Any kokanee caught this year are likely to be large, but sportsmen will wait a long time between bites. While other species have been relatively unaffected, kokanee numbers went from fabulous to near zilch last spring.

That is when the bulk of the population gathered near the dam, then went over the top during high flows. The landlocked salmon's population was estimated at 1.3 million in February 1996. By April, it had dropped to

150,000. Biologists said about 71,300 fish were in Dworshak in July, but that deteriorated to 37,000 by October.

The population density of 2-year-old fish now is estimated at two per acre.

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Section E

Healthy Social Security is no retirement plan

NEW YORK — Arthur Hall has a point: We pay too much attention to the potential insolvency of Social Security that we focus too little on how poor it is as a retirement program.

It's a terrible plan," he said, referring to how it would affect average-income couples now 50 years old.

By his calculation, they will retire to a minus 1.35 percent annual return on payroll taxes they and their employers paid.

"And it will only get worse if taxes are raised or benefits are cut," he added. Yes, and it looks even worse still if measured

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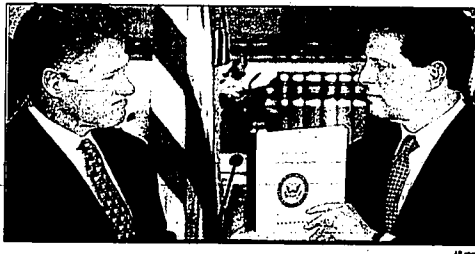
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Pledging to use "all the tools of modern science" to make air travel safer, President Clinton Wednesday applauded proposed aviation improvements and urged Congress to approve \$100 million to implement some.

Clinton stressed that air travel is still the safest mode of transportation. But he said change is needed, starting with inspections of older aircraft that include examining wiring and hydraulic systems.

"We will use all the tools of modern science to make flying as safe as possible... all to ensure that every plane carrying passengers, regardless of its age, is as safe as it can be," Clinton said.

The White House Commission on Aviation Safety and Security gave Clinton 53 recommendations. Many of them already are being implemented at the nation's airlines and airports.



Vice President Al Gore presents President Clinton with air travel safety proposals Wednesday at the White House.

The proposals include use of automated passenger profiles to help screen out

would-be terrorists, a plan that drew complaints from civil libertarians.

Clinton urged Congress to pass the new budget he submitted last week containing \$100 million for improving aviation.

The commission concluded that modernization of air traffic control systems should be speeded up, with the goal of completing it by 2005. It also called for reducing the rate of airplane accidents by 80 percent in the next 10 years through a major upgrade of Federal Aviation Administration safety and security measures.

Commissioners said reducing the accident rate was crucial. While noting the risk of dying in a plane crash remains low, a projection by Boeing Co. showed that unless the global accident rate is reduced, an airliner will crash somewhere on Earth nearly every week by 2025. The commission, chaired by Vice President Al Gore, was appointed by Clinton after TWA Flight 800 crashed off New York's Long Island last July, killing all 230 people aboard.

DOW-JONES

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MARKETS

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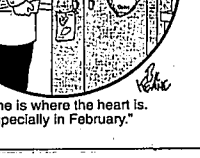
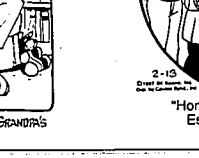
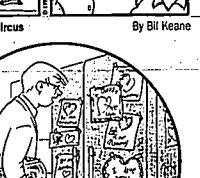
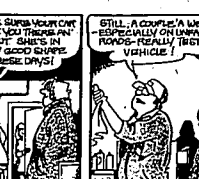
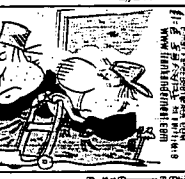
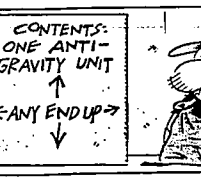
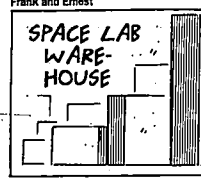
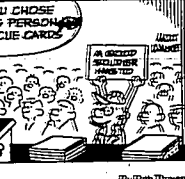
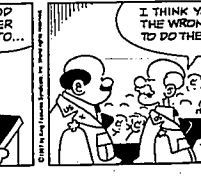
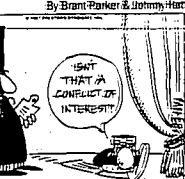
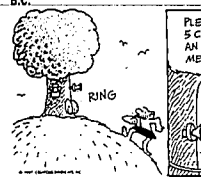
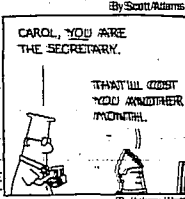
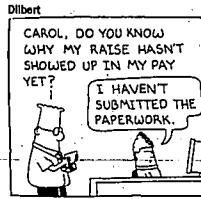
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COMICS



