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Incinerator hearings skip area

By N.S. Norkentved
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Energy Department doesn't plan a public hearing in the Magic Valley to hear what people think of plans to incinerate radioactive waste in eastern Idaho.

As part of a 1995 agreement with Gov. Phil Batt, the department has signed an \$800 million to \$1 billion contract for a plant that would treat plutonium-contaminated waste mixed with hazardous chemicals.

The Energy Department is starting a study to look at the environmental effects of such a plant.

The first public hearing on what ought to be covered in the study is from 6 to 9 p.m. today in Boise.

The second hearing will be from 6 to 9 p.m. Dec. 9 in Idaho Falls. No hearings are planned in Twin Falls.

In scheduling hearings, the Energy Department tries to balance cost with the level of interest in communities, INEEL spokesman Brad Bugger said.

The waste treatment plant would be

operated by a private contractor, BNFL Inc., the U.S. subsidiary of British Nuclear Fuels Limited.

The plant would treat about 2.3 million cubic feet of radioactive waste stored at INEEL.

The plant may also treat waste from other federal sites outside of Idaho.

Some of the waste would be compacted, some encased in concrete and some would be incinerated. The treated waste would be sent to a disposal facility slated to open next year in New Mexico.



For more information on nuclear waste management visit the Times-News Online's NewsLink page.
 Go to www.magicvalley.com and click on NewsLink icon

OF KIDS AND KINGS

Chess provides Hailey students 'weightlifting for the brain' sessions

By Kristan Kennedy
Times-News writer

HAILEY — At first, fourth-graders Courtney Woodall and Brittany Barney thought chess would equal boredom until the two discovered chess teaches ways to move "their guys."

Ten-year old Nicholas Purdy doesn't see chess as bolstering his critical thinking skills. He thinks it's a fun battle, even though the girl's got the power.

"The king, he's powerful, but not like the queen, she does anything she wants, moves any direction, more times than the king," Purdy said. "He can only move one space at a time. The pawns, they're well, the weakest."

These three aren't alone in learning the ways of chess in the Wood River Valley. Recently 130 third-, fourth- and fifth-graders at Hailey Elementary School completed a six-week chess program, where they traded in recess and a hot lunch for a sack lunch and the chance to kill the king and beat their opponents.

The mission of chess isn't to ignite a battle of the sexes. Its proponents claim the battle of board royalty teaches discipline, concentration and reasoning skills. It also teaches patience and planning, said program director Kristy Turco at Hailey Elementary.

Turco initially thought chess would mainly benefit gifted math students. That's why she added chess to Hailey and Bellevue Elementary's recess activities two years ago. But the turnout and payoffs surprised Turco.



Kristy Castano makes a move under the watchful eye of her opponent, Melissa Hansen. The Hailey Elementary fourth-graders play chess every week.

LEEP looks at new site near Curry

By William Brock
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The manufacturing company that scuttled its plans to locate in a disputed industrial park east of town is getting serious about building a factory near the junction of U.S. Highways 93 and 30, west of Curry Crossing.

Leading Edge Earth Products Inc. is eyeing an 80-acre site less than 500 yards northeast of the interchange, according to an environmental consulting firm hired by LEEP.

A development application is expected to be filed with Twin Falls County sometime in January.

The first phase of the project calls for a pair of 40,000-square-foot buildings and a work force of up to 120 employees, said Mary Ann Mix of the Hailey environmental consulting firm MPE Inc.

"They're looking at paying at the rate of about \$12 per hour," said Mix, also a Blaine County commissioner. "That's a very decent wage to manufacture a product that uses very few resources and has very little impact."

LEEP's chief executive officer, Grant Record, was out of town Wednesday and did not return phone calls to his office. LEEP makes insulated structural panels for buildings.

Mix and another MPE employee, Larry Young, said LEEP wants to know what nearby residents think of the project.

Meeting set

Residents of the area eyed by Leading Edge Earth Products are invited to an informal meeting from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Curry County Store on U.S. Highway 30.

Men in Dakotas, D.C. area live no longer than in India

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Men in a swath of South Dakota as well as in the eastern cities of Baltimore and Washington live about as long as men in such developing countries as India and Bolivia, a Harvard scientist reported Wednesday.

Emphasizing stark differences within the United States, Dr. Christopher Murray also said women in some counties die at around age 83, while men in a southeastern portion of South Dakota that contains two Indian reservations have life expectancies of only 61 years.

Also, male Indians living in the worst South Dakota counties had a life expectancy of just 36.5 years and black

men living in the nation's capital 57.9 years, as low as in parts of Africa. Yet male Asians living in affluent counties in New York and Massachusetts lived to be 89.5. Asian women in their mid-90s.

The vast differences in Americans' life expectancy is the sort found between poverty-ridden Sierra Leone and wealthy Japan — not the type predicted within the United States, Murray told a scientific meeting organized by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"That's an absolutely staggering range," Murray said. What's going on in the low-life-expectancy counties "is obviously the \$64,000 question."

"The size of the discrepancy was the big surprise," agreed Dr. James Marks, director of CDC's National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention. "The findings have tremendous implications." He said the CDC will study how to improve these counties.

Murray is performing a massive study of U.S. disease trends. His first results are snapshots of life expectancies in different counties and in some county-sized cities.

In 1990, women lived longest in Stearns County, Minn., about 83 years.

Men lived longest in Utah's Coche and Rich counties, about 77 years.

The worst counties were five neighbors in South Dakota — Bennett, Jackson, Mellette, Shannon and Todd — where life expectancy for men was 61 years, for women 70. In Washington, men's life expectancy was 62.2 years, women's 73.9 years. In Baltimore, men's life expectancy was 63 years and women's 73.2.

The 10 unhealthiest areas were in inner cities and the South and on Indian reservations.

The swath in South Dakota, for instance, encompasses two Sioux reservations that have reported large problems with diabetes and alcoholism.

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Party debt plays Grinch to White House holiday plans

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — At the White House this Christmas, the Grinch is a Democrat — the whole Democratic Party.

With the Democratic National Committee struggling under millions of dollars of debt, President and Mrs. Clinton have pared their DNC-financed holiday party schedule from last year's 25 to 15 this season. Their guest list has shrunk by about 20 percent.

There was a nary a "Bah humbug" uttered, though, as first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton gave reporters a sneak preview of the White House's holiday decorations Wednesday.

"We love parties. Who's counting?" she beamed from above a dangerously pointed, 3-inch Christmas tree broach pinned at her throat.

She showed off the mansion's 23 Christmas trees, 224 wreaths, 486 feet of

garland and 1,464 bows of burgundy, red and gold — all assembled and decorated with a "Santa's Workshop" theme by 60 volunteers in four days. White House employees have been planning for the season since mid-June.

The president lights the national Christmas tree on the Ellipse, south of the White House, tonight.

Mrs. Clinton said the extensive planning time came as the "biggest single shot I ever had" when the family first took over the White House in 1993. "I'd never been anyone who planned for Christmas much before mid-December, and then my husband and I would race around," she said.

Party invitations have not yet gone out to supporters, aides, reporters and dignitaries, but social secretary Capricia Marshall is already getting calls from people worried about being "downsized" off the guest list.



First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton visits with pastry chef Roland Mesnier and assistant Franette McCulloch after their gingerbread house creations were set up as part of the White House holiday decorations.

THE REGION

Camas Prairie

High: 31 Low: 6
Mostly sunny after patchy morning valley fog clears. Mostly clear and cold tonight. Partly cloudy Friday.

Treasure Valley

High: 41 Low: 22
Variable high clouds with light southeast winds. Partly cloudy tonight and Friday.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 23 Low: 4
Mostly sunny after patchy valley fog clears. Highs near 15 and lows near 15 below in the Stanley Basin. Partly cloudy Friday.

Eastern Idaho

High: 35 Low: 9
Hazy sunrise after patchy morning fog disperses today and Friday. Light northeast wind. Clear at night.

Northern Idaho

High: 41 Low: 28
Mostly sunny after patchy morning fog disperses today and Friday. Light northeast wind. Clear at night.

Northern Utah

High: 43 Low: 19
Sunny but hazy today. Fair tonight. Continued chilly.

Northern Nevada

High: 41 Low: 20
Mostly clear but hazy tonight. Fair tonight. Increasing clouds Friday.

Chess

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The first year, over 60 children showed, playing good up monkey bars for pawns one-day a week. The next year more than 100 kids turned out.

Turco's chess program draws children of all interests, not just students in her gifted and talented education program.

"I found that it's using lots of parts of their minds," Turco said. Checkerboards are popping up in schools all over the nation and world.

Tom Keenan, an English teacher at Sut Valley's private Community School and director of the Idaho Chess Association, four years ago turned a lunchtime hangout into a chess gang after bringing a chess board to his classroom one day. He had been intrigued with the game since high school, the era of the Bobby Fischer-Boris Spassky matches in 1972.

Keenan's chess students don't like the game to the Cold War, but have become obsessed

Site

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before pushing ahead.

"We want them to know what the proposal is up front," Mix said.

"Nothing is cast in stone at this point," Young added. "One of our main tasks now is to get feedback from residents of the immediate area."

Notification of the proposal was sent to surrounding property owners Wednesday.

In addition to the two 40,000-square-foot buildings in the project's first phase, LEEP ultimately envisions four 160,000-square-foot buildings, Mix said. Landscaping would transform the site into an environmentally attractive, campus-like setting.

The area is zoned for rural agricultural use, according to MPE's interpretation of the 1995 Twin Falls County comprehensive plan.

In addition to its proximity to the new highway interchange, the site also abuts railroad tracks owned by the Eastern Idaho

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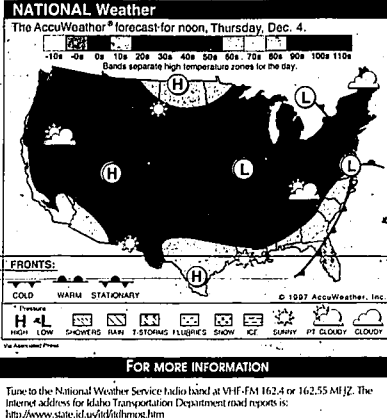
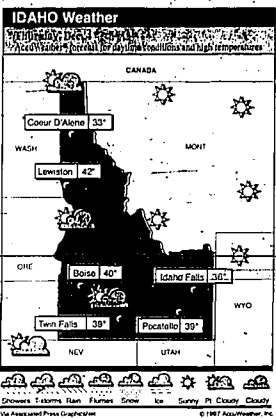
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MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
High: 39 Low: 15 Mostly sunny today and clear tonight. Fast wind 5 to 10 mph.	High: 39 Low: 12 Partly cloudy and continued chilly. Light wind.	High: 35 Low: 10 Localized morning fog, increasing clouds.	High: 36 Low: 22 Chance of valley rain or mountain snow.	High: 38 Low: 24 Chance of valley rain or mountain snow.



UV INDEX

Index: 1
Minimum: 1
Burn time: 60 minutes

ROAD INFORMATION

Boise: 376-8020
Magic Valley: 886-2266
Pocatello: 233-6724
Rigby: 745-7278

SKYWATCH

Sunset today 5:05 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:52 a.m.
Lunar phase: New Moon, 29th quarter, Dec. 7, full, Dec. 13; last quarter, Dec. 21.
Visible planets: Evening: Mercury, Venus, Jupiter, Saturn; Morning: none.

ACROSS THE NATION

Idaho: Fair skies, light winds and cool temperatures prevailed. Patchy morning fog in southeast Idaho dissipated by noon. By mid-afternoon, a few high clouds began to work across the southwest near Boise. Afternoon temperatures ranged from upper 30s to lower 40s in the Panhandle, Magic Valley and lower Treasure Valley to near 30 across the upper Snake River plain. Colder air trapped around Stanley held temperature near 14 degrees.

West: A cold front spread light rain across northern California and the coast of Oregon. Light snow showers were scattered over northern New Mexico, southern Colorado and the central

Dakotas. A winter storm warning was posted for northern New Mexico with 6 to 10 inches of snow possible in places. Morning temperatures dropped well below zero in the northern Rockies.

Midwest: A broad band of precipitation stretched from the Gulf of Mexico to north of the Great Lakes. Rain extended from eastern Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and the Florida Panhandle across southeastern Arkansas and the Tennessee and Ohio valleys to the edge of the Great Lakes region. Rainfall in most areas was less than an inch, but occasional thunderstorms developed in the Gulf Coast states.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls	Precipitation
Yesterday 39 15	Yesterday in Twin Falls .06
Last year 31 12	Month to date: .16
Normal 44 24	Water year to date: 1.85
	Normal year to date: 2.11

Idaho

Max	Min	Exp	Idaho: High: 56 at
Boise	41	22	Lagerman, Low: 12
Burley	40	15	at Stanley
Fairfield	33	5	Nation: High: 82 at
Hagerman	56	17	Naples, Fla. Low: 16
Idaho Falls	34	12	at W. Yellowstone,
Jerome	49	19	Mont.
Lewiston	44	27	
Malad	42	27	
Malta	45	12	Comfort factors:
McCall	19	2	Humidity: 78 pct.
Pocatello	34	11	Noon barometer: 29.99
Salmon	12	0	Pollen count: Not
Stanley	15	12	available. End of
Sun Valley	35	0	season. Notes: Not
			available.

Courtesy Astoria and Arroyo de Palo.

The Nation

Max	Min	Pcp
Allanquaque	41	32
Atlanta	60	46
Boston	50	32
Chicago	51	50
Dallas	41	50
Denver	31	20
Des Moines	33	22
Detroit	39	28
Honolulu	69	69
Houston	62	36
Indianapolis	45	36
Kansas City	38	38
Kas Vegas	56	37
Los Angeles	70	53
Memphis	54	48
Miami Beach	79	66
Milwaukee	36	35
Minneapolis	33	33
New Orleans	76	61
Omaha	31	31
New York	51	36
Phoenix	52	25
Philadelphia	41	31
Portland, Me.	48	28
Portland, Ore.	49	43
Reno	45	19
St. Louis	45	40
Salt Lake City	43	23
San Antonio	65	45
Seattle	58	46
Spokane	37	24
Washington	51	32

Canadian Cities

Calgary	37	14
Montreal	31	18
Toronto	20	20
Vancouver	49	31

Chess

nonetheless. This week, Keenan is overseeing a tournament for 600 students.

"It's weightlifting for the mind. It engages intellectual skills we don't practice, especially adults. When you play chess, you're responsible," Keenan said. "You have to learn to think ahead. If you don't, you lose."

Justin Boyle, another fourth-grader, just thinks it's fun. He said giving up chess was no big deal, except on the first snow day. Woodall likes the challenge.

"Checkers is easy, this is hard," she said.

The first week of Turco's program, a local variety store ran out of boards the first week. Chess students play at home with siblings and parents. Chess even breaks the language barrier.

"I've found the Spanish-speaking kids don't have to speak English to play the game, and the English speaking kids don't have to understand Spanish either," Turco said.

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NATION

Court hears of same-sex harassment

Supreme Court justices appear deeply divided over details

NIGHT-RIDER News Service
WASHINGTON — For an hour Wednesday, the Supreme Court talked about sex.

Specifically, whether federal civil-rights law covers on-the-job sexual harassment by men against men or by women against women. And after the oral arguments ended, the justices appeared ready to rule that sexual harassment in the workplace can sometimes be illegal when the alleged harasser and the victim are of the same sex.

Beyond that, though, the justices appeared deeply divided.

They expressed divergent views over such questions as how to prove single-sex harassment, how to tell the difference between male-harassment and harassment, whether there could ever be gender discrimination in an all-male or all-female workplace, and whether a bisexual employee who equally harasses both sexes violates the law.

In the case at hand, however, the high court is being asked to decide only whether a lower court was wrong in ruling that federal law simply doesn't cover same-sex harassment.

"I don't see how we could possibly sustain the ruling," Chief Justice William Rehnquist remarked.

At least five other justices expressed a similar distaste for a flat ban on single-sex harassment suits.

One of them, Stephen Breyer, said, "A Jew could discriminate

against a Jew, an African-American against an African-American, an Italian against an Italian. Why isn't it possible that a homosexual ... could discriminate?"

The court's ruling, expected by July, could have a major impact on "businesses, which face an increasing number of such suits. But if the justices allow single-sex suits, lower courts would still have

to grapple with what exactly constitutes harassment and how the law should be enforced.

"At the core of the dispute is Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which says that it is "an unlawful employment practice to discriminate against any individual because of sex."

Although the law doesn't mention sexual harassment, the Supreme Court ruled more than 10 years ago that unwelcome sexual conduct or remarks, if severe or pervasive enough to create a hostile work environment, violate federal anti-discrimination law.

The justices, however, have never specifically applied that principle to single-gender situations, and lower courts have split over whether abuse between employees of the same sex can be discriminating "because of sex."

The issue came to the court in an appeal by Joseph Oncale, who said he was repeatedly subjected to sexual touching and even

threatened with rape by three male co-workers on an oil-drilling rig off the Louisiana coast in 1991. On one occasion, Oncale said, two of the men forced a bar of soap into his rear in a shower stall.

Oncale, who said his complaints to supervisors were ignored, filed suit against the three men and the employer, Sundowner Offshore Services.

The defendants, who are heterosexuals, denied any harassment and portrayed the incidents as hazing or horseplay. A federal appeals court, based in New Orleans, threw out the suit, saying that the Civil Rights Act doesn't apply to single-gender harassment.

Nicholas Canaday III of Baton Rouge, La., representing Oncale, and Deputy Solicitor General Edwin Kneeder argued that the law covers men who harass other men for sexual reasons in the workplace.

But several justices said gender discrimination, not just sexual harassment, would have to be proved. Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg questioned whether different treatment of men and women could be proved in an all-male workplace. Others wondered whether the law would apply to what one lawyer called "equal opportunity harassers."

"Suppose," Justice Sandra Day O'Connor said, "you have an employer who pats every single

'I don't see how we could possibly sustain the ruling.'
 — Chief Justice William Rehnquist

employee, men and women on the funny every day."

"Maybe in that case, it's not because of sex," Kneeder conceded. He said the purpose of the Civil Rights Act is to make a person's race, sex and national origin irrelevant in workplace decisions.

In male-on-male harassment situations, he said, juries should determine whether the alleged victim was treated differently because he is a man.

Harry M. Reusser of Houston, a lawyer for Sundowner, argued that the law was intended to protect women against discrimination by men and should not be extended to cover "the whole gamut" of men harassing men and women harassing women.

Judge sends au pair appeal to full state supreme court in March

BOSTON (AP) — Louise Woodward smiled and giggled at a hearing Wednesday when a judge sent the prosecution's appeal in her case to the full-state supreme court and declined to order the British au pair back to prison for the death of an 8-month-old boy.

Justice Ruth Abrams said the appeal could be presented to the court in March, bypassing the lower Appeals Court.

It was the latest turn in the case in which a jury convicted Ms. Woodward on Oct. 30 of second-degree murder in the shaking death of Matthew Eappen. The verdict was reduced to manslaughter two weeks later by the presiding judge in the case, Superior Court Judge Hilary B. Zobel, and Ms. Woodward was released.

"Abrams' action means separate appeals from the prosecution and defense, which wants Ms. Woodward exonerated, will be consolidated into a single case. The defense opposed bypassing the Appeals Court.

Abrams could have refused to consider the case, sending prosecutors back to the Appeals Court immediately. Or she could have stayed Zobel's order, returning Ms. Woodward to prison, as the prosecution had requested.

Both sides claimed victory. "We believe it indicates their willingness to make the inquiry we asked, whether there was in fact an arbitrary and capricious appeal by the trial court," prosecutor Martha Coudley said.

Defense attorney Harvey Silverglate said: "The reason the court expedited the case is so she



Former British au pair Louise Woodward walks past defense attorneys Elaine Whitfield-Sharp and Harvey Silverglate as she leaves an appeal hearing before the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court in Boston Wednesday.

doesn't have to stay here any longer than necessary." Ms. Woodward has been ordered not to leave the state.

Ms. Woodward giggled and chatted with attorneys in the courtroom. Occasionally, she smiled and, at one point, waved to someone in the gallery.

"I've seen Louise blossom since she's been released," said defense attorney Elaine Whitfield-Sharp. "She sings. She's happy. She's doing very well."

Several supporters stood outside the courthouse holding signs that said "Louise is innocent" and "Justice for Louise."

Prosecutors argue that Zobel exceeded his authority by composing his own theory to explain the baby's death, a theory neither the

prosecution nor defense had suggested at her trial. He had said that she might have fatally injured the child in frustration but not with malice.

Prosecutors said the judge made several other mistakes, including changing the sentence without regard to state guidelines that recommend a three- to five-year prison term for involuntary manslaughter.

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NATION IN BRIEF

Reno to convene meeting on high-tech crime

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration is seeking cooperation from foreign law enforcers to fight pornography on the Internet and other high-tech crime.

