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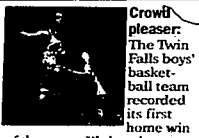
Meth arrests: A Federal Express package with drugs led to two arrests, police said.

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DRYING UP JOBS

Water ruling may affect 180 Glens Ferry workers

By Pat Marcantonio Times-News writer

GLENS FERRY — Glens Ferry's largest employer is considering moving out its major potato-processing production and 180 jobs, in the wake of a state water ruling that put a squeeze on its water use.

Water department considers moratorium on larger diversions
By Pat Marcantonio Times-News writer
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GLENS FERRY — Ground water is a big concern in Glens Ferry. The Idaho Department of Water Resources is considering a moratorium on new, larger diversions of water in the area, said spokesman Dick Larsen in Boise.

test wells in and around Glens Ferry since the 1970s, he said. The drop is not seasonal and shows no signs of improvement.

U.S. troops may go to Kosovo



An ethnic Albanian boy peers over a stone wall in the background as a Kosovo Liberation Army soldier stands guard in the village of Dragovillo, 28 miles southwest of Pristina, Wednesday.

The Associated Press
WASHINGTON — A NATO-led peacekeeping force could be needed in Kosovo for three to five years to enforce any peace accord and might include up to 4,000 American troops, the Clinton administration told Congress on Wednesday.

In testimony at a Senate hearing, and in private briefings with lawmakers, President Clinton's national security team sought to prepare Congress for the possibility of a second U.S. ground commitment in the Balkans.

The administration also shared with lawmakers a draft of a U.S. sponsored peace plan that would dramatically reduce Serbian control over Kosovo and give the province considerable self-government powers — while allowing some continued Serbian military presence.



Kosovo, Albania, and surrounding countries.

Dems threaten party battle

GOP proposes formal funding of wrongdoings

WASHINGTON — Senate Democrats threatened on Wednesday to start debating Clinton's impeachment.

As House GOP prosecutors questioned the third witness witnesses in the case, Democratic leader Tom Daschle said his party's rank-and-file lawmakers were ready to vote on any legislative testimony on the Senate floor.

3 judge candidates withdraw

TWIN FALLS — The judicial nominators to head the state's water court have dropped to eight.

Three candidates have withdrawn from contention for a third opening by the Judicial Council for the vacant position on the Sub-Thomas Court, presiding over the Snake River Basin Adjudication.

Officials reintroduce lynx to Colorado wilderness

The Associated Press

SOUTH FORK, Colo. — High in the aspens and spruce in the San Juan Mountains, two female lynx bounded across the snow into the wilderness Wednesday as part of an effort to re-introduce endangered and threatened animals in the West.

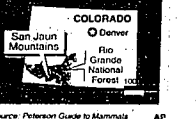
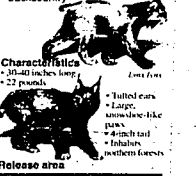
the 2 to 2 1/2-foot wildcat, which weighs about 22 pounds, after the Fish and Wildlife Service in June recommended adding the lynx in the list of threatened species.



A Canadian lynx peers out of her crate prior to being released into the wild Wednesday near South Fork, Colo.

Returning lynx

In an effort to restore the lynx population to Colorado, biologists plan to release a total of 11 cats into the snow-covered backcountry.



Source: Peterson Guide to Mammals AP

Police investigate beating as hate crime

2 men attacked an L.A. school principal

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An attack on a white elementary school principal that police are calling a hate crime follows discontent among a small but vocal group of Hispanic parents who believe he has been unresponsive to them, teachers said Wednesday.

The assault occurred as the nation's second largest school district struggles with the task of reaching 600,000 students, many with limited English-speaking skills, from widely different ethnic and cultural backgrounds.

Those factors can sometimes lead to racial tensions and misunderstandings, school officials said, but racially motivated violence against principals and teachers is rare.

Norman Bernstein, 65, principal of Duran Elementary in the Panamint City section of the San Fernando Valley, was beaten by two men outside the school Monday.

Two first-grade teachers at Duran said they told Bernstein how to handle the situation. Bernstein may have been related to two important changes this year: a statewide effort to reduce bilingual education and the school's switch to a year-round schedule, which many parents find disruptive.

"There was a small group that wanted him out," said a teacher



Elementary school teacher aid Pedro Mendoza, 69, explains Wednesday how he assisted and took principal Norman Bernstein, 65, to the hospital after he was attacked in Los Angeles.

who declined to give her name. "But I thought he listened to them. There was no reason for violence."

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors will vote next week on posting a \$25,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the attackers.

"This is an opportunity for the entire community — clergy, neighbors, politicians, teachers,

parents and administrators — to come together and say we will not tolerate this sort of thing," said Supervisor Zor Varadachari, who visited the school Wednesday.

Bernstein was ambushed as he stepped from his car by two men who held a sharp object to his throat and punched him in the head, said police Detective David Escoto.

One attacker told Bernstein, "We don't want you here, white principal," Escoto said.

Last American U.N. workers to depart Iraq

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The U.N. security chief ordered the last remaining American and British nationals working for the United Nations to leave Iraq because the Iraqi government says it cannot guarantee their safety, officials said Wednesday.

U.N. spokesman Fred Eckhard said the order only involves over 100 Americans and other Americans and all Britons working for the United Nations have already left Iraq.

In Washington, State Department spokesman James P. Rubin said the reason for the U.N. order was over security guarantees — and "not some new problem."

White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said the Clinton administration understood that the concerns about the safety of U.N. workers were raised by an unspecified threat from "the Iraqis on the ground."

Lockhart said the evacuation

wasn't linked to any impending attack on Iraq, which was struck by U.S. and British warplanes on Dec. 16-19, and that there were only a handful of American humanitarian workers left in Iraq.

Prior to the airstrikes, there were 1215 American and British nationals among the 400 U.N. employees in Iraq.

Many of the Americans and Britons were scheduled to take vacation in December and January and did not return to Baghdad, U.N. officials said.

The two Americans still in Baghdad are Darlene Bisson, deputy director of the World Food Program, and the secretary to Prakash Shah, Secretary-General Kofi Annan's special representative to Iraq.

Her name was not immediately available. In Britain, a Foreign Office spokesman said the United Nations had been "left with little choice."

Unprecedented gun trial nears finish in Brooklyn

NEW YORK (AP) — Negligent marketing practices by the firearms industry in the South resulted in tragic shootings on the streets of New York City, a lawyer charged Wednesday during closing arguments at an unprecedented gun trial.

"The actions of the industry are what put the guns into the hands of the shooters who, tragically shot the victims in this case," said Elisa Barone.

He is the attorney for seven plaintiffs seeking damages of about \$2 million each in their lawsuit against handgun makers.

The defense was to give its closing argument later in the day. The more than 20 defendants include virtually all major American handgun manufacturers and several small and specialty firms. Last week, U.S. District Judge Jack Weinstein dropped 15 wholesalers from the suit after expressing doubts about their liability.

The manufacturers deny flooding the market and say they only meet a legal and legitimate demand for their products. The trial has been closely watched as a test-run for similar lawsuits already filed or planned by various cities. Chicago, New Orleans, Bridgeport, Conn., and Miami-Dade County are suing the industry; Los Angeles, Philadelphia and Baltimore are among those considering the move.

NATION IN BRIEF

Citrus eats radioactive materials

DARTMOUTH, BEACON, Fla. — Citrus is already a familiar and well-advertised ingredient of household cleaners, but scientists have found it can remove more than just everyday grime and grime.

Federal researchers discovered that citric acid, a same-type fruit-in-organisms and lemons, can clean up soil or sludge contaminated with radioactive materials, which could be a new solution to a top environmental problem.

Using a three-part process, researchers at Brookhaven National Laboratory in Upton, N.Y., found that citric acid is effective in washing the toxic waste and removing the contaminants from the soil. Using sunshine and common bacteria, the toxins are then extracted from the citric acid into a concentrated solution that can be recycled.

Researchers tested the cleaning process at the discretion of the U.S. Department of Energy, one agency dealing with tons of toxic waste left from nuclear activities. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said about 24 million tons of hazardous materials was produced in 1994 and 1995.

Study: Detention helps cure TB

NEW YORK — Nearly six years after New York City health officials got the power to detain tuberculosis patients who repeatedly refused treatment, a study finds that the controversial tactic helped curtail the disease — and was used sparingly.

The program helped reverse a decade of increases in tuberculosis cases, and despite fears from civil libertarians and AIDS activists that officials would not use detention as a last resort, only 2 percent of TB patients have been subject to the drastic measure, the study found.

"People were afraid we would abuse that power. We never did," said Rose Gasner, the lawyer formally in charge of the detention program.

She is also the lead author of the study in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine. Tuberculosis, a highly infectious lung disease transmitted by airborne bacteria, was once thought to be under control.

Holbrooke agrees to pay penalty

WASHINGTON — Moving to clear an obstacle to his nomination as ambassador to the United Nations, Richard Holbrooke has agreed to pay a \$5,000 civil settlement of allegations he improperly contacted a former government colleague, a friend of Holbrooke's said Wednesday.

The veteran 57-year-old diplomat would not be required to admit wrongdoing under the draft settlement — worked out with the Justice Department — of allegations that Holbrooke violated federal lobbying laws, according to the friend, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The settlement should clear the way for President Clinton to finally send the nomination to the Senate. Eight months ago, Clinton announced that his choice for the high-profile U.N. post was Holbrooke, the chief architect of the 1995 Bosnia peace accord and last fall's ceasefire in Kosovo.

Castrated convict gets 40 years

RICHMOND, Va. — A convicted rapist who was considered a success story for going through a "chemical castration" was sentenced to 40 years in prison Wednesday for a sexual attack on a 5-year-old girl.

Joseph Frank Smith was convicted in November of breaking into the girl's house — wearing nothing but a cloth covering his face — and molesting the girl in her bed in 1993.

DNA evidence found at the scene was linked to Smith this summer after he was arrested in a peeping Tom case in the Richmond suburbs.

Compiled from wire reports

SOHO satellite is brought back to life

WASHINGTON (AP) — The SOHO sun-observing satellite has returned to service more than a month after the gyroscope that kept it stable malfunctioned.

The \$1 billion satellite's controllers returned it to service Tuesday using a new computer program to help it keep its orientation without the failed gyroscope, Bernhard Fleck, European Space Agency project scientist for SOHO, said Wednesday.

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Elderly hurt by program's failure to pay for drugs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dr. Scott Baumgartner has good news and bad news for his elderly patients with rheumatoid arthritis: A revolutionary new drug can treat their disease, but it costs up to \$1,000 a month and Medicare won't pay for it — or any prescription drug.

"It's a shame to have to say, 'Well, here's this medicine' — they've all read about it, they know it might help them, but you can't do it," Baumgartner said.

Some patients in his Spokane, Wash., practice are taking the drug, Enbrel, for a few weeks at a time as they can afford it. Others simply stay with inferior treatments.

Medicare, the government health insurance program for 39

million elderly and disabled Americans, has never paid for prescriptions.

President Clinton as well as many Republicans would like to change that. But the costs could be daunting for a program already facing a shaky financial future.

New drugs are among the greatest medical advances in recent years, reducing heart attacks and cancer deaths and even slowing the progress of AIDS. As a result, the lack of prescription coverage is becoming a bigger problem.

Enbrel is an extreme example. But the costs of older drugs also can add up; one common blood thinner used to avoid blood clots in heart and stroke patients costs \$60 a month and a common heart

drug \$180. Older Americans take five or six prescription drugs on average.

"People would like to have a drug program if we can find a way to pay for it."

— Sen. John Breaux, D-La.

Clinton has said he wants to add drug coverage to Medicare — assuming he and lawmakers can find a way to ensure the program can provide the benefits it already promises.

The president has suggested using some of the expected federal

budget surplus for Medicare. Even so, Medicare is expected to run short of cash as the huge baby boom generation retires, entering the program in waves around 2010.

That has members of a commission advising the president and Congress on Medicare searching for options. "People would like to have a drug program if we can find a way to pay for it," said Sen. John Breaux, D-La.

The government estimates about two-thirds of senior citizens have some drug coverage.

Most get it through retiree health benefits offered by former employers, or through supplemental policies known as Medigap that they buy on their own.

Others get coverage through the small number of Medicare HMOs, or through Medicaid public assistance for the poor.

But the percentage of large companies offering health benefits to their retirees has dropped by 20 percent in the 1990s. And a recent Consumer Reports study found Medigap prices have gone up as much as a third.

Meanwhile, HMOs squeezed by Medicare reimbursement offered as perks to attract the elderly, or limiting them to cheaper generic or older brand-name drugs.

The result: The newest drugs, expensive because they're developed at tremendous cost to companies trying to return profits to investors, are out of reach for many.

DeLay aides blame foes for deposition questions

WASHINGTON (AP) — Aides to the third-ranking House Republican, Rep. Tom DeLay of Texas, are blaming "political enemies" for requests questioning the truthfulness of statements he made under oath in a 1994 civil deposition.

The Texas is among President Clinton's harshest critics to call for Congress and was the first high-ranking Republican to call for the president's resignation.

DeLay, the House majority whip, has been particularly critical of Clinton's statements under oath about the Monica Lewinsky affair.

In a deposition stemming from a lawsuit filed against him by a former business partner, DeLay testified that he had not been an officer of Albo East Control Co. for two or three years.

But three months after the deposition, he inquired about congressional financial disclosure forms as Albo's chairman.

And he identified himself as chairman of the company on financial disclosure forms covering 1991, 1992, 1993 and 1994.

It was only in 1996, for disclosure forms covering the previous year, that he no longer listed himself as chairman.

On Tuesday, DeLay's communications director, Michael Scanlon, issued a statement saying, "We were approached by news organizations 72 hours ago and asked to respond to inquiries dating back over a decade. Our political enemies have been digging into Mr. DeLay's past for years."

DeLay's deposition came in a lawsuit by ex-partner Robert Blankenship, who alleged that DeLay and another partner unjustly cut him out of the business.

The lawsuit ended in a confidential settlement in 1995.

Neither the first lady nor Giuliani has said they will run for the Senate seat, which is being vacated in 2000 by Democrat Daniel Patrick Moynihan.

Much of Mrs. Clinton's support came from women, who favored her over Giuliani 58 percent to 36 percent.

Male voters preferred Giuliani 49 percent to 44 percent.

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Voters intensify political pressure on GOP senators

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — The phone calls have been running 3-1 against him. He's had to call friends all over the state to explain himself. His hometown newspaper tried to shame him with an editorial that screamed: "Jeffords Cave!"

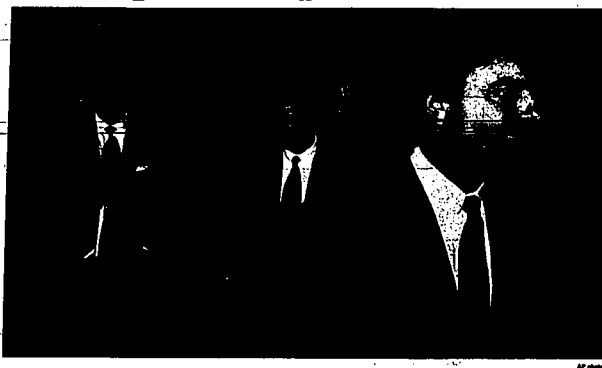
That's the kind of flak Sen. James Jeffords, R-Vt., has taken in the week since he asked to depose three witnesses in the Senate impeachment trial of President Clinton.

"I've been on the phone all morning with people in Vermont," Jeffords said. "They are very nervous about it. They want it over with."

The clamor may help drive him to shift gears in a key vote as early as today and oppose House Republican demands that the witnesses now be called before the Senate to testify. Buffeted at home for his first votes on the impeachment scandal, Jeffords is not alone among GOP senators.

And as they confront the live-witness issue and other motions that could prolong the trial, many Republicans are under increasing pressure to call it quits.

Maine's two GOP senators — Olympia Snowe and Susan Collins — have been slammed by their local newspapers for their role in



Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., right, leaves a news conference Wednesday as House trial managers Rep. James Rogan, R-Calif., left, and Rep. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., await their turn following the end of the deposition of presidential adviser Sydney Blumenthal on Capitol Hill.

extending the trial and for trying to devise a "finding of fact" proposal to keep Clinton from claiming exoneration.

Even impeachment hard liners are feeling heat. Democratic officials in Ohio say the impeachment controversy has peaked interest

among Democrats in running against Sen. Mike DeWine, R-Ohio, a consistent advocate for a full trial with witnesses, in 2000.

The 2000 Democratic field shrinks away

NASHUA, N.H. (AP) — The Democratic presidential field for 2000, once expected to be a crowded, contentious free-for-all, is shaping up to be Al Gore's. He faces few challengers, allowing him to play the vice presidency to fullest advantage.

As Gore traveled Wednesday to New Hampshire for the 14th time in five years, his first trip of 1999, House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt was announcing that he will bypass the presidential campaign and try instead to become speaker of the House in 2000.

Hardly a surprise, Gephardt's announcement was nonetheless a high-five affair for a Gore team already brimming with confidence. They lost their most potent rival and picked up support from a few top Gephardt allies in this first-in-the-nation primary state.

"This clears the field a bit," said Joe Keefe, one of about a dozen New Hampshire activists buzzing around Gore and his staff all day.