All about those Oranges

Q. How come Disneyland in California and Walt Disney World in Florida both are in counties with the same name (Orange County)?
 A. Coincidence. Oranges got to South lung before the Disney people showed up.
 The word "sanguine" could be useful, maybe, if you need another term for "tan your toenails."
 Q. Why do some eyes show red in a sunset?
 A. The flash reflects off the back of the eye's interior, thick with blood vessels.
 (Humans are slim that anything will go wrong with your mind if it hasn't already done so by age 70. So we're a species on the verge of extinction.)
 Q. Who invented the revolving door?
 A. One Theophilus Van Kannel of Philadelphia, Pa. In 1858.
 Gen. George Eastman introduced the Kodak camera that year. Ernest Lawrence, Thyaur, 24, was paid \$5 for his patent "Casey at the Bat." And that's the bumper-disembowled back-

WHAT'S WHAT?
 L.M. Boyd
 street women in London.
 Kansas once passed a state law rounding off the value of pi from 3.14159265... to an even 3.
 Those hopeless least likely to survive a business startup are highly-educated women without much money. Or so it's reported in a study of entrepreneurs.
 Veterinarians say it's the young dog rather than the old dog that's most likely to bite someone.
 Q. What does a comet have to do to form a tail?
 A. Swing close enough to the sun's heat to vaporize ice so release trapped dust.
 Word is the Junior Chamber of Commerce started out as a group of teetotalers decimated to prohibition of liquor.

HOROSCOPE
 Sydney Omar
 —IF FEBRUARY 13 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You create your own tradition, are creatively rebellious. You possibly were separated from one or both parents at relatively early age. Taurus, Leo, Scorpio persons play leading roles in your life. Father was ministry of family, mother had delightful sense of humor, scattered her forces. Current cycle relates to change, travel, variety, romance, marriage status. January-December will be your most profitable, romantic months of 1997.
 ARIES (March 21-April 19): Spotlight on payments, collections, artistic endeavors. You'll be tested for talent in fields of drama, art, photography. People who once took you for granted now plead "Give me some time!"
 TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Attention revolves around initiative, fresh start, ability to win your way through charm, muscle. What occurs behind scenes will be made public — to your advantage. Plesce plays dynamic role.
 GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Slow down! Patience obliges. Many things Law involved, it is on your side, Capricorn native declares, "You're doing wonderfully. Keep it up but slow down." Cancer native also involved.
 CANCER (June 21-July 22): Reach beyond the immediate. You probably intend to predict future. Love relationship warm, temperature rising. Don't be so sure too much. Taurus native helps make major wish come true.
 LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Three days ago a promise was made in connection with career, romance. Simultaneously these areas are spotlighted — you'll be credited with successful double-play! Acquaint plays role.
 VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Deal gingerly with Cancer-born individual. Money and prestige involved. Shopping spree deny budget — restrain, please! Long distance communication elevates morale. You will be surprised.
 LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Diversity, playful humor, be up-to-date on current events, fashion. Additional wardrobe improve body image. Keep resolutions involving diet, nutrition, Gemini, Scorpio.
 SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Another Scorpio seeks cooperation in starting a business. Be aware of legal rights, tax and license requirements. Check with business, marriage partner. Taurus also figures in scenario.
 SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Be an armistice. Ask questions concerning finances, addresses. Adhere to journalistic credo, find out what happened and why. Work methods under review — no short-cut Virgo represented.
 CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Beautiful gift involves pleasure, pleasure. Pleasant surprise, you'll be asking, "What's the occasion?" Answer: "Don't ask me, many questions!" Taurus, Libra, Scorpio persons in scenario.
 AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You might be filing missing persons report. Maintain equilibrium, avoid hasty decision. Follow hunch and your heart. Mystery person returns from your past. Plesce plays fascinating role.
 PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): What was nebulous will become solid — proceed along business, career lines. Don't give up the ship! You're on precipice of uproarious scenario.

