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Today: Light snow this morning then afternoon snow showers. Strong northwest wind. Cooler. Highs 30-35. Lows 15-20. **Page A2**

MAGIC VALLEY



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Smith Rock: In central Oregon, not far north of Bend, there's a place that draws visitors from around the globe. **Page D1**

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Where's the fire? Jerome's new mayor may be moving a little too fast, today's editorial says. **Page A6**

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Dec. 18
days to Christmas

Bomb range may cut allotments

By N.S. Norkentved
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The BLM gives, and the Air Force takes away.

Three Creek rancher Bert Brackett is one of several ranchers who have applied to the Bureau of Land Management for an increase in their grazing permits in eastern Owyhee County.

They want to take advantage of extra forage that BLM has been giving them temporary permits to graze each year over the past 10 years.

The BLM is studying the possibility.

BLM proposes expanded grazing areas

But the Air Force might buy back a portion of those grazing permits to accommodate a proposed bombing and electronic combat range.

The Air Force would compensate the ranchers for lost grazing within a 12,000-acre bombing range in eastern Owyhee County.

Idaho Watersheds Project president Jon Marvel questions the wisdom of adding the extra grazing capacity if it is only going to be bought by the Air Force.

"Taxpayers lose twice: once when ani-

mal unit months) are given away, and twice when the ranchers are bought out by the Air Force," Marvel wrote to state BLM Director Martha Hahn.

Grazing capacity is measured in animal unit months—or AUMs—the amount of forage a cow and her calf eat in one month.

Ranchers pay \$1.35 per animal per month for their permits. But the BLM doesn't officially recognize the property value grazing permits have for ranchers.

BLM spokesman Jon Foster said

ranchers would be compensated for AUMs actually lost to the Air Force range proposal—whether regular or temporary.

Every year for the past 10 years, the BLM has granted temporary grazing permits to many of the ranchers with regular grazing permits in the BLM's Jarbridge Resource Area, west of Salmon Falls Creek.

But changes in how the BLM administers temporary grazing has made the program more time-consuming. Ranchers must apply for the extra forage each year. That process can take three months.

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HELPING HANDS



MAG WORMSAKER/The Times-News

Mag Wormsaker, 3, helps her mother, Diane, load a wrapped Christmas present into a bundle for a needy family. Wormsaker and her two daughters spent part of their day Wednesday wrapping presents at the Salvation Army in Twin Falls. More than 700 families have applied to the charity for holiday food and gift assistance. So far, enough gifts to supply 450 families have been received. The biggest shortage, Salvation Army officials say, is frozen turkeys. They have only eight left.

Truck load limits may climb 11%

The Associated Press
and The Times-News

LEWISTON - Weight limits on trucks traveling U.S. Highway 93 between Jackpot, Nev., north to the Montana boundary could climb 11 percent as part of a statewide experiment, if the Idaho Transportation Board and the Legislature give the green light.

The board Friday will consider a resolution designating six stretches of non-interstate highways as pilot project routes. The Legislature would have to grant the board authority to increase gross truck weights from 105,500 to 118,000 pounds on non-interstate routes before the higher limits go into effect.

Predictably enough, the trucking industry likes the idea and the railroad industry opposes it. That prompts one local legislator to expect a tough fight.

"The whole issue of higher weight trucks will be thorny," said House Transportation Committee Chairman Jim Kempton, an Almont Republican.

Earlier this year, Kempton cast the deciding vote to kill a bill to allow trucks to have a gross weight of 129,000 pounds on Idaho highways, up from 105,500 pounds.

"It is very much an experimental effort to understand where we are going as the nation moves around on a trade agreement that connects border to border."

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Dear Santa: Can I get a job for Christmas?

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Some people ask Santa for clothes, toys or computers.

Robert Singer wants a job. The unemployed marketing director was hoping for some holiday luck as he distributed resumes outside a busy subway station downtown Wednesday.

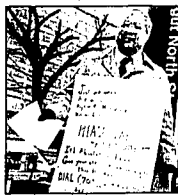
In a gray striped suit with a beige trenchcoat, Singer looked like any other commuter — except for the handwritten sign around his neck.

"Just one week until Christmas and all is not right. Applied for hundreds of jobs, not an interview in sight. Please take my resume. It's absolutely free. Give your office a valuable gift this holiday. Dial 703-259-6700 and hire me," the poster board sign read.

That turned more than a few heads among the downtown crowd of lawyers, bankers and lobbyists.

"Are you serious?" said one woman as a crowd gathered to read the sign.

"Take a resume, please," Singer responded. "I need a full-



Robert Singer passes out copies of his resume at a metro station in downtown Washington Wednesday.

One confused woman asked, "You're working for free?"

Another woman held out her hand and said, "I work in personnel."

By rush hour's end, Singer had unloaded 67 of the 110 resumes he brought.

Others need work too. The Bureau of Labor Statistics says 87,089 people in the Washington

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Tough labor laws not enforced

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Farmers and factory owners who illegally hire underage children generally get away with it.

The U.S. Department of Labor, charged with enforcing the nation's child labor laws:

• Fails to find the most vulnerable victims of child labor.

• Maintains a secret fine schedule that undercuts the \$10,000-per-violation child-labor penalty imposed by Congress.

• Fails to bring criminal cases against repeat offenders.

• Does not seize goods that are the product of illegal child labor, as provided by law.

These are among the findings of a five-month Associated Press investigation of child labor in America.

U.S. Labor Secretary Alexis Herman did not dispute them.



Ana Avalos, 10, arranges raisin grapes for drying in August near Arvin, Calif. She wanted to work in the fields to earn money to help her family and for school clothes and supplies.

"It's not acceptable for employers to think they can skirt the law, that the Department of Labor is not serious about enforcing the law," she said.

"And I am on a path of making sure that we are more aggressive on that front."

Last year, at least 290,200 minors worked illegally in the United States, according to an AP analysis that used the government's own statistics. Labor Department investigators found 6,735 child labor viola-

tions at 1,546 establishments. One-fourth of those establishments were fast-food restaurants, department records show. The typical violation the department uncovers is a high school student working later than the law allows on school nights.

The children the department does not find are the most vulnerable ones — the extremely young, the illegal immigrants, the impoverished.

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State senator seeks to delay prison contract signing

The Associated Press

BOISE — A judge late Wednesday granted state Sen. Stan Hawkins' bid to delay the state Board of Correction from contracting for construction and operation of Idaho's first private prison.

Fourth District Judge D. Duff McKee issued a temporary restraining order delaying any signing of a contract with Corrections Corp. of America for a 1,250-

bed prison until Dec. 31. McKee also ordered a Christmas Eve hearing on whether to issue a preliminary injunction against the agreement.

Hawkins, who plans to run for southern and eastern Idaho's 2nd Congressional District seat, argued that the contract would cost the state \$50 million more in construction and operating costs over the next 20 years than competing bids. The Udon Republican also said

lawmakers reserved the right to review the process last winter when they authorized the Department of Correction to seek proposals for the prison.

Without legislative oversight, he said, Idaho taxpayers would lose.

"We went to privatization to save money, and now we're poised to take the high bid on the contract," Hawkins said. "We need to be more judicious, especially when this is the largest prison expan-

sion in the history of the state."

But the leaders of the Idaho House and Senate, along with the chairman of the Senate Finance and House Appropriations committees, wrote in a letter to Gov. Phil Batt that the Correction Department followed legislative intent.

"Our belief from the beginning has been that the Legislature authorized this

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THE REGION

Carnas Prairie

High: 24 Low: 0
Scattered snow showers through mid-afternoon. Partial clearing and colder tonight. Patchy morning fog; then mostly sunny Friday.

Treasure Valley

High: 34 Low: 21
Scattered snow showers this morning; partial clearing by afternoon. Northwest wind 10-20 mph. Clear and cooler Friday.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 27 Low: 0
Scattered snow showers with partial clearing tonight. Colder through Friday with snow on lows in the Stanley Basin.

Eastern Idaho

High: 33 Low: 10
Snow likely through evening, tapering off during afternoon. Westerly wind 10-20 mph. Colder. Patchy cloudy Friday.

Northern Idaho

High: 30 Low: 26
Morning showers then partly cloudy. Light west wind. Mostly clear and colder tonight. Mostly sunny and cooler Friday.

Northern Utah

High: 40 Low: 28
Rain or snow chances through evening. Snow likely tonight. Colder Friday with heavy east winds and decreasing chance of snow.

Northern Nevada

High: 28 Low: 12
Colder with snow showers, partial clearing tonight. Brisk north winds. A few snow flurries Friday morning.

Jury out Prison

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process to be an Executive responsibility through the Board of Correction, the State Division of Purchasing and the Attorney General's Office," they wrote Monday.

Hawkins said the bidding process "followed lawful procedures, and that unsuccessful bidders were offered full opportunity to appeal the selection decision and chose not to exercise that option."

One of the legislators signing the letter to Batt, House Speaker Michael Simpson, also is a 2nd District congressional hopeful.

"There seems to be kind of an atmosphere out there where nobody wants to do anything, nobody wants to take responsibility," Hawkins said. "The governor's office is saying it's a legislative matter and the legislative leaders are saying it's an executive branch matter."

Department of Correction spokesman Mark Carnopis said the contract signing, which has been repeatedly delayed while details were being negotiated, was expected before the Legislature convenes Jan. 12.

"Our position has always been that the enabling legislation is very clear," Carnopis said. "No promises were made to anyone that we would bring it before the Legislature for review."

Hawkins said the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee indicated the Legislature would have continuing oversight.

But the actual legislation, cited in the Hawkins' own court petition, includes only the standard provision that no contract could "provide for the encumbrance of funds beyond the amount available for the fiscal year."

He also argued that legislative review was important for an expensive project because in recent months what had been steady growth in Idaho's inmate

population has stopped, and the state already has a 500-bed prison addition ready to open in mid-January.

"This explosion that we were experiencing that drove us to privatization is now over, at least for the time being," Hawkins said.

"If we were seeing these huge numbers in terms of increase in prison count now, I would feel differently about this. But we're not seeing that. I'm not sure we're going to need a new 1,250-bed prison, frankly, at this point. The numbers just don't bear that out."

Carnopis said Wednesday that the dollar value of the winning bid submitted by Corrections Corp. of America was not the only factor involved.

"It's real easy to take those bottom-line numbers as a comparison," he said. "But there was an extensive review of thousands and thousands of pages, and this was a well-thought out decision. This was the most qualified bidder."

The jury spent the day behind closed doors at the federal courthouse, asking for a list of the nearly 200 witnesses, which U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch said he would provide in chronological order.

Jurors also asked one question.

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MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
High: 34 Low: 18 Light snow accumulating about an inch. Northwest wind 10-20.	High: 32 Low: 12 Patchy morning fog then mostly sunny by afternoon. Colder.	High: 26 Low: 14 Partly cloudy. Patchy morning fog. Cold.	High: 24 Low: 12 Chance of snow; mostly cloudy. Cold.	High: 25 Low: 13 Partly cloudy. Continuing cold.

IDAHO Weather

Thursday, Dec. 18
West Weather forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures

COEUR D'ALENE	30°
LEWISTON	30°
BOISE	30°
IDAHO FALLS	31°
TWIN FALLS	34°
POCATELLO	34°

NATIONAL Weather

The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Thursday, Dec. 18.

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YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls	Precipitation
Yesterday: 48-35	Yesterday, in Twin Falls: .07
Last year: 28-11	Month to date: .45
Normal: 40-22	Water year to date: 7.24
	Normal year to date: 2.65

Idaho Highs/Lows

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Boise	46	40	.09
Burley	49	38	0
Fairfield	38	26	0.05
Hagerman	42	30	0.02
Idaho Falls	40	34	0
Jerome	47	31	0
Lewiston	50	41	0
Malad	42	19	0
Mt. Home	48	30	0
McCall	33	32	.28
Pocatello	43	36	0
Salmon	37	28	0.05
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Altoona	61	32
Boston	53	36
Chicago	40	26
Dayton	41	18
Denver	47	29
Des Moines	42	19
Detroit	48	27	.....
Honolulu	84	71	.01
Houston	66	42	.....
Indianapolis	48	28	.....
Kansas City	62	44	.....
Las Vegas	64	36	.....
Los Angeles	74	51	.....
Memphis	54	39
Miami Beach	71	59
Minneapolis	46	30
Missoula	45	22
Montreal	49	28
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Omaha	66	45
Phoenix	70	41
Pittsburgh	44	30
Portland, Me.	49	23
Portland, Ore.	49	46	.22
Reno	53	26	.....
San Antonio	69	48	.....
Salt Lake City	55	51	.09
Seattle	46	44
Spokane	41	38	.14
Washington	58	33

Canadian Cities

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Toronto	50	31
Vancouver	51	44

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Idaho: A series of storms flowing across the Northwest brought unsettled weather, including cloudy skies Saturday with light snow or rain, and snow mixed in the mountain areas and showers of rain in the valleys. The pattern will continue with rain changing to snow as a cold front moves across the state. Light afternoon showers were reported at Pocatello, Mountain Home and Boise. It snowed at Hailey-Sun Valley, Mullan Pass and McCall. Temperatures ranged from the upper 40s in the Magic Valley and Pocatello to the mid-20s in the Parkville. Winds were variable with speeds less than 15 mph.

Northern Plains: Showers fell from northern California into Oregon and Washington, and eastward through Idaho into Montana. Snow fell above 5,000 feet, with 8 to 14 inches possible in the Cascades. Four to eight inches of snow was forecast in the mountains of the Great Basin. Wind gusts hit 20 to 30 mph on the Washington coast.

Northern Plains: In Montana, Chinook wind gusts to 60 mph, helping temperatures rise into the 40s and 50s. Light afternoon showers were scattered over parts of the far northern Plains, turning to isolated snow showers from North Dakota into northern Minnesota.

Grazing

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or more. Instead the ranchers are asking the BLM to increase regular grazing permits.

The BLM says it doesn't have the staff or the time to conduct the environmental study required to increase the regular grazing permits. But officials have agreed to let the ranchers hire a consultant to complete the study.

Though the change would increase the ranchers' permits and the economic value of their operations, it would not increase the grazing in the area.

Grass available in the area has supported the increased grazing for the past 10 years, BLM officials say.

Trucks

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der," he said.

Members of the Shippers Alliance, a group representing the shipping and trucking industries, said increasing truck weight will have no effect on Idaho roads.

An increase in weight means an increased number of truck axles, Shippers Alliance Coordinator Kathy Skippen said. That translates to less weight per tire to include a special representative to the president at Union Pacific Railroad, said the railroad opposes even an experimental weight increase.

Any increase in axle weight would be unfair, he said, since the highway is owned and maintained by the public, and trucking is subsidized by taxpaying motorists on Idaho's highways.

Job

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metropolitan area were unemployed in October.

"This is desperation. I've done the conventional ways: mailings, walk-ins, agencies. The conventional didn't work," said Singer, a Drake University graduate who said he left a wife and two sons - ages 10 and 11 - in Des Moines, Iowa.

"I was more employable when I was 27 with less experience," said Singer, who turns 40 next week.

He was marketing director for ElectroInnovations Corporation in Iowa until it folded in 1995, he said. Then he did freelance writing before heading four months ago to Washington.

Correction

A story printed Wednesday incorrectly stated the status of a \$167,000 grant Hazelton is seeking for landscaping and Main Street improvements. The city has submitted an application for the grant, but it has not been awarded.

The Times-News regrets the error.

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WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 17 NUMBERS
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NATION

Eastern blueberry harvest attracts cheap child labor

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Summers, they strap red trays around their waists and pick berries until their hands turn blue.

Every blueberry season in southern New Jersey, the fields fill with Asian children, many from Philadelphia, coming to pick all day with their parents.

"The children want the money and the farmers want fast hands — cheap."

"I'm not so good as older kids, because I get only one or two trays," says Sopheap Hao, a chirpy 13-year-old whose parents are Cambodian.

Her friends sometimes make \$30 and \$40 a day. Hao giggles and says the most she ever made was \$6 or \$8 because she gets distracted closing turtles and playing with her friends.

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They say the crew leaders, who organize the pickers for farmers, recycle forms for child workers all the time, using whatever documents they have for whatever children happen to be working.

The children earn \$3 or \$3.50 a day, depending on the farm. One tray holds 12 pints of blueberries. If labor inspectors show up, the smaller children scatter and the older ones pretend to be adults.

The children say it's the best way to earn pocket money for designer T-shirts and jeans. They start around 6 a.m. and work as long as they want.

When the season ends, some of the children hang out on the stoop of a South Philadelphia row house, bemoaning the fact there is no work for them in winter. Last fall, their chatter was interrupted by a bullet fired from a passing car. The children scattered as the bullet bounced off the pavement.

Some social workers say the kids are better off working in the blueberry fields than hang-

SETTING FINES

In 1990, Congress increased maximum penalties for child labor violations from \$1,000 to \$10,000. This secret U.S. Department of Labor fine schedule may explain why fines are averaging \$897, still well below the Congressional mandate.

Age for employment (Under 14 yrs)	Maximum number of hours per week	Maximum number of hours per day	Maximum number of hours per week	Maximum number of hours per day	Fine
14-15	18	9	18	9	\$1,000
16-17	48	12	48	12	\$1,000
18-19	48	12	48	12	\$1,000
20-24	48	12	48	12	\$1,000
25-29	48	12	48	12	\$1,000
30-34	48	12	48	12	\$1,000
35-39	48	12	48	12	\$1,000
40-44	48	12	48	12	\$1,000
45-49	48	12	48	12	\$1,000
50-54	48	12	48	12	\$1,000
55-59	48	12	48	12	\$1,000
60-64	48	12	48	12	\$1,000
65-69	48	12	48	12	\$1,000
70-74	48	12	48	12	\$1,000
75-79	48	12	48	12	\$1,000
80-84	48	12	48	12	\$1,000
85-89	48	12	48	12	\$1,000
90-94	48	12	48	12	\$1,000
95-99	48	12	48	12	\$1,000
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fields," Clark says. "What else are they going to do with them?"

They're not really working. Some of them are just helping their parents.

"A lot of these workers are just trying to earn \$20 to keep going for the day," Russell Clark, farm owner.

Clark rails against government interference, saying the workers would be better off if immigration and labor authorities left them alone, instead of hiding at the end of farm roads to try to catch them.

"A lot of these workers are just trying to earn \$20 to keep going for the day," Clark says. "The kids help out. Kids of 11 and 12 helping out their parents in the fields picking blueberries — what's wrong with that?"

"The real problem," he says, "is the crew leaders making themselves rich by not paying the workers properly."

Most farmers pay crew leaders for a certain amount of fruit.

The crew leaders, in turn, pay the workers, keeping a percentage for themselves.

But Clark says some crew leaders pay the workers less than they are supposed to. Clark says that is why he pays

workers directly now.

White Clark and others insist that the children are better off in the fields, others say they are being exploited.

"In some cases, it's child abuse," says Wilder Rodriguez,

a case worker with Rural Opportunities in Vineland, an outreach organization that attempts to get the children of migrant parents into education programs.

Rodriguez says he sees vanloads of children arriving at farms in the summer, including toddlers who are sometimes left in the vans while their parents work.

ing around the streets. Russell Clark says the same thing. He owns several hundred acres of farmland in Hammon, N.J., and sees lots of Asian workers from Philadelphia, some with their children.