Attorney General Janet Reno announced a two-day conference of international authorities next week to devise interagency measures to locate criminals who use the Internet and other new technologies. The aim would be to create guidelines that cybercriminals can find no safe havens.

"One of the greatest challenges we face in this area of law enforcement is to identify online predators ... in child pornography," Reno said Wednesday at a conference on making the Internet a safer place for America's children.

The Justice Department said next week's meeting, the first of its kind, begins Wednesday with justice and interior ministers from Britain, Germany, Japan, Italy, Canada, France and Russia attending.

Study: Men may need estrogen to be fertile

NEW YORK — Most people consider estrogen a female hormone, but men make it too. A new study suggests one reason why: Estrogen may help men stay fertile by preventing a plumbing problem in the reproductive system.

The study, done in mice, marks the first time scientists have specifically studied the role of estrogen in the male reproductive system. The topic is timely because of recent assertions that some environmental chemicals may be reducing sperm counts and otherwise harming male reproductive health by disrupting hormonal signaling. The new study doesn't address whether that's true, but it may help researchers into the cause.

It's unclear whether estrogen-related defers cause any significant amount of infertility in men. But the research might help scientists develop a male contraceptive, said the study's lead author, Rex Hess of the University of Illinois.

Ultrasound may diagnose Down syndrome

BOSTON — Ultrasound scans may be even more effective than standard blood tests for revealing whether fetuses have Down syndrome.

A Finnish study published Thursday found that ultrasound provided answers earlier in pregnancy with fewer false alarms.

The risk of having babies with Down syndrome increases as women get older, so those over age 35 are routinely screened with amniocentesis or chorionic villus sampling.

However, younger women, who are at much lower risk, are often screened with blood tests that look for abnormal proteins. Only those who get suspicious results are given the more invasive tests.

Test helps docs diagnose heart attacks

BOSTON — New blood tests are helping doctors sort out which patients who go to the hospital with chest pains are truly having heart attacks.

The test measures a protein called troponin, which is produced only by dying heart cells. A study in a German hospital emergency department found that it can help show which patients are free of heart attacks so they can safely be sent home.

In the United States, about 5 million people arrive at emergency rooms with chest pain each year. If they have abnormal readings on electrocardiograms, doctors can diagnose their heart attacks with certainty and start treatment with clot busters and other drugs.

Often, however, their electrocardiograms show normal heartbeats. These people are frequently admitted to coronary intensive care units for observation.

Gore, Hollywood moguls make smoking pact

WASHINGTON — With Vice President Al Gore contending that Hollywood is partly to blame for teenage smoking, some movie-makers and TV producers agreed Wednesday to clean up their act.

Representatives of the Screen Actors Guild, Directors Guild and Writer's Guild — along with Christy Turlington speaking for supermodels — pledged to use their own kind of peer pressure to keep their colleagues from depicting cigarettes as cool.

It would be a voluntary initiative with no new government regulations or censorship, Gore said.

Clinton returns quickly to fund raising

AKRON, Ohio — One day after averting a special investigation into his telephone calls to political donors, President Clinton returned to his public fund-raising schedule Wednesday night with plans to raise \$900,000.

After conducting a town hall meeting in Ohio on race relations, the president was flying to Chicago for two political events. He hoped to raise \$250,000 for Democratic House candidates and \$550,000 for the debt-ridden Democratic National Committee.

Compiled from wire reports

Play ball: Astronauts hit 'home run' with floating eyeball

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — A spacewalking astronaut tossed out a robotic camera Wednesday and then leaped back and watched with delight as the ball soared 40 feet above space shuttle Columbia on its own.

The white sphere — about the size of a beach ball — floated above and about Columbia's open cargo bay for more than an hour in the first test of its kind. All the while, it beamed down dizzying TV views of the shuttle from nose to tail back to nose, upside down and rightside up.

As soon as spacewalker Winston Scott got his gloved hands back on the floating eye, its remote-control operator announced "a home run."

"I think we've got a real winner here," pilot Steven Lindsey reported from the cockpit. "It flew even better than I expected. We're real pleased."

The debut of NASA's so-called AerCam Sprint was a warm-up for the soon-to-be-built international space station. Engineers say an even smarter and more self-sufficient model could inspect the outer fringes of the station and thereby reduce the amount of spacewalks needed.

Having this kind of floating eyeball in our hip pocket available when we need it for the space station is going to be, I expect, worth its weight in gold over the next few years," said Gregory Harbaugh, acting manager of NASA's spacewalks project.

The \$3 million, free-flying

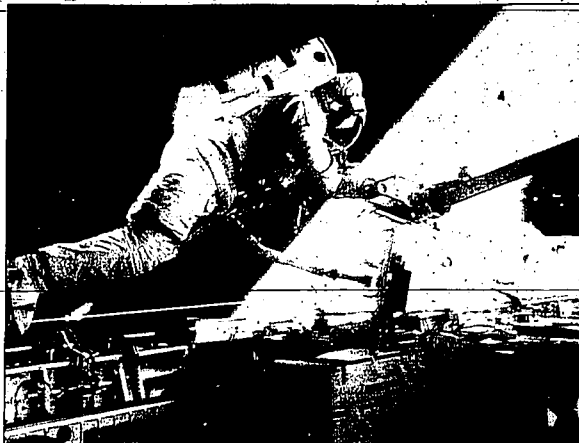
2 transplant patients receive organs of shooting victim

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — A 42-year-old man who was able to walk only a few steps without using an oxygen machine has received the lungs of a 14-year-old girl slain in the shooting at a high school in West Paducah.

The girl's heart was transplanted into a second patient.

Both transplants were performed Tuesday night at Jewish Hospital in Louisville.

Nichole Hadley was among three girls shot to death Monday at Heath High School. She died Monday night after being taken off life support at Western Baptist Hospital in Paducah.



U.S. astronaut Winston Scott works with a crane in the payload bay of the space shuttle Columbia at the start of a spacewalk Wednesday in this image from television.

camera, padded for protection and equipped with tiny nitrogen thrusters and a floodlight, was supposed to be released during a spacewalk last week. Scott and his Japanese spacewalking partner, Takao Doi, had to skip the experiment, however, in order to catch a runaway science satellite. They also didn't have enough time to thoroughly test the station-building crane.

Late Monday, Mission Control added a second spacewalk so everything could be accomplished. The five-hour outing was NASA's last until construction begins next summer on the international space station.

Before AerCam Sprint could be set loose, Scott and Doi had to wrap up work with the extendible, 17 1/2-foot crane, a

prototype of what is supposed to be launched to the international station late next year.

Scott had trouble during the first spacewalk latching a 350-pound box onto the end of the crane. This time, he used a 50-pound wheel designed to hold electrical cable and had better luck.

He repeatedly latched the wheel down using a variety of techniques. Each way worked.

"That was good. I'd give it an A," Scott said. He stressed, however, that the techniques might not work for large objects.

Harbaugh acknowledged that NASA might have to alter the crane or methods to handle big items on the international space station.

It was the ball, rather than the

crane, that captured the crew's fancy.

"It's not center field with the Yankees, but it's the next best thing," commander Kevin Kreigel said as spacewalk preparations got under way late Tuesday.

Scott let go of the ball as Columbia sped over the Atlantic Ocean on its 220th swing around the world. "Here we go," he called out.

Lindsey immediately took control, using a joystick inside the cockpit to move the 35-pound sphere at a safe 3 inches per second. He briefly lost the TV images and had to rely on out-the-window views.

"Make sure you guys are tagging it for us," Lindsey urged Mission Control.

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Tax case settled
NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Columbia/HCA Healthcare Corp. said Wednesday it will pay \$71 million to settle a dispute with the Internal Revenue Service over stock options for executives.
The payment will settle an IRS claim of \$276 million in taxes and interest, the company said.

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EDITORIAL

Let out a cheer for shunning proposed tax hikes

The next legislative session is a month away, and liberalism's annual pep rally for higher taxes has begun. Briefly, here's a conservative counterpoint:

1. The money you earn belongs to you, not to the state. Your elected leaders should minimize the share they seize from you.

2. No government program is morally entitled to a particular level of tax support.

3. Raising taxes should be difficult. The first point was brought to mind last week by happy news from the Idaho Tax Commission. The commission reported that Idaho has the 13th lowest overall per capita tax burden in the country, and the third-lowest among Western states.

Some people will read these statistics as evidence of Idaho's backwardness. But if being backward means leaving more of the state's wealth in private hands, where citizens can use it to pay their bills and to generate prosperity, then let us be proudly and forever backward.

Additional happy news in the report is that Idaho's property taxes are well below the national average. Property taxes are at best a necessary evil. Taxing the money you earn (income tax) and the money you spend (sales tax) is plainly fairer than taxing the paper value of property you bought 10, 20 or 40 years ago.

Another paper's recent editorial inspired the second point. Urging increased higher-education spending, the Post-Register of Idaho Falls has dragged out the tired argument about

higher education's traditional "share" of state spending. Higher education received almost 22 percent of state revenue in 1972, but it got barely 12 percent this year, the Post-Register noted.

This kind of comparison, much-loved by the edocracy, is next to worthless. It implies that higher-ed spending has fallen, though in fact it has grown steadily. Further, budget decisions have to be based on this year's needs, not 1972's.

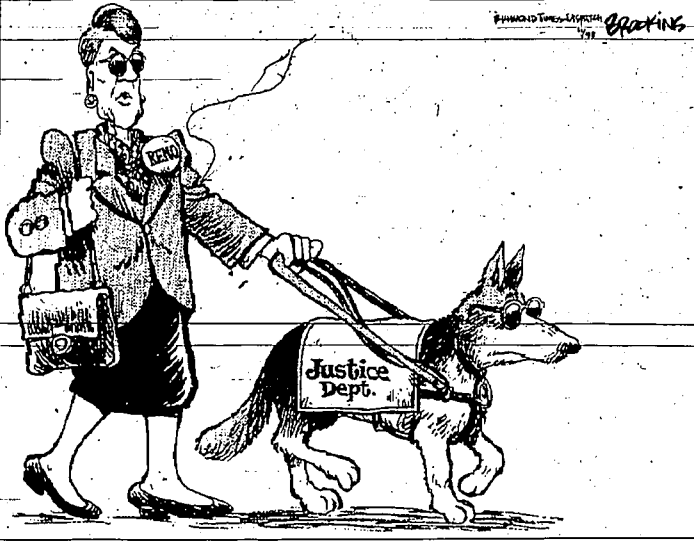
Think of your household-budget. Suppose 20 percent of your paycheck went to car payments last year. And suppose your daughter's teeth need braces.

If you spend this year's pay raise on orthodontia, should you also buy a costlier car to preserve your traditional 20 percent ratio? If, in this how you handle money, we'll watch for you in Bankruptcy Court.

And now Point Three. On Monday, the Boise and Meridian school districts endorsed reducing the two-thirds majority vote that Idaho's Constitution requires for school bond issues. Persuading two-thirds of local voters to support school construction is just too hard, they say.

Once more, with gusto: Raising property taxes is SUPPOSED to be hard. It should require a near-consensus among those whose money will be commandeered to pay the bill. The two-thirds majority protects property owners from casual tax increases.

There you go. Three little points to keep in mind as the pep rally progresses. Siss-boom-bah.



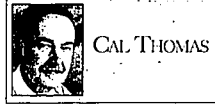
Reno's heart belongs to 'daddy'

Attorney General Janet Reno has done her duty and lived up to the expectations of the president who appointed her for a second term. Once again, she has deflected what appeared to many to be clear violations of campaign finance laws. While the investigations are far from over, she has brought the administration more time, a boon to this hunch so excellent at stonewalling.

Reno did this, as Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., and others have noted, by narrowly interpreting the independent counsel statute, by limiting the investigation to phone calls made from the Oval Office by President Clinton and the vice president's office by Al Gore, and by ignoring the larger and far more important issue of foreign money and possible influence-buying.

Sen. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., noted that Reno had "turned the law on its head" by "inventing further investigation because of 'insufficient evidence'" to warrant a special counsel. Thompson said it almost requires a John Deere and a newspaper laying out all the facts, as occurred during the Nixon administration when the president's counsel squealed to the special prosecutor and The Washington Post got inside information from a source known as "Deep Throat."

The independent counsel statute was designed to avoid conflicts of interest that often arise when the Justice Department is forced to investigate members of an administration. In this case, conflicts are especially likely when the duo face head of the criminal division is Bob Litt, former law partner of President Clinton's lawyer. The Senate has,



CAL THOMAS

so far, refused to confirm him to the post.

Though Reno says the investigation will continue, Clinton and Gore were quick to claim vindication. Both spoke of returning to the "real business" of the country and took credit for the healthy economy and what they are doing for "America's children," trying to divert attention from the dirty tricks they played in order to win re-election.

The hero in all of this is FBI Director Louis Freeh, who wanted an independent counsel appointed. Reno had promised House Republicans in October that she would make no decision without Freeh's concurrence, but a few days later she amended the promise to say that the final decision would be hers alone. Her pledge to continue the investigation, given the demonstrated incompetence and snail-like pace of Justice Department attorneys, ought not to deter Congress from further investigation and action, including clarification and strengthening of the independent counsel statute.

Administration officials were cool in their reaction to Freeh. Now look for efforts to force him out by questioning his competence. Unlike so many current and former members of this administration, Freeh's integrity has never been questioned.

In a statement following the decision, Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, noted several conflicts of interest he believes mandates an independent counsel:

1. The current Department of Justice task force has been on the job for just two months and already has decided no independent counsel is necessary, but the FBI, which has been investigating scandals for much longer, thinks an independent counsel should be named.

2. Crucial information pertinent to the investigation was unearthed by The Washington Post, not the Justice Department.

3. The attorney general's responses to legitimate questions posed by the Judiciary Committee and others have been inaccurate or incomplete. Hatch says Reno consistently relies on "tortured legal machinations" to protect the president.

4. While Reno brags that she's named six independent counsels so far, the standards for requesting them were lower than the almost insurmountable height to which she has raised the ethical bar for the president and vice president. Attorney General Reno has proved that her heart belongs to the man at whose pleasure she serves. With this decision, she has made sure that, for the moment (which is all this administration lives for), the president is feeling a lot of pleasure. And his people must be pleased, too. They circumvented, even broke, the law and may now feel the rush that goes with believing you can do anything and get away with it.

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LETTERS

Dispatch can't respond adequately

I have waited for two months now. There has been no return of my family members which were taken from my home. First, it was my Great White Tyrenese animal 1 year of age. A couple days later, they came into my home and took an 8-week-old puppy out of my home. Then that wasn't good enough. They stole my daughter's best friend she raised on a bottle, a year-and-a-half red Dachshund.

On top of everything else, the great 911 or dispatch which we have in Jerome County can't even send a cop to the right town, not counting the right address. "What town do you need a police officer at?" Give me a break. You have people in your yard at 3 a.m., you call the police, you don't get one for three weeks. Until you pay for tons of hay. You haul it when you have time since it's dark. I get the cops here then. I get told I am stealing hay I pay for. But I can't get a cop here after my dogs are stolen out of my home. Out of my yard.

On Nov. 11, I called because I have a dark pickup driving around my house taking pictures and stop and go. I call at 7 p.m. and by 10:15 p.m., I have a cop show up - what kind of trouble do I have. If any of this happened to our Great White Fathers that ran Jerome City, they would be having something done now.

There is nothing in Jerome for kids to do. Expect trouble. The schools don't care unless they are on the almighty sports page. Then people care in Jerome.

We have rights. Next time I will not call the 911 and ask for help. You don't get it in Jerome anyway.

Dispatch can't even know what town

or address. Spend more money on a deal that doesn't work - way to go, Great White Fathers of the Magic Valley.

Send dispatchers back to their home town where they know where it is, what and what is where and know the address. Especially out in the country. Thank God Mr. Toolson or Prescott don't need a cop or else things would change.

DEB K. CASTER
Jerome

Local farmers should try sprinklers

I read with great interest the article in the Sunday online version of The Times-News.

My father was a ditchrider in the early 1950s for the Twin Falls Canal Co. He covered both the high line and low line canals in the Hansen and Kimberly areas.

We used to watch the run-off from farms and wondered even then how you could prevent such loss of topsoil. The use of the fish farm is a neat and rather novel idea of recycling businesses for the benefit of all.

In the Midwest, there is a lot of sprinkler use, and many friends who were/are farmers extolled their virtues. It is possible that the Magic Valley could see great use of these systems. I would encourage all to at least give it a try. Efficiency is the name of the game. Sprinkler systems are much more efficient than the old furrow method. Having lived on the old Emma Koke farm in Kimberly years ago, I can say that the furrow method is a lot of work.

Thank you for your very informative article.

BILL LAMBING
Greenwood, Ind.

Some cross words from puzzled readers

To the Editor: I surrender. I give up. I am not a member of MENSA. The new crossword puzzles in the paper are definitely for the MENSA fans.

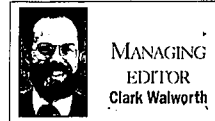
Has anyone heard of found the words "huesorancheros," "ostia," "ogham" and the misspelled "Helena-Sulova" and "dostogevsky"?

In my house, it only took seven reference books to even come close to solving the ridiculous puzzles of late. I believe a long time ago we voted to keep the old puzzles, and now we are faced with this.

Well, The Times-News has done it again.

LARRY F. SABIN
Twin Falls

Dear Readers: Mr. Sabin speaks for dozens of people who have called or written to us this week. Crossword fans are demanding to know why we changed the puzzle.



MANAGING EDITOR Clark Walworth

We didn't. At least, not on purpose. We buy our crossword puzzles from Tribune Media Services. Herb Ettenson, "the dean of American crosswords," has legitimized Tribune's puzzles for 22 years.

But Ettenson retired last month at age 81. Wayne Williams, 49, took over, with a goal of "updating" the puzzles. As soon as the new puzzles appeared, readers started calling. They told us the puzzles were too hard. They said the pop-culture references were too obscure and too modern. Some of the answers didn't even appear in dictionaries, they complained.

Magpie Valley puzzlers aren't alone. Newspaper editors from all over America have been calling Tribune Media to beg for help. When I called a few days ago, a recorded voice said, "If you're calling with a crossword complaint, press 1."

Williams has promised to tone down his puzzles in the future. Unfortunately, that can't happen until Dec. 22, because the puzzles are created several weeks in advance. I've asked Tribune Media to send us some vintage Ettenson puzzles to publish in the meantime.

Puzzlers, I'll make a deal with you. Try Williams' puzzles for a few weeks. If you're still unhappy at the end of January, I'll stop around for another puzzle service.

Meanwhile, you can tell Williams himself what you think of his puzzles. You can write to him care of The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303. Or e-mail him at b3mpuzles@aol.com.

Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau



Mallard Fillmore



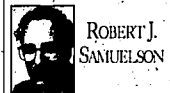
By Bruce Tinsley



South Korea's crisis goes beyond money

South Korea is the latest country to succumb to Asia's spreading economic turmoil. It has asked the International Monetary Fund for emergency loans, and agreement is said to be close. What's less clear is whether the credit - estimated to be \$70 billion - will be large enough to meet South Korea's needs. Even if a large loan materializes, South Korea is hardly home free. Its crisis is now as much political and psychological as economic.

The crisis is true of almost all the countries caught in the present economic downturn. Governments in these "emerging economies" have, to a large extent, earned popular approval for their economic policies. The rapid rise of living standards has fanned expectations and muted opposition. Now economic growth will slow and may reverse. Governments will operate in a different climate and face unpopular decisions. No one knows how well political leaders will cope.



ROBERT J. SAMUELSON

The present crisis started with the collapse of prices for memory chips (down 70 percent from a year earlier) in late 1996. This crippled exports and widened the trade deficit. As a result, South Korea isn't earning enough to cover its interest payments, and its banks are saddled with bad loans to the "chaebol." Private estimates of bad loans range as high as \$50 billion.

The economy has slowed, and South Korea's growth will drop because new credit - foreign and domestic - has evaporated. The "chaebol" will shut some operations, fire workers at others. The IMF is pressing South Korea to close its weakest banks. Some others will survive only if their losses are absorbed and new capital is supplied. A public bailout would be costly. Although South Korea's economy is one-sixteenth the size of America's, its bank losses may be a third of the losses in the U.S. savings and loan crisis of the 1980s.

Extraordinary South Koreans, the prospect is for higher taxes, lower employment and more insecurity. Whether South Koreans will quietly stomach all this is a good question. Whether South Korean politicians can summon the will to enact all the new laws needed to satisfy the IMF and global investors is also a good question. South Korea is now in the midst of a campaign for a Dec. 18 presidential election. None of the three major candidates has candidly addressed the economic crisis.