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Christmas sales benefit local charities

TWIN FALLS International Order of Job's Daughters Bethel 56 held its annual Christmas wreath sale in November to raise funds for its activities.

Since community service is one of the ideals upon which Job's Daughters is based, Bethel 56 gives a percentage of its profits to charities of the members' choice. This year's recipients were the Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley and the Scottish Rite Learning Center. During the installation, checks were presented by Past-Honored Queen Tina McBride and Honored Queen Stacy Garrand to Dr. Harry Brumbach and Fred Decker.

All members would like to thank the Magic Valley for its support of the wreath sales. Job's Daughters is a Mesosonic organization for girls ages 11 to 20.



Tina McBride, wearing husband Gary's Job's Daughters Bethel 56, presents a check to Dr. Harry Brumbach in behalf of the Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley.

CLUB CALENDAR

- CIVIC**
- 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 Bacon at 734-9737.
 - Buhl Rotary Club**
Meets at noon Thursdays at Melina's Restaurant, downtown Buhl. For more information, call President Elect George Nye at (208) 843-9238 or Secretary Robert E. Bailey at 543-5506.
 - 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) 326-4530, business phone or home at (208) 326-4081.
 - 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 Peter Toft, 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 Archie Goodman at 733-2049. New members are always welcome.
 - Twin Falls Lions Club**
Meets at noon Tuesdays at the Turf Club. For more information, call Alan McIntosh, president at 733-7700, or Ray Strober, membership chairman at 734-6644.
 - Twin Falls Optimist Club**
Meets at noon Thursdays at the Main 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.
 - Wolves 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.
- MUSICAL**
- Buttons and Bows Round Dance Club**
The club will hold a dance workshop (work at the Jerome American Legion Hall. Dancing will be from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. For more information, call June Custer at 733-9233.
 - Buttons and Bows Square Dance Club**
The club will hold a workshop for dancers Monday at the Jerome American Legion Hall. Experienced dancers will start at 7 p.m., with beginners at 8:30 p.m. For more information, call June Custer at 733-9233.
 - Magdoch's Barbershop Chorus**
Meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at First Methodist Church in the basement, corner of Shoshone and Fourth Street, Twin Falls.
 - Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club**
Meets Tuesday for a Half-Way Dance at 7 p.m. at St. Jerome's Catholic Parish Hall, 216 Second Ave. E. All dancers, "new" and "old" are welcome and all are asked to bring finger foods. There will also be round dancing. For more information, call Duane Way at 733-9250 or Mary Gagne at (208) 534-8903.
 - 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 invited to accept six weeks free 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 Betty at 734-1900.
- HOBBIES**
- Magic Valley Chess Club**
Meets from 6 to 10 a.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.
 - Magic Valley Pinocle Club**
Meets at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Disabled American Veterans Hall on Harrison Street and Shoup Avenue, Twin Falls. Open to the public. \$2 donation. Prizes.
- BRIDGE**
- Meets at 9 p.m. Mondays at Magic Valley Bridge House, 246 Falls Ave., Twin Falls. For more information, call 733-8699. Newcomers welcome.
- WEIGHT LOSS**
- Gooding TOPS Chapter No. 251** (a non-profit organization)
Meets at 5 p.m. Thursdays at the Gooding Senior Citizens Center, 308 Senior Ave. For more information, call (208) 934-4638.
 - Jerome TOPS Chapter No. 48**