"I've had workers with kids as young as 5 and 6 years old in the

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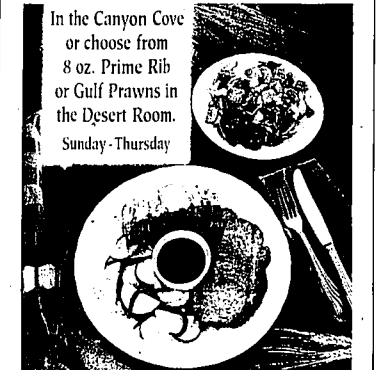
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NATION

Labor

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The AP found many such children working illegally in dozens of fields and factories from coast to coast. Yet Labor Department officials around the country say those children are nearly impossible to find.

"I don't believe we have ever found it," said Jorge Rivero, Labor Department district director in Miami.

Less than an hour away, however, near Homestead, Fla., the AP found eight underage children harvesting beans on several farms on a single day in November.

Maria Echaveste, an assistant to President Clinton, said it's easy — and unfair — to say the government doesn't care about children who work.

Ms. Echaveste, who picked strawberries as a child in California and who, until February, headed the Labor Department division responsible for enforcing child labor laws, said enforcement has historically been a low priority.

The last major federal campaign against child labor came in 1990, when Labor Secretary Elizabeth Dole led Operation Child Watch.

Soon, Ms. Herman said, the government will try again. Operation Salad Bowl, she announced, will be launched next spring in cooperation with the Department of Agriculture. The initiative, she said, will involve 50 farm inspections around the country.

But even when the Labor Department does find violators, it usually doesn't do much about it.

According to the law, employers who hire children illegally are at the very least supposed to be fined. In 1990, Congress decided the fines weren't high enough and raised the maximum penalty from \$1,000 per violation to \$10,000.

The average fine assessed by the department increased from \$212 in 1990 to \$887 last year — but nowhere near the maximum set by law.

A "Child Labor Civil Money Penalty Report" which the department tried to withhold after the AP obtained, may explain why.

The secret report is used by compliance officers to set fines — fines almost always discounted significantly from the recommended maximum set by Congress.

The maximum fine, \$10,000, is used only when a child working illegally is seriously injured or killed. Other fines are far lower.

Ms. Herman said she was unaware of the fine schedule until the AP inquired about it. She said she was concerned both by the difference between industry and agriculture and by the low amounts of the fines it recommends.

In addition to civil fines, the law allows repeat offenders of child labor laws to be charged with criminal misdemeanors. Penalties include up to six months' imprisonment for a second conviction.

But no one has gone to jail for federal child labor violations in seven years. Generally, it happens about once a decade.

One reason: The Labor Department doesn't know which law breakers are repeat offenders. Names of violators are often misspelled or entered in slightly different ways in the department's computers. Perhaps the toughest enforcement tool available to the Labor Department is the "hot goods" provision. This 60-year-old clause allows authorities to seize prod-

ucts that are made with illegal child labor.

Under this law, the taint of such labor stays on a cucumber from the moment a child picks it in Ohio to the day it sits in a jar of pickles inside a supermarket warehouse. Furthermore, if that cucumber is tossed in with a large batch of other cucumbers picked by adults, the entire batch becomes hot goods.

But the department rarely gets

around to seizing anything. Ms. Herman said she has asked department lawyers to look into using the hot goods law.

Ms. Echaveste recalled arguing the point with Labor Department lawyers, who would tell her: "You can't use hot goods on manufacturers, or even retailers."

"I literally took the law and read it to them," she said.

She is "still waiting" for someone to use it.

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EDITORIAL

Jerome's new mayor needs to slow down - and listen

Jerome's new mayor certainly is making a dramatic entrance. This week found him retreating - for the second time - from startling changes in the police department. And he isn't even sworn in yet.

This could be an interesting ride. Mayor-elect Dennis Moore is fortunate that Idaho law forbids a recall campaign until he has been in office for 90 days. The rapidly growing band of angry voters that wants him to hide will have to wait - maybe giving Moore time to smooth things over.

The law is a wise one. Without a guaranteed honeymoon period, winning candidates could find themselves under immediate attack from losing factions. Winning an election is an empty victory if a new campaign starts right away.

The 90-day grace period also gives a new office holder a chance to recover from the mistakes of inexperience. Anne Fox, Idaho's state superintendent of public instruction, had a memorable first few weeks on the job in 1995. But she eventually settled down and early eagerness for a recall did not come.

Maybe Moore will go the same way. Even his critics have to give him this much credit: He knows when to admit a mistake.

Moore told Police Chief Jim Dahl last week that he would not reappoint

Dahl in January. Moore plainly is dissatisfied with Dahl's performance, though he hasn't voiced specific complaints. That dissatisfaction is probably a factor in the drive to consolidate the police department with the county sheriff's office.

But soon after giving Dahl his pink slip, Moore realized that he didn't have the City Council's backing. The mistake indicates either that Moore is assuming too much or that the council is talking too little - or both.

Barring any new surprise decisions, city officials appear to have the police department issue back on track to a reasonable and orderly set of decisions. The city will seek an independent performance audit on its police department. Moore's decision on Dahl's future is properly on hold until that happens.

Meanwhile, further action on police-sheriff consolidation is waiting until the public has a chance to comment.

Sober consideration of the facts may prove Moore to be 100 percent right. Or not. The community may determine that consolidating law enforcement would be as beneficial for Jerome as it has been for Burley. Or not.

In any case, everyone involved needs to do a good deal more talking - and listening - before making any more big decisions.



'Amistad' redeems Hollywood's image

Recently Hollywood has been an object of much derision, much of it merited, particularly when dishonest and propagandistic movies have been made about American history. The name Oliver Stone comes to mind.

Now comes Steven Spielberg's "Amistad," a redemptive movie, in two senses. It redeems Hollywood's reputation as a place where movies can be made for group-ups. And "Amistad" celebrates America's capacity for rising from sin to something akin to nobility.

For the third time in eight years Hollywood has produced a nuanced, truthful film about America's racial history. "Glory," released in 1989, was the true story of a black regiment in the Civil War. And also in 1989, "Driving Miss Daisy" was an utterly convincing depiction of a long relationship of a black servant and a white Atlanta family.

"Amistad" begins in 1839, when 53 West Africans, who had been captured for the purpose of enslavement and shipped to Cuba, seized control of the ship *La Amistad*, springing two of the Spanish crew, who the Africans commanded to set a course for Africa. But during the nights the Spaniards altered course heading northwest, and the slaves - or were they still? - were they Spanish property? - were arrested on Long Island and jailed in Connecticut. Their journey back to Africa became a legal odyssey through three trials, culminating in the Supreme Court.

The movie has two heroes. Cinque, the leader of the shipboard insurrection, and the American legal system. The trans-Atlantic passage of the slave ship is the most harrowing movie realism since Spielberg's "Schindler's List." The courtroom drama, which Spielberg has necessarily truncated, is disentangled in Howard Jones' book, "Mutiny on the Amistad." The legal controversy in-



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olved the meaning of treaties, maritime law, property law and natural law. This stew was stirred by meddlesome President Martin Van Buren, who feared that if the Africans were freed, the South would punish him in the 1840 election.

There are limits to what even as conscientious a director as (Steven) Spielberg can do in making didactic movies. Audiences are not buying tickets to a seminar. However, Spielberg is helping to fill a void created by a dereliction of duty on the part of academic historians.

One of the movie's delectable moments is a menacing cameo appearance by South Carolina's Sen. John Calhoun, simmering with resentments and spilling for a fight. One can imagine his sulfurous reaction when the lawyers for Cinque and the others argued that what the Africans did on *La Amistad* was simply exercise a right of self-emancipation grounded in the law of nature. If that law applied on ship, why not in South Carolina?

The movie may make an unlikely hero of the sixth president, John Quincy Adams. His presidency was unsuccessful but as president he returned to the House of Representatives and at age 73 helped argue the *Amistad* Africans' case in the Supreme Court. In the climactic scene in the Court, Adams says, "Who were it who we were?" That is, because America had a founding moment, Americans are defined by the Founders' principles.

Adams was not quite as cuddly as An-

thony Hopkins plays him, but his performance in the Court in 1841 was even better than the movie's brief version. He did, as the film shows, cite the Declaration of Independence, a copy of which hung on a pillar in the room where the Court sat. But he did not simply invoke Jeffersonian rhetoric. He and the Africans' other lawyer argued that their clients were under the protection of the state of Connecticut, where they won the case that the Van Buren administration appealed. Their argument, rich in subtext irony, was that states' rights protected the Africans from the federal government.

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Until recently, the writing of American history was one of the nation's most important forms of moral reflection. Historians wrote what David Hartan calls "morally instructive histories - histories that taught us how to speak in the first-person plural." Often the subjects of such histories were the greatness of great men and the nobility of American ideals. In his new book, "The Degradation of American History," Hartan writes that those whose lives are disdained such histories as "moralistic and elitist."

But those were the sort of writings that moved Martin Luther King to say that reading history made him feel "at home in the real" that is, with an unpayable debt to those whose lives are imperishable examples of worthy aspirations. Actually, King paid his debt by leading such a life. Spielberg has made a downpayment on his by making a fine movie about such lives.

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LETTERS

Online version attracts ex-resident

My sister, Jessie Andrews, informed me of your entry onto the net. I'm delighted to be able to keep up with my childhood and young adult home town newspaper.

Thank you for this connection with such an important part of my history. Through Left Twin Falls in 1951, the influence on my life is most apparent to me. Thank you for establishing this link.

PAUL EWING
Moneta, Va.

Mayor-elect may learn lesson

Our newly elected mayor in Jerome reminds me of a child with a new toy who doesn't know how to run it.

Maybe when he learns (the hard way), he can do a better job for us.
Jerome

Why not 2 crossword puzzles?

Bravo! to Grace Johnson for voicing an opinion I'm sure many of us share concerning the crossword puzzle dilemma. We tired long ago of 15-minute solvable puzzles.

Some of us have gone so far as to have friends in other states mail us their challenging local newspaper puzzles. Why not publish two puzzles - your usual and then one more interesting?

If you return to the old format, we may just have to change our subscriptions to the Idaho Statesman!
ROBIN BARTON
Jackpot, Nev.

Chapel plan was for the kids

Regarding the article written about rejuvenating the youth ranch chapel: For the past month, I have struggled with the article written about my attempts to rejuvenate the youth ranch chapel.

When I first saw it, I was uncomfortable because the picture was so bad and there I was. When I contacted the

media, I stressed over and over this was not about me but the youth and the chapel.

Before I even made a move, I contacted Chris Talkington, director, and received his OK and appreciation for any help the ranch could receive. So when I read the comment by Curtis Stewart, "Gee, it looks OK to me," I was pretty thorough. However, I brushed it off until I kept hearing how it discredited my efforts.

When we did our Christmas program at the Youth Ranch last Sunday night, I noticed some repairs had been done. I then realized the possible basis of Stewart's comment. I certainly did not mean to insinuate anything. I have been to enough churches to understand the money just isn't always there and "decor" cannot be a priority. I thought about the staff as well as offering something special to the youth.

There is nothing wrong with the chapel. Some people probably wouldn't notice the things I did. I guess it's the mother in me, and I thought about the kids on Christmas. I realize the staff has far more important things to worry about and deal with. I envisioned this project as a gift from the community. I had told Mr. Talkington I had hoped to finish it by Christmas Eve. I figured if we were going to do it "go for the impossible." This is why I even contacted the media in the first place; I was in a hurry. I'm not sure of what to do at this point but I can't do it alone. I also want to thank Kelly and Laura from KMTV for their kindness and efforts.

On another note, in response to the letter from Phil Ansh, "If God were one of us, Christmas would be different."

I felt your frustration with past hurts. So please have faith, not everyone is caught up in the disillusion of the season. Some know there is only one reason Christmas exists in the first place. And it is up to each of us to keep the spirit alive.
LANETTE SHIPLEY
Rupert

A few questions on parent liability

This new law they want to pass stating if a child is absent from school so many days, a parent will be held responsible sounds like a wonderful law, but I have a few questions.

Will both parents be held responsible or will the parent who was at home during the absentee date be at fault?

If both parents work, will the judge pick one or both to spend time in jail? And if you're both in jail, who will send your child to school? If your child

misses school because you didn't allow him or her to stay at a friend's house and wishes to get revenge, will the judge take that into consideration?

If one parent decides to stay home and not work, will she or he be reimbursed by the state government? Will the government pay half the cost to have a microchip inserted in their body (like a car tag) so that we know where they're at all times?

Will the fine be set according to your income or the number of days your child was absent?

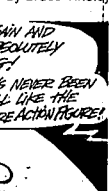
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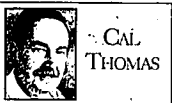
OPINION

Searching for wise men (and women) in Washington

And it came to pass in those days in Washington that a decree went out from the Pentagon. Eleven supposedly wise men and women were chosen to study the question of whether putting more men and women together in those quarters during basic military training might lead to sexual activity.

At a cost to taxpayers probably surpassing the value of gold, frankincense and myrrh, the panel not only concluded that sex happens among recruits, but that the sexes should be separated during the initial phases of military training. They also found (surprise) that boot camp has gone soft.

These are hardly tidings of great joy. In fact, they are as predictable as the propensity that combustible materials in a hot place are likely to ignite. But those who believed the military could be used as a national laboratory to achieve ends prescribed by politi-



Cal Thomas

cians who never served have been rebuked.

The panel, headed by former Sen. Nancy Kassebaum Baker, remains committed to "gender integration," but not until after a few weeks of segregation. "By separating men and women in their own barracks, you would have fewer disciplinary problems and a better sense of unit cohesion and team building," the panel concluded. They don't go as far as the Marines, who train men and women in entirely separate companies (maybe that's why the Marines are the best), and post-basic training would remain integrated.

Military training softened when standards were lowered to accom-

modate female recruits. What the panel didn't address is how training will be toughened if women again fail to meet higher standards. The objective of the gender feminists has total equality between male and female service personnel. So what will happen when the irresistible force of politics comes up against the immovable object of military strength? Something's gotta give.

The Clinton administration has been the primary impetus behind gender-integrated basic training. The results have been obvious for some time to those not blinded by politics. After touring U.S. military facilities last summer, Rep. Stephen Buyer, R-Ind., chairman of the subcommittee on military personnel, told the Navy Times: "Wherever we were, whether it was on the USS John Kennedy with the Navy or at Army training centers, there was a general complaint about the product coming out of basic training. We were left with the impression they are soft, and basic training is not enough.

They've weakened the standards, and we're concerned about it."

How weak are they? At the Great Lakes Naval Training Center recruits are shown a videotape telling them that "physically, anybody can make it through boot camp." A statement that devalues the prestige associated with conquering boot camp and the toughness recruited need for development.

According to Time magazine, recruits at Great Lakes no longer drill with rifles, because the Navy (which used rifles in training until 1996) now regards them as anachronistic.

And, my personal favorite, recruits are issued a "blue card" that they are encouraged to hand to their trainer whenever they feel discouraged or stressed.

The Army could call its training "sneaker camp," because recruits no longer run with combat boots. The Army has substituted jogging apparel. Drill instructors have been warned not to verbally berate their recruits. And basic combat skills are

receiving less emphasis.

According to a 1997 report by the Army Inspector General, "There is no clearly articulated or enforced standard for soldierization skills to graduate from Initial Entry Training."

Are we willing to pay the price of a weakened military so that politicians and the gender feminists can have their way in the emasculating of our armed services? Tragically, they will have failed to equip a fighting force to prevail in the next war when they are needed to defend their country and themselves.

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How children spell fathers' love: T-I-M-E

"Give your children the gift of your time," is what I've been saying on television and radio talk shows across the country for the past four years. "Avoid the lure of high priced gifts. In the end your children will get much more out of spending more time with you, their Dad."

There's no question fathers need to spend more time with their children. The amount of time that many dads and their children are spending together is woefully inadequate. In fact, the average teenager spends just 35 minutes per week talking with his or her father (compared to 21 hours per week watching TV). And commercialism is clearly having an impact. Public opinion polls show that it is common for parents to equate buying things for their children with caring for them.

WADE F. HORN

right? Right?!" (Fade into the sounds of tears and screams.)

If this is your family scene this Christmas morning, I and other child psychologists of the world might applaud. Your stance against the commercialism of the holidays might even get you on the "Today Show." But as far as your kids go, you will go down in history as a Grinch worthy of your own Christmas special: The Cheap skate Who Killed Christmas!

So this year, in addition to just offering advice, the National Fatherhood Initiative is offering the thing that every man loves: a new tool! It's the "Dad's Tool for Measuring A Gift's Father/Child Time Quotient."

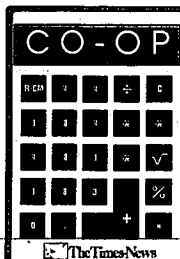
Using this tool is simple. Simply take it with you when you go shopping, answer each of the questions for each gift you are considering buying, then tally its Father/Child Time Quotient. Depending upon the quotient score, you'll know whether the gift is likely to lead to you and your child spending more time together or, conversely, will be just another reason for you not to spend time together.

The Dad's Tool for Measuring a Gift's Father/Child Time Quotient:

- No (0 points)
 - (4) Does the gift involve something that you and your child both enjoy?
 - Yes (5 points)
 - No (0 points)
 - (5) Is the gift intended to be played in silent solitude?
 - Yes (minus 6 points)
 - No (3 points)
 - (6) Is the gift a toy?
 - Yes (1 point)
 - No (0 points)
 - (7) Is the gift a piece of sports or recreational equipment?
 - Yes (2 points)
 - No (0 points)
 - (8) Is the gift likely to leave little tiny messes all over the house?
 - Score minus 5 points on the Mommy scale - oops, different test!
- SCORE**
- 18 to 26: Excellent, purchase gift (within budget limits)
- 11 to 17: Good, purchase gift (within budget limits) or, if you enjoy shopping, continue shopping
- 8 to 11: Fair, shop more
- Less than 8: Poor, enroll manufacturer in Daddy Seminar 101
- OK, you don't really have to add up the score. Just use the questions to remind yourself that the most important criteria you should use in deciding on what gift to buy

your child is its potential for promoting interaction between you and your child. Kids really do spell TIME.

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Hence, my counsel to dads to stop buying things that will eventually wear out or lose their interest. Start giving of yourself.

How realistic is this advice? If you followed it to the letter, this Christmas morning might sound something like this:

"Dad, where are all the presents?" your child asks, the excitement of Christmas morning quickly replaced by bewilderment and disappointment.

"Rights here," you say, as you kneel down, arms outstretched, offering a hug.

"Very funny, Dad. Really, where are they?"

"I'm not kidding, son. Your present is me. Your gift is my time. We'll be spending a lot more time together over the next year. Ball games. Camping trips. Just hanging out together. That's your gift."

"Come on, dad. You're kidding,

- Yes (2 points)
- No (0 points)
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Grass-stubble burners net fines

SPOKANE (AP) — The state Department of Ecology has ordered fines totaling \$90,875 against five grass-seed growers, accusing them of burning too much grass stubble. Agency officials who investigated from the ground and the air determined the farmers burned more than the allowable acreage during the 1997 burning season, the Ecology Department said.

As part of a program to phase out grass field burning, farmers this year were allowed to burn only one-third of the amount they had burned in 1995.

The six penalties bring to 10 the number of grass-seed farmers who have been fined this year, agency spokeswoman Jani Gilbert said.