Similar uncertainties plague other Asian countries. Until recently, Japanese politicians were scared to shut the weakest banks or discuss using public funds to shore up others. In Thailand, bad bank loans resulted from inept or corrupt lending to favored insiders. China's economic growth will slow, and this could expose huge problems in its banking system. It has lent heavily to state-owned enterprises that employ more than 100 million Chinese. Many of those loans can't be repaid, and streamlining the state-owned companies would raise unemployment. To cut costs, unneeded workers would be fired.

With booming economies, Asian societies managed to reconcile local customs and global commerce. This accommodation is now breaking down. Perhaps the crisis will jolt Asian societies to abandon corrupt and outdated practices. But the pressure of events could also prove a seedbed of social unrest and nationalism. Economic crisis could breed political crisis; and these twin crises would be more unpredictable and explosive than either alone.

Robert J. Samuelson is a Newsweek columnist.

Dear fellow alcoholics: This one's for you

I thought it would get easier, but it doesn't. In fact, it gets more difficult.

BILL THOMPSON

"For some reason, it seems that the more time that passes between the day I took my last drink and whatever day I'm trying to write about the issue of alcohol abuse, the less comfortable I am with the subject.

Maybe it's because I've said everything I'm capable of saying about it. Maybe it's because of the hostile reaction I get from certain readers whenever I delve into this murky and sensitive area of the human condition.

I used to think that my status as a recovering alcoholic - drinkless for 15 years as of July - gave me a modicum of expertise on the problem of alcoholism. But every time I write about it, I get a pile of letters from people telling me that I don't know what the heck I'm talking about.

Then, too, there are the letters from people who angrily dismiss my comments as the rantings of a "reformed drunk," a sanctimonious former booze hound who can't drink and therefore doesn't want anyone else to drink.

I don't know who these people are, or why they get so upset

about my viewpoint. I sometimes get the feeling that maybe they're ticked off about something else altogether and just grab any opportunity that comes along to read me the riot act.

Whatever. Here I go again. Thanksgiving marked the official opening of the holiday drinking season, and the issue of excessive drinking must be addressed.

It has always seemed to me that people who normally don't drink much or at all suddenly start tipping a few around Thanksgiving, and then drink right through the December parade of Christmas parties and into the No. 1 drinking night of the year: New Year's Eve.

People who drink too much to begin with, meanwhile, crank up their boozing to an even more dangerous level during the holiday season, and those who are fit-out drunks before the holidays seem to go totally berserk.

There are two kinds of alcoholics: binge drinkers and daily drinkers. Binge drinkers - those who get ripped for a few days or a few weeks at a time - are especially susceptible to the lure of the holiday drinking season, for the December party circuit offers the prospect of a four-and-a-half-week binge.

I was a daily drinker. By the time I poured my last vodka and grapefruit juice onto the ground and walked into a New Jersey rehab in 1982, I was drinking more or less around the clock.

Please believe me when I say that alcohol had long since ceased to be enjoyable. After many years of drinking myself into a coma every day, booze had definitely lost its charm. One of the recovery gurus I met around that time said I was "drinking for maintenance," which means that I was drinking only to stave off the excruciating effects of alcohol withdrawal.

My purpose in telling you this is simple. Today, on the eve of the official opening of the holiday drinking season, I am hoping that at least one alcoholic will read this and see that he is in the same predicament I was in 15 years ago: sick, desperate, ready to be nudged in the direction of confronting the problem.

I can remember sitting in front of the television in the middle of some endless nights, futilely trying to drink myself to sleep, and seeing those relentless commercials for rehabs, hospitals

and assorted substance-abuse clinics. I remember thinking that the commercials must have been speaking to me, that they were on the air specifically to force me to evaluate my situation. I'm certain that they helped soften me up for a friend who grabbed me by the lapels, figuratively speaking, and insisted that I get help.

Back then, there was always an excuse to put it off. One of my favorites was, "I can't quit before New Year's. I have to drink during the holidays."

The holidays never ended, of course. The new year brought only a renewed commitment to the irresistible misery of drunk-ness.

So far that one alcoholic who's waiting for a nudge, for that one blue-eyed drunk who's yearning for a glimmer of hope in a life defined by hopelessness, here's a bulletin: You can stop drinking now. Today. Right this minute.

You don't have to drink during the holidays. You don't have to wait until after New Year's to call AA or check into a rehab. This is your nudge. I wrote this for you. And I won't even make you read the nasty letters.

Bill Thompson is a columnist for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

South Korea exemplifies a common dilemma. Rapid economic growth has overwhelmed traditional ways of doing business and politics. Remorseless financial markets and multinational firms guide the global economy. Strict economic calculation reigns. Meanwhile, emerging economies play by their own rules. Political connections often determine who wins and loses; financial information is often unreliable or dishonest. Local culture and global economics collide.

Countries may have to heed global dictates or sacrifice economic growth. For South Korea, vulnerability arises from the country's estimated \$120 billion in foreign debt. This consists mostly of dollar loans made to South Korean banks and companies. About \$66 billion of these loans mature in less than a year, says the Bank of Korea. If none of the loans are renewed, South Korea could plunge into depression. Its foreign exchange reserves (now less than \$30 billion) might be depleted: It would have to curb imports sharply. Or borrowers - including big banks and companies - would be forced into bankruptcy. Or both.

An IMF loan aims to avert this large calamity by imposing a smaller calamity. International creditors would be reassured or paid off with the new credit but South Korea would be forced to make basic changes in its traditional approach to economic growth. This has involved using banks to make generous loans to the nation's largest companies, the "chaebol." These large conglomerates (the best-known of which are Hyundai and Samsung) dominate the economy. Generous loans were intended to promote strategic industries, from shipbuilding to computer chips.

But lax loans also promoted huge overinvestment. Computer chips - now South Korea's largest export - are the latest example;



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Life

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The swath in South Dakota, for instance, encompasses two Sioux reservations that have reported large problems with diabetes and alcoholism.

Shannon County, the poorest county on the list, has a median income of \$11,000 — almost \$20,000 under the national mean. And 41 percent of residents receive welfare, vs. just 4.4 percent of people in Minnesota's longest-lived Stearns County.

Murray found that high-income whites lived only two years longer than poor whites. Income made a little more difference among blacks. But among Indians, the richest could hit age 90 while the poorest died around 65, Murray said.

Still, income isn't the only culprit, Murray said.

"Why does the United States have a bigger spread than any other high-income country?" asked Murray, Kansas. In his intricate global studies of disease rates. "Even if you took all of Europe, you would not find this variation."

Murray also traced how countries' health changed over time. The South Dakota swath has been the unhealthiest since 1970.

Others fluctuated as their populations changed. Flagler County, Fla. was fifth worst in 1970. Now 1,800 whites are doing worse — mostly because wealthy people

Counties and their life expectancies

Countries — and some cities listed as counties because of their size — with the best and worst life expectancies in 1990, as ranked in a Harvard study. Some small counties that neighbor each other are grouped together for a population high enough to be statistically significant.

10 Worst Life Expectancies for Men:
 □ Bennett, Jackson, Mellette, Shannon and Todd counties, S.D., age 61.
 □ Baltimore, 63.
 □ St. Louis, 63.9.
 □ Orleans County, La., 64.
 □ McDowell County, W.Va., 64.5.
 □ Dixon, S.C., 64.6.
 □ The Bronx, N.Y., 64.8.
 □ Phelps, Ark., 64.8.
 □ Ripon, Ind., 64.8.

10 Best Life Expectancies for Men:
 □ Cache and Rich counties, Utah, age 77.5.
 □ Douglas County, Colo., 77.
 □ Sioux County, Iowa, 76.7.
 □ Fairfax County, Va., 76.7.
 □ Orangeburg County, S.C., 76.6.
 □ Davis County, Utah, 76.5.
 □ Sioux and Lyon counties, Iowa, 76.

□ Steele County, Minn., 76.4.
 □ Olmsted County, Minn., 76.3.
 □ Galatin County, Minn., 76.2.

10 Worst Life Expectancies for Women:
 □ Bennett, Jackson, Mellette, Shannon and Todd counties, S.D., age 70.
 □ Baltimore, 73.3.
 □ Washington, 73.9.
 □ Phillips County, Ark., 74.
 □ Fairfield County, S.C., 74.
 □ Pemiscot County, Mo., 74.3.
 □ Petersburg, Va., 74.4.
 □ McDowell County, W.Va., 74.5.
 □ St. Louis, 74.5.
 □ Claborn, Franklin and Jefferson counties, Miss., 74.6.

10 Best Life Expectancies for Women:
 □ Stearns County, Minn., age 83.5.
 □ Brookings County, S.D., 83.4.
 □ Jackson, Nobles and Rock counties, Minn., 83.
 □ Nechelt County, Minn., 82.8.
 □ Carter County, Minn., 82.8.
 □ Elmworth County, Iowa, 82.7.
 □ Carroll County, Iowa, 82.6.
 □ Charlotte County, Fla., 82.6.
 □ Sioux and Lyon counties, Iowa, 82.6.
 □ Yankton County, S.D., 82.6.

moved into the Florida location. More intriguing are places like Arizona's Apache County — second-worst in 1970 but now better off than 932 counties — that got

healthier without major population shifts. The CDC's Marks said scientists want to know what health programs worked in these regions.

Hearings

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But a 1990 report from the Energy Department's own Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California says that spreading radioactive waste is a bad idea.

"We view incineration as a violation of the cardinal principle of radioactive waste treatment; namely, containing radioactivity rather than spreading it," lab scientists say in the report.

Though the prevailing winds are from the west, easterly winds have carried airborne radiation over the Magic Valley in the past. After a January 1961 reactor accident at INEL killed three men and released about 70 curies of iodine-131, a northeast wind carried some of that iodine over the Magic Valley.

Officials said the dose to the public was negligible.

The Energy Department plans to issue an environmental impact statement next summer, and make a final decision by next fall. The plan is expected to be in operation by the end of March 2003.

For information contact Kathy Whitaker at 208-526-1062 or 1-800-708-2680. Written comments may be submitted until Jan. 9, 1998, to: Department of Energy Idaho Falls Operations Office, 850 Energy Drive, ATTN: John E. Medina, AHWIP Document Manager, MS 1117, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401.

Times-News staff writer N.S. Nohkrentzel can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 237.

Principal: Essays shows boy felt 'weak'

WEST PADUCAH, Ky. (AP) — In the search for a motive in the shooting death of three students in a high school prayer circle, the sheriff suggested on Wednesday that the 14-year-old suspect may not have acted alone.

An examination of Michael Carnell's school essays and short stories also revealed a recurring theme that the bespectacled 14-year-old felt weak and picked upon, Principal Bill Bond said. The boy apparently "had been teased all his life" and "just struck out in anger at the world," Bond said.

Three young girls died Monday and five were wounded after Carnell allegedly opened fire after a prayer meeting in the crowded lobby at Heath High School. The boy surrendered after a friend persuaded him to drop his pistol. Sheriff Frank Augustus said

the boy may have had help, although he acknowledged his theory was based on a "gut feeling" and that no evidence had been found pointing to a conspiracy.

"He did bring five guns. Is he the only one who was supposed to be there?" the sheriff asked.

"Are there more people involved in this, who maybe chickened-out or used him as a patsy?" Prosecutor Dan Boaz said news on whether there will be more arrests could come as early as Thursday. He did not elaborate.

Monday's shooting followed a similar incident Oct. 1 in Pearl, Miss., in which prosecutors say a 16-year-old outcast stabbed his mother to death and then fatally shot two classmates.

Prosecutors allege that the suspect conspired with a group of six other youths, and passed a handwritten note to a friend before

the rampage: "I killed because people like me are mistreated every day. I did this to show society push us and we will push back."

Those who know Carnell described him as physically small and emotionally immature, but a good student with no serious discipline problems.

Bond said he reviewed school essays written by Carnell that suggest the boy felt weak and powerless, although the principal wasn't aware of any incidents in which Carnell had been physically harassed.

"This young man had a lot of hatred, and he took out that hatred on a lot of innocent kids," Bond said.

Augustus said he didn't think hostility from other students had been a factor in the shootings, which injured five other students.



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“No, and thank God. I would lose that battle. Although I am going to put in the media guide next year that I'm an avid body-builder.”

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—New York Knicks coach Jeff Van Gundy, when asked if any of his confrontations with outspoken guard John Starks had ever turned physical

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Girls' basketball
Filer at Declo
Gooding at Glens Ferry
TPCA at Mage Valley Christian
Wendell at Wood River
Bliss at Carey
Muttanah at Castledford
Sho-Bar at Hansen
Richfield at ISDB
Dierich at Canas County
Hagerman at Ruf River
Kimberly at Wendell

Boys' basketball

Muttanah at Valley
Badlam at Astoria
Barley at Stekene
Nimitz at Idaho Falls
TYCA at Ketchum
Sho-Bar at Hansen
Wendell at Wood River
Richfield at ISDB
Dierich at Jennev
Not junior varsity basketball games begin at 6 p.m. with the evening following.

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Orlando 101	Vancouver 97
Cleveland 95	Golden State 69

College basketball

Men		
No. 1 Duke 93	.....	NC-Greensboro 37
No. 3 North Carolina 84	.....	Louisville 72
No. 13 Connecticut 88	.....	W. Virginia 75
No. 24 Wake Forest 61	.....	Davidson 50
No. 25 Princeton 63	.....	NC-Wilmington 97
Women		
No. 1 Tennessee 98	.....	Texas 64
No. 2 Old Dominion 84	.....	William & Mary 53
No. 5 Vanderbilt 63	.....	Michigan St. 51
No. 9 Virginia 79	.....	St. Francis, Pa. 60
No. 12 Nebraska 80	.....	Bridley 66
No. 17 Western Kentucky 79	.....	Indiana 70
No. 18 Auburn 73	.....	Ala.-Birmingham 50
No. 25 N. Carolina St. 72	.....	Florida State 60

IN BRIEF

Burley Lions Club team holds registration

BURLEY — The Burley Lions Club 5th-grade basketball registration will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. today and Friday at the White Pine School, 1900 Hilland Ave. The fee is \$15 or \$7.50 and a good used coat.

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Belleuve cowboy Kelly Wardell, who was named the Coors Fans Favorite Cowboy of 1997, is making the second trip of his career to the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas.

(Bare)back in Vegas

Wardell has high hopes for his return trip to Finals Rodeo

By Kelly J. Seize
Times-News correspondent

Kelly Wardell won't be relying on luck when he climbs aboard a mean, nasty-looking bucking bronc during professional rodeo's top event. Wardell learned long ago to trust in more than luck.

"When I was in high school, I had a lucky shirt," the Belleuve cowboy said. "Only problem was, if you forgot the shirt it seemed like you forgot your luck. So now I just trust myself and my ability."

That ability has earned Wardell much. The Professional Rodeo

Cowboys Association bareback bronc rider was named the Coors Fans Favorite Cowboy of 1997. Now, he's testing his skill at the PRCA National Finals Rodeo which starts Friday in Las Vegas.

"Rodeo fans vote for their favorite cowboy each month throughout the year by ballot in the ProRodeo Sports News, and I guess they liked me," said Wardell, who binds spurs and stirrups out of old rasps in his spare time.

Wardell and a fellow bareback rider posed for a Galing Optical Company sunglasses ad which ran in the magazine.

"That ad may have helped, but I

like to think that the fans appreciate what we do in the arena," Wardell said.

Wardell went to the finals last year and finished in the number 12 slot. This year he's seeded number 11 going into the finals and hopes to conquer the world.

"This will be my second trip to the Nationals," Wardell said. "Winning the world has always been a dream and a goal of mine. It costs a lot of money and time to get there, though. You have to win about \$45,000 to go to the NFR and I made it with about \$50,000."



Kelly Wardell loans back as he rides in the Cheyenne Frontier Days Rodeo earlier this year.

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Playoffs at stake: Oilers need Boomer to go bust

The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — The Tennessee Oilers started Boomer Esiason's remarkable comeback. They've got to stifle it today if they're to stay in contention for the playoffs.

Esiason relieved Jeff Blake last Oct. 12 in Memphis and led the Cincinnati Bengals to their only touchdown in the Oilers' 30-7 victory. Esiason's first appearance since he rejoined the Bengals was impressive — 4 of 6 passing against a soft defense.

It was merely a preview.

In the last seven weeks, Esiason has led the Bengals (4-9) to a pair of victories and reemerge as one of the AFC's hottest quarterbacks. He has thrown

for eight touchdowns in 10 quarters, completed 65 percent of his passes and led the Bengals to 73 points while starting the last two games.

Tonight, the Oilers (7-6) will be facing a much different offense — and a much different quarterback — than the one they manhandled in Tennessee two months ago.

"He knows exactly where to go with the ball. His poise in the pocket has really been exceptional," Oilers coach Jeff Fisher said. "He's giving the receivers a chance to make the catch."

Esiason has given the Oilers a lot to think about in the past few days. They went out of character in the first game against Cincinnati, forsaking their blitz for the soft zone coverage that other teams use to throttle Blake's big-play approach.

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Broncos hand Idaho State first hon. — loss, 85-68

By T. Guthrie
Times-News writer

POCATELLO — The Boise State Broncos men's basketball team handed Idaho State its first home loss of the new season with a 17-point victory on Wednesday in Idaho State University's Holt Arena.

Senior forward Roberto Bergersen led the Broncos to the 85-68 win with 25 points. Bergersen, a transfer from the University of Washington, found every hole in the Bengals' defense imaginable.

Tywan Meadows tried to rally his Bengals with 18 points, but Idaho State never led. Early in the first half, Idaho State did tie the game at 20-20, but the

Bengals would never tie the game again.

The experienced Broncos put up eight 3-point shots, mostly from the hands of Mike Tolman. Tolman connected on four 3-pointers and finished with 22 points.

BSU center Odell Stokes scored 11 points to help the Bengals' cause, while Gerry Washington added 16 points for the Broncos.

The Bengals, who only returned two players with significant playing time from last year, are still awaiting transfer athlete Chris Scott to step on the floor. Scott is expected to lead the team upon his arrival in mid-December.

Shane Flanagan sat down on the Broncos' bench after a technical foul in the second half. The BSU guard didn't return and finished with just five points.

Idaho State gets another shot at BSU on Wednesday, when the Bengals travel to the BSU Pavilion.

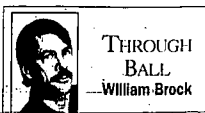
Many are called, few chosen for soccer's World Cup

... and then there were none.

The guest list for the most exclusive party in world sports is now complete and, lo and behold, the United States has an invitation to the World Cup finals in France.

The tournament kicks off June 10 and the final whistle blows on July 12. At that point, the captain of the world's most-effective soccer team will host the World Cup trophy overhead and I — along with a few billion others — will go plumb nuts.

The first-round draw for the 1998 tournament will be made today in Marseille, France. At this point, all that's known is the United States won't



THROUGH BALL
William Brock

meet any of the following nations in the first round: Mexico, Jamaica, Nigeria, South Africa, Cameroon, Tunisia and Morocco.

Don't get your hopes up for a strong showing by the U.S.A. Uncle Sam's boys were good enough to qualify — hey, we beat El Salvador — but the

stars-and-stripes brigade won't get far in France.

In sport, as in life, the big fish feed on the little fish — and the United States will be shark chum in June. So will most of the other 31 nations.

But it's not many teams have ever won the World Cup.

Brazil has won it four times ('58, '62, '70 and '94), while Germany ('54, '74 and '90) and Italy ('34, '38 and '82) are tied with three wins apiece. Argentina ('78 and '86) has won it twice, as has Uruguay ('30 and '50). England ('66) is the only other World Cup winner.

So who's it going to be this time? On paper, the No. 1 seeds are Argentina,

Brazil, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Romania and Spain.

At this point, it's worth noting that the World Cup has always been hosted in Europe or the Americas — and only one nation has managed a win in the away — Sweden in 1958 — when a 17-year-old Brazilian named Pelé knocked in two goals in the final.

This time around, I don't envision a South American team carrying off the trophy.

As reigning champion, Brazil will be in everyone's sights — and the boys in the canary-yellow jerseys have checked

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HERCULES



Jeff Klingner, formerly of Jerome, took first place in the 220-pound weight class at the Idaho Power Lifting Championships. Klingner, who currently resides in Pocatello, set two Idaho records at the meet. He set a new dead lift record at 625 pounds and a squat record at 610 pounds. The championships were held on Nov. 22.

Magic Valley Youth Tour strikes it big in ribbons at Jerome Bowl

The Magic Valley Youth Tour made its monthly stop at Jerome Bowl on Nov. 11. Samantha Kenner, Heyburn, with her 201 took the first-place spot for the 9-and-under girls' division who only bowled two games. Second was Cecilia Milloy, Gooding, with 165. Jay Bodenhofer, Gooding, was the winner with his 242 to take home the gold in the boys' 9-and-under.



