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REPUBLICANS BEAR DOWN



Panel draws up 4 impeachment articles; censure gains new life

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a historic drama played out in the shadow of the Capitol, Republicans on the House Judiciary Committee drew up four articles of impeachment Wednesday against President Clinton. All stem from his sexual relationship with Monica Lewinsky and long campaign to cover it up.

Republicans cited Clinton on two counts of perjury, one count of obstruction of justice and one of abuse of power. Each, they said, amounted to "high crimes and misdemeanors," the impeachment standard established by the

Founding Fathers in the White House Constitution, more than two centuries ago.

Henry Hyde, R-Ill., the panel's chairman, vowed to press for a vote by week's end.

In a defiant response, White House spokesman James Kennedy issued a statement saying that "nothing in the records of the Constitution" warrants impeachment.

Hyde also promised Democrats he would give them a vote on the lesser punishment of censure — considered all but dead until Wednesday — before the committee concludes its historic impeachment probe later this week.

Hyde's promise of a censure vote in the committee instantly prompted Democrats to renew their demand for a similar vote on the House floor next week.

"Fairness dictates that the American people not be misled on the all-important issue of censure," said Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., the senior Democrat on the impeachment panel.

White House counsel Charles F.C. Ruff was still laying out the president's defense, fielding pointed questions from committee Republicans, when GOP aides released the "working draft" of their proposed articles "impeaching William Jefferson Clinton."

And committee Democrats countered the GOP articles of impeachment Wednesday with a proposal to censure Clinton, citing him for "reprehensible conduct with"

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Thomas Sullivan, former U.S. attorney in Illinois, prepares to testify against impeachment Wednesday in Washington, D.C. At top, President Clinton earlier this week in the White House.

The 4 allegations

The GOP draft articles of impeachment allege:

- "withfully provided perjurious, false and misleading testimony" in a deposition under oath before a federal judge in the Paula Jones lawsuit; and in a sworn written affidavit.
- obstructed justice on a variety of particulars. These include allegedly encouraging Ms. Lewinsky to submit a false affidavit; encouraging her to testify falsely in court; participating in a plan to hide gifts Ms. Lewinsky had given him; and several other alleged actions.
- "fervidly and corruptly" asserted executive privilege in battling Starr's investigation; made false and misleading statements to members of his Cabinet and aides; to the public; and to Congress in submitting answers to 81 questions posed by Hyde last month.

Official: Eye cost of dam proposal

By Gregory Hahn Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The people of Idaho and the Northwest have to make a choice, Idaho Council on Industry and the Environment chief Pat Barclay said Wednesday.

Are the salmon worth saving? And at what cost?

Speaking to the Twin Falls Rotary Club, Barclay outlined the facts, studies and surveys that point away from breaching four Washington dams as the solution for saving the salmon.

Breaching would cost between \$500 million and \$1 billion, she said, and the recovery process could take 10 to 15 years to even begin — and an estimated 43 years to complete.

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Judge frees teen-ager in murder case

By Mark Holm Times-News writer

JEROME — A judge has set free a 17-year-old girl who agreed to testify against her mother in a capital murder trial.

Andra Ross was ordered released into her father's custody shortly after her sentence Wednesday as an accessory to murder. Though Ross probably will never serve time for helping to hide a murder victim's body, she's been punished enough already, Jerome County Prosecutor John E. Johnson said.

Her punishment will continue when she has to testify against her mother, he said.

The girl's testimony is a key element in the first-degree murder case against her mother, Sandra Ross.

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Batt: Target livestock odors

The Associated Press

BOISE — Restoring Gov. Phil Batt said the state should consider finding a way to regulate the odors from livestock feedlots and the growing number of big dairies in Idaho.

"While some level of odor is naturally going to be associated with confined animal feeding operations, all existing operations need to investigate methods for reducing odors," Batt said Wednesday.

"Additionally, regulations should be developed that take odor into consideration when new feedlots are built."

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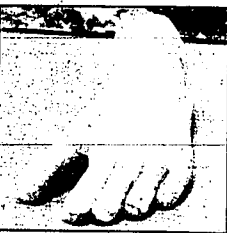
Researchers complete skeleton of oldest human ancestor

The Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Researchers announced Wednesday they had discovered the oldest complete skeleton of a human ancestor, a 4-foot-tall ape-man dating back 2.2 to 3.6 million years.

The find could shed light on a pivotal debate about human origins: Did early human ancestors live only on the ground, or did they also inhabit trees?

Ron Clarke, a British paleo-anthropologist at the University of Witwatersrand who made the find, and his colleague Phillip Tobias, announced at a news conference that they had uncovered the skull and leg bones from a skeleton whose foot and ankle fragments Clarke discovered in 1994.



Three years after the 1994 find, Clarke and his team found more bones belonging to the skeleton, while rummaging

through animal bones at a university cupboard. This sent them back to the cave near Johannesburg, where the latest

discovery was made. The skull and legs are still in the cave, embedded in rock that is expected to yield the pelvis, vertebrae and other limb bones as workers chip away at the material around them, Clarke said.

"It's one of many missing links from ape to man," Clarke said. He said the skeleton is "closer to the ape end" than the modern human end of evolution.

Human ancestors developed after an evolutionary split with the ancestors of apes, and Clarke and Tobias contend that a large articulated big toe on the 1994 find implies that human ancestors, as they evolved from apes, walked upright like men and climbed trees like some primates.

Other paleontologists argue that early human ancestors lived only on the ground.

Once the bones are pried from the rock — a process expected to take another year — they will be examined to see if the hip and leg structures bear out the tree-climbing theory.

In a telephone interview from London, a top expert on human origins said the finding of a complete skeleton is rare in the study of early man. Fragments of older hominid fossils have been found in Kenya, where Meave Leakey discovered a 4-million-year-old Australopithecus africanus. Clarke and Tobias said it appeared the Australopithecus africanus, as it is known scientifically, fell down a 45-foot tree. The creature is believed to have lived in a wooded area.

THE REGION

Camas Prairie

High: 28 Low: 18
Mostly sunny today. Some high clouds tonight. Partly cloudy Friday with high 30.

Treasure Valley

High: 35 Low: 18
Mostly sunny today, southerly winds 5-10 mph. Some high clouds tonight. Partly cloudy Friday with high 35.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 30 Low: 8
Mostly sunny today. Some high clouds tonight. Partly cloudy Friday with high 32.

Eastern Idaho

High: 22 Low: 9
Fog early today. Mostly sunny. Fog tonight. Mostly cloudy Friday.

Northern Idaho

High: 34 Low: 27
Mostly cloudy today with some high clouds tonight. Partly cloudy Friday with high 33.

Northern Utah

High: 33 Low: 15
Sunny today but hazy. Early fog possible. Clear and cold tonight. Mostly sunny Friday and hazy. High 33.

Northern Nevada

High: 34 Low: 12
Mostly sunny today with light winds. Clear and cold tonight. Developing clouds Friday. High 35.

Odors

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permits are issued to construct and operate new facilities." Lewis Eilers of Twin Falls, executive director of the Idaho Dairyman's Association, said he would support reasonable odor regulations. But he said he doubts an objective, measurable standard can be determined. "Odor is the worst kind of thing to try to regulate," he said. But most of the things the governor calls for the dairy industry already is doing, Eilers said. "I would like to get a handle on regulations for a dairy industry that needs to draw here, some more, because that's our biggest obstacle," Eilers said. "Can we do that? I'm willing to try, but I'm afraid some people will try to use that as an excuse to get rid of dairies."

Clinton

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subordinate," Ms. Lewinsky, and demanding his signature on the instrument of his censure. "No person is above the law and the president remains subject to criminal and civil penalties for this conduct," the Democratic proposal says. It does not accuse Clinton of perjury, nor does it demand he pay a fine for his transgressions. Committee approval of any of the four articles of impeachment would set the stage for a vote in the House next week, thus making Clinton only the second president in American history to suffer the humiliation of an impeachment roll call on the floor of Congress. President Andrew Johnson was impeached in the House, then acquitted in a Senate trial by a single vote in 1868. A third president, Richard Nixon, resigned in 1974 rather than face certain impeachment in the House during Watergate. Unlike Nixon, though, Clinton retains high approval ratings in

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Friday

High: 35 Low: 17
Developing clouds.

Saturday

High: 30s Low: 10s
Moody sunny.

Sunday

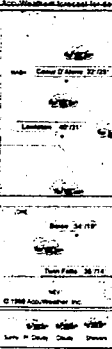
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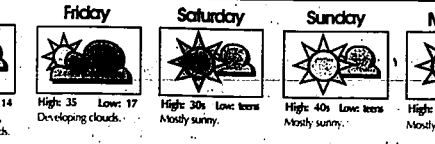
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Idaho weather

Thursday, Dec. 10

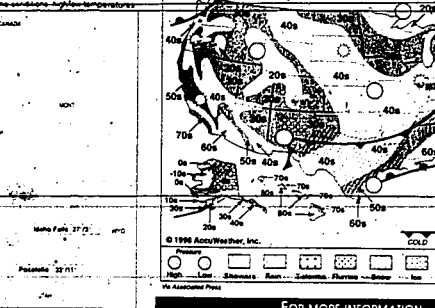


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ACROSS THE NATION

Idaho: High pressure over the northwest states brought a fairly uneventful day to Idaho, with little change anticipated for the next 24 hours. Afternoon satellite pictures showed only some high clouds moving across the panhandle and some low clouds in the upper Snake Valley, where the fog that persisted until midday had lifted. Elsewhere light to moderate snow was falling from the interior sections of Colorado on top of southern South Dakota. The heaviest snowfall was in northern Colorado, with 8 inches by the afternoon. Snowfall rates of up to an inch an hour were reported as the cold front moved southeast from California and the Southwest. Christmas toys, wrapping paper piles and whipping up dust storms that forced Southwest Airlines to cancel flights at Ontario International Airport near Los Angeles. A few brief rain showers were recorded in the northern sections of Florida and southern Texas. Skies were otherwise fair or partly cloudy from the Rocky Mountains eastward and in the Pacific Northwest.

Breaching pros and cons

The Times-News

Sometime at the end of next year, the National Marine Fisheries Service will decide how to deal with Northwest salmon. One of its options — and it's a controversial one — is to breach four dams on the lower Snake River in eastern Washington. The dams produce just a fraction of the region's power, but power company officials say they are essential for times of peak usage. The reservoirs aren't needed for agriculture in the area — the few irrigation taps simply would be lowered — but the shipping industry developed in the Lewiston area depends on the slack water.

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Backers of dam-breaching say returning that stretch to its natural state is the only way to save the salmon runs. Opponents point to commercial and American Indian fishing both inland and at sea. Carpan terms of the Columbia River, and changes in the temperatures of the Pacific Ocean that may have hurt the runs. Democrat Robert Huntley was a vocal supporter of dam breaching during his failed run for governor. His victorious opponent, Dirk Kempthorne, maintains technological options such as "fish-friendly turbines" could work instead. Most environmental groups support breaching most agriculture associations oppose it.

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Newcomb said it was unlikely the state would voluntarily renege the 500,000-acre-feet it already sends every year. "We've got to draw a line in the sand," he said. As an introduction Wednesday, Barclay relayed a story about Lewis and Clark's expedition to the Northwest. It's well known the two were pleasantly surprised by the succulent pink meat of the fish, but Barclay said the early-19th-century explorers tired of the meal after a while. They started trading their supplies for dog. By 1883, Barclay said, as many as 50 canneries were in operation around the Northwest. That year, 42 million cans of salmon were produced. "But things have changed," he said.

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Jonas, Lotspiech said, Jonas, 44, of Bellevue, is charged with the shooting death and mutilation of Jerome County resident Meta Marie Jones, 46. Magistrate Judge John Varin sentenced Ross to be committed to the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections, but he suspended the commitment. Ross was also sentenced to six months in the Snake River Juvenile Detention Center in Twin Falls. But Varin gave him credit for more than 40 days already served, and he suspended the rest.

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A spokeswoman for the victim's family, who insisted that her name not be used, said family members were disappointed that Ross was not punished more severely. They hope she will keep her promise to testify at her mother's trial, the spokeswoman said. Ross will be on supervised probation for two years, said Deputy Prosecutor John Enright, who handles most of the county's juvenile cases. She was expected to go home with her father, Milo Ross, Wednesday afternoon or shortly thereafter, Enright said. It was in Milo Ross' home near Hazelton that Jones was shot to death, before her body was dumped in the Milner-Gooding Canyon. The body was identified by Jerome County Sheriff's Lt. Detective Dan Chatterton. Jones and Milo Ross were divorced earlier this year, and Milo Ross was awarded full custody of his daughter. He and Jones were engaged to be married. Andra Ross testified during Jones' preliminary hearing that she heard two shot-whistle whistles in the basement of the house on the day Jones was killed. Jones — who was alone upstairs with Jones when the shots were apparently fired — later enlisted her daughter's help in taking Jones' body to the canal, according to Andra Ross' testimony.

Dams

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Idahoans need to weigh the benefits of recovering the fish against the losses the efforts will hold, Barclay said. Will fishery jobs adequately replace Lewiston's shipping industry? Will costs of replacing the lost power reflect in the Northwest's utility bills? During last week's organizational session of the Legislature, new House Speaker Bruce Newcomb said the salmon discussions will be addressed in the Statehouse this year. Given possible pleas for an additional million acre-feet of water to flush the young smolts to the ocean,

Man hikes the English Channel tunnel

CALAIS, France (AP) —

A man was arrested Wednesday for walking through the 30-mile undersea tunnel between England and France, a feat that involved getting past heavy security and surviving the vacuum-

Man hikes the English Channel tunnel

CALAIS, France (AP) —

like winds of high-speed trains. The jaywalker was arrested inside the tunnel not far from the French port of Calais, where trains surface after racing under the English Channel at speeds of up to 92 mph.

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YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls	Precipitation
Yesterday 31 19	Yesterday in Twin Falls .33
Last year 32 19	Month to date .40
Normal 41 23	Normal year to date 1.74
	Normal year to date 2.35

Idaho High/Lows

Max	Min	Pcp	Idaho	High	Low
Bonneville	35	17	28	15	39
Burley	28	11	28	15	35
Fairfield	m	m	m	15	35
Hagerman	36	18	m	18	34
Idaho Falls	18	m	02	18	21
Jerome	m	m	m	m	m
Malheur	37	17	m	m	m
Meridian	31	14	m	m	m
Mullan	m	9	m	m	m
Mullan	m	3	m	m	m
McCama	16	11	fr	m	m
Pocatello	24	11	01	18	34
Salmon	25	16	m	m	m
Stanley	13	7	m	m	m
Sun Valley	26	7	m	m	m

The Nation

Max	Min	Pcp
Allanbrough	61	45
Atlanta	61	45
Boston	45	33
Chicago	48	31
Dallas	30	32
Denver	20	28
Des Moines	50	26
Detroit	48	28
Houston	60	46
Indianapolis	48	26
Los Angeles	72	20
Las Vegas	68	20
Los Angeles	61	33
Memphis	63	67
Miami Beach	83	67
Minneapolis	42	22
New Orleans	60	51
New York	50	37
Oaklahoma City	51	29
Omaha	58	44
Phoenix	58	18
Pittsburgh	46	28
Portland	44	30
Portland, Ore.	47	32
Reno	49	18
San Antonio	48	20
Salt Lake City	29	20
San Diego	62	17
San Francisco	55	16
Seattle	45	16
Spokane	32	21
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A lucky Twin Falls player won \$4,000 on BUFFALO BILL'S DOUBLER by matched three buffalo symbols in a row. He purchased his winning ticket at Mr. Gas in Twin Falls.

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POWERBALL
12 33 40 43 48
POWERBALL NUMBER 16

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9 NUMBERS

WILD CARD
5 11 23 25 28 33
WILD CARD, KING OF DIAMONDS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9 NUMBERS

FAST
8 22 28 29 30

NATION

White House readies 'doomsday' scenario

Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON — Conceding that the House Judiciary Committee will vote at least one article of impeachment against President Clinton, the White House is preparing a "doomsday" scenario in case the full House goes along.

As the White House sees it, the American public wakes up the morning after the House impeachment vote to learn that the Monica Lewinsky matter is not going away, but rather will be continued at a Senate trial that could last well into 1999 and paralyze any serious legislative work.

The White House hopes that the public will then direct its fury against the Republican Party, after, of course, being informed again by the White House spin operation.

Former White House press secretary Mike McCurry, now a political consultant, said he believes most Americans will soon look up their Christmas shopping and say, "The Congress is about to do what?"

The House of Representatives is going to have to wake up, McCurry said at a political conference, adding that the public will take its revenge in the next election. The impeachment vote, he said, "will define who controls the House after the 2000 elections."

The White House feels confident that even if an impeachment trial is forced upon it, the Senate will never vote to remove Clinton from office. There are 55 Republicans and 45 Democrats in the Senate and it would take 67 votes to remove Clinton. Not a single Democratic senator has indicated he would cast such a vote.

And some Republicans are already warning their party against pushing the matter.

Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., who is leaving the Senate next year after being defeated for reelection, said Tuesday it would be "a grave mistake" for the GOP to vote impeachment.

"I'm not saying we give the president a gold star," D'Amato said. "But for the Senate to spend weeks and weeks mired in this

Moderates' stance hard to pin down

These GOP House members hold key to Clinton's impeachment fate

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Now that President Clinton's defense before the Judiciary Committee has revealed the fate of the House, the moderates' stance is the key to Clinton's impeachment fate.

As a result, Clinton's fight for survival has turned an unexcused political act into a small group of Republicans often thrust deep into the shadows of a conservative-dominated GOP.

They include the party's black neo-environmentalist, a maverick who backed regulation of health maintenance organizations and the lawmaker who has the unenviable job of overseeing the House's investigation of House Speaker Newt Gingrich. It is a group of independent thinkers whose votes — assuming the House Judiciary Committee passes one or more articles of impeachment — are expected to make or break the Clinton presidency.

These GOP moderates have managed to be a fairly cohesive bloc supporting Clinton on issues such as the environment and education. But they are splintering on impeachment, a highly personal question that has assumed enormous — and unique — political significance.

Clinton and his allies will have to work this crowd gingerly, member by member, to win their support. And so far, his progress has been halting, marked by one step forward and two steps back.

Just as Rep. Anne Houghton, R-N.Y., was announcing Tuesday that he would oppose impeachment, another moderate, the White House had counted on, Rep. John Porter, R-Ill., was backpedaling from his stated plans to do vice against any articles the House Judiciary panel may recommend. Porter is now undecided.

Some of the GOP moderates were encouraged by this week's rocky prosecution of Clinton's defense in the Judiciary Committee, but others were disappointed and urged Clinton to get more directly involved in



President Clinton and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton sing after lighting the National Christmas Tree Wednesday at the White House.

Porter was an early and outspoken opponent of impeachment. But after he was deluged with complaints from conservatives about his position, he issued a "clarification" of his position Tuesday, saying "he never ruled out voting for impeachment."

In scouring the horizon for potential defectors, Clinton and his supporters have high hopes for the New York delegation. Houghton, whose upstate district voted for Clinton in 1996, is the kind of maverick the president would not afford to lose. He was one of the GOP rebels who forced House leaders to take up campaign finance reform this year.