"Nearly 200 farmers complied

with the burning restriction, but several others continued burning as usual," said Grant Pfeiffer, the agency's air quality supervisor for Eastern Washington. "We cannot ignore these violations."

The largest fine announced Tuesday was levied against Patrick Heinson of Mesa, accused of illegally burning 580 acres and penalized \$30,000.

The others were: Charles Sayre of Pasco with 266 acres and a \$19,734 fine; Robert Schuh of Mesa, 113 acres and \$10,000; Phil Rathbun of Connell, 233 acres and \$14,792; Rodney Cronin of Othello, 107 acres and \$9,893; and Eugene Andrews of Mesa, 32 acres and \$6,456.

The penalties were based on state clean air requirements and were limited under federal law to

\$10,000 per day per violation, the department said.

The growers can appeal the fines to the state Pollution Control Hearings Board.

Cronin said he bought a permit for the burning, then heard he was in trouble six weeks later. He said he planned to appeal. Rathbun also said he planned to appeal. He declined to comment further.

Grass seed growers traditionally burn their field stubble after each year's harvest to prepare the ground for the following year's crop and reduce insects and diseases.

The program to phase out burning was adopted last year in response to complaints that smoke from the grass field burning threatens public health and violates air quality standards.

5-millionth visitor enters Grand Canyon this year

GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK, Ariz. (AP) — It took a moment to convince Ned and Doreen Horney and their relatives that all the hoopla was real, but then they were delighted.

The Horneyes, of Dalton, Ill., their niece Kelly Kaufmann, 17, of Watseka, Ill., and nephews Matt Horney, 9, and Jeff Horney, 15, of Phoenix pushed the park visitor total this year past 5 million for the first time in the park's history.

"This will be a memorable visit," Ned Horney said Tuesday as park officials deluged them with gifts — books, compact discs, posters, calendars, hats,

sweat shirts and a jeweled letter opener, all with a Grand Canyon theme.

"I thought you were goofing around," said Matt. "This is great."

J.T. Reynolds, the park's deputy superintendent, noted that "a visit to Grand Canyon National Park is the experience of a lifetime" and said the family would have extra cause to remember this one.

"We wanted to make this trip special for the kids, and you've made it so," Ned Horney told Reynolds, who was among those greeting the family at the park's southern entrance.

Ex-marshal faces murder charges

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — A former marshal suspected of killing a hippie 26 years ago was charged with second-degree murder.

Renner Forbes, 68, who is paralyzed on his left side and uses a wheelchair, returned to his nursing home after Tuesday's hearing in Boulder County Court. A preliminary hearing was set for March.

Forbes is accused in the July 17, 1971, death of Guy Goughnour, 19, of Minnetonka, Minn. At the time, Goughnour was living with a hippie family in the mountains near Nederland, where Forbes was a marshal.

Forbes was called to remove Goughnour from a bar where he was causing a disturbance. Goughnour's body was found a month later.

Disney's widow dies

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Lillian Disney, the widow of Walt Disney and a leading patron of the arts, has died at 98.

Disney, who grew up in Lapwai, Idaho, died Tuesday at her home in Los Angeles from complications following a stroke, said family friend Michael Bruggie.

The former Lillian Bounds was married to the studio chief for 41 years.

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—Oakland running back Harvey Williams on the Raiders' season

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Men's college basketball

Arctic Circle Classic at CSI
Snow College vs. Hill JC, 6 p.m.
CSU vs. So. Alberta Institute of Technology, 6 p.m.

Girls' high school basketball

Buttill at Glenns Ferry
Filer JV at TFCA
Bliss at Dietrich
Shoshone at Camas County
Ruff River at Declo
ISDB at Carey
Minam at Blackfoot
Richfield at Wood River

Boys' high school basketball

Declo at Gooding
Filer at Oakley
Minam at Blackfoot
Burley at Madison
TFCA at Magic Valley Christian

ISB JV at Carey
Bliss at Dietrich
Weidart at Valley
Wood River at Richfield
Shoshone at Camas County

High school wrestling

American Falls, Mash Valley at Jenne, 6 p.m.
Most junior varsity basketball games start at 6 p.m.
with the varsity following.

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Boys' basketball	
Hagerman 63Shoshone 36
Wood River 48Gooding 42
Ruff River 58Redland 45
Pro basketball	
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Boston 88Toronto 83
Indiana 87New York 80
New Jersey 105Detroit 101
Minnesota 94Philadelphia 90
Charlotte 99	.....Milwaukee 90
Atlanta 94	.....Cleveland 83
Chicago 104	.....L.A. Lakers 83
San Antonio 98	.....Vancouver 87

IN BRIEF

Pirate squads cancel games due to illness

HAGERMAN — Due to illness, today's girls basketball match between Valley and Hagerman and Friday's boys game between Glenns Ferry and Hagerman have been postponed.

Clear Lake Country Club to remain open all winter

BURL — Tees and greens at Clear Lake Country Club will remain open all winter, with winter rates at \$15 for 18 holes and \$10 for nine holes.

Rates are effective through March 1. Golfers are asked to call for tee times on weekends, but do not need to make tee times during the week.

For more information, call Steve or Tim at 543-4849.

Burley's Harr to host basketball camp Dec. 29-30

BURLEY — Burley boys' varsity basketball coach Matt Harr is hosting a basketball camp for girls and boys grades 5-8, Dec. 29-30.

Registration deadline is Dec. 27 and forms can be picked up in the BHS office. The cost is \$25 and the camp will run from 8 a.m. until noon both days.

For more information, call Harr at 678-8097.

Compiled from staff reports



Jerome Klainkopf (left) and Beaky Thibault (middle) fight to get the ball from Twin Falls Bruin Kelsey Kleinkopf Wednesday night at Jerome High as the Twin Falls mascot watches behind them. Jerome won the contest, 71-55.

Tigers trounce Bruins, 71-55

By John Derr
Times-News writer

JEROME — Position is everything. The Jerome Tigers had it in nearly every facet of the game as they defeated the Twin Falls Bruins 71-55 in a girls' non-conference basketball cross-rivalry Wednesday night.

"We were worried because they had the big girls, but we did a good job of bustling," said sophomore guard Cyria Warner, who lit up the nets for 26 points on the night. "I was just playing my game and I let the ball come to me."

Jerome had position in the paint on the break and at the foul line. Despite being oversized in the paint by up to six inches, the Tigers dominate the play by getting the rebound position and limiting the Bruins to one shot.

The Tigers got out and ran and were able to beat the Bruins up the court for several fast-break layups.

Jerome took the position at the charity stripe as the Bruins were called for 35 fouls. Jerome took 54 free throw attempts and connected on 35. Twin Falls connected on 9-of-14.

The Tigers started the game with an 8-0 run and never looked back. Stephanie Balls and Nikki Martens both hit two from the free throw line. Martens and Cyria Warner then chipped in fast-break layups for the early advantage.

Twin Falls' McCale Ashenbrenner hit a pair of quick buckets, but Warner nailed a trey as Jerome led 13-6 after the opening period.

Warner and Martens kept the heat up in the second as the pair combined for two of the Tigers' 34 first-half points. Mandi Jenkins scored six

points in the paint for the Bruins, who trailed 34-15 at the half.

"When we went into the locker room before the game, we took some quiet time to focus and it got us ready to play," said Martens, who chipped in 11 points and played tough defense on the tall Bruin posts. "We like to spread the floor and penetrate. We run the floor and I think that wore them down — they couldn't match our quickness."

The Bruins couldn't connect from the outside early as their first jumper came with 46 seconds left in the half, when Misty Delpin scored from the left wing.

Foul trouble also sent most of the Bruin posts to the bench. Kelsey Kleinkopf and Kerri Peterson both picked up three fouls early in the second quarter.

Jerome built its biggest lead of the night to open the third quarter when Martens hit inside for a 17-point advantage.

The Bruins tried to rally and cut the lead to nine on a Chrissy Pfaff 3-pointer, her first points of the game, and cut it to eight later on another Pfaff bomb.

Free throw shooting shut the door on the Bruin rally in the final period. Kleinkopf scored 10 straight points for Twin Falls, but Jerome was able to beat the Bruin press and connected on 16-of-20 from the charity stripe down the stretch to tie the game.

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Pirates plentiful in win over Shoshone

The Times-Herald

SHOSHONE - The Pirates put 10 men in the scoring column and Shoshone could not contain Hagerman's inside threats in the Indians' 63-39 loss in A-4 interdistrict basketball action Wednesday.

"They played good pressure man-to-man defense, forced us into numerous turnovers and they converted easy baskets," Shoshone coach Larry Messick said. "Plus, (Tanner) LeMoyné and (Preston) Stephenson inside was too much for us to handle."

Shoshone (1-3) travels to

High school basketball

Fairfield to take on Camas County tonight.

WEDNESDAY (A-1) 1. Shoshone 63, Camas County 39. (A-2) 1. Shoshone 63, Camas County 39. (A-3) 1. Shoshone 63, Camas County 39. (A-4) 1. Shoshone 63, Camas County 39.

Wood River 48, Goodland 42

GOODING - A second-half surge was not enough for the Gooding boys as Wood River held on for a 48-42 non-conference basketball win Wednesday.

"We just had an uphill battle that we never really recovered from," Senator coach Ty Jones said. "Wood River played very well and they hit their foul shots down the stretch."

Josh Hays led all scorers with 24 points for the Wolverines.

The Senators (2-3) play Declo in a Canyon Conference match tonight in Gooding.

WEDNESDAY (A-1) 1. Wood River 48, Goodland 42. (A-2) 1. Wood River 48, Goodland 42. (A-3) 1. Wood River 48, Goodland 42. (A-4) 1. Wood River 48, Goodland 42.

Raft River 58, Rockland 45

ROCKLAND - The visiting Trojans changed defenses at halftime and held Rockland to just five third-quarter points in a 58-45 non-conference boys basketball win Wednesday.

Adam Spencer had three of Raft River's four 3-pointers.

"In the second half, we came out in a different look and shut down their baseline penetration, and that pretty much cut it off," said Raft River coach Gary Elsenhorn.

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Minico crushes Pocatello on mats

The Times-Herald

RUPERT - The Minico Spartans improved to 3-0 on the young wrestling season with a 55-8 handing of Pocatello, but improved more in the eyes of their coach.

"Overall, our team performance was just a big turnaround from last week. We really wrestled well," said Spartan coach Brad Cooper.

The Spartans took both games of the Dec. 13 home tri-match with Rigby and Madison, but Cooper said his team had "hooked the rust."

Seth Woodland, wrestling at 189 pounds after being injured all of last year, won a hard-fought 7-2 decision over the Indians' Brian Judson.

C.C. Uscela recorded the quickest pin of a 45-second contest over B.J. Thomas.

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Sampras nets award

The Associated Press

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Capital, Declo take tops in hoop rankings

By The Associated Press

Highland's reign atop the A-1 rankings lasted exactly one week, with a five-point loss to unranked Blackfoot dropping the Rams to second and moving Capital to No. 1 in the weekly Associated Press poll.

The undefeated Eagles beat Nampan and Eagle to jump two spots from third last week in voting by the state's sportswriters and broadcasters.

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Clemson upsets state rivals, 62-57

The Associated Press

CLEMSON, S.C. (AP) - Vincent Whit scored 17 points and Clemson held No. 6 South Carolina scoreless for nine minutes to upset the Gamecocks 62-57 Friday Wednesday night.

Two free throws by BJ McKie and a basket by Reggie Miller in the final minute pulled South Carolina (5-1) to 58-57, but foul shots by Whit and Greg Buckner kept Clemson in front.

The Tigers (6-3) started the year ranked in the top 10, but fell out of the poll after losing three of their previous five games. And against South Carolina, Clemson was without its point guard and 16-point-a-game scorer Terrell McIntyre.

Whitt picked up the slack Wednesday night, scoring five points in a first-half run that got Clemson back in the game. Then he and Harold Jamison combined for 12 points in a 16-0 spurt in which the Gamecocks committed four turnovers and shot 0-for-7.

The loss ended South Carolina's best start in nine years and was its fourth straight in the state rivalry. Gamecocks coach Eddie Fogler has lost all of six of his meetings against Clemson's Ric Barnes since 1987.

College basketball

The Associated Press

had seven turnovers before scoring its second basket. The Bruins finished with 23 turnovers and never changed.

Marshall 73, No. 23 Wake Forest 66

HUNTINGTON, W. Va. - Travis Young scored 17 points and Marshall took advantage of another poor shooting night by No. 23 Wake Forest to upset the Demon Deacons 73-66 Wednesday.

It was Marshall's first victory over a ranked opponent since 1991 - and its first over an Atlantic Coast Conference team since 1983.

The teams exchanged leads eight times in the second half and were tied 59-59 with 3:45 left before Young and Carlton King hit 3-pointers and Marshall (4-3) made 6 of 12 free throws down the stretch to keep the lead.

Women

The Associated Press

Stephan F. Austin 89, No. 25 Alabama 87

LAS CRUCES, N.M. - Anita Davis scored 31 points and Stephanie Whitmore hit the go-ahead free throws with 28 seconds left Wednesday night as Stephen F. Austin beat No. 25 Alabama 89-87 in the Legends Holiday Inn Classic.

Alabama (5-3) took its last lead at 87-86 on Britney Ezell's sixth 3-pointer of the game with 1:11 remaining. Whitmore then was fouled and hit both free throws. Katrina Price, who scored 27 points, hit one of two free throws with 3 seconds left for the final margin.

Women

The Associated Press

No. 17 Florida St 77, N.C.-Asheville 60

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - Terrell Baker scored 18 points Wednesday night as 17-ranked Florida State warmed up for Saturday's date against top-ranked North Carolina with a 77-60 victory over North Carolina-Ashville.

The Seminoles (8-1) broke open a close game midway in the first half and opened a 63-33 lead midway through the second half after a 3-pointer by Baker, who also added 8 rebounds, 4 assists and 3 steals.

No. 18 Mississippi 100, Belmont 59

The Associated Press

OXFORD, Miss. - Reserve Jozeon Darby scored 27 points, including four 3-pointers, as No. 18 Mississippi ran past Belmont 100-59 on Wednesday night.

Ole Miss (6-1), playing at home for the first time in more than three weeks, scored the first six points on the way to a 30-6 lead. The Rebels led 40-14 at halftime.

Belmont (2-6), a Division I independent from Nashville,

Boys' Top Five

Here is how the state's sportswriters and broadcasters voted in this week's Associated Press Idaho boys high school basketball poll. First place votes are in parentheses and records are for games through Monday, Dec. 15.

Team	W	L	Pts.
1. Capital (10)	4	0	59
2. Highland (2)	3	1	46
3. Boise (1)	3	3	24
4. Skyline	4	0	18
5. Pocatello	3	1	17

Others receiving votes: Coeur d'Alene, Eagle, Twin Falls, Meridian, Bonanza, Bonneville, Hagerman, Blackfoot.

Team	W	L	Pts.
1. Bishop Kelly (11)	4	0	63
2. Preston (2)	3	0	48
3. Moscow	2	1	37
4. Snake River	2	1	23
5. Emmett	3	0	9

Others receiving votes: Bow Lake, St. Maries, Weiser, Kellogg, Lakeside, South Fremont.

Team	W	L	Pts.
1. Declo (6)	3	0	51
2. Teton (3)	3	2	42
3. Portland (2)	4	1	40
4. Filer	4	0	17
5. Parma (1)	2	2	10

Others receiving votes: New Plymouth, Fruitland, Lapwai (1), Homedale, Kimberly, Valley Grove, Minid, Nampan, Christian, Grangeville.

Team	W	L	Pts.
1. Troy (12)	3	0	62
2. Hagerman	3	3	48
3. Lakeside	2	3	38
4. Carey	3	3	33
5. Rockland (1)	4	1	11

Others receiving votes: Garden Valley, North Gem, Raft River, Mackay, Falls, Cotton, Oakley, Wister, Greenleaf Friends.

Girls' Top Five

Here is how the state's sportswriters and broadcasters voted in this week's Idaho girls high school basketball poll. First place votes are in parentheses and records are for games through Monday, Dec. 15.

Team	W	L	Pts.
1. Lake City (7)	9	0	78
2. Eagle (1)	8	0	73
3. Highland	8	1	49
4. Moanson	6	1	42
5. Capital	7	2	20

Others receiving votes: Blackfoot, Bonanza, Mallico, Centennial, Post Falls, Boise.

Team	W	L	Pts.
1. Shelley (3)	8	1	73
2. Butte (3)	6	1	69
3. Middleton	5	1	63
4. American Falls	7	1	40
5. Bonners Ferry	7	0	31

Others receiving votes: Moscow (1), Bear Lake, Preston.

Team	W	L	Pts.
1. Butte Co. (6)	7	0	78
2. Lapwai (2)	7	0	73
3. Filer	6	2	62
4. Wendell	6	1	54
5. Prairie	6	3	32

Others receiving votes: Declo, Grangeville.

Team	W	L	Pts.
1. Troy (8)	7	0	80
2. Raft River	6	1	70
3. Hagerman	6	2	53
4. Cambridge	5	1	28
5. Loadore	5	2	24

Others receiving votes: Murtaugh, Dietrich, Sho-Ban, North Gem, Shoshone.



Marshall University forward VonDale Morton outthrusts Wake Forest center Loren Woods, left, for a loose ball and an offensive rebound in Huntington, W. Va., Wednesday. Marshall upset Wake Forest, 73-66.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Illness forces Hagerman schools to close early

HAGERMAN - Hagerman students will get school two days earlier for Christmas vacation because of illness. School officials decided at about 3 p.m. Wednesday to close all district schools today. The district has about 450 students. We were supposed to go until Friday, but we just had too many down," said Nancy Knott, the elementary school secretary. On Monday, 75 elementary school children were absent because of sickness out of the school population of about 220. The next day 88 were out, and on Wednesday, 70. About 30 fourth students also had been ill. The children and their parents reported flu-like symptoms, but the South Central District Health Department reported no laboratory-confirmed cases of influenza in the Magic Valley. In Knott's more than 12 years with the district this was the first time the district has shut down because of illness. Girls' and boys' basketball games also will be cancelled. School will resume Jan. 5.

Magic Mountain Ski Area opens for the season Friday

HANSEN - Magic Mountain Ski Area will open for the season Friday. The resort will operate daily through Jan. 4, with the exception of Christmas Day. It will operate from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and a bus will run during the holidays. The regular season schedule is Fridays through Sundays. Runs are packed with a snow depth of 20 inches. For more information or an update, call 423-6221.

Hollister Elementary School presents Christmas pageant

HOLLISTER - Friends and families are welcome to join Hollister Elementary School in a traditional Christmas pageant. At 7 p.m. today at the school, Hollister students will present a host of Christmas carols and a nativity scene, topped off by a visit from Santa.

Santa Claus makes an early visit to Hansen

HANSEN - Santa's elves have announced Santa Claus will be at the Adopt a Star Christmas tree in the Dowd Market parking lot from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday. Santa will have treats for the children, and they can give him any last-minute instructions.