The 10-12 age groups bowl three games. Corey Ashley, Twin Falls, was the girls' leader with a 428 and Talea Parish, Heyburn, finished second at 412. In the same division for the boys, Matt Sherman, Twin Falls, rolled a three-game series of 425 taking the first-place medal. Logan Parish, Heyburn, and Brady Cook, Rupert, tied at 380 in 10-and-over.



Some of the bowlers in the Magic Valley Youth Tour. From left to right: (back row) Tiffany Bywater, Jordan Parish, Ian DeVries, Michelle Peterson, Erik Bywater, Angie Eilers, (front row) Corey Ashley, Samantha Kenner, Matt Sherman.

YOUR SCORES AND STATS

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YABA/ABC/WIBC Sanctioned with entry closing Jan. 1, 1998. A lot of the Junior Leagues take a holiday break at the same time as the schools, starting up again in early to mid January. When the Christmas hub bub is over and those juniors are looking for something to do, get them into bowling. Leagues are available for all age groups with supervision and coaches to assist them with their bowling ability. Call your local bowling center and get those kids signed up.

This month's Bowling Proprietors tournament is scheduled at the Bowldrome at 1 p.m. on Dec. 14 at 1 p.m. The format is nine pin no tap, scratch, with a maximum Sporan team strength of 850. Averages are from the 1996-97 Bowling Proprietors Average Bowl. Entry forms are available at all Magic Valley bowling centers. On the City-Mixed League, I had the opportunity to bowl with

Table with columns for Pool (Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Pairs, Women's Pairs, Men's Fours, Women's Fours, Men's Fives, Women's Fives, Men's Sixes, Women's Sixes, Men's Sevens, Women's Sevens, Men's Eights, Women's Eights, Men's Nines, Women's Nines, Men's Tens, Women's Tens, Men's Elevens, Women's Elevens, Men's Twelves, Women's Twelves, Men's Thirties, Women's Thirties, Men's Forties, Women's Forties, Men's Fifties, Women's Fifties, Men's Sixties, Women's Sixties, Men's Seventies, Women's Seventies, Men's Eighties, Women's Eighties, Men's Nineties, Women's Nineties, Men's Hundreds, Women's Hundreds).

Annual Linda Klimes Memorial Adult/Youth Holiday Tournament is underway at the Bowldrome. Bowl anytime lanes are available in the handicapped, divisional tournament. Divisions are by age of the junior bowler: 8-and-under, 9-11, 12-14 and 15-and-over. The Tournament is

Table with columns for Gymnastics (Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Pairs, Women's Pairs, Men's Fours, Women's Fours, Men's Fives, Women's Fives, Men's Sixes, Women's Sixes, Men's Sevens, Women's Sevens, Men's Eights, Women's Eights, Men's Nines, Women's Nines, Men's Tens, Women's Tens, Men's Elevens, Women's Elevens, Men's Twelves, Women's Twelves, Men's Thirties, Women's Thirties, Men's Forties, Women's Forties, Men's Fifties, Women's Fifties, Men's Sixties, Women's Sixties, Men's Seventies, Women's Seventies, Men's Eighties, Women's Eighties, Men's Nineties, Women's Nineties, Men's Hundreds, Women's Hundreds).

Gymnasts compete in Teddy Bear meet. United States in competition in France later this month. Rainbow members dominated the meet, winning team competitions for levels five, six, eight and nine. The six individual age group all-around winners were Amber Egbert, Taziana Jensen, Talea Parish, Whitney Morgan, Hollie Garner and Rachel Robinson.

Table with columns for Magic Bowl (Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Pairs, Women's Pairs, Men's Fours, Women's Fours, Men's Fives, Women's Fives, Men's Sixes, Women's Sixes, Men's Sevens, Women's Sevens, Men's Eights, Women's Eights, Men's Nines, Women's Nines, Men's Tens, Women's Tens, Men's Elevens, Women's Elevens, Men's Twelves, Women's Twelves, Men's Thirties, Women's Thirties, Men's Forties, Women's Forties, Men's Fifties, Women's Fifties, Men's Sixties, Women's Sixties, Men's Seventies, Women's Seventies, Men's Eighties, Women's Eighties, Men's Nineties, Women's Nineties, Men's Hundreds, Women's Hundreds).

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Washington pathologist may perform autopsy

TWIN FALLS - Sheriff's investigators hope to start getting solid answers next week about an unidentified boy found Monday southeast of Castledorf.

The body was lying on the ground above Salmon Falls Creek Canyon at the confluence of Cedar Creek. It had been outside for some time, Twin Falls County sheriff's investigators say.

Investigators hope Spokane, Wash.-based criminal pathologist Dr. George McMillen can do the autopsy, and hope to have it done early next week. Nothing has been scheduled yet, said sheriff's Capt. Dan Hall.

If Linholm does the autopsy, investigators would want to take the body to his labs in Spokane, Hall said.

Meanwhile, investigators say they're working to narrow a list of missing people for possible matches to the body. They're starting to collect dental records and other information about the missing people.

Trial postponed in Jerome

JEROME - A trial has been postponed for a Burley man prosecutors say bilked more than \$25,000 from the father of a former Jerome County sheriff.

Steven Paul McMullen, 44, is charged with two felony counts of grand theft by false promise.

Prosecutors say McMullen, who is free on bond, accepted nine checks from George Silver Jr. of Jerome between July 1996 and September 1996 and kept the money for himself.

Silver claims the money was supposed to have been spent on a re-election campaign for his son, then-Sheriff George "Pee Wee" Silver III, according to court documents.

A trial for McMullen was set to begin Wednesday. But according to a physician's letter filed with court documents, McMullen underwent surgery for cancer in October, and is not yet well enough to stand trial.

A new trial date hasn't yet been set.

Jailers foil attempt to slip methamphetamine into jail

TWIN FALLS - Jailers jammed an attempt to slip methamphetamine through the jail laundry in a capsule form.

The pills came into the Twin Falls County Jail when Cari Ann Beckley, 34, of Rexburg, was arrested Monday, Sheriff's department reports said. She had 21 capsules in two bags with her when she was booked and told jailers they were herbal pills she took for her back.

"Jailers thought the pills belonged to another inmate, and in clearing that up, decided to check the pills' contents, the reports said. Sheriff's investigators tested one pill from each bag; one pill in a bag of 12 tested positive for methamphetamine.

Beckley was arrested on a drug possession charge. Jail deputies say the capsules looked clean, with commercial capsules, and they suspect the methamphetamine had been packed that way for transport.

Beckley was one of several people arrested by Twin Falls police on suspicion of using a stolen credit card to rent a motel room.

Idaho Power schedules power outage in Wendell

WENDELL - Idaho Power Co. customers in the city of Wendell will experience a three-hour power outage beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday.

The outage will last about 2 hours. Company crews will be building a new alternative line and the local substation to improve reliability in the area.

The interruption in service is necessary to complete the task safely and quickly, a company release said.

Idaho Power apologizes for the inconvenience to customers.

County planners consider new tack in limiting livestock-operation density

TWIN FALLS - County planners are considering a new tack in trying to set limits on the density of livestock operations in a new county zoning ordinance.

State law requires a livestock operation as appropriate in an agricultural zone. An ordinance that makes it a conditional use may be vulnerable to a legal challenge, county civil attorney Mark Guerry said Wednesday.

The Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission is trying to adapt the county's 18-year-old zoning ordinance to comply with the 1995 comprehensive plan. But the issues commissioners must resolve are the same as those in a proposed new ordinance recently scrapped in favor of revising the more familiar ordinance.

The county's comprehensive plan still mandates restrictions on the density of livestock operations, and the county zoning ordinance must comply.

Through the ordinance may not make such an operation a conditional use, it can impose conditions to protect public health and safety, Guerry said.

He suggested that new or expanding operations above a certain size should require a site review that would consider four criteria:

- Public health and safety.
- Water resources.
- Effects on adjacent property.
- The number of homes in the vicinity.

Commissioners then would make a re-

Deputies capture young escapees

By Kent McClure
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A pair of escapees from a camp for youth offenders have been recaptured after a night and day on the loose.

Two teenage boys walked away from Magic Hot Springs Youth Camp Tuesday. They were recaptured about two miles south of Nat-Soo-Pah at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday by Twin Falls County sheriff's deputies - some 21 miles from the camp, toward Twin Falls.

A rancher in the area saw the boys along the road and called deputies, a sheriff's report said.

Sheriff's range deputies searched until

early Wednesday morning, resuming their search at daybreak Wednesday, because of the possibility of injury or exposure, the report said.

The escapees didn't try to run when deputies found them.

"They were cold, tired and hungry," said Senior Deputy Keith Schmidt.

Both were returned to Magic Hot Springs.

The two boys were doing chores inside the camp's main lodge about 6:30 p.m. Tuesday and walked out the back door, said camp Director Mike Hutchings. They apparently got past a chain-link fence to escape, he said.

Camp officials searched for them for half an hour before alerting the sheriff's

department, Hutchings said.

A Twin Falls sheriff's police dog tracked the boys about five miles up an access road to the camp Wednesday night, a sheriff's report said.

Both boys are from north Idaho and have a history of running away.

Hutchings said both were wearing double layers, Hutchings said - sweat shirts and flannel shirts.

Magic Hot Springs opened a year ago, offering work, education and rehabilitation for juvenile offenders. It is designed for up to 50 children and had 18 before the escape, he said.

The camp has had 29 clients during the year, with four completing the program. The escapes were the first from the

camp in 7 1/2 months, Hutchings said.

Two clients stole a camp vehicle to escape April 21 and were caught only after Twin Falls sheriff's deputies and police chased the boys at 70 mph down Blue Lakes Boulevard and onto U.S. Highway 33.

The two fled as the eight-foot chain-link fence was being installed around the main part of the camp.

Three boys walked away from the camp April 9 and were arrested in the Cactus Pools Casino parking lot after walking the 12 miles to Jackpot. Two clients attempted to escape April 8.

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Schools emphasize healthy habits

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Meat lovers might envy the life of classroom urtle Darh Vader, a water-loving carnivore who feasts on a regular diet of beef heart.

Sixth-graders in Jacque Salisbury's science room, however, learned Wednesday about balanced diets and the ill-effects of French fries combined with a lifestyle void of exercise.

The American Heart Association has infused Twin Falls schools' grades three through eight with resources for teaching children to establish healthy living habits. The association's national program HeartPower! provided Salisbury's class with stretchscopes, lesson plans and ideas, two videos, posters and fun, informative booklets for students.

A local, anonymous foundation donated \$5,000 to help buy the classroom resources, said Julie Robinson, American Heart Association southwest regional director. Lamb-Weston donated \$1,000, and pharmaceutical company Pfizer Inc. gave \$500.

State and local curricula already require lessons about nutrition, about the benefits of exercise and resisting tobacco, and about how the heart works, Salisbury said. Now she has resources beyond the textbook to teach it.

Students divided into groups of five or six Wednesday and rotated through four classroom stations.

They worked with physical education teacher Sally Bloxham to calculate their resting heart rates. Students found their heart rates before and after jumping up and down. The lesson: A working heart rate must be maintained for 30 minutes three to four times a week to stay physically fit.

"It's to teach this is a lifestyle we just have to build," she said.

Students used stretchscopes to listen to their hearts pump.

Carl Ott, 11, described the sound this way: "Like a pump pump, pump pump, like a deep pump pump."

At another station Salisbury poured molasses into a glass beaker to show children what tar from tobacco looks like in smokers' lungs.

"It's very similar to the 'tary-goo' that goes into your lungs," Salisbury told the students.



Harrison Elementary School teacher Jacque Salisbury pours a measure of tar that builds up in the lungs of smokers, while Mandy Dyer, 12, shows her disgust.

"It looked gross," Cassie-Shull, 11, said.

"I wouldn't want that stuff in my lungs," Alyssa-Rubter, 12, said.

Mike Johnston, operation manager for Lamb-Weston in Twin Falls, visited Salisbury's classroom.

"It's important that kids learn heart problems can start when you're young," he said.

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County planners consider new tack in limiting livestock-operation density

By N.S. Nokkventhal
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - County planners are considering a new tack in trying to set limits on the density of livestock operations in a new county zoning ordinance.

State law requires a livestock operation as appropriate in an agricultural zone. An ordinance that makes it a conditional use may be vulnerable to a legal challenge, county civil attorney Mark Guerry said Wednesday.

The Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission is trying to adapt the county's 18-year-old zoning ordinance to comply with the 1995 comprehensive plan. But the issues commissioners must resolve are the same as those in a proposed new ordinance recently scrapped in favor of revising the more familiar ordinance.

The county's comprehensive plan still mandates restrictions on the density of livestock operations, and the county zoning ordinance must comply.

Through the ordinance may not make such an operation a conditional use, it can impose conditions to protect public health and safety, Guerry said.

He suggested that new or expanding operations above a certain size should require a site review that would consider four criteria:

- Public health and safety.
- Water resources.
- Effects on adjacent property.
- The number of homes in the vicinity.

Commissioners then would make a re-

commendation to the zoning administrator.

Guerry also suggested raising the size limit requiring a site review for operations in the agricultural preservation zone in the county's outlying areas.

He suggested operations in the agricultural zone larger than 1,000 animal units should require a site review, and larger than 3,000 animal units in the agricultural preservation zone.

His numbers were suggestive, and no numbers were set - though numbers as low as 200 animal units in the agricultural zone were discussed.

The idea would be to encourage development of larger operations in less populated parts of the county - not to limit development of new livestock operations.

Though state law allows livestock operations in agricultural zones, that doesn't mean reasonable restrictions can't be set on an operation, Guerry said.

The Idaho Supreme Court in August 1995 ruled that the Idaho Right to Farm Act protects farmers from urban encroachment, but it doesn't allow unbridled expansion of farm operations.

The ruling came in response to a lawsuit filed by the city of Idaho Falls and neighbors to a feedlot the plaintiffs deemed a smelly, fly-producing nuisance. The operation was a particular size when neighbors purchased land next to it. As it grew, it became more of a nuisance.

The commission will meet again at 4 p.m. Dec. 17.

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Ketchum's new planning chairman takes over Monday

By Susan Bailey
Times-News correspondent

KEETCHUM - Planning and zoning commission Chairman Robert Fallowfield steps down from the commission after the Monday meeting, to be replaced by planning Commissioner Randy Hall.

Fallowfield, an attorney and a member of the planning board since 1994, turned in his resignation before Thanksgiving. He nominated Hall to replace him as chairman, and the three other commissioners approved.

The planning board's five members are Ketchum residents appointed by the mayor. Fallowfield took over as chairman in September after architect Mark Gasencia resigned from the board.

Hall said he hopes to see a fifth commissioner appointed as soon as possible, although the commission can function with four people.

Until Mayor Guy Coles makes an appointment, the commission will consist of Hall, China Pepper restaurant owner, Janet Dunbar, owner of Dunbar

Interiors; architect Peter Rippsom; and Sandy Balmier, a seamstress with her own business.

Commissioners earn \$75 per meeting, and \$150 per month regardless of how many meetings they attend. The planning board meets the first, second, fourth and fifth Monday in Ketchum City Hall. There is no Dec. 22 meeting scheduled.

The planning board reviews building projects and construction design with an eye on up-dating current zoning laws. Ketchum now is creating a comprehensive zoning plan involving the City Council and planning board in ordinances regulating growth in the city.

Coles said he has several residents under consideration for the planning and zoning opening but would welcome more candidates. He did not say who was being considered.

"I expect to make an appointment by the end of the year, if the council approves," Coles said. For an appointment to be official, council members must approve it by a majority vote.

Saboteur ruins pickup engine in Declo

The Times-News

DECLO - A \$2,000 pickup engine was ruined Saturday night, a Cassia County sheriff's report said.

Guy Colet Durfee of Paul was visiting friends at the Big Kaphana, Bar in Declo

and left around midnight. As soon as he pulled onto the freeway, he heard a pop in his engine; then the motor quit. Durfee showed deputies crystals in the gas line and scarring on the piston walls. He suspects one of his ex-girlfriends, the report said.

MAGIC VALLEY

Sun Valley axes proposed 30% hike in building-permit fees

By Susan Bailey
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY — Led by Councilman Dave Wilson, the city Wednesday turned down a proposal to hike building-permit fees by close to 30 percent.

“We don’t need to add 30 percent,” Wilson said. “It’s just another form of tax. The permit fees should cover the cost of building inspections, and nothing more. Raising the fees is doing no more than raising revenues.”

Wilson argued the building department, which has two employees, is more than breaking even and doesn’t need more revenues to estimate the cost of operating the department at \$96,000 for 1997. Budget year 1996 saw \$49,800 in department operating costs, City Administrator Robert Van Wert said.

Building official Greg James said the city issues roughly 150 building permits a year, including those for remodels and additions

to existing structures. An occupancy permit is issued only after a series of construction inspections and a final inspection.

He agreed the building department was not losing money.

Council members debated the issue of raising building-permit fees, required for all construction in the city after reviewing a proposal by the building department to use the 1997 Uniform Building Code revised fee table instead of the 1991 UBC fee structure now applied.

The council agreed UBC fee tables that use the builder’s valuation end up inequitable, producing a wide variety of fees from 12 percent of the building cost on a \$160,000 house to 1 percent on a \$3 million house. After discussion, Mayor Tom Pragatsis asked James to take into account the 1997 and 1991 UBC fee tables to arrive at a building-permit fee based upon total square footage.

New fees will be presented to the public for approval in February.

Because the UBC codes and fees are adopted by ordinance, costs can be changed only by a new ordinance, which requires a presentation for public comment before adoption. The new building-permit fee structure will go into effect for the start of the 1998 construction season.

James said applying for and receiving a building permit usually takes five to seven days.

According to 1996 figures, the cost per square foot of building a new house in Sun Valley varied between \$102 and \$245, depending on the quality of materials and landscaping. James said that the new UBC standards do not take into account landscaping, run closer to \$50 per square foot.

The average cost to construct in unincorporated Blaine County stands closer to \$80 a square foot.

The cost of building in Ketchum stands nearer to Sun Valley’s costs, building inspector Dennis Wheeler said.

Jerome passes dog-license law, offers 1-time license discount

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — The city will offer a 50 percent discount on dog license fees during January 1998.

This discount is being added to a fee-schedule resolution to be considered at the next City Council meeting. The schedule sets fees for dog licenses and sets fines for violations of the new animal-control ordinance the council adopted Tuesday.

“This one-time offer is designed as an incentive to get owners to license dogs housed within the city limits of Jerome,” Mayor-elect Dennis Moore said.

The resolution would set fees at \$3 for a two-year license for spayed and neutered dogs, \$10 for non-spayed and -neutered dogs for two years, and \$35 for a lifetime license.

During the January discount, fees would be \$1.50 for a two-year license for a spayed or neutered dog, \$5 for a two-year license for a non-spayed or -neutered dog, and \$17.50 for a lifetime license.

Fines to be charged for ordinance violations will be heard at the council meeting Dec. 16.

The newly adopted dog ordinance has changes from its predecessor: Fines and license fees are no longer listed in the ordinance but are to be fixed by resolution of the mayor and council from time to time. A euthanasia fee has been added for any dog given to Jerome’s animal-control officer to be destroyed.

The council decided it would be in residents’ best interests to provide for prompt setting of fees as circumstances change. And residents should have the option of letting a license lapse for a dog.

The new ordinance also provides for fines for dogs running at large, and fees for dogs brought to the Jerome City Animal Shelter from outside city limits.

“The main points of the new ordinance:

- Dogs over 3 months old must have a license.
- Dogs can’t run at large.
- Owners of dangerous dogs aren’t allowed.

- Dogs must wear collars with licenses attached.
- 3 dog licenses are lost, duplicates can be issued.
- Licenses can’t be transferred.
- If the dog dies, there are no refunds.
- When a dog is impounded, written notice will be posted at the main entrance of City Hall describing the dog and the place and time of pickup.
- People have until March 1 of each year to get dogs released. After that date, any violation is considered a misdemeanor.
- Unlicensed dogs on school grounds are considered a nuisance to be apprehended and impounded. If the offending dog is not claimed within three days it will be destroyed.
- Once a dog has been impounded and reclaimed by the owner it is unlawful to let the unleashed dog go onto city property.

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Edmunds decides not to run for state representative

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Kenneth Edmunds has decided not to run for Twin Falls state representative.

The Twin Falls businessman said he dropped his consideration of the race in deference to possible candidates Leon Smith, an attorney and longtime member of Twin Falls’ political scene, and Randy Hansen, a

Twin Falls car dealer.

“The only reason I was running was because the position came open and I didn’t want to go to someone who I didn’t have the same level of respect for,” Edmunds said.

He called Smith and Hansen “really solid people” whose campaigns he may become active in, if they run. Smith is a former Twin Falls County prosecutor

and former Twin Falls mayor. Hansen has worked behind the scenes in support of several Republican campaigns.