Meets at 6 p.m. Wednesdays at the Palais Royal, 703 S. Pine. For more information, call (208) 324-1240.
 - Twin Falls TOPS Club ID No. 3**
Meets Tuesdays at Valley Vista Village, 653 Ross St. N. TOPS is a non-profit weight loss organization. For more information, call 733-3304.
 - Twin Falls TOPS Chapter No. 309** (a non-profit organization support group for weight loss)
Meets at 7 p.m. Wednesdays at Valley Vista Village, 653 Ross St. N. For more information, call 734-5132 or 736-3291.
 - Overeaters Anonymous**
Meets at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at First Baptist Church on Shoshone Street (go through side doors) in Twin Falls. For more information, call 734-4547.
 - Overeaters Anonymous**
Meets at 10 a.m. Thursdays at the First Baptist Church on Shoshone St. (enter at the ninth avenue entrance) in Twin Falls. For more information, call 734-4547.
 - Overeaters Anonymous**
Meets at 12:30 p.m. Mondays at First Methodist Church, Twin Falls. For more information, call 734-4547.
- SUPPORT GROUPS**
- Al-Anon** (for relatives and close friends of problem drinkers)
For more information on meeting times and places, call the Al-Anon Hotline at 736-3557.
 - Adult Children Anonymous**
Meets from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday at the First Presbyterian Church, 209 Fifth Ave. N., Twin Falls. For more information, call Marlene at (208) 326-4443.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous**
For more information, call 736-8446, 734-0590 or 733-7897.
 - Christian 12-Step Support Group**
For more information, call Suzan at 734-7001.
 - Cocaine Anonymous**
For more information, call 734-7242.
 - Divorce Care**
Meets at 7 p.m. on Mondays at Amazing Grace Fellowship, 103 Easton Drive N. in Twin Falls. Divorce care is a biblically-centered recovery and support group for individuals suffering from divorce. Meetings are open to anyone seeking support, and are free. Child care is also provided. For more information, call the church office at 736-0727.
 - Magic Valley Brain Injury Support Group**
For more information, call Cassandra Blakey at (208) 326-4080 or Sonia Blakley-Heuer at (208) 733-0824.
 - Moms'n Touch**
Meets at various times throughout the week. MIT is a group of two or more mothers in a group that meet each week to pray for their children and the school they attend. For more information on meeting times, call Lori at 825-9604.
 - Narcotics Anonymous**
For more information, call: Southern Idaho Region 736-1160 or 1-800-328-5257.
 - Overcomers Outreach Christ-Centered 12-Step Support Group** (for addictive and compulsive behavior)
Meets from 7 p.m. on Mondays at First Baptist Church, 2262 Hilland Ave., Burley. For information, call Mitch or Rita at (208) 678-3678.
 - Parents of Down Syndrome Children**
For more information, call Danielle Groves at 733-8869, or leave a message.
 - Substance Abuse Volunteer Efforts (S.A.V.E.)**
For more information, call (208) 436-9460.
- This public service column is designed to publicize Magic Valley clubs and organizations. To have your meeting listed, or to update your meeting information, send your name of the organization, day and week(s), and time of the meeting with a telephone number and name of a contact person to Bobbi-Jo Hall at The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83402, attention Club Calendar. The deadline is noon Tuesday.**

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Tote painting class offered

BURLEY - Cassia County 4-H will hold a wood and tote painting mini-class from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Thursdays, today through March 20, in the Extension Conference Room.

Two wood projects and Tote Painting I and II will be completed during this class with Rosie Davids instructing. Cost is \$20, which includes all supplies except brushes. Participants should bring their own brushes.

The class is for ages 10 and up, with class size limited to 15.