Gooding man pleads guilty to aggravated assault

GOODING - A Gooding man previously charged with attempted murder pleaded guilty in District Court Tuesday to a reduced charge of aggravated assault. Felix Alzola Longarte, 68, initially faced a second-degree murder charge stemming from a Nov. 4 attack on Pablo Santamaría, 65, of Gooding. He was being held in Gooding County Jail on \$100,000 bond. Longarte posted a reduced \$2,500 cash-only bond and was released from jail Tuesday. Gooding County Sheriff Shaun Gough said. Longarte will be sentenced Feb. 3 in Gooding District Court, county Prosecutor Phil Brown said. Santamaría told police he went to Longarte's house to invite Longarte to go fishing, court documents say. He claims Longarte came to the door with a knife and attacked without warning. Santamaría says he was wounded twice in the face before escaping, court documents say.

Gooding chamber holds membership meeting

GOODING - The Gooding Chamber of Commerce will hold its next general membership meeting at noon today at the Wood River Inn. District legislators will be the special guests. Chamber members are invited to attend and express any concerns.

Buhl School Board will discuss policy review

BUHL - The Buhl School Board will meet at 5 p.m. today at the district administration office, and the public is welcome. Action topics include a policy review, plain paper copiers, an open enrollment application and a middle school locker room report. Discussion will cover district test scores, revenue anticipation bonds, the Early Reading program, an ARTE update and a College of Southern Idaho tour. Board members will go into executive session to discuss personnel and collective bargaining, then return to open session before ending the meeting. Compiled from staff reports

Police arrest suspect in chase

By Kent McCleary Times-News writer

MURPHY - A Twin Falls man asked to be arrested Wednesday after spending Tuesday trying to elude police at high speed, police say. Arrested was Douglas Wade Standlee, 29, who Twin Falls police say drove a stolen pickup into the desert of southern

Owyhee County in an effort to avoid arrest Tuesday. Twin Falls police spotted a red Ford pickup Tuesday in the parking lot of the Monterey Motor Inn, 433 Addison Ave. W., a police report said. The truck had been stolen from the Austin's Express parking lot several days earlier. The truck was leaving the motel parking lot as officers arrived, and the driver

fled west and into the county, driving at speeds of more than 100 mph, the report said. The chase ended in the Cross Nest area of Owyhee County, about 40 miles west of Twin Falls, Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department reports said. The truck drove 10 to 15 miles with a flat right, rear tire before stopping, sheriff's reports said. Standlee and a passenger, Jone Tschannen of Twin

Falls, ran from the truck. Tschannen was arrested and is charged in Owyhee County with misdemeanor resisting and obstructing an officer, Owyhee County Sheriff's Department reports said. She was arraigned on the charge Wednesday in Owyhee County and released on her own recognizance. Please see CHASE, Page C3

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE



Dorothy Nichols leads the Glens Ferry Community Choir in a rehearsal for its Christmas concert.

Choir to present holiday program

By Rod Rees Times-News correspondent

GLENS FERRY - After retiring from Glens Ferry High School in the early 1980s music teacher and 50-year resident Dorothy Nichols formed the Glens Ferry Community Choir. "After I retired I missed my music so much, and there was so much talent in the community," she said. Now a dozen years later her Community Choir is a Christmas tradition in this small town. Out of a population of 1,400 or so, a surprisingly large percentage attend the single performance of Christmas music at the Historic Opera Theater. Based on past attendance theater co-owner Connie Wills estimates the choir will sing to a standing-room-only audience of nearly 300 guests Sunday. "The community response to the choir is excellent," Wills said. Nichols, the choir's director, is quick to praise her accompanist, Joan Shrum. Shrum was also a music teacher in the

- What, when, where
- What: Community choir concert
- When: Sunday, 3 p.m.
- Where: Historic Opera Theater, Glens Ferry
- Admission: Free

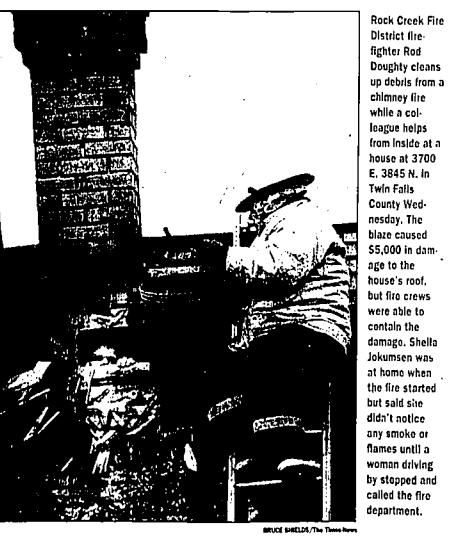
Nichols can count on a good crop of tenors as well as a few basses. Soprano Pat Morris is one of several members who have sung with the choir every year since it was formed. "When I started," said Morris, "I didn't know anything about singing with a group. Dorothy taught me how to listen to the other singers - she has a great deal of patience with us. It's easier now because the ones who've stayed with it can read music better and we know what she wants from us." "But sometimes when they goof off too much, Dorothy will revert to being a high school teacher," Connie Wills said with a laugh. "You kids straighten up," she'll say, or, "throw that gum in the waste basket - you can't sing with your mouth full." This year's program will include special arrangements of traditional Christmas tunes, more elaborate Christmas hymns, and a gospel selection. Times-News correspondent Rod Rees can be reached in Glens Ferry at 366-2578.

Asbestos keeps public defenders from completing office move

By Kent McCleary Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The county's public defenders say their new office will give them more space. But asbestos insulation is keeping them from moving in completely. Twin Falls County commissioners purchased the public defenders' former office, in a blue house at 136 Sixth Ave. N., as additional space for the Ike Kistler Safe House, Commissioner Carla Reed said. The weekend after Thanksgiving, the six court-appointed attorneys moved into new quarters down the block, at 162 Sixth Ave. N., said public defender John Olson. However, asbestos turned up in insulation wrapping pipes in the basement and two of the building's three bathrooms, said office manager Marilyn Sederlund. "We do have one bathroom," Olson said. The county is negotiating with house owner Paul Smith to purchase the public defenders' new office building, Reed said. The asbestos turned up during a sale inspection. Yellow warning tape posted on the doors of the sealed-off bathrooms was removed Tuesday. Reed said the tape was overkill. "The doors are screwed shut. There's no way people could even get in. The tape was the maintenance department's idea anyway. It wasn't authorized," she said. Reed said the asbestos isn't considered dangerous and is no cause for alarm.

IS SANTA STUCK?



Rock Creek Fire District fire fighter Rod Doughty cleans up debris from a chimney fire while a colleague helps from inside at a house at 3700 E. 3845 N. in Twin Falls County Wednesday. The blaze caused \$5,000 in damage to the house's roof, but fire crews were able to contain the damage. Shella Jakunen was at home when the fire started but said she didn't notice any smoke or flames until a woman diving by stopped and called the fire department.

MAGIC VALLEY/IDAHO

State pays trainees in welfare work program

IDAHO ROAD REPORT

By Dixie Thomas Reale Times-News correspondent

JEROME — City officials got a lesson in employment Tuesday...

week depends on the person's welfare status...

93 between Filer and Twin Falls...

Present said: Filer has pledged \$1,000...

He said delays in submitting delays in support...

Jerry Staley of J Bar 5 contractors told the City Council...

and his crew now have to deal with bad weather...

Culver asked for a four-way stop at Birch and West Fourth streets...

Police Chief Jim Dahl said there is a lot of foot traffic in the area...

Culver was directed to put the request in writing so the council could act on it.

Times-News correspondent Dixie Thomas Reale can be reached in Jerome at 324-3670.

BOISE (AP) — Wednesday road conditions from the Idaho Department of Transportation...

Interstate 15 — Utah line Idaho Falls, dry; Idaho Falls-Dubois, icy spots...

Interstate 84 — Oregon line Mountain Home, wet; rain; Mountain Home-Carey, slush...

Interstate 20 — Boise-Horsehead Bend, wet; rain; Horseshoe Bend-Donnely, wet...

U.S. 20 — Mountain Home-Carey Summit, slush, icy spots...

Interstate 75 — Carey, icy spots; Idaho Falls-Ashton, dry...

Interstate 75 — Shoshone-Junction U.S. 20, wet...

U.S. 93 — Nevada line Shoshone-Carey, wet...

U.S. 30 — McCammon-Soda Springs, dry...

OBITUARIES

For obituary rate information, call 733-0934, ext. 278

TWIN FALLS



Hazel M. Stinnett-Ward, 96, of Kingman, Ariz., and formerly of Twin Falls, died Friday, Dec. 12, 1997...

Mrs. Ward was survived by one sister, Darlene Fillmore of Denver, Colo., four grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren...

Survivors include her husband, Warren Smith of Livingston, Texas...

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls...

Emily D. Smith, 84, of Livingston, Texas, and formerly of Twin Falls, died Friday, Nov. 29, 1997...

Survivors include her husband, Warren Smith of Livingston, Texas...

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls...

Ruby Jean Rapp, 64, of Twin Falls, died early Tuesday morning, Dec. 16, 1997...

Survivors include her husband, Warren Smith of Livingston, Texas...

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls...

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BURLEY

Joe Olenzslager, 90, of Burley, died Tuesday, Dec. 16, 1997...

He was born Nov. 6, 1907, in Wanship, Utah...

He worked as a general manager of Union Pacific Railroad...

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SERVICES

Grace K. Hewitt of Twin Falls, memorial service, 11 a.m. today at the Valley Christian Church...

Jessie I. Lewin of Shoshone, 1 p.m. Friday at Demaray's Gooding Chapel...

Blain H. Olsen of Gooding, 2 p.m. Friday at the Gooding LDS Church...

Albert P. Hale of Las Vegas, and formerly of Oakley, grave-side service, 1 p.m. Friday at the Oakley Cemetery...

Lorene Glavin of Twin Falls, 11 a.m. Friday at White Mortuary Chapel...

John Edinborough of Gooding, friends may call from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Friday at Demaray's Gooding Chapel...

Phyllis S. Robertson of Gooding, 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Gooding LDS Church...

Earl Allen, 95, of Bull, died Tuesday, Dec. 16, 1997...

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church in Bull...

Florence B. Edmons, 84, of Mesa, Ariz., died Monday, Dec. 15, 1997...

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church in Bull...

DEATH NOTICES

Chapel and from 9:30 until service time Saturday at the church.

Frances A. Maxon of Paul, 11 a.m. Saturday at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Rupert...

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PAUL

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BOISE

Wallace L. Schwager, 86, of Boise, and formerly of Shoshone, died Tuesday, Dec. 16, 1997...

He was born Jan. 22, 1911, in Bayfield, Wis., the son of Jonathan and Mary Schwager of Goshute, Idaho...

Survivors include his wife, Bernis, of Burley...

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FOR THE RECORD

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U.S. Bankruptcy Court

BOISE — Recent activity in U.S. bankruptcy court included the following Magic Valley filings...

Paulo A. Lopes, 508 Second Ave. N., Twin Falls, individual, non-business, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000...

Marlin K. Dayley and Juanita P. Dayley, 512 E. Blvd. St., Murrah, joint non-business, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000...

Richard G. Helsey and Janice Sullivan, 367 Pauline, Kimberly, joint business (building construction and mechanical work), Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000...

Larry Weeks, 3737 E. 3800 N., Kimberly, individual, non-business, Chapter 7, no creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000...

Kevin Lewis, 307 S. Third, Rupert, individual, non-business, Chapter 13, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities 100,000-499,000...

Scott Douglas Fife, 253 West Jerome, and Julia Lynn Fife, 225 E. Ave. F., Jerome, joint non-business, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000...

Jane McGee, 315 Eighth Ave. N., 816, built, individual, non-business, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000...

Leta M. Rumliff, 4115 Meadowcreek Circle, Twin Falls, individual, non-business, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000...

George Miszczenko and Camille Miszczenko, 3197 N. 3600 E., Kimberly, joint non-business, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000...

Mark Wayne Holley, 39 Golden Crown Blvd., Burley, individual, non-business, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities 500-999,000...

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Ruby Jean Rapp

Ruby Jean Rapp, 64, of Twin Falls, died early Tuesday morning, Dec. 16, 1997...

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Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Sunset Memorial Park in Burley...

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MOTHER DEAR. With Love, David, Jesse, Thomas, Mary & Daniel

Rupert man pleads guilty in deal, halts new trial

By Gregory Hahn
Times-News writer

RUPERT — It took two trials, more than three years, an insistent judge and a quick conference with his attorney, but around 10 a.m. Wednesday, Felipe Cantu admitted he delivered cocaine and methamphetamine to an undercover agent in summer 1994.

As jurors waited in chambers for what they thought would be the second day of the 29-year-old Rupert resident's retrial, Cantu signed the papers that waived his right to appeal and assured him a prison sentence of six to 15 years.

In a hearing in the judge's office, 5th District Judge J. William Hart asked Cantu — through county translator Bob Nevarez — whether he had delivered one ounce of cocaine to the agent May 23, 1994.

"According to the agreement, yes," Cantu replied, again through Nevarez.

Hart tried again, rephrasing his question and receiving a similar answer.

"That's not my question," Hart finally said.

After a brief conversation whispered in Spanish between Cantu and his attorney, Dennis Byington, Cantu admitted to the May incident, as well as another cocaine transaction one month later and a \$3,600 methamphetamine deal a month later.

Cantu was arrested in 1994

with almost 20 other drug-trafficking suspects. He and Rosario Reyes, who police say conspired with Cantu to make the deals, were assigned attorney David Haley for their defense. When then-Prosecutor Gara Newman separately offered them each a plea agreement requiring they testify against each other, Haley was put in an irreparable conflict of interest — at least according to Cantu's later lawyers and eventually Hart.

Neither Reyes nor Cantu accepted Newman's agreement, but Reyes later accepted a bargain that left him in prison for a minimum of only seven years. Cantu was convicted in a jury trial in 1995, and Hart sentenced him then to 10 to 30 years.

Cantu eventually won a new trial based on Haley's conflict, which he ended in Hart's chambers Wednesday, admitting he felt the second jury would rule much like the first. Pleading guilty to three counts of delivery of a controlled substance and one count of failure to affix a tax stamp, Cantu told Hart he signed the agreement because he offered less time in prison.

"I'm comfortable because it's better than 10 years," Nevarez translated.

The disparity between Cantu's and Reyes' sentences influenced this case at least in Cantu's own past as the trial. A brief meeting between the two — Reyes was brought to Rupert from his

Minnesota prison cell to testify — helped Cantu decide to sign the agreement, Byington told the court.

"There could be an argument that there should be some uniformity in sentencing," Hart said in the short sentencing hearing that followed Cantu's change of plea. "However, each judge is charged with his individual responsibility in sentencing, and that is the prevailing factor."

Prosecutor Rick Bollar said he thought justice was served in the agreement for two reasons. First, Cantu is an illegal resident and will be deported when released from prison. Second, he waived all rights for appeal.

But Bollar wanted the prison time to reflect the severity of what he called "a type of crime that is proliferating in southern Idaho."

"This case represents the conclusion of the expense of a substantial amount of financial and human resources," he said.

For Cantu, who already has served more than half his new minimum sentence, the extensive process has been worrying.

"He wants to have everything behind him and go back to his family in Mexico," Byington said. Cantu, in his brief statement that followed, added, "I'd just like to leave as soon as possible and not return."

Gregory Hahn is The Times-News' Magic Valley crime and legal beat writer. He can be reached in Burley at 677-4042.

FINISHING TOUCH



Phillip Chamberlain finishes an urn Wednesday on his potter's wheel outside Idaho Clay Works Inc. on 100 South between Paul and Rupert. He uses only Idaho clay, and he helps teach the six-week pottery classes the business offers.

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Rupert plans election to borrow \$882,000; officials say sewer system in need of immediate repairs

By Penelope Reedy
Times-News writer

RUPERT — The City Council has approved an emergency bond election for Jan. 13 to seek voter approval to borrow \$882,000 to replace sections of the city's existing wastewater system.

The bond issue will not raise sewer assessments, Dennis Byington, City Administrator Bryan Montgomery, but will merely give the city permission to borrow the money.

"We have the \$40,000 it'll take to make annual payments," Montgomery said, adding Idaho law requires the city seek either voter permission or judicial confirmation in order to borrow money.

For the bond issue to pass, 50

percent plus one of those voting must approve the plan.

"It will take the judge route, we may not get approval until March or April," Montgomery said. "The delay will cost us valuable time."

Montgomery said groundwater is the major problem plaguing the sewer system.

City engineers the city hired to assess the project, Forsgren Associates in Rexburg, said it is necessary sewer-line placement be completed during winter or spring when groundwater is at its lowest point.

David Joyce, the city's assistant superintendent of wastewater, said several areas in the city have cracked pipe, tree roots entering from laterals and leaking gaskets

— which allow thousands of gallons of groundwater to infiltrate the system.

"Infiltration causes the city to process between 600,000-800,000 gallons of wastewater at its overburdened processing facilities," Montgomery said.

The city is in danger of violating the federal Clean Water Act and could be fined by the Division of Environmental Quality, he said.

Because the system was above capacity, the city ran sprinklers illegally from its plant last winter in an effort to reduce the water overload.

"The DEQ understood our problem last year," Montgomery said, "but we may not be so lucky next time."

Senator proposes merging college into U of I

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — A state senator has suggested merging North Idaho College into the larger University of Idaho.

Sen. Gordon Crow, R-Hayden, said turning management of the Coeur d'Alene community college over to UI could help attract business to the city and lower property taxes collected to support NIC.

Crow said the lie is not firmly in favor of a merger but wants to encourage discussion of the idea.

Students and staff at NIC were notified of Crow's idea Tuesday in a campus-wide memo from interim President Ronald Bell.

Initial reaction on campus has been negative.

"This is the grinch coming our way," said Virginia Johnson, division chairwoman of fine arts, foreign language, English, humanities, and communication. "Merry Christmas. You are no longer needed."

Chase

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Standlee, who is wanted on \$90,000 worth of warrants in Twin Falls County, apparently spent the night outside in the desert. Standlee showed up at a house Wednesday, begging for police to be called because he was cold. Owyhee sheriff's reports said.

Standlee was arrested by Owyhee deputies on the Twin Falls warrants.

Standlee was arrested on suspicion of burglary Sept. 5 after the manager of South Lucest Mini Storage reported hearing a lock being cut off a storage unit early that Friday. The manager scared Standlee and Amber Dawn Zaccione of Buhl from the lot,

police say, but they returned to the units and police were able to capture them.

Standlee failed to appear for a court hearing on the burglary and a warrant with \$75,000 bail was issued for his arrest.

Standlee also failed to appear for a hearing after an arrest in early October on a forgery charge. An arrest warrant for him on that charge carries \$10,000 bail.

Standlee also has a warrant for failure to appear on a driver's license violation, with a \$5,000 bail.

Times-News staff writer Kent McClary can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 238.

Vandalism

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at work, a police report said. The three drove to the Pierce Street home of a boy Wageman didn't like, to break the windows of the boy's truck.

After that, the three began smashing car windows at random, another suspect, Ryan L. Maughan, 13, told police. Maughan told police the three were breaking windows "because it was fun," he reports said.

Wageman told police he and the three suspect took turns driving the car, and all three took turns leaning out of the car windows to hit parked cars, the report said. Wageman told police they used a bat, but officers also found a hollow metal pipe in the car, with broken glass inside of it.

The spree began after midnight Sunday, a police report

said. The three returned to pick up the girlfriend about 3:30 a.m. and told her they had been out smashing car windows, the report said.

Drug tests given Monday to Maughan and Wageman after their arrests returned positive for methamphetamine, juvenile court records say. Both admitted having taken crank Saturday or Sunday, the records say.