Smith said he won’t decide until next month. Hansen said he also remains undecided about whether to run. Two seats are expected to open up with Rep. Ron Black leaving to run for state schools superintendent and Rep. Mark Stubbs likely to run for governor.

Jerome mayor calls for police audit

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — Mayor-elect Dennis Moore Tuesday called for an external audit of the Jerome Police Department.

Moore said some citizens have expressed concerns about city law enforcement. As a result, the police department must become more cost-efficient and might need to change its structure.

“This is not a reflection on (Police Chief Jim) Dahl,” Moore said during Tuesday’s Jerome City Council meeting. “Sometimes we get so involved in the day-to-day we don’t step back and see the overall process.”

City and county officials have discussed combining law enforcement agencies, but city officials say the process should move slowly.

Several current and soon-to-be council members were upset by a recent attempt to move Jerome city detectives under Jerome

County jurisdiction. That shift was reversed last week, after only a few days in effect.

“Next time let’s get all our ducks in a row,” said Councilman Ralph Peters, a critic of the short-lived shift of city detectives. “We can’t do this thing overnight.”

In other business:

- Moore requested lowering the speed limit on Fredon Way in the industrial park from 35 mph to 25 mph.
- An ordinance was passed that allows the city to notify some property owners of zoning changes through newspaper legal notices.
- If a zoning change affects more than 200 property owners, legal notices can be used instead of personal notification.
- A proposal allowing a land exchange between the city and the U.S. Postal Service was read for the first time. The proposal involves the city giving land east of the post office, in exchange for

city land west of the post office.

The Postal Service land is located in the city park, and a portion of the senior citizens center sits on it. The city land is part of a parking lot for the Postal Service.

This ordinance will have two more readings.

- Second-reading was held on an ordinance to provide city land along Third Avenue West between North Lincoln and North Birch Street to the Jerome School District.
- The district wants to develop plans for a building and playground on the site.
- City staff has proposed exchanging this 1.6-acre parcel for school district-owned property on 100 South 30th.
- The Jerome School Board is expected to consider the exchange at its Dec. 16 meeting.

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SERVICES

- Hiram Roberson of Buhl, 10:30 a.m. today at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Buhl.
- Ellen E. Draney of Burley, 10 a.m. today at the Pleasant View Cemetery (Payne Mortuary).
- Albert E. Wilkins of Bliss, 11 a.m. today at Demary’s Gooding Chapel.
- G. Dale Depew of Wendell, 11 a.m. Friday at the Wendell United Presbyterian Church. Family and friends may call from 1 to 7 p.m. today at Demary’s Wendell Chapel.
- Charles Jones of Burley, 2 p.m. Friday at the Burley 2nd, 4th, and 10th Ward Chapel. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel and one hour prior to service at the church.
- Esther M. Jensen of Paul, memorial service, 1 p.m. Saturday at Payne Memorial Chapel in Burley.
- Dale D. Campbell of Bruneau and formerly of Glenns Ferry and Mountain Home, memorial service, 2 p.m. Saturday at the American Legion Hall in Bruneau (Summers Funeral Home, McMurray Chapel in Mountain Home).
- Joy C. Stringham of Tucson, Ariz., and formerly of Jerome, memorial service, 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, 1997, at the Jerome First Presbyterian Church.

DEATH NOTICES

- Charles Jones** — KIMBERLY — Charles Jones, 69, of Kimberly, died Tuesday, Dec. 2, 1997, in Redmond, Wash., while visiting his daughter.
- The service is pending and will be announced by Fackel’s Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.
- W. Royce Derricott** — TWIN FALLS — W. Royce Derricott, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Dec. 2, 1997.
- Arrangements are pending for Saturday and will be announced by White Mortuary and Crematory.
- Birth**
- A baby was born to Bradley and Shelley Nelson of Burley.
- MINNDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**
- Some names omitted at patient’s request.
- Admitted**
- Randa Rogers of Filer, and Marie Rosa Guzman and baby boy of Rupert.
- Released**
- Randa Rogers of Filer; Christa Beem and Wade Hansen, both of Rupert; and Madeline Victoria of Burley.
- Birth**
- A son was born to Marie Guzman of Rupert.

HOSPITALS

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
Some names omitted at patient’s request

Admitted

Gary Lehrsch of Twin Falls; Audrey Hoyster of Dietrich and Carma Adair of Filer.

CASSIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
Some names omitted at patient’s request.

Admitted

Leola Bidger, Odell Bird, Debbie Gonzales, Angela Heiner, Shelley Nelson, Cheryl Parsons and Wendrow Williams, all of Burley; Cheryl Coffey and Betty Poston, both of Burley; Clements of Gooding; and Erma Scheer of Rupert.

Released

Fred Evans, Alexandria Summers, Cherise Naranjo and Cheryl Mullen, all of Burley; Sandra

IDAHO ROAD REPORT

- BOISE (AP)** — Most Idaho highways were clear Wednesday afternoon except for icy spots in mountain areas, the Idaho Department of Transportation said.
- Interstate 84** — Dry.
- Interstate 86** — Dry.
- Interstate 15** — Dry.
- Interstate 90** — Washington line-Coeur d’Alene, dry; 4th of July Pass, icy spots.
- Interstate 20** — Wallace-Lookout Pass, icy spots.
- Idaho 55** — Boise-Horseshoe Bend, dry; Horseshoe Bend-Donnelly, icy spots; Donnelly-McCall, icy spots.
- U.S. 95** — Oregon line-Cambridge, dry; Cambridge-New Meadows-Riggins, dry, icy spots; Riggins-Whitcomb Hill, dry; Whitcomb Hill, dry; Grandview-Lawton, icy spots; Lewiston Hill, dry; Lewiston Hill-Plummer, icy spots; Coeur d’Alene-Canadian border, dry.
- Idaho 21** — Boise-Idaho City, icy spots; Idaho City-Loveland, dry, icy spots; Loveland-Banner Summit, icy spots; Banner Summit-Shelley, broken snow flow.
- U.S. 12** — Lewiston-Junction State Highway 3, dry; Junction State Highway 3-Kooskia, wet; Kooskia-Powell, icy spots; Powell-Lolo Pass, broken snow flow.
- U.S. 20** — Mountain Home-Ash-ton, dry; Ashton-Montana Line, icy spots.
- Idaho 75** — Shoshone-Ketchum, dry; Ketchum-Charliss, dry, icy spots.
- U.S. 93** — Nevada line-Crozier, dry; Arco-Salmon, icy spots; Salmon-Trail Pass, icy spots, broken snow flow.
- U.S. 91** — Dry.
- U.S. 38** — Dry.
- U.S. 26** — Dry.
- Idaho 51** — Dry.
- Idaho 28** — Icy spots, broken snow flow.

FOR THE RECORD

- Buhl Crime Report**
- BUHL** — The Crime Watch report for Nov. 10 to Nov. 30:
- Burglaries and arrests**
- William B. Harvey, 20, Twin Falls, drug trafficking, two warrants for failure to appear.
- Gary C. Castro, 24, Twin Falls, drug trafficking.
- Dorey P. Ray, 24, Buhl, domestic assault.
- Justin Hill, 19, Buhl, warrant for probation violation.
- James McCreery, 35, Buhl, warrant for probation violation.
- Reports taken**
- Vandallton: 303 N. Broadway Ave.; 726 Frit St.; 303 12th Ave.; 200 13th Ave. N.; 712 14th Ave. N.; Fuller Agency, 126 N. Broadway.
- Theft (shoplifting): Circle K, 229 N. Broadway.
- Petit theft: 712 Sawtooth Ave.; 804 Eighth Ave. N.; 918 N. 11th Ave. (Biely); Town & Country, 680 Clear Lake Road.
- Grand theft: 417 N. 11th Ave. (firearm); 1109 Main St. (calculator).
- Check forgery: Arco, Idaho 66 S. Broadway Ave.
- Drug trafficking: 1241 Burley Ave.
- Check forgery: Arco, Idaho 66 S. Broadway Ave.
- Automobile burglary: 708 Ninth Ave.
- Aggravated battery: 315 Clear Lakes Road.
- Check forgery: battery: 701 14th Ave. N.; 825 12th Ave. N.
- Burglary: Agri-Service, 559 S. 12th Ave.
- Illegal use of credit card: 309 N. 14th Ave.
- Pasting counterfeit money: Jackson’s County Corner, U.S. Highway 26 and Franklin Avenue.
- Traffic accidents: Broadway Avenue and Burke; Paysee Street and Broadway Avenue; Burley Avenue and Main Street; 1000 block of Elm Street; Broadway Avenue and Locust Street.

Code enforcement

- Debris on property: 122 S. Sixth Ave.
- Weed complaint: 122 S. Sixth Ave.
- Trees obstructing traffic: 700 block Walnut Street.

The Buhl Crime Report is provided by Buhl Police Department and run by The Times-News. If you would like to see a crime report from your local law-enforcement agency, contact that agency or The Times-News.

OBITUARIES

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BUHL

Leht, Utah, to Joseph and Ann Sorenson Christopherson. She was the third of 11 children and was raised in Utah and Idaho. She graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1925 and attended Brigham Young University. On Sept. 16, 1931, Virginia married Don Hill in the Salt Lake City, Utah, Temple. They lived in San Francisco, California, where two of their four children were born. Dale and Virginia moved to Twin Falls, Idaho, in 1935, where they spent the rest of their married life. She worked as a public stenographer in several different businesses. Virginia was very active in the LDS Church, holding positions in the primary, mutual and relief societies. It was a joy to her to transcribe Patriarchal Blessings. But foremost, she was a genealogist, spending her entire life doing genealogical research for herself and others. She was a member of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers. After her husband passed away in 1973, she served a lifetime mission for two years; worked in a

Provo Temple for six years and the BYU Genealogical Library for 10 years.

Survivors include her two children, Juanita Munk of Buhl, Barbara Bingham of Twin Falls, Roger Hill of Gooding, Dolaine Hyman of West Valley City, Utah, and Beverly Kollerbarney of Powell, Wyoming; 22 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren, one brother, Dallas Christopherson of Jerome, and four sisters, Rachel Hook of Salt Lake City, Elma Jeff of Twin Falls, Olive Rozo Burks of Santa Clara, Calif., Darlene Curk of Pocatello. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, three brothers and two sisters.

A funeral service for Virginia will be held at noon on Friday, December 5, 1997, at the Buhl 3rd Ward LDS Church, with Bishop George Hunt conducting interment and a layoff at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from 10:45 to 11:45 prior to the service at the church. Any arrangements should be directed to White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

GF council meets

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GLENNES FERRY — The Glenns Ferry City Council will hold a special meeting at 7 p.m. today at City Hall.

Council members will discuss installation of the city irrigation system for a Rural Development grant application. The public is welcome.

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Economic development ranks high as a Mini-Cassia concern

By Penelope Reedy
Times-News writer

RUPERT — About 80 members of the Mini-Cassia business community, including members of the Rupert City Council, met to share a potato bar at the Rupert Elks Club Wednesday in an effort to increase awareness of economic development resources.

State Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, called the meeting in response to the economic concerns of his constituency. He invited Tom Arnold, director of the Idaho Department of Commerce, and Roger Madison, director of the Idaho Department of Labor, to discuss resources their departments can offer local businesses and communities.

"We need to think about what's best for our community," Cameron said, "and what we as individuals can do."

Cameron described the local economy as "stagnant at best." Unemployment in the Mini-Cassia area is among the highest in the state at 8.1 percent, up 1.6 percent from 1996, say Department of Labor statistics.

"But look at the bright side," Arnold said. "Companies are asking where they can find people. The Mini-Cassia area has the work force and the work ethic."

Arnold said industries wishing to relocate look at communities

unemployment rates. A high percentage means they're able to hire workers they need; a low percentage means they may have problems.

Arnold said it's feasible for area communities to attract businesses headquartered in Utah, because southern Idaho's culture, climate and recreational resources are similar.

"You don't have to explain or sell these qualities to people," he said.

The Department of Commerce is also trying to tap into the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City. Arnold said many teams will train at Grand Targhee Ski and Summer Resort near Driggs.

Arnold said he hoped to get a similar deal for Pomerelle Ski Resort. Madison said Co. Pilot Barrens is very concerned about the Mini-Cassia area. He said the Legislature has created incentives for businesses by lowering worker's compensation taxes and reducing unemployment insurance rates.

He also urged businesses to take advantage of the state Work Force Development Training Fund. Training can be tailored to fit the needs of each company.

"It's an application-friendly program," Arnold said.

Rupert businessman and Project Mutual Telephone Director Charles Crismon said he didn't

think economic woes could be solved by "bureaucrats patting each other on the back for 45 minutes."

"It takes decisions and planning," he said. "Change can only happen with vision and leadership."

Crismon proposed forming a committee and hiring professionals to help local businesses better market themselves and their products.

"Businesses have got to get together and do it," he said.

Cameron commended Crismon for trying to snap people out of complacency. He said development is blocked when people protect their turf by opposing growth and change.

Rupert City Council member Joek Rogers said the council had already voted to form a strategic planning committee.

"We're on the same wavelength," Rogers said. "We need to get together."

Mini-Cassia Development Commission Chairman Larry Roberts told the group the commission meets at 7:30 a.m. on the second Tuesday of every month at Burley City Hall. He said the group is still planning to hire an economic development specialist.

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Judge denies convicted killer's motion for new trial

By Gregory Hahn
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Almost 10 months after a Boise jury convicted Kody Butcher of first-degree murder, 5th District Judge J. William Harr has denied Butcher the chance for a new trial — at least for now.

In an opinion Tuesday, Harr denied Butcher's motion for a retrial on all counts, leaving the 21-year-old Paul resident only the avenue of appeal. Butcher can begin the appeal process after his sentencing.

Butcher was convicted in February of shooting Blake Morgan Jr. to death in April 1996 while Morgan slept on the couch in his Rupert home. Jesus Diaz was convicted of aiding and abetting second-degree murder in May for the same crime. Diaz agreed to serve 18 years to life in an unusual agreement reached through a third-party mediator.

Butcher's attorney Randy Stoker said he planned to appeal, but would focus first on Butcher's sentencing.

"I will ask the court to have a psychological exam for Kody," he said from his Twin Falls office.

An exam will help the court "see if this kid is rehabilitatable." Since Butcher was convicted of first-degree murder, Stoker said, his sentence must be for life, but whether it's fixed or indeterminate is up to the presentencing

What's next?

The next step for the court will be a presentencing hearing for convicted killer Kody Butcher. The prosecution and defense expect this hearing will push back Butcher's sentencing, now scheduled for Dec. 22.

report, and ultimately, up to Harr.

Butcher's motion consisted of several points:

- Stoker said a recent Idaho case changed the rules for every jury instruction for a crime involving "specific intent." This case, reinstated by the Idaho Court of Appeals in August, said the wording in Idaho's recommended attempted second-degree murder instruction was wrong, and using it was grounds for a retrial.

Prosecutor Rick Bollor conceded in September that the appeals court ruling gave the state extra incentive in seeking out a sentencing deal with Diaz.

But those concerns did not overlap to Butcher, Bollor said. Bollor expects Stoker to file an appeal, but thinks Harr's ruling will stand.

Stoker said a videotaped interview of prosecution witness Todd Maas would have let him discredit Maas' testimony. Maas told the jury Butcher talked about the Morgan killing while the two shared a cell at the Twin Falls County Jail.

The videotape, which con-

tained an interview where Maas convinced Butcher to the killing of Regina Krueger of Burley, would have proved Maas was an unreliable witness, Stoker said. Stoker would have had Cassia County sheriff's deputies testify Butcher was never a suspect in that case.

Harr concluded that "a skillful cross-examiner" could have used the tape to discredit Maas. But Harr said the tape would have done no more damage than other attempts to discredit Maas: Stoker's cross-examination; a number of inmates who testified against Maas' credibility; and Maas' courtroom demeanor.

"There can be no doubt that the jury believed that Todd Maas was a jailhouse snitch, and that the defense was successful in portraying him as such," Harr said.

Stoker attacked a search of Diaz's van conducted after the two were arrested and charged with an armed robbery in Twin Falls days after Morgan was killed.

Stoker claimed a new Idaho Supreme Court case made the search illegal. The state argued, and Harr agreed, that Twin Falls police had several legal reasons to search the van, where much of the incriminating evidence against both men was found.

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Minidoka committee decides schools have an obligation to teach sex ed

By Karen E. Nalzeinck
Times-News writer

RUPERT — A committee working to update Minidoka County's sex education manual reached two conclusions at its initial meeting Tuesday night.

First, the 17-member group of teachers, parents, clergy, School Board members and medical staff determined that information on sexuality is not being taught well enough in the home, so schools have an obligation to teach their students so they'll know how to keep themselves safe.

Second, the group decided the district should teach sex education in more grades than just seventh and 11th grades, as it does now.

"I think we're missing something after the seventh grade," said Craig Hepworth, the parent of an Acquia Elementary School student. "That point in time, even interested and by the ninth grade they've forgotten what they learned about sex two years earlier."

And by then, it's too late for many teens, the committee agreed. The next step is to decide how often to address sex education.

One suggestion is to teach more in-depth information to eighth- and ninth-graders. But the problem with that is finding a class that all students have to take, and fitting it into the schedule it would take to teach it.

Since 1990 the district has used programs called Sex Respect for seventh-graders and Pacing Reality at 10th-grade. Each program is taught in health class, takes about 15 days and is assisted by district nurse Nancy Kunau, who spends three to five days in each class.

The district is reviewing different books this year because the state mandates an update of all subjects every five years.

Minidoka County's programs are abstinence-based and provide limited information on contraceptives.

East Minico Junior High School teacher Dan Merritt, who has taught Sex Respect for seven years, likes the program but thinks there's room for improvement.

"I think the book does an excellent job of teaching boys and girls to love and respect each other, but I think we could go a little further than the book does," Merritt said.

Kunau reminded the group how important it is to make sure students are getting good clear definitions and accurate information.

"We're not going to change how people live or promiscuity," Kunau said. "We just need to inform them and give them information that can keep them safe now and in the years to come."

Minidoka County director and committee head Dan Rogers presented a few book options, including the Teen Aid program Cassia County schools use. Two options are abstinence-based and include some information on contraceptives; a third teaches abstinence only.

Rogers said the School Board is instructing the committee to choose a program that's either abstinence-only or abstinence-based.

Committee members will start reading the books before their next meeting again Dec. 17. They will also read materials supplied by Kunau about date rape and sexual harassment that could serve as supplements to the book they choose.

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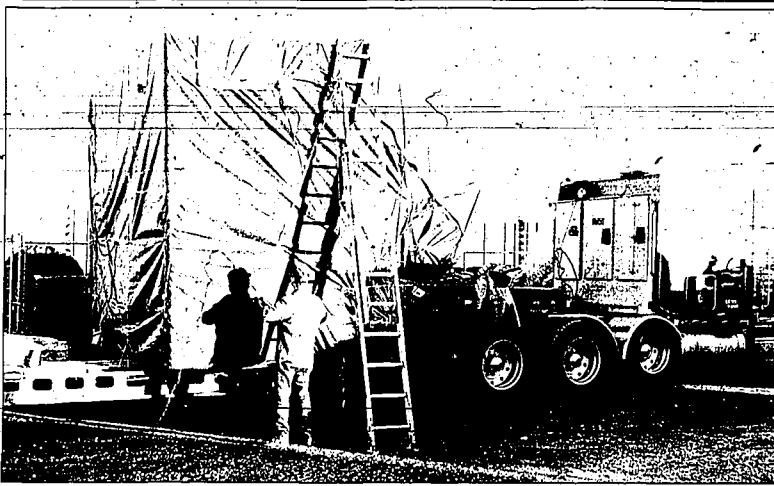
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Truck driver Bill Sproul, of Ennis, Mont., secures one of the tarps covering the cabin of Unabomber suspect Theodore Kaczynski Wednesday afternoon in Pocatello, where it will stay for the night. The cabin is being hauled to Sacramento for use as a primo defense exhibit in Kaczynski's trial.

Kaczynski cabin travels to California

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — The homemade cabin where Theodore Kaczynski spent 20 years as a hermit left Montana on Wednesday for Sacramento, where defense lawyers will use it to try to prove that the Unabomber suspect was mentally ill.

The structure had neither running water nor electricity, only a small wood stove for heat and a piece of wood covered with a thin layer of foam for a mattress.

Jurors entering the tiny shack will step into the claustrophobic world of a mentally ill man, Kaczynski's lawyers said.

As the cabin began its 1,100-mile journey on a flatbed truck, U.S. District Judge Garland Burrell Jr. laid out ground rules for the final days of jury selection. By the end of Wednesday's court session, the jury must be grown to 65, exceeding the original target of 64 needed for selection of a final jury. However, the judge said he now plans to select at least 70 prospects and will conduct mass questioning of that group before lawyers choose the final 12 jurors and six alternates.