Clinton allies hope other New Yorkers will be emboldened by Houghton's announcement. Among the most likely defectors is Rep. Sherwood Boehlert, R-N.Y., the leading environmentalist among Republicans; even impeachment advocates count him as an expected "no" vote.

In Connecticut, the Clinton forces hope to win over Rep. Nancy Johnson. But complicating Johnson's decision is that she does not have the luxury of a safe seat — she was nearly defeated in 1996 after presiding over the Gingrich investigation as House ethics committee chairman.

Another Republican who may want to rebuild bridges to party conservatives is Greg Ganske, R-Iowa; he drew the wrath of GOP leaders in this year's Congress by leading the charge for an HMO regulation bill sponsored by Democrats. Ganske has said he would vote for impeachment, although his district voted for Clinton in 1992 and '96.

making the case against impeachment.

"The legal department of the Clinton team has taken over this thing, and they are not helping themselves in trying to persuade members," said Rep. Ray LaHood, R-Ill. "But I think there's a possibility he could throw a Hall Mary pass if he got intimately involved and told everyone else to shut up."

The moderates are natural swing votes, because they don't have a hard-edged ideology that drives them quickly to a conclusion on tough issues. And they tend to come from districts with large blocs of Democratic voters. Indeed, Clinton carried many of his districts in one or both of his presidential campaigns.

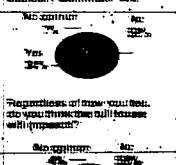
So for these lawmakers, supporting impeachment would amount to overruling the electoral judgment of their own constituents.

But if the moderates face angering many of the folks back home by voting for impeachment, they risk the wrath of GOP conservative activists if they do not.

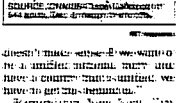
As each side counts votes on the anticipated impeachment battle, every move the moderate Republicans make is under scrutiny. The House has 228 Republicans, 206 Democrats and one independent who usually votes with the Democrats. Republicans expect no more than eight Democrats to support impeachment. That means impeachment could not pass if more than 18 Republicans voted no.

Will they do it?

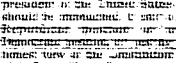
Most Americans expect the Senate will not impeach President Clinton. Should the House Judiciary Committee vote?



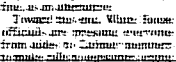
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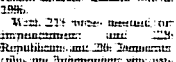
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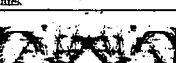
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FDA approves drug to treat hepatitis B

WASHINGTON — Sufferers of liver disease were offered their first oral treatment Wednesday in a drug that is being tested as used to fight the AIDS virus.

The Food and Drug Administration approved the use of Glaxo Wellcome Inc.'s FTC, or lamivudine, as a way to reverse, or ease, the liver damage caused by chronic hepatitis B.

HIV patients take a dose three times a day to fight the AIDS virus. Glaxo will sell the lower-dose hepatitis version under the brand name Epivir. The daily dose will cost \$340 a month, half the price of the higher AIDS dose.

FTC cannot cure hepatitis B, which infects an estimated 1 million Americans and can cause cirrhosis or liver cancer. But the drug appears to improve patients' lives by slowing the amount of hepatitis in their blood.

Astronauts go out to install antennas

SPACE CENTER, Houston — Two astronauts ventured out on another spacewalk Wednesday, and installed antennas on the new international space station under construction, nearly 250 miles above Earth.

For the second time this week, Jerry Buss and James Newman floated out the hatch of the shuttle Endeavour to work on the seven-story, 35-ton station rising steeply in the open sky.

Their No. 1 priority was to install two 200-watt antennas on the station's American-made side of the space station. They also installed a time permitting, was to be done in an open, a small antenna on Zarya, the Russian-built central module.

The planned seven-hour spacewalk was not nearly as difficult as crucial as Monday night's outing, during which Buss and Newman hooked up 40 electrical connections between Zarya and Quest.

NASA delays Mars probe launch

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — NASA delayed the launch of a Mars-orbiting probe by at least one day because of a computer software problem.

The Mars Climate Orbiter was supposed to blast off early Sunday on an unmanned Delta rocket. NASA is now aiming for Friday or Saturday, depending on how long it takes to fix the software. The repair should be easy, but engineers want to test it thoroughly before clearing the spacecraft for flight.

Lieberman has a million of 'em

WASHINGTON — Sen. Joseph I. Lieberman, D-Conn., had "one million" in the sales last weekend at the winter Quiliman "Lid" Dinner for the folks who put on the 40th anniversary musical celebration of life here in River City.

First, congratulations were in order to the new Quiliman president, correspondent Finley Lewis, who is succeeding outgoing Quiliman Nevak.

Those were "big times" for Lieberman said.

Lieberman noted that Pfizer Inc., a drug company in his home state, was working out a new agreement for the Quiliman Quiliman, which showed the drug company will donate \$1 million to the Quiliman.

After the crowd quieted, Lieberman said, "With really concerns me is that I made up that joke myself."

Tuskegee commander receives 4th star

WASHINGTON — President Clinton Wednesday made it into the general of Benjamin O. Davis Jr., commander of the United States Air Force who never lost a single member of his crew. The 70-year-old Davis was promoted to the rank of major general in 1997 for his service during World War II.

Judge orders murder trial for Kevorkian

WATERFORD, Mich. (AP) — Dr. Jack Kevorkian was ordered Wednesday to stand trial on murder charges based largely on a videotape "supplied" to "Michigan" that appears to show him giving a terminally ill man a lethal injection.

"The intent to kill was premeditated and thought out beforehand," District Judge Rhyllis M. Williams ruled after a preliminary hearing on the charges. She also ordered Kevorkian to stand trial on charges of assisting a suicide and delivering a controlled substance.



Dr. Jack Kevorkian is accused of assisting a suicide and delivering a controlled substance.

No trial date was set. It will be the first time Kevorkian actually stands trial on murder charges. He has twice been charged with murder, but those charges were thrown out. He has been acquitted in three assisted suicide trials involving five deaths.

Kevorkian, 70, had dared prosecutors to charge him after he produced the video of Thomas Youk, a 52-year-old man who suffered from Lou Gehrig's disease.

The first-degree murder charge carries a mandatory life sentence. The assisted suicide charge is punishable by up to five years, but controlled-substance charge by up to seven.

Kevorkian has acknowledged taking part in some 130 assisted suicides since 1990, but said Youk's death was his first enthusiasm, in which he directly administered the lethal agent. In previous cases he said he had an apparatus that let the patient start the flow of drugs or gas.

He told reporters after Wednesday's ruling that what he did for Youk was not a crime "no matter what the words say on paper."

"Do you think I'm a criminal? If yes, you're happy. If no, what are you doing here?" he said.

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EDITORIAL

Citizens to highway builders: Slow down and listen to us

The Idaho Transportation Department doesn't seem to be paying attention.

Last week, in a civic club speech about a proposed bypass route, a department official dismissed public concerns as "growing pains." That's an arrogant response to taxpayers who have good reason to think their money is about to be wasted.

The department says it is weighing options for an alternate route between Pole Line Road and Highway 93 west of Twin Falls. But the department's public hearing indicates that one option - a cross-country route slicing through undeveloped acreage - is their preferred proposal.

It shouldn't be. At the same time this bypass is being talked about, the state is also studying possible sites for another Snake River bridge. Common sense suggests that the bypass plan should take the potential bridge into account - especially since an obvious bridge route is a northward extension of Highway 93.

Local citizen sentiment seems to favor a bypass route following Pole Line westward to 2400 E. and then turning south. That idea makes sense for several reasons. One, it won't chop prime farmland (and potential residential land) as the overland route does. Two, it's cheaper, since it follows existing roads and won't require a new Rock Creek crossing. Three, it could

link up neatly with a future Snake River bridge.

State road planners have another priority in mind. Their goal is access control - which basically means building an expressway. In Traffic Engineer Heaven, ribbons of highway stretch from shore to shore with many a curb cut or stoplight to slow the flow. Vehicles race along like marbles in a chute.

That's not necessarily the best model for our alternate route. Furthermore, there's no particular rush to get this thing built. In last week's Rotary Club presentation, project planner Chuck Carnohan insisted that "time is of the essence." Waiting for the bridge study could delay the alternate route for years, he warned.

Beware the salesman toutng a limited time offer. State officials have acknowledged that money for the alternate route is secure, and there's no deadline on its availability. A prudent pause can't hurt.

Remember, these are the same people who designed the Pole Line-Blue Lakes interchange. How much confidence does that inspire?

The Transportation Department appears to be moving in the wrong direction on this decision, and it certainly is moving too quickly. The pavement peddlers should slow down and listen really listen - to what local people are saying.

How to be heard on this issue

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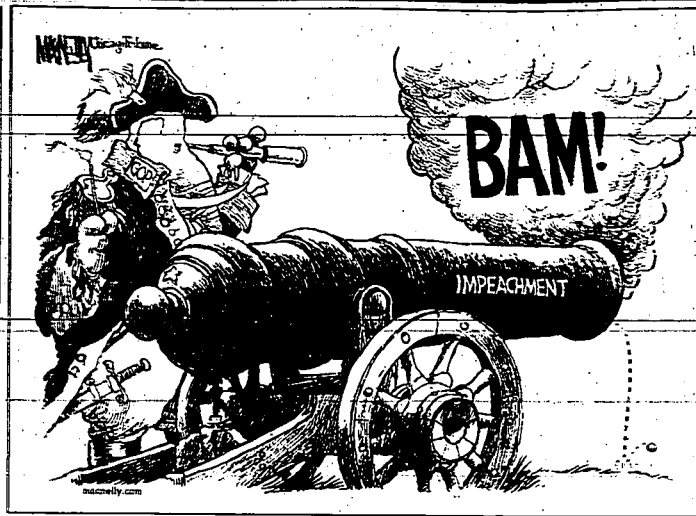
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Stoke the fire and grab Clinton's feet

Since "all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God," as the Scripture says, the acknowledgment by President Clinton's lawyers that the president also has sinned is not news. Unfortunately, they don't have altar calls in the House of Representatives or at the liberal Methodist church Clinton attends. If he went to the latter, Baptist church favored by his fellow Baptist, Jimmy Carter, Clinton could "walk the aisle" and kneel at the prayer rail so photographers could capture his moment of conviction.



CAL THOMAS

When lawyers talk sin and preachers talk politics, surely the demons in hell rejoice. Watching the parade of presidential apologists reminded me of a bad tale. The president didn't tell the truth - but he didn't commit perjury. The country can't afford a long impeachment process. The president didn't "intend" to break any law (try that one on the police officer who pulls you over for speeding). The extra time in being stuck so long in it does have any constitutional validity. We can't be up the "business" of the Supreme Court by having Chief Justice William Rehnquist preside over a Senate trial. These were just some of the arguments against impeachment presented by lawyers, academics, apologists and historical revisionists.

No, the real issue is to abide by the law and do one's duty.

The expiation offered by Houghton is classic '60s philosophy. It says there is no right or wrong because that would presume a standard by which people could be judged and judgment is more evil than evil - if evil existed, which it doesn't. That's why 35 years ago they subscribed to the bromide that "God is dead."

The reason the president's defenders behave as they do is that they are determined that no Republican, especially a conservative one, should run the government again. That's because this bunch

has always seen itself as more virtuous than any other generation, living or dead. Recall they announced they would perform miracles no one else has ever done. Harmony and understanding, sympathy and trust abounding. It would be the Age of Aquarius. Because these people were more in touch with their inner selves, they would end racism, they would study war no more, they would re-create the Garden of Eden where we all would live

in perfect harmony with animals and plants. And they could engage in any sexual activity or living arrangement they liked without consequence. They thought abortion on demand was an answered prayer. They forgave venereal disease, broken relationships, abandoned children (who, as teenagers commit suicide in record numbers) and a general decline in civility for which they are mostly responsible.

This most numpered generation never had to sacrifice for anything. And they disrespected those who did.

President Clinton is their perfect leader because he, with Hillary's help, is the only one who can save our children, mend bridges, rescue the environment from corporate polluters and care about average people because he understands their problems. It is, therefore, justifiable for this president to be kept in office by any means necessary because his and Hillary's goodness is all that is keeping our country from going back to the Dark Ages.

If you know this, you understand the scenario being played out in Washington. It isn't about the law; it isn't about the truth. It is about holding on to power.

As for sin, any cleric who believes in it will tell you that while God can forgive a person who truly repents, there are still earthly consequences for one's acts. Many convicted of capital crimes have sought and received forgiveness from God, but that has not, and should not have, cut them any slack with the state.

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LETTERS

U.S. uses scorched earth policy

On Feb. 25, 1898, Commodore Dewey leaves Hong Kong, defeats the dilapidated Spanish fleet anchored at Manila Bay on May 1, 1898, and installs President Aguinaldo with our usual promise of liberty, etc. Then the American government purchases the Philippine Islands from Spain at the Treaty of Paris for the sum of \$20 million. The Filipino delegation is not invited.

There is a mock battle between President Aguinaldo's land forces and the Spanish garrison, and the Spanish leave under the protection of the American Navy.

President Aguinaldo quickly learns that the Americans do not intend to honor their fine words of liberty, justice, brotherhood and all that other antiquated stuff - it seems that the country is rich in cinnamon - and he withdraws to the countryside to fight again for Philippine independence. During this 10-year insurrection, 60,000 Filipino civilians and 20,000 Filipinos died of illness.

The typical army raid was scorched earth and went like this: American soldiers surrounded the village with modern weapons and moved in. All food items were confiscated and huts burned.

All persons above the age of 10 were shot. Since there were no orders concerning those persons of lesser age, they received what became known euphemistically as "the spoon" (the bay-

onet). The usual rape, torture, beating and dismemberment were thrown in for drill or thrill. Also, just like the Spanish, village relocation, or "depopulation," was popular and, in the concentration camps built on useless land, the people died by the thousands of disease, starvation and other abuses.

The most publicized battle was on Mount Dajo, 600 Moro men, women and children fought a pitched fight for four days with nothing more than a few trade muskets, knives, spears and courage. Gen. Leonard Wood commanded an American reinforced battalion, just under a thousand and he had attached artillery. Every Moro was killed. Not a single prisoner was taken. Not a soul was left alive. American casualties, 15.

Draw your own conclusion about how America treats those persons of a lesser God.
MARK SCHLUCKERT
Twin Falls

Spend the money on Pole Line

Instead of spending \$26 million on a new alternate route, the Idaho Transportation Department should make improvements to Pole Line Road because it needs it. Anyway, if the state of Idaho thinks it needs a new bridge going across the Snake River, then it could build one if and when one is needed in the near future.
PAT REQUA
Twin Falls

Measure's wording scrutinized

Deputy Attorney General Bill Von Tagen, as quoted in a Times-News article Nov. 20, "AG's office touts allegations absurd," reacted personally to words in Idaho Watershed's petition to the Supreme Court but didn't discuss the merit of the measure, putting two different ballot questions in one ballot measure. When this happens, the voter may be confused or he may clearly want to vote for one of the measures but not the other proposition to win, so he has to vote against something he supports in order to vote against something he sees as wrong.

The Idaho Constitution forbids this, according to Article XX-2 by saying, "If two amendments are proposed, they shall be submitted in such a manner that electors shall vote for or against each of them separately." As one judge in 1959 said, "In other words, Article XX-2 prevents burdening a meritorious proposition with a vitrious one and prevents a vitrious one from having the support of a meritorious one."

Our balloters, IJR 6 combined the creation of a land bank where money from sale of school endowment lands

could be deposited and advantageously invested with the other wildly unrelated proposition that the word "disposal" only means sale of state lands and excludes actions, such as leasing, or other actions.

The only possible reason I could see for linking a meritorious idea like a land bank with the vicious detraction of the word disposal - that would make Noah Webster rise up from his grave - is to keep on putting to the same livestock holders every year and to not let anyone else with a new idea come to the auction. It did get embarrassing for the Land Bank to keep awaiting auctions to the low bidder when the Idaho Constitution requires them to maximize the return on these lands so Idaho schools can stay out of last place in the nation in expenditures on schools. Last I heard, we were next to the bottom rung on the ladder.

If our attorney general is proud of the wording on that ballot measure, why doesn't he just say so?
JANET OKROWLEY
Rogerson

Springs preserve is special place
This Thanksgiving is especially

meaningful to us as we leave the Nature Conservancy's Thousand Springs Preserve after seven great years. As we count our blessings, we would like to publicly thank both The Times-News for all of its great articles on our conservation work and on the Thousand Springs Festival, and the whole Magic Valley for all the support so many people and businesses have given the preserve. It is a special place and has attracted a lot of special people who we are proud to call friends.

After spending the winter on skis and snowshoes in McCall, we plan to return to the Magic Valley if we can find jobs here.

We have set deep roots in this community and are not willing to dislodge them. Having worked all over this country, we've never found a better place to call "home."

P.S. Philip "Whale" Sacapanzano will be the caretaker at the preserve this winter. He plans to keep the preserve open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. It will be closed Mondays and Tuesdays.
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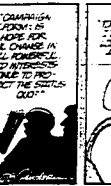
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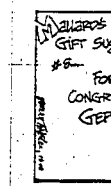
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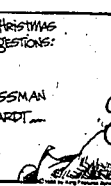
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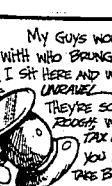
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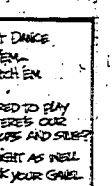
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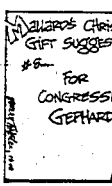
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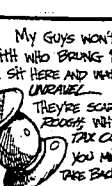
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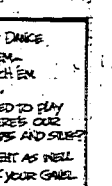
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OPINION

Dr. Kevorkian kills America's compassion

Jack Kevorkian again has dared authorities to make him a martyr for the right to die.

By killing Thomas Youk and persuading CBS to air his home video of the event on "60 Minutes," he has taunted local prosecutors, threatening a hunger strike if he is jailed. Internet messages and radio call-in shows reflect that most Americans applaud his bravado. Some have compared him to Jonas Salk or Albert Schweitzer.

As a physician who has worked in hospice and palliative care for more than 20 years, I watched the evening's information with a sense of surrealism and revulsion. Kevorkian administered the lethal injection with cold precision, using the same drugs and in the same sequence employed in capital executions. He narrated the video with familiar words of common parlance. Yet what I saw was essentially a snuff film bearing no more resemblance to authentic caring than hard-core pornography does to true love.

The broadcast hit me hard. The week before, a good friend telephoned to say her father had a lateral sclerosis as well as Alzheimer's disease. He is a delightful man, fiercely independent, proud, perhaps slightly vain. She knows that even though his

IRA BYOCK

symptoms are mild, he's already begun mulling his options, including a future suicide. Despite my outspoken opposition to legalized assisted suicide, I'm convinced I thought the diagnosis of ALS might not be an exception. What should she tell her dad if he asked for help? I shuddered to think of him watching Kevorkian take Youk's life. The broadcast's real message was that being frail and too ill to care for oneself is undignified and that the best thing for the hopeless person and his family is a quick exit. This is not what he needs to hear.