Sen. Bob Kerrey, a fiery Nebraskan unafraid to confront President Clinton and his vice president, decided in December not to seek the nomination. Sen. Paul Wellstone of Minnesota, who was carving himself a niche in the party's increasingly undulating left wing, backed out of the race last month.

Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts and civil rights activist Jesse Jackson are still pondering runs, though the latter they start, the tougher the climb.

Gore's only announced challenger, former New Jersey Sen. Bill Bradley, has the star appeal of a Hall of Fame basketball player but still must prove he can campaign and the message to seriously challenge Gore. He has visited Iowa and New Hampshire, the two earliest voting states in 2000, without explaining forcefully why Democrats should abandon their vice president. Money is not Gore's problem. Message is.

Vice President Al Gore welcomes a crowd at the New Hampshire Technical College in Nashua, N.H., Wednesday. Gore spent most of the day in the nation's lead-off presidential primary state leaving speculation about his run for the presidency.

The impeachment saga has made it difficult for him to explain why he should succeed Clinton, other than saying it's my turn. He is methodically framing a message by taking credit for the booming economy and staking claim to White House initiatives such as worker retraining and controlling community sprawl.

Gore surrounded himself Wednesday with students and teachers at a Nashua job training facility, promising more federal aid to workers preparing for better jobs.

He was relaxed and engaging in a tightly controlled conversation with schools officials, laughing when one student mentioned his robotics degree.

"People have accused me of graduating from a robotics program," Gore joked.

Bradley's allies think a two-man field would favor their candidate, giving him sole claim to buy anti-Gore or pro-change sentiment. Indeed, Gore advisers had welcomed talk of a bigger

field last year, saying it would dilute the strength of challengers.

"Bradley is a great guy and there are some other good Democrats thinking about getting in, but New Hampshire is already for Gore," said activist Kris Durmer.

There are many reasons for the shrinking Democratic field, including:

- The 2000 primary schedule will be unusually compact, with many of the delegates chosen by mid-March. That makes money more important than ever: With Gephardt out, Gore is probably the only Democrat capable of raising \$33 million by year's end, the maximum allowed for candidates accepting federal matching funds.
- History favors the vice president. Of the five second bananas who have sought the presidential nomination since World War II, only one has failed to get it: Democrat Alben W. Barkley of Kentucky in 1952.

Poll: First lady leads Giuliani

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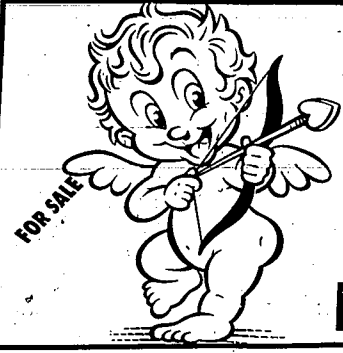
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IDAHO IN BRIEF

Voters say 'no' to auditorium district tax

IDAHO FALLS — Bonneville County residents Tuesday voted to oppose an auditorium district tax on hotel rooms.

The vote to strike down the measure came in at a slim, 56 percent majority.

Kelly Morgan, a candidate for the auditorium district board, said she knew the issue was in trouble when she went to vote. "There were a lot of elderly people at the polls, and it was really scary what I heard," she said. "I heard one person say, 'I'm on a fixed income. I can't pay any more taxes.'"

The proposal would have levied up to 5 percent in sales tax on hotel and motel guests. The money would have been used to fund the Idaho Falls Convention and Visitors Bureau, and also as security on bonds for a \$7 million multipurpose events center.

Southeastern Idaho crash kills 2 Utahans

PRESTON — Two Logan, Utah residents were killed in a two-vehicle accident on Idaho Highway 34 in southeastern Idaho.

Joan Ryval Lee, 26, and Nam K. Kim, 27, died at the scene of the crash about 10 p.m. Tuesday, Idaho State Police said.

Investigators said Scott B. Sprague, 39, of Soda Springs, was westbound when he lost control of his sport-utility vehicle on a snow-covered patch of highway and slid into the eastbound lane of traffic.

Sprague's vehicle hit the passenger side of Lee's small car and Lee was ejected from the car. Neither Lee nor Kim were wearing seatbelts.

Sprague and his four passengers were wearing safety belts and received only minor injuries.

City workers, police gain bargaining rights

COEUR d'ALENE — Voters Tuesday passed an initiative that will reinstate the right to collective bargaining for city employees and police.

The initiative passed with nearly 59 percent of the vote.

The City Council repealed a 16-year-old collective bargaining ordinance last spring. That action prompted workers to petition to put an initiative on the ballot that would reinstate those rights and add binding arbitration.

Nancy Sue Wallace, president of the City Council, said results of the election had no bearing on the fact that the city and its employees have to communicate with one another more effectively.

Ada County to battle over courthouse suit

BOISE — Ada County commissioners have signed off on documents that will let a legal challenge to the proposed new county courthouse proceed.

The Ada County Property Owners Association filed the lawsuit last year, asking whether the proposed multi-million dollar courthouse project is legal. It claims the scheme being used by the commissioners for construction will lead to a property tax increase that was not legally authorized by voters.

The project, which has been repeatedly delayed, includes a new courthouse and administration building on county-owned property. The county cannot proceed with the project until the lawsuit is settled, while the lawsuit could not move forward until agreements were finalized.

The project also affects the state government complex in downtown Boise. The state has already bought the old county courthouse east of the Capitol but must lease it back to the county until the new courtroom and office space is available.

Chenoweth to look at Targhee road closures

IDAHO FALLS — Road closures on the Targhee National Forest will come under the scrutiny of a congressional subcommittee in Idaho this month.

U.S. Rep. Helen Chenoweth has organized a hearing in Rexburg to investigate the closing of 46 miles of forest roads.

The Forest Service closed most of the roads last year to comply with federal laws aimed at protecting grizzly bear habitat.

Employers dug holes and created dirt barriers in some spots to prevent people from getting around the gates.

Those actions sparked protest by outdoor enthusiasts. Snowmobilers argued the pits could be dangerous in the winter, and off-road enthusiasts objected to losing motorized access to the land in the summer.

Consortium files suit to stop logging plans

COEUR d'ALENE — A consortium of environmental groups have filed a temporary injunction in an effort to stop the U.S. Forest Service from logging old growth trees in the Clearwater National Forest.

The Idaho Conservation League, Wilderness Society, Ecology Center and other groups filed for the injunction in late January.

Last Friday, the groups also filed a lawsuit to stop logging on the Fish Bite timber sale.

If the 21-million-board-foot sale — enough to build 2,100 homes — goes forward, it will push sediment into streams, violating the Clean Water Act, said Larry McLeod of The Idaho Conservation League.

It also will increase the likelihood of landslides and take more than 800 acres of old growth timber, McLeod said.

Fish Bite has been sold, but logging has not started.

Both of the legal proceedings are part of a lawsuit filed in November 1997, alleging the Forest Service is violating the 1993 settlement of a legal dispute over how the Clearwater Forest was being managed.

Sandpoint officials to hire fire chief, cut post

SANDPOINT — City officials have decided to hire a full-time fire chief, ending the position of a public safety director who oversees the city fire and police departments.

The hiring of a public safety director was an experiment that was not working, the council said when voting to hire a fire chief Monday night. It also directed Mayor David Sawyer to write a comprehensive job description for the new chief and advertise for the position.

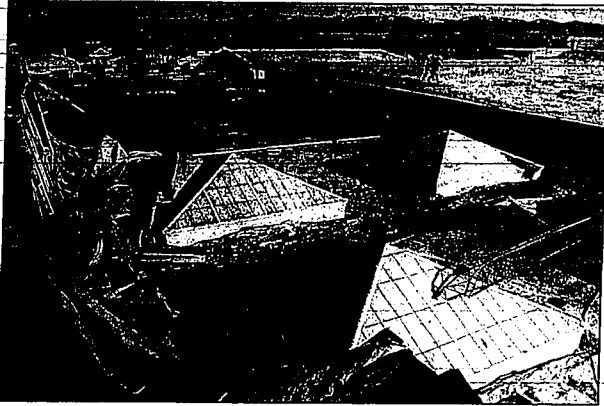
Public Safety Director Bill Kice will return to the position of police chief.

The city's 10 volunteer firefighters turned in their equipment two weeks ago, saying they would not fight fires until the city hired a fire chief. Two years ago, city officials eliminated the chief's position after the former chief retired.

Paid and volunteer firefighters complained about the management of the Fire Department since then.

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WIND-WHIPPED WORRIES



A storm system moving across the northern plains with wind gusts between 60 and 115 mph did this damage shown Wednesday from the roof of the Helena College of Technology in Helena, Mont. Fires and uprooted trees also were reported.

Possible trout listing concerns Oneida County

MALAD (AP) — Oneida County commissioners are concerned that listing the Bonneville cutthroat trout on the Endangered Species List could impact local riparian and grazing issues.

"The status of the Bonneville cutthroat warrants further

review to determine if the species should be listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act," the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service said last month.

The Dairy Creek and Second Creek watersheds in Oneida

Bonneville cutthroat trout in them. County officials do not yet know what kind of impact listing would have on grazing.

Streams could be fenced off and there could be reduced cattle allotments if the trout is listed.

New reading technique has promise

IDAHO CITY (AP) — A new method of teaching reading skills to children, endorsed by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, already is showing promise in a local elementary school.

Georgene Thomas' second-grade class at Basin Elementary School follows a new teaching strategy that places more emphasis on understanding sounds and distinguishing words and syllables.

Early results of Thomas' program are promising. A third of her students could not read on the first-grade level when they began in September. By December, all students were reading above first-grade level.

A sound-based approach to reading is a key element in a \$5.5 million reading initiative proposed by a legislative committee and endorsed by Kempthorne. It is a cornerstone in his kids-first campaign.

If the proposal is approved, Thomas' teaching approach likely will spread to classes across the state. It will first be considered by lawmakers on Thursday.

Her instruction method is based on a curriculum developed by the Lee David Pesky Center, a Boise-based educational group striving to improve reading. The curriculum stresses the ability to distinguish sounds as the basis for all good reading skills.

Research from reading experts across the country shows that up to 40 percent of children cannot distinguish syllables or words in a sentence.

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EDITORIAL

Fish & Game debate requires more harmony, less acrimony

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game is many things to many people, but it's slowly becoming an embarrassment to everyone.

Wildlife advocates are ceaselessly critical of the department. Budget problems are getting worse. Key employees are resigning.

Part of the blame must fall to Fish and Game Director Steve Mealey, who has driven the department down this unfortunate path.

Dropping his pants to moon a statue, as he has done, and arguing with critics during a public forum, as he has done, are bad form for someone in his office. These mal-
adroitness - along with more substantial problems that have surfaced during his tenure - have widened Fish and Game's credibility gap with the public and its moral gap with employees.

It's probably time for Mealey to go. Idaho needs someone who will lead Fish and Game to a better place.

In fairness to Mealey, even his critics must acknowledge the job's built-in pitfalls. It's a thankless assignment, continually in the crosshairs of complaint. Hunters' organizations want one thing, animal-rights groups want another, farm and ranch interests want something else and, inevitably, somebody else wants something else, too.

Predator-prey cycles are complicated, but the complaints are simplistic: too many mountain lions. Not enough deer. Not enough pheasants. Bear

hunting is bad. Hound-hunting is bad. The constant cacophony of carping would try anyone's patience.

We don't blame Mealey for snapping at a critic during a public forum last week. It was regrettable, and it perpetuated his image as a hothead, but any animal will bite when cornered.

Politics is another problem. Boosting the Idaho Fish and Game Commission from five to seven members probably was a mistake. More voices at the table make for better discussion, but less-cohesive policy.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne will have an opportunity to focus that discussion when he makes four commission appointments in April. For the sake of Idaho's wildlife, and its residents, we hope his appointments herald a revitalized vision for the agency.

Balancing the needs of human beings and wild animals is never easy, and it is less so in the spotlight of contentious public debate and strident interest groups. A calmer, more-reflective approach would be a good way to begin solving Fish and Game's problems.

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PRACTICAL!**



Let's pay off national debt before any tax cuts

Because I try to please and because I assume you picked up the paper to read what I have to say about the budget surplus, I'm going to tell you.

The budget surplus of \$70 billion last year and the predicted surplus of \$4.4 trillion over the next 15 years came as a surprise to me. It seems like only last year that we were conquering our debt. We were in way over our heads.

The national debt is over \$5.5 trillion. I remember reading that the debt meant that every American taxpayer owed something like \$137,564.93, although it was never clear who we owed it to. Did that debt go away? No it did not. The interest alone on our national debt last year was \$243 billion. That was one seventh of our total budget. Why in the world don't we pay what we owe and get back to zero before we start throwing money around again?

Politicians looking for votes are suggesting the government pay some of the surplus back to taxpayers. One politician in New Jersey suggested they could give middle-income Americans - people making between \$30,000 and \$100,000 - tax refunds of about \$163 each. Nonsense. Have I lost track of how much \$163 is, or is it almost meaningless to people making that much money? I don't think we should have a tax cut. You're going to say that's easy for me to say, and it is. We should not have



ANDY ROONEY

A tax cut. I pay a lot of taxes because I make a lot of money but I have enough left over to live on and a little for Christmas presents. If most Americans were honest about it, they'd admit they do too.

A tax cut or a refund isn't a good idea. There are too many things the government has done by our government, such as paying off the national debt. Spending more money on the military never seems like a good idea to me but I'm weakening a little on that. I guess we ought to pay our soldiers and sailors more. I wish we'd stop throwing away billions on useless weapons and I wish they'd find a way to get rid of all the contractors who steal from the military budget, but that doesn't change my feeling that we probably ought to spend a little more on salaries.

Sooner or later, the man I voted for twice to be our president was bound to have my approval. His recommendation for saving Social Security by using some of the surplus is something I approve of.

I'm sure he's been waiting for my decision on that. He said a big piece of the budget surplus should go to Medicare. Not only do I agree, but it almost makes me remember why I voted for him.

I get a Social Security check every month and Margie gets one too for all the years she took care of me.

I like getting it and if Margie would stop buying shoes, we could live on it. Fortunately, I supplement our Social Security income by working two jobs so we end up every month with a little extra.

There are too many things the government could do with that surplus for them to start giving it back or reducing the amount they take away from us.

If the government wanted to reduce taxes, it should have done it when we needed the money. America is rolling in money these days.

Now the poor people own only one car and may not have television sets in every room in the house.

In New York, the average hotel room costs \$150 a night and you can't get a room because the hotels are all full of middle-income tourists. The rich people don't stay in hotels. They are in Gjerstad, St. Maarten or Aspen - staying in one of their other houses - from which they write their senators demanding a tax cut.

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Stop the insanity of nuclear waste

I was excited to see the Idaho Farm Bureau Federation challenge the nuclear "clean up" plan that reburies plutonium in a new \$4-acre dump over our water. It is not too late to stop this insanity.

As *The Times-News* pointed out (Jan. 24), the state of Idaho is cooperating with this plan!

I had to laugh, as *The Times-News* editorial innocently questioned how this could happen.

Hey guys, this is the "Get the Waste Out" deal your paper endorsed! This is Part 1 of the 200-acre plutonium dump the deal allows billions of cancer-causing plutonium particles, courtesy of Gov. Kempthorne and the "Get the Waste Out" team.

I appreciate Congresswoman Chenoweth speaking up, but where's Congressman Simpson?

The Farm Bureau has given credit to the effort to stop this plan. Please consider calling your legislators free at (800) 634-0471 and asking them to ban the reburial of plutonium before it's too late.

DR. PETER RICKARDS
Twin Falls

Epilepsy coverage receives kudos

A volunteer in Twin Falls has just sent us a tear sheet from your Dec. 28 edition. Thank you for writing so exten-

sively on this poorly understood subject. Community education is important to the well-being of persons with seizure disorders, and all can benefit from a better understanding of safety and first aid.

There are some inaccuracies from the ABCs of epilepsy that need to be corrected. Complex partial seizures are more than "just shaking," and the statement that the person "is awake and knows what is going on" is inaccurate. These seizures may be characterized by blank staring, chewing or other facial movements, plucking at clothing, confusion, inability to respond to directions. Awareness is clouded and they do not know what is going on around them. Observers should stay calm and speak reassuringly. Block access to hazards but don't grab hold. If the person is agitated, stay back but nearby until full consciousness has returned.

Most seizures due to epilepsy are not medical emergencies. They end naturally after a minute or two. If the person is wearing medical ID or is known to have seizures, an ambulance is not necessary. There are exceptions. If the seizure is prolonged (ages on for more than five minutes without stopping or is followed by another without the person regaining consciousness), it is advisable to call an ambulance. Nongrip seizures are life threatening. Call if injuries are sustained or if the seizure occurs in the water.

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And please don't call a person an epileptic. Epilepsy is what they have, not what they are. Two and a half million people in the United States who have epilepsy will appreciate that.

One last thing: Dr. Hammond says, "don't put fingers in the mouth," during a seizure. I will expand that and say don't put anything in the mouth. You can't swallow your tongue; it's fastened on. Objects stuck in the mouth can cause broken teeth or other damage. For more information or to access our services, which are provided in both English and Spanish, please call toll free, (800) 237-6676.