The tentative schedule proposed by lawyers late Wednesday and accepted by the judge calls for mass questioning on Dec. 18, challenges on Dec. 19 to select the final jury and opening statements Dec. 29, after a week off for Christmas.

In the interim, lawyers will seek to remove many prospective jurors from the pool, citing answers they gave during jury selection.

Defense lawyer Quin Denver, seeking to portray Kaczynski as suffering from paranoid schizophrenia, has suggested that the key to his client's defense is the 10by-12-foot wood-and-shack that stood only 13 feet high.

The defense is paying for transport of the cabin, which left Malmstrom Air Force Base near Great Falls, Mont., shortly before

dawn Wednesday and stopped for the night in Pocatello, Idaho, about 400 miles away. Officials would not say when it would arrive in Sacramento, but defense attorneys predicted the journey would take about three days.

The cabin will be stored at a former Air Force base in Sacramento until it is needed in the trial.

Although the cabin is small enough to fit in the courtroom, it is most likely jurors will be taken to the site where it is stored.

"You've got to see this cabin to understand the way this man lived," Denver his said.

FBI agents raided the shack outside Lincoln, Mont., when they arrested Kaczynski in April 1996. They found the place crammed with evidence that they contend proves Kaczynski is the Unabomber.

Most prospective jurors questioned during the last four weeks said they knew about the cabin, had heard about or read the

Unabomber's manifesto and suspected that Kaczynski was guilty. They have been outraged intensely about their feelings on the death penalty because Kaczynski would be eligible for the ultimate sentence if convicted in the killing of a timber lobbyist.

He is charged in one other death in the Sacramento area, but that occurred after the federal death penalty law went into effect. He is charged separately with murder in the death of a New Jersey advertising executive. He has pleaded innocent to all charges.

Prosecutors say Kaczynski carried out a calculated, 18-year siege that terrorized the nation. Defense lawyers say he was mentally ill and acting on irrational impulses.

But the judge has warned that unless Kaczynski agrees to the tests by government doctors, psychiatric witnesses for both sides will likely be limited to interpreting the defendant's writings.

Quick-response unit ready to roll in Wendell

By Steve Koehler
Times-News correspondent

WENDELL — The city's new emergency medical service, Wendell QRU, is licensed and ready for action.

"The citizens of Wendell and lower Gooding County now have emergency medical services that can arrive in less than 10 minutes," said Wendell QRU President Bailey.

There is no charge to those served by the all-volunteer service.

The quick response unit offers everything an ambulance service does except IVs, intubation and transportation to a hospital, Bailey said.

Those needing the county's ambulance will be charged for

Gooding-based services. "QRU members are heroes in the community," said Gooding County Emergency Medical Services coordinator Jay Blacksher. "It's a big sacrifice for them."

QRU staff donate considerable time and even money to serve their community. Some members are licensed emergency medical

technicians, and those who aren't are now enrolled in a 110-hour EMT course. Some in the course are licensed "first responders."

Member Ted Anderson said the non-EMT members each pay \$150 to \$200 to make the EMT course and purchase needed items.

EMT Tom Young said QRU members also must take future medical classes.

The new organization, Bailey said, has raised \$2,000 toward a hoped-for \$20,000 to \$10,000 to pay the county for the van and its medical equipment and \$10,000 for operating expenses.

The county will provide medical consumables at no charge to Wendell QRU, said Gooding County Ambulance Service Director Krista Merrill.

The community should support the proud effort, Merrill said.

Donations can be sent to Wendell QRU, P.O. Box 293, Wendell, ID 83355. With questions, call Bailey in the evenings at 536-4608.

Times-News correspondent Steve Koehler can be reached in Wendell at 536-2545.

UI passes windfall on to workers

MOSCOW (AP) — The University of Idaho will use an unexpected \$573,000 windfall to give employees a one-time bonus.

At the same time, university officials say they may ask departments to cut another one-half percent from their budgets. That's in addition to a 1.5 percent holdback to make up for budget shortfalls.

The University of Idaho's current budget is about \$700,000 in the red after student enrollment didn't grow as anticipated this year. The school had about \$400,000 in a contingency fund, making up for some of the shortfall but leaving \$300,000 in unfunded obligations.

The \$573,000 is available from savings resulting from larger-than-expected investment returns to state public employees retirement fund. That means state employees and employers must not have to contribute as much to retirement accounts as originally budgeted.

Administration officials had hoped to use much of \$573,000 to make up for the budget shortfall. The Staff Affairs Committee recommended using the money for bonuses, according to committee chair Debbie Beaver.

"Staff has been hit pretty hard, with no pay raises and the rising costs for health care," Beaver said.

Gov. Phil Batt also weighed in, encouraging state agencies to use the money for bonuses, which Boise State University did.

The bonuses will come in one lump sum in Dec. 26 paychecks. Full-time and three-fourth-time employees will get \$200, and half-time employees will receive \$100 and teaching and research assistants will get a \$100 bonus. It hasn't been determined whether the university's "irregular help" employees, primarily clerical, technical and other support staff, will be included.

Casino representative asks county for Jackpot airport expansion

By Sam Feltman
Times-News correspondent

ELKO, Nev. — Elko County commissioners agreed Wednesday to seek a grant for a feasibility study on the Jackpot airport.

Jim Kikumoto, representing Casino Pete's Casino, said the airport could use some improvements, and he would like to see it enlarged for commercial aircraft for 31 or more passengers. In November, Kikumoto had approached the Jackpot Advisory Board, which recommended commissioners look into the matter.

Kikumoto said the first two improvements could be a Federal Aviation Administration-certified weather reporter and approved instruments for approach. He said aircraft cannot land if visibility is less than 11,000 feet. If instruments for approach were installed, that could be decreased to as little as 1,000 feet.

He said the casino would like to see the runway widened and lengthened to accommodate larger aircraft.

"These are some long-term

goals we would like to apply here," Kikumoto said. He said the casino doesn't expect regular service, but the jets that other casino towns utilize give a definite economic advantage to the community — and chartered flights could benefit Jackpot. Even now, Kikumoto said, "The airport gets a lot of flight activity, you would be surprised."

Elko County Manager George Boucher said the county would need a consultant to identify goals and get the airport in line for federal funding. He said it could be funded up to 93 percent federally.

In other news, Jackpot, Nev., is on its way to acreage growth. East Pac Four Corp. has asked commissioners to annex about 165 acres southwest of Jackpot.

"We're comfortable with the fact that they can provide water and sewer to this area from the town system," Randy Brown of

Elko County Community Development said. Commissioners agreed to start the annexation process.

Also, Jackpot now owns 55 more acres.

Elko County legal counsel Kristin McGuire presented the deal from Western Resource Management for the 55-acre gift. WRM is involved in a land exchange of about 500 acres around Jackpot.

Before, Jackpot has not had a chance to grow because the town was virtually landlocked by federal land.

The gift is for cooperation from Elko County and Jackpot for easements to the properties. Commissioners accepted the gift unanimously.

Times-News correspondent Sam Feltman can be reached in Jackpot, Nev., at (702) 755-2351.

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SHE'S GOING TO BE DISAPPOINTED WHEN SHE FINDS OUT HER BOYFRIEND IS A CHEAPSKATE.

I'M NOT A CHEAPSKATE. I JUST DON'T HAVE TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS.

PUT IT ON YOUR CREDIT CARD.

I DON'T HAVE A CREDIT CARD.

SO LONG, PEGGY JEAN!

Dilbert
By Scott Adams

I USED TO BE PHIL, THE RULER OF HECK. MY PITCHSPOON WAS FEARED BY ALL WHO COMMITTED MINOR SINS.

THEN I MADE THE MISTAKE OF MERGING WITH A COMPANY THAT MAKES NON-ALCOHOLIC BEER.

I WAS OUSTED.

THEY SAID WE'D HAVE SYNERGY!!!

MAYBE IT WAS JUST A BAD PUN.

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THE RESPONSE TO AN INVITATION WILD HORSE COULDN'T DRAG YOU TO.

THE BOOK OF PHRASES

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YES GARFIELD, I'M AWARE CHRISTMAS IS COMING

HOW DOES IT FEEL? AND SILENT?

WELL, IT IS A CONTACT SPORT.

Hi and Lois
By Chance Brown

NICE TACKLE, SON! YOU REALLY KNOCKED HIS SOCKS OFF!

WELL, IT IS A CONTACT SPORT.

"MR. NELSON ISN'T SLEEPING, HE'S JUST TAKING A PRACTICE NAP."

The Wizard of Id
By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

DO YOU HAVE A SPRAY THAT WILL KEEP CATS OUT OF MY GARDEN?

TRY THIS?

WHAT IS IT?

ROTWHEELER BREATH.

Hagar the Horrible
By Chris Browne

AS YOUR MARRIAGE COUNSELOR, I ONLY HAVE TWO THINGS TO SAY...

ONE: HAGAR YOU ARE 100% WRONG AND YOU MUST APOLOGIZE TO HELGA.

AND TWO: HELGA, THESE ARE THE MOST DELICIOUS COOKIES I'VE EVER TASTED!

Beetle Bailey
By Mort Walker

WHY IS BEETLE CHINING AROUND OUT THERE?

IF HE'S GOING OFF, HE'LL KILL HIM!

HE'S SUPPOSED TO BE WASHING WINDOWS!

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ALL RIGHT, CLASS, YOUR ASSIGNMENT WAS TO FIND OUT WHEN PONTIAC'S REBELLION TOOK PLACE...

HILBERTFORCE, DID YOU FIND OUT WHEN IT WAS?

MY POP SAYS IT WAS BACK IN 1975 WHEN HE MISSED AN OIL CHANGE!

For Better or For Worse
By Lynn Johnston

DEANNA, WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR A SIGN FROM YOU. DO YOU LOVE ME?

YOU KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT, MICHAEL. I MUST HAVE SHOWN YOU IN A THOUSAND WAYS!

DEANNA, DO YOU LOVE ME?

I MUST-OR-I WOULDN'T FEEL THE WAY I FEEL!

WHY ARE YOU ASKING ME THIS QUESTION WHEN WE'RE RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF EXAMS?

I DON'T THINK THE ANSWER WOULD BE A BUREAU CHOICE.

Blondie
By Dean Young & Stan Drake

HADT-AM WE HAVEN'T SEEN YOU IN YEARS.

HAVE ALL THOSE CHILDREN OF YOURS MADE YOU A GRANDMOTHER YET?

NO, NOT YET...

BUT THEY'RE SURE DOING A WONDERFUL JOB OF MAKING ME LOOK LIKE ONE.

Pickles
By Brian Crane

PLINK PLINK PLINK

THAT STUPID CAT'S WALKING ON THE PIANO KEYS AGAIN!

SHE'S BEEN POUNDING THIS EVERY NIGHT LATELY.

GET RID OF THE CAT?

NO! CLOSE THE CAT?

I LIKE MY PIANO KEYS.

PLINK PLINK PLINK PLINK PLINK PLINK

Denzil the Menace
By Hank Ketcham

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

"Life isn't always fair. Be glad you learned that now instead of waiting 'til you were five."

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How does that snake fly?

WHAT'S WHAT?
L.M. Boyd

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Q. What do Bedouins do with their old camels?
A. Turn them loose. To find their own range, their noses are pretty good at that.

Q. That flying snake of Malasia - how does it fly? And silent?
A. Flattens itself out like a ribbon and sails. Front tree to tree.

Q. What was the birth name of former congressman now head of the NAACP, Kwesi Mims?
...A. Frizell Gray. Schoolkids called him Peewee. At age 16, after his mother died, he sank into west Baltimore street action. But at 23, he re-oriented earlier standards, fought free of gang ties and took the chairman name, Kwesi Mims. He hit this

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Slow down. Time is on your side, play waits. Moon position highlights income, ability to locate lost articles, development of just the right business plan. Moon position highlights income, ability to locate lost articles, development of just the right business plan. Moon position highlights income, ability to locate lost articles, development of just the right business plan.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Cycle of change. "Carnal" love is really happening to me!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Refuse to be limited. Long-distance communication verifies views. Canvas large, intricate kaleidoscopic portrait of world events. Free yourself from unsavory situation.

IDAHO

\$20 billion to aid S. Korea industry

Money won't help Micron competitors

The Associated Press

Sen. Dirk Kempthorne has been assured that money from the International Monetary Fund going to bail out Korea's faltering economy will not be used to subsidize South Korean computer chip makers.

Kempthorne spokesman Mark Snider said the senator received assurances from a U.S. Treasury official that the bailout money would not be used to help competitors of Boise-based Micron Technology.

The issue came up last week when the Clinton administration announced that more than \$20 billion in IMF funds would be used in part to assist the South Korean semiconductor industry.

Micron Technology Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Steve Appleton said at last week's shareholder meeting that helping his company's competitors with a subsidy was unfair.

He plans to convey that message to Kempthorne and other members of the state's congressional delegation.

Tuesday, the president of American Microsystems Inc., which has a plant at Pocatello, said he sees no logic in the United States helping bail out Asian countries in financial crisis.

Donald Honstetter said the U.S. bailout would subsidize AMI's competitors in South Korea and Thailand.

Those countries' financial problems stem in part from building too much capacity in the electronics industry with no regard to its market base, AMI's chief executive said.

"These guys were going crazy



Dirk Kempthorne

and building plants like there's no tomorrow. They find themselves in trouble, and now we're going to bail them out." Honstetter said. "It doesn't make a lot of sense to me."

A spokesman for Micron Technology, Julie Nash said company officials agree with assisting economies in trouble, but not the chip makers' competitors. She said that the Korean chip industry has mismanaged funds and illegally dumped its products.

"We just don't believe this money should go to South Korean companies who have sold products here," she said. "It's a transfer of our tax dollars to take

American jobs."

Kempthorne wrote to Secretary of Treasury Robert Rubin on the issue.

Sen. Kempthorne is concerned that South Korea is dumping chips on the world market, which is having a negative impact on Micron, the state's largest employer," Snider said.

He said the IMF bailout will not hurt Idaho companies because the money can't be used to subsidize Micron's competitors.

South Korea and the International Monetary Fund agreed Wednesday on a multi-billion dollar bailout. The aid package for the Korean economy will total more than \$55 billion.

Work at dam nears completion; refilling begins

AHSAKA (AP) — The water level in Dworshak Reservoir started rising as the crew fixing cracks in the bedrock beneath the dam closes in on completing its mission.

Salt Lake City-based construction company Layne Keller beat the deadline by two weeks for finishing the \$5.1 million drilling and grouting contract enough to

allow reservoir refilling to begin. Dutch Meier, a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers spokesman in Walla Walla, Wash., said Tuesday.

The corps drained 100 feet of water from the reservoir in August and September to allow the grouting to proceed. The reservoir level was held at that level through the fall.

The grouting project involved drilling a series of holes into the bedrock beneath the dam, then injecting concrete grout at high pressure to fill any cracks that intersected the drill holes. Since the project began, the seepage into the dam was cut from some 2,400 gallons of water per minute down to about 100 gallons per minute, Meier said.

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Crapo: Deregulation will begin next year

BOISE (AP) — Rep. Michael Crapo, R-Idaho, expects to see some movement on electrical industry deregulation in Congress next year — but he isn't ready to promise final answers yet.

"The issue will move during the next year toward some sort of resolution," Crapo told the annual meeting of the Idaho Council on Industry and the Environment, although it may not be the final answer.

Rep. Dan Schaefer, R-Colo., chairman of the House Energy and Power Committee, has introduced legislation pushing for a definite date when everyone will have full choice on where they buy their power, Crapo said.

He wants a provision that would allow special treatment for the Pacific Northwest, which could lose its current low-cost power. Crapo said Schaefer is reluctant to add any special treatment, because that would lead to demands for the same type of treatment for other areas.

He said the chairman suggested that Crapo draft a separate bill to protect the Pacific Northwest and its lower power rates.

"Only if they are joined at the



Mike Crapo

hip," Crapo said he told Schaefer, knowing that a separate bill would have little chance of winning its way through Congress.

He said it may be necessary for Idaho and other Northwest states to take legislative action to protect the region's low-cost electricity and the power supply.

"The legislation must deal specifically with the situation here" where most of the people live along rivers and decisions about electricity necessarily impacts those river flows, Crapo said.

In any event, the Northwest states need to get together on policy. "Competing perspectives" from each of the states will not help the region as a whole, he said.

Crapo said he backs the approach from Gov. Phil Batt to help salmon and steelhead recovery.

"The Batt approach" spreads the risk and spreads the burdens" of providing water to help the fish, he said.

Pocatello council member wins runoff for mayor

POCATELLO (AP) — City Council member Greg Anderson is Pocatello's new mayor-elect.

In a runoff Tuesday, Anderson defeated Bannock County Clerk Larry Ghan by 209 votes out of 8,305 ballots cast, about 2.5 percent.

Mayor Peter Angstadt didn't run for another term and leaves in January for a college job in Oregon.

"It really hasn't sunk in yet," Anderson said after a long embrace with family and supporters. "I'm going to make a lot of phone calls and say thanks tomorrow."

Ghan said he intends to seek reelection as county clerk next year.

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More departures hit Fox as re-election looms

BOISE (AP) — More departures, including the top finance officer, have hit the beleaguered Education Department of State Schools Superintendent Anne Fox on the eve of her campaign for a second four-year term.

With the resignation of Jim Smith as deputy superintendent for finance, Fox has lost 29 of the 58 key people in the department when she took over in January 1995 from retiring fellow-Republican Jerry Evans. Another five retired.

All seven top financial people either quit or were fired in the three years Fox has run the department that disburses over \$800 million a year to operate Idaho's public school system. Smith moved into the top slot over two years ago after Fox's original appointee died.

In addition, Fox's longtime spokeswoman Rhonda Clements is resigning to open her own consulting firm in Boise, and the department's deputy attorney general, Tom Gratton, is joining a Boise law firm.

Fox, who already has two opponents in May's Republican primary and is the main target of Democrats in November, discounted any suggestion that problems continued to plague her amid a department that was in an uproar ahead of a state of firings during her first months in office.

The latest personnel shakeup, she maintained, "won't create



'We feel we are in great shape.'

— Anne Fox, state superintendent

much problem within the department. We think we'll do fine with the budget."

Smith will be available throughout the winter if needed during the legislative session, she said, blaming the high personnel turnover on the comparatively low salaries state lawmakers have authorized for her staff.

But turnover, she said, offers new opportunities and challenges.

"We feel we are in great shape," she said.

Her critics dispute that, claiming little if anything in the department is running properly. A majority of the state's 112 district superintendents have expressed no confidence in her educational leadership. And the State Board of Education that was only a rubber stamp for the operations of Jerry Evans has become more and more involved in public school affairs since Fox

took office.

Several weeks ago, state Rep. Dorothy Reynolds, a former teacher and Caldwell Republican who serves on the Education Committee, called Fox "the nicest lady in the whole world, but I don't know where she comes from with her ideas."

"Without criticizing her, there is not leadership coming from Anne," Reynolds said.

Replacing Smith will be Jerry Pelton, whom Fox elevated from chief of the Bureau of Instruction under Evans to deputy superintendent for state and federal programs. Although he has no direct background in finances, Pelton has been with the department since 1988 after 19 years as superintendent of the Cornwaller School District.

Smith, a former Salmon School District superintendent who has been with the department 6 1/2 years, had his own run-in with Fox three years ago when she essentially fired him as teacher certification supervisor only to hire him back quickly as finance chief.

"That first six month was pretty much in turmoil," Smith said. But his resignation, effective Jan. 20, was motivated by family considerations and "really has nothing to do with Director Fox."

Smith, who has moved his family back to Salmon, said he has no immediate employment plans.

Union Pacific claims it can fix rail gridlock without government aid

WASHINGTON (AP) — Saying they have taken extraordinary steps to end the gridlock and service woes that have disrupted thousands of rail shippers, Union Pacific railroad executives argued Wednesday against further corrective measures by the federal government.

Union Pacific Chairman Dick Davidson told the Surface Transportation Board that a service recovery plan implemented in October has returned the nation's largest railroad to "a substantially fluid condition."

"We have cleared the decks of the backlog and the congestion," Davidson said. The main trouble spots remaining are in Southern California and the Houston area, he and other railroad officials acknowledged.

Davidson urged the board not to extend a 30-day emergency order that expires at midnight Thursday, which required Union Pacific to cooperate with competitors in Texas, where the rail congestion began and then spread. "We don't think there's any need to renew the order," he said.

The in-fighting between Union Pacific and some of its competi-



David Martinez of Houston, Texas, an employee of Union Pacific and Southern-Pacific-Railway, appears as a witness at a hearing of the Surface Transportation Board Wednesday in Washington.

tors, in particular Burlington Northern-Santa Fe and Kansas City Southern, clearly is troubling the Surface Transportation

Board, which regulates the industry.