ALS progressively robs people of their ability to eat and, eventually, the strength to breathe. Still, as diseases go, there are worse ways to die. Pain, if it occurs, is typically mild and easily treated. Specially by refusing feeding tubes and mechanical ventilators, ALS patients can be confident of dying naturally and quite gently. As with any incurable illness, their emotional suffering can be profound. In today's world, dying people often feel isolated. They know their spouse makes healthy people uncomfortable. I've heard many express shame over their physical dependence and guilt

for being a drain on their families and on society. This is understandable, but there are ways of helping people work through these feelings. What the broadcast didn't show — and what Kevorkian doesn't know — is that Youk's life might have ended differently. His story was never meant to be Kevorkian's headline-crowded "The End."

During my friend's call, I thought of the care given to infirm and travelers: helpless and incontinent, they are pampered by us, lovingly. When the ceaseless demands of child care leave us exhausted, we call on family and friends for help. It is suggested she start with the obvious, telling her dad how much she loves him. I advised her to persuade her family to tell him plainly that he could never be too ugly, that they would weather the ordeal together, that his care was a burden they would bear willingly. If his wife or child were the one who was ill, he would know instinctively that this is about families too. But the person who is ill needs to hear it.

It is in baby boomers' vital self-interest to transform cultural attitudes that underlie the suffering associated with illness and death. We need to develop role models of caring for one another. Demographic trends are rapidly increasing the number of

older, chronically infirm Americans, while the proportion of healthy adults available to look after family members is plummeting.

Millions of us seem destined to tumble into the gap between these trends, spending our last months warehoused in impersonal institutions. We urgently need to expand hospice care and create new modes of assisted aging and options for living and dying in place and in peace.

Kevorkian's act of civil disobedience is a violent assault on the heart of our cultural values. Killing Thomas Youk was also a serious crime. The prosecutor in Michigan was right to bring charges.

If Kevorkian carries out his threat to stop eating, he will be exercising a right that each of his "patients" has had. Ironically, in the process he will learn that there is no pain or physical distress associated with dying from starvation. I hope in his last days, whenever they may occur, Jack Kevorkian is comfortable and able to feel dignified despite his weakness, imperfection and human frailty. None of us deserves less.

IRA BYOCK is a founding member of Partnership for Caring, a conservative group to improve end-of-life care. He writes this commentary for The Washington Post.

Bill Bradley has trouble playing the game of politics

Bill Bradley says he wants to be president. The former senator and basketball star from New Jersey has established a Bill Bradley Presidential Exploratory Committee. I will put together an organization to prepare him for the Democratic primary process. Bradley says he is now "on top of my game."

That's nice. That's interesting. But that is about all one can say right now about a guy who only two years ago quit the Senate in a huff — just in time to miss the battle to reform the nation's campaign-financing laws.

As he left the Senate for a position in academia, Bradley spoke of personal burnout in his old job. He complained about the requirement in American politics that candidates perpetually raise piles of cash. He said money in politics is "like joints in the kitchen — without closing all the holes, there is always a way in." He resented the privacy invasions that characterize a politician's life and disapproval of colleagues who hid their core convictions. He found much of the media to be "too superficial and sensational."

Bradley is absolutely right about all the above. And he is undeniably an attractive candidate. His political views reflect the pragmatic moderation that voters these days find so appealing. And he has an interesting resume that includes both playing with the New York Knicks and winning a Rhodes scholarship while studying at Princeton. But you've got to wonder whether American politics are going to sweeten up enough in time for so sensitive a guy.

It would seem that the Senate offers womblike protection against political nastiness when placed next to the exposed peaks of the presidency.

The most worrisome line on the Bradley biography deals with his decision in 1996 to leave a "broken" political system when he was in a position to fix it.

Others stayed behind to do the heavy lifting. They could have used Bradley's support.

Arizona Republican John McCain, for example, came under

FROM HARROP

angry fire from his own party for speaking the Senate campaign-finance overhaul bill that partly bears his name. Meanwhile, the bill's Democratic co-sponsor, Russell Feingold of Wisconsin, engaged in a daring behavior to publicize his displeasure with today's system of campaign financing.

While running for re-election, Feingold refused to counter the opposition's attack ads, financed by unregulated campaign contributions, with soft-money ads of his own. Thus, Feingold became an embodiment of the reforms he had espoused and almost a martyr to them. Far outposts by the Republican candidate, Rep. Mark Neumann, he managed to pull off victory in a difficult race. Even Democrats were amazed by the risks he took.

One suspects that neither McCain nor Feingold could hold a candle to Bradley on a basketball court. Nor could they resume match his for glamorous prizes, including an Olympic Gold medal. McCain's five years in a North Vietnamese prisoner-of-war camp may have been better preparation.

What reformers who stick it out in Washington do have is an amazing endurance and ability to live with disappointment. There's no denying that Bradley is an accomplished and thoughtful man. But one pauses at embracing a candidate who enters the race speaking in sports metaphors hearkening to his celebrity past, but who lacks the bruises of the political fighter he could have been. Perhaps as a star in the scholastic and sports world, Bradley was just too used to winning.

Why is Bradley now trying to put a presidential run together? "It's the right time for me to run," he says. So, how, then, can answer does not sound entirely satisfactory.

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LETTERS

Game maker abandons U.S. economy, employees

I'm supposed to be writing notes and addressing Christmas cards. But two recent items in the Times-News really got to me, and they were my excuse to put off the annual chore.

No. 1: That article about Hasbro Inc., the parent company of Milton Bradley Toy Co., is closing its wood products plant in Fairfax, Va. This is the plant that makes the little white plastic lettered tiles for its "Scrabble" game. The Associated Press says the reason is a 10-point world-business "crisis" — a 12-point world-wide "crisis" — a crisis that these little tiles in the future will come from some overseas source in order to save pennies or fractions of pennies. Cheap!

It's time that U.S. consumers boycott people like Hasbro-Milton Bradley and other manufacturers who made their fortunes off American consumers and now abandon our economy and their loyal employees to foreign sources that likely hate our guts or, at best, laugh at our stupidity.

It would be a great service to American consumers if the newspapers of America would periodically print lists of manufacturers who move their plants and jobs overseas.

No. 2: Next spring when yard sales and garage sales start up again, I expect that three newly hired "compliance officers" from the Idaho State Tax Commission (who have recently been harassing holiday bazaars and craft shows) will be checking the classified sections of the state's newspapers in an attempt to "catch" (and fine) Mrs. Housewife for holding a yard sale and not collecting the \$5 or \$10 sales tax on \$100 or \$200 dollars worth of second-hand clothing and miscellaneous junk. Is our

state so hard up for tax dollars that we have to pick on churches, Boy Scouts, housewives, parent-teacher organizations and others who make a few extra bucks — and that these little tiles are for charitable or worthwhile causes? Cheap!

Well, back to the Christmas card list.

BOB ERLES
Twin Falls

Hollister's Japanese pigs are deemed more equal

All pigs are created equal, but some pigs are more equal than others. It seems Hollister's Japanese pigs are more equal — a discrimination based not on a preferential option for the poor but a preferential option for the rich.

Well, Dad, we're in the '90s now! Our 19-year-old daughter, Rebecca, keeps reminding me. A place where laissez-faire capitalism and merger mania combine to create grand pyramids erected stone-by-stone (or better, pig-by-pig) by minimum-wage slave laborers for 21st century pharaohs.

We live in Berger, Idaho, a rural agricultural area 32 miles southwest of Twin. Awhile back, our neighbor, George, decided to go into the pig-making business. Working alone he created a pork palace for 500 corpulent carcasses and 500 million flies. Most summer evenings, we sat on the porch watching the incredibly awesome sunset that occur only in Berger, Idaho. A gentle breeze wafts in from the southwest. Pig-slink! (Pig-slink means it's time to head indoors.) Ah, well — that's part of the price you pay for living in pastoral places with sumptuous sunsets. George is a neighbor and a friend. After 70 years of coming from shooting the bull with him at his cobbled kingdom of pigpen, my family could be heard

(rather quickly) chanting one word or another of "Change your clothes!"

Some pigs are more equal than others. The Japanese Holstein "hog farm" is a wolf in sheep's clothing. It is a neighbor-neighborhood, friend-to-friend, God's way.

Intoned, we speak lawyer-to-lawyer (it's the '90s, Dad, remember what really matters most is the bottom line.) Not! Merry Christmas! PHIL ALTHE Berger

Judges, attorneys abuse Idaho's legal system

I am writing to you because of the corruption in the state of Idaho's legal system.

I am talking about law-enforcement officers, corrupt judges and prosecutors, attorneys and attorneys who break the laws of Idaho code. I charge you all with failure to do your

job that you were voted in office to do. You are again guilty of failure to do your jobs, also, I claim fraudulent "deception." It is against the people of Idaho. Do your job right.

Union; Idaho State Bar; the state capitol, attorney general's office, congressman and women. Everyone of you pass the Great Holy Dollar, that is all you are after.

Because of all the corruption, a friend of mine could not get a fair trial in Jerome, Idaho. I have heard of conspiracy, but when your prosecuting attorney and your attorney tell you to commit perjury under oath, what are you to do? Due to unreasonable bias before their trial, radio, newspaper, TV coverage, due process of the law, is that fair. Let us all pass the book, the Great Holy Dollar, that is all you are after.

I will run for public office under a corrupt ticket, which means I won't do any during my term in office or Job 1 have. I will just wait for my pay day. LARRY BRANNON Twin Falls

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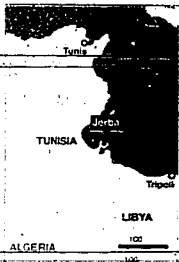
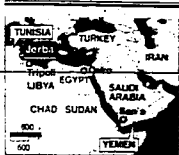
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WORLD IN BRIEF

WORLD



Russia's nuke chief hails deal

MOSCOW — Dismissing U.S. concerns, Russia's top nuclear official said Wednesday that Moscow would go ahead with a project to build a nuclear reactor in Iran that won't hand over weapons technology.

Russia signed an \$800 million deal with Iran in 1995 to help build a 1,000-megawatt light-water reactor at the country's Bushehr power plant. Last month, Iranian officials asked Moscow to conduct a feasibility study for building another three reactors at the same site.

Yeltsin rests at country hotel

MOSCOW — President Boris Yeltsin recuperated to a wooded country home

Wednesday after being released from a hospital, and it appeared he would remain in hibernation despite the country's pressing problems.

Yeltsin has not been a full-time president for months, and he almost completely disappeared from public view for more than two weeks in the Central Clinical Hospital, where he was treated for pneumonia.

Group massacres 45 Algerians

ALGIERS, Algeria — An armed band killed 45 people in a pre-dawn attack Wednesday that was the bloodiest massacre in Algeria in months, security forces said.

Separately, authorities said Wednesday they had pulled 46 bodies from a 180-foot-

deep well used as a mass grave. Many more victims remain in the mass grave. More than 75,000 people have died in seven years of violence in this North African nation.

Crash probe could be 2 years

GENEVA — The investigation into the cause of the September crash of Swissair Flight 111 off Canada's Atlantic coast could take up to two years, a leading investigator told victims' families Wednesday.

Robert Smeets, chairman of Canada's Transportation Safety Board, made his comments while meeting families of European victims at Parcotel Geneva for the investigation.

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Passengers riot, hijack airliner

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Libyan passengers rioted aboard a chartered Egyptian airliner Wednesday and demanded that the plane fly to Libya in violation of U.N. sanctions, police said. But the pilot tricked them and landed in neighboring Tunisia.

A melee developed aboard the plane, an MD-90, after take-off from San'a, the capital of Yemen, en route to Tunis, Tunisia, police officials said.

Airport officials in Cairo said the hijacking incident began with two masked passengers entering the cockpit and demanding to go to the Libyan capital Tripoli. Then, they said, a large group of other passengers joining in the demand.

Both the Egyptian police and Cairo airport officials spoke on customary condition of anonymity.

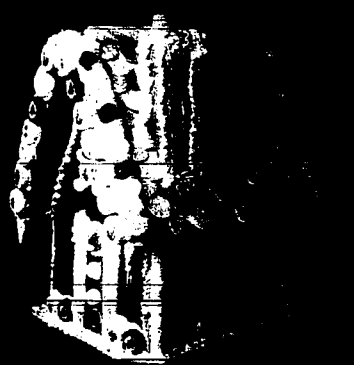
None of the passengers on crew was reported injured, and it was unclear if the men who entered the cockpit had weapons or if the Libyan passengers took over the plane by force of numbers.

The plane landed in Jerba, a Tunisian island about 50 miles from Libya's northwest border, an airport official in Jerba said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The pilot contacted Egyptian authorities by radio and reported a large number of Libyan passengers had rioted and were demanding that he fly to Libya.



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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“They’ve got a concert pianist sitting at the keyboard wearing handcuffs and the only thing he can play is ‘Chopsticks.’”

—Former Miami offensive coordinator Howard Schnitzler, on the misuse of Dolphins quarterback Dan Marino, says offense that emphasizes running over passing.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Girls high school basketball

- Highland at Twin Falls
- Camas County at Bliss
- Burley at Arden
- Camas County at Bliss
- Carys at Denzil
- Kimberly at Filer
- Melba at Glens Ferry
- Wendell at Gooding
- Hagerman at Murtaugh
- Ketchum/Sun Valley at ISDB
- Kennewick at Pocatello
- MVCHS at Oakley
- Rockliff at Ruff River
- Clark County at Richfield

Boys high school basketball

- Buhl at Glens Ferry
- Sho-Ban at Himeson
- Kennewick Valley at ISDB
- Ruff River at Dada

IN BRIEF

Magic Valley Volleyball Club slates tryouts

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Volleyball Club will hold tryouts for the upcoming season Saturday at Twin Falls High School. Please call Chris or Cathy Clark at 734-9364 for more information. The next board meeting will be Jan. 4 at the Streets Building at CSI at 7 p.m.

Pick up oranges, grapefruit from Minico baseball team

RUPERT — Anyone who brought oranges or grapefruit from the Minico High School baseball team can pick up their fruit from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the football field. The cost of a 20-pound box of oranges is \$13 and for grapefruit the cost is \$14. The cost is \$23 to buy one box of each. Boxes of grapefruit and oranges are still available. For more information, call Russ Wright at 436-6975.

Youth basketball accepts registrations, used coats

BURLEY — Registration for Lions' Boy's Basketball for fifth and sixth grade boys will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. today at White Pine Elementary School, 1500 Hilland Ave.
The cost is \$15 or \$7.50 with a good used coat. Coats will be donated to the Minicass Christmas Council.

CSI baseball clinic will teach the fundamentals

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho will hold its annual Southern Idaho Baseball Camp Dec. 28-30. Complete instruction will include hitting fundamentals, pitching mechanics, fielding techniques, catching and base running procedure.
An all-star cast of instructors — including Mel Stottlemyre, Jr., Joe Rudi and CC Coach Jim Walker — will give two-and-a-half days of instruction.
Cost is \$175. For more information or to receive an application, call Jim Walker at 734-6235.

University of Idaho women handle Washington State

MOSCOW — The University of Idaho women's basketball team put a blemish on Washington State's season, beating them an 85-79 loss Tuesday before 541 fans at Friel Court.
The Cougars, previously unbeaten, drop to 5-1 while the Vandals, winners of four in a row, improve to 10-1.
Idaho, which led almost the entire game, held only an 80-79 advantage with 1:41 left.
Compiled from staff and wire reports

CSI prepares for Treasure Valley

Men will try to get back to basics

By Damon Clow
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — To put a quick end to a five-game losing streak, College of Southern Idaho men's basketball coach Kevin Jones is returning to the basics.
“Offensive execution, when and where to set screens... we're kind of getting back to the fundamentals,” Jones said in practice Tuesday.
CSI (6-3, 0-2 in conference) takes on Treasure Valley this Friday. The Chukars are one of four teams in the scenic West Athletic Conference basement, which isn't unusual. They share that spot with the Golden Eagles,

which is.
CSI dropped three games in the All-American Tournament in Sulma, Kan., then suffered conference losses last weekend against Dixie and Snow Colleges.
“I felt we were in both games,” Jones said. “I felt we should have won both games. But both nights, there was a three- or four-minute span where we just kept turning the ball over.”
The Chukars (4-3, 0-2) have the conference's second-leading scorer in Brandon Burney, a 6-2 sophomore from Dallas who is



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Women make most of practice time

By Damon Clow
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — One hour on Monday, afternoon on Tuesday. Tuesday. The College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team hasn't spent a lot of time in practice yet this week, but the players are making the most of the time they have.
“I just can't stand watching a game anymore, so I practice.”
Senior center Posti Sorenson would use any of the scenic West Athletic Conference at 2:0 and 9:00 a.m. after last week's wins over The Dalles State College and

Matchup set

- CSI vbc vs. Treasure Valley CC
- When: Friday
- Where: Ontario, Ore.
- Time: 5:30 (women), 7:30 (men)

hard. Coast-to-coast drills, followed by free throws taken by random players, and laps for the whole team following six, six-minute intervals.
“They're starting to hold each other to a higher standard, which is what we need,” Bate said.
On Friday, the team takes on

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Pocatello presses Bruins



Twin Falls junior Jonas Brady tries to move the ball around a diving Cory Hunt of Pocatello Wednesday night in Twin Falls high. Pocatello's full-court pressure was too much for the Bruins who fall to the Indians 98-50.

Indians frustrate Twin Falls into 3rd straight loss

By Jeff Rowan
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — No Pocatello players surpassed single-digit scoring Wednesday night. Instead, the Indians broke Twin Falls 98-50 with egalitarian offensive production and a frustrating full-court press.
The Bruins outrebounded their guests 4-5 through the opening period and drew plenty of looks at the basket, but

could not get their shots to fall and turned the ball over a dozen times.
While forward Casey Eldridge led the Bruins offensively with a game-high 15 points, Pocatello (5-0) looked to the bench for its relentless press-freeze. Thirteen Indians chipped in baskets for the win.
For Twin Falls, the defeat was the team's third in as many outings, dropping the Bruins to 1-1 in Region III play on an evening the Burley Bolts sur-

passed Hamilton for a 1-4 conference edge.
“We can live to lose,” Bruins coach Dan York said. “But we can't let them on our nerves. We're still playing for something.”
The Bruins returned to an early lead Wednesday night in Eldridge's spin at the free-throw line, territory which Twin Falls resisted effectively Wednesday night with their defensive success. The

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Utes beat instate rival Wildcats

Miller becomes team's career steals leader

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Andre Miller scored 19 points and became Utah's career steals leader as the No. 25 Runnin' Utes beat instate rival Weber State 87-74 on Wednesday night.

Miller also keyed a 15-4 Utah rally midway through the second half that blew open a close game and gave the road-weary Utes (5-3) a much-needed home win. Miller scored six points and assisted on another basket during the run.

Hanno Mattola scored six of his 17 points late in the second half and pushed Utah to 67-52 with 8:13 remaining. The win was the Utes' fifth straight over Weber State (4-3). Alex Jensen had 15 points, eight rebounds and eight assists for Utah, while freshman Phil Cullen had 14 points and Jeremy Killion scored all 13 of his points in the first half. Utah led 55-38 from the field.

The game was the Utes' first at home since their season-opener on Nov. 14. Utah struggled to a 3-3 record on the road after beating Astoria Pacific in the opener, but after a Saturday game at I-3 Texas, the Utes will be at home for six straight.

Miller, a point guard and pre-season All-American who earned a fifth year of eligibility from the NCAA last year, passed Josh Grant for the career steals lead at Utah with his 92nd career steal early in the second half.