DAVID C. BLACKWELL
Executive Director
Epilepsy Foundation of Idaho
Boise

Time to enforce that odor control

Wake up, Magic Valley! For those writing letters to *The Times-News* opposing the hog operations, don't waste your time and energy. Write and/or call your state elected officials. If you don't, the Dairyman's Association, hog producers or industry such as Amalgamated Sugar and Independent Meat will make environmental laws for you. From the Idaho Statesman Jan. 17, Rocky's headline states, "New pollution rules worry neighbors" and Jan. 19 "Micron growth tied to air quality." Both articles pertain to the reduc-

tion of present air-quality regulations called Title Five Permits. In part, "Two years of negotiations between state regulators, companies and Idaho's leading industry lobbying groups have resulted in draft air-quality permits that would be harder to enforce than those first proposed." Though not secret, no public announcement of the meetings were made.

In Idaho, environmental laws are political games Amalgamated, Simplot and others play for profit. Presently, here is what we have for odor control.

Air Pollution Control, IDAPA 16.01.01-776, states, "No person shall allow, suffer, cause or permit the emission of odorous gases, liquids or solids into the atmosphere in such quantities as to cause air pollution." The state administrator of the Division of Environmental Quality, in a letter copied to me, tells then-Gov. Batt: "Air pollution is not further defined."

Hog farms, factories, whatever, we have no enforceable odor control regulations in Idaho. Oppose Title 5 Permits, they're intended only for industry's profit not your health or ours. Contact the Idaho Conservation League at (208) 345-6933, write to P.O. Box 844, Boise, ID 83701 or see their home page at <http://www.idaho.org> for more information concerning air quality and law enforcement air regulations. September 1998, Citizens for Improved Air Quality began the quest to

make the southeast part of the city a more pleasant and healthy place to live. Letters were written to city, county, state and federal agencies before the problem was brought to Gov. Batt's attention. The regional office of the DEQ arranged for a meeting on Dec. 18 with representatives of Amalgamated Sugar, Lamb Weston, DEQ, Citizens for Improved Air Quality, South Central District Health and the city. After all this, we've progressed, or should I say regressed, to again limiting the number of an already-known odor and its source. One that is allowed by the lack of Idaho environmental regulations and the DEQ's inability of enforcement.

DALE E. PATTERSON
Citizens for Improved Air Quality
Twin Falls

Keep up the good work, Crump

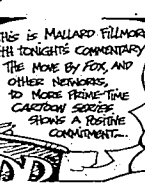
Lately, I've seen several letters in letters to the editor "Crump bashing." I look forward to reading his column and the satire. Now days it seems as if people have lost their humor and take life too seriously. If things aren't politically correct or there is a joke about some aspect of life, they get offended. They must live a sad and dreary life if they can't see the humor in different situations. Smile and enjoy life! Keep up the good work, Steve!
BILL VAN DYKE
Twin Falls

Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

LETTERS

Impeachment over what?

I am sure we are all greatly relieved to know the impeachment trial is over - that is, except for the final amount. Gops, shouldn't say that, it's too churchy.

Now we can all get back to the important stuff. We owe this all to ex-senator from Arkansas Dale Bumpers. He gave a heart-rendering speech including the fact that Clinton would gladly die if it meant he would avoid his daughter any shame. (I'll happily die for you Chelsea.)

When have you heard such hogwash? Some of the media is lapping it up as though it were the word of God. Oop, another no.

Bumpers is supposed to be a top orator. If so, why didn't he speak on the issue of Clinton lying under oath - perjury? I thought that was the issue for this trial. However, I may be incorrect again, so would somebody tell me what is the basis for his impeachment?

VIOLET HENZ
Heyburn

'Just us' pay the price

The old axiom, "Ignorance of the law is no excuse," says more than what you can read with the naked eye.

Since January of 1998, I have witnessed firsthand how the poor and uneducated vs. the rich and powerful stand on equal footing before the law. Nothing could be further from the truth.

The Constitution of the United States like the American flag has went through a few alterations. Both have represented and symbolized the national will of our people to move forward in history, to learn from our past mistakes and, above all else, have compassion for the poor, weak and uneducated. It sounds good on paper. In reality, it's an illusion and misrepresentation of the worst kind.

In the past year under the watchful eyes of my keepers, I have seen and experienced our American form of justice at work - blind and equal - only for those who can pay the price.

Both equal protection and due process emphasize the central aim of our entire judicial system - the 14th Amendment requires that the punishment for any offense be the same for all defendants irrespective of our economic-social status. Not in Idaho.

Under Idaho law, punishment increases in severity as social status diminishes. Contrary to popular belief, the big dollar does talk, the rich and powerful can literally and legally buy their way out of trouble or prison while the poor and uneducated suffer imprisonment and the scars of being ostracized as ex-felons, even though both have committed intrinsically the same quality of offense. The proof is in the pudding.

I challenge anyone to prove me the liar, that the rich man, after committing any non-violent felony such as mine can't walk into any courtroom in this state, slap \$10,000 down and walk out convicted of only a simple misdemeanor.

Justice is just how it sounds: "Just us." With this said comes the warning to the wise: "It has always been and will continue to be just us... the poor, meek and uneducated who remain standing long after the smoke clears" (2 Corinthians 11:31).

MELVIN A. MCCABE
Twin Falls County Jail
Twin Falls

Jail rights are no rights

What a joyous year I've had in your jail. I was strapped down on Jesus' birthday while

an officer ate chocolate outside my cell saying yum, yum, these are good. You should be good like everyone else and you could have some, too. I am a good person.

Now I have a real dilemma. I am in military confinement and they have taken away my property (pencils, envelopes, commissary, everything) because I broke a rule. I never received a notification letter I was breaking the rules. Now that I got one, it tells me my rights. It says I have the right to correspond with anyone through mail. I have been denied writing letters for two weeks. Also, it said I could appeal the disciplinary decision to take my property and once I did this, it would have to be returned to me within five working days or all my stuff would be returned. It's been six and the officer in charge is off for the day but can be reached. He will be off for the holiday of celebrating people's rights. He will be celebrating "being an officer" while he is denying me my rights.

I am being punished for breaking the rules, but now they are denying me of rights and breaking their own rules. It's no big deal to them. What has America come to?

SCOTT JONES
Twin Falls County Jail
Twin Falls

Weeds at Washington

In the Dec. 17 issue of the Northside News, the Jerome School District recognized a weed problem at the Washington School on Lincoln. This is in the playground area on the east side of the building.

As of this time, nothing has been done to clean the area of weeds, leaves and other debris. School children are using the playground area on a daily basis. The superintendent stated that the weeds were sprayed and the cleanup was under control. My question, as a taxpayer, is when can we (the citizens of Jerome), see the results.

This is an eyesore and should have been taken care of before school started last year. This problem that was mentioned must have fallen on deaf ears. The officials of Jerome School District have treated this as if there was no concern. It's as if there is a different set of rules for them to abide by when it comes to the city ordinance laws.

I am writing this because I want to see this problem cleaned up. Our children deserve a clean and safe place to play.

It has been a month since the city warned them of this situation. Maybe this letter will bring a response to getting the job done.

These school officials are the

same ones who are asking for us taxpayers to build them a new school. Let them prove to us they can take care of the existing facilities before we build new.

ELMER F. DALLMAN
Jerome

Emergency assistance

This letter is to give acknowledgment to the people that help when emergencies happen in our community.

On Jan. 17, I had a gentleman knock on my door in a huge panic. His friend had just fallen off a ledge in the Twin Falls canyon and needed help. My wife immediately called 911. We grabbed flashlights and headed down the canyon to find his friend. It was very dark, cold and icy outside. Within minutes after reaching his friend, emergency workers had arrived on the scene, which included paramedics, search and rescue, Twin

Falls County Sheriff's department and neighbors. Soon after, Life Flight flew over the area and turned on its search lights. It was unbelievable how the entire area became illuminated. The light reduced most of the danger from the rugged terrain and enabled emergency workers to do their job. Search and rescue then jumped in with ropes and the necessary equipment to allow the paramedics to stabilize the victim. It felt good to watch them lowering the victim to the bottom, knowing he was in good hands.

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WORLD

Israel trims Arab, Jewish sentences

JERUSALEM — President Ezer Weizman has reduced the sentences of seven Jewish ultranationalists convicted of killing or plotting to kill Arabs, his top adviser said Wednesday. Weizman also decided to cut short the terms of five Arab inmates, said the aide, Ariel Shumir.

Among those granted clemency was Ami Popper, who killed seven Arab laborers in a random shooting in 1993. Popper's seven life terms were cut to 40 years, and he will be eligible for release after serving two-thirds of that time.

The Palestinian Authority was angered by Weizman's decision, saying it would encourage other extremists to attack Arabs.

In recent months, Israel's refusal to release Palestinian inmates involved in attacks on Israelis has led to friction with the Palestinian Authority.

Shumir said Weizman hoped that by reducing the sentences of both Jewish and Arab prisoners, he would help the peace process.

World in brief

said Wednesday.
The boat was on its way to Guinea on Monday night when it capsized near the Scarcies River, about 50 miles west of Freetown, police in the western town of Bomba said.

Thousands of refugees have fled Freetown since fighting began anew in the capital in January.

Mother of four gets jail term for lifting 20 cents

BUCHAREST, Romania — A Romanian woman has been sen-

tenced to 2 1/2 years in prison for stealing the equivalent of 20 cents, a punishment the judge described as lenient on Wednesday.

Adela Dirivan testified she took the money from a man's pocket in Bucharest last year to pay her bus fare home. The woman is from a hamlet outside Pitesti in southern Romania.

The sentence is part of a crackdown on theft that began in 1996 when parliament approved longer sentences for the crime. As a result — and to the outrage of many Romanians — even petty theft, previously punishable by a prison term measured in months, now can land the perpetrator in jail for years.

AIDS to claim 200 lives a day in Zimbabwe

HARARE, Zimbabwe — The deadly AIDS pandemic is expected to kill about 70,000 Zimbabweans this year — nearly 200 people a day, the head of the nation's AIDS prevention program said Wednesday.

Dr. Evaristo Marowa blamed the spiraling death toll on the continuing refusal of young, sexually active adults to use protective measures.

"The crisis continues to deepen with little or no sign of behavioral changes in the young and economically active age groups," he said.

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Bullets fell South Korean auto exec in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — A South Korean auto executive was found shot to death in his car Wednesday — the latest victim in a nationwide crime wave that has rattled investors and tourists in South Africa.

Police were investigating whether the killing of Yong Koo Kwon, president of Daewoo Motor's South African operations, was a case of gang attempt or professional hit.

Fueligners who were recent victims include the Saudi Arabian ambassador, who was unharmed in a May carjacking, and Mormon missionaries from Utah, one of whom was shot and wounded during a carjacking in December in Johannesburg.

Mir's mirror to shine across ex-Soviet Union

MOSCOW — The crew of the Mir space station prepared Wednesday for a dazzling experiment with a space mirror that will send a beam of reflected sunlight flashing over the ex-Soviet Union and parts of Europe.

The Zvezda (Banner) experiment, which was scheduled to start at around 3 a.m. MST today, envisages unfolding a mirror made of membrane covered by a metal layer.

The mirror is supposed to work like an artificial moon, reflecting sunlight onto several regions — in Russia and other former Soviet republics before reaching Germany and the Czech Republic, said Mission Control spokesman Valery Lyudin.

Amnesty: China using torture, detentions

BEIJING — Chinese authorities have arbitrarily detained scores of people and tortured suspects in a crackdown on separatism in China's Muslim far west, according to Amnesty International.

Chinese religious teachers, scores of farmers rounded up after security forces killed six youths, and a doctor accused of giving medical treatment to separatists are among those detained in recent months in the western Xinjiang region, the London-based group said in a report today.

Chinese government officials were not available for comment late Wednesday.

Refugee boat sinks in Sierra Leone, killing 50

FREE TOWN, Sierra Leone — A boat full of refugees was crushed by a rock near the border with neighboring Guinea and sank, killing 50 people, officials

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Shoshone wins state trip in Carey

CAREY — The Shoshone Indians ended the state girls' basketball season on Carey's home court Wednesday, giving themselves a berth in the Class A-4 state tournament with a 50-26 win.

"We had a lot of shots and they were good shots, and it was just like somebody put the lid on tonight," said Carey coach Dick Simpson, whose squad shot just five percent from the field.

Carey finishes the season at 14-7. Shoshone advances to the Northside championship against Dietrich today at 7 p.m., and both teams play again in an inter-district Wednesday in Carey.

Local sports

over Valley in the A-3, District 4 tournament Wednesday.

"We came out in the first half and got it going early," said Hornet coach Kim Johnson.

Hornet Angie Pickup led all scorers with 14 points, and teammate Anna Bateman added 11. Valley will take on Glenns Perry at home tonight, with the winner to face Declo (20-1) next Thursday in Declo.

Buhl 49, Kimberly 19

GOODING — Buhl advanced further in the winner's bracket Wednesday at the Class A-2, District 4 girls' basketball tournament with an easy win over the Bulldogs.

The Indians take on top-seeded Filer today at 7:30 p.m., after

Kimberly and Wood River square off in a loser-out match.

Wood River 53, Gooding 33

GOODING — The Wolverines outscored the Homefront Senators 17-3 in the eight minutes after halftime, eliminating Gooding from the Class A-2, District 4 girls' basketball race Wednesday night.

Wood River now faces Kimberly, which scored just 19 points in a loss to second-seeded Buhl Wednesday. The game is scheduled for 6 p.m. tonight

Bowling Wendell 5, Jerome 0

JEROME — Wendell rolled

through Jerome and kept right on going Wednesday afternoon, compiling a combined team score of 518 to the host Tigers' 435.

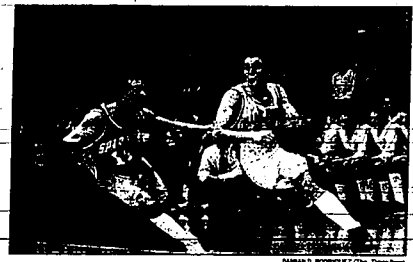
King Countryman rolled the high game for Jerome at 183, while Wendell's Shalynn Schweineveldt rolled a 166 for Wendell. Wendell's varsity basket score, however, was 25.

Jerome won the JV baker 4-1 (504-472), with Tigran Theresa in action last night and Trojer Annie-Kievomni's 158. The JV's match went to Jerome 3-2 (361-332) behind Tonya Blunt's 154.

Weight lift high roller was Kayla Norrup, at 127.

Jerome next bowls Twin Falls at Jerome Bowl on Friday. On Monday, district team competition takes place at the Bowldrome. District individual bowling is planned for Feb. 11-12.

A state competition closes the season Feb. 20 in Rupert at 9 a.m.



Burley Bobcat Mitch Adams drives against Minico Spartan Buck Fife during the Bobcats' 68-53 victory Wednesday.

Bobcats claim river rivalry win over Minico

By Damian D. Rodriguez Times-News writer

"They hustled throughout the game," he said.

BURLEY — The Burley Bobcats clawed their way to a 68-53 win over their Mini-Cassia nemesis Minico Wednesday in Class A-1, Region III boys' basketball action.

The Spartans started out slow in the first quarter but were able to take a 29-28 lead at half-time, before extending it to 47-34 after the third period.

Burley coach Matt Harr said although his team had trouble rebounding, it kept its composure throughout the game.

"We missed shots early in the game and we got impatient trying to make the shots," said Minico head coach Blair Garner.

"They played well," Harr said.

Burley travels to Twin Falls Friday.

SLOC chief defends his actions amid scandal

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Tom Welch, the man at the center of the Salt Lake Olympic storm, apologized Wednesday for the discomfort caused by the scandal, but insisted that other Olympic leaders knew more than they now claim.

tioned at the time by those to whom we reported, no doubt we would have been pleased to pursue other avenues," Welch said.

that full disclosure by all parties will clear up the allegations of pandering for IOC votes.

"It's ironic that those who were so supportive of our efforts to secure the games now feel the need to distance themselves," Welch, the man who led the committee seeking the Olympic bid for Salt Lake, said in a letter to reporters.

The voting of IOC members with some \$1 million in cash, scholarships and medical care, travel expenses and gifts is being investigated by the U.S. Justice Department, an ethics panel of the Salt Lake Organizing Committee and the U.S. Olympic committee.

Earlier in the day, he told CNN that Levitt was well aware of the bid committee's activities, and that some of the members of IOC members brought to the United States on scholarships funded by SLOC.

Although he did not name names, his comments clearly referred to Gov. Mike Lovitt, Salt Lake Organizing Committee acting president Frank Jolkik and SLOC board members who had served on the bid committee.

An initial IOC investigation was completed Jan. 24, and Utah's attorney general promises a probe after the other investigations are over.

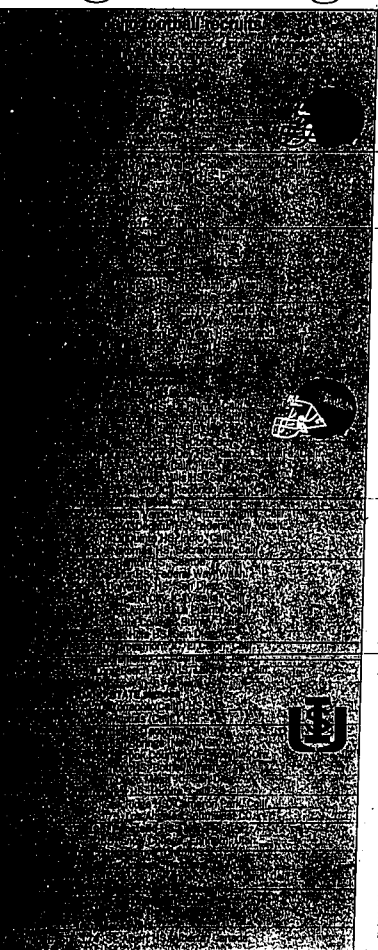
Welch confirmed that the bid committee took \$50,000 in cash to Budapest in June 1995, and that the IOC members were paid for paying the expenses of hundreds in the Salt Lake delegation.