"It appears to me that carriers continue to point fingers at one another, in certain instances almost seeming to disavow any responsibility for working to resolve what we face," said board chairwoman Linda Morgan, urging an industry-wide fix for the rail problems that have bottlenecked the western half of the country.

Congestion on the 36,000-mile Union Pacific network has riddled throughout the U.S. economy, stranding bumper grain crops in the Midwest, clogging California ports and disrupting production at Gulf Coast petrochemical plants, Northwest lumber yards and steel mills.

Union Pacific's claim that progress is occurring throughout its network isn't universally shared.

Some of the railroad's largest customers, in filings submitted in advance of today's hearing, said they are continuing to feel the pinch. They are asking the board to issue a long-term extension of its emergency order — an action the railroad is fighting.

Last defendant in series of bombings gets 55-year sentence

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — The last of four militia members accused in a series of bombings and bank robberies was sentenced Wednesday to 55 years in prison.

Brian Batigan, 39, was convicted in September of participating in a bombing at a Planned

Parenthood clinic and robbing a U.S. Bank branch in the Spokane Valley.

The other three men were sentenced in October to life terms for their participation in the July 12, 1996, crimes, as well as bombing an office of The Spokesman-

Review newspaper and robbing and bombing the bank in April 1996. All four are from Sandpoint, Idaho.

Prosecutors said the crimes were driven by political and religious beliefs against banks and abortion.

Man arrested in Oregon after rural homicide

PAYETTE (AP) — A Roswell man was arrested Wednesday in connection with the shooting death of a man whose body was found in a ditch.

Payette County is investigating the case as a homicide which occurred Monday afternoon at a home just off U.S. 95, a half-mile from the Canyon County line, Sheriff's Lt. Leroy Cordes said.

Canyon County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Al Showalter said the victim's body was discovered at about 8:30 p.m., Tuesday.

Ronny K. Bouttler, 33, was arrested at 3 a.m., at an Ontario, Ore., motel and was taken to the Malheur County Jail in Vale, Ontario police Capt. Mike Kee said.

He awaits extradition to Idaho on charges of first-degree murder and kidnapping, Cordes said.

The victim was shot about seven miles north of Parma, and moved to Canyon County near Bouttler's home, Showalter said. Bouttler and the victim knew each other but were not related, Cordes said.

The suspect lived adjacent to the property where the body was found — the cause of death was a gunshot wound.

Cordes said the victim's name has not been released, pending notification of relatives.

Woman wins runoff

AMERICAN FALLS (AP) — Deborah Rudeen's elected mayor by 40 votes over Cecil Weisenburger in a runoff Tuesday.

In January, she will become the community's first woman mayor.

The close race was a turnaround from two years ago. She lost a bid for re-election then by two votes.

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These coyotes were just ol' country boys.

The coyote followed us most of the morning, staying up on the low ridge that paralleled the ravine we were hunting. Our dogs, all hitches, were greatly interested in this wild bunter male.

But the business of finding birds took their minds away from him and they dropped to a steady pace, zig-zagging through the sage.

Field Woodland and I had split the ravine between us and I didn't know if he saw the coyote. He was doing the California shuffle down the far side, tripping over sage and stumbling in badger holes.

That was about par. He was looking, but not seeing. When his dog, Helga, hit the first point of the morning, Field didn't even notice. I stopped and waved my arms over my head. Nothing.



DOG-EARED TALES
By Bill Studebaker

I waved again. Again nothing, so I gave a "come round" to get his attention. That got Field's attention, so I pointed toward his dog. Cleverly, he bounced through the brush, slowing as he approached Helga. She held her point and Field shot. Helga retrieved.

It was a postcard. I walked over to congratulate Field. Then I asked if he'd seen the coyote trailing us. Sure enough, he hadn't.

I figured the shot had scared him off and said he probably wouldn't be back. "Don't count on it," Field said. He called to Helga and started back toward his side of the ravine.

We hunted for a few more hours, then swung in a wide circle back toward camp. Truth be told, it wasn't much of a camp. Field had pitched a tent and I was sleeping in the back of the pickup. It got cold that night, and I heard the dogs scratch their bedding into a pile, then again around in an attempt to get comfortable. Once they settled down, I fell asleep.

It was still black when I awoke. I thought I'd heard something, so I strained to hear, and as I strained, I could feel the hair standing up on the back of my neck. Then I heard it again.

My old dog made a deep, uncompromising growl. It was her "will fight you 'til death" growl. I took her seriously, so I dug out my shotgun.

Sis kept growling. She had switched from periodic rumbles to a steady growl that I'd never seen so many times. Whatever was out there was coming closer. But what was it?

I thought about climbing out of the truck, but I was a little shy on nerve. Besides it was cold and I didn't have any clothes on. Sis persisted, so I crawled out and stood by the tailgate, shotgun in hand. It was mighty frosty and the grass stuck to my feet as I walked around.

I reached down and laid Sis out of her kennel. She came out, ears perked, growling all the while. She trotted off toward Field's tent.

As we came around the tent, gray dogs dashed in every direction. There were four, five, eight - God knows how many of them. Sis barked for the first time and more pieces of the night exploded and ran onto the grassy flat surrounding our camp.

Soon all the dogs were barking and Field arrived, sleepy-eyed, in the moonlight. "Look at all these coyotes," I said. "There must be 20 of them and they were going to attack your dog. They want to eat you."

"I don't think so," Field said. "Helga's in season. I bet they just want my girl to come out for a moonlight romp."

"So what are you going to do?" I asked. "Put her in the tent with me and go back to bed," he said. "They won't tear into the tent."

They didn't, but I didn't sleep either. Sis wouldn't stop growling. Field's dog wouldn't stop whining and peeping, and the coyotes wouldn't stop yelping and circling camp.

We were miles from nowhere, but it still felt like I was chaperoning a junior high dance.

When he isn't making up fictitious tales about Field, Bill Studebaker can be found teaching English at the College of Southern Idaho.

Local bird hunter warns to the task

By James J. Krunich
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - It was so cold that I almost didn't learn my lesson. Evening quickly approached and darkening shadows blanketed many of the slopes beneath the canyon's wall. The air was icy and I felt a personal chill from an absent-minded mistake.

Hours earlier, in an effort to squeeze in a hurried hunt after work, I'd accidentally left a sweatshirt in my truck. Now that it getting colder, I needed it badly.

All thoughts of hunting were gone; all I wanted was to reach my truck and start the heater. I let the dog, Beau, to my side because it was no time for young Labrador antics. For him, the chill was a powerful stimulant.

As I marched, my thoughts shifted to high-school geometry - a subject that didn't seem important as a teenager. I remembered that the shortest distance between two points is a straight line.

With that in mind, I climbed away from the canyon floor, cutting a straight track across the rocky slope and into the warmth of the remaining sunlight.

We'd hunted for two hours, but hadn't seen a bird. In fact, Beau hadn't even gotten "birdy," so there weren't any highlights to replay on the trek back to the truck.

Halfway up the slope, Beau broke from my side. I tumbled for as chukars flushed wildly into the canyon. "Heel!" I yelled, but it was too late. We continued to plod back toward

Season ends soon

In the Magic Valley, chukar and Hungarian partridge can be hunted through Dec. 14. The daily bag limit is eight birds of each species; no more than 16 birds of the same species can legally be possessed by a single hunter.

the truck. After a while, Beau again got ahead of me and flushed a clutch of chukars.

Slowly, a dim realization began to dawn on me. We were finding birds right on the slope, in the areas where sunlight lingered longest before dark.

I was still too cold to hunt, so the outing was a bust - but I didn't forget the lesson I'd learned.

Several days later - properly dressed this time - returned with Beau. This time we chased the sunlight as it slid uphill.

A half hour into the hunt, we flushed our first chukars. After another 40 minutes, Beau got another group up into the air.

It was clearly a pattern. Sure, I could always find birds in the shadows - but I found three times as many in the sunlight.

It's something to consider because the movements of wildlife change with the seasons. Most species are primarily concerned with survival: Food, water, and shelter.

As fall gives way to winter, chukars don't seek shelter in the conventional sense - but they do seek areas of warmth. Thus, slopes that hold heat are natural lures for chukars.

Of course, the "warm slope" theory is valid only if food and water are found nearby. Fortunately, the same slopes that get



Being in the right place at the right time can yield a handful of chukars, as Wood River Valley resident Bruce Webber can attest.



Golden sunlight is the place to look for game birds toward the end of the hunting season. This Beretta shotgun and Hungarian partridge crossed paths in the South Hills.

late afternoon sun also tend to sprout cheap grass - even in winter - if storms drop rain or snow.

After that, the sun does the rest. What works for chukars also works for Hungarian partridges, for they, too, can be found on slopes with late-afternoon sun.

Generally speaking, Huns are harder

than chukars, but they share the same basic need for warmth.

The lesson for late-season hunters is that a once-productive area may be bereft of birds if it's a place where the sun don't shine. Game birds will always be found where there's food and cover - but they will seek these attributes in areas that are warm.

Tuesday fund-raiser set for Avalanche Hotline

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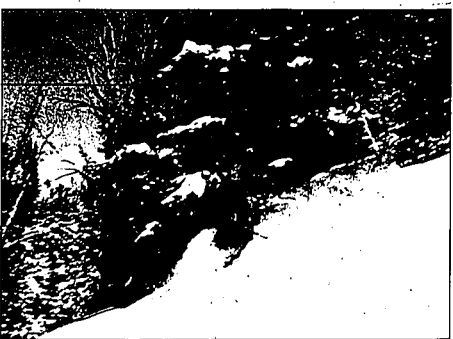
KETCHUM - The Avalanche Hotline, a snow-condition reporting service for backcountry skiers and snowmobilers, will get a financial windfall from a benefit slide show next week.

The fund-raiser begins at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the nexStage Theatre on Main Street in Ketchum; admission is \$5. The program is based on author Lou Dawson's latest book, "Wild Snow, a Historical Guide to American Ski Mountaineering."

Dawson is famed for his skiing and snowboarding descents of Colorado's 14,000-foot peaks - all 54 of 'em. On Tuesday, he will use words and pictures to share his adventures on snow. Dawson is a regular writer for *Coulor Magazine* and author of a number of mountaineering books, including "Colorado Tenth Mountain Trails" and "Colorado High Routes."

His latest book gives route descriptions of some of his North American descents, and tells a tale of ski mountaineering that dates back thousands of years.

Tuesday's show opens with an appearance by Ketchum mountaineer Laura Evans, a breast cancer survivor who climbed the highest mountain in the western hemisphere after a bone marrow transplant. Evans will present slides



Rip! Up in the backcountry - safely - requires proper equipment and knowledge. Always carry a sturdy shovel, probe and avalanche "beeper" - and call the Avalanche Hotline. Before setting out, in this scene, Twin Falls attorney Pat Brown takes care of business on the north side of Galena Pass.

from some of her climbs, including an expedition to the 22,841-foot summit of Aconcagua in South America.

Evans recorded the story of her physical and mental challenges in "The Climb of My Life," published in 1996.

Know before you go

Free snow-condition reports are available by calling the Avalanche Hotline at 789-1200, Ext. 8027.

Evans and Dawson will chat and sign copies of their books before and after the slide show. Tickets to "Wild Snow" are \$5 at Chapter One Bookstore, Backwoods Mountain Sports, the Elephant's Perch and Sun Summit.

Proceeds will go to the Avalanche Hotline, a free telephone report available by calling 789-1200, Ext. 8027. The report is posted by the Sun Valley Avalanche Center to alert winter backcountry users of changing snow conditions.

In their Avalanche Center news, a new Nova documentary about avalanches will be shown Dec. 13 to raise funds for the center's Youth Education Program.

The film will be shown at 6 p.m. at the Liberty Theater in Hailey. Admission is \$5.

The film contains jumpy footage of avalanches in Switzerland, Iceland, Alaska, Colorado and Montana. Local filmmaker Bob Ploof, who was the lead cameraman and director of photography, will be on hand to answer questions.

For more information, call Janet Kellum at 622-5371.

WINTER TALES AND TRAILS

Having skied and snowmobiled in 14 states, Ron and Laura Evans share their adventures in their new book, "Winter Tales and Trails."

Acclaimed outdoor writer to autograph new book

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Author Ron Watters, who is the heart and soul of Idaho State University's outdoor recreation program, will sign copies of his new book, "Winter Tales and Trails" at the Barnes & Noble bookstore from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Saturday.

A share of the proceeds from the book-signing session will be donated to the High Desert Nordic Association, a Magic Valley group dedicated to free-heel skiing.

Watters' new book delves into skiing, snowshoeing and snowboarding in Idaho and other worthy spots, including the

Tetons and Yellowstone National Park. One chapter, entitled "High Desert Mosaic," covers the Magic Valley.

A share of the proceeds from the book-signing session will be donated to the High Desert Nordic Association, a Magic Valley group dedicated to free-heel skiing.

"A lot of people think of (the Magic Valley) as a big blank spot on the map," Watters said in a recent interview. "But it's got some breathing space and some elbow room, and you can see for miles

and miles."

"Winter Tales and Trails" (Great Big Press, \$19.95) is filled with classic old photos and underlaid with the rich history of skiing in the northern Rockies.

An accomplished author, Watters has written "524" Campaign," "The Whitewater River Book" and "Newer Turn Back," which chronicled the life of Walt Blackadar, a legendary Salmon-area doctor and hairball kayaker.

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OUTDOORS

Mild fall hurts big game hunters' success

BOISE - Abundant moisture followed by a mild fall is good for big game but not for hunters.

The Idaho Fish and Game Department said hunter success appears to be off in most regions of the state this fall. Official hunter surveys have not been conducted yet, but indications are that fewer than the normal number of tags were filled.

High big game losses due to severe weather last winter were a factor in the Panhandle. Record snowfalls had a big impact on whitetail deer herds at higher elevations and to a lesser extent on elk. The weather, combined with a lack of snow

this fall, halved hunter success from last year.

More deer were found in Panhandle valleys where winter losses were less. But deer also remain a source of depredation complaints in agricultural areas.

Some Clearwater Region hunters have complained about finding fewer elk this fall, particularly in units around Dworshak Reservoir. Hunter success also was off in that region.

Aerial and ground surveys of elk in northern units of the Clearwater Region last spring showed no signs of unusual winter kill.

A warm, dry fall in the Salmon Region also brought hunter success down in that area. Bull elk harvest was estimated to be off as much as 25 percent and the take of buck deer was down by 40 percent.

Magic Valley Region hunters killed about the same numbers of deer this fall as in the last three years but reported seeing more does and fawns in the hills, a promising indication for future hunting seasons.

Elk hunters were expected to do at least as well as they did last year.

Upper Snake River hunters reported tough hunting condi-

tions. The Island Park area still had green grass in mid-November and animals had no reason to begin to form easily spotted groups. Check stations reported average numbers of deer and elk.

Southeast Region deer hunters reported seeing lots of elk during the season and controlled elk hunts yielded good results. Deer hunters were not as happy.

Wildlife Biologist Carl Anderson in Pocatello said the deer harvest will likely be the lowest on record for that region. The number of hunters also was down sharply.

You can't beat the view:

Forest Service rents rustic cabins to the public

OGDEN, Utah (AP) - Want to spend a weekend in a cozy mountain cabin, but can't afford a place of your own?

You can always borrow one from the U.S. Forest Service.

Abandoned Guard stations and lookout towers are available for regular folks - throughout 16 national forests in Utah, Nevada, southern Idaho and southwestern Wyoming.

They can accommodate anywhere from two to 50 people and cost \$15 to \$250 a night. Most sleep four to eight people and cost \$20 to \$30.

Campers just can't be too picky about certain things, such as indoor plumbing and hot water.

"Rustic" and "primitive" are the descriptions most often used. But it's hard to beat the view, said Joe Gallagher, the ranger in charge of recreation in Utah's Mammoth National Forest.

The rangers who once lived in these cabins and towers didn't dabble on the outskirts of nature. They were immersed in the forest, and the scenery is something like travelers will get in the average hotel or bed-and-breakfast.

Still, said Gallagher, "There's something a little more solid than a tent. You feel a little better, a little safer."

Idaho has the most rentals, with 30 available in five national forests, according to a guide for the Intermountain Region published by the Forest Service. Nevada has four in two forests and Wyoming has one in the Bridger-Teton National Forest.

Utah has four cabins - three in the Ashley National Forest outside of Vernal and one in the Wasatch-Cache National Forest near Monte Cristo. Utah also boasts one facility with three bunkhouses and a meeting hall in the Elkhake National Forest.

Plans are in the works to refurbish and open old ranger digs

near Moab and Monticello, too, Gallagher said.

Of those listed in the Intermountain guide, 11 are open only in the spring and summer, and 13 are open only in the winter. Another 13 are open year-round, and three, in Idaho, are available from December through August.

Utah's Ashley forest cabins are year-round rentals, and the Wasatch-Cache cabin is open Nov. 15 to May 1, but snowmobiles are required for winter access.

Those who want to reserve the places for summer weekends and holidays need to plan way ahead, Gallagher said.

"It depends on the particular cabin, but some do fill up by the end of March - the summer weekends are usually all used up," he said.

Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's weekends are popular, too.

Generally, the cabins are equipped with the bare essentials, such as a table, chairs, wood stove and bunks - some with mattresses, some without. Expect to use outdoor privies and to bring in or cut your own firewood, the guide says.



Taking the time to wax skis at the beginning of the season can make for a more enjoyable time on the ski hill, experts say. Here, a skier catches some air at Mt. Hood Meadows, Ore., last month.

Waxing makes skiing much smother

DURANGO, Colo. (AP) - When it comes to waxing, skiers are a mixed lot. Some will grab their skis out of the corner of the garage or shed and, without even bothering to do more than glance at them, throw them in the car for their first trip to the slopes.

Rec'd Powers advises skiers to take a little more interest in the slats that provide them so much fun.

The Swiss Sport representative was at Backcountry Experience to talk about waxing skis and snowboards. His presentation leaned more toward the technical-minded waxer, but also provided some key information for the layman.

Everybody should wax their skis, if only to protect the bases. One coat of gliding wax will make a board faster and help it turn. It can also prevent it from oxidizing and help to clean the base.

The same basic glide waxes are

used by all skiers - nordic, telemark, alpine and snowboard. All boards need attention in order to stay as well-conditioned as possible.

So that's the first thing in preparing a ski or board for the upcoming season. Powers recommends dipping a soft wax on the ski and ironing it in. Use a plastic scraper to scrape off the wax when it's still wet; that helps to get last season's dirt off the base.

One can also take dirt off with a solvent, but doing so can hurt the ski's performance. Powers said to not use solvent on a board's glide section; nordic skiers can use solvent to take off old kick wax.

After cleaning the ski with the soft wax, a decision has to be made on following wax layers. Early in the season, when temperatures are colder, a harder glide wax is suggested. The board is shearing and breaking up snow crystals as it glides down the

slope. A soft wax might stick to these crystals.

Waxes with greater amounts of synthetics - fluorocarbons and graphite - will make them harder and more suitable for cold conditions. A ski shop can guide one in picking out the right waxes - or just do the waxing for those who realize they're way over their heads really.

Later in the season, as the air warms, the glide wax used should be softer in order to repel the wetter snow.

Powers also talked about structure in the ski, which helps water channel out and keeps the ski from sticking to the snow. It helps greatly on wet snow to have structure. Boards generally come with structure; one can add some with a structure bar.

Wax slabs come at varying price ranges, from \$4 to nearly \$40. The more expensive ones have synthetics such as fluorocarbons and graphite.

Classic nordic skiers also need to be concerned with kick wax. Again, there are a wide variety of kick waxes for varying conditions and for varying budgets. Powers advised to iron in kick wax, bonding it better to the base. Corking it on is the next best method.

Powers' thoughts on other subjects:

• Irons: Ski irons are best. Powers advised, but noted good ones cost more than \$100. For those using clothes irons, make certain the temperature isn't so hot that the p-tex base melts, which occurs at about 280 degrees.

If the p-tex base melts, it seals and can no longer soak up wax.

• Brushes: Start with a stiffer bristled brush. A soft-bristled brush deflects better into the structure of the ski and is good for finishing off the glide waxing. A brass bristled brush works well to take oxidized layers off the ski, but Powers said he doesn't use one much for regular waxing.

Weather creates avalanche dangers

POCATELLO (AP) - The man responsible for watching for avalanches in eastern Idaho's Caribou National Forest says weather conditions so far this year have created almost ideal conditions for avalanches.

What's got Greg Birch concerned is a weak layer of snow called depth hoar. It has already formed in what little snowfall southeastern Idaho's mountains have received so far.