Harold Arceneaux led the Wildcats with 23 points, but he didn't score during a 13-minute stretch in the second half when the Utes took charge. Eddie Gill added 13 points for Weber, and Damien Baskerville had 11.

Utah raced to an early 27-11 lead. Killion scored 11 points in the run, including a pair of 3-pointers.

But the Wildcats applied a full-court press that rattled the tired Utes. Weber State closed within 37-34 with 1:05 left in the first half on Eddie Gill's steal and lay-up.

Utah forced 18 Wildcat turnovers.

Gymnast's father must stay away

Gold-medal winner Moceanu weeps as judge reads decision

The Houston Press

HOUSTON — The father of gymnast Dominique Moceanu must stay away from his daughter for a full year, a judge ruled Wednesday.
The 17-year-old Olympian wept and Dumitru Moceanu appeared visibly stunned as state District Judge John D. Montgomery restricted any contact between the Romanian native and his gold-medalist daughter to letters or through her lawyer.
“This job comes with a robe and gavel, not a magic wand to make the guy go away,” Montgomery said after issuing the permanent protective order.
Montgomery, who declared the athlete a legal adult on Oct. 28, ruled that Dumitru Moceanu cannot get within 500 feet of his daughter and cannot threaten or have her followed in any way.

The decision followed more than four hours of testimony in a hearing called by the gymnast and her lawyer.
“I'm sad, but yet, in a way happy,” Moceanu said, adding that her life has been turned upside down since her emancipation from her parents.
The Moceanus refused comment. Their lawyer, Katherine Scardino, described the couple as “devaluated” at the ruling.
“She (Dominique) wouldn't even speak to them today,” Scardino said. However, that was technically impossible since Montgomery had issued a temporary protective order prohibiting contact with both parents.
Gamelia Moceanu, her mother, no longer is restricted by the court.
Dominique Moceanu testified that she and a friend so feared for their safety that they left Houston for 10 days, including a brief Caribbean stop, while police investigated alleged

threats to the father.
The case set two other Houston women attorneys at odds last Nov. 12. That Dumitru Moceanu allegedly wanted to claim Brian Huggins, who had married the gymnast's mother from the father, was her coach.
A court Wednesday whether her father had the authority to claim a share of Moceanu's earnings.
Moceanu has the more difficult case all but settled. Her lawyer, who was legal guardian, said she would not sue her father, but she would sue her mother for the current \$100,000 award.
With earnings restricted by public appearance and competition, her parents' monthly \$100,000 award, the girl says, is “enough to live on.”
The suit was reportedly around \$4 million.



Olympic gold medalist Dominique Moceanu and her father, Dumitru, left. Listen as a judge reads the details of a one-year protective order Wednesday during a court hearing in Houston.

SPORTS

Syracuse falls in Big East opener West Virginia sophomores shrugs off the pressure

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (AP) — Brooks Berry didn't feel the pressure Wednesday night against No. 13 Syracuse.

The sophomore reserve scored eight of his career-high 16 points in a nearly second-half run to lift West Virginia past the Orangemen 73-59 in a Big East opener.

West Virginia's coaching staff has tried to get Berry to stop resting himself on the court. He struggled through the team's first six games, averaging just 2.3 points and less than a rebound.

Berry went 5-of-9 from the field and 4-of-4 from the line against Syracuse. He also grabbed a career-high seven rebounds.

"I just tried to relax," Berry said. "Once you're starting hitting everybody is overwhelmed."

West Virginia (4-3) used a zone defense early in the second half to cut off Syracuse's inside game and hold the Orangemen scoreless for seven minutes.



No. 3 Duke 116, Florida 86

DURHAM, N.C. — Florida's strategy Wednesday against No. 3 Duke was to trade offensive blows. Bad move.

The Blue Devils (8-1) scorched the previously unbeaten Gators 153-86 in their half-court offense en route to a 116-86 victory behind William Avery's school-record eight 3-pointers.

Duke's point total matched the most ever against Florida. Tennessee also had 116 against the Gators on Jan. 11, 1979.

Avery, who finished with 26 points and nine assists, broke the Duke record of seven 3-pointers in a game set by Chris Collins in 1996 and tied by Trevor Langdon in 1997.

The Blue Devils made a season-high 16 of 23 shots beyond the arc, including 8-for-10 by Avery.

No. 18 St. John's 73, No. 20 Pittsburgh 52

NEW YORK — Boony Thornton scored a career-high 23 points, 15 to a 4-10 run over the end of the first half and the start of the second, and No. 18 St. John's beat No. 20 Pittsburgh 73-52.

Dukes Elton Brand, left, drives the baseline against Florida defenders Udonis Haslem, center, and Brent Wright during the first half Wednesday in Durham, N.C.

College basketball

Wednesday night. The Red Storm (7-2, 2-0 Big East) won their fourth straight game since losing consecutive games to Stanford and Purdue.

Pittsburgh (7-3, 0-1) has lost three of its last four but all the losses have come in ranked teams.

Thornton, a junior college transfer who had 18 points in the loss to Purdue in the third-place game of the Preseason NIT, took over near the end of the first half.

With the game tied 30-30 with 3 1/2 minutes left in the first half, the 6-foot-4 guard who came in averaging 9.8 points per game scored six of the final eight points of the half.

Wisconsin 63, No. 16 Temple 56

PHILADELPHIA — Sean

Mason scored 14 points and Wisconsin made 13 3-pointers to hand No. 16 Temple its fourth straight loss, 63-56 Wednesday night.

The Owls (4-4) lost four in a row for the first time since the 1992-93 season and only the third time in the John Chaney era.

The Owls lost five straight and finished 14-15 in 1982-83, Chaney's first season.

Ty Calderwood had 13 points for the Badgers (8-1), whose stifling defense frustrated point guard Pepe Sanchez and held 6-foot-10 forward Lamont Barnes to three points and one rebound.

Mason and Calderwood each made four 3-pointers as Wisconsin shot 13-for-21 from beyond the arc.

Mark Karcher led Temple's team with 18 points, with all but one coming in the second half.

The Times-News

BURLEY — Burley, led by 19 points from Aaron Bradley and Michael Adams, beat Highland 61-58 Wednesday in a 1-1 boys' basketball.

Burley hit seven 3-pointers for the game and held off the Rams who closed to within 1 point in the final minute.

"One of the keys to the game was our patience," said assistant coach Allan Ferrin. "It was a hard-fought game."

Burley improved to 2-1 with the win and plays Jerome Friday.

Valley 71, Shoshone 43

VALLEY — Valley jumped out to a 43-15 halftime lead and cruised to a 71-43 win Wednesday in boys' basketball.

High school basketball

"Offensively we came out and jumped on them," said head coach Roger Carnes. "We started really well and had excellent offensive execution."

Guard Cody Herriman led Valley with 18 points. The Vikings improved to 3-0 and play Goodland at home Friday.

Minico 62, Blackfoot 61. RUPERT — Minico claimed its first win of the year, 62-61, over Blackfoot Wednesday.

Minico hung on in the final seconds when Shane Humphries nailed a 3-pointer just inside the 3-point line to a 71-43 win.

"We're excited," said assistant coach Kent Chandler.

Minico improved to 3-2. Tony Anderson led the way for the Spartans with 25 points.

Cliff basketball. Meritburg #32. TICA #9.

MURKIN — The Muranga junior varsity beat Twin Falls Christian Academy 23-22 Wednesday in girls basketball.

Twin Falls coach Paul Burkhead said Muranga's motivation to win was to earn more money for their equipment.

TICA fell to 2-5 and plays at Bliss on Friday.

Bruins

Continued from B1. Bruins shot 14-of-31 — 45 percent — as a team.

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"We play better when we're down," Vogt said. "We're more loose, more comfortable."

Temper flared as the game wound to conclusion. The busiest Hagler, coming off a rest on the bench late in the game, yelled "It's football all over again!" and proceeded to throw a rabid elbow

Women

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Eldredge was the first Bruin to crash through the Indians' smothering defense for a bucket to pull within 63, driving through the lane for a lay-up at the six-minute mark in the first quarter.

Five quick points by Pinetuck high-scorer Matt Hagler punctuated a 10-3 Indians rally, however, and Twin Falls would get no closer.

Eldredge was twice drilled while draining short-range jumpers early in the second quarter and was able to complete the three-point play both times to lead a 6-1 Bruins run, but it was quickly downhill for Twin Falls from there.

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"We have to be aggressive," Jones said. "He's a tough player to match up against, because he can shoot so well and he can also drive to the basket."

by fall into the hands of sophomore guard Curtis Bobb, who is

in the conference at 17.6 points per game but who was held in check against both Snow and Dixie.

er in Steve Simmons, a 6-9 freshman from Salt Lake City. Simmons averages 8.4 rebounds per game, nearly a rebound more than CSI forwards Juliano Jordani and Chico Moore, who are tied for sixth in the SWAC.

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SCORES AND STATS

FOOTBALL NFL Standings table with columns for Team, W, L, T, Pct., and Games Played.

BASKETBALL Wednesday's men's scores table listing various college basketball games and their final scores.



ON-THE-AIR TELEVISION table listing sports events, networks, and broadcast times.

SKING Sid report table listing ski resorts, conditions, and lift operations.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

State denies appeal of youth camp

TF man remains in critical condition

TWIN FALLS - A Twin Falls man who has been in a coma remained in critical condition Wednesday night in a Boise hospital.

Carl Robert Cox, 61, was in the intensive care unit of St. Albinus Regional Medical Center with head and leg injuries from the Tuesday-evening accident.

Cox stepped in front of a Volkswagen Beetle around 6:15 p.m. on Addison Avenue West in front of Big O Tire. He was taken to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center before being transferred to St. Albinus.

The car's driver, Shelley Christensen, 17, of Twin Falls, was not injured and was not cited.

TF county to hear 4 zoning requests today

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls County planning and zoning commissioners will hear four zoning requests today.

Patrick C. and Barbara S. O'Marra want to split four acres for a homestead from six acres in the agricultural zone south of Ketchikan.

Leonard A. Dew wants to split two acres and an existing house from 80 acres in the agricultural zone south of Hansen.

Dieo Glavin of Glavin Bean Processing Inc. wants to sell an existing house and one acre from 10 acres in the agricultural zone south of the intersection of U.S. Highway 53 and 20.

Beverly Ann Douviers wants to operate a dog grooming and boarding facility in the agricultural-residential zone south of Curry County Square.

Public hearings on these requests begin at 7 p.m. at the Twin Falls County Office Building, 246 Third Ave. E.

State police look out for drunken drivers

TWIN FALLS - State police will crack down on drunken drivers this holiday season, especially the weekend before Christmas and New Year's Eve.

Extra units will patrol the highways during those times as ISP tries to make the holiday roadways as safe as possible.

State police also will emphasize seat-belt and child-seat use, and they will cite violators, the ISP said.

If highways are slick with snow and ice, ISP reminds drivers to slow down and not follow too closely.

Youth organization to hold summit in TF

TWIN FALLS - The younger and older generations will come together at a Youth Summit on Wednesday.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the Great Room at Bridgerview Estates, 1828 Bridgerview Blvd. in Twin Falls.

The meeting's purpose is to learn how to work together to develop a generation of successful, caring, moral children and youth, Youth Net Coalition organizers said.

State Sen. John Sandy, R-Hagerman, and his wife, Robin, will host the summit and serve as moderators for a panel of youth representing many facets of the community, organizers said.

For more information, call the Youth Net office at 733-2322.

Junior group presents holiday musical show

TWIN FALLS - The Junior Musical Playhouse will present its holiday show, "Merry Christmas," Friday through Sunday in the First Presbyterian Church sanctuary, 254 1/2 Ave. N.

A concert in two acts, "Merry Christmas" will feature selections from religious and secular titles, including "Alike the Elk," "Santa's Last Christmas" and "What Child Is This?" and "Silent Night," among many others.

The songs will be performed by children ages 7-18 and will include songs, song group performances and performances by the entire ensemble.

Tickets are \$3, plus a can of food to be donated to the Presbyterian Church Deacons' Christmas Basket for families.

Show time is 7:30 p.m. nightly. Compiled from staff reports

Director says he'll take case to legislature

BOISE - The State Board of Education on Wednesday denied Magic Hot Springs Youth Camp's appeal to operate a public charter school at the camp.

The camp, in a remote area of south-eastern Twin Falls County, provided Idaho with its first test of the appeals process in the state's new charter school law.

The state board based its unanimous vote - upholding Filer School Board's decision - on the recommendation of its legal counsel.

The state board's decision also clarified for the school district that it is not legally responsible to provide educational services to juveniles in custody of the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections. It is the department's responsibility.

What that means for the school district's arrangement with the youth camp is not certain.

Filer School Board Chairman Gerald Ortel said the district had asked for the clarification. But the School Board hasn't decided how to proceed in its relationship with the youth camp, Ortel said.

Meanwhile, the camp's executive director, Mike Hutchings, said he isn't frustrated trying to open a charter school. He'll take his case to lawmakers.

"They need to know that their intentions weren't carried out," Hutchings said.

He maintains that Idaho's charter school law was created for situations like his. Operating a charter school would allow the youth camp to have more control over how state education money is used for juvenile offenders there.

The school district has been channeling state money to the camp under the current arrangement.

The Filer School Board had denied Hutchings' request for a number of reasons, including that a charter school at the camp would not enhance learning opportunities for all students; it wouldn't lead to

Director says he'll take case to legislature

innovative teaching methods; it would not provide new opportunities for teachers; and it would not extend educational choices for parents and students in the district.

The School Board also said the camp restricts access because it is remote and houses males only.

The State Board of Education had to decide whether the Filer School Board was fair and thorough in its review of Hutchings' proposal for a charter, Ortel said. Ortel wasn't surprised the state board upheld the local decision.

"We didn't think there was any other way they could go," he said.

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EXTRA HOLIDAY LIGHTS



Jared Jacobson sweeps the walk in front of Kelley Garden Center on Eastland Drive in Twin Falls during twilight Wednesday evening. Clear skies and pretty sunsets should continue through the end of the week.

TF Fiesta Ole restaurant to remain open

The Associated Press and The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - The Fiesta Ole restaurant in Twin Falls plans to remain open while the Idaho Falls-based chain works through bankruptcy proceedings.

And Karen Johnson, who owns the Kimberly Fiesta Ole restaurant and operates independently of the chain, said she will not be affected by the bankruptcy either.

Five restaurants in the fast food chain were closed Friday by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court. The company filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in April. Among the creditors was the U.S. Internal Revenue Service; the company owed the IRS \$270,800 in unpaid back taxes, according to bankruptcy court records.

The court on Dec. 2 changed the company's status from Chapter 11, which allows reorganization, to Chapter 7, which calls for liquidation, Fiesta Ole's secretary treasurer Stephanie Dunn said Tuesday.

LD Fitzgerald, the trustee appointed to administer the property for bankruptcy court, told company attorney Jay Kohler to withhold all payroll, taxes and draws.

"In short, no disbursements of any kind are authorized and would be considered fraud," he wrote in a Dec. 2 letter.

Dunn said she expects the restaurants to reopen next month. Franchised Fiesta Ole restaurants remain open.

In March, employees walked off the job after paychecks did not clear at the bank.

Merchant digs away at Burley botanical garden

Whipple is making improvements to lots next to his store, believing it will be good for business. During the winter he cleans out dead flowers from last season and plants bulbs and perennials.

"Customer stop here from all parts of the country. The better the place looks, the happier they are and the more business we do," he said. "Burley is becoming

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Jerome car chase leaves man facing charges

By Mark Heinz Times-News writer

JEROME - A Jerome man, charged with leading police on a chase early Friday, was arrested Monday on a felony charge of eluding officers.

Matthew R. Aragon, 33, was also arraigned on one count of driving under the influence and a charge of driving without privileges.

Jerome Police Officer Stan Conway started tailing Aragon's Porsche 924 at about 1 a.m., when he noticed the car's brake lights were apparently not working, according to an arrest report written by Conway.

After seeing the car weave erratically along several blocks - with its hazard lights blinking at one point - Conway decided to pull the driver over in the 300 block of North Cleveland Street.

But the Porsche sped away, reaching speeds of more than 60 mph during the chase through town, Conway reported.

An Idaho State Police trooper and Jerome County sheriff's deputies joined in as the chase continued out on to county roads - at speeds topping 80 mph, according to the report.

The Porsche blew through numerous stop signs and several times appeared to be nearly out of the driver's control on slick and snow-covered roads, Conway reported.

Twin Falls police were alerted as the Porsche headed south on U.S. Highway 93, but the driver turned back toward Jerome, Conway reported. The car kept going for about 2 1/2 miles after at least two of its tires were ruined by a spike strip laid out on 200 West near North Road, according to the report.

Officers finally pulled Aragon over in the 400 block of West Eighth Street in Jerome, the report says.

Conway reported a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on Aragon's person. Aragon was belligerent and made obscene gestures to officers.

After being booked at the Jerome County Jail, Aragon continued to argue with Conway and refused a breath test, the report said.

Aragon was held Wednesday in the jail on \$10,000 bond.

Times-News staff writer Mark Heinz can be reached in Jerome at 324-6952.

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The Times-News would like your help in celebrating the coming of the new century.

Here's how to take part: By mail - Mail your prediction about the 21st century, or your recollection of the 20th century, to The New Century, P.O. Box 543, Twin Falls, ID 83303. (Add words tops, please.)

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By e-mail - Send e-mail to twines@micronet. Include your name, age, address and phone number.

In person - Bring your written essay, historical photo or historic from page to Denise Turner in our Twin Falls office (132 Main St. W.) or to Joy Bryant in our Burley office (325 1/2 E. Fifth N., next to Wal-Mart).

By phone - Narrate your remembrance or prediction to our answering machine. Call 733-0931, Ext. 601. Be sure to include your name and phone number.

Online - Starting in January, The Times-News Online (www.magicvalley.com) will have a "New Century" page.

In school - If you're a teacher, we'd love to involve your students. To find out more, call Denise Turner at 733-0931, Ext. 243.

MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Idaho State will buy hotel to provide student housing

POCATELLO (AP) — Idaho State University will buy the Best Western Weston Inn for \$1.32 million as it hunts for more student housing on and around campus.

"It fulfills the immediate need for single student housing, and we are interested in expanding the residential character of ISU," University President Stan Peterson said.

Peterson said student housing in Sparta Bldg fits well with the university's strategy to move toward a residential campus and away from a commuter campus.

Police: Principal had affair with teacher in murder case

GILLETTE, Wyo. (AP) — A former high school principal had a four-year affair with the math teacher who killed her husband and committed suicide after she became the prime suspect, Police Chief Ric Paul said Wednesday.

Trover's death was not planned because evidence in hand showed Mrs. Trover had long planned and committed the slaying.

Paul said genetic testing to link the blood on the gun to Trover's death was not planned because evidence in hand showed Mrs. Trover had long planned and committed the slaying.



Dorota Wilk introduces her 11-month-old daughter, Victoria, to snow Monday after the blessing of the site where their home will be built in Moscow.

Girlfriends of murder suspects plead innocent

LARAMIE, Wyo. (AP) — Two women pleaded innocent Wednesday to helping dispose of bloody clothes belonging to one of two men charged in the beating death of a gay University of Wyoming student.