Welch insisted that decisions about courting International Olympic Committee members during Salt Lake's bid for the 2002 Winter Games were made cooperatively and not by him and Dave Johnson, who helped win the games as a bid executive.

Jolkik, who was chairman of the bid committee, has resigned but remains on the job until he is replaced. He claims he did not know about excessive spending on IOC members.

Welch also confirmed an earlier Associated Press report that the bid committee contacted Claude Ganga of the Republic of Congo had he could influence four or five IOC votes for \$30,000 to \$35,000 on the eve of the 1995 vote in Budapest.

Longhorns reign in recruiting wars



The Associated Press

Texas finally hooked 'em on national signing day, and the Longhorns came away as undisputed champions in Recruiting Wars '99.

and recovered five.

With an incoming class of stars led by quarterback Chris Simms and linebacker Cory Redding — USA Today's offensive and defensive players of the year as well as Parade All-Americans — Texas was the top choice of three national recruiting gurus.

Other Parade All-Americans signing with Texas included Bo Schaeff, a 6-4, 225-pound wide receiver from Davy, and Alvin Randall, a 6-5, 270-pound offensive lineman from Houston.

More than any coach in the country, Mack Brown has weakened a sleeping giant, Allen Wallace, publisher of Laguna Beach, Calif.-based SuperPrep magazine said Wednesday.

Also checking in with top-rated classes were Texas A&M and UCLA.

The biggest shocker came at the expense of Notre Dame. C.J. Leak, a highly-touted quarterback from Charlotte, N.C., chose Wake Forest over the Irish, who in three years expected the 6-foot-4, 210-pounder in the mold of Randall Cunningham to sign on with coach Bob Davie.

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The Irish, though, came away with such standouts as defensive back-Gerome Sapp from Houston and defensive lineman Cedric Hilliard from Arlington, Texas, and offensive lineman Jeff Faine from Florida — both 300-pounders.

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National champion Tennessee was three-time loser on Wednesday. First, Simms decommitted to Tennessee last week and signed with Texas on Wednesday. Derek Watson of South Carolina's Mr. Football, changed his mind about the Vols and signed with the Gamecocks; and finally, Antonio Bennett, a top-rated running back from Nashville, went for Alabama.

Among UCLA's top recruits were the Parade All-Americans — tight end Mike Seidman of Westlake, Calif., linebacker Marcus Reese of San Jose, Calif., quarterback Greg Kinnear of Venice, Calif., and offensive lineman Bryce Bohlander of Salem, Ore., and Charlie Lehmann of Oroville, Calif.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Strickland agrees to terms with Wizards

WASHINGTON — Rod Strickland agreed to a contract with the Washington Wizards on Wednesday, ending the latest round of nasty negotiations between the team and agent David Falk.

The free agent point guard, who led the league in assists last season, is to re-sign with the Wizards Thursday, just one day before the Wizards open their season at Indiana.

The compromise: a four-year, \$40 million deal with \$15 million guaranteed, according to The Washington Post. The Wizards have the option of buying out \$5 million of the \$10 million fourth year if Strickland fails to meet certain incentives.

Barnett calls for stiff penalty against UW

BOULDER, Colo. — Rick Neuheisel's successor at Colorado was one of four coaches Wednesday to ask the NCAA to hand a severe penalty to the new Washington coach for recruiting violations.

Gary Barnett, who succeeded Neuheisel last month, said he joined Colorado State's Scott Lubick, Washington State's Mike Price and Oregon's Mike Bellotti in signing a letter "protesting what the punishment might be for Washington."

Barnett said the group "petitioned the NCAA to make this punishment fit the crime, because it won't. They'll get their hands slapped and they'll be reinstated. That's just the way it's done. I just think that's ridiculous."

Neuheisel admitted that Washington assistant coaches were in the homes of four prospects on Sunday, in violation of an NCAA ban on in-home recruiting visits on Sunday. The school turned itself in to the Pac-10 because of the infractions.

New Mexico suspends starting forward

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — New Mexico forward Damian Walker, one of the nation's top high school players four years ago, was suspended indefinitely Wednesday by New Mexico coach Dave Bliss for violating team rules.

Bliss, whose No. 17 ranked Lobos (17-5) have lost three of their last four and are struggling to stay in contention for an NCAA tournament bid, would not elaborate on the reason for the suspension or on what rules Walker violated.

Kuwait gets kicked in Winter Asian games

YONGPYONG, South Korea — NHL take note: There's no problem scoring goals in the Winter Asian Games.

Kuwait lost two straight games in ice hockey by a combined score of 7-1, routs even by football standards.

The Kuwaitis were beaten 4-1 by Japan on Saturday. On Monday, their defense tightened in a 3-0 loss to China, with Pan Zhiqiang scoring eight goals.

"While the NHL hasn't enjoyed as much scoring as it would have liked this season, Kazakhstan has had no such difficulty. It downed Mongolia 4-0 on Monday. Nikolai Antropov, drafted by the Toronto Maple Leafs in last year's NHL entry draft, scored 10 goals.

Rodman's NBA options appear to be closing

LOS ANGELES — Dennis Rodman's options for the upcoming season appear to be diminishing by the day, with the Los Angeles Lakers perhaps the only team still interested in him.

The 37-year-old Rodman, the NBA's top rebounder in each of the last seven seasons, wanted to play for the Orlando Magic, who are coached by Chuck Daly — Rodman's coach in Detroit from 1986-92.

But Magic general manager John Gabriel indicated Wednesday the chances of that happening are slim, mainly because Rodman has made it clear he wishes to receive special treatment.

"Based on one phone call, this thing has a pause a couple days ago," Gabriel said from Orlando, Fla. "It's coming close to dying out here real fast as we get ready to start our season (Friday night against the New York Knicks)." Rodman wanted to meet with a player, but there was no meeting. This respect him very much as a player, but there was no meeting. This respect him very much as a player, but there was no meeting. This respect him very much as a player, but there was no meeting.

Rodman, who has played on five of the last 10 NBA championship teams, including the last three with the Bulls — recently mentioned the Lakers as one of the teams he was interested in joining. Shaquille O'Neal has pushed in recent days for the Lakers to sign Rodman.

AROUND THE VALLEY

Rollover accident sends 1 to hospital

KIMBERLY - An adult male person was sent to the hospital Wednesday night following a snowmobile rollover. The auto flipped before 8 p.m. on 3500 N. 3200 E. near the Pleasant Valley Golf Course. One person was taken to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center with bumps and bruises, a dispatcher said. Further details were unavailable.

Searchers find missing snowmobiler in hills

TWIN FALLS - A snowmobiler lost in the South Hills for nine hours was found by search and rescue teams Tuesday night. Kelly York, 29, was snowmobiling with her husband early Tuesday afternoon when she lost her snowmobile on a steep, wooded slope. York's husband joined several other people in the search while snow, fog and heavy winds hindered visibility. After several hours of fruitless looking, searchers called for help, Howell said. Meanwhile York's snowmobiler got stuck, so she abandoned it and continued on foot, she said. When the county's search and rescue team arrived around 6:45 p.m., it split into four smaller teams and found York at 10 p.m. in the Thoroughbred area. She was cold but OK, Howell said. Snowmobilers who find themselves in York's position should remain with their snowmobiles as they are easier to find, she said.

Kimberly changes date of bond issue election

KIMBERLY - The date has been changed for a proposed \$3 million bond issue election for a community center for the Kimberly school district. A new date has been selected. A bond issue committee had chosen March 2 for the election. But at this week's meeting group members said they might not be ready for an election in March. The committee is researching costs for different types of construction and will meet again after the next School Board meeting Feb. 16.

Southern Idaho Fire Academy to meet

BURLEY - The Southern Idaho Fire Academy will meet Feb. 25-27 at the Burley Inn. Each day will be held on topics such as emergency medical safety, an academy spokeswoman said. For more information, call Randy Sutton at 438-8203 or e-mail the Southern Idaho Fire Academy at rsutton@www.southidaho.gov.

Sheriff calls meetings in Jerome, Eden

JEROME - Jerome County Sheriff Jim Weaver this month will hold two town meetings, which will include updates on the sheriff's department's activities over the past two years and a question-and-answer period for residents. The first will be held at 7 p.m. Feb. 24 in the basement of the Jerome County Courthouse. Another meeting will be at 7 p.m. Feb. 25 in the Jerome and Gold Senior Center in Eden.

1-woman show to play at CSI Friday night

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho Student Senate will host "Faces of America," a one-woman show about diversity. Friday night. Fran de Leon stars in the play, which was written and directed by Colin Cox. "Faces of America" addresses the questions of multiculturalism in today's society through the eyes of Generation X. The play presents eight characters based on statistics researched through interviews with high school and college-aged "appreciations." The show starts at 7 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center auditorium. Tickets, \$3 for students, are available at the door. CSI students pay in free. Compiled from staff reports

RIVER CROSSING MEETING



Project manager Bob Humphrey of the Idaho Transportation Department leads a discussion on a new Snake River crossing Wednesday night at the College of Southern Idaho.

ITD forum draws out many issues

The river study has just started, he said. In fact, the public's issues and concerns that night would be used to help guide the study. But the river study is at a point where the alternate route project was 20 years ago, Humphrey said. The findings of the crossing study and another state study looking at the route between Bluff and Wendell might be related to the alternate route, but only the alternate route project has funding, he added. Consultant W&H Pacific, hired by the state to conduct the study, will look at traffic, accidents, where people are going and coming from, topography and land use, to name a few, Humphrey said. The final report is expected to be handed to the ITD in December. While the first part of the meeting explained what the study would entail, the second part involved listening to the people who showed up. Consultant Mike Pepper had to work hard to write down all the suggestions, ideas and concerns residents say the state should consider when studying a new or improved crossing. Reducing traffic on Blue Lakes Boulevard North, controlling commercial growth, minimizing impact on property owners, protection of the Oregon Trail and access to local drivers were just a few of the estimated 100-plus issues raised at the first public meeting about the river-crossing study. Gary Bick of Castleford agreed planning for a new crossing was essential to be ready for growth. "If we don't make preparations now, 30 or 40 years from now it is too late," he said. Humphrey promised public involvement all through the process such as public meetings, and representation on a task force and technical groups. He also said the state would keep in touch through newsletters. "I would ask you work with us," he told the gathering. *Times-News staff writer Pat Marcano can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 242.*

Drugs delivered by FedEx lead to 2 Idaho Falls arrests

TWIN FALLS - Two Idaho Falls residents were arrested Wednesday. State police say they received a package of drugs delivered by FedEx. The two suspects were arrested at the Federal Express office in Twin Falls. Police say they picked up a package containing 12 ounces of methamphetamine and 2 ounces of marijuana. The total street value of the drugs is about \$200. Twin Falls police Sgt. Dale Hill said. Catherine Hernandez, 34, and Jeremy Green, 36, were charged with possession of methamphetamine and marijuana with intent to deliver. They were also charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, he said. Local police were tipped off about the delivery by authorities in California. The package originated in California, Hill said.

Judge orders clarification of hospital antitrust lawsuit

BURLEY - An antitrust lawsuit against Cassia Regional Medical Center needs more clarification before it can continue in federal magistrate court, Judge Mikel Williams has ruled. Brian Edwards, a doctor of internal medicine, filed a civil suit July 23 against Cassia Regional, Intergovernmental Health Care and doctors Paul Dearing and Charles Suits, accusing them of antitrust violations, unfair competition, interference with economic relationships and breach of contract. The hospital asked for the case to be dismissed. Williams requested more clarification of the suit before making any decisions, said Ken Nyman, Edwards' attorney. "The judge held that as written, the complaint filed by Dr. Edwards had a few technical problems that he asked to be amended," Nyman said. "We have successfully argued that the hospital has done damage to Mr. Edwards, but we have to make it clear what the economic basis of a claim is." Nyman has until Friday to make any changes and said he should be able to meet the deadline. *Please see LAWSUIT, Page C3*

Extended-care company wants Jerome site

The council's vote also was split on whether to grant El Sombrero Restaurant a temporary relocation of its liquor license for a dance to be held Feb. 13 at the Jerome County Fairgrounds. Mayor Dennis Moore broke the tie by voting for the request. Also this week, the council approved spending \$3,231.00 on a new deck for one of the city's libraries and about \$2,000 to repair a pump at the wastewater treatment plant. The council heard from Jerome school bond levy booster Stan Lott, who encouraged the mayor and council to write letters of support for the \$12.6 million bond issue request. It goes before voters March 11. In another matter, Councilman Joe Skaug cast the sole vote against giving Fire Chief Jim Aulich a 5 percent merit raise, bringing his monthly salary to \$3,251. Skaug said the city is spending too much on salaries, travel and training sessions for employees. Still, he voted with the rest of the council in favor of raises for three library clerks and one police patrol officer. The home probably would be designed to serve. The home probably would be designed to serve. The home probably would be designed to serve. *Times-News staff writer Mark Hertz can be reached in Jerome at 234-6962.*

Proposal to restrict Ritalin use fails

BOISE - An attempt to severely restrict children's Ritalin use failed at the Statehouse Wednesday, but a few local experts had words of caution about the drug. Rep. John Campbell, R-Sandpoint, says he thinks methylphenidate, commonly known as Ritalin, too closely resembles crank and other drugs to be given so often to children, and he says it can lead to other drug use. Wednesday, he tried to talk a House committee into printing a bill that would restrict Ritalin use by children under 18, unless the dose or hospital. Just two committee members supported the idea; it was killed in a voice vote. Ritalin is "immensely helpful" to children and their families, said Rep. Donna Bos. D-Poentello, who said her physician husband prescribes the drug. Rep. Bev Montgomery, R-Boise, said she has friends who call the drug a "godsend." Campbell and Rep. Bill Sali, R-Meridian, said they wanted the committee to hold a hearing, Rules and Administration - to hold a hearing on the idea. Campbell said the examples given by committee members show just one side of the story. "I have seen both sides," he said. "I want you as a committee to make sure the state is allowing no more than what's allowed. But minority leader Wendy Jaquet, D-Keetchikan, questioned whether the judiciary committee would make decisions better left to medical and pharmaceutical experts. "No matter how many people come before us," she said, "I don't feel capable of making this decision." After the meeting, Campbell called the committee "gutless" and said the state is allowing "legalized drug-dealing." He isn't the only person questioning the use of Ritalin, but most concern centers on overprescribing the drug and on its abuse by those without prescriptions. "People will use anything to alleviate the pain they feel," said Tom Stolman-Hamilton of the Center, a drug and alcohol rehabilitation center in Gooding. "If they can get their hands on it, they will use it." Drug Enforcement Agency information says more teenagers illegally abuse the drug in America than have it prescribed. Between 1990 and 1995, a DEA, Internet - page and DEA, methylphenidate, or MPH, production increased 50 percent. "Every indicator available," a DEA release says, "including scientific abuse liability studies, actual abuse rates of physicians, and lack of concurrent effects associated with long-term use of stimulants, divergent prescribing practices of U.S. physicians, and lack of concurrent medical treatment and follow-up, urge greater caution and more restrictive use of MPH." The drug often is habitually prescribed, and this misuse attracts unwarranted attention, said Melody Lenker, from the South River County in a Twin Falls. Properly prescribed, Ritalin is an effective part of a multifaceted treatment for attention disorders. For those without the disorder, though, Ritalin gives a high. "Many children are put on Ritalin in error," Lenker said, "and do have adverse responses." As to whether Ritalin use leads to abuse of other drugs or other illegal drugs, Lenker said children who truly need Ritalin are often impulsive, and tend not to consider the consequences of their actions. If these children aren't taking the drug, she said, they're much more vulnerable to other drugs.

THE NORTH SIDE/WOOD RIVER VALLEY/WEST

Ketchum's mayor would like all power lines underground

By Margot Higgins Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM - The city of Ketchum would like to move its power lines underground.

Underground lines are better from an aesthetic point of view," said Mayor Guy Coles.

Coles said he wants underground power lines to be mandatory for all new developments in Ketchum.

Already two local improvement districts have required property owners to help bear the cost of underground lines.

Recently a new home on Walnut Avenue was approved, if the property owner bears the entire cost of underground neighborhood power lines underground.

But the city still has a long way to go to reach its ultimate goal of eliminating all overhead power lines.

lines. Costs for the work, already "highly expensive," are going up, Coles said.

In an hour-long discussion of an upcoming franchise agreement, the Ketchum City Council challenged Idaho Power Co. to earn the right to continue to supply power to the city.

With Idaho Power to put underground power lines in Ketchum, council member Chris Potters said. "We as a city really do have a choice. We could go elsewhere for power."

"I don't feel good about what the city's rights are with the current franchise. I want to see some give so we can accomplish what we need to as a city," she said.

"We are not surprised by what Chris Potters had to say," said Dan Olmstead, Idaho Power's general manager.