"Once you get that weak depth hoar layer, it's going to stay a while," Birch told a group of area skiers, snowboarders and snowmobilers at an avalanche awareness workshop Tuesday.

Depth hoar formed when temperatures allowed water to migrate through an underlying snow layer, said Ron Watters, director of Idaho State University's Outdoor Program.

That formed an extremely weak layer of flat, sharp-edged snow crystals near the ground.

The danger with depth hoar is that it can act like ball bearings under the weight of more snow. That's a recipe for avalanches.

On Thanksgiving Day, an avalanche at Grand Targhee Ski Resort nearly buried a snowboarder, Birch said. That freak early season slide inside the resort's boundary wiped almost all snow off the slope.

The depth hoar instability has Sun Valley-area avalanche control crews hoping for heavy snowfall soon to put weight on mountain slopes and trigger small avalanches. Workers believe that scenario would make central Idaho's backcountry slopes safer for later season recreation, Birch said.

Birch told workshop participants that people greatly increase risks of dying in an avalanche if they ski, snowboard or snowmobile backcountry slopes without knowing what terrain and conditions to avoid.

He cautioned that avalanche forecasts like the one he helps generate for the Caribou backcountry are merely a tool, not a safety guarantee.

"I hope we don't give you a false sense of security," Birch said.

Even during periods when forecasters rate avalanche danger in an area low, pockets of extreme danger can exist all winter, he said.

Avalanches in the U.S. kill about 25 percent of an average of 100 people they slam each year.

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OUTDOORS

Taxidermy potential depends on hunters' actions

Knight-Ridder News Service

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — The decisions of hunter make plans that prize bear-ear-door hits the ground will determine how well the mounted animal looks in the trophy room, according to four Central Pennsylvania taxidermists.

"I see all kinds of animals come in cut up and shot up," said Mark Singer of Singer's Taxidermy near Howard. "I can mount them, but I'm no miracle worker."

Chris Belinda, who runs a business near Port Matilda, said successful sportsmen should prepare every animal with care.

"That spike should be treated as if it were a trophy shot, when the day comes, you'll know how to treat a trophy buck," Belinda said. "It's more respectful and more satisfying."

It's also thrifty. The fever repairs a taxidermist must do, the less the final product costs. Since the face will be the focal point of most mounts hunters should try not to damage the head, taxidermists said. Sportsmen should avoid putting that "killing shot" in the back of the brain, Belinda said.

"It makes an ugly exit wound that may not be repairable," Belinda said. "It's not necessary to slit the throat either."

"You definitely don't want to cut the neck," agreed Singer, who specializes in whitetail mounts. "It damages the hair and there's no way to repair it." When removing the entrails, hunters should cut the skin from the anus to the rib cage, no further, Belinda said.

"A lot of people have the tendency to go up to the arm pits," Belinda said. "For mounting purposes, you need as much skin intact as possible. The less you cut the less

needs to be sewed up." Barry Yearick of Millheim said sportsmen should put away their knives before attaching the required ear tag. (The tags must be affixed prior to moving a carcass and must not be removed until the animal is processed for consumption or prepared for mounting, according to state game laws.)

"The biggest mistake most guys make is using a hunting knife to tag the animal," Yearick said. "It can be repaired but it adds to the cost of the mount and you can always see it."

If possible, sportsmen should not drag their prizes over rough forest terrain, the taxidermists said.

An animal nudged by its head or neck will lose its natural shape and develop bald spots as it bounces over rocks and logs, they said. Yearick recommended pulling a buck by its rack.

To protect the neck and shoulder areas, Belinda recommended placing the animal's front feet between its ears and pulling it out by its legs.

Luckily, bear hides take more abuse than deer hides, Belinda said.

"If 16 years, I've never seen an easy way to get a bear out of the woods," he said. "Get them out however you can." Once back to home or camp, any deer destined to be mounted should be hung up by a gambrel stick inserted between the hocks and tendons on the rear legs to avoid stretching the neck or damaging the neck hair.

"As soon as you've shown it off and taken your pictures, the job then is to remove the hide as carefully as you can," Belinda said.

"It's not just for trophy purposes, but your meat will be so much better."

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OUTDOORS

Disabled men take on wild rapids

LANSING, W.Va. (AP) — The frothing waters swirl and splash around Frank Vanik and Mike King, coxing a raft of "crazy" raft-towees like a big rapids on the lower Gauley River. It's dubbed Pure Screaming Hell, and for good reason.

Vanik and King have heard tales of an alligator in after you, nipping at your calves."

There's only one problem. King and Vanik do not have the use of their legs. If they fall overboard, they must depend on their arms and bright yellow life vests to pull them out of the current.

"Back left, forward right!" Dubson barks out to the rafters.

"Forward, forward... forward ahead!"

The rafters are members of the National Amputee Recreation Sports-It is one of Disabled Sports USA's 81 national nonprofit chapters that helps disabled people participate in activities other people often take for granted.

Vanik, 30, a mechanical engineer from Baltimore, found out he had multiple sclerosis eight years ago.

"There's a lot more to life than getting up in the morning and getting dressed and going to work," Vanik said. "Something like rafting is a thrill, and it's a life-filling experience."

King, 39, of Arden, Pa., lost the use of his legs in a motorcycle accident in 1978.

Then, he and Vanik met

Pamela Lehnert. As a recreational therapist and the program's volunteer director, she organized the rafting trips.

"It gets the people out of their wheelchairs and for a little bit of time, they might be able to forget that that wheelchair exists," Lehnert said. "You can do with everybody else. You can do it at the same level."

Lehnert also organizes hand cycling, scuba diving, sailing, water and snow skiing trips, in addition to daily activities such as basketball and racquetball.

From her viewpoint, it's unfair that disabled athletes have to pay so much to get to, can have fun. For able-bodied skiers, Lehnert estimated the average cost at about \$600 for skins, clothing and boots. The cost for one disabled ski, equipped with a seat, is about \$2,000. Then there are some wheelchairs that range from \$2,800 and hand-cycles that start at about \$1,500.

Still, Lehnert said, companies are beginning to manufacture recreational equipment for disabled people. In addition, the cost of society is becoming more aware about disabled people's abilities.

"Society as a whole has improved largely. Disabled people are in the daily rush of life," Lehnert said. "They have full-time jobs, drive cars and have families, where as before they were hidden away. Their abilities are coming more to the forefront instead of them being seen as all of these poor, pitiful crippled people."

OUTDOORS IN BRIEF

Center offers avalanche, snow safety class

SUN VALLEY — The Sun Valley Avalanche Center will offer an avalanche and snow safety class in December, and a women's class in January.

Both classes consist of an evening session at the Community School Middle-School, followed by an all-day field session. Cost for the classroom session is \$5 for students and \$10 for adults; the field sessions are \$25.

The first classroom session will be held at 7 p.m. Dec. 10 at the Community School, followed by a field day on Dec. 14. The women's class will be offered on the evening of Jan. 8 and all day on Jan. 10.

Area fly-fishing group gathers tonight

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Flyfishers will hold a post-Christmas party tonight at the American Legion Hall, 447 Seastrom, in Twin Falls.

The social hour begins at 6 p.m. and dinner is at 7 p.m. Meat and drink will be provided, but members should bring a favorite salad, dessert or covered dish, as well as their own cutting and flatware. Members also are encouraged to bring a guest.

The keynote speaker will be Idaho Falls angler Jimmy Gubbucks, Jr. He will regale the audience with a slide show about fishing in Argentina, then share a few secrets about favorite fishing holes in southeastern Idaho.

Compiled from staff reports

Percentage of U.S. hunters declines steadily

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — America's Thanksgiving turkey is one of the nation's most enduring traditions, but the hunter who puts it on the table may be vanishing.

Fewer hunters are taking to the field, especially children, teenagers and young adults, the one generation to reduce hunters who drop out and die off.

The result has sparked something of a crisis in the hunting community, which faces greater concern than for why the hunters' time and for dwindling open spaces. States have stepped in with hunter education courses and other programs for youngsters that critics call thinly disguised recruitment programs financed with public money.

The overall percentage of Americans who hunt has declined steadily for 15 to 20 years, although more women are becoming hunters.

T.A. Heberlein, a University of Wisconsin scientist who specializes in hunting studies, even raised the possibility that hunters could disappear by the middle of the 21st century. The decline was "fairly steep" in the 1970s and '80s, but seems to have leveled off since 1980, he said.

"The highest rate of hunting

participation among young people is between 12 and 20," he said. "If they don't start before 20 they will probably never start."

That's why anti-hunting groups are focusing on the young.

"Women are becoming more involved in hunting," he said. "I would say they're not at all a dominant force, but they are being more accepted by the male hunters and coming along on the hunt. That masks the continuing decline among the males."

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service estimates that about 14 million Americans, 7 percent of the population 16 and older, went hunting in 1996.

Heberlein believes the total may approach 10 percent when the younger age groups are counted. From 1955 to about 1980, hunters age 12 and older were 11 percent to 14 percent of the national population.

Where hunting is popular with youngsters, it is a powerful attraction.

Schools in several states dismiss classes when deer season arrives because attendance drops drastically. Camouflage flu, they call it in West Virginia, where schools in 38 of 55 counties closed in 1985.

"I don't think I could concen-

trate on classes," said Chris Peaters of Shinnston, W.Va., who hunts with his father and grandfather. "You can come but your mind is not there."

In Laguna, N.M., five football players quit the high school team before a quarterfinal game to go deer hunting this month.

"Hunting is fun," said junior fullback Kalvin Roughsurface, the team's leading rusher. But he and brother Derrick also had another reason: A deer provides their family of five with meat for a year.

The Fund for Animals tried a parent's last resort — bribery — to draw youngsters away from hunting in Wyoming last month but struck out. The group offered a \$1,000 mountain bike to the first child who turned in a permit for a special elk hunt and gave up hunting for the season. None of the 70 children who drew the permits accepted the offer.

"The government does not use Joe Camel to promote cigarettes to children, and they should not use hunting to promote guns to children either," said Norma Phelps, who conducted a study of hunter education programs for the Fund. "Young people have a natural affinity for animals, and our schools and our societies should encourage that kind-

ness, not killing."

About 650,000 to 700,000 students a year go through hunter education courses, said Bob Byrne of the Wildlife Management Institute in Washington, D.C. The average age is 12, but there is no measure of how many actually hunt.

"It's probably a misnomer to say states are actively recruiting hunters," he said. "A more accurate way is that they're deciding how to meet the latent desire to learn about hunting."

Surveys in recent years have shown about half the nation has some degree of openness to sport hunting, but Heberlein says, "We're not finding any increase in anti-hunting attitudes."

As for the reasons behind the drop in the number of hunters, modern life may be the simple answer, says Cornell University researcher Judy W. Enck.

"There's the reduction in leisure time, longer working hours, multiple jobs, commuting; also population shifts, rural to urban," Enck says. "So there are fewer opportunities to walk-out the back door after school or work and go hunting. As land becomes less available, there are fewer opportunities for hunt-

Not for the birds: Feeding ranks 2nd as most popular hobby

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — Strictly speaking, this pastime is for the birds.

According to the National Bird-Feeding Society, recreational feeding of birds is second only to gardening as the most popular hobby in the United States.

Enthusiasts range from casual hobbyists with hummingbird feeders on their apartment balconies to expert bird-watchers who keep meticulous logs of the birds visiting their feeders.

Counted among the latter are five members of Salem Audubon who recently put on a "Backyard Bird-Feeding Symposium" for beginners. Fair warning: Each said he or she never intended to end up with a conglomeration of suet bags, wooden and plastic feeders and bird baths decorating every corner of their yards when they put up that first feeder.

Here's their advice:

Unplanned bonuses come along with the obvious risks of maintenance and filling.

Off-ground feeders attract a variety of birds such as chick-

adees and juncos.

Because birds are sloppy feeders, the seeds that fall from a tree- or pole-mounted feeder also will attract some ground feeders.

A variety of seed mixes are available, usually mostly millet with some cracked corn and other seeds.

The best all-around feeder-filler for attracting the largest variety of birds is black sunflower seeds, Corbett said.

One word of caution is in order when selecting a feeder site, he said.

"The No. 1 problem actually is house cats as far as killing birds concerned," Corbett said.

"You have to make your feeders as cat-proof as you can," said Judy Brunkal. Trimming the brush around the feeder will provide visibility for feeding birds.

Brunkal said cats aren't the only unwanted guests at feeders.

"I had a Cooper's hawk sitting there trying to stalk the feeder birds," she said about the bird-eating raptor.

If you're like most first-time bird feeders, your interest in the hobby won't be the only thing sprouting and growing, Brunkal said.

Most bird seed is not sterilized, and spring and summer can bring an unwanted jumble of seedlings from tiny stalks of millet to tree trunk-like stems of sunflowers.

"Cook the seeds at 200 degrees for half an hour. That keeps them from sprouting," Brunkal said. "You don't want to cook it too much, because that destroys some of the vitamins."

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Sometimes, the greatest Christmas gift is restraint

The Washington Post

Every year, soon after the holiday shopping craze begins, my younger brother Michael tells me flatly and with no apology that he's not buying me anything for Christmas.

Tips for Overcoming Holiday Overspending

- 1. Make a list of what you need to buy.
2. Set a budget.
3. Shop early.
4. Avoid impulse buying.
5. Use cash instead of credit cards.

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WORLD IN BRIEF — Progress at global warming meeting

Jackson links liberty, investment in Zambia
 LUSAKA, Zambia — Jesse Jackson, a new U.S. envoy to Africa, expressed dismay Wednesday at reports that some of those detained in Zambia after a failed coup had been tortured.

President Frederick Chiluba's government would better inspire investor confidence if human rights were respected, Jackson said as he arrived in this Central African nation for a two-day visit.

"A country has to be committed to human rights, freedom of expression, a free press and democracy, because these are prerequisites for investment," Jackson said.

He urged Chiluba to take immediate action on a report by the state-run Zambia Human Rights Commission that seven of 87 people detained in connection with a coup attempt Oct. 28 had been tortured.

Crash site sketch shows possible 2nd car
 PARIS — Within hours of the accident that killed Princess Diana, French investigators believed a second car might have been involved in the crash, the first official sketch of the scene shows.

The diagram, obtained Wednesday by The Associated Press, was made Aug. 31—the day the crash occurred along the Seine River.

The drawing offers a detailed look at the crash site and shows "a probable collision zone" between Diana's Mercedes and another car in the Pont de l'Alma traffic tunnel where the princess, her companion Dodi Fayed and their driver Henri Paul were killed.

Despite the sketch, investigators initially focused on the photographers taking the princess, and then on the driver, who was fatally drunk and on prescription drugs at the time of the high-speed accident.

French, Russian rockets place satellites
 EVRY, France — An Ariane rocket has placed a Japanese telecommunications satellite and a German research satellite into orbit.

The Ariane 4 rocket blasted off Tuesday night from ArianeSpace Cosmorama's launch site in Kourou, French Guiana, on the northeastern tip of South America.

Meanwhile, a Russian Proton-K booster rocket carrying a satellite intended to provide direct TV broadcasting for Luxembourg was launched Wednesday from the Baikonur cosmorama in Kazakhstan.

S. Korea, IMF sign record bailout accord
 SEOUL, South Korea — South Korea struggled through a week of painful haggling to strike a deal with the International Monetary Fund for a record \$55 billion bailout of its foundering economy.

Now comes the hard part. And it could last for years.

In agreeing to the loan Wednesday, South Korea pledged to rein in its own economic growth and that of the powerful conglomerates that have fueled the nation's rise from rags to riches in three short decades.

The result, analysts say, could be the loss of as many as 1 million jobs, labor strife, further bankruptcies and erosion of an unspoken compact between government and the governed.

Earl Spencer divorces; ex-wife gets millions
 CAPE TOWN, South Africa — Earl Spencer's tumultuous eight-year marriage ended Wednesday when a judge granted him a divorce and gave his former wife settlement worth more than \$3 million.

The divorce of the late Princess Diana's brother and former model Victoria Lockwood capped a series of embarrassing courtroom revelations.

Earl Spencer, 32, alleged that the earl was a serial adulterer who had 12 mistresses, starting soon after their 1989 marriage.

He maintained she was mentally unstable, unable to handle a large sum of money and would return to the alcohol abuse and eating disorders which have plagued her in the past.

Army suspends soldiers for neo-Nazi activity
 BONN, Germany — The army suspended six soldiers from a Bavarian unit after a newspaper published photographs of them parading anti-Nazi flags and pictures of Hitler.

Defense Minister Volker Rühe said Wednesday disciplinary action was taken after the publication Monday of photographs taken at a 1993 drinking party on military grounds in the city of Schongau.

Rühe cautioned that it would be "wrong to place the German military under general suspicion" for actions carried out by individuals.

KYOTO, Japan (AP) —
 Negotiators from 150 nations chipped away at unresolved issues Wednesday, trying to agree on how to scale back gas emissions linked to global warming.

In an important sign of progress, the chairman of key closed-door talks said delegates were moving toward consensus on which gases should be controlled.

And a Third World spokesman hinted at eventual compromise over a U.S. demand that mandated cutbacks apply to at least some developing nations.

In a scheduled 10 days of talks, some 2,000 delegates are trying to agree on a protocol to the 1992 Climate Change Treaty that would mandate reductions by 34 wealthier countries in emissions of carbon dioxide and other "greenhouse" gases.

Scientists say the emissions, which allow sunlight to reach Earth but trap the resulting heat in the atmosphere, may boost global average temperatures by up to 6 degrees Fahrenheit by 2100, raising ocean levels through heat expansion and abruptly shifting climate zones.

Most emissions stem from the burning of fossil fuels. Because voluntary emissions restraints in the 1992 treaty were largely ignored, governments began negotiations in 1995 to set legally binding cutbacks.

Major proposals range from a European Union plan to reduce gases by 15 percent below 1990 levels by 2010, to the U.S. proposal to lower emissions to, but not below, 1990 levels.

Negotiators were trying to clear away side issues in the first days, including whether to impose restraints on only the three most common greenhouse gases — carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide — or to extend the limits to lesser, but potentially important, gases known as halocarbons.

The U.S. chairman Paul Estrada said the "trend" in negotiations Wednesday, the conference's third day, was to include only the big three in the new protocol, and to skip the status of other gases in the next treaty review session next year.

From the outset, the negotiations over energy restraints have not targeted the developing world, recognizing that the atmosphere's carbon accumulation is mostly attributable to the industrial North.

But the U.S. Senate, sensitive to U.S. industry's contention that a "World Free to Burn" unlimited cheap coal would offer unfair competition, is demanding that any new treaty protocol apply to developing countries as well.



Russian President Boris Yeltsin shakes hands with Swedish novelist Astrid Lindgrén at a luncheon at Grand Hotel in Stockholm, Sweden, Wednesday, during an official visit to Sweden. Lindgrén, 90, is the author of children books, including Pippi Longstocking. Behind Lindgrén is Birgitta Dahl, speaker of the Swedish parliament.

Russian government ready to cut forces on Baltic frontier

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — Aiming to reduce the anxiety of Russia's small Baltic neighbors, Boris Yeltsin says Russia is ready to cut military forces in the region by 40 percent.

Russia is deeply concerned by the determination of the former Soviet states of Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania to join NATO. In the Soviet era, those states provided the Kremlin with a substantial section of the Baltic coastline.

Today, Russia's Baltic access is limited to the St. Petersburg region and the Kaliningrad enclave, which lies between Poland and Lithuania but is not contiguous with the rest of Russia.

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one-third cuts in nuclear weapons — which aides later toned down — Wednesday's announcement was quickly confirmed.

Russian Defense Minister Marshall Igor Sergeev said the cuts would be made to ground troops in the Kaliningrad enclave between Poland and Lithuania, in the region around St. Petersburg and to the Baltic and Northern fleets of the Russian navy.

"These are regions that are the most stable in Europe and we feel able to make drastic cuts of 40 percent," Sergeev said in Brussels after talks with defense ministers from the 16 NATO nations.

He said the reductions would be part of an ongoing overhaul of Russia's military, which should see its overall numbers reduced by about 20 percent to 1.2 million by Jan. 1, 1999.

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Bill would grant drug lords early release

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Joined Cali cartel drug lords and the corrupt politicians who took their money would be entitled to an early release from prison under a widely supported bill intended to ease prison overcrowding.

The measure won near unanimous endorsement in the lower house of Congress late Tuesday and headed to the Senate, where the chamber president said it was likely to be approved quickly.

Lawmakers aligned with President Ernesto Samper, whose 1994 campaign was backed by \$6 million in cartel contributions, unexpectedly introduced the proposal Tuesday.

The legislation would grant early release to prisoners with good conduct who have served three-fifths of their sentences. It also would allow inmates to cut 60 days from their prison time for every 100 days they dedicate to work or study. Only convicted kidnapers, terrorists and murderers deemed highly dangerous would be exempt.

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