Because both Maughan and Wageman were on probation for previous crimes, each was charged with probation violation and use of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, court records say.

Maughan and Wageman were arraigned in juvenile court Tuesday. Court minutes list Wageman's parent as Jim Wageman of Twin Falls, and

Maughan's parents as Darlen and Doug Maughan of Twin Falls. Twin Falls police say the three apparently smashed the windows of 60 vehicles. Another three or five car windows smashed Sunday morning or Saturday night appear to be unrelated, police say.

The damage was great enough to earn felony charges, the report said — a series of vandals totaling more than \$1,000 of damage can be charged as a felony, police say. Charges for the smashed windows will be filed when all the victims' reports and damage estimates have been collected by juvenile prosecutor Julie Sturgill, police say.

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Castleford School District to get greenhouse from Ernst building

Numerous appeals to Albertson's result in salvage approval

By Leandra Reuble
Times-News correspondent

CASTLEFORD — City residents might soon roll up their sleeves and get into the demolition business.

Castleford Superintendent Kelly Murphey announced at Tuesday's School Board meeting that the district has been awarded the greenhouse attached to the former Ernst building in Twin Falls.

Murphey had written a grant to the Albertson's foundation for a greenhouse previously, but was turned down. After finding out Albertson's had bought the old Ernst building, where it

hopes to open a new grocery store, Murphey and his staff started working their way up the chain of command until they were given approval to salvage the building.

The district has until March 1 to tear the facility apart and take the materials, said Brenda Thomson, school clerk. She said the district will probably organize a community work party to get the job done. The materials, including heaters and blowers, are worth about \$50,000, she said.

In other Castleford School Board business:

- Mike Glenn, technical dean at the College of Southern Idaho, gave the board a presentation advocating vocational education. Glenn encouraged the board to continue its efforts in creating satellite classes with CSI and other high schools.

- School Board member Mike Butkley was voted to represent the school's water shares at an upcoming water meeting.

- The board also voted to amend the budget to allow the district to spend more money. The money comes from various grants, or other funds that are providing the district more money than it expected.

- Castleford ag teacher Steve Hines has received an Idaho Community Foundation grant for \$4,670 for two new ag science welders.

- Castleford student Dana Hulise was a contest winner in the "Voice of Democracy" competition.

The board completed the meeting with a tour of the recently finished ag shop. The school plans to hold an open house for the building sometime in January.

BLM approves planned burns for hazardous fuels management

BOISE (AP) — To clear out the brush and dead timber which can lead to giant wildfires, the U.S. Bureau of Land Management plans to spend more than \$7.5 million for prescribed burns in 11 Western states next year.

About 350,000 acres have been identified for controlled burning through 337 projects, plus an additional 25,000 acres for mechanical treatment such as running discs over vegetation.

In Idaho, 20,245 acres are earmarked for burning.

It all is intended to reduce the risk of wildland fire, improve wildlife habitat and streamside zones, control noxious weeds and improve the range.

Nearly 2,400 fires burned 984,000 acres of BLM land this year, said Lorraine Buck, assistant chief for external affairs at the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise, which oversees firefighting in the West.

to integrating fire back into the ecosystem and using it as a tool to meet natural resource objectives," said Les Rosenkrance, director of the BLM's fire and aviation program.

Wednesday's announcement is in keeping with Interior Director Bruce Babbitt's February call for the selective burning of millions of acres of forest and rangeland.

"This fund didn't exist before," Buck said. "We've always had money for fire suppression. But we've taken that money and specifically used it for fuel management. It's using the money up front to defuse those dangerous situations."

Fires sweep through native stands of grass and sagebrush, leaving the ground open to volatile annuals such as cheatgrass and medusahead rye. Junipers edge out other vegetation and are extremely difficult to extinguish once a fire ignites.

place on what they want to do this coming year," Buck said. "When the weather is right, they can go ahead."

Fire and mechanical treatment will occur in the Applegate area near Medford, Ore., to restore the entire watershed to a more natural ecological condition.

A large wildlife area will be restored through prescribed fire in the Steens Mountains south of Burns, Ore.

In California, fuels management projects will take place in "rural-urban interfaces" where range fires endanger neighborhoods.

The BLM office in Worland, Wyo., is working cooperatively with private landowners and the state to improve habitat.

Seizures continue as kids watch video of flashing cartoon

TOKYO (AP) — A TV network canceled broadcasts of a popular action-packed cartoon show Wednesday and a rental chain pulled its four television sets from its shelves because of brilliantly flashing scenes blamed for causing convulsions, spasms or nausea in hundreds of children.

Nearly 600 children were rushed to hospitals Tuesday night after watching the program "Pokémon." By Wednesday evening, the number of afflicted children climbed to more than 700 after others watched videotaped versions of the show.

The case had many wondering: Is Japanese animation too intense for children?

"Kids don't watch this program the way most people would," said Toshio Okada, a writer specializing in animation and comic books. "You can't take your eyes off it without missing crucial vis-

al clues about the meaning of the action."

Japanese cartoons over the past eight years have developed unforgiving packages of fast-paced action that require intense concentration to be understood, Okada said. And children watch it all on increasingly large TV screens from less than a yard away — a typical viewing style in Japan's cramped homes.

"I was shocked to see my daughter lose consciousness," Yukiko Iwasaki was quoted as saying by the national newspaper Yomiuri. "She started to breathe only when I hit her on the back."

TV Tokyo canceled the airing of "Pokémon" — which means "pocket monsters" — on 30 stations around Japan on Wednesday.

National broadcaster NHK said 729 people had been taken to hospitals by late Wednesday; about 200 remained hospitalized.

The first victims had been watching the program separately at homes all over Japan, and doctors and psychologists discussing the illnesses on national television did not suggest contagious mass hysteria.

The second wave of seizures among children watching videotapes led a video rental chain to pull the series from its 940 stores.

Dr. Philip Sheridan, chief of the epilepsy branch of the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke in Bethesda, Md., said the children's reactions could have two quite different causes.

Some children may have started to hyperventilate from the excitement and the flashing lights, he said. That can cause dizziness, nausea and fainting. This kind of problem often spreads in groups of children as they see each other having trouble, Sheridan said.

In other children, the flashing

lights might have acted directly on the brain to cause seizures, he said. An affected child would momentarily stare and not respond even to shouting, or have a stiffening of the body with jerking arms and legs for up to a minute. That would happen if the flashing disrupted the natural pacemakers that regulate patterns of activity in the brain's circuits, he said.

Such brief seizures do not damage the brain and do not mean a child has epilepsy, Sheridan stressed. Epilepsy is repeated seizures without provocation, rather than a reaction to something like flashing lights or a high fever, he said.

The illness has been linked to a scene featuring a vividly colored explosion mixed with a low series of rhythmic strobe-like light flashing bursts of blue, red and white, each about one-thirtieth of a second long.

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DOE halts shipments in wake of leak problems

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The U.S. Department of Energy has halted shipment of low-level radioactive waste from an Ohio nuclear weapons plant after water was found in trucks in Nevada and Arizona.

The discovery brought an outcry from Nevada officials, who have been fighting DOE nuclear waste at sites north of Las Vegas. They raised new questions of transporting such waste across country.

The leak was found on a truck 20 miles east of Kingman, Ariz., the other four on three trucks that arrived Monday and Tuesday at their destination, the Nevada Test Site.

The shipments involve low-level radioactive waste from a nuclear weapons plant being dismantled at Fernand, Ohio.

DOE spokesman Darwin Morgan said the material being shipped "does not pose any danger to human health or the environment."

He said the debris included "sand used to filter radioactive waste, filter cakes from waste water treatment operations and construction rubble." He said it was unclear how water got into the debris.

The leaks are the latest in "an unending stream of incidents," Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., said Wednesday.

"This isn't the first incident; it's the first made public," said Reid. "The DOE doesn't know what it's shipping or how it's shipping it."

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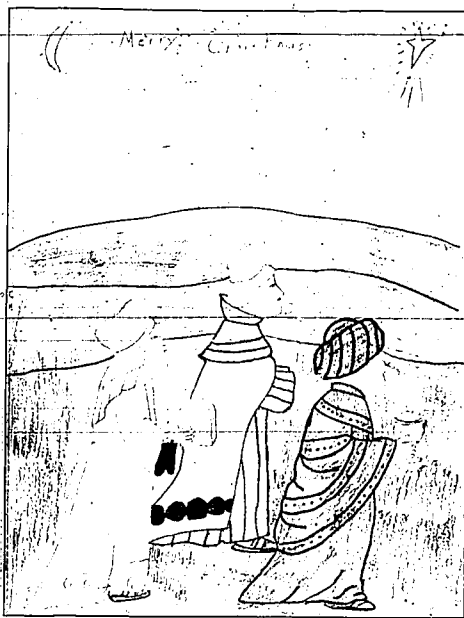
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Each year, the Idaho Department of Education sponsors a Holiday Card competition to draw attention to art programs in Idaho's elementary schools. Eduardo Maciel of Wendell Elementary School was awarded Best Holiday Card for the fourth grade for his drawing of three wise men. His drawing will be used for the SDE's 1997 Holiday Christmas cards.

CLUB CALENDAR

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Blue Lakes Rotary Club
Meets at 7 a.m. Tuesdays at the Weston Plaza Hotel & Convention Center in Twin Falls. For more information, call President Andy Barry at 734-1147 or Vice-President Bruce Bacon at 734-5977.

Buhl Rotary Club
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Burley Lions Club
Meets at noon Fridays at Price's Cafe, 2444 Overland Ave. For more information, call Secretary Larry Osterlund at (208) 678-3653 or President Sam Yoshida at 678-7992.

Burley Rotary Club
Meets at noon Tuesdays at Burley Inn Convention Center. For more information, call President Dave Wenfall at (208) 678-0466 or Secretary Jon Anderson at 678-0332.

Civil Air Patrol
Meets at 6:30 p.m. Mondays at Burley National Guard Armory. Anyone age 12 and older is invited to join. For more information, call Pete Schultz at (208) 677-2559 or James Fletcher at (208) 436-6861.

Gooding Rotary Club
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Kiwanis Club of Buhl
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Kiwanis Club of Filer
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Kiwanis Club of Twin Falls
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Magic Valley Optimist Club of Twin Falls
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Rupert Lions Club
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Meets at noon today at George K's Restaurant in Twin Falls.

Soroptimist International of Twin Falls
Meets at noon Tuesdays at George K's, 31 Alpha Tau chapter of Beta Sigma Phi.

Meets at 7:30 p.m. today. For more information, call Debbie at 734-1665 or Judy at 734-1367.

MUSICAL

Magichords Burshole Chorus
Meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at First Methodist Church in the basement, corner of Shoshone and Fourth Street, Twin Falls.

Sweet Adelines Chorus
Meets from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays for rehearsal night at Valley Christian Church and Our Savior Lutheran Church in Twin Falls. All women age 15 to 70 are invited to accept six weeks free membership. For more information,

call Kelly at 733-6238 or Betty at 734-1900.

Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club
Will meet to dance Tuesday at St. Jerome's Catholic Parish Hall, 216 Second Ave. E. Regular workshop will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m. and beginning lessons from 8:30 to 10 p.m. Those whose last names begin with the letters K-P are asked to bring fingerfoods and stay for clean up. For more information, call Duane at 733-9250 or Mary at 934-8893.

Buttons and Bows
Will sponsor a round dance workshop today at the Jerome American Legion Hall. Beginners will start at 7 p.m., experienced dancers at 8:30 p.m.

The club will also sponsor a square dance workshop Monday at the Jerome American Legion Hall. Experienced dancers will start at 7 p.m. and beginners at 8:30 p.m. For more information, call June Custer at 733-9225.

HOBBIES

Friends in Recreational Opportunities Group
The group meets to bowl from 1 to 3 p.m. each week at Magic Bowl, 340 Second Ave. E. in Twin Falls. For more information on FROG, call LINC at 733-1712.

Magic Valley Chess Club
Meets from 6 to 10 p.m. Saturdays at Barnes & Noble bookstore. For more information, call Barry Eacker at 733-6186.

Magic Valley Pinocle Club
Meets at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Disabled American Veterans Hall on Harrison Street and Shoup Avenue, Twin Falls. Open to the public. \$25 donation. Prizes.

Bridge
Meets at 1 p.m. Mondays at Magic Valley Bridge House, 246 Falls Ave., Twin Falls. For more information, call 733-8699. Newcomers welcome.

Valley Vista Retirement Center Pinocle Club
Meets Tuesdays and Saturdays in the community center at 651 Race St. N. in Twin Falls. Play starts at 6:30 p.m. and there is a .50 cents charge per person. For more information, all Donna Baird at 733-5531.

Bridge Club
Meets at 1 p.m. Tuesdays at the Rupert Elks Lodge, 200 W. 85 S. Newcomers welcome. For more information, call Jean Giesler at 436-6571 or Billie Clark at 436-4886.

Wingo
Meets at 7 p.m. Wednesdays at the War Memorial hall in Gooding. Cost is \$1.25 per card. Participants must be over 18.

W & J Bridge
Meets at 1 p.m. Tuesdays at the Rupert Elks Lodge, 200 W. 85 S.

WEIGHT LOSS

Writers TOPS ID No. 256 (a weight loss support group) meets at 6:30 p.m. Mondays at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays, with weight in at 5:30 p.m. at the Heyburn School lunch room.

Gooding TOPS Chapter No. 251 (a non-profit organization)
Meets at 5 p.m. Thursdays at the Gooding Senior Citizens Center, 308 Senior Ave. For more information, call (208) 934-4638.

Jerome TOPS Chapter No. 48
Meets at 6 p.m. Wednesdays at the Public Library. TOPS is a non-profit organization to support weight loss. For more information, call (208) 324-1240.

Twin Falls TOPS Club ID No. 3
Meets at 12:30 p.m. Mondays at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1708 Heyburn Ave. E. (corner of Heyburn and Maurice). For more information, call 733-3304.

Twin Falls TOPS Chapter No. 309 (a non-profit organization support group for weight loss)
Meets at 7 p.m. Wednesdays at Valley Vista Village, 653 Rose St. N. For more information, call 734-5132 or 736-3291.

Overtakers Anonymous
Meets at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at First Baptist Church on Shoshone Street (go through side doors) in Twin Falls. For more information, call 734-4547.

Overtakers Anonymous
Meets at 6:30 p.m. Saturdays at the First Baptist Church, 910 Shoshone St. (enter at the ninth avenue entrance) in Twin Falls. For more information, call 734-4547.

Overtakers Anonymous
Meets at 12:30 p.m. Mondays at First Methodist Church, Twin Falls. For more information, call 734-4547.

SUPPORT GROUPS:

AA/Anon (for relatives and close friends of problem drinkers)
For more information on meeting times and places, call the AA/Anon Hotline at 736-5555.

Alteon
Meets from 6 to 7 p.m. Mondays at Walker Center Outreach, 263 Second Ave. N. in Twin Falls. The meeting is for young people affected by someone else's drinking. For more information, call Elsa at 734-0664.

Adult Children of Dysfunctional Families
Meets from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the Walker Center, 263 Second Ave. N. in Twin Falls. Each meeting is counselor facilitated and cost \$10. For more information, contact Susan at 734-4200.

New Life Fellowship (a 12-step recovery group and bible study)
Meets at 7:00 p.m. Thursdays at the First Baptist Church of Twin Falls, corner of 9th and Shoshone. For more information, call Mike at 736-9292 or Tom at 734-6714.

Alcoholics Anonymous
For more information, call 736-8446, 734-0590 or 733-7897.

Christian 12-Step Support Group
For more information, call Susan at 734-7201.

Cesaine Anonymous
For more information, call 734-7342.

Magic Valley Brain Injury Support Group
For more information, call Cassandra Blakeley at (208) 326-0800 or Sonia Blakeley-Hewer at 408-24.

Post Polio Support Group
For more information, call Nancy Boswell at 678-2571.

Moms in Touch
Meets at various times throughout the week. MIT is a group of mothers who meet one hour each week to pray for their children and the school they attend. For more information on meeting times, call Lori at 825-9900.

Recovery Inc. (a self-help mental health group)
Meets at 7 p.m. Wednesdays at the United Methodist Church, 450 E. 27th St. in Burley. The recovery program uses techniques to help depression, anxiety, stress, panic disorder, fears, anger and nervous symptoms. For more information, call Rhonda at 678-8180.

Breath Easy Club & Magic Breathers Club of Idaho (a group for people with lung disease and related family and friends)
For more information, call (208) 345-5864.

Narcotics Anonymous
For more information, call the Southern Idaho Region 736-1160 or 1-800-328-5277.

Overtakers Anonymous (a 12-step support group for addictive and compulsive behavior)
Meets at 7 p.m. on Mondays at First Baptist Church, 262 Second Ave., Burley. For more information, call Mitch or Rita at (208) 678-8678.

Parents of Down Syndrome Children
For more information, call Danielle Groves at 733-8869, or leave a message.

Substance Abuse Volunteer Efforts (S.A.V.E.)
For more information, call (208) 436-9460.

Eating Disorders Support Group
Meets at 7 p.m. Monday in the J. Aldred Beck room at Cassia Regional Medical Center. For more information, call 436-3240 or 436-6076.

Mini-Cassia Cancer Support Group
Meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday at 418 Oneida in Rupert. For more information, call E. Mai at 678-1539 or J. Simpson at 654-2241.

Mothers of Young Children
Meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1631 Grandview Dr. N. Free child care is available. For more information, call Sandy Nordquist at 324-7035.

Get listed

This public service column is designed to publicize Magic Valley clubs and organizations. To have your meeting listed, or to update your meeting information, send notice with name of the organization, day and week(s), and time of the meeting with a telephone number and name of a contact person to April Crnich at The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303, attention Club Calendar. The deadline is noon Tuesday.

COMMUNITY LETTERS OF EVENTS THANKS

Classes rescheduled
BURLEY - The "Holiday Breads" and "Holiday Gifts and Goodies" classes planned for today at the Cassia County Extension Office have been rescheduled for after the first of the year.
For more information, call the office at 678-5461.

Free ski lessons offered
ALBION - Pomerelle Mountain Resort is offering a Free Learn to Ski day Saturday.
Registration starts at 9:30 a.m. at the sports desk in the day lodge.
The program is geared for "never ever been on skis" participants with a minimum age of 7 years old and no maximum age.

Alpine ski rental with skis, boots and poles, a one-and-a-half hour lesson and a Contonal rope tow pass will be provided. Chairlift passes are not included and snowboarding is not available.

To pre-register or for more information, call 673-5599 between 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

We want your news

It's news to you, we want to hear about it. We are April Crnich and Joey Bryant. It is our job to get this page with news about:

- Community meetings.
- Celebrations.
- Social events.
- Individual achievements.
- Your kids and their activities.

We also want to publicize your photos of special events in the life of the community that are important to our readers. Please send your news and photos to:

Community Editor April Crnich
The Times-News
P.O. Box 548
Twin Falls, Idaho 83303
733-0933 Ext. 288

or
Joey Bryant
The Times-News
325 1/2 E. Fifth St. N.
Bath, Idaho 83318
677-4042

You can also reach us by fax at 677-4543 or 734-6533. You can also email us at twnews@mtcnr.net.