Viewers see Hale-Bopp

TWIN FALLS - Members of the Magic Valley Astronomical Society will be ready to provide a telescopic view of the Hale-Bopp Comet beginning at 5:30 a.m. Monday at Thompson Park on Carriage Lane, weather permitting.

Hale-Bopp is being hailed as the comet of the century. It will rise in the eastern sky at approximately 4:30 a.m. and be visible with the naked eye until dawn's light. According to Forrest Ray, president of the Magic Valley Astronomical Society, the comet appears due east as a fuzzy ball. Binoculars will provide a better view, revealing a bright pin-point nucleus and a small tail. The visible size of the comet is half the size of a full moon.

Ray said the once-in-a-lifetime comet will be a morning object for the next 30 days. It is moving in the sky so high enough to allow reasonable viewing through smoggy humidity. It will rise progressively earlier each day and be visible until dawn's light. The comet's brightness is currently around third magnitude - brightest objects seen with unaided eyes are first magnitude, the faintest are sixth magnitude. Hale-Bopp is expected to be at its brightest by March 22. In late March, it will become visible in the early evening, low in the northwest.

Planning to join the astronomical society Monday morning should dress warm, bring hats and gloves and be sure to layer clothing if they plan to stay long.

Writers League meets

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Chapter of the Idaho Writers' League will meet on Tuesdays at Elmer's Restaurant on Blue Lakes Boulevard North.

On the agenda is a business meeting and a presentation by RE Stueber on call laboration. Stueber is a faculty member at the College of Southern Idaho.

For more information, call Steve Hazeman at 734-3045.

Hullert reveals research

TWIN FALLS - The KAIKE group is sponsoring an evening with Dr. Rick Hullert of Boise at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in the conference room at the Weston Inn on the corner of Blue Lakes Boulevard and Falls Avenue East.

Participants can hear of an all-around substance that has lost more than 50 years of scientific research and medical documentation through the loss of records, strength and enhance your immune system without additives or preservatives.

Admission is free; refreshments will be served.

St. Clair earns Eagle

TWIN FALLS - Jeff St. Clair has earned the Eagle Scout Award through the Boy Scouts of America. The award will be presented to Jeff at a Court of Honor set for 5 p.m. Saturday at the Twin Falls LDS by Ward Church on Emerald Boulevard.

To earn the award, scouts must complete at least 21 merit badges and an Eagle project. Jeff has earned 25 badges, which qualifies him for a bronze palm to be awarded at a later date. For his project, he built and installed wooden gates at the entrance to the playground at the Valley House children's shelter. Sixteen people assisted him, logging in 59 hours of service.

Jeff is a member of Troop 28, sponsored by the Twin Falls LDS by Ward Church on Emerald Boulevard. He is 13 and an eighth grader at O'Leary Junior High School. He is senior patrol leader of his troop and president of his den's quorum at church. His parents are John and Linda St. Clair of Twin Falls.

College offers answers

TWIN FALLS - A representative from Carroll College in Heber, Wis., will be in Twin Falls Monday.

Assistant Director of Admissions Linda Little will interview area students interested in attending the Catholic, coeducational, liberal arts college.

Students and their parents are encouraged to make appointments for Monday by calling Linda at (406) 847-4363 or 1-800-592-3648.

Center offers class

TWIN FALLS - The Center for New Directions in the Valley Center for New Directions in Idaho is offering a Self-Confidence and You workshop from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June Cunningham, Outreach Coordinator from the Walker Center, will assist participants during the definition of self-esteem and how it influences a person's life as well as how to develop and build their own esteem. Cost is \$15.

For more information contact the Center for New Directions at 733-9254 Ext. 2580, or toll free at 1-800-429-0174 Ext. 2580.

Entry deadline set

BOISE - Idaho elementary, junior high and high school students have until Feb. 21 to submit entries in this year's 21st International American Art Contest sponsored by the Idaho Transportation Department's Division of Aeronautics.

Winners will be named in three age categories in early March. Some winners will receive certificates, and their artwork will be displayed in Washington, D.C., for the national competition in April. National winners earn a spot in the international competition in Europe and receive certificates and gold, silver or bronze medals.