"We have to get further along with negotiations to see how underground power lines can be reached in Ketchum at 236-7267."

grounding might fit into the package.

Idaho Power has been the Wood River Valley's sole provider for the past 50 years. The original franchise agreement expired in 1997, and since then the city has been negotiating a contract that will last a minimum of 10 years.

Potters said she would like to find an authority "not associated with the city or Idaho Power, to show us our latitude as a municipality. She would like to see Idaho Power supply underground lines with no additional cost in all future Ketchum developments.

In addition, Potters suggested asking voters if they would be willing to pay an additional 3 percent tax on power bills in order to meet the cost of upgrading the power lines.

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Gooding City Council rejects sewer contractor's request for more money

By Sharon Metcalf Times-News correspondent

GOODING - The Gooding City Council has denied a request for a \$28,000 change order from Bottiford Construction, a company working on the city sewer project.

"Bottiford apparently made a mistake on his unit (cubic yard of gravel) price bid at \$3 a unit," said Mayor George Dains. "He bid it as a linear foot."

A check of competitors' bids showed one with a unit price of \$18 per cubic yard, the other with a bid of \$7 per cubic yard.

Bottiford requested \$31.15 per cubic yard to correct his mistake.

As of last week, work on the sewer project had shut down for the winter. City Superintendent Todd Bunn said.

In other city business

Anna Gonzales will go from trying police reports in her job as a clerical assistant to writing reports first-hand. She was sworn in as Gooding's newest police officer.

The Slough Ditch Association watermaster said the city's use of water is not the 89.77 inches allotted previously, but 221 inches. This raises the bill from \$538.62

to \$1,329.96 annually. Dains said he would look into the increase.

The city received a dividend of \$12,157 from the State Insurance Fund because of its excellence in avoiding injuries on the job. The city's premiums will also be reduced by 15 percent.

Because of this, the council voted to award full-time employees a \$100 bonus, and part-time employees a \$50 bonus.

Police Chief Paul Brown requested approval to purchase two light bars for new police cars. The next regular council meeting has been rescheduled for 7 p.m., Feb. 16 at city offices.

Dietrich plans for future growth

By Rachel Denry Times-News correspondent

DIETRICH - In an attempt to handle growth in a reasonable and logical way, Dietrich is working on a new planning and zoning ordinance.

That ordinance was discussed at the Dietrich City Council's most recent meeting, council member Wanless Southwick said.

The city's planning and zoning commission has approved the ordinance, now being reviewed by the Region IV Development Association. The council should receive the ordinance for review by next month.

"Once we have that ordinance we can begin making plans for people to look at alternatives on how we can guide the town," Southwick said. "We've got some guidance as to how the town will develop so we just don't see a helter-skelter of unplanned things."

The city has no plan to annex land, but growth is inevitable, Southwick said.

"I think everyone recognizes that it's something that needs to be done," he said. "Now is the time to take our heads out of the sand and think about what we want it to become, so what the town becomes is really an admirable community."

In other business Monday, the council:

Heard an update on the sewer project. The excavation of the sewer line is about 70 percent completed and should be finished by late spring, Southwick said.

After the lagoon is complete the city will begin constructing sewer pipes and connecting the with homes. The project should be completed by summer.

Heard an auditor's report. Dietrich spent less than it took last year.

Times-News correspondent Rachel Denry can be reached in Twin Falls at 734-3780.

Telephone company will add jobs

BOISE (AP) - U S West officials will create 22 full-time staff positions and 12 service technician positions to keep up with growth in the Treasure Valley.

The telephone company's Load Resource Administration Center will be responsible for scheduling and dispatching service technicians in Idaho and Montana. Technicians used to be sent out

from Salt Lake City.

The jobs are scheduled to be filled in the next three months.

Barbara Wilson, U S West's Idaho and regional vice president, said Idaho's rapid growth prompted the center.

"As the population and new construction continue to increase, U S West is committed to keeping up," Wilson said Wednesday.

U S West employs over 1,000 people in Idaho. The company recently opened a call center in Pocatello that employs over 150 people now, and will employ 300 by the year 2000.

U S West plans a call center in Idaho Falls this year. The center will employ about 150 people initially and expand to over 300 in the next four years.

Services

Evelyn H. Crafton of Salt Lake City, 11 a.m. today at the LDS 2nd Ward Chapel. Friends may call from 10:30 to 10:45 a.m. the day of the service (Cannon Mortuary).

Betty L. Harmon of Buhl, 1 p.m. today at Twin Falls First Assembly of God (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home).

Fluence Roland of Moses Lake, Wash., 1:30 p.m. today at Kayser's Chapel of Memories.

May-Belle Florence (Pearce) Miller of Seattle, Wash., memorial service 10 a.m. today at the United Methodist Church, 805 Main St. in Gooding (Demary's Gooding Chapel).

Clyde N. Coats of Rupert, 11 a.m. Friday at the Rupert Idaho Stake Center; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Hansen Mortuary Chapel and

one hour before the service on Friday (Hansen Mortuary Chapel).

Eleanor Marie Beals Tindall of Twin Falls, graveside service at 11 a.m. Friday at Eureka Cemetery in Newport, Ore. (White Mortuary).

Lloyd J. Small BOISE - Lloyd J. Small, 66, died at a hospital in Boise of Feb. 2, 1999, after a long battle with cancer.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday at Cloverdale's Mortuary in Boise.

Roy Briley RUPERT - Roy Briley, 60, of Rupert, died Tuesday, Feb. 2, 1999, at the VA Hospital in Boise.

Helen Jeanette Taylor Strandy of Twin Falls, 3 p.m. Friday at Restlawn Memorial Park in Pocatello (Reynolds Funeral).

Michael W. Powell of Twin Falls, 2 p.m. memorial service Monday at Twin Falls Reformed Church.

DEATH NOTICES

Arrangements are pending and under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Chapel.

Ethel 'Lou' DeLeon TWIN FALLS - Ethel "Lou" DeLeon, of Twin Falls, passed away Dec. 25, 1999, at Sunrise Care Center in Twin Falls.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

EPA declares New Mexico WIPP is 10 times safer than required

ALBUQUERQUE (AP) - Federal regulators have weighed in on the latest court contest over the New Mexico dump for plutonium-contaminated waste now stored in casks and other states.

In a declaration filed with the U.S. District Court, the Environmental Protection Agency said the certification of the Pilot Plant near Carlsbad is 10 times safer than required.

EPA's declaration was intended to counter claims by the state attorney general and conservationists that the underground dump should not be permitted to accept waste until it receives a special-state permit required for dumping radioactive waste that is also contaminated with other hazardous substances.

While no state control exists over dumping radioactive-only waste, the New Mexico facility have warned that the Energy Department is allowed to store radioactive-only waste that will have essentially ended any real control over the so-called mixed wastes.

The attorney general also maintains that certification of the dump by federal regulators for radioactive-only waste is defective and the entire certification process is tainted by something that could take years.

The dispute over opening the dump is critical to the Energy Department for meeting a 2003 deadline it faces for moving waste out of the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental

Laboratory under the 1995 waste cleanup deal it cut with former Gov. Bill Batt.

The state permit for the New Mexico dump is not expected to be issued before late summer and INEL officials have conceded that they have no other storage alternative for waste at the INEL.

Failing to meet the April 30 deadline would block future Energy Department shipments of high-level waste to INEL for storage. The U.S. Navy would continue - until the plutonium-contaminated waste begins moving out of Idaho.

Federal officials contend the New Mexico facility has been ready to open for months.

Bias crimes bill fails in Wyoming

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) - Four months after gay college student Matthew Shepard was beaten to death, a move to pass hate crimes legislation in Wyoming was scuttled Wednesday by a committee.

Supporters said that ended their hopes for the year.

Shepard's parents, meanwhile, say they don't want his death used by activists to further any political agenda.

"It's a very frightening concept as a parent that your son now becomes a martyr, a public figure for the world," Judy Shepard told "Dateline NBC" for a story scheduled to air Friday. "He's just our son."

Mrs. Shepard told Vanity Fair that her son had previously tested negative for the virus. She described her son as a sometimes naive young man who was often too trusting for his own good.

The NBC and Vanity Fair stories revealed that Shepard had been attacked and raped in Morocco while he was on a high school trip.

"The anger really isn't there yet," Mrs. Shepard said. "I am sure it will come... They've done something horrible to my life, to my son, to my family, and I don't want to waste any of my feelings on them. I'm saving it all for Nepal."

Wyoming is one nine states without bias crimes laws, and lawmakers have rejected similar measures four times since 1995.

After Shepard's death in October, calls for a bias crimes law increased - Republican Gov. Jim Geringer for the first time supported the measure.

Geringer said Wednesday that he was disappointed the legislation did not reach the Senate floor for debate.

He added that no law can change how people think about each other.

"What I call on the people of Wyoming to do is to recognize that there are 480,000 of us that have unique capabilities, limitations and experiences that no one else's not hold that against each other," the governor said. "Let's find a way to build the community of Wyoming."

Two measures died in the Senate Judiciary Committee. Both would have increased the maximum fine for a felony by up to \$5,000 and raised the maximum prison sentence by up to five years if prosecutors could prove the crime was motivated by bias.

State Sen. John Schiffer, the Judiciary chairman, said he hoped supporters of the crime legislation would come back in future sessions with legislation that would have broader support.

Opponents said they objected to listing motivating factors, such as race, religion and sexual orientation, as reasons they might seek special protection to certain groups. Others said no new laws are needed, just strict enforcement of existing measures.

Wende Barker, state coordinator for the Wyoming Bias Crimes Coalition, said she was disappointed that no law was planned to try to push for such laws again next year.

The only other bias crime-related bill before the Legislature is one that would set up a task force to examine how many bias crimes are committed in Wyoming. It has passed the House and is pending in the Senate.

HOSPITALS

CASSIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER Admitted Merjane Beach, Ladean Edgar, Lawrence Hines and Elizabeth Spencer, all of Burley; Earl Horst of Declo; Newman Potter of Heyburn.

Released Merjane Beach, Lucille Carson, both of Burley; Amber Cameron of Twin Falls; Jan Sheridan and Elsie Wilson, both of Rupert.

Births A baby was born to Robert and Ladean Edgar of Burley. Baby was born to Jay and Merjane Beach of Burley.

MINIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL Some names are omitted at patients' request. Admitted Jamison Jones of Rupert.

Released Jamison Jones of Rupert; Rebekah J. McDonough of Hazelton.

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER Admitted Dawn Hinkle of Twin Falls; Ramona Smith of Eden.

Released Alberta Cozad of Starbuck; Vera Kelly of Twin Falls.

OBITUARIES

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TWIN FALLS Lois Ross Ray Lois Ross Ray, 92 of Twin Falls, died Monday, Feb. 2, 1999, at Birchwood Retirement Center in Twin Falls.

She was born Aug. 23, 1907, in Mount Moriah, Mo. to Edgard and Alice Knack Ross. She married William Ray in 1927 and they had been residents of Idaho since that time. Mr. Ray died in 1984. Lois served as a rural mail carrier at Hansen, Idaho. She was a member of the Methodist Church, serving several years as secretary of the Hansen W.C.S. She also sang in the choir. Lois helped with the Hansen Girl Scout Troop and coached the Edgworth League Youth in preparing many church programs.

Lois was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and her brother. She is survived by her "many" nieces and nephews.

A cryptside service will take place at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, 1999, at Sunset Mortuary Chapel, 1015 Main Street, with Roy Dato Minister officiating. Friends may call from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at White Canyon Mortuary today.

RUPERT Roy Dean Briley Roy Dean Briley, 60 of Rupert, died Feb. 2, 1999, at the VA Hospital in Boise.

He was born April 7, 1938 in Mountain Home, Ark. He was the son of Ernest and Ruth Briley. Roy grew up in the Hazelton and Eden areas. He graduated from Valley High School in 1956. He married Kathleen Smith in 1957. They were later divorced. He

later married Deanne Hoffman. Roy joined the armed services in 1962. He served two tours of duty in Vietnam, first as a helicopter pilot and the second as a body wing pilot. He was medevac'd and discharged in 1967 as a 1st Lieut. CW-2. He loved water skiing, channel surfing, fishing and golf.

He is survived by 3 daughters: Beth (Chris) Briley-Lambert of Boise; Briley-Lambert (Debra) Briley-Ryan of Pocatello; and Briley-Lambert (Lynne) Briley of Rupert. Grandchildren are Abby, Audrey and Cody Lambert, all of Boise. He has two sisters, Patricia Ann (Elizabeth) Hensley at Hazelton and Elnora Whiting of Rupert. Three nieces: Valda (Jim) Thompson, Shirley (Steve) Baska and Janice Mendenhall.

He was greatly loved by his family and friends and will be missed by all who knew him. Special thanks to those friends who have taken care of him and the hospice staff members.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 6, 1999, at Eden Funeral Chapel, 1015 Main Street, with Rev. G. L. E. on Friday, Feb. 5, at the chapel. Interment will be at the Hazelton Cemetery.

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UNDER CONSTRUCTION



Darren Loveland and Roger Jenkins remodeled the front entrance of the old Albion Social Club building earlier this week. Jenkins bought the building and plans to turn it into a community center by this summer, so work needs to be done no matter how cold the weather is.

Rupert has 2 finalists for administrator job

Damian D. Rodriguez
Times-News writer

RUPERT — The Rupert City Council has two finalists for its city administrator position and is set to announce who will get the job at its Feb. 16 meeting.

The finalists are city managers in Utah and California. City Council member Joel Rogers would not disclose their names, or the towns where they work.

"Both are very qualified for the job," Rogers said. "It's going to be a difficult choice."

The council chose the finalists from 23 applicants.

"We invited both men to come to Rupert," Rogers said.

The administrator's duties include overseeing daily city operations.

"We need somebody managing the budget on a day-in-day basis," Rogers said. He must be able to implement city policies, develop a city budget, and act as the CEO of the city.

Rupert wants someone with a degree in public administration and experience in city management, Rogers said.

"The secret of Idaho is out," Rogers said. "We received applications from all over the nation. There was a national interest in this position."

City Councilman Layne Rutschke said the Rupert job is attracting many applicants.

"Both men want to move to smaller towns to raise their families and improve their quality of life," he said. "They just want a good place to live."

Notwithstanding, down to the finalists was fairly easy.

"I think we have chosen the cream of the crop," Rutschke said. "I would be happy with either of the two."

The administrator will be paid \$50,000 to \$70,000, Rogers said. Rupert cannot match the salary other cities offer, but he hopes some agreement can be reached.

The new administrator will replace Bryan Montgomery, who accepted a city position in Nevada in November 1998.

Times-News staff writer Damian D. Rodriguez can be reached in Burley at 677-1042.

Sportsmen go to court over bird colonies, fish

BOISE (AP) — An Idaho sportsmen's group, a sporting goods retailer and a fishing guide have sued the federal government, saying it has not done enough to reduce seabird predation on imperiled fish migrations in the Columbia River estuary.

Idaho Steelhead and Salmon Unlimited; Thayne Barrie, owner of Sunset Sports Centers in Boise and Paetello; and Tony Bradbury, filed suit Wednesday in Portland, Ore.

They claim the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, National Marine Fisheries Service, Bureau of Reclamation and Fish and Wildlife Service are not addressing the Caspian tern populations on Rice Island, Miller Sands Spit and Pillar Rock Island at the river's mouth.

They want the predators moved off the manmade islands before the migrations begin this spring.

"We are not saving fishing the tern prey alone will recover our fisheries, but we believe it is

serious enough to warrant action before the 1999 smolt migration reaches the area," Barrie said.

"After all, these are the fish that have survived the roughest on their journey to the ocean."

The sportsmen formally advised Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt and Commerce Secretary William Daley in November that they would go to court.

Studies estimate that 17 million juvenile salmon were eaten by terns from Rice Island in 1998 alone. At 8,000 terns, Rice Island could be the largest colony in the world. About 6,500 double-crested cormorants also are found on Rice and East Sand islands.

The islands are the result of the Army Corps dredging the shipping channels in the Columbia. The colonies did not exist there until 1987.

Bradbury is a steelhead fishing guide and owns The Lodge at Riggins-Hot-Springs. He said declining runs affect him and many other people financially.

Woman dies from rare illness

SPOKANE (AP) — A Spokane day-care worker has died from the rare illness caused by so-called "flesh-eating" bacteria, health officials say.

Catherine M. Wright, 39, showed up at work at a YMCA child-care center on Jan. 25 feeling ill. She died at a hospital three days later.

Wright was infected with the type of common *Streptococcus* bacteria that sometimes causes rare cases lead to necrotizing fasciitis, said Dr. Paul Stepan, epidemiologist for the Spokane Regional Health District.

"This is one of those rare, catastrophic manifestations of a common organism," Stepan said.

The 162 children at the day-care center are not at risk because *Streptococcus* rarely leads to necrotizing fasciitis, he said. Such exceptional cases usually involve people with weak

immune systems.

Meanwhile, an 8-year-old Kent boy who spent three months in a Seattle hospital battling necrotizing fasciitis is recovering by the end of the week, health officials said.

Christopher Junk suffered a skin infection while climbing a tree in October. It developed into the flesh-eating disease, and he was in intensive care for nearly a month at Children's Hospital in Seattle.

His right leg was amputated at the hip and the illness caused brain damage that left him legally blind.

About 40 percent of children typically carry *Streptococcus* A bacteria, which more commonly causes illnesses such as strep throat, Stepan said.