The women appeared at separate hearings before state District Judge Jeffrey A. Donnell, who did not set a trial date for either woman.

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DEATH NOTICES

Roger E. Bordwell TWIN FALLS — Roger Bordwell, 42, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Dec. 9, 1998, at Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Estel M. Metzler TWIN FALLS — Estel Metzler, 87, of Shoshone, died Dec. 9, 1998, in a St. Luke's nursing home.

HOSPITALS

CASSIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER Some names omitted at patients' request.

MINIDUNA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL Some names omitted at patients' request.

Lucia Guerrero and Benigno Puce, both of Burley, and Connie Lowe of Oakley.

OBITUARY

TWIN FALLS Charlotte A. Torgel Charlotte A. Torgel, 91, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Dec. 7, 1998, at Crossings.

At this time, the family is in the northeast of Jerome where they formed until receiving the funeral home and other services.

She was born Nov. 19, 1907, at Roswell, N.M., the daughter of Avera and Charley Hale Grindstaff.

Holiday Gift Ideas

Advertisement for Mel's Oak Warehouse featuring various furniture items with prices: \$149 for 48" COMPUTER DESK, \$159 for MICROWAVE STAND, \$79 for 27" T.V. STAND, \$249 for 50" ENTERTAINMENT CENTER, \$299 for 18" CURIO CABINET, and \$299 for 30" CHINA CABINET. Includes store address and phone number.

Senior center elects leaders

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

RUPERT — A controversial leadership election at the Minidoka Senior Center installed five new board members this week — but not the center's former director, Al Ucci.

Ucci, whose bid for a seat on the board brought public attention to the election, finished well behind the winner.

"It's been rough," said Chairman Ralph Phillips. "It may be easier next year — I guess we'll just have to wait and see."

In all, 193 people voted in the election, which saw 31 candidates running for six board seats.

Dick Fuqua received the most votes, 121, followed by Shirley Leonard with 118 and Ben Hill with 100. Shirley Waller received 98 votes and Ruth Johnson 97.

Catmull tied Phillips for the sixth position, with each receiving 92 votes. Ucci received 32 votes.

A resolution to the tie between Catmull and Phillips will be discussed at the board's next meeting on Dec. 15.

Ucci, the center's director since the early 1990s, was terminated in October, and the prospect that he might win a board seat was a concern to board members, Phillips said.

Ucci could not be reached for comment this week because several phone calls and a newspaper article.

Meanwhile, the Minidoka Senior Center filled board positions of its own.

Dana Gosson was re-elected to the board. Ben Bushman and Benik Shannon were newly elected as board members.

"We've been pushing hard for new members," said Bruce Young, serving this second year as chairman of the nine-person board. "We want to increase what we've got here at the center."

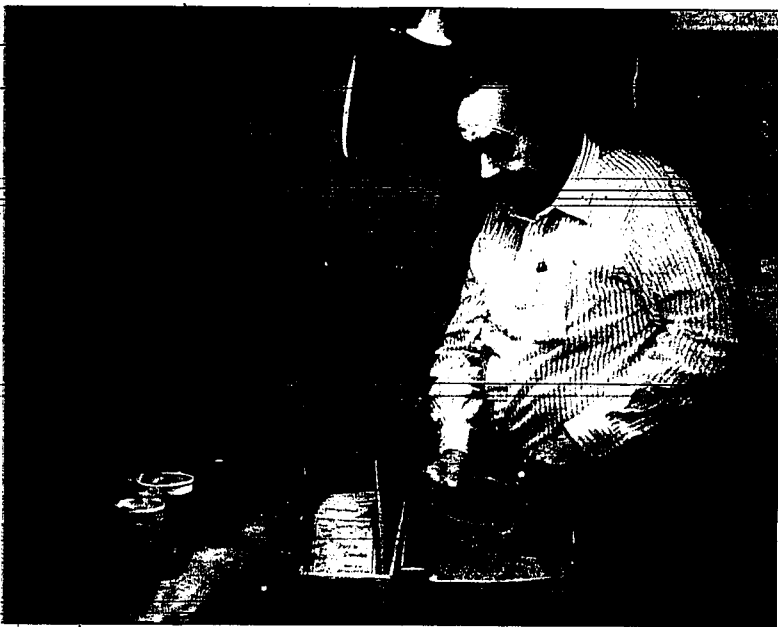
Young, a 45-year resident of Burley and a senior center member for 15 years, said the center is planning some programs to be announced next week.

Aside from the three board members elected this week, the other six members will complete their two-year terms.

The Center's other programs were scaled, as is the center's practice, Young said. Lunch was down, he said.

"About 25 percent of our seniors have moved to assisted living for the winter," he said. "I guess they followed the warmth."

Times-News staff writer John T. Huddy can be reached in Burley at 677-4042.



Dale Whipple works in his garden, which he hopes to turn into a botanical garden over the next 10 years.

LORRAINE CAVERER/The Times-News

Mayor nixes involvement with uranium

OGDEN — Mayor Glenn Mecham has recommended the city not develop, own or operate a uranium mine on the mountain to the Snowbasin Ski Resort, but he left the option open for a privately run team.

Mecham's move puts the controversial issue in the council's lap to decide whether to go against the mayor's recommendation or bury the idea for good.

Proceeding with the team

seems an unlikely scenario given the thousands of jobs over a \$200-million shale site on the proposed number three.

Opponents were quick to praise Mecham's political acumen in dumping the team.

The Council's vote was viewed as a strong repudiation of the team, took heavy criticism on a series of public meetings on the handling of the results.

Garden

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more of a rustic decorum." Whipple is has been working on his long-term project for many years, but it has recently started to take shape.

About 20 years ago he started planting trees and shrubs on the lot. He has added to it each year. Fast-growing trees, put in as pressure indicators, are being

replaced with more ornamental evergreens, ashes, oaks and birches.

In anticipation of stepping up efforts to extend the garden Whipple has been growing geraniums and other plants under grow lights in the Book Plaza basement.

He hopes to get help in the spring from youth groups and organizations.

on lots he owns, which run from Overland Avenue just north of the railroad to Oakley Avenue, then south to 11th Street and west to Miller Avenue.

"I'm planning walking paths, fountains, rock gardens and more attractive areas," he said.

He hopes to get help in the spring from youth groups and organizations.

Gardening has been good exercise for him since suffering a heart attack several months ago.

"I'm 70 years old. My health has been going downhill, but working in the garden has helped," he said.

Times-News staff writer Lorraine Caverer can be reached in Burley at 677-4042.

Activist denounces Aryan Nations at rally outside group's compound

HAYDEN (AP) — A Moscow activist who was the target of a suspected hate crime joined supporters at a rally Wednesday outside the compound of the white-supremacist Aryan Nations.

Lori Graves and 14 others traveled to the roadside gate of the Aryan's property and denounced the group.

However, Graves and her attorney, Larry Eldes, acknowledged they had no proof that the Aryan Nations was behind the Dec. 1 cross-burning and fire-bombing at Graves' home.

But groups like the Aryan Nations create a climate of intolerance that leads to hate crimes, Graves said.

"I believe this intolerance in hate and violence and bigotry in this region, in our communities, stems from right here," she said.

Kousserai Grayson, Aryan's spokesman, said the group's members were on hand at the event because of the possibility of a confrontation.

Two Aryan Nations members approached the protesters on foot from the compound and made a brief statement, but no

business broke out.

Rally participants turned their backs to Aryan Nations spokesman Michael Dougie said his group had nothing to do with the cross-burning and fire-bombing.

"We do not condone that type of activity," he said.

Police have said a Molotov cocktail apparently was thrown at Graves' home and ignited on the front steps. Graves found the cross burning about 20 feet in front of the house.

Salt Lake businessman gets year in prison

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A Salt Lake businessman at the center of a \$12.7 million banking scandal has been sentenced to a year in prison in an unrelated tax fraud case.

Steven C. Christensen, who up until this summer operated the employee leasing company Paragon Business Solutions of America, was also ordered on Wednesday to pay the government more than \$309,000 he

owed in back taxes.

"This is my opinion is an aggravated case," said U.S. District Senior Judge David E. Winder as he imposed the maximum sentence allowed under federal guidelines. "But tax law was just common sense."

Moreover, at the same time that Christensen was being prosecuted, he maintained a lawsuit. His wife, an attorney, filed a lawsuit in recent years against \$25,000 a

month, Winder said.

Berene Christensen and his wife Diane, who was not charged, in agreement with the tax fraud, surrendered most of their assets to secure a collateral release filed by First Utah Bank, they had a net worth of more than \$2.5 million, the judge added.

Christensen was charged on July 20 with having attempted tax evasion for failing to file personal and corporate tax returns in 1992.

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Batt smooths way for Kempthorne, suggests exemptions be evaluated

BOISE (AP) — Retiring Republican Gov. Phil Batt is trying to smooth the way for his GOP successor, suggesting sales tax exemptions be re-evaluated with an eye to possible future tax cuts.



Phil Batt Dirk Kempthorne

"The sales tax has some exemptions that are hard to justify," he said without being specific.

Batt has 27 days before turning over the state's highest office over to Governor Dirk Kempthorne. Batt said that while the state's economic outlook is solid, tax revenue is constrained by the state's financial commitment to its infrastructure made to property tax relief. That bill is \$55 in the current budget and increasing.

Batt looked back on his four-year tenure on Wednesday, he pointed out that Idaho's overall tax burden ranks in the bottom third of the state but its corporate and individual income taxes are among the highest in the nation.

"I'm just afraid unless we address that at some time we're going to lose some business opportunities in the state," the governor said.

The sales tax exemptions

able 7.5 percent.

"I think we can tinker with our sales tax. I like what we're hearing too many people," Batt said.

Kempthorne is taking over the state as the economy slips in its lowest growth rates since the last general tax increase in 1987. He has made his opposition to higher taxes clear and in fact has proposed eliminating the so-called marriage penalty in the individual income tax.

While that could require some creative budgeting, the new governor is getting some relief from a cadre of several dozen new tax collectors Batt added to go after residents not filing income tax returns and out-of-state business owners failing to pay sales tax on Idaho transactions. Batt expects up to \$20 million a year from that.

The state will also be getting \$25 million to \$30 million a year in the tobacco settlement and eventually at least \$30 million more through more flexible endowment fund management.

"Perhaps between the combination of those revenue enhancements we can have a little more breathing room regarding the needs the state has," Batt said.

should be reassessed, he said, to see "if it would be better to charge a little more sales tax here and there, perhaps give some income tax relief. It's a little out of balance there, and most state tax services. We do not."

Analysts estimate exemptions from the 5 percent tax will cost Idaho more than \$600 million in lost revenue in 1999. Even if politically and socially supported exemptions continued for equipment and material used to produce other goods, health care services and gasoline, which is already subject to a the fuel tax, as much as \$350 million in new revenue could be generated on the remaining exempt transactions—the equivalent of raising the rate to an unaccept-

Panel endorses skills standards plan

BOISE (AP) — State Board of Education members quickly endorsed a plan for improving elementary reading skills in Idaho schools once they were sure it did not mean usurping local control or asking for money.

"This is not dictating curriculum. It's not dictating anything it's dictating outcome," state Sen. Benny Dunklin, co-chairman of a legislative reading committee, said before a board members meeting by teleconference Wednesday. "All you're saying is, 'Kids should know this.'"

The proposed Comprehensive Literacy Plan for kindergarten through third grades, if adopted by the Legislature, ultimately would cost more than \$5 million

to implement.

But the document approved by the Board of Education includes only what Dunklin, a Boise Democrat, called a "road map for teachers" on how well students should be reading and comprehending what they read at each grade level.

"I think it's just an absolute jewel," board President Tom Dillon of Caldwell said.

Some board members were a little skittish that they might be prematurely signing on to a multimillion-dollar request to the Legislature. But Dunklin assured them financial issues would be broached later in a more detailed plan including student testing recommendations, teacher education and certification require-

ments and ways to give children extra reading help.

A 1997 University of Idaho study of fourth-grade students showed that 18 to 21 percent of those sampled were reading below grade level, and that 60 percent of those sampled scored below grade level in reading comprehension.

Deborah Glaser, education director at The Lee David Peckey Center for Learning Enrichment in Boise, developed the skills proposal for the legislative committee.

She said on Wednesday that the biggest change to existing reading standards would be more emphasis on learning how to learn, words and sentences sound.

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Rescued Idaho man agrees to pay bill

MURPHY (AP) — A Boise man missing for five days in a remote corner of Owyhee County said it would not bother him if a bill for the search and rescue shows up at his house.

"That's fine with me," Clifton Morris said. "I have no problem repaying that debt."

Morris, 19, was lost near Juniper Mountain with his brother, Ilian, 18, and two friends, Adam Smith, 23, and Thomas Schirle, 17, during a camping trip Thanksgiving weekend. Their vehicle broke down, but a search

did not begin until they did not return that Sunday as planned. Sheriff Gary Aman said the five-day search for the four cost the department nearly \$1,000, his search-and-rescue budget for the entire fiscal year.

He said Monday he plans to bill the families for that last portion of the bill, which originally totaled more than \$10,000. Much of that cost was covered by donations, including the use of Civil Air Patrol planes. Another \$2,000 will be paid by the state search-and-rescue fund.

The important thing is the men were found safe and sound, he said, but he still has a budget to be concerned about.

Smith's mother, Connie, who has worked with Idaho County Search and Rescue, is very happy to have her son home safely but said his family finances are very tight at the moment.

"He expects a bill, but I don't know how he'll pay it," she said. "He won't be able to pay it for a while."

Morris said he and his brother feel indebted to the rescuers.

County considers sales tax to expand jail

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Kootenai County voters could be asked in May to increase their sales tax by 5 percent to expand the county jail and create more recreational opportunities for young people.

The local-option sales tax is

being considered as a way to improve county services.

County officials said between \$4 million and \$6 million a year could be raised by such a tax. The measure would require 60 percent voter approval.

a program that would benefit everybody in the county," Commissioner Dick Panabaker said.

Commissioner Ron Rankin said he also supports the local-option sales tax as a way to expand the

"I would like to see us buy into

Security may be increased at Capitol

BOISE (AP) — State Police officials are recommending Governor Dirk Kempthorne increase security at the state Capitol, including a larger security detail.

Kempthorne's staff is also considering measures such as closing some of the nine entrances into the Statehouse and major safety concerns since the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing, last summer's shooting at the U.S. Capitol and other anti-government attacks.

"We're just need to be careful," Idaho State Police Lt. Robert Lockett said Tuesday. "While there has been a private security force in the Capitol and other state buildings on the downtown Boise government mall, public access has been easy, with visitors able to walk unimpeded into virtually any office including the governor's."

Other states, including Washington and Oregon, also are looking at hiring more guards and improving security systems at their capitols.

Although concerned about security, Kempthorne does not want security measures to limit the public's ability to meet with him.

"Access, that's one of the honors and privileges that we still have in Idaho," Kempthorne said. "Open access is important to me."

One reason the state lags behind others is that past governors have shunned security details.

Former Gov. Cecil Andrus, who served 14 years in the 1970s and 1982 through 1994, was rarely accompanied by officers on speeches and other appearances.

"But times were different then, too," State Police spokesman Rick Ohlmsan said.

Batt agreed to a one-man security team at the Capitol after he took office in 1995.

Activists seek closure of most Escalante roads

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Wilderness advocates speaking at a public hearing on how the new Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument should be managed suggested closing nearly two-thirds of the roads in the monument.

The motorized-vehicle crowd, led by the new Utah Shared Access Alliance, said all 2,175 miles of roads should stay open.

"The existing road network (in the monument) is a heritage and a treasure because it gives people access to their public lands," Rainer Huck, president of USA-ALL, told the hearing Tuesday.

The Bureau of Land Management is holding 13 hearings on five alternatives for managing the monument.

The alternatives range from "no action" to one that would close 80 percent of the monument as off-limits to development and motorized vehicles.

Alternative B is the preferred plan by the BLM. It would close off about 1,358 miles of roads, prohibit machines on 56 percent of the monument and limit group size to 25 people and/or pack animals.

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You may get another chance to take a trip, Leo

IF DECEMBER 10 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are an original thinker. Ideas are controversial, some insist you are too thingy in matters of love. Leo, Aquarius persons play fascinating roles in your life, could have the letters, initials in names. A S.J. Lock that was jammed will be repaired - relationship that went awry will also be fixed. You are passionate, dynamic, direct, you are stories concerning love letters. March and December of 1999 will be most memorable.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Spotlight on change of scene, flirtation, special attention to advertising copy. Engagement, once broken, will be repaired. Virgo will become important ally.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Permit good nature to surge forward; remember, "To err is human, to forgive is divine!" Overcome temptation to eat too

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many desserts. You will love and be loved, indeed!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Do not equate delay with defeat. Time is on your side, be selective, insist on quality. Pisces person might attempt to deceive. Keep guard up, protect self in close quarters.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Let others know that you mean business. Become familiar with priorities, check values. Love relationship hectic, you ain't seen nothing yet! Capricorn will act up.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Trip once postponed is again in the running. Love highlighted, could get too hot, maintain emotional equilibrium. Aries, Libra persons are in picture.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Make fresh start, assert independence, inventiveness, willingness to take chance in love. Venus in Virgo lights familiar places, assess. Unlike lessons learned, you experience.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Check Leo messages for pertinent information. Focus on direction, meditation, involving, and giving affection. Family members reveal secrets, could involve the government. Capricorn involved.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You'll be told, "Lighten up!" Take this with humor, optimism. If I light up, my arms will be away!" Social affair sets stage for meeting future love. Sagittarius involved.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Check Scorpio message for exciting information. Return to be upset by flirtatious woman from one with inferiority complex. Hobby of magic intrigues, allows to be creative, profitable.

DECEMBER 17 (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Dig deep for information, you could discover written material. Sun position high, lights creativity, variety of experiences. You'll learn secret concerning Virgo.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Venus friends with Uranus - you will be in midst of adventure featuring invention, romance. Spotlight on home environment, music, wedding date. Taurus plays important role.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Keep plans flexible - secret maneuver involves proposed partnership, marriage. People insist on demonstration of "psychic powers." Respond: "Not today, perhaps tomorrow!"

Wednesday's Perfect Score

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Problem gives comfort to widows

DEAR ABBY: I have a bone to pick with you. I am a widow living in a seniors building. One of the residents brought your column on sending anniversary cards to a surviving spouse to the community room.

Your advice was wrong! There are eight of us here who should know. Speaking for myself, I would NOT want to receive an anniversary card, because one person cannot celebrate someone that two people should. The day should be remembered because it is important, but instead, take the surviving spouse to dinner or to an event to show that you remember.

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Abigail VanBuren

DEAR EIGHT WIDOWS: Thank you for offering an opposing viewpoint that was not reflected in the mail I have received.

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There's no chance to win Nobel if you're dead

Birds like red. If a flower is red, odds are it's pollinated by birds. — Few enough survivors recall the old cigar store Indians, but even fewer remember that four out of five of those wooden depictions were female.

Q. What are the three most recorded songs in the United States since 1950?

A. "St. Louis Blues," "Tea for Two" and "Body and Soul." That, according to Old Farmer's Almanac.

Centuries ago thought it brought good luck to touch a hunchback's hump. Wood tracers say that notion eventually led to our word "hunch" as in "I have a hunch."