Businesses, detailing the rules and regulations are available at every Idaho public school, through the art departments or administrative offices. Entries must depict the student's own aviation or space-themed graphic stamp for an imaginary country. Aeronautics. Artwork must be postmarked by Feb. 21.

For more information, call (208) 334-8756.

Waterfowl festival starts

BLIZZARDMAN - The Winter Waterfowl Festival begins this weekend in Eganman with Mr. Larson speaking on bluebirds and Bluebird Trail at 7 p.m. Friday at the Eganman Community Center, located at 180 E. Lake.

Saturday events are as follows:

- A pancake breakfast is planned for 7 to 9 a.m. at the Eganman Community Center.

A guided tour of the Eganman Valley Bluebirds will begin at 9 a.m. Those interested in attending should meet at the west end south of Eganman. Participants will convene in Anderson Ponds.

Continuing tours of Eganman Wildlife Management Area, Outer Lakes and surrounding areas will be offered from 9 to 11 a.m.

A dawn open lunch will be held from noon to 1 p.m. in the park. Items, pizza and dessert will be served. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children 12 and under.

Workshops at the Community Center include construction with Al Larson, a bird identification lecture by Jack Trotter and backyard bird habitat improvement by Dave Muehl of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game will be offered.

A Boyer Rehabilitation program, presented by local rehabilitator Debbie Nutzhals, will be held from 2 to 3 p.m. Program will include live birds.

Reggie speech: World Center for Birds of Prey, Pronghorn Fund Presentation will begin at 7 p.m. in the American Legion Hall.

Events continuing on Sunday are:
- Pancake breakfast from 7 to 9 a.m. is planned at the Eganman Community Center.

A bird walk at Thousand Springs Preserve will be held from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Maps are available at the National Park Service Visitor Center.

A guided tour of Malad Gorge State Park will be held from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Those interested should meet at the overlook parking lot. Maps are available at the NPS visitor center.

All activities, except meals are free. The National Park Service Visitor Center will be conducted an open house all weekend. Those interested are invited to view videos and displays, and dissect owl pellets.

Center hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

LETTERS OF

THANKS

Dreams come true

The Magic Valley Chapter of Wishing Stars would like to thank the Magic Valley Joynes for making dreams come true for local children with life-threatening illnesses. The money raised at the "10th Annual Frozen on Skis" has already provided a child with a hot tub, and the balance will be used for the wish of another child.

Your support is very much appreciated! Keep up the good work!

The Magic Valley Chapter of Wishing Stars would like to thank the members of the Idaho Federation of Grain Millers, Local 282 and the employees of Amalgamated Sugar Co.'s Mini-Cassia factory for donating gift certificates to be used at Smith's Food and Drug. The gift certificates will benefit local wish families. Thank you for thinking of our wish families. Your donation is much appreciated.

DIANA JONES
President, Magic Valley Chapter of Wishing Star
Twin Falls

'Angel Tree' supported

Once again, the people of the Magic Valley have shown what generous, caring and loving individuals they are.

The Magic Valley Optimist Club of Twin Falls has already provided a Christmas tree for the Angel Tree located at the Creekside Steak House in Twin Falls. On

used at Smith's Food and Drug. The gift certificates will benefit local wish families. Thank you for thinking of our wish families. Your donation is much appreciated.

DIANA JONES
President, Magic Valley Chapter of Wishing Star
Twin Falls

the tree were many names with a "wish" list from a lot of underprivileged children in our area. Customers at Creekside took these names from the "Angel Tree" and realized them in many, many gifts for these children. The response was overwhelming. Give yourself a pat on the back, Magic Valley, for the great caring and giving people you have living here.

Thanks also to Lloyd Family Christmas Tree for its donation of the tree and to Jim Dutt of Creekside for sponsoring the "Angel Tree" in his restaurant. Way to go!