The illness that killed Wright got the "flesh-eating" nickname when it killed 11 people in England in 1994.

Lawsuit

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If the antitrust section of the suit is granted, Edwards could continue with a breach-of-contract and interference-with-contractual-relations suit. Edwards is seeking lost income in excess of amount has not been disclosed, but the suit asks for more than \$100,000, Myman said.

Edwards says a concerted effort was made by the hospital and colleagues to have him removed. Edwards was an internist seeking a physician with an even relief of his duties on grounds of poor record keeping. He since has moved to Kansas where he practices medicine.

Suits' secretary said he would not comment. Dearing did not wish to comment on the case, saying only that the suit is "unfounded and unwarranted."

Hospital administrator Richard Packer remained hopeful Williams will dismiss the lawsuit.

"We think there is no sub-

stance to the lawsuit," Packer said. "There is no basis to their complaint. We're not spending too much time worrying about the case. We're just trying to live our own lives."

Suits' recent arrest will not have any bearing on Edwards' case, Packer said.

The Cassia County Sheriff's Department arrested Suits on charges of possessing an illegal prescription and of possession of a controlled substance in December. Suits faces a preliminary hearing March 8, court documents said.

The cases are unrelated and will not conflict, Myman said.

"I cannot imagine how Dr. Suits' other misfortunes could have any impact on this case," Myman said. "We have no intention of adding to Suits' troubles. We wish him all the best."

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Relief appears on horizon for miners

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Nearly 1,800 Nevada miners have lost their jobs for slumping gold prices and increased imports the past year, but federal safety nets protecting U.S. workers against foreign competition should provide some relief soon.

About 600 workers at two large mines already appear to be slipping for extended jobless benefits and worker retraining under the North American Free Trade Act and other trade assistance laws, state officials said Wednesday.

It marks the first time workers in the mining industry have made a bid for the relief based on claims they've been harmed by competition from Mexico and Canada, they said.

Sen. Richard Bryan, D-Nev., is making a personal plea to a dozen other mining companies in Nevada to help build a case for their former workers' eligibility for the federal aid as well.

"If your company has workers who have been adversely impacted by either increased gold imports or as a result of shifting operations to either Canada or Mexico, I would strongly urge you to consider petitioning the Department of Labor for these important benefits for your displaced workers," Bryan said in a letter last week.

The gold miners in Nevada claim that softer environmental regulations and weaker worker protection laws allow mines in Canada and Mexico to undercut domestic prices.

Last week, the Labor Department agreed with Newmont Gold Co.'s contention that increased exports from those countries had resulted in a steep decline in sales and production of gold produced at Newmont's mine in Carlin, Nev.

Labor officials concluded that the one-third decline in the price of gold caused a 40 percent increase in gold imports to



Workers repair a bolt at Barrick Goldstrike Mines, Inc. in northern Nevada last year. Nearly 1,800 Nevada miners have lost their jobs for slumping gold prices and increased imports the past year, but federal safety nets protecting U.S. workers from foreign competition should provide some relief soon.

the United States during the first half of 1998 compared with the same period the year before.

As a result, 500 former employees of Newmont Gold and 97 former workers at Battle Mountain Gold Co. who lost their jobs since November 1997 have filed, or are in the process of filing, applications for the federal aid.

"(That's) only the tip of the iceberg," said Carol Jackson, state director of the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation in Carson City. She's identified about 1,800

workers who might qualify. Officials for the National Mining Association and mining labor unions based in Washington said they were not aware of any other efforts under way to secure aid under NAFTA.

"Most of the layoffs we have suffered have been due to the Clean Air Act and the Kyoto agreements," said Doug Gibson, a spokesman for the United Mine Workers.

Other Western states have considered seeking federal relief for miners, but Nevada

has been more vulnerable to the foreign competition because of the kind of gold mining that goes on here.

"We don't have thick veins of gold like in the movies," said Karen Rhodes, a spokeswoman for the employment department.

"The cost of getting the gold out of the earth is much higher. It takes tons and tons of ore to produce an ounce of gold," she said. "In a sense that eventually, places like Colorado who also have been affected, will possibly jump on this type of program as well."

Arizona executes prisoner by injection for 1980 murder

FLORENCE, Ariz. (AP) — A man who beat, robbed and killed a man in 1980 by running him over with a car and stabbing him with a screwdriver was executed by injection Wednesday.

Darick Gerlaugh, 38, kept his eyes shut while the death warrant was read. The execution was pronounced dead at 7:09 p.m. MST.

He spent his final hours talking to his family members and taking part in American Indian religious rituals. None of his family attended the execution.

Gerlaugh was the seventh American Indian executed in the United States since the death penalty was restored in 1976 and the second Indian executed in Arizona.

The Arizona Department of Corrections said Wednesday it recently reauthorized Jess James Giles, executed two weeks ago, as an American Indian. In his final days, he participated in Indian rituals.

Gerlaugh was the 14th person

put to death since the state reinstated the death penalty in 1992.

Maricopa County prosecutor Vince Imbordino said the victim's family wasn't angry but merely wanted resolution, which the family thought execution would bring.

Scott Schwartz's father, brother and grandfather witnessed the execution but did not comment to reporters.

Asked if the punishment fit the crime, Imbordino said, "Absolutely, it did and it was long overdue."

Gerlaugh's execution was delayed several hours by a stay from the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, designed to give defense attorneys time to finish appealing to the U.S. Supreme Court. The Supreme Court refused to grant a reprieve.

The state clemency board rejected a last-minute request Wednesday from Gov. Mary Thomas of the Gila River Indian Community to reconvene to hear a plea for mercy from Gerlaugh's family and others.

Jurors see murder weapon

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Jurors in Scott Yager's murder trial on Wednesday were shown the gun prosecutors say was used to kill an Idaho State Police trooper.

The 9 mm handgun had a strand of blonde hair on the muzzle that prosecutors contend came from Trooper Linda Huff when she was shot in the head at point-blank range.

Fred Swanson, an FBI agent, described how the gun was recovered and stored shortly after the

June 17 shooting.

"I placed the entire pistol, once I removed the magazine, in a paper bag to preserve the evidence that may be on the pistol," Swanson testified.

Prosecutors said they expect to wrap up their case after one more day. The trial began Monday in First District Court.

Yager, 35, of Rathdrum, is charged with first-degree murder of a police officer and committing a felony with a deadly weapon.

Field for Bieter's replacement narrows to 3

BOISE (AP) — The list of ten names to replace state Representative Pat Bieter has been narrowed to three.

Bieter and his wife, Elsie, were killed Jan. 24 in a car accident on Idaho 54 north of Horseshoe Bend.

The Ada County Democratic District 19 Legislative Committee Wednesday chose Rick Mallory, Jerry Carter and David Bieter to fill the list of candidates to head the vacant

office. David Bieter is the son of Pat Bieter.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne will give the list of candidates Thursday morning and then has 15 days to name his choice, said Molly Lazekha, of the Democratic party.

Mark Snider, Kempthorne's press secretary, said he expects the governor to make a quick decision on the selection, because the session already is under way.

MAGIC VALLEY/IDAHO

LEGISLATIVE LOG

FOOTBALL ON HIS MIND

Filer council ditches well idea

The Associated Press

Confirmed by Senate

Clyde Ingram, St. Anthony, to the Board of Tax Appeals.

Legislative Action Complete

HCR11 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) — Approves the contract for printing the legislative journals.

HCR10 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) — Approves the contract for printing legislative bills.

HCR12 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) — Approves the contract for printing session laws.

Introduced in House

HB154 (Revenue and Taxation) — Clarifies property tax exemptions for non-profit hospitals.

HB155 (State Affairs) — Creates a Council on Indian Affairs.

HB156 (Local Government) — Applies time limits on free parking for people with a disability in long-term parking spaces.

HB157 (Local Government) — Allows cities and counties to establish procedures for transferring development rights.

HB158 (Local Government) — Allows local governments to impose increased penalties for speeding in school zones and residential areas.

HB159 (Transportation and Defense) — Requires drivers to treat inoperative traffic signals as stop signs.

HB160 (Transportation and Defense) — Allows the adjutant general to award contracts for minor armory construction and repairs without approval from the Board of Examiners.

HB161 (Transportation and Defense) — Allows commanders who find probable cause for Idaho National Guard members arrested.

HB162 (Transportation and Defense) — Gives the adjutant general emergency contracting authority under the same conditions that the Department of Administration may waive certain contracting requirements in an emergency.

HB163 (Transportation and Defense) — Repeals an outdated law providing a remedy for Idaho National Guard members injured on duty.

HB164 (Revenue and Taxation) — Adds the Children's Home Society of Idaho to the list of health-related entities exempt from sales tax.

Sent to Governor

SB1026 (Finance) — Makes emergency appropriation of \$92,500 to the Idaho Educational Public Broadcasting System.

Confirmed by Senate

Russell Newcomb, Twin Falls, to the Commission on Pardons and Parole.

Robin Sandly, Hagerman, to the Commission on Pardons and Parole.

E. E. Brinegar, Boise, to the Commission on Pardons and Parole.

Introduced in House

HB144 (Revenue and Taxation) — Eliminates the \$4.8 million automatic annual appropriation from sales taxes to the Water Pollution Control Account.

HB145 (Revenue and Taxation) — Allows counties, with two-thirds voter support, to issue bonds to finance purchases of public open-space land or easements for scenic and recreational purposes.

HB146 (Revenue and Taxation) — Requires county clerks to submit property tax Appeals within 30 days of being notified or Oct. 1, whichever is later.

HB147 (Business) — Increases the bond requirement for collection agencies from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

HB148 (Business) — Allows employers to reimburse insurers up to \$1,000 on worker's compensation income claims.

HB149 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) — Allows arrests for misdemeanors.

HB150 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) — Changes the time limit for surviving spouses to file a petition for their elective share.

HB151 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) — Sets fines and surcharges for misfeasance or malfeasance by a conservator or guardian.

HB152 (Resources and Conservation) — Adds Lake Cascade State Park and Lake Walcott State Park to the state parks system.

HB153 (State Affairs) — Repeals the requirement that initiative and referendum be registered voters.

HJ11 (State Affairs) — Encourages Congress to establish a national veterans cemetery in Idaho.

Introduced in Senate

SR102 (Judiciary and Rules) — Creates an expedited procedure for final bill passage.

SCR107 (Resources and Environment) — Creates a special legislative committee to study the state lottery.

SB1077 (Judiciary and Rules) — Expands crimes requiring sex offender registration.

SB1078 (Judiciary and Rules) — Sets terms for appointment of trust protectors.

SB1079 (Judiciary and Rules) — Expands grounds for limitation on estate recovery by surviving spouse.

SB1080 (Judiciary and Rules) — Clarifies establishment of trusts.

SB1081 (Judiciary and Rules) — Exempts Roth IRAs from enforcement of judgments.

SB1082 (Judiciary and Rules) — Sets procedures for satisfying pecuniary devices.

SB1083 (Judiciary and Rules) — Sets grounds for removal from Employee Assistance Programs.

SB1084 (Resources and Rules) — Authorizes 25-year state land leases to the federal government.

SB1085 (State Affairs) — Clarifies regulation of so-called "dickie raffles."

SB1086 (State Affairs) — Return public jurisdiction on the reservation to the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes.

SB1087 (Judiciary and Rules) — Clarifies employer responsibility for reemployment acts.

SB1088 (Judiciary and Rules) — Sets the amount of property exempt from attachment or levy.

SB1089 (Judiciary and Rules) — Clarifies operation of annuals for county jails from public disclosure.

SB1090 (Judiciary and Rules) — Clarifies coverage of sexual offender registration law.



'Football player' Shannon Van Over reads during a career day held as part of Catholic Schools Week at St. Mary's School in Moscow. Students dressed in the attire of their favorite profession, and talked with alumni about how their faith may play a role in their careers.

DOE's plan to study treatment may be hampered by budget cut

By N.S. Norkentved, Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Federal Energy Department plans to launch an environmental study in the next two years of the best way of treating spent reactor fuel for disposal.

The reactor fuel includes sodium and can't be disposed of without some kind of treatment. Energy Department officials say the best way to treat it may be a method being demonstrated at Argonne National Laboratory, West — an INEEL site facing a budget cut in the Clinton administration's newest spending plan.

"We'll know more after the EIS is completed," said Kathy Whittaker, an Energy Department spokeswoman at the Idaho

National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.

Argonne is a research division of the University of Chicago operated under contract with and funded by the Energy Department. Argonne-West is located 62 miles of spent fuel containing sodium, which reacts explosively with air and water, need to be treated for disposal.

Of that, 36 tons are stored at INEEL; 25 tons are at Argonne-West. The remaining one ton would come from federal facilities in Washington state and New Mexico.

A process known as electrometallurgy uses electricity to separate the components of spent fuel.

Delaying the treatment process could make it harder for the Energy Department to meet milestones in the landmark agreement it signed in 1995 with former Gov. Phil Batt.

The agreement requires all spent fuel be moved out of the state by 2035. Missing the deadline could bring court-imposed fines of \$60,000 per day.

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By Kelly J. Setzle, Times-News correspondent

FILER — Filer City Council members have ditched the idea of a new well for the moment.

Instead, they approved making repairs to Well No. 3, on Fair Avenue, on the best dump property owned by the city of Filer. They have looked at several sites for a new well but have not found the ideal location.

City Clerk Sherry Aslett said the city will conduct a cost comparison to ensure that repairs to the existing well are feasible and will not exceed the cost of drilling a new well.

The council also approved two preliminary plans for subdivisions of land:

• Gary and Sheila Allen would divide a little more than one-acre of homesteaded land in their 170-acre farm.

• Nob Brackett would divide his 20-acre parcel on Evelyn Lane into a five-acre parcel for Sophie Whitlock and 15 acres for Chris Vogt.

Times-News correspondent Kelly J. Setzle can be reached in Filer at 326-4104.

BSU business project creates student-run Net provider

BOISE (AP) — A group of students taking part in a project for their business classes may have created the first student-run Internet service provider in the country.

In a small College of Business computer lab, 13 Boise State University students this week will be turned loose to provide Internet service to the college community.

BSU.net, which has about 150 subscribers, allows students, faculty, staff and alumni to access the Internet and send e-mail.

The networking class is in its third year of teaching students how to run an Internet service provider. The university provides a room, some extra computers and a few dollars from student fees. The students then have to find the clients and the equipment to run the business.

The group has agreed not to compete with commercial Internet providers. That leaves the program open to students of equipment from companies such as Micron Electronics Inc. and IBM Corp.

And while Minch tries to give the students a real-world experience, BSU.net faces special challenges.

State Lottery sales shift; official expects ticket sale dispute to end

BOISE (AP) — Reduced emphasis on television advertising is being blamed for declining demand for instant-winner State Lottery tickets. But bigger jackpots in the multi-state Powerball game have increased sales of those tickets to more than plug the gap.

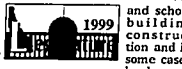
And acting Lottery Director Steve Wood said legislative budget writers on Wednesday that the dividend paid to the state and school districts this summer should hit a record \$21 million.

The dividend underwrites state and school building construction in some cases has become critical to school districts unable to bring any additional cash out of either their patrons or state lawmakers.

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Court finds 2 topless women guilty of trespassing in bar

MOSCOW (AP) — Two women who were arrested after they refused to stop dancing topless in a bar have been found guilty of misdemeanor trespassing.

Dieta Gerickie, 26, and Kristin Gustafson, 25, defended themselves and testified on their own behalf during a two-day trial in Latah County District Court.

Gerickie, Gustafson and two other topless women were arrested at John's Alley on Dec. 18 after being asked to leave numerous times.

Manager Brian Jordan testified Tuesday that he warned both women at least three times each and gave them the option to put shirts on or leave before calling police.

Though Moscow's indecent exposure ordinance was struck down in District Court in November by Judge John Stegner, who ruled the city's ordinance did not define breasts as "private parts," Sgt. Pete Comstock said that after being given warnings, the women could be arrested for trespassing.

After many failed attempts by police and Jordan to have the topless women leave, Gerickie, Gustafson, Sarah Scranton, 21 and Amy Margowitz, 25, were arrested.

Scranton pleaded guilty Jan. 11 to trespassing and will pay a \$115 fine. Charges were dismissed against Margowitz, Gerickie and Gustafson were ordered to pay a \$115 fine.