If it doesn't have egg in it, it's not a noodle.

Q. Can you name any famous writer who really committed a crime so he could be sent to jail to get time to write?

A. That's supposedly the story of England's John Galsworthy. It's said he put on old clothes, wrapped a brick in a brown paper bag, and threw it through a plate glass window, then spent

WHAT'S WHAT
L.M. Boyd

the next six months in prison under an assumed name. Out of that came his play, "Justice."

— Stitches long preferred in abdominal surgery, but the sort used in sewing up baseballs.

Q. Why is the "Scanderthal" name called that?

A. Because the first find of that nation's remains turned up near Germany's Scander River.

Quick, how many times does the letter "o" appear on the telephone dial? Say twice. Once, with the "ar" and "or" on the key, and once in "Operator." Yes, two, not three. That other circular character is not an "o" but a zero.

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Volunteer searchers listen to the morning briefing Wednesday in Klamath Falls, Ore., before heading out.

Frustrated family starts own search for lost son

ROCKY POINT, Ore. (AP) — With hopes fading in the search for a boy who vanished on a weekend Christmas tree hunt, frustrated relatives Wednesday embarked on their own search, drawing on dreams and tips from a psychic.

The family's breakout effort, three miles from the sheriff's search camp in southern Oregon's snowy Winema National Forest, showed how emotions have frayed with the tragedy of finding 5-year-old Derek Engstrom alive.

"We will stay out of search and rescue's way, but we will do our own thing if we have to go over this place 10 times," said Ben Davis, the boy's maternal grandfather. "These people are underestimating him... He's a mountain kid."

Family members, who nicknamed the brown-haired third grader "Bear Boy" for his skills as a hunter and hiker, held out hope that he used the small shelter he was carrying to build a shelter from the subfreezing cold. They have become increasing-

ly frustrated with sheriff crews, saying they were slow in mobilizing when the boy disappeared Saturday did not dispatch a helicopter sooner and have not been searching in the right places.

About 60 volunteers have joined in the family's search, which focuses on the spot near Pelican Butte where he was last seen. Family members live around the clock at a site, sleeping in motor homes and pickups.

Davis said he got his first sleep in four days Tuesday night and dreamed his grandson was in a creek across the road from the camp. He spent most of Wednesday morning slogging through the area with volunteers.

"I found everything in the dream, but I couldn't find that boy," he said while warming himself by an open fire. Dean Davis, the boy's great uncle, took a group of snowmobilers up Pelican Butte to a spot that an amateur psychic from Reno, Nev., had picked out on a map. She said he'd be up there — if you can get up there early, he'll be right there. Nothing was found.

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JKD RANCH EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES AUCTION

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1998

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NOTE: This is a partial listing of the items that will be auctioned. There are lots more parts, miscellaneous items and more tractor parts combine parts, weather bar, loader parts, and the parts. If you need a part, chances are it will be on the auction. We will be selling hundreds of brand name items like John Deere, Massey Ferguson, New Holland, Ford and Case IHC. All these parts are new. Merchandise will be available for previewing on Friday afternoon.

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High desert is a region of the mind

I am spending the afternoon sitting in my pickup, parked on a high hill south of Twin Falls.

It is late fall, almost winter. The sun is shining through the windshield, warming the interior. I am quite comfortable.

As my mind strays, I look south to the great bluish-green hills that separate Idaho from Idaho. I look slightly westward. I can imagine Utah.

Out there, near the three-way corner, is the California Trail. The California Trail passes through or near much of my favorite territory: the City of Rocks, the Wine Cup Ranch and the Humboldt Sink. California, however, is beyond my range and imagination. I am an intermountain westerner, and where I am sitting is the center of my universe.

The unvarnished truth is I love the high desert.

I have been here before and I'm reminded of a thought I once had on a similar day. "There are no rhythms greater than those of the seasons, of space, of the heart. I live at the center of a sensational vortex."

That thought has come back to me frequently, at first shyly, but I've since



**DOG-EARED
TALES**
Bill Studebaker

learned that others feel the same. I've also learned it is a traditional Shoshone concept. Now I say it boldly.

I want to say something profound about Idaho and the high desert. I want to defend myself for steering clear of trails that would separate me from the things I've come to love, such as sagebrush, alfalfa, sego lily, mule deer, basalt — and above all, the high desert.

In my mind there are the Ancient ones (of whom little is known), the Native Americans, the Locals (Europeans who have stayed and been shaped by the land), and the Tourists.

Being a Tourist is a mindset that can last generations if one hangs on to another continent, another ideology, another dream.

As an intermountain westerner, I have a dream. It is individual, land formed and simple. It is full of open space.

Don't misunderstand me, for I don't relish being alone. I am just lucky enough to be alone a lot.

I understand that vast distances between places create opportunities to talk with fellow travelers. Even if I don't bump into someone, there's time to talk to myself and catch up on what I am thinking.

Not knowing or appreciating where I live would impoverish me, as well as those with whom I work and play. I feel as the people of Duck Valley once put it: "I cannot live unless I am surrounded by it."

Out there before me, in the distant landscape, is what gives meaning to this region and my life. There are sage-covered plateaus and plains, mountain ranges, meadows and rivers that never know an ocean.

There are small towns and ranches, where people hunker down against the weather. In this respect, make it driven by their own independence.

The Big Empty. It's spread out in front of my windshield like a huge backdrop for a movie.

Change must come to this landscape. I choose to come slowly — and not at all if it will alter my view or restrict my access. This is where I come when I'm sick and want to be healthy again.

I love to wander the high desert — drive, walk or foot, and sometimes in my mind.

Even behind the glass in my pickup, I feel the day begin to cool. The afternoon is spent and it must mellow.

I head toward home, toward family, toward the place where my ancestors drove, nearly a hundred years ago. That isn't long in geological or historical terms, but in the current chapter of high desert history, it is a long time indeed.

My pickup, loping along in four-wheel drive, easily descends the two tracks that the Sharp boys made when packing salt to their cows.

Behind me are a string of mountains, my great-grandfather's beans, guided by the moon of the high desert.

Ahead the land seems plain and bare, but I know it's laced with deep canyons that are vast enough to fill great canyons. This is my home.

Bill Studebaker directs the Outdoor Adventure Program at the College of Southern Idaho.

LEARNING FROM THE MASTERS



The torch of knowledge changes hands on a raw and gusty day as young hunters learn from grizzled veterans.

Young hunters learn shotgun skills, safety at Burley clinic

By Stu Murrell
Times-News correspondent

"Pull!" An orange clay bird sailed from the trap house and a budding young hunter, peering intently along the barrel of a shotgun, swung to follow the target. The gun barked out a greeting and the clay bird disintegrated an instant later.

Safely handling a shotgun is a skill that some people never learn, but 14 teenagers got the hang of it Saturday during a shotgun clinic at the Burley Trap Club. The bird-hunting clinic was sponsored by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, along with local chapters of Pheasants Forever and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

Similar clinics are being held around the state to encourage youngsters to develop safe hunting habits, said Clayton Nielson, Jerome-based hunter education specialist with Fish and Game.

Other Fish and Game clinics focus on big-game hunting skills for women,

youth hunts for various species, and fishing.

The 14 teens in Burley ranged from youngsters who had never fired a gun to others with competitive shooting experience.

Saturday's clinic began with a discussion of safety and shooting techniques. Nielson, who was the instructor, stressed the golden rule of "always point the muzzle in a safe direction." Nielson also imparted subtler tips, such as leaving a gun's action open until it is time to shoot.

The youngsters also learned the vital lesson of leading a bird — aiming slightly ahead of it — that is essential for effective wing shooting. It's sometimes hard to imagine, but fast-moving animals can literally outrun a gunshot if they're far enough away.

After the lecture, it was time for "hands-on" instruction at the range. Clay birds were flung into the air and Nielson had the young hunters follow the targets with their fingers to simulate swinging a



Scott Ranklev, a budding young hunter from Starkey, receives expert shotgun instruction from Clayton Nielson of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

shotgun. He also illustrated the need to "follow through" with the swing after shooting.

Saturday's clinic had something for everyone: learning, success and fun.

Chase Korpf, who had never handled

an antique firearm, broke down at his last 10 birds and was "definitely proud of himself." His grandfather noted that Chase also is a member of the 22-caliber rifle club.

Photo: see SM-11, Page D2

Broad group gathers to start elk revitalization effort

The Associated Press

OROFINO (AP) — Representatives from diverse backgrounds gathered Tuesday, seeking answers to the large declines of elk populations in the premier hunting grounds of the Clearwater River Basin.

The "Elk Initiative" sponsored by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game surveys show the numbers have declined by as much as half in some hunting units. One big problem is the loss of browse due to changes in vegetation.

"Solving the problem will require cooperation from all interests because we are all affected in some way," Clearwater National Forest Supervisor Jim Caswell said. "If we are serious about regaining our elk herd, we will have to work together on solutions."

Among the groups getting involved are Fish and Game, University of Idaho, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Concerned Sportsmen of Idaho and the Idaho Conservation League.

Both prescribed fire and thinning of timber would likely be used.

"When we began suppressing fires in the 1940s, we interfered with the natural balance of forage for all animals," Caswell said.

Runner sees plenty in 5,000-mile jog

Teacher draws attention to American Discovery Trail by maintaining coast-to-coast

By Deb Acord
The Gazette

Things Brian Stark learned while running 5,000 miles:

- Running shoes wear out after about 400 miles.

- "You can't really train for a task like this. Instead, you develop your stamina while you're out there."

- People still remember Forest Gump.

- Life is full of amazing things and people.

Stark, a 26-year-old substitute teacher and summer camp director in Indiana, ran nearly 5,000 miles earlier this year. He started March 8 in Herndon Cape, Del., and finished Oct. 31 in Point Reyes, Calif., running coast to coast on the American Discovery Trail, a network that links city, county and state trails.

He ran to raise awareness of the network not yet recognized as a national trail and of the American Hiking Society's National Trails Endowment, a fund that provides grants to trail organizations across the country. And he also ran for the adventure of it.

"I wanted to see the country from the perspective of the settlers," Stark says. "And I had heard about this trail. It sounded perfect."

Stark, a dedicated distance runner before he embarked on this trip, stayed on the ADT the entire trip, except for a stretch in Utah and Nevada that includ-

ed about 500 remote miles with no water, no food and no services. There, he picked up U.S. Highway 50.

On the 23-day journey, he ruckled up about 30 miles each day, with one 40-mile day and a stretch in Nevada when he ran 20 miles before lunchtime.

He ran through freezing cold and blistering heat.

"At one point out East, I was running into a freezing wind. It was so cold that at one point I laid down on the ground, because it still held some warmth. I had to get up when a truck came along," Stark recalls.

He slept in budget motels and in town-park picnic tables, in an outcabin in West Virginia and a luxurious home in Crested Butte. He carried his belongings — a sleeping bag, warm shirt, raincoat, camera, maps and his journal — in a fanny pack that weighed about 10 pounds.

He never picked up fellow runners. Forest Gump-style, but he was accompanied by horses and cows and on occasional dog. He carried a stove, kettles while he ran. He helped care for an injured raccoon. He watched as an airplane pilot flew stunt-style under power lines.

When he reached California Sunday in July, he ran alongside U.S. Highway 26 in a blinding rainstorm at 5:30 a.m. Dick Green Mountain Falls Wagon; Dick Drayton, a staunch supporter of the ADT, drove slowly alongside, when a state

trooper stopped to see what they were doing.

"I told him I was running across the country. He understood," Stark says.

Stark's ADT run was his second great adventure. In 1995, he hiked the Appalachian Trail, and what about a third great adventure?

"The one sure bet," he says, "is kind of the only one I can see having all the time and energy I give is at these jobs."

Stark, who lives in Nashville, Ind., is getting ready to create to Phoenix, where he plans to write a book about his 5,000-mile journey, including his favorite landmarks, adventures, a strange side-trip that almost got away and a little of the \$10,000 he spent.

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OUTDOORS

West Yellowstone draws cross-country ski lovers

Clinics, early snow, trails at doorstep attract skiers from around the world

WEST YELLOWSTONE, Mont. (AP) — West Yellowstone may be known as the Snowmobile Capital of the World, but this time of year it's cross-country skiers who quietly take over the town.

Up to 1,000 of them sailed across the town's 40-kilometer Rendezvous Trails as national, college, community and high school teams took advantage of the Thanksgiving break and early snow.

"We're often the first place in the country that has reliable groomed trails and early snow," said Melissa Butler, co-owner of Free Heels and Wheels, a bicycling and skiing shop.

The holiday marks West Yellowstone's annual cross-country ski clinic, a Nordic ski school offering three-, five- and seven-day classes to the first 180 people to sign up. Twenty-two coaches from across the country share their tips in the classroom and on the trail.

The clinic, designed to attract new skiers of all abilities to West Yellowstone, tops off the month-long fall camp. Fall camp is a term adopted by locals to describe the month of November when such notables as the U.S. and Japanese ski teams, and the U.S. Biathlon and National Guard Nordic ski teams take to the trails in bright night splades.

Best known for its world-class doorstep-to-trail snowmobiling, West Yellowstone offers the same advantages to cross-country skiers.

One of the advantages is the trails are right at the edge of town so everyone can ski on their own from the motels," said Carol Barney, whose husband, Drew Barney, coordinated the ski clinic. "They don't have to be bused someplace."

West Yellowstone's high altitude also helps skiers gain an edge over their winter competitors. The trails, which wind through the timber and over difficult trails like Dead Dog and Windy Ridge, range in elevation from 5,550 to 7,000 feet.

Top-notch grooming is a must, especially at the beginning of the season when minimal snowfall is spread like hard-packed frosting across the trails.

Mayor Doug Edgerton, West Yellowstone's cross-country ski trail promoter for the past 20 years, has made grooming a business of some-of-the-art grooming.

While the rest of the state sleeps,



The McCall Community Nordic Ski Team takes to the Rendezvous Trail recently as part of a week-long stay in West Yellowstone, Mont. The cross-country ski area is often one of the first places in the country with reliable groomed trails and early snow and attracts hundreds of skiers to the 40-kilometer trail.

Edgerton leaves his warm bed about midnight and heads into the frosty winter night to groom the town's 40-kilometers of cross-country trails.

Edgerton, who has built a booming business on designing, manufacturing and marketing groomers, says it was the fall camp that dragged him into trail grooming.

"When the ski team started coming to town they needed someone to groom the trails. I was already grooming snowmobile trails so I agreed to do it for a box of warts, a T-shirt and maybe somebody's old skis — and for the fun of it," said Edgerton. "Eventually it turned into a job."

When he first began, Edgerton dragged an old bedspring behind a snowmobile. These days he has a fleet of vehicles he uses for different snow depths. Early in the year, he uses a snowmobile to groom when the snow is skimpy.

Next he graduates to a small Snow Cat with a set of \$15,000-rubber tracks that don't tear up the trails. When the snow gets deeper, he switches to metal tracks with deeper grips. By January he has hired up his big Snow Cat.

During November, skiers pay a \$7 per day or \$45 per-month-use-fee for the extra grooming needed to maintain the trails through the extra-heavy use. From December through March the fee is \$3 daily.

The Rendezvous Trails were hacked out by the Swanson family in the 1970s, when Burnell Swanson's high school-aged sons became competitive cross-country skiers. Swanson says he couldn't afford to take his sons to fancy camps, so the family spent their summers carving the trails out of national forest lands adjoining town.

Back then few adults, and even fewer kids, were interested in the sport.

"Everybody wanted to play basketball where you had the cheerleaders keeping you going," Swanson said. "It takes a special kind of person to go out there in the cold and ski alone. This is the real world. It's life or death out there in the cold."

Swanson says his sons, Kent and Carl, would come home after school, put on their skis and head into Yellowstone Park. Before he knew it, they were following the cross-country ski circuit and Swanson was meeting coaches and skiers.

That's when he heard the U.S. Ski Team was training in Cooke City. Swanson encouraged the team to switch. And that's about the time Drew Barney and others began trying to promote the sport nationwide.

"We've really targeted becoming a cross-country ski destination," Barney said.

The number of skiers attracted to fall camp, which includes the 360-person clinic, has grown from 15 to nearly 1,000.

And the sport's popularity has grown locally among both kids and adults. The 262-student West Yellowstone School has a 22-member Nordic ski team. Elementary kids ski one afternoon a week.

Senior Service officials say skier days have risen dramatically over the last five years.

How to rent ski boots

By Deb Acord
The Gazette

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Hi, My name is Deb and I'm a rental boot expert.

Hi, Deb.

Ever since I learned to ski, I've put myself at the mercy of skibrainless salesmen.

Sometimes, the experience was exhilarating. I would get equipment that felt as if it were made just for me. Other times, I would end a day of sking with blisters, sore spots, and even deep purple bruises on my shins and ankle bones.

It wasn't my rental skis or skiing technique — causing the problem. It was my boots. My 15 years of rental boots were on 43 ski trips. Old, scuffed rear-entry boots, spangling new high-performance boots with more buckles than I knew what to do with — and everything in between.

There were boots that scratched my toes, boots that scratched my heels, boots I couldn't even cram onto my feet and boots with buckles that wouldn't stay closed.

Still, I continue to rent. But I'm

trying to work this out. And Shawn Stry, rental manager at The Ski Shop, 1422 S. Tejon St., is trying to help me.

"If you're given the wrong length of skis, you can get through the day. But if you have the wrong pair of boots, you're in trouble," he says.

Here are tips for those of us who feel compelled to rent ski boots:

- If you can, rent at a reliable shop in town. At a resort rental shop, you have to deal with crowds of skiers all hurrying to get on the slopes. You also have no idea what kind of boots you'll be handed.
- When you go to rent, wear the socks you'll wear skiing. Never layer socks in an effort to make boots fit better — a wrinkle in one can cause a hot spot or blister. Instead, wear a clean sock made of silk, wool or a polymer blend. Never wear cotton.
- Before you put on a rental boot, look it over. It can be scuffed, but it shouldn't be too worn, especially on the sole. And the buckles should fasten securely. The liner should be unwrinkled and smooth and not too packed down.
- When you're renting your boots, have a technician measure your feet. If that's not possible (many resorts will just hand you a unisex boot comparable to your shoe size), be sure the boots really fit before you head out.
- If you have the luxury of a technician, and the boots don't feel right, ask about heel lifts or reusable insoles. If you're at a resort, trade in the boots for another pair. Even the same make and same size might fit differently.
- When you get the boot on, stand in a ski stance — don't walk around. Flex and try to feel any spots that rub or are too tight or too loose. You should fasten the buckles over the top of the foot just tight enough to hold the foot. The buckles that hold in your ankle should be fastened as tightly as you can stand it.
- If you're skiing and your feet hurt, analyze problem spots. Are your toes starting to ache? The boot could be too big.
- In a ski boot, your toes should just barely touch the end of the boot.

the Burley Trap Club.

Nielson plans to hold more clinics next year in the Magic Valley Region. Anyone interested in signing up can contact him in Jerome at 324-4359.

Ski ad humor: Things to leave in the lodge

By Deb Acord
The Gazette

Favorite ski magazine ad campaigns we've spotted:

"Somewhere, there are cruise ships, beaches and theme parks I'll never visit." — Jackson Hole

"If Betsy Ross were alive today, she'd say, 'I like that young Johnny Moseley. When I'm done with this flag, I'm gonna knit him a sweater and bake him a thurbar pie.'" — K2 Skis

"It's 3 o'clock. Do you know where your appendages are?" — Duoitold, makers of thermal underwear.