VICKI STEARNS
Vice President
Magic Valley Optimist Club
Twin Falls

We want your news

If it's news to you, we want to hear about it. We use *April Crutch* and *Henry Miller*. It is our job news about:

- Community meetings
- Local events
- Social events
- Individual achievements
- Your kids and their activities

We also want to publish 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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The Times-News
P.O. Box 548
Twin Falls, Idaho 83402

Henry Miller
The Times-News
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Twin Falls, Idaho 83402

You can also reach us by fax at 733-4543 or 734-4528. You can also email us at twinnnews@idnet.net.

Deadlines for the Sunday page is 5 p.m. Wednesday. Deadlines for the Tuesday page is noon Monday. Deadlines for the Saturday page is 5 p.m. Tuesday.



MONEY

Help wanted: Faxing resume is faster, but it can be costly

By Candie Mason-Draffen

Dear Help Wanted: Why do companies often list just a fax number in a help-wanted ad? I do not own a fax. The stores that offer fax services charge \$2 or more for one sheet. What is wrong with a letter and resume sent for the cost of a 32-cent stamped? What are unemployed job seekers supposed to do? — Faxed Out

The bottom line is that the fax is faster than the mail, and when a company wants a list of positions fast the fax could be the most efficient way to compile a list of candidates.

When you do send a fax, remember to include it with a printed copy if an address is available, said Frank Eckstein, because a resume looks best on bond paper.

Dear Help Wanted: I worked for a company with a 401(k) pension plan. But when new owners took it over, they dropped the plan. Is this legal? — Retired Plan

Dear Retired: Federal law doesn't require companies to offer pension plans, so your new company had the option of dropping it.

However, the company has to distribute the accumulated funds to contributors within a year of the plan's termination, unless some overriding reason justifies taking longer. That's according to Anthony Burke, an IRS

spokesman.

Dear Help Wanted: I called in sick, but unfortunately I was later seen out in the community. Now my company is contemplating firing me. What are my rights? — Day-Off Angel

Dear Day-Off: You're in a tough situation unless you are covered by civil service, a union contract or some other employment agreement that offers a grievance procedure, said lawyer James Harding of Coopersman, Harding & Moore in New York City.

Without that protection, you could be legally fired for no reason at all, let alone for being seen out after you called in sick.

"Looks like the guy called in sick and got caught," Harding said. "I'm assuming from your letter that you weren't at a pharmacy buying medicine when you were spotted. So consider telling your lawyer that you are sorry for your mistake and that you will not repeat it."

Dow jumps by more than 100 points

NEW YORK (AP) — The Dow Jones industrial average soared to 10,100 points on Wednesday, shooting toward the 7,000-mark only four months since it first crossed 6,000.

Broader measures also rallied on the last hour of trading, with the Standard & Poor's 500 list breaking past the 800-mark for the first time.

The Dow jumped 103.52, or 1.5 percent, to 10,100.94, its fifth biggest point-gain ever for the Dow, which first hit the

4,000-mark less than two years ago.

There were no significant economic developments to spur Wednesday's rally, which analysts attributed in part to a report confirming that money creation is set to return to normal funds last month, reinforcing the demand for stocks.

After a surprisingly sharp advance in the first three weeks of the year, the stock market has stumbled several times amid worries prices had risen too far

too fast. But with last month's inflation and interest rate news rising again, the more optimistic economic outlook that dominated the second half of 1996, investors are growing less fearful of a severe recession. Many equity investors truly believe that the Federal Reserve has no reason to move interest rates to the upside "to slow the economy as insurance against rapid inflation," said Ned Riley, chief investment officer at the Bank of Boston.

Retirement

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against the return the couples would earn had the funds been invested in annuities.

Arthur Hall is a numbers cruncher and senior economist at the Tax Foundation, a think tank that supplies tax data, studies and advice, but which takes no stand on specific legislation.

It is especially concerned that the public's money be used intelligently — a very intense mission when Congress is in session — and in that context it supports the broad proposition that Social Security be restructured.