Deadlines for the Sunday page is noon Wednesday. Deadlines for the Thursday page is noon Monday. Deadlines for the Saturday page is noon Friday. Deadlines for the Wednesday page is noon Tuesday.

Making a difference
South Central Head Start would like to extend thanks to the many, many volunteers who participated in "Make a Difference Day." This year's project supported the Volunteers Against Violence shelter by soliciting household donations and canvassing eight counties with a sticker campaign.

This project was supported by more than 65 businesses which donated household items valued at approximately \$800. Over 120 individuals participated in the sticker campaign or gathered donations.

Six printers in Jerome, Twin Falls, Burley and Rupert donated their time, talents and supplies to print more than 1,500 Volunteers Against Violence stickers in English and Spanish. All stickers were placed by volunteers and businesses in 25 communities.

South Central Head Start again would like to express its gratitude to all who participated in "Make a Difference Day." The acts of caring made the venture a success.

CHIARLY A. JESTER
Community Services Specialist
South Central Head Start
Twin Falls

Veterans say thanks
I would like to thank the West Magic Recreation Club and Amalgamated Sugar for their donations to the American Legion 1997 Food Convey.

Your generosity and kindness is greatly appreciated and will benefit veterans from all over the state.
DAN FREEMAN
Commander, Post 144
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Support appreciated
The Twin Falls Cross Country teams would like to thank all of the wonderful people who supported our Turkey Trot Fun Run at the end of November.

Special thanks to the lovely and talented Barb Harbuth for all the time and energy she put into collecting prizes. Also our thanks go out to Joe Rockne at Albertson's, Marion Swenson at Swenson's and Mr. Honza for their contributions of turkeys and Donnelly's and others for the gift certificates. Thanks also to Connie and Nick Lewis and Sharon and Jeremy Bryan for their assistance.

CURT ASAY
LARRY LEWIS
JAY BRYAN
Twin Falls

Nativities displayed
A big thank you to Gordon and Susan Carter for their time and effort in preparing and coordinating the outstanding Creche displays at the army. More than

200 nativities were exhibited; 55 people share them for the showing. Beautiful Christmas music added to the holiday atmosphere.

Thank you to those who shared their talent. It was an enjoyable way to start the Christmas season.
JOY STAPLES
Twin Falls

Santa makes appearance
The Magic Valley Silver Sage Girl Scouts would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Beam and DEB Supply employees for all their help and donations during our recent Santa's Fury Friends.

Monies were raised for the local Girl Scout movement and for the wellbeing of our furry friends at the animal shelter.

And another jolly thanks to Jim Shutte for making sure Santa was there to have his picture taken with the pets. We couldn't have done it without everyone's help.
Thank you,
SHERYL OLSEN-FRANK
Event Chairperson
Twin Falls

New equipment added
I wanted to express my appreciation to the people of Jerome,

Our school held a carnival/raffle to raise money for much-needed playground equipment. The patrons and businesses of Jerome were wonderfully supportive in our efforts with more than 60 individuals and businesses making donations. Because of this assistance, the Parent Advisory Committee at Jefferson Elementary was able to raise \$3,300 toward this fourth phase project. Once completed, we will have the opportunity to enjoy this equipment.

The people of Jerome are great and deserve a pat on the back.
DALE LAYNE
Principal
Jefferson Elementary School
Jerome

COMICS

Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz

Snoopy: "WOODSTOCK! WOODSTOCK! WOODSTOCK!"

Woodstock: "SNOOPY! SNOOPY! SNOOPY!"

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

GO, DEANNA—YOU AND MICHAEL HAVE KNOWN EACH OTHER FOR QUITE A WHILE!

AND YOU'RE STUDYING PHARMACY?

YOUR FAMILY LIVES IN BURLINGTON?

MY MOM'S A NURSE AND MY DAD OWNS A HARDWARE STORE?

YOU'RE IN.

Dilbert By Scott Adams

DON'T WORRY THAT WE'LL TAKE ANY MILITARY TECHNOLOGY SECRETS BACK TO NORTH ELBONIA.

WE SIGNED THESE LITTLE AGREEMENTS THAT SAY WE WON'T.

HA HA HA HA HA!

MOVING ON ...

Blonde By Dean Young & Stan Drake

WE'VE JUST COMPLETED OUR BIGGEST CONTRACT EVER!

AND I'M PROUD THAT EVERY ONE OF YOU PUT IN SUCH LONG GRUELING HOURS.

WELL, ALMOST EVERY ONE OF YOU.

B.C. By Johnny Hart

LO YOU HAVE "WHS AND SNOZE ERNIE"?

SORRY... BUT WE DO HAVE ONE "COUGH AND NAGE TARRY" LEFT.

I'VE NEVER EIGH HEARD OF HIM!

YEP — AND HE COMES WITH HIS OWN CIGARETTES, TOO.

Pickles By Brian Crane

ROGUE! YOU ARE A BAD DOG!

MOTHER! DON'T CALL HIM THAT! THERE ARE NO BAD DOGS. DOGS ARE INHERENTLY INNOCENT. ONLY LESS CREATURES!

FOUND PIECES OF TWO SID BILLS IN HIS MOUTH.

THOSE WERE MINE! I'VE BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER!!

BAD, BAD DOG!!

Garfield By Jim Davis

JON'S BEEN STRUGGLING WITH THAT CHRISTMAS TREE STAND FOR HOURS.

I GIVE UP!

CLOMP CLOMP CLOMP

WHY DON'T WE JUST DECORATE YOU?

Dante the Menace By Hank Ketcham

I TAPED THE COMMERCIALS OF ALL THE TOYS I WANT YOU TO BRING ME!

The Family Circus By Bil Keane

Those poor cave men. They were born too soon to have Christmas.

Hi and Lois By Chance Brown

WHY DO PEOPLE PUT CHRISTMAS WRATHS ON THEIR CARS?

FOR DECORATION.

CAN WE DECORATE OUR CAR?

The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

WHAT TIME DID YOU GET HOME LAST NIGHT?

ELEVEN-O'CLOCK, BEAR.

MIRROR, MIRROR, ON THE WALL... WHO'S THE BIGGEST LIAR OF THEM ALL?

OHAY... OHAY... THREE... THREE... THIRTY!

The soup world's 'Big 3'

WHAT'S WHAT?
L.M. Boyd

Q. What do the soup canners mean by "The Big Three"?
A. Their bestsellers - Chicken Noodle, Cream of Mushroom, Tomato.

Q. Won't Jimmy Boyd with his "I Saw Mummy Kissing Santa Claus" the youngest singer in the United States to have a No. 1 single?
A. Second youngest at age 12 years 11 months. Michael Jackson with his "I Want You Back" got his at age 11 years 5 months.

Q. How many professional sports teams - football, basketball, baseball and hockey - have names related to the sea?
A. Eight come to mind. Seattle Mariners, Pittsburgh Pirates, Hartford Whalers, Seattle Seahawks, Minnesota Vikings, Tampa Bay Buccaneers and San Diego Clippers.

A. I'm missing any?
A. Chinese engineer named Tsai Lun in A.D. 105 figured out how to make what we call paper. A Buddhist monk named Dōkyō in A.D. 610 took the process to Japan where locals refined it greatly. On our family's dining room wall is an exquisite painting by a Pagan Sound artist with roots in Japan. Before she painted it, though, she made the painting's paper. That's a personal art, too, still done in numerous Japanese cottage factories.

Q. What's "Van" signify as the prefix to a Dutch name?
A. The original so-named ancestor owned land.

Rapid Reply: That actor named James - James Garner and James Cagney - repeatedly have portrayed likable confidence men on film and tape is insignificant unless you can come up with another one or two with Japanese to make it a curiosity. Can you?

HOROSCOPE
Sydney Omar

IF DECEMBER 18 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are dynamic, inquisitive, fascinated by travel guides, are sentimental in romance, headstrong, courageous. Arries, Libra persons play fascinating roles in your life, could have these letters, initials in names I and R. Let go of losing proposition unless language, correspond with individual in distant city or foreign land. Current cycle relates to prospering via domestic issues that include marital status. May most memorable in 1998.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): During social outing, you could encounter future soul mate. Popularity is such that people connect for reasons of winning and dining you. Sagittarian in role of love.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Gordian knot untied through by threat. Means: Be aware of hidden meanings, read between lines, check punctuation during proof-reading. Scorpio will play dramatic role.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): What seemed utter confusion will actually prove an asset - puzzles pieces fall into place. You'll sense what another individual who advises you on legal matters offers congratulations.

CANCER (June 21-July 21): Emphasize activities at home, designing, decorating, beautifying surroundings. Music, art, movies provide creative recreation. Gift received - art object or luxury item.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Cycle continues high, starting mode to enter for you to play events role. Emotions individual does not tell truth; ignore advice from couch potato. Virgo involved.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Added responsibility on your shoulders - deal with elements of timing, surprise. Refuse to be inveigled in scheme to thwart. Music, romance, intimate creative scenes - utilize psychic awareness.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Reach beyond the immediate gain friends among higher-ups. Many will be amazed as you succeed in matters of financial romance. Emphasize creative, color coordination, showmanship.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Answer is affirmative. Take charge, important style, accept leadership role. Focus on passion, creativity, style, romance, Leo. Acquaint persons present artistic instinct.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Focus on advertising, publishing, creating message across, dealing with real-estate family member. Accept invitation to dine out. Cancer favorite to play meaningful companion.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Elements of timing, lack ride with you. You learn more about loans, percentages, tax, licit requirements. Coworkers - take charge, important style, accept leadership role. Focus on passion, creativity, style, romance, Leo. Acquaint persons present artistic instinct.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You write your way in and out of anything. What begins as routine will be transformed into exciting adventure. Leo, Gemini persons figure in dynamic scenario. Don't stop now.

Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

I THINK THAT CLOUD OVER THERE LOOKS LIKE A DOGGIE.

REALLY? I THINK IT LOOKS LIKE A STEAK.

OF COURSE, THEY ALL LOOK LIKE STEAKS TO ME.

ACROSS

- 1 Apogee
- 6 Passing fancy
- 9 Blank
- 14 Eagle's nest
- 15 Cordis chan
- 16 Notational
- 17 Get the hang of
- 18 Charged partic
- 19 Shines, for short
- 20 Name badges
- 21 Japanese fish treat
- 24 Religious woman abbr.
- 25 Cress
- 27 Races
- 28 Swoony mood
- 34 Flung leader
- 35 NY city
- 37 Apogee
- 40 One of the Mavericks
- 41 Change the price of
- 42 Salsa group
- 43 Try out on
- 44 "Homs - up"
- 45 "Rule Britannia"
- 46 Nautical word
- 47 Jeans material
- 50 Underhand
- 54 Thron
- 57 One's longer working
- 58 Easy throw
- 61 Wages
- 62 "Moke - while the sun shines"
- 64 Gait
- 66 Eyeballs
- 67 Nw. off.
- 70 Soudier
- 71 Bedazzles

DOWN

- 1 Columbian city
- 2 Chainet
- 3 Ages
- 4 Knight's address
- 5 On edge
- 33 Ant. old style tower
- 34 Chainet
- 37 Japanese statesman address
- 38 Consume
- 47 Go over
- 49 Happenings
- 51 Anestholic
- 52 Spinet
- 53 Heterodoxy
- 54 Number equal to the speed of sound
- 55 Potpourri
- 56 Flap dance
- 58 Sland
- 59 K'n
- 60 Coals
- 62 Crawl
- 65 Fasting, e.g.

Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker

I LIKE YOUR RECYCLING EFFORTS, COOKIE.

ARE YOU USING THEM FOR COMPOST?

NOPE. SOUP.

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

...AND BY THE WAY, WHILE YOU WERE HEADING DOWN HERE, YOUR LOTTERY TICKET HIT FOR 10 MILL.

RECEPTION DESK

The Born Loser By Art Sansom & Chip

HAVE YOU BOUGHT ANY CHRISTMAS GIFTS YET?

YES AND THAT REMINDS ME I SHOULD GO BUY THEM NOW!

THESE ARE FINISHED!

WELL, THAT CERTAINLY DON'T TAKE VERY LONG!

Yesterday's Puzzle solved:

C	H	A	R	A	S	O	S	T
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ENGAGEMENT

Aches of older parents worried child

JONES-GERRATT

BURLEY - Dale Jones and Marjorie Jones of Lemmon Grove, Calif., announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie Elizabeth Jones to Donald Brian Gerratt, son of Donald Rex and Marjorie Gerratt of Burley.

Jones will graduate in April of 1998 with a recreational therapy degree from Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah.

Gerratt served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at the Texas San Antonio Mission and is a student at BYU.

The wedding is planned for Saturday in the San Diego LDS Temple. A reception in their honor will be held following the wedding in Coronado, Calif.



Donald Gerratt and Julie Jones

Friends and family are invited to attend a reception from 7 to 9 p.m. Dec. 27 at the Unity LDS Church, 275 S. 250 E.

The couple will live in Provo, Utah, to continue their education.

WEDDING

WOOD-REDDER

BURLEY - Marie Wood and Ken Redder were married Dec. 5 in Logan, Utah.

Friends and relatives are invited to an open house in their home from 7 to 9 p.m. today in the Roman Room at Pric's Cafe, 2444 Overland Ave. They request no gifts.

The event is hosted by their children who are pleased to announce the marriage.



Marie and Ken Redder

Texas family discovers life is fulfilling without television

The Dallas Morning News

SACISE, Texas - Heather Campbell remembers the exact moment she gave up on TV for good.

She and her husband, Ron, had been without a TV for three months, but the lure of Princess Diana's funeral was too strong to resist. She went to her grandmother's house to watch it.

"I'd swear that I was watching the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade," says Heather Campbell, 30. "It was Katie Couric, and she was trying to name all the celebrities walking in... and this was a funeral. And then she thought she saw Cindy Crawford, and then she said that it wasn't Cindy Crawford, and she says, 'But it is a beautiful girl.' And it was just soacky."

TV's been out of the picture ever since, and the Campbells now give their home life high ratings. In its place are radio - AM, FM and shortwave - newspapers, magazines and books.

The Campbells aren't militant or preach about it; newcomers to their home would probably never know unless they asked about the blank wall without the unused cable jack. "We're not out to change the world," says Ron Campbell, 31. "We're just out to change our world, I guess."

But the Campbells say losing the TV set has won them more time - time for projects and hob-

bies, time for reading, and, most important, time to spend with their 18-month-old son, Carson - ironically, time to do the kinds of things all those idealized TV families do.

And they say there's not a remote chance they'll go back. "There was nothing coming out of the tube enhancing our lives," Ron Campbell says.

The couple met in Monterey, Calif., in 1986 while serving in the U.S. Marines. Campbell, a Rockwell native, was a Chinese linguist. Her future husband, a Queensbury, N.Y., native, was an Arab linguist. They were also both communications specialists, which entailed working a lot with radios. They married in 1989 and moved to Austin two years later to attend the University of Texas. Campbell studied electrical engineering; Campbell studied Chinese.

The Campbells moved to Dallas in 1994 when Ron, 75 hours short of his degree, was offered a job at Northern Telecom as an engineer in the telephone switching labs.

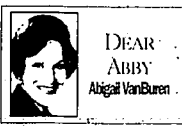
Their Sharp 27-inch color TV died sometime during the move. "We hadn't had it on cable anyway," Campbell says. They decided not to replace it and started getting used to life without TV. "It was a little hard," Heather Campbell says. "We missed the 10 o'clock news, the British comedies."

DEAR READERS: On Oct. 15, I asked those of you who were the children of "older parents" to write me about how it affected you, in order to help a couple in their 40s decide whether or not to start a family. I was unprepared for the avalanche of letters I received passionately arguing both sides of the issue. Some of the loving tributes brought tears to my eyes.

The letters ran about 4 to 1 in favor of starting a family. However, today we'll hear from those who voted "no." Read on.

DEAR ABBY: While I love my parents very much and thank God for them daily, having aging parents was hard on me emotionally. I remember praying to God when I was only 4 years old that he would allow my parents to live until I grew up. I worried that they wouldn't live to see me through elementary school. Every ache and pain weighed heavily on my heart. Of course, having older parents was not all bad - I learned to be very independent at a young age, because I was preparing to carry on alone.

My advice to the couple consid-



DEAR ABBY

Abby Cadabby

ering having children. If you are in good health and are well prepared to be around for the next 40 to 50 years, by all means have children. Just keep in mind that they'll be counting on you to be around, so take care of your health.

Another suggestion: If you're hesitant about having children, why not share your love and life by adopting older children who need loving homes? That way, you won't be the oldest parents at PTA meetings.

- CALIFORNIA READER
DEAR CALIFORNIA READER: Your letter touched on several points that were echoed by many readers. Read on.

DEAR ABBY: I hope the 40-somethings who are considering becoming parents will consider

my advice: Please don't!

You might be fooling yourselves about how young and fit you are. When your child is an infant, maybe you won't look like his grandparents. But trust me, the age difference will show up before long.

Have you ever taken care of an infant long enough to discover how exhausting infant care can be? Will you have the stamina to stay up all night with a sick child and still go to work in the morning? When you're in your 60s and your child is a teenager, will you snap back after being up all night wondering where that child is? Or worse, because you do know - thanks to a cop who called to say your kid has been arrested? Don't think it won't happen.

No matter how healthy you feel, the actuarial tables are not on your side. If you feel the need to have children in your life, I recommend you take in foster children.

- NO NAME PLEASE, ORLANDO, FLA.

DEAR ABBY: My mother was 45 and my dad was 51 when I was born.

Many moms looking for work out of the home face difficult choices

The Orlando Sentinel

ORLANDO, Fla. - For most of the last decade, stay-at-home mom Judy Steele knew the luxury of spending a whole day reorganizing her kitchen cabinets.

All that changed in mid-1996, when Steele and her husband of 14 years launched divorce proceedings. Suddenly the Apopka, Fla., woman was pitched back into the paying job market with not so much as a power suit.

"Over the past 10 years, I had worked one year full time," says Steele, 37, who had spent most of her time mothering five kids.

Fortunately, Steele had kept her bookkeeping skills current by occasionally working part time out of her home. When she updated her "mommy track" absence from the work force, she emphasized that employment-describer community activities in terms that would appeal to potential employers and explained her "mommy track" absence from the work force.

By early 1997, Steele had landed a full-time job at Orlando parts manufacturer SWF McDowell with relative ease. Unlike Steele, many women can struggle to find paid work after short- or long-term stints as full-time moms or sandwich-generation caregivers. Some don't have - or don't think they have - the proper training, education or experience to land jobs. Others have trouble readjusting to the jobs they do secure.

Whether it's fending off jokes from evil co-workers about being unemployed since gauchos were hip, re-learning the latest word processing software package or

Advice for moms

- Make sure that going back to work is a good deal. If you're making a modest salary, and you're spending lots of money on work clothes, commuting costs and day care, it actually might cost you money to work outside the home.
- Involve the kids as much as possible. Let them know you want and

need their help to make Mom's new work schedule a success.

- Develop routines and schedules to ensure that everyone does his or her chores and makes practices and meetings.
- If the laundry doesn't get done and the kid misses a ballet class every once in a while, get over it. Dirty clothes and ungraceful children aren't so bad.

figuring out if it's OK to talk, or

going back to work can be challenging.