"Things I leave in the lodge: car keys, wallet, spare neck warmer, fear." — Boeri, helmet-makers.

DESIGNER LIFTS? Colorado's own Telluride Ski & Golf Co. has been presented one of Snow Country magazine's Ski Area Design Awards, which recognizes resorts whose base-lodge and ski-run designs are unique. The award also has been given

to resorts for commitment to historic preservation.

Telluride was tapped for resort-access innovation, specifically, chondola, and gondola access between the towns of Telluride and Mountain Village and the Meadows area. Telluride's chondola, a cross between an express lift and a gondola, is a high-speed quad with a four-passenger gondola where every 10th chair would be.

SKINNY SKI FEASTING: There are cross-country ski trips, and then there are cross-country ski trips with gourmet meals.

The Copper Mountain women's gourmet overnight hut trip to Janet's Cabin is scheduled Jan. 23-24. Skiers will join Copper's female guides and chef for skiing and great food. They should have at least low-intermediate skills.

Cost is \$220; reservations required by Wednesday. Call (970) 968-2318, Ext. 6342.

Skill

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One pair of shooters kidded one another about every hit and miss. One commented that the other couldn't hit a decaying duck, but added that Secretary

clinic should improve things.

After a little practice, all of the budding shooters hit some of the birds and their satisfied grins said more than words could. Top shooters were presented prizes by

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Rainbow

Even a 1-duck day in the field can be delicious

'Nothing like feeding the wildlife'

By John Huser
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — The skies smilled Monday, blue and windless, which got Jim Scheer in a foul mood.

He glared at the dead calm. "Not a duck in the sky," Scheer grumbled as he sat in a pit blind on his farm northwest of Wilmington. He had hoped for a driving snowstorm and heavy drizzle. "I don't know the hand of wind that pushes ducks around."

"Jim, there are people who'd give a left arm for a day like this and you'd be unhappy," chided his neighbor, Bill Hendrickson of Oak Brook, Ill.

Scheer mumbled darkly in the corner of his pit, his voice an omi-

nous scatter of drums in a muted percussion section.

He had counted on last weekend's storms to chase a bunch of new ducks into northern Illinois, accounting one of our better waterfowl seasons.

Instead, a tonight sky beamed over us, with far more geese than ducks aloft.

Indeed, we spooked about 400 geese from the flooded corn of this pond as we lumbered toward our pit at dawn. Scheer even fired an aimless shot of greeting.

"The way they come in and eat all of my duck food, I just want to let 'em know this is not the safest place," he complained.

And, of course, we were without a single goose decoy when one of those geese forgot their lesson and came back for dessert, only to give up because our duck decoys sat right where they wanted to land.

"Bill, I called you right," he said. "If we only brought some goose decoys and maybe even a goose call, we'd get those birds to come down," he surmised.

Scheer tried to hook by himself like a Canada goose and to his credit didn't do badly.

Of course, he may have sounded more like an elephant with its foot caught in a closing bridge, but — hey — a few geese actually turned their heads. They must have a lot of curiosity.

The ducks that did visit mainly stayed out of gun range. We first chose a pit on the western shore of one of Scheer's better ponds, floated a few score of duck decoys and settled in.

And we waited. And waited. And waited.

Scheer finally decided that because the wind had switched and was coming from the north-east, ducks would have to fly over his right shoulders to land on the far end of the pond. One flight of seven mallards and a pintail did just that, alighting far from our decoys and far out of range. They left when we were clamored out to change blinds.

Even then our situation wasn't ideal for this new wind. We left most decoys near the old blind

and set out maybe 30 at our new end. But the corn there had been cut into a tight hole that prevented ducks from settling in if winds were in the way. Several small flocks took a look and decamped elsewhere. And one single dropped straight into the corn and sang to us while hiding for half an hour.

"Well, at least he'll be a decoy for us," Hendrickson said.

And he was, drawing in a gadwall, which three of us hungrily shot at and barely ticked. The injured duck flew probably half a mile until it dropped behind a leafless tree. A red-tailed hawk instantly dove from that tree. A second hawk swooped over and followed the first hawk down.

"Nothing like feeding the wildlife," Callerton observed.

Scheer and his Labrador retriever went to find the duck just in case anything might be left.

"This is the worst day of the year," Scheer fumed when he got back. "I made you guys get out of bed for nothing."

Hendrickson blithely accused Scheer of being a loud predictor of duck weather.

"The other day you called up and told us not to come, that it was going to be a nice bluebird day, much too warm for the ducks," he said. "But we came anyway, even though you didn't, and your son Tim was kind enough to take us out. And we got our ducks in 15 minutes, and we could have shot five times more. And then you call up and say today is going to be really good and it turns out to be the worst day of the season."

Scheer's kettledrums muttered in the corner. He knew Hendrickson was only paying him back for the dreadful honey incident.

It seems Hendrickson, whose business cards and horned helmet photo announce him as the "Venturesome Viking" — specializing in fishing, hunting and traveling adventures (when people ask him where he goes for adventures and he tells them Coal City, they seem to be impressed until they find out

where it is) — also raises honey bees.

And when Scheer tasted his delicious honey, he inquired about entering the beekeeping business himself.

Hendrickson promptly sent Scheer some bees. A few months later he received the prickly judgment of a prominent beekeeper that Scheer's honey tasted better than his.

"But they're the very same bees," Hendrickson protested.

"That's because you've got nothing but pine trees where you live," Scheer triumphantly raved. "Your honey tastes like evergreens."

They had been carping off and on for four hours when a pair of mallards finally passed and were promptly annihilated.

It was time to leave then — four conquering heroes and one duck between them. And the sweet smell of rich marsh mud happily beneath our boots.

Just another delicious day in the field.

Educational centers present realities of life in the wild

BRITV, Minn. — Two fifth-graders were given 100 pounds of the Laurentian Environmental Center.

"Are you a mouse?" one asked.

"Yeah," said his friend. "It's hard to be a mouse."

Soon after, a pack of fifth-grade wolves sprung an attack, and the two mice scurried for their lives. The boys escaped, but Jacques Zimmerman, one of their classmates, was tagged by a wolf. She was no longer a mouse and had become, in effect, part of a wolf.

"I didn't like being a mouse," she said, "but that was fast."

The fifth-graders, 95 of them from Zimmerman Junior High in Zimmerman, Minn., were fast being introduced to the realities of life in the wild. This elaborate game of Predator and Prey was their first activity during a four-day stay at the Laurentian Environmental Center near Britv, about 32 miles north of Virginia.

Like the handful of other environmental centers around Minnesota, the Laurentian center teaches school-age kids everything from birding to wilderness survival. But at Laurentian, where most of the 12-person staff also hunt, fishes or traps, those activities are blended with more conventional environmental teaching.

Naturalist Kristian Jankofsky, who grew up in Duluth, was the one who briefed the Zimmerman kids before their game near Britv and Prey. He had checked his trapline earlier that morning, bringing home his first marten of the season.

In fact, the Zimmerman bunch was the first group of kids the center had seen in a couple of weeks. The center cuts back to a skeleton crew during Minnesota's two-week winter deer season, that many of its instructors can hunt.

The hunting and trapping theme was played out in the Predator-and-Prey game on Tuesday afternoon. Naturalist Mark Dickerson came bounding up to a group of fifth-grade wolves and began tagging them.

One, two, three, four, five, six, seven," Dickerson yelled as he tagged the seven wolves. "OK, you were all trapped by poachers. You're going to become a rug on my floor. Not fair," one of the kids yelled.

Which is part of the message Laurentian naturalists try to get across. It may not be fair to be a mouse if you can't run. It may not be fair if you're a wolf killed by a trapper. It may not be fair if you're a snake run over by a car. It's a part of the reality of life as a wild creature.



OUTDOORS
Sam Cook

During their four-day stay, the Zimmerman kids will sample Laurentian's diverse menu of courses. They'll learn about birds of prey from naturalist Heather Cave, survival and fire-building from Jankofsky, map and compass work from senior naturalist Jim DeVries, offway history from Dickerson and archery from naturalist Janna Goertz.

In a typical year, the Laurentian center will reach about 6,000 kids from 48 schools in 24 school districts across the state. The kids' fees, about \$50 per child during a residential stay, provide the center's operating revenue. A recent capital fund drive allowed the center to build some new dormitories and make improvements to other buildings.

In addition to a full slate of residential programs for school kids, the center offers many weekend programs for adults and families. The Laurentian center has offered the popular "Becoming an Outdoors Woman" programs, as well as courses or weekends that include fly-tying, grouse hunting, trapping, deer hunting, dog-sledging, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing and ice-fishing.

Among the state's seven environmental learning centers, only a couple of others offer a curriculum that includes hunting and fishing courses. Those centers are at Deep Portage, near Hacksack, and at Eagle Bluff, near Laneshoro.

The Laurentian center serves many Iron Range schools, more often on a day-use basis than in residential programs.

But some northern Minnesotans have misinterpreted the center's curriculum, Cannella said.

"There's definitely a little stand-offishness, because the word 'wild' is still a dirty word for some people," Cannella said. "But when people get to know us, they're pleasantly surprised we're not activists — 'tree huggers' would be that word."

"A lot of people have a fear factor running through their minds that people are out to get 'em, but the reality is if you take care of the environment, you take care of the opportunity to hunt, fish and trap," Link said. "And if people would think about the vote for the hunting and fishing amendment, they wouldn't be very concerned about what people are being taught."

Link is referring to a recent constitutional amendment proposal to safeguard the practices of hunting, fishing and trapping in Minnesota. The proposal passed easily in the November election.

These fifth-graders seemed to be at an ideal age to take in what the Laurentian naturalists tell them. They arrived fresh-faced and eager, their minds open and alive. They loved the Predator and Prey game — the intellectual and physical challenges of the Challenge Course, concentrated intensely while trying lines and offered good questions during a round of Stump the Naturalist.

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Section F

Dreaming of a frugal Christmas

Half of American households will spend too much and go into debt

Vivian Martin
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — While canvassing the shopping malls in search of those perfect holiday gifts, consider this not-so-merry thought: About half of us will spend too much and go into debt, and about a quarter of the debtors will be paying off the bills come next Christmas. (At least that's what some polls are predicting.)

American households are expected to shell out about 5 percent more on gifts this season, or around \$800 apiece, bringing total consumer spending to near-

\$174 billion, more than the previous annual product of Egypt. At the same time, American businesses are hard at work making sure that happens — mailing card issuers alone plan to spend more than \$250 million on holiday advertising and promotions.

The pictures they all paint — of bag-eyed youngsters pushing up at diamond jewelry, or gutted families reuniting with expensive women — has a lasting impression on the shopping public.

Yet many people would just as

soon avoid the expense and hassle of trying to attain these costly dreams.

"They feel pressure to keep up those practices, and they're not happy," said Betty Tuley, executive director of the Center for a New American Dream, a fledgling consumer group whose stated mission is to help families spend more responsibly.

"The image about the holidays is renewal and joy, but the reality for most Americans is debt and exhaustion, waking up on Dec. 26 kind of empty and wondering if that's all there is."

Bonnie and Tony Scarpelli of

Portland, Maine, felt that way until they decided to change their whole approach to the holidays.

Where they used to buy "extravagant" presents for everyone, exceeding the contributions to their Christmas Club, today they hand out smaller, more personal gifts from a scaled-down shopping list — usually one gift per extended family rather than one per family member.

"We'll give framed family photos. My husband wrote a story and our 11-year-old son illustrated it, and we gave that as a gift," said Mrs. Scarpelli, an opera singer. "It's all so liberating,

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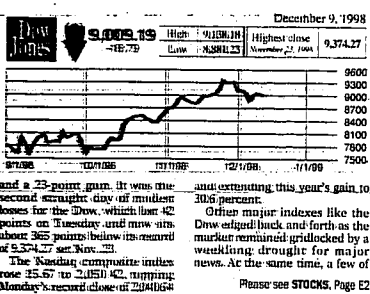
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Technology stocks boost Nasdaq again

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks leaned toward a mixed finish Wednesday, with technology shares driving the Nasdaq market to another record and the Dow edging lower amid profit worries for Merck, Procter & Gamble and Coca-Cola.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 18.79 to 9,009.15 after drifting between 39-point loss



U.S. trade deficit hits record high

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The overall U.S. trade deficit surged to \$61.3 billion from July through September, a fourth consecutive record, as the Asian financial crisis crashed even harder against America's shores. U.S. exports of everything from soybeans to computers are down for the year.

The Commerce Department reported today that the current account deficit rose 8.1 percent in the third quarter compared to a deficit of \$56.7 billion in the spring.

The global economic crisis,

which has leveled a number of Asian countries and Russia, has sent American exports plunging, pushing American farmers into their worst financial crisis in a decade and triggering thousands of layoffs at manufacturing companies.

U.S. exports of soybeans, corn, autos, chemicals, computers and lumber have plunged because of the loss of key overseas markets.

In a separate report today, the Federal Reserve said economic growth has slowed in many parts of the country because of a drop in production at factories producing

The Fed's survey, based on reports from its 12 regional banks, said that none had dipped into an outright recession but five districts were reporting slower growth "due to output declines in export-related industries."

The central bank cut interest rates three times this fall in an effort to guarantee that the weakness in the U.S. trade performance does not tip the country into recession. Analysts believe that Fed policy-makers will hold rates steady at their next meeting Dec. 22 to give time to assess the impact of the earlier cuts.

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Dissatisfied teachers have career options

But instant salary jumps don't usually come

Birth Downey Grimsley The Washington Post

Q. I am a fifth-year science teacher in Montgomery County, Maryland... I don't feel that I can make enough money to support a family comfortably in this field. I truly love teaching, but the rewards may not be enough to balance the cost.

elsewhere. "It's a great-time to make a career change," said Debra Loreille, employment manager for Boor-Allen & Hamill...

Every level work consulting in a corporate setting earn an average \$45,124 for a full year's work, but workers new to the field earn only \$28,000, according to a new survey by Training magazine. Executive-level training managers earn \$81,735, the survey found.

A. Hey, don't go. We need you. Experts estimate 2.2 million new teachers will be needed in the next decade because student enrollment is rising and many teachers are retiring.

But Bob Chase, president of the National Education Association (NEA), said the letter-writers' lament is being voiced by teachers across the country. He said 50 percent of teachers in urban areas and 30 percent in suburban and rural areas leave the profession in the first five years, with low pay partly to blame.

Classroom instructors in a corporate setting earn an average \$45,124 for a full year's work, but workers new to the field earn only \$28,000, according to a new survey by Training magazine.

"Realistically, he needs to realize when he's making a transition that there's a risk factor," Loreille said.

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Stocks

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Merck plunged 6 3/4 to 151 15/16 after issuing what amounted to the fourth profit warning in less than two weeks from one of the 30 stocks in the Dow.

The late announcement from Merck came as P&G and Coke, two other consumer product giants in the Dow average, were sharply after discouraging comments from dividend investment firms.

P&G fell 2 5/8 to 84 1/8 after a downslide from Bear Stearns, and Coca-Cola fell 1 1/2 to 67 1/8 after Merrill Lynch warned of disappointing sales volume for the soda market.

Those losses negated big gains from Dow components AT&T and Chevron. AT&T rose 4 1/7 amid reports that the company is in a deal to offer a telephone service over Time Warner's cable system. Chevron rose 3 3/4 to 86 3/16 amid speculation it may be acquired by

Royal Dutch/Shell in reaction to the mergers planned between Exxon and Mobil and between British Petroleum and Amoco.

With no significant data released since last week's surprisingly strong employment report, "the market is languishing," chief investment strategist at Advent Inc. of Hartford, Conn.

"There's nothing else to focus on except wondering about fourth-quarter earnings, wondering about the financial crisis in Asia, wondering about the Federal Reserve," he said, referring a Dec. 22 meeting at which Fed officials will decide whether to cut interest rates again.

The Standard & Poor's 500 rose 2 1/4 to 1,833.49, less than 10 points from the Nov. 27 record of 1,923.23.

Trading issues outnumbered advancers by a slim margin on the New York Stock Exchange and the Nasdaq Stock Market.

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MUTUAL FUNDS

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COMMUNITY

Serving the Magic Valley

Community Editor: Katrina Brumback - 733-9411, Ext. 203

Food program wins state honor

COMMUNITY EVENTS

TWIN FALLS - The Idaho Department of Education's Child Nutrition Program recently presented an award for outstanding meals and contribution to meeting the nutritional needs of children to the College of Southern Idaho's Child Care Center.

Child-care programs and menus statewide are reviewed annually by the Child Nutrition Program. Menus are evaluated by a certified nutritionist to assure that centers are meeting federal nutritional guidelines.

Emphasis is placed on serving meals and snacks that are high in fiber, including a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables, lower-in-fat, lower-in-sodium-and-high-in-vitamins C, A and iron.

The menus include a balance of color, texture, shape, flavor, temperature and variety. A sample day's menu might be: breakfast - hard-boiled eggs, toast, orange slices and milk; lunch - chicken with noodles, broccoli, sprouts, homemade breadsticks and milk; afternoon snack - cheese kabob pretzel stick and pineapple juice.

Centers are encouraged to serve family-style meals, introduce new foods, serve ethnic meals and provide nutrition education food experiences. Children are encouraged to assist in the meal preparation, with hands-on experience in preparing foods or special recipes.

Early childhood nutrition education includes lessons, activities, self-help skills such as setting tables, serving, passing foods, pouring and cleanup. Center families also are provided with educational materials on nutrition, food safety and meal preparation.

The CSI Child Care Center has participated in the Child Nutrition Program since the center began services in 1986. It also received the nutrition awards from the state in 1995 and 1997.



Photos courtesy of Education Dept.

The program was recognized for outstanding services to students by the State Department of Education in 1996.

CSI places priority on providing quality child care, developmentally appropriate learning environment, and summer program for children of students enrolled at the school. The nutrition component has been a vital part in providing for the holistic needs of the child.

Child-care or home-care programs interested in participating may write to the Idaho Department of Education, Child Nutrition Programs, Attention: Jean M. Hales, RD, 500 S. Capitol Blvd., Boise, ID 83720-0027, or call (800) 252-6621.

The child and adult care nutrition program is available to all eligible participants regardless of race, color, sex, age, disability, religion or national origin.



Above, from left to right, Kristina Patten, Taylor Exds and Dallen Ogden enjoy a breakfast of ham slices, pancakes, homemade strawberry syrup, cantaloupe, grapes and milk. Left, Cook Lois Kevan puts the finishing touches on a meal.

CSI music students present honor recital

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho Music Department will feature an honor recital at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

Vocal, piano and saxophone students will perform a variety of musical styles from Baroque to contemporary. Admission is free.

Fund-raising shoot will take place at gun club

TWIN FALLS - A fund-raiser turkey shoot is planned for 9 a.m. until dark Sunday at the Twin Falls Gun Club, located at the north end of Washington Street.

Turkeys, hams and gift certificates will be awarded. Shootings for all age groups and abilities. Proceeds will go to the Magic Valley and Wood River KMYT Christmas for Kids Program.

For more information, call the Gun Club at 734-0635 or Ken Siemens at 733-6045.