The failure is the absence of a clear link between contributions and benefits, a sort of financial planning that would destroy an insurance company or, as it help to do, the centrally planned Soviet Union.

As a consequence, says Hall, workers who retired during or before the early 1980s received substantial returns on their and their employers' contributions, while those planning retirement in 2013 face negative returns.

For example, says Hall, a couple that retired in 1982 (they are now age 80) received a 16.58 percent return on employer/employee payroll taxes, a glaring con-

trast to the negative returns to be received by baby-boom retirees.

It gets worse. Suppose, says Hall, the baby-boomer couple scheduled to retire in 2012, had the dual contributions invested in an annual, after-tax annuity. Hall's figures show they'd receive \$2.9 million each.

Such evidence would seem to compel legislators to pay attention to what it is they seek to preserve before making any moves that would seal in the existing incongruities, failures and injustices.

That's the way a good manufacturer would approach the situation. But instead, for example, at least some effort is devoted to correcting last year's problems before retooling for the current year's models.

There is a difference though. In carmaking, the designers are given an opportunity every year to correct defects and make improvements. The chance to do so with Social Security comes up perhaps once in a decade or more.

The most widely considered improvement option is to seek higher annual returns, the most likely method of doing so being to invest some of the funds in private capital markets, mainly

stocks and bonds.

But even now, after months of debate and scholarly papers, the method of doing so produces charges and counter-charges. Even the Social Security Advisory Council, whose duty was to make recommendations, couldn't agree.

Should government make the investment decisions? "Allowing the government to invest the trust funds would amount to the socialization of a large portion of the U.S. economy," says a paper for the Cato Institute, a Washington-based economic research group.

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Can they be trusted to do so wisely? What happens if they lose the money — will they seek to be rescued by government? Equally important, can Wall Street and its coterie of advisers be relied upon to do the right thing?

As ELL suggests, however, it isn't the only critical consideration. Equally important is correcting, rather than fossilizing, the system's defects.

Study: Dialing car phones means trouble

BOSTON (AP) — Talking on a cellular phone behind the wheel is about as risky as driving close to the speed limit, a study found. Using a car phone while driving quadruples the risk of an accident, researchers in Canada reported in today's issue of the New England Journal of Medicine. An average of 11 calls with a hands-free model is just as dangerous.

While many people have assumed that the distraction of car phones can be dangerous, the study is the first to actually measure the hazard.

"I tell patients to avoid unnecessary calls, to keep the conversations brief and to suspend dialogue during heavy roadway circumstances. Put the phone down for a while until things clear up," said Dr. Donald A. Redelmeier.

While the fourfold chance of getting into an accident is about the same as the increased risk involved in driving with a blood-alcohol level right at the legal limit, the researchers noted that alcohol's extra risk drops back to normal as soon as they hang up, while near-drunk drivers may be

a menace for hours.

"I think this is probably something we all know in our gut. Anything you're driving, you still have to keep your attention on the road," said Tim Ayers, vice president of the Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association in Washington.

However, the organization also pointed out that the number of cell phones in the United States grew 1,685 percent from 1986 to 1995 to 34 million subscribers. During the same time, auto accidents fell 17 percent and fatalities dropped 26 percent.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS. In the Matter of the Estate of ARLEY T. MASON, Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, personal representative of the above-named decedent, has filed with the Court for hearing said account on Thursday, the 20th day of March, 1997, at 9:00 o'clock a.m. at the courtroom of the above-entitled court at the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho.

MARTHA FLORENCE HUTCHINSON, Husband and Wife, Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said decedent are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the last publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.

MATHEW ROLLINS, Father of above-named minor child. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, mother of the above-named child, is filing this petition for the appointment of a guardian of the child. Said father is further notified that pursuant to 16-1113 of the Idaho Code that he may register his claim as father of a child born out of wedlock with the Department of Health and Welfare, Bureau of Vital Statistics, and it shall be signed, prepared by a Notary Public.

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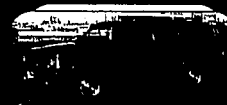
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