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IDAHO IN BRIEF

Immigration agents arrest 30 during raids

REXBURG — Immigration agents arrested 30 illegal workers in morning raids on two potato packing sheds near Rexburg. The arrests at Wilcox Potato Co. and Bench Mark Potato Co. are the latest in a crackdown on potato sheds across eastern Idaho. Since January, more than 300 people have been rounded up in the area, most during raids on 19 sheds this summer. Tuesday's raid was the opening act in another year of tougher enforcement against illegal workers, one immigration official said. The arrests mark the first major raid in the area since the federal government's new fiscal year began in October.

Man faces prison for race-related threats

MOSCOW — A Lapwai man faces up to 10 years in prison and a fine up to \$250,000 after admitting making race-related threats toward another man. The U.S. Department of Justice said Greg Bybee, 37, pleaded guilty in federal court to using threat or force to interfere with the rights of Tommy Williams, who is black, and his wife and father-in-law, who are Indian. Bybee, also an Indian, admitted in court Monday he acted because of Williams' race. The charges stemmed from an incident a year ago at the home of David Miles of Lapwai, Williams' father-in-law. Bybee was charged with threatening to kill Williams because of his marriage.

Police arrest 3 in connection with death

LAPWAI — Police have made three arrests in connection with the death of a 35-year-old Nez Perce tribal member. Willis Tyrone Greene was found dead Tuesday morning in front of a home in Lapwai. Bryan T. Crowe was arrested Tuesday in Lapwai and charged with murder.

Compiled from wire reports

Batt says soup kitchens may need state help

BOISE (AP) — Gov. Phil Batt says he would not oppose an effort to pump state funding into soup kitchens and other direct services for poor people, offsetting unprecedented demand for those services because of state welfare reform. "I would not be opposed to the state helping wherever it can to ease the plight of these unfortunate people," Batt said Tuesday on the Fox News Channel show. "The O'Reilly Report," moderated by Bill O'Reilly. The show was built around the theme that Idaho's welfare reform has caused many people to turn to food giveaways such as the Boise Rescue Mission. "I believe there is definitely an increase between the people we're seeing and the reduction in food stamp benefits," said Mary Chant of the El Ada Community Action Program. She called for investment in

"healthy communities" to provide more employment and job training services for poor people. Batt said there isn't necessarily a direct link between tighter Idaho welfare laws and the increased number of people going to food kitchens.

He said the state was concerned about that possibility, so it hired a consultant to track people who left Idaho welfare rolls when the new rules went into effect. Just 6 percent are using soup kitchens and comparable services, the governor said. "Forty-four percent found a great increase in self-pride and we think generally that it has been a very successful venture," he said.

Under the new rules, people are under a lifetime limit on welfare benefits, and Batt said it appears some people are "banking" their benefits for when they really need them and getting by any way they can.

State: Potlatch exec owes taxes

BOISE (AP) — The State Tax Commission maintains a forest industry executive and his wife owe taxes on interest they got from a loan to an Idaho corporation. But an attorney for John M. and Joy Richards told the Idaho Supreme Court Wednesday the couple shouldn't be taxed for that income because at the time they were residents of California. The Supreme Court listened to oral arguments for an hour, then took the case under advisement. Richards is chairman of Potlatch Corp. The couple formerly lived in California and maintained a home at Hayden Lake. Potlatch moved its corporate headquarters from San Francisco to Spokane in September. The couple's attorney, Mike Megard of Coeur d'Alene, said the Richards now make their home at Hayden Lake. But in 1989-90, they listed California as their home. The Tax Commission issued a tax deficiency for 1989-90, holding that interest from a loan the Richards made to Idaho Forest Industries was subject to Idaho income tax.

College awards degrees illegally

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Eastern Idaho Technical College has been awarding two-year degrees for more than 10 years, but state education officials recently discovered the school cannot legally do that. Board of Education officials found out by accident that Idaho Code does not say Associate of the Applied Science Degrees can be offered at Eastern Idaho Technical College. "We were reviewing their code sections, and the issue came up," said Kevin Satterlee, the board's deputy attorney general. Even though the college has been offering Associate of the Applied Science Degrees with the board's approval since 1985, no one ever went to the Legislature to ask for the legal authority to make the awards, he said.

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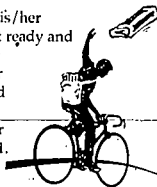
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Rage, rage against the 2-dog night

I hate being cold, and I suppose that's what led to one of the worst nights of my life.

Before I explain, I want everyone to know that my friend, Field Woodland, is a lout — a man continually on the verge of a mess. Heck, I know that before we left on that fateful camping trip.

Field had decided the dogs needed an early season trip. He'd gotten it in his head that an overnight trip would be more practical than a one-day outing.

Damn that Field. He's always convincing me to do things I know that I shouldn't do. Once again, I played along.

We got a late start because Field's dog, Parry, had escaped. She'd burrowed under the fence and we spent most of the morning looking for her.



**DOG-EARED
TALES**
Bill Studebaker

With politicians, the trick is to follow the money — but with Parry, it's best to follow the food. We finally found her a couple of blocks away, eating from a neighbor's dog feeder.

It held 40 pounds of food and Parry gave it her best shot, but it was still half full when we dragged her away.

Field packed her home, put her in the truck, and we set out with two dogs apiece.

We arrived at camp in the middle of the afternoon. There was just enough time to gang-run the dogs, gather wood, and set up the tent before dinner.

We sat around the fire that evening while the dogs ate and sniffed around. Eventually, smoke from the fire made me breathe.

I gave my dogs their last water and put them in the car kennel. Then I told Field I was going to hit the sack.

I settled into the tent and snuggled into my bag, taking care to tuck my clothes inside so they'd be warm in the morning.

It was a good, level campsite and I was comfortable. It was going to get cold, but I wouldn't be cold. I was all set.

That's when Field entered the tent. He began to adjust his bag, flipping it this way and that. Then he piled his clothes between him and the tent wall.

I told him they'd draw moisture during the night and be all wet in the morning. He sat up and fidgeted some more, moving his clothes between us and taking up my curl space.

OK, I could sleep with that. It sure beat having him cold and whiny in the morning.

Next, Field couldn't find room for his pillow. He'd brought it from home, but come to think of it, he damn near forgot it. Chlorina ran it out to the pickup as we were leaving.

It was a sweet scene — her caring, his appreciation.

Trouble was, it was too big for the tent. After what seemed like 10 minutes, he fidgeting wrestled it down and stopped fidgeting.

I was just starting to slumber when something bumped my head. It happened a second time, so I sat up. I was disoriented for a moment, then I realized something had jabbed into the tent from the outside.

My heart speeded up a couple of notches as I waited and listened. Then I heard sniffs.

Yes, I was definitely being sniffed.

"Field, your dogs are out," I said.

He sat up and opened the tent flap. He gave a soft whistle and both dogs bounded into the tent.

"Good girls, good girls," he said. "You want to sleep with daddy?"

They were goofy to see him, but they paid me no mind. They stepped on me, over me, and around me as they sought Field's affection.

"Field," I said wearily, "do they have to be in here?"

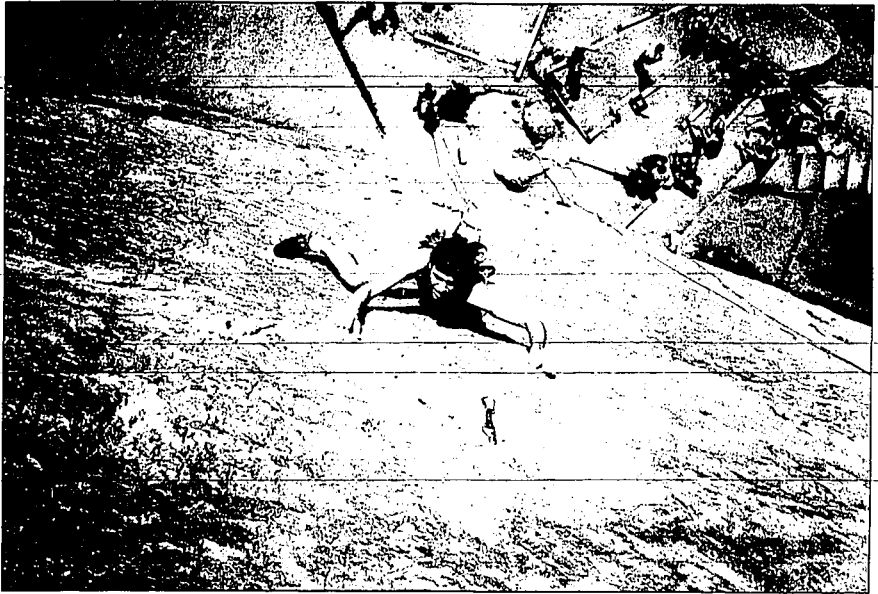
"Yeah, or they'll whine all night," he said. "They always sleep with me and Chlorina."

"They won't take up much room," he promised. "They'll just curl right next to me and won't bother you at all."

That's not how it worked out. Parry spent the night trying to get into my bag. She pawed and pushed her head into the bag until I dragged her out. I settled back down after each expulsion, but I could tell she was watching me — biding her time for the next assault.

I couldn't sleep. When morning finally came, I was exhausted.

When he isn't making up stories about Field, Bill Studebaker can be found teaching English at the College of Southern Idaho — or in his kayak.



Jedidiah Weber, of Hansen, rises above the rabble on *Light On The Path* — a 5.9 route on Morning Glory Wall at Smith Rock.

Scaling Smith Rock

Central Oregon destination - within a day of the Magic Valley - offers first-class adventure

By Mark Weber
Times-News correspondent

BEND, Ore. — On the rock climbers' tour of North America, Smith Rock State Park is a legendary stop.

It's a year-round climbing area filled with a wild collection of fantastically colored rock towers, walls and spires. It's also the birthplace of sport climbing, where rock gymnasts redefine the sport's outer limits on short, fiercely difficult routes.

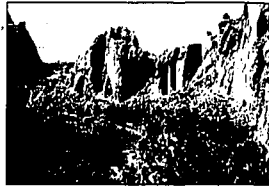
Smith Rock is a beautiful place, hemmed by the Crooked River in the shadow of the snow-capped Cascade Mountains. Juniper trees and grassy meadows color the buttes and rolling hills that are pinched by deep canyons and narrow ravines.

Painted in shades of yellow and red, Smith Rock's imposing cliffs have been sculpted into myriad bizarre shapes. Many of the formations are named for what they resemble: The Priest, The Monk, The Asterisk, and Monkey Face.

The tallest tower 600 feet above the meandering Crooked River, which cradles the crags in an oxbow bend.

The sweeping vistas are sublime in the burnished light at sunrise and sunset. At times, the crags seem to glow like coals in a fire.

For those on a tight schedule, some of the best scenic overlooks are located near the park's entrance. For those who are willing to walk a little, stunning panoramas are available along



Alone on the sharp end of the rope, writer-climber Mark Weber works his way up *Moons of Pluto* — a 5.10d classic on the Mesa Verde Wall at Smith Rock.



Jedidiah Weber/The Times-News

more than eight miles of hiking trails. Some of the trails are relatively level, riverside paths — but others climb steep passes and offer intimate views of the cliffs.

Attentive hikers can spot some of the wildlife that prowls the park. Mule deer, porcupine and beaver sometimes can be glimpsed in the meadows and trees.

Eagles and falcons often soar overhead, winging their way to nests high on the crags. In the spring, ducks and geese raise their young on the river.

Hiking is the most popular way to visit Smith Rock, but horseback riding, mountain biking and kayaking

are interesting alternatives for seeing the sights. As with the City of Rocks in southern Cassia County, the primary attraction at Smith Rock is climbing.

On busy weekends, it's common for as many as 2,500 climbers to flock to the park's ragged cliffs. In a typical year, more than 350,000 people swing through most are climbers and many are from foreign lands.

There are hundreds of easy and moderate routes for people with soft belly rolls, but it's the extreme climbs that put Smith Rock on the international map. The overhanging walls and incredibly small holds are a

Getting there

Smith Rock State Park is an eight-hour drive from the Magic Valley. It is located just off of U.S. Highway 97 in central Oregon, not far north of Bend and Redmond. The daily entrance fee is \$3 per car. Walk-in camping is available, but there is a \$4 per person, per night fee — which includes showers and a day pass. Motels, grocery stores and dining possibilities are located in the nearby towns of Terrebonne and Redmond. For more information, call the park headquarters at (541) 548-7501, or the general information line at 1-800-551-6949.

Mecca for anti-gravity pilgrims. "Smith" is the site of *To Bolt or Not to Be* — America's first 5.14 climb that was, interestingly, put up by a Frenchman. That line has been eclipsed by an even tougher route known as *Just Do It* — which carries a hefty 5.14c rating.

Whether you are a world-class climber, or a casual hiker looking for beautiful scenery, Smith Rock State Park is definitely worth a visit.

A story about Smith Rock by Hansen mountaineer Mark Weber appears in this month's issue of *Climbing* magazine.

If it's winter, it must be time for the chironomid

Cold weather, water brings out special breed of small-fly fishermen

The Associated Press

TRAIL, Ore. — Dave Roberts is the kind of guy who sees the night shift as an opportunity: He has more daylight hours to fish.

So when winter sends most fly fishermen to their televisions, tying benches or spinning rods, Roberts is still fly fishing for trout on the stretch of the Rogue River below Lost Creek Dam known as the Holy Water in southwestern Oregon.



Midge flies mimic the only insects that hatch year-around and, hence, are legitimate targets for trout in winter.

He is one of a small band who look forward to November, December, January and February, because they are the best months to fish midges — flies so small that most older folks need glasses just to see them, let alone tie one on a leader.

"Midges is a catchall term for small flies, but your true



Dave Roberts of Oregon selects one of his midge patterns earlier in the month on the Rogue River in Oregon.

OUTDOORS

OUTDOORS IN BRIEF

Magic Mountain skiing begins tomorrow

HANSEN - It's taken a while, but the Magic Mountain Ski Area opens for business at 9:30 a.m. Friday.

With the exception of Christmas Day, the ski area will be open daily through Jan. 4. After that, the area reverts to its traditional winter schedule.

Mini-Cassia bassers release fish in Snake

BURLEY - The Mini-Cassia Bassers Club recently released 150, to 200 bass in the Snake River near Burley. The club purchased the fish from Clearwater Aquaculture, of North Idaho.

The newly released fish measure 8 to 10 inches, and will be in the "keepable" range of 12 inches by mid-summer.

Idaho deer, elk hunters must report in '98

BOISE - Starting next fall, Idaho deer and elk hunters will have a little homework in the form of a harvest report for the state.

But unlike reports at least 20 years ago, this one will be mandatory, and hunters who do not cannot buy a license the following year until they send in their survey.

The Fish and Game Commission directed the Idaho Department of Fish and Game to put together the report to gather more information on deer and elk hunting.

As an incentive, Fish and Game will create a "supertag" controlled hunt drawing. Ten hunters, one of them a nonresident, will be selected for their choice of a deer or elk tag. It could be used in any open season for that species statewide, subject to regular restrictions such as archery equipment in archery-only hunts.

Hunters who file the reports on time would be included in the supertag drawing.

The department will design the report as a postcard which would be part of the tag. It would be carried in the field and filled out at the time of kill, just as a hunter must mark the animal tag. No filling out the card at that time would violate state law.

Hunters will be required to mail the card within 10 days of harvest or at the end of the season.

Hunters: Know difference between swans

BOISE - Rare trumpeter swans might show up anywhere in southern Idaho, so waterfowl hunters are advised to know their target before pulling the trigger.

Trumpeters are being hazed off overcrowded waters at Harriman State Park in eastern Idaho and might show up anywhere. Biologists want to limit the Harriman flock to about 200 wintering birds so the swans and their habitat are preserved.

Hunters should distinguish the huge white birds from snow geese or other huntable species. Trumpeters are even larger than the more common tundra swans, and like the tundra, are nearly pure white with white wingtips. Snow geese are much smaller and have black wingtips.

Lord of the woods was really a lady

ALLEGAN, Mich. - When he shot the deer 45 yards away, Roy Kaylor could see he'd bagged something special: an enormous eight-point buck. When he lifted the deer's legs, he learned some.

The buck was a she - a doe with antlers. "You probably couldn't print my reaction," he said Tuesday. "Oh boy, were we surprised."

Kaylor, 34, who killed the deer with a 12-gauge shotgun on Nov. 28, met with disbelief when he described his discovery to other hunters. "I told 'em, 'Hey, move that leg yourself.' They were astonished," he said.

Compiled from wire reports

These gifts make outdoors even greater

By Ray Sasser
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS - Not many shopping days left until the holidays, but don't panic if you're buying for outdoor sportsmen. There are lots of keen new items available this year.

To wit: FISHERMEN - Shimano has introduced a Corsair series of casting reels that's sure to be a hit with freshwater anglers.

The Corsair sells for \$50 to \$70, depending on the model. It works fine for a reel in that price range, but it's a far cry from Shimano's Chronarch.

In my estimation, the Chronarch is the finest bass reel on the market. At \$176, it has a price tag to match its reputation.

Shimano also makes a tricked-out Chronarch that the company calls a Scorpion. The Scorpion is available in very limited quantities through only three U.S. retailers, including Barlow's Tackle Shop in suburban Richardson, Texas.

A Scorpion costs \$299. Most fishermen won't buy a Scorpion or even a Chronarch for themselves.

Here's something else that fishermen won't buy for themselves but will secretly love to use. It's called the Boga Grip, and it's a combination fish-handling pliers plus scale.

You can use the Boga Grip to grip a fish's head, hold the fish by the lower lip, weigh the fish and release it without touching it. Boga Grips can accurate enough that you can have the

Columnist offers a few suggestions for last-minute Christmas shopping

scale calibrated by International Game Fish Association, and the organization will recognize the weight for world record purposes.

Boga Grips come in models that weigh up to 10.15 pounds or up to 30 pounds. They cost about \$120 apiece from Westbank Anglers in Dallas or by mail order from Bass Pro Shops.

Here's another pair of nifty fishing pliers: the new stainless steel, self-opening pliers that come in three sizes and sell for \$20, also from Westbank Anglers.

A spring holds the pliers jaws open, making this tool handy for removing hooks or for other jobs in a boat.

• ALL HUNTERS: Some hunters are hard-headed, much who systematically destroy their hearing with every shot fired when they refuse to wear hearing protection.

The rap on hearing protection is that ear-muff style protection is hot and cumbersome. Earplugs are often worn by dove hunters, but few quail or duck hunters wear ear plugs because

quail hunters also like brush-chaps that protect their legs from brush or thorns and keep them dry in an early-morning dew (\$30 to \$60).

• WATERFOWL HUNTERS: Neoprene waders have improved with each generation. Today's neoprenes are both comfortable and durable. They also have an

insulating property that makes them ideal for wading in cold water. Neoprene waders cost \$100 to \$250.

Waterfowl hunters also appreciate

hear the very sounds they're eager to detect.

The answer is electronic earplugs that act as hearing aids by amplifying sound until the sound levels get too high, then shut off the noise.

The problem with electronic earplugs is that they're expensive - about \$600 for a pair molded to fit individual ear canals. Most of us are not about to spend \$600 for ear plugs, so they make the ideal gift for gift-givers who can afford them.

Locate audiologists in the phone book to find someone who makes these excellent hearing protectors and ultimate gift for hunters.

• QUAIL HUNTERS: Blaze orange caps or vests (\$10 to \$100) are important to quail hunters because of visibility. When birds get up, you need to know exactly where your hunting partners are.