West Magic Rec Club schedules holiday party

TWIN FALLS - The West Magic Lake Recreation Club has planned its annual Christmas Party for noon Sunday at the Magic Lake Resort.

Live music, finger foods, egg nog and a gift exchange are among the activities. Men bring gifts for men; women bring gifts for women. The public is invited.

For more information, call 437-1202.

Service at Reynolds remembers those lost

TWIN FALLS - A special memorial service to honor friends and family members who have died will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

The time will be filled with words of encouragement, songs of comfort and a candlelight

remembrance. Holiday ornaments will be offered to each family to personalize place on the memorial service table. Homecomings after the service. Retirements will be served.

Reynolds Funeral Chapel, in association with Friends of the Bereaved and College of Southern Idaho Widowed/Women and Infant Children Services, is hosting the service.

For more information, call 733-4903.

Exchange program will award scholarships

SAN FRANCISCO - AYUSA International, a leading nonprofit high school exchange program, is awarding two scholarships to Japan for the 1999 spring semester.

Scholarships include a monthly stipend, full board, international airfare and accommodations. Applicants must be between the ages of 18 and 20. Deadline to apply is Dec. 20.

For more information, call (800) 727-4540, Ext. 245 or 503.

Soroptimists seek applicants for award

RUPERT - The Soroptimist International of America is accepting applications for the Women's Opportunity Award.

The award's goal is to promote upward mobility in mature women by assisting in training efforts and entry of recently into the labor market. Preferred candidates are heads of households and completing undergraduate programs or entering vocational or technical training programs.

Recipients will receive \$700 locally and be eligible to compete for a regional award of \$1,500.

Applications are limited to Minidoka County residents. The deadline to apply is Jan. 15, 1999. For more information, call Anne Phillips at 435-9378 or 438-0623 or Jean Ryan at 436-3168.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Perrine Elementary will host Christmas fair

TWIN FALLS - A Christmas Craft Fair will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Perrine Elementary School.

Families are invited to enjoy a night of crafts sponsored by the Perrine Parent Teacher Organization. All crafts are \$1.50.

Helpers seek applicants interested in baskets

HAZELTON - The Valley Community Helpers are putting together Christmas Baskets for families in the Hazelton and Eden areas.

Anyone who could use a food basket should pick up an application at the Silver and Gold Senior Center. All applications must be turned in by Friday.

Senior center offers \$2 bus ride to Jackpot

BURLEY - The Golden Heritage Senior Center bus to Jackpot will leave at 3 p.m. and return at approximately midnight on Friday. Anyone 21 years and older is invited to ride. Bus cost is \$2. The bus will stop in Twin Falls with previous reservations.

For more information or reservations, call Kay at 678-8546.

TV program Friday will show Moose International

MOOSEHEART, Ill. - Moose International Inc. will be spotlighted on the corporate recognition series, "Champions of Industry," which will air sometime between 4 and 6 p.m. Friday.

The two minute profile featuring Moose International will be narrated by P. Brummer on his series on MSNBC. Local cable listings for channel number.

Disabled vets schedule Christmas dinner at hall

TWIN FALLS - The Disabled American Veterans have planned their annual Christmas dinner for 6:30 p.m. Friday at the DAV Hall, 459 Shop.

Bring a covered dish to share and table service. For more information call Nyle Jones at 733-7937.

Seniors will serve breakfast this weekend

JEROME - A community breakfast will be served from 8 to 10 a.m. Saturday at the Jerome Senior Center, 212 First Ave. E. Ham, sausages, hashbrown, pancakes and gravy, plus juices and coffee, are featured on

the menu. Cost is \$2.50 per person. Everyone is welcome.

For more information, call 733-3642.

Hotline offers answers to orthopedic questions

SALT LAKE CITY - Questions about orthopedic injuries will be answered through the Orthopedic New/International Health Care Hotline, set for 10 a.m. to noon Saturday.

Calls will be answered by Dr. James M. Morgan, chief of orthopedic surgery, and Dr. Sheryl Rush, sports medicine specialist. Both at UH. For help, call the toll-free number, (800) 554-4177, or call from anywhere in the Intermountain region. All calls are confidential.

Farmers' market of TF holds sale on Saturday

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Farmers' Market will hold its Christmas Food Fair from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Main Street Plaza, 132 Main Ave. S. (between 1st, 2nd and 3rd Streets). The market will feature locally produced goods, organic produce and other local products, jams, preserves and nut butters. Christmas decorations, skin and health care products, African vases, quilts, dolls, cards, and other gifts, too.

The fair is the 11th in the series. The fair is the last of the year. The market will reopen in May.

Snowmobilers will gather for Christmas meal

FEATHERHURVE - The Idaho Snow Bikers Snowmobile Club will hold its annual Family Christmas Dinner at noon Saturday at the Featherhurve Ranch, located between Pine and Featherhills in the Anderson Ranch Reserve Recreation Area.

A visit from Santa Claus for the children, a raffle and other prizes are included. Parents are asked to bring one gift per child for Santa to give. All club events are open to the public. Participants are asked to bring a side dish to share and table service.

For more information, call Chris at 663-2322.

Organizers plan Silks-Tw Run to benefit children

TWIN FALLS - The Silks-Tw Run will start at noon Saturday at the Shuffie Inn and end at the South Hills School.

The entry fee is one hundred dollars to be donated to the children of Magic Valley.

A pre-function party will be held at 7 p.m. Friday at Sax On Soles. For more information, call 734-5843.

Williams will host gathering of women

TWIN FALLS - The Daughters of the American Revolution will hold its annual Silver Tea at 1 p.m. Saturday at the home of Maureen Williams.

Judy Boxer will present a book review; special music is planned. Prospective members and guests are welcome.

For further information, call Shirley Redmond at 423-5264.

Tucker will sign work at Mystic Pathways in TF

TWIN FALLS - Local artist Gary Tucker will be signing his limited edition print, "Native American Spirituality between 1 and 5 p.m. Saturday at Mystic Pathways, 122 Main Ave. S.

Square dancers announce activities for this week

EDEN - The Banquet and Bow Square Dance Club has three activities planned for this week.

A Christmas Dinner/Dance will be held at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Anderson Campground. The club will provide the meat and rolls. Dancers are asked to bring a potluck dish to share.

A workshop for area dancers is set for Monday. Experienced dancers meet at 7 p.m., and new dancers start at 8:30 p.m.

A Plus Dance will be held from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Anderson Campground. No reservations are scheduled. Bring finger foods.

For more information, call June Cramer at 733-9235.

Author will sign books at Made in Idaho

TWIN FALLS - Linda Schoepf will sign copies of her book, "Grandma is an Octopus," from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday next at Made in Idaho at the Magic Valley Mall.

"Grandma" is Schoepf's first book. It is accompanied by a cassette tape featuring three songs and a recording of the story.

LIFE Productions of Twin Falls recorded the tape and published the book. The set is available at Made in Idaho, a cassette disc and cassette tape of piano music by Schoepf are also available. "Words Unspoken" was recorded last year.

Schoepf will present a program beginning at 10 a.m. Friday in all living areas at Bridgeway Estates. She will be dressed as an octopus and will do readings of the book.

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THANK YOU LETTERS

Who's Who list includes many local students

Students featured in the 32nd Annual Edition of Who's Who in America...

- Students listed include: Jared Aay, John Barker, Katherine Baughman, Todd Baughman, Sean M. Bautista, Benjamin J. Sciacca, Rachel A. Vignil, Ed Wilkerson, Mark N. Woodson, and William B. Wright IV of Elko; Adrienne Annis, Amanda E. Barsness, Amy L. Bennett, Melissa Blomck, Katie Eisenhauer, Logan D. Hudson, Sharisse Hurley, Betty L. Kelli, Alyson Mal, Josie F. Moore, LeAnn J. Olander, Krista Ormrod, A.J. Tackman, and Joseph E. Ormrod of Filer; James L. Brimley M. Davis, Jimmy Egusquina, Bailey Funk, Jody L. Porter, Megan S. Richards, Colby D. Smith, and Jessica L. Weber of Hansen; Luis Aguilar of Jackpot; Justin Adamson, Kirk Arrossa, Erin Baldwin, Malinda J. Barrett, Lacey N. Beard, Matt Berry, Laddie L. Black, Ryan D. Blunck, Brent B. Briley, Ryan M. Campbell, Natalia Casto, Toni N. Christensen, Christy Coleman, Chad Conner, Michelle A. Davis, Terrianna Powers, Jeremy K. Miller, James L. Hamilton, Rigni M. Heinemann, Nikell High, Melissa A. Hill, Maggie A. Hopwood, Dustin A. Johnson, Jeremiah D. Jones, Amy Klimes, Kelli M. Love, Angie M. McNeill, Megan Molyneux, Kevin Moudy, Megan Mullberry, Athena D. Ochsner, Silely Olson, Amie A. Orland, Lisa Pulsipher, Amanda B. Richards, Ben Robert, T.M. Schmidt, Nathan Schwobedick, Josh R. Shobe, Benjamin J. Smith, Ashley Stevens, Henry L. Talbot, Katie Thompson, Jamie J. Turner, Amy M. Vavson, Jennifer White, Lonna J. Williams, and Louisa M. Zdroff of Kimberly; Kelinda Biggers, Kyle Funk, Sarah B. Helwick, Katie Johnson, Kelly Kelley, Kadi, Lindsey K. Lutterick, Amanda K. Moyes, Andrea C. Moyes, Cassie P. Pence, D. Cole Perkins, Jesse Perkins, Kerstin Pickens, Deon Poulton, Sarah A. Sherrill, Kindsa Stusny, Jaci A. Tesch, Ashley Ward, Lindsey Ward, and Robert L. Watts of 'Mortgauge'; Bo J. Chadwick of Ragon; Ben L. Adrian, Rachel Arkoosh, Jill Arrington, Laura Arrington, Jillian, Valerie Ash, Jennifer Ashpole, Andrea Barga, Jennifer Bengoechea, Rosanna M. Benoit, Amyara Berriochoa, Callie Bickel, Chas B. Bolger, Ashley Borron, Brookney Borron, Jessice Bowler, Jonathan Brumbach, Carrie Butters, Candice A. Capps, Nicole S. Cheatum, Adam Christensen, Shelley Christensen, Eric A. Crump, Amanda Cutler, Carlee D. Daniels, Francisco Davila,

Home makes a difference by supporting MD group

On behalf of myself and more than 400 people in southern Idaho living with muscular dystrophy...

Home for his many years of support to the local association. Roy has been involved in the annual Santa Row... Home for his many years of support to the local association. Roy has been involved in the annual Santa Row... Home for his many years of support to the local association. Roy has been involved in the annual Santa Row...

Helping Hands says thanks to all for help

Helping Hands Mission would like to thank to my many people, churches, organizations and businesses who have donated cash, clothes, food or furniture to help those in need...

Thank you for making 1999 a lot better and brighter for those we serve. MARY CHRISTINA ROX. Thank you for making 1999 a lot better and brighter for those we serve. MARY CHRISTINA ROX. Thank you for making 1999 a lot better and brighter for those we serve. MARY CHRISTINA ROX.

Supporters of firefighters ball deserve appreciation

The staff and firefighters of the City Fire and Rescue would like to express their appreciation to all who supported our 88th Annual Firefighters Ball...

Thanks again, and have a wonderful Christmas and New Year. MIKE AND SHAWN LIND. Thanks again, and have a wonderful Christmas and New Year. MIKE AND SHAWN LIND. Thanks again, and have a wonderful Christmas and New Year. MIKE AND SHAWN LIND.

Products commission announces essay winners

The Idaho Forest Products Commission has announced the winners of the third annual Forest Products Write Essay Contest...

In their essays students shared how forest products touch their lives and, if they were in charge, what they would do to manage our forests to provide not only tangible products but also clean air and water, wildlife habitat and other benefits.

Cliff finishes Navy basic in Great Lakes, Ill.

Navy Airman Recruit Lami J. Cliff recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Cliff, daughter of Mike Cliff of Elko, Nev., is a 1998 graduate of FWS Falls High School in FWS Falls.

McCallister receives Army achievement honor

Army Pfc. Chad E. McCallister has been decorated with the Army Achievement Medal.

The medal is awarded to soldiers who have served in a noncombat area in a noncombat area authorized by the Secretary of the Army. The recipients have distinguished themselves by meritorious service of achievement and accom-

We want your news

It's news to us, we want to hear about it. We are looking for news and photos to put in our job to this page with the news...

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LEGAL NOTICE LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS MEETING SALMON RIVER CANAL COMPANY, LTD. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Salmon River Canal Company, Ltd., will be held at the Grange Hall, 11th day of January, 1999 at one o'clock p.m. for the purpose of electing five directors and transacting such other business as may be necessary. All proxies must be filed with the office not later than January 8, 1999.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE On Wednesday, the 24th day of December, 1998, at the hour of 11:00 o'clock A.M., of said day at the office of Title, Inc., 183 9th Ave. North, Twin Falls, Idaho, PIONEER TITLE COMPANY, an ADA COUNTY, as Trustee, will sell at public auction, in the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States of America, all payable at the time of the sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2000-07-01 SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A TREE COMMISSION AND PROVIDING FOR A TREE ORDINANCE. The ordinance establishes a Tree Commission, including a statement of purposes, organization, powers, duties and jurisdiction. The Tree Ordinance, Chapter 4, of the Twin Falls City Code, prohibits destruction, topping and flush cutting, requires property owners to care for private trees adjacent street trees, and prohibits the full text of the ordinance is available on publication of this ordinance at the City of Twin Falls City Code. The ordinance is true and complete and accurate and is subject to the public provisions of the ordinance and the City of Twin Falls City Code.

THE CITY OF TWIN FALLS, IDAHO, 2000-07-01. PUBLISHED December 10, 17, 24 and 31, 1998. The ordinance establishing a Tree Commission, including a statement of purposes, organization, powers, duties and jurisdiction. The Tree Ordinance, Chapter 4, of the Twin Falls City Code, prohibits destruction, topping and flush cutting, requires property owners to care for private trees adjacent street trees, and prohibits the full text of the ordinance is available on publication of this ordinance at the City of Twin Falls City Code. The ordinance is true and complete and accurate and is subject to the public provisions of the ordinance and the City of Twin Falls City Code.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE. Case No. SP-98-1072 NOTICE TO CREDITORS. I, JULIA G. CASPER, Personal Representative of the estate of Robert Lee Casper, do hereby give notice to all persons having claims against the estate of Robert Lee Casper, that they are required to present their claims within four months after the date of first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Creditors should be presented to ROBERT LEE CASPER at the office of the Personal Representative, 244 East 1st Street, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303, or may be filed with the Court. Dated this 23rd day of November, 1998. JULIA G. CASPER, Personal Representative.

PUBLIC NOTICE. The following is public notification: A Request for Proposal will be released on December 11, 1998 for Drug and Alcohol Prevention Funds for Health and Welfare region five. The respondents that will be considered must fall into one of the following categories: Information on the Request for Proposals, Problem Identification and Referral, Court Referral, or Early Intervention/Outreach. The contracts will only be issued for some time beginning January 1, 1999 and end July 1, 1999. There are only five limited funds available for each county. All respondents will be asked to provide a copy of their insurance. All persons having a contract with adolescent health services, or a background check. For more information please contact Deputy District Director, 208-731-1134 or 208-733-3381 no later than December 15, 1998. If you have already responded to Request for Recovery you do not have to respond again.

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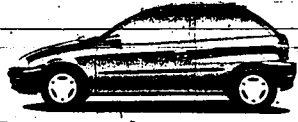
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1998	Buick	LaSabra Custom 4-door, Loaded #P2390	\$18,450	\$16,980
1998	Chevrolet	Malibu Sedan 4-door #P2332	\$16,675	\$14,500
1998	Chevrolet	Malibu Sedan 4-door #P2307	\$17,390	\$14,680
1998	Chevrolet	Cavalier LS Sedan 4-door #1286	\$15,230	\$11,500
1997	Buick	Park Avenue, 4-door, Loaded #P2384	\$23,845	\$17,980
1997	Toyota	Camry LE Sedan 4-door #P2341A	\$20,710	\$17,500
1997	Mercury	Sable LS Sedan 4-door #P2382	\$15,600	\$11,500
1997	Pontiac	Grand AM SE Sedan 4-door #P2323	\$12,930	\$11,600
1997	Chevrolet	Lumina LS Sedan 4-door #1268	\$15,165	\$12,895
1995	Oldsmobile	Cutlass Supreme S Sedan 4-door #P2327	\$11,515	\$10,950
1995	Oldsmobile	Cutlass Supreme S Coupe #C233	\$12,650	\$10,500
1994	Honda	Accord EX Coupe 4-door #8399A	\$12,165	\$9,500
1994	Ford	Taurus LX Sedan 4-door #P2309A	\$9,790	\$7,975
1993	Mercury	Tracer Sedan 4-door #R282	\$6,815	\$6,595
1992	Pontiac	Sunbird LE Sedan 4-door #P2376A	\$5,050	\$3,988
1992	Pontiac	Sunbird LE Coupe 2-door #R331A	\$5,600	\$4,988
1992	Ford	Tempo GL Sedan 4-door #P2316A	\$4,850	\$3,950
1990	Ford	Crown Victoria LX Sedan 4-door #P2325A	\$6,250	\$3,950

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1998	GMC	Jimmy Sport Utility 4-door 4x4 #P2338	\$23,515	\$21,500
1998	Ford	Ranger Pickup Super Cab 4x4 #8452C	\$19,525	\$16,980
1998	Chevrolet	Blazer Sport Utility 4-door 4x4 #P2340	\$23,850	\$21,980
1997	Chevrolet	Tahoe Wagon 4-door 4x4 #9013A	\$34,830	\$29,950
1997	Chevrolet	1500 1/2 Ton Pickup, Ext. Cab, Short Bed #9071A	\$23,070	\$18,350
1997	Chevrolet	Astra Extended Wagon #9080A	\$20,695	\$16,750
1996	Chevrolet	Blazer Sport Utility 4-door 4x4 #9114A	\$20,425	\$17,988
1995	Chevrolet	Suburban 2500 #P2191A	\$27,495	\$21,500
1995	Chevrolet	Suburban 1500 4x4 #8111A	\$28,795	\$24,975
1995	Chevrolet	2500 3/4 Ton Pickup, Ext. Cab, Short Bed #9023A	\$24,855	\$22,500
1994	Isuzu	Trooper S Sport Utility 4-door 4x4 #9097A	\$15,375	\$12,975
1994	Chevrolet	Suburban 1/2 Ton 4x4 #8256A	\$24,000	\$18,500
1994	Chevrolet	810 1/2 Ton Pickup, Short Bed #R280...	\$12,260	\$11,800
1993	Isuzu	Pickup S Short Bed #9171A	\$5,310	\$4,950
1993	Geo	Tracker Sport Utility Convertible 2-door #8446A	\$6,280	\$5,988
1993	GMC	1500 1/2 Ton Pickup, Long Bed #7513C	\$14,890	\$11,380
1993	Chevrolet	S10 Blazer Sport Utility 4-door #9060B	\$13,050	\$9,875
1993	Chevrolet	1500 1/2 Ton Pickup, Ext. Cab, Short Bed, 4x4 #9093A	\$19,375	\$16,500
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