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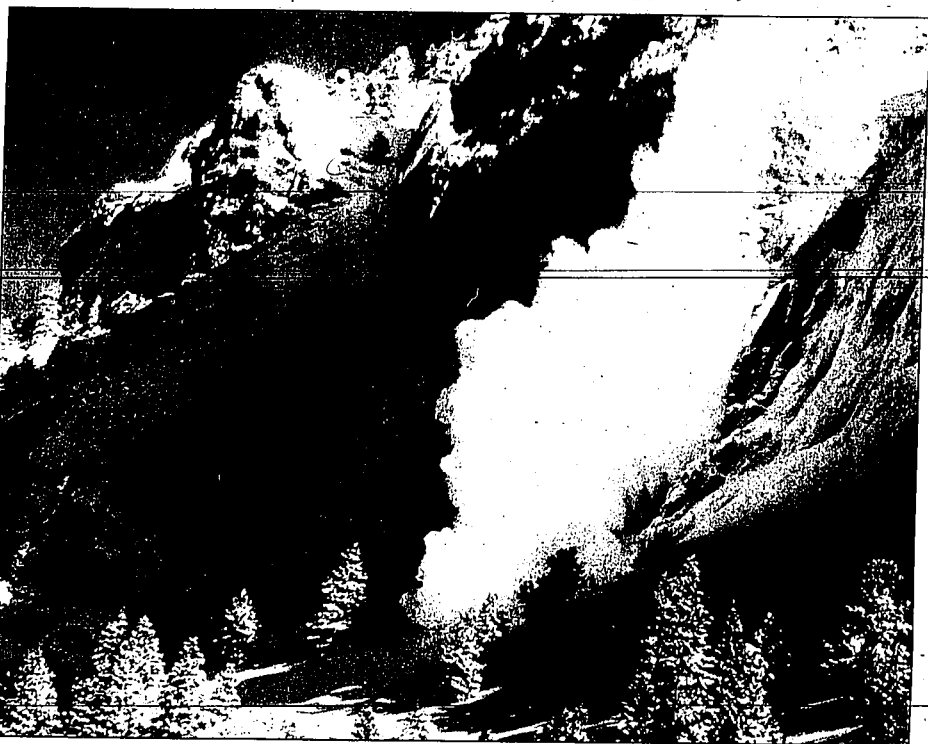
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Left, with a shovel on his back, Halley resident Benj Tromberg heads into the central Idaho backcountry. After taking a basic avalanche class, Tromberg conceded he's been making potentially fatal mistakes for years.



Beautiful, powerful and sometimes fatal, avalanches are a fact of life in the mountains during winter. Here, a deliberately triggered avalanche roars down the Holzgate slide path at Alta, Utah.

"If you can read terrain, you will be able to go out (in the backcountry) without a problem."

- Janet Kellam, avalanche forecaster



Janet Kellam, an avalanche forecaster with the Sawtooth National Forest, explains how to operate the avalanche transceiver she's holding to an avalanche class north of Ketchum.

Knowing the dangers may save your life

Margot Higgins
Times-News correspondent

The snow in Idaho's backcountry just keeps on coming.

While recent conditions have created a skier's paradise, it may be unwise to travel fancy free through untracked powder. As the snow continues to pile up, avalanche danger is still in the moderate range.

But conditions change fast, particularly when new snow is falling and the wind is blowing.

Simply put, avalanches are nature's way of stabilizing itself. Like ripe fruit falling from a tree, precariously perched snowpacks rip loose and slide until something stops them.

Every winter, dozens of people are caught, buried and killed in avalanches in North America. So far this season, 25 people have died, said Doug Abramet, Sun Valley-based head of the National Avalanche Center.

Last season in North America, the death toll was 46.

It even happens here.

A pair of young snowboarders was killed by an avalanche on Galena Summit in January, 1996. One month later, a backcountry skier perished in an avalanche on Paradise Peak, four miles west of the Blaine-Camas county line.

Currently, the biggest danger is in areas south of Ketchum where the snow isn't very deep, said Janet Kellam, who works with Abramet at the avalanche center.

The snowpack is weaker in these areas, particularly in shady spots, Kellam said. North of Ketchum, the snow is deeper, more stable and cohesive.

Avalanches are caused by gravity working against weak layers in mountain snow-

packs. Imagine a layer of wet sand on a sloping rooftop: The sand stays put until something - a vibration, steepening roof angle or more wet sand falling from above - causes a fracture and a subsequent slide. "In general, what has happened is that we are getting lots of heavier snow, following a fairly prolonged period of no snow," Abramet said. "The old snowpack is weak, and now that it is buried, it is still weak."

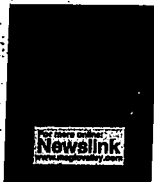
When they aren't very thick, snowpacks can be robbed of strength by cold tempera-

tures that suck out moisture and leave fragile layers of ice crystals - commonly known as hoar frost - beneath the surface. Though unseen, the fragile layers lurk as sliding planes that can break free to start an avalanche.

Recent high winds also have boosted the avalanche danger by loading some slopes with additional snow.

The best way to approach travel in avalanche country is to play detective and

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Opportunity for adventure remains for people open to it

This is a story about being open to adventure. If you don't want to read it, the moral of the story is "Be Open to Adventure."

As regular readers are aware, I took a long, slow trip around the world a few years back. My first stop was in Papeete, Tahiti, and the penultimate one was in Cartagena, Colombia.

On my third morning in French Polynesia, I stopped off a boat on the island of Raiatea. I bent my steps to the Pension Marie France, where I got a room and stashed my bag.

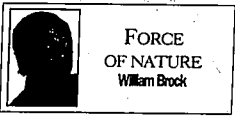
Then I headed for an ancient temple at the south end of the island. There wasn't much traffic, so I hitched and hiked along the coast, past swaying palms, beautiful bays and soaring mountains. Land crabs scuttled and snapped at my feet.

On my way back from the temple, a big Tahitian fellow on a motorcycle stopped to chat. Using a pole, he nudged two coconuts out of a tree. Then, expertly wielding a machete, he chopped them open for us to drink.

"My old, old, old grandfather came from Copenhagen," he said, proudly thumping his broad chest.

The mosquitoes flew us eventually, so the big Tahitian fired up his bike and rode off. I resumed my heel-and-toe.

After a few miles, a red truck approached from the direction I was headed. In faultless North American English, the driver asked if I wanted to pass the night at his home. His passengers, doe-eyed Tahitian women and chil-



FORCE OF NATURE
William Brock

dren, giggled shyly. "What we've got is yours," said the driver, who originally hailed from Santa Cruz, Calif. "You'll see something new." It was a tempting offer, but I'd already paid for a room. A nice, sterile room in a modest hotel.

Though I was far from home, I hadn't found the rhythm of the road yet. I thanked him but politely declined. He smiled, ground the truck into gear, then headed south again.

Now that it's too late, I wish I'd taken him up on that offer. I suspect I would have, to use his phrase, "seen something new."

Nearly 2 1/2 years later, I found myself prowling docks at Club Nautico in the Caribbean port city of Cartagena. I was hoping to crew on a private yacht headed for Miami.

"You just missed one that left three hours ago," everyone told me. "A big, beautiful yawl. The skipper was in a hurry to get to Miami to meet his wife. And he was shorthanded, so he'd have taken you for sure."

The boats at the marina were preparing for a three-day regatta that started that afternoon. Within 15 minutes, I had several offers to crew in the race.

There were a few local boats, but most were owned by North Americans who'd cruised down the West Coast, then passed through the Panama Canal into the Caribbean.

In the end, I accepted an offer from Johan van Monnekes, a Dutchman with a magnificent Swan 44. His cheerful wife promised sumptuous meals. The final crew member, a Colombian scuba-diving instructor named Paulo Pinzon, was a good chap who spoke perfect North American English.

There was no time to return to my hotel to retrieve my bag, but I wasn't going to let that stop me. I bought a toothbrush at a corner shop and vowed to travel light.

Among other things, Johan was a keen competitor - so we were the second boat across the starting line. The finish line was near a small island 15-20 miles away. Paulo's knowledge of local reefs and shoals paid handsome dividends as we angled in to round a leeward mark. The water was shallow and all of the other boats, maybe 25 in all, gave the mark a wide berth to remain in deeper water.

The depth gauge read 20 feet, then 22, then 19, then 15, then 17, then 15 again.

Johan, who carried no insurance on his boat, grimly demanded, "Is it deep enough, Paulo? Are we going to hit something?"

"No, no, no," Paulo assured him, "I know this area. We won't hit anything."

It was a huge risk, but we made it without incident and were third at the finish. Shortly afterward, we hove-to at the windward end of a small bay. Other boats anchored behind us, but the official Colombian Navy entry - a confiscated drug runner's yacht - weaved through the fleet to anchor in front us.

Moments later, the Colombian boat began to drag anchor, but the crew was distracted by bottles of rum and a bag of lasses who weren't wearing enough to wad a shotgun.

Johan tried to radio them, but their radio was broken. Using a bullhorn, he asked them to start their engine and move to a secure anchorage. It was a good idea, the Colombians agreed, but their engine was broken, too.

Just then, one of the Colombian officers fell overboard and started to drown. Johan radioed for the race committee launch to tow the Colombians away.

Shortly afterward, I donned swim fins and took a "stroll" around the fleet to meet the other crews.

I heard a succession of fabulous yarns that night - of angry swarms of honets commanding boats during a storm at sea, of shipwrecks, and of miraculous saves. Tales of flying fish, manna rays, and a belted-out. Stories of smuggling, double crosses and death vendettas.

Many of the skippers knew one another, having shared adventures, adventures and oceans for thousands of miles. I

admired these people and their world of wind, weather and salt water.

The next day's start was becalmed, so the fleet drifted out to sea in tight formation. Good-natured insults were hurled back and forth, and the skipper of the Colombian Navy yacht dolorously banged his head against his mast, attempting to summon the wind.

The breeze eventually freshened and we spent hours smashing to windward, fighting seas that were running dead against us. We sailed hard, finished dead, and anchored in the same bay as the day before.

That night, the race committee launch came alongside and took everyone to shore. A bonfire burned on the beach, and tables were set up in the shallow water.

It was one of the most memorable parties I've ever attended.

We finished third on the third day of the race - which was good enough for you, guess it'd be third place overall.

At the victory celebration that night, I discovered the skipper of the winning boat, a retired Colombian naval officer with a tight crew at his command, had been a student of my father's at the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School.

It took a few years, but I found there's a whole world out there to explore. You can't avoid it if you remain open to adventure.

Outdoors Editor William Brock still has some adventure left in him.

OUTDOORS



Elk normally are more wary of humans, but one six-point bull has a habit of returning every year to a certain cow pasture in Garden Valley — just after hunting season ends.

Adopted elk returns to cow pasture

CROUCH (AP) — Elvis has left the valley, but his lookalike is stopping traffic outside Crouch. Some call him Harry. To others, he's Baker's Bull. Garden Valley librarian Marian Edinger calls him SOBE, for Smart Old Bull Elk. But, by any name, the six-point elk in Ken and Cheryl Baker's cow pasture is a crowd pleaser. "Cars line up to see him and block the road," Cheryl Baker said. "They come from all over. And the community loves him." In Garden Valley, where self-respecting pickups have rifle racks and school closed on the opening day of hunting season as recently as 1993, the elk is like an adopted son. Its return immediately after hunting season ter-

six of the last seven years is awaited as eagerly as that of the swallows to San Juan Capistrano. To local hunters, he's off-limits. "Nobody around here would shoot him," hunter Bob Sarles said over coffee at the Longhorn Crouch's social center. "If it happens, it'll be some flautander." Some flautanders in particular — confuse Baker's Bull with Elvis, a bull elk that became a video star while spending winters at Larry Jones' home, not far from the Baker ranch. A singer and songwriter, Jones has distributed 10,000 copies of "Rocky Mountain King," an Elvis the elk video. This is Garden Valley's third winter without an Elvis sighting. "Elvis was getting awfully

old," Jones said. "He may have winter-killed or been beat up by another bull. There's no record of him being shot, and I doubt that anyone around here would have shot him." "The elk at the Bakers' place reminds me of Elvis. It about breaks my heart every time I go by there. Elk hunting used to be one of my favorite things, but Elvis just knocked the soup out of me. I haven't hunted elk since." Unlike Elvis, whose privacy remained intact at Jones' secluded home in the mountains, Baker's Bull is a roadside attraction. The pasture where he winters borders a well-traveled road. Sightseers go out of their way to see him. "Cars block the road to look

and take pictures," Garden Valley resident Jim Deines said. "He's probably been photographed more than any animal alive. People drive all the way from Boise to take a picture of him." The elk first visited the Baker ranch during the hard winter of 1992. The Bakers helped him and other elk survive by feeding them every day. He stayed away the next winter, but has been back every year since. "I keep telling Ken he's got a funny-colored cow in his pasture," rancher-farmer Sterling Alley said. "He comes earlier and leaves later every year. Now he shows up right after the last shot of hunting season. He's got a nice bunch of Herefords there, and he's real proud of them."

Yellowstone's new Marquee Mammal

Wolves upstage elusive grizzly bears

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Before wolves were reintroduced to Yellowstone National Park, economists predicted they would be an economic boon to the region. Whether or not wolves have brought money to communities outside the park is in dispute. But it is clear that the wolves have attracted thousands of visitors eager to learn more about them. Inside the park, wolves have become such a big attraction for visitors that they've replaced grizzly bears as the park's marquee mammal. Unlike its elusive grizzlies, Yellowstone's wolves are unusually visible. John Rhoads, a ranger-naturalist, says he has seen a steady increase of inquiries from people hoping to "make their wish come true" by seeing a wolf. "Yellowstone Park is far and away the best place in the world to see wolves," said Doug Smith, project leader for Yellowstone's wolf recovery. Unlike a bear jam, in which a horde of people may approach and close in on the animal, wolf

hunters stuck to the side of the road, interested in watching them feed on a carcass, make a kill, interact with coyotes or simply play with one another, serious observers don't want to scare the animals away. The payoff for staying on the road can be big. "It's not uncommon for a visiting family to see wolves maul a kill," said Rick McIntyre, a summer park employee who has written two books about wolves and educated visitors about them. "I've talked to a researcher who has worked 30 years in the field and he's never seen a kill." "When a wolf howls, rangers are quick to correct newcomers who violate roadside etiquette. Some carloads even stay out all night hoping to hear wolves howl. But they have to wait, because limiting the howling of wolves in the park is illegal. Wolves are territorial. A howl wolf watcher tells them another pack could be intruding on their territory. They'll stop what they're doing to check out the howler.

Sled dog racer heads to Rocky Mountain event

Wyoming woman raises sled dogs, races as often as she can



SHERIDAN, Wyo. (AP) — The snow-packed road suddenly fills with a flash of tails, padding canine feet and a lone figure following on a sled behind eight dogs. This isn't a scene out of Alaska — it's a local road as Sheridan resident Leslie Martin takes her dog sled team through a training run into the Big Horn Mountains. Martin is training for races and getting ready to participate in the Rocky Mountain National International Stage Sled Dog Race in Wyoming this weekend. "You learn a lot about team work and what it takes to work together," says Martin, who started acquiring dogs and equipment about two years ago and enters races around Wyoming, Montana and South Dakota. She says races can be 30 miles or more, but she says her training runs are usually shorter. She is running eight dogs on this particular training day but she has 15 sled dogs at her Misty Moon Kennel at her home outside Sheridan.

After a training run into the Big Horn Mountains, Leslie Martin is greeted with a wet nose from "Crash," one of her Misty Moon Kennel sled dogs at their staging area on Red Grade Road last month near Sheridan, Wyoming.

"They bark when there are other dogs around, but when it's just us out there going they mostly just run," Martin says. The dogs are called Alaskan Huskies but do not all look like the large traditional husky. Martin's dogs are lean, compact and many are short-haired. "The sled dogs come from generations of breeding different types of dogs. People have been experimenting for a long time to find the right combination of speed, endurance and other qualities. There may be some greyhound in there and husky and a lot of other breeds," Martin says. She says all the dogs seem to want to run out of exuberance. "We get out here and usually they are just excited to go and run. I put the same dogs together so they're used to each other and I have specific dogs I use as leaders, but they get very excited when they know we're going to make a run," Martin says. But not every trip is a fast romantic flight through the lodgepole pines and new-fallen snow. "I lost the sled on a corner and fell off. The dogs looped around and took off down the hill. I walked all the way back to the truck and they were sitting with the sled waiting for me." Martin carries an aluminum two-pronged claw to anchor the sled in from above, leaving no route for escape. "If someone in your party is buried in an avalanche, it's up to you to save the victim. If you go for help, you are conceding defeat and the 'rescuers' will most certainly dig out a corpse." Statistically speaking, an avalanche victim rescued within

"I usually run with about eight dogs but people race with as few as five, and as many as 10 or more dogs at a time," Martin explains. She unhitches the team from her sled, the sled carries about 25 pounds of gear when she is training and is made of lightweight aluminum and strips of Ash wood. The whole sled looks to be in motion standing still. The runners slope up at the front and the cargo area is a nylon bag that snugly holds the frame of the sled. The rear portion of the sled runners stretch out past the upright frame where Martin holds on. About a foot of the rear of each runner is covered with mountain bike tire tread so the driver can keep her footing as the dogs haul the sled at speeds of up to 17 miles an hour. "The runners are interchangeable

able and slide on and off on grooves," Martin explains, pointing at the runners, which stretch about seven feet from nose to tail. The runners are made of a hard plastic and withstand miles of snow, ice, exposed rocks and other abrasive material. A set can last for an entire season. The notion sled dogs are always barking and yipping as

they run vanishes as Martin's eight dogs silently run down a road and patiently sit by her truck waiting for a snack.

"This snow hook keeps the dogs from taking off when you're off the sled. Sometimes if you fall off, the hook will fall off and dig in and stop the dogs. But sometimes it doesn't," she says, and laughs.

Avalanche

Continued from D1 interprets the clues. Always be wary, but be especially vigilant after abrupt temperature swings, high winds or heavy snowfalls. "Be very, very, very, be humble and don't hesitate to get out if the terrain appears unstable. Never allow group dynamics to take you onto a slope that you suspect.