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waterproof camo gear bags for keeping shells and other accessories dry. Gear bags come in a variety of shapes and sizes and cost \$30 to \$150.

I recently received a mail order catalog from Hawks of Blytheville, Ark., a company specializing in waterfowl gear. They're offering neoprene ankle booties for \$7.50.

Anyone who's spent much time in waders knows that pants legs tend to ride up when the waders are pulled on.

Duck tapes will hold your pants legs in place, but so will the adjustable ankle garters.

• NOVICE SHOTGUNNERS: Shooting lessons from a pro. Locate an instructor through a shooting range or gun club in your area.

The \$50 or so an hour you expect to pay for shooting lessons is well spent.

For youth (and adults), shooting instructor Leon Measures has a method called "Shoot Where You Look" that comes with an instructional booklet, a video and a Daisy air rifle. The kit costs \$165-plus-tax-by-calling-1-800-201-5353.

Where sportsmen are concerned, these ideas represent the tip of the iceberg. There's always something new in the gift department, and most of the old stuff works as well as it ever did.

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Montana commission targets high-tech hunting

HELENA, Mont. (AP) - High-tech hunting has attracted the attention of state fish and game officials, prompting them to consider new restrictions on such things as night-vision scopes and two-way radios.

The Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Commission recently proposed as part of the general regulations for the 1998 and 1999 seasons bans on using two-way radios, airplane spotters and some enhanced-vision rifle scopes.

However, members rejected suggestions to prohibit long-range weapons and to discourage

use of motorized vehicles in pursuit of game.

A final decision will come early next year.

Stan Meyer, commission chairman from Great Falls, said the problem is a serious one for hunters.

"People have a great deal of money and they're investing it in a lot of high-tech gadgets that simply overwhelm the animals," he said.

"We want to try to maintain a more even playing field between those that want to do it in the traditional way and those who want to do it with gadgets."

Several of the proposed restrictions were offered by Allen Weinert of Helena, representing the Prickly Pear Sportsmen Association and the Montana Wildlife Federation.

Increased use of technology and motor vehicles to find, track and hunt game threatens to change the nature of hunting, he said.

"The emphasis is no longer on the experience of the hunt," Weinert said.

"It is on outcomes. They want outcomes quickly and conveniently. There is a substitution of technology for skill."

Fishing

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midge is the chronomorph of the order Diptera, which means a flat-winged fly." Roberts says as he stands on the bank studying the slow-moving water looking for rises.

"You've got to watch the ripples, whether the rise forms coming up or whether you are actually seeing their faces coming out of the water. When you see just their backs or dorsal fins, that's taking pupas in the surface film."

"When you see a bubble on the water, that means they are taking adults off the surface. Roberts is a part-time fishing guide and commercial fly tier, as well as a diesel mechanic at a truck stop. He has devised, adopted and adapted a wide range of patterns that go far beyond the well-known nymph, gnats, which represents a clump of midges floating on the water, and the brassie, which represents a midge pupa - the stage before adulthood. He has identified 11 different colors of midges on this stretch of water.

In winter he favors a variation called a cripple. It has a tuft of moss, the tail of a hair, representing the pupal shuck from

which the adult is struggling to emerge from its skin based.

"These midges are real slow to come up in the water when they are emerging out of their shuck," Roberts says.

"When the water is cold, the water is cold, and it is hard for them to get out."

Fishing tiny midges is much different from fishing the huge salmon flies that fill the Holy Water with anglers in May and June.

"It's a real delicate fishery - long leaders and short casts," Roberts says. "If you can't hit a coffee-cup sized target, you're not going to get into the fish. The food value of a midge is so small that a trout is not going to expend much energy to get that fly. There are enough flies on the water that they stay in a feeding station and won't vary much from it."

For this close-in fishing Roberts favors a 4-weight bamboo rod, all one piece and 7 feet long, crafted for him personally. Roberts uses a double-taper line, with an 18-foot leader tapered down to 7X or 8X, smaller than a human hair.

"A guy came down here one day with a graphite rod, and I say

to him, 'You know, you're fishing with a big fish.' He said, 'This here is the Holy Water and you're only allowed to fish bamboo.' He said, 'You're kidding.' And I said, 'Yeah.'"

Roberts wades slowly across hip-deep water to within about 30 feet of a fish he can see feeding.

He pauses to let the disturbance in the water stirred up by his feet calm down.

"We call it English reels," he says. "You've got to fish to the rise."

"In England they call them smuttings. Roberts says that was a funny term until he fished with a guy from England. I said, 'What does that mean, they're stuck up?' And he said, 'They're taking smuts.' Smuts is their word for midges."

The bulge in the water indicates this fish is taking pupas just underneath the surface.

Roberts has tied on a black pupa pattern, with a pheasant tail body, peacock herl thorax and ostrich herl hackle. He has applied floatant to all but the last 2 inches of leader so the fly will stay just beneath the surface.

He flexes his rod smoothly

with his left hand and delicately places his cast over the water just a few feet in front of the feeding fish. Just before the line settles on the water, he does a reach-mend so the leader will lay out upstream of the fly.

As the fly floats downstream, there is a bulge in the water and a barely perceptible hesitation of the leader.

Roberts raises his rod, letting out a loop of slack line to cushion the strike. He is fast onto a 16-inch fish.

"I love that black fly," he says grinning, listening to his reel sing.

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Game officials release bighorns in Hells Canyon

LEWISTON (AP) — Forty more bighorn sheep bound across the rugged slopes of the Snake River with the successful weekend release, by Idaho, Washington and Oregon agencies of wild sheep from British Columbia.

Idaho and Oregon hauled 30 bighorns into Pittsburg Landing in the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area, splitting the sheep between release sites on either side of the Snake River. The Washington Fish and Wildlife Department released 10 bighorns into the Asotin Creek drainage to boost a herd there.

"We're hoping this will put them at the threshold and over

the top," said Pat Fowler, the Washington agency's district biologist who watches over the herd.

Two other releases of bighorns in 1991 and 1994 from Washington's Sullivan Mountain herd had moved nearly 20 sheep to the area.

The herd since has dwindled to seven to 10 animals, Fowler estimated, but said the infusion of the British Columbia bighorns could spark the herd into the robust growth seen elsewhere along the Snake.

The successful effort to transfer sheep south from Spences Bridge, British Columbia, this year contrasted with a similar

attempt last year that failed when the bighorns there ignored the bait set under a large capture net.

A year earlier, a disease epidemic that swept through the Snake's bighorns also derailed transplant plans.

This year, biologists overseeing the capture operation in Canada started setting out the bait of apple pulp earlier. Idaho Department of Fish and Game biologist Frances Cassier said.

Transplant costs were paid for by the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep, which has pledged more than \$10 million to help restore bighorns to Hells Canyon.

The herd that lives along Asotin Creek escaped the ravages of an epidemic of bacterial pneumonia that killed nearly 200 bighorns in 1995 and 1996.

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Slate Canyon in the Wasatch Mountain Range southeast of Provo, Utah, is aglow with evening light Dec. 11. Plenty of snow has fallen since then, with Alta recording 55 inches at the base, Park City showing 37 inches as the base and Sundance with 28 inches as the base. More snow is predicted for today.

Vermont offers a few ski changes

Knight-Ridder News Service

PROVIDENCE — In addition to mid-winter conditions that have longtime skiers shaking their heads-in-amazement, visitors to Vermont's ski resorts this season will find new lifts, trail trails plus new or renovated base facilities.

Bromley, a pioneer in uphill transportation when it installed a T-bar in the 1930s, has joined the quad squad and installed a Doppelmayr high-speed detachable that provides access to Run-Around, a 2.5 mile top-to-bottom cruiser. Snowmaking coverage was extended to that trail as well, ensuring a top-to-bottom run for beginners.

Burke Mountain has opened a snowdusted park and has expanded its snowmaking capacity. Jay Peak has cut another glade, this one for intermediates, giving the Northeast Kingdom resort a total of 19 covering 200 acres, the most in the East, according to spokesman Conrad Kifios.

Killington has retired the famous Killington double chairlift and replaced it with an eight-passenger gondola dubbed K-1; replaced lifts on Skye Peak and Rams Head with quads; installed a quad at Pico; cut an Alpine park on Snowdust and a lift-served snowboard halipline at Pico.

Mount Snow has replaced a double chairlift with a high-speed quad at Carinthia; added a surface lift for Gut, the area's 450-foot halipline; added two Magic Carpet surface lifts in the base area; reconfigured three lifts and is opening the Grand Summit Hotel in the main base area.

Sugarbush has expanded the Gate House Lodge, added a tubing park, cut another glades area and improved its snowmaking. Killington, Mount Snow and Sugarbush are part of Les Otten's American Skiing Company.

Okemo installed a high-speed quad and cut two trails, one gladed, in the South Face area, built a day lodge and cut two trails at Solitude Peak, increased snowmaking by 30 percent and completed 35 slope-side condos.

Smuggler's Notch is treating snowboarders to a 3,500-foot park that includes terrain features, a groomed halipline and piped-in music; lessons for intermediate and advanced boarders; and a new "halfpipe" halipline for kids on Sir Henry's Hill, the beginners' slope. Parents can check out a new condo complex in the village.

Ice-fishing show gives companies chance to hook customers with their new wares

Knight-Ridder News Service

ST. PAUL, Minn. — After a party of four anglers died in an accident last year on Lake of the Woods, resort owners there decided they needed innovative vehicles to keep their customers—and a multimillion-dollar ice-fishing industry—afloat.

After months of construction and testing, resorts this month unveiled a new fleet of ice-fishing vehicles that includes floating vans, hovercraft and amphibious craft. It's tough to switch a whole industry," said Ed Arnesen, co-owner of Arnesen's Rocky Point Resort. "But the accident was a wake-up call. It was like putting up a stoplight in town after a traffic accident."

The new vehicles were the buzz at the St. Paul Ice Fishing Show on Dec. 5.

A handful of Lake of the Woods resorts were on hand to talk about their improved vehicles.

On Dec. 30, 1996, a van outfitted with tracks and skis plunged through the ice near the south shore of the lake. The driver and two others escaped by jumping to the ice, but four anglers from Wisconsin drowned.

The story appeared on TV news programs and in newspapers across the nation. Many business owners were embittered by the negative news coverage, which they believed wrongly portrayed ice fishing as a dangerous sport.

Some resorters reported losing hundreds of thousands of dollars in canceled reservations.

"When all the resorts are busy in the winter, we put about 84,000 people out on the ice for the season. Over 12 years, that's a million people," said Jerry Hennum, owner of The Sportsman's Lodge near Baudette. "This is the first

accident we ever had. What killed us was the press."

Despite a good safety record, Hennum and others responded by installing inflatable air bags to the bumpers of their vans and Bombardiers. The latter is a type of van outfitted with skis and widely used on Lake of the Woods.

"You pull a lever and in less than three seconds, the bags come out of the front and rear bumpers and will float the van," Hennum said. "It will float a whole van, along with 10 people and their gear."

The bags are inflated using a bottle of 2,500 pounds of compressed air. Developed by Yachtsaver, a Maine-based company, the system originally was designed to keep boats afloat.

Hennum also will use a hovercraft early in the season to transport anglers. He estimates he spent \$40,000 this year to upgrade his equipment.

"We're not looking to increase our business, we're looking to make it a lot more safe," he said.

Arnesen's Rocky Point Resort responded by building a floating mega-van from scratch, adding air bags to their fleet of vans and buying a hovercraft. The total cost: about \$100,000.

He said the resort's biggest challenge was designing and building its own floating van capable of hauling large numbers

of passengers.

"It's 16 feet long with a false floor in it. Under the floor is 14 inches of foam. It will haul 14 people. And it floats," Arnesen said.

A Chevrolet engine is mounted in the center of the van for added stability. More testing needs to be done, but Arnesen expects the van will be in use this winter.

The resort also purchased a hovercraft from Michigan that seats six. The craft moves across ice, water and land on a cushion of air.

Ballard's Resort also put its collective ingenuity to work. Mechanics built an 18-person hovercraft that was being tested.

"It's fully amphibious," said Gary Moeller, the resort manager. "It floats 15,000 pounds in the water and travels about 40 miles an hour."

"We built it for added mobility. The problem we've run into is all the snow the past few winters. You get stuck in the slush. With the hovercraft, we can put a fish house on eight inches of ice."

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This is a stiff challenge for people, but it is small considering the growth of the mutual fund industry and its ubiquitous message: "Average Joe" can manage his portfolio through mutual funds.

The number of do-it-yourself mutual fund investors has remained relatively constant over the last 15 years despite the bull market and the billions of dollars that have poured into the funds, said Avi Nachmany, an analyst with Strategic Insights.

But he and other experts see the number of do-it-yourself mutual fund investors declining in years to come. "For a long time, we have had, in many cases, a media message that you can do it on your own and quite, unaided," he said. "The reality is, most people are so confused and ignorant in the issues that deal with financial management, they are being

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They look at returns and sell low. "They look at returns and sell low of these funds and they look at what they have done, and it is disappointing."

The trend is toward using brokers, money managers or financial planners to handle investors' money and make the decisions, Gallant said.

If it's tricky deciding what is the best mutual fund to buy, it's also difficult to decide on an appropriate professional to manage that nest egg or college fund.

There are about 25,000 registered investment advisers and about 500,306 registered brokers. Brokers generally charge a fee for the services they provide, such as buying and selling stocks or mutual funds.

Investment advisers, on the other hand, charge an annual fee based on the size of the account they manage. "It is very much a lawyer-broker type," said Tony Sagami, director of investor relations at AdvisorLink Inc., an Austin, Texas-based money manager referral service.

AdvisorLink screens 800 advisers who have been in business since 1990, which was the last poor year for the stock market.

"We want to make sure that they are as good quality human beings as they are professional advisers," Sagami said. "You would be surprised at what we find."

Of the 800 advisers screened, only one made the recommended list. Sagami says there are many choices among advisers and mutual funds.

Nachmany knows that only too well. He holds an MBA, graduated with honors and holds Strategic's research department. He also manages his own money. "Frankly, I have no clue what to do," he said. "For the time being, I am trying to be a student of this process by making all of the mistakes by myself, and believe me, I have made plenty."

Parents can add tax credit to paychecks

WASHINGTON — The new \$400 child tax credit is one of several new tax breaks that take place with the new year, and the IRS announced a way for taxpayers to have it included on their paychecks.

Taxpayers can fill out a new Form W-4 with their employer to add the child tax credit into their paychecks for 1998, the Internal Revenue Service said Wednesday.

The child tax credit applies for each child under age 17, available to singles making less than \$75,000 and couples making less than \$110,000, but diminishes after that point based on income limits and number of children. The credit rises to \$500 in 1999 and thereafter.

By filing a new Form W-4 — which employers use to figure the amount of federal income tax withheld — taxpayers can spread the allowable child credit over their yearly paycheck. The number of allowances claimed for the child tax credit depends upon the taxpayer's income and number of eligible children, the IRS said.

ECONOMIC INDICATOR
Housing starts
Yearly advanced annualized million units
Nov '96 Oct '97 Nov '97
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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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Asian worries cool stocks

NEW YORK — Blue-chip stocks finished lower Wednesday, pulled down by worries that currency fluctuations in Asia could undercut earnings for many U.S. companies.

Massachusetts Mining & Manufacturing reported that its fourth-quarter earnings results will be down by as much as 10 percent because of the increasing strength of the U.S. dollar.

Analysts said the latest profit warning from a major U.S. corporation suggests that Asia's financial problem are likely to influence trading in U.S. stocks over the short term, at least.

Market in brief table showing NYSE, S&P 500, AMEX, S&P MidCap, NASDAQ, NYSE Diary, and Advance/Declines.

Homes

Continued from E1. As a result, surveys at the time showed youngsters — they were the first wave of baby boomers doubling up in apartments while looking for nothing more than a small house like the one their parents bought in the immediate post-World War II boom.

The new trend is likely to be criticized by economists and sociologists, among others, since many of the new homes are on previously open land. In response, homebuilders point out that last sizes have almost ceased to grow, and are smaller than in 1988.

They also are quick to remind you that homebuilding is a wonderful advance economic indicator. In November, that rate remained above that number for three months in a row.

The desire for size and amenities does not represent as much of a generational change as might appear. A large but unimpressive percentage of these homes are "trade-ups" aimed at folks who have owned first and perhaps second homes and now seek to upgrade.

That is, you shouldn't add this to the list of excesses blamed on the new generation. This is the parents' doing. It is the homebuyers generation getting out from under it in the 1970s and early 1980s, which is a home like that in which they grew up.

These were tough days for homebuyers. A large but unimpressive percentage of these homes are "trade-ups" aimed at folks who have owned first and perhaps second homes and now seek to upgrade.

Homebuyers can be relied upon to go on a spending spree — for furniture, drapes, carpets, stoves, washing machines, lawnmowers, foundation plantings, etc., etc.

Disturbed about growing prices, the builders' association in 1994 estimated that the tax revenue generated from building 1,000 single-family houses comes to more than \$37 million, the vast portion of it in federal taxes.

Besides, it said, those 1,000 houses generated 2.4 full-time jobs paying wages of \$75.5 million, not just in construction itself but in manufacturing, transportation, services, trade and mining.

In fact, he argued, that all Americans should be congratulating the homebuyer.

NATIONAL STOCKMARKETS

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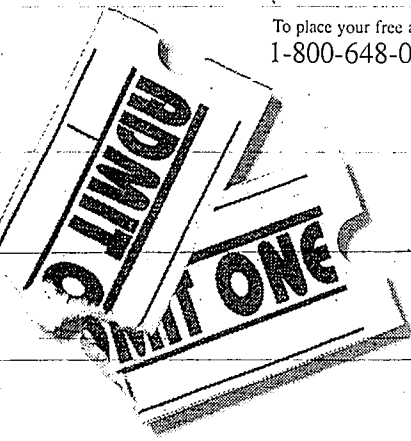
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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given by the City Council for the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, that a public hearing will be held on Mondays, January 5 and 19, and February 2, 1998, at the hour of 6:00 o'clock, P.M., in the City Hall Council Chambers, located at 321 Second Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho, to hear a request by ERIC REEVES.

Request a Zoning District Change and Zoning Map Amendment from R1 (Residential) to R-1-35000 (residential large lot) for 29 acres of land located in the vicinity of 3055 East 3500 North in the City of Twin Falls, Area of Impact.

The City Council may vote to suspend the rules and act upon the related ordinance on the first or second meeting date. If that occurs, no further public hearings will be held on the issue.

Any and all persons desiring to comment may appear and to be heard at the appointed time.

A complete description of the site with the Twin Falls City Planning and Zoning Administrator at City Hall, 321 Second Avenue East, 736-2287.

By: Jeff Gooding, Mayor
PUBLISH: Thursday, December 10, 1997.

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

Pursuant to Idaho Code § 67-2343, notice is hereby given of an open public meeting of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission.

DATE OF MEETING: December 12-1997

DATE OF MEETING: January 15-16, 1998 at 8:00 a.m.

An open house for the public is scheduled for January 14, 1998 beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the same location.

PLACE OF MEETING: Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Trophy Room, 600 South Walnut, Boise, Idaho 83707.

PURPOSE OF MEETING: Commissioners, Director, Assistant Directors, Staff.

AGENDA: Annual Meeting Election of Commission chairman.

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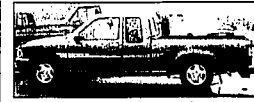
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