15 minutes has an 85 percent chance of survival. After the 20-hour, the odds decline to 50 percent. After that, the victim is more likely to die than live. "If you're in a snow machine with light, fluffy snow, an avalanche is less likely to be deadly. If you're in a densely packed pile that's a close cousin to concrete. Few victims can dig themselves out if their arms are buried.

"Skiers in the backcountry need to look out for Mother Nature's billboards for unstable snow," Abromeit said. "If it is snowing more than a couple inches per hour, avalanches are likely to occur." Always keep your eyes peeled for evidence of minor slides, which indicate that conditions are ripe for more — possibly larger — avalanches. Listen for the distinctive "whoomph" sound of snow collapsing beneath your feet, ski or snowmobile. Head for safe ground if you feel the snowpack settling beneath you. "Pay attention to the angle of the slope you're on — an 8-degree angle is safe. Above you. Most avalanches occur on slopes of 30-45 degrees, with 38 degrees considered the worst possible angle. Slopes of less than 30 degrees generally aren't steep enough to slide, while slopes in excess of 45 degrees are constantly raked by little slides that preclude much snow from accumulating. Avoid "terrain traps," such as tight gullies where an avalanche can thunder in from above, leaving no route for escape.

To help dig out survivors, not corpses, everyone in your party should carry a sturdy shovel; probe poles and an avalanche transceiver that sends and receives radio signals at a frequency of 457 kHz. Other useful items include compasses and slope meters, which determine the angle of hillsides. In addition to carrying these items, everyone should know how to use them. Toward that end, practice finding transceivers — also known as "beepsers" — that others have hidden in the snow.

Many winter backcountry enthusiasts start their day with a phone call to the Sun Valley Avalanche Center hotline, or by visiting the center's website. The hotline and website are updated daily with current snow and weather conditions. To fully appreciate the changing nature of avalanche danger, it's a good idea to call or visit the center's website on a regular basis. "Calling regularly helps people to recognize patterns," Kellam said.

In the end, getting caught in an avalanche is a bad thing. Because the victim chokes to death. "A majority of victims triggered the avalanche on themselves," Kellam said. "Usually all of the warning signs are there."

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OUTDOORS

Journalist travels rugged path

Trek covers 90 miles across Sierra Nevada

GENOA, Nev. (AP) — His feet badly blistered and cold rain dripping off his hat, photographer Rick Gunn recently completed a 90-mile trek across the Sierra Nevada, retracing the old mountain-crossing legend Snowshoe Thompson.

Gunn, who works for the Nevada Appeal in Carson City, spent five days — traveling alone in mid-January — retracing Thompson's footsteps and ski tracks from Placerville, Calif., to Genoa.



Photographer Rick Gunn is guided by snowshoes on his trek across the Sierra Nevada. He is seen here on Jan. 18 in Carson City, Nev., where he secured a trans-Sierra trek by laying a red car on the drive of the mountain, crossing leg and Snowshoe Thompson.

He ran into a bitter storm as he crossed the Sierra Nevada, but still managed to hand-deliver a bag full of mail to grateful recipients — just as Thompson had done many times in the mid-1800s.

"I have a whole new respect for Snowshoe Thompson," Gunn said. "But the reality of climbing those mountains really struck home."

In December, Gunn and Marianna Gillilan, a fifth-grader at the John C. Bray Elementary School in Carson City, came up with the route to retrace one of Thompson's routes through the Sierra Nevada.

Gillilan's class wrote letters to fellow pupils at Sierra Accelerated School in Placerville. On Jan. 12, Gunn drove to Placerville, collected letters that the students had written in response, and set off on foot for Genoa the next morning.

Gunn climbed out of Placerville, carrying supplies and a tent, including telemark skis, a camp stove, freeze-dried food and other equipment, hiking about 20 miles to Jenkins Lake at the base of Mormon Emigrant Trail. He was struck by the beauty of the wilderness — and equally struck

by how sore his feet were getting. "It felt like a small, long-toothed rodent burrowing into my feet," he said.

The next leg, from Pollock Pines eastward into the mountains, was supposed to be snow-covered. But it wasn't, and Gunn had to drag his gear in a sled for 15 miles along asphalt, climbing 3,000 vertical feet. He had to carry his skis 40 miles before hitting the snow line.

Gunn felt behind schedule, and cut back on the number of loads he took. Near Silver Lake, he recognized the telltale signs of hypothermia and dehydration, pitched his tent for the night, sipped snow melt and tried to warm up.

"It was one of the most brutal days," he said.

Jan. 16, Gunn said the felt

broken and was close to giving up. With tears welling in his eyes, he said the only thing that kept him going was the pledge he made to the pupils.

"I just kept thinking of the kids and how disappointed they would be if I didn't show up," he said.

He called his girlfriend, Brenda Sweet, and his close friend, Taylor Flynn, most up with him to lend moral support.

"If it wasn't for Taylor and Brenda I wouldn't have made it," he said.

He wrapped up his fourth day in the mountains by skiing down Carson Pass, an asphaltic ascent into Silver Lake. There he stayed at a friend's cabin, where he showered, ate a hot meal and dressed his blistered feet.

He described Jan. 17, the final day of the trek, as "the day from hell."

He walked and skied from Carson Pass on Highway 89 to Red Lake, and from there hiked to Genoa — a 37-mile stretch that took him late at night.

The next morning, Monday, Jan. 18, he delivered letters to Thompson's grave in the Genoa Cemetery.

Sammy Wells, 10, was one of several students who braved the wintry day to welcome Gunn.

"I think it was really courageous and really brave," she said. "I couldn't fall asleep last night thinking about him."

Matt McKinnie, 11, also in Gillilan's class, said he would have walked to Genoa to meet Gunn if he had to.

"It was just important to greet him, especially with all those blisters on his feet," he said.

Rec fishermen fight commercial boats

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — When he was a boy, Stephen Medeiros and his father could drop a few hooks into the waters of Narragansett Bay and fill a bucket with winter flounder in 10 minutes.

But the winter flounder, like a number of other fish caught by generations of weekend anglers, are largely gone from Narragansett Bay.

Medeiros blames years of intensive commercial fishing, especially by boats that dragged the bottom to scoop up the flat groundfish.

So, like recreational fishermen in other coastal states, Medeiros is putting down his rod and marching to the state capital.

Last February, he helped found the child of Donifrio, a charter boat captain who has seen stocks of saltwater anglers Association, which is fighting for tougher commercial fishing regulations in state waters. The group has grown to 170 members in 10 months.

"If we don't start acting, our grandkids are never going to know the joy of catching a fish," said Medeiros, a retired police officer.

Recreational fishermen nationwide are joining the fight, worried as seeing fish disappear from their favorite spots.

Organizations have sprouted in recent years in Alaska, California, Connecticut, Florida, Hawaii, Louisiana, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Virginia, according to James Donifrio, executive director of the national Recreational Fishing Alliance.

The effort to organize recreational fishermen is the brainchild of Donifrio, a charter boat captain who has seen stocks of swordfish, sharks, tuna, marlin and other large sport fish decline rapidly in the last two decades.

He formed the alliance, headquartered in New Gretna, N.J., in 1996 and hopes to do for recreational fishermen what the National Fish and Wildlife Association has done for hunters.

"We see the problems in fishing as political," Donifrio said. "To be effective, you need to be organized in Congress and state legislatures."



Steve Medeiros, who heads the Rhode Island Salt Water Anglers Association, fishes the coast of Narragansett Bay Dec. 23 in Warwick, R.I. Medeiros organized the group to lobby for stricter commercial fishing regulations in state waters.

Membership in the state affiliates and the national alliance has reached 48,000, he said. Donifrio is forming a political action committee to target key congressmen and senators and hopes to give about \$100,000 in 1999.

The alliance also plans to get the attention of congressmen by mass mailings and numerous telephone calls to key legislators.

The organization is still small by national standards. It has a Washington lobbying office and a \$500,000 budget supported largely by annual dues of \$25. But Donifrio wants to enlist many more of the country's estimated 15 million recreational anglers.

Donifrio wants "I fish and I vote" to become a familiar phrase in Congress, including Rep. Jim Saxton, R-N.J., chairman of the House Resources Subcommittee on Fisheries, Conservation, Oceans and Wildlife, who co-sponsored the group in a letter published in the October edition of *Fish & Wildlife Conservation*, the alliance's national newsletter.

Also, Rep. Frank Pallone, D-N.J., has prepared a nonbinding

fish go away.

Since long lines were first used, swordfish stocks in the North Atlantic have fallen 68 percent, according to documents from the National Marine Fisheries Service.

That means juveniles that have never had a chance to spawn are being taken in large numbers, Donifrio says.

The alliance is producing a gory video about long lining to be shown to key congressmen.

"This is a frontal attack on long lining and we make no bones about it," said Mike Laporte, an underwater filmmaker who is producing the video.

That attitude has drawn criticism from the commercial fishing industry at the state and national level.

Some of Congress documents that says commercial swordfish and tuna fishing should be curtailed.

If approved by Congress, the document would be presented to the National Marine Fisheries Service.

In 1998, recreational fishing interests will make their biggest lobbying effort ever.

Donifrio has enlisted Pallone and other congressmen to push a bill that would outlaw so-called long lines, which make scientists flume for killing stocks of swordfish, tuna, marlin and sailfish, among other species.

Long lines can stretch across 10 or 20 miles of ocean and dangle thousands of bait hooks in the migratory channels or spawning areas of swordfish.

Carroll the 1990s, fishermen used long lines to target swordfish. The program required skills and it ensured that many swordfish

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Outdoor web sites for the indoors adventure

By Deb Acord The Gazette

information on its course schedule, educational materials and more.

If you have access to a computer and the internet, you can plan every kind of outdoor adventure.

Go here before you ever visit a national park. Again, it's huge, with detailed information on every park in the country, along with tips, regulations, maps.

Here are some Web sites we have found useful. They offer everything from information about a location and educational materials about nature and the environment, to news about the newest gear, hot spots and adventures.

<http://www.praireieducation.com>

<http://www.jpbasecamp.com>

This is the Web site for Backpacker magazine. Check out its Weekend Wilderness Guide, with state-by-state information, hiking trails and more; its Gear Finder with info about new equipment; and Adventure Newsletter for Kids.

<http://www.praireieducation.com/out/other.htm>

This impressive site features listings of dozens of sites for most outdoor recreational activities, government agencies that have to do with the outdoors and recreation, and other related sites too numerous to mention.

<http://www.bay.net/bgboon/knots/someknot.htm>

Thanks to Billings, Mont., Boy Scout Troop 6, this is a comprehensive guide to knot-tying.

<http://www.praireieducation.com/track/catch.htm>

Princeton University's outdoor education site is huge. This is just one place, with detailed, almost exhaustive information about how to track animals.

<http://www.discovery.com>

This is the computer version of the TV channel. Filled with great stuff for kids and adults, Animal Cams, Mindgames, and Feature Stories (most recent was an account of folks who take care of a snake's dangers, such as, blow things up).

<http://www.recreation.gov>

This is a huge joint effort of all federal land-management agencies.

<http://www.e.lac.uh/bagclub/>

This site asks, "Do you want to cuddle a cockroach?" If you don't, don't go here. It's made for and bug nuts.

<http://www.rml.net/blue>

This site is a portal to dozens of sites about outdoor sports, from mountain-biking (need = trail descriptions?) to rafting (with water levels and more water levels).

<http://www.gorp.com>

A huge site with information on every outdoor activity you can imagine, along with gear info, news, articles and essays, photos and more.

<http://www.siemacub.org/john-mul-exhibit/writing/favorite-quotations.htm>

<http://www.lnt.org>

Take your low-impact questions here. Leave No Trace is a national organization that advocates low-impact use of the outdoors.

<http://www.praireieducation.com>

This is a part of the Sierra Club's site, pure for inspiration. Dozens of quotes from the noted naturalist give insight into his ideas. Read before you head out.

<http://www.nola.edu/>

This is the site of the National Outdoor Leadership School, which offers information about the club, its classes, outings and publications.

<http://www.wmf.org>

The site for the World Wildlife Federation, it offers up-to-date info on events throughout the world, news of environmental significance, and a photo gallery. For links check out the WWF's www.panda.org/kids.

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THANK YOU LETTERS

Many volunteers, businesses made tournament possible

A well-deserved thank you to the local businesses and folks who made the first "Santa 9 p.m. Tournament" such a success.

Coincided by Hazel and Roy Couch and elves, Wanda Black, Babe Cox, Bob Fergley, Ken Courtney, Delyce Brenny and Dale Thorne; Kathy and Joe McClure for the use of the Magic Bowl; Lori Hest, Thelma Tucker and Leslie Wheeler.

A special thank you to the 40 magic business people - you know who you are - for all the support of merchandise and money to be awarded as achievement accomplishments in the fast-growing family sport of bowling.

Thank you to all the bowlers who came and helped the "spirit of Christmas."

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Department appreciates those who made banquet great

The Twin Falls City Police department chaplains would like to thank those who assisted with the annual Christmas banquet for officers, employees and families.

Great appreciation to Sarah Nielson, Shelby Sommer, Will Linch, Jeremiah Theiman, Austin Theiman, Brenna DeWitt, Chris Preece, David Meza, Melissa McRill, Matt Eilers, Allen Meza, Jessica Hartley, Tina Slegers, Amanda Hartley, Ashley Roor, Justine Williams, Elizabeth Williams, Beckie Mages, Shylah Johnson, Aryn Poblosso, Lindsey Natsch, Katie Krumm, Patrece Mace, Tamra Roor, Soni Preece, Mary Mort, Dolly Peterson and the staff of the Twin Falls Police Department. Thank also goes to the TPD staff for its assistance in this endeavor; Chief

Leland Devore, Capt. Robert Hodge, Capt. Jim Massey, Capt. Jim Munn. And finally, deep gratitude to the Christian Center Church for allowing us the use of its facilities.

WAYLAND MCCELLAN
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Chaplains, TFPD

Local businesses were generous to family in need

In my job, I often work with families who are in very difficult financial situations. Recently, I asked some of the businesses in town to donate goods and services to one of these families. The response from Barger-Mattson Auto Salvage and Big-O Tire Store in Twin Falls was wonderful. Barger-Mattson Auto Salvage donated a very good set of used tires and Big-O Tire Store provided the mounting and balancing. These two businesses deserve our business.

Thank you both and you, editor, for making it known throughout the community.

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The "Letter of Thanks" column will publish letters of up to 150 words from:

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A PLEDGE OF SERVICE



Lincoln County conducted a swearing in of new officers in January. The ceremony was conducted by County Commissioner Marilyn Brookbank. Seen here are Assessor Suzie Edwards, Clerk Tammy Sant, Commissioners Lawrence Galina and Jerry Nance, Treasurer Kathy Zulzoga and Coroner Dr. Keith Davis.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Members of Delta Kappa Gamma's Xi Chapter meet

TWIN FALLS - Xi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma will meet Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Canyon Springs Inn. Molly Arrosa will inspire the group with "Show and Tell" and Bee Stewart will lead the group on a tour through her program entitled "Come Ye Back to Ireland."

Boy Scout troop displays old handbook at public library

TWIN FALLS - Boy Scout Troop 104 sponsored by the LDS Twin Falls 13th Ward has an exhibit of the old Scout Handbook and other items on display at the Twin Falls Public Library.

Send your sweetheart a dozen roses with society's calendar

TWIN FALLS - Support your local florist, Rose Gardens are now on sale for only \$6. Sold only at Cloc Office Supply downtown.

Class through U of I offices makes master gardeners

TWIN FALLS - The University of Idaho Cooperative Extension System is offering the 1999 Idaho Master Gardener Program beginning in February. Classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Twin Falls and Rupert, beginning Feb. 23 and running through April 1. Classes in Rupert will be held from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Minidoka County Fairgrounds, 75 Baseline Road, Rupert. Twin Falls classes will be held at 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Twin Falls County Office Building meeting room, 246 3rd Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Subjects offered are basic botany, soils, irrigation, plant diseases, insect problems, weeds, composting, home orchards, lawn, landscaping and vegetable gardening. There is a \$45 registration fee, which includes the Idaho Master Gardener handbook, the required text for the program.

After training, master gardeners return volunteer hours back to the community through a variety of activities available through the local extension office. College credit from the University of Idaho is available for this class. Some of the classes qualify for pesticide license recertification credits.

Grants are available for those interested in stopping abuse

BOISE - The Idaho Children's Trust Fund is requesting grant proposals for

projects that prevent child abuse and neglect. Grants of up to \$5,000 will be awarded. Prevention projects should be community-based educational or service programs designed to alleviate or prevent child abuse and neglect. No direct treatment programs will be funded. The grant application deadline is April 15.

For more information, or to receive a grant application kit, call the trust fund at 386-9317, or write to P.O. Box 2015, Boise, ID 83701.

Infant massage class helps you keep baby healthy, happy

TWIN FALLS - An Infant Massage Class is scheduled for Feb. 8 at 282 Dubois Ave. in Twin Falls. The cost is \$50. Bring your baby or a lifelike doll, blanket and an extra diaper. You will learn to give a full infant massage with special techniques for relief of gas and colic.

For more information, call 733-2708.

Boy Scouts gather this weekend for Klondike Derby

HAILEY - The Snake River Council of Boy Scouts of America is holding its Klondike Derby on Friday and Saturday at Stanton Crossing, Highway 20, 1 mile west of Highway 78.

For more information, call Jim King at 788-4942.

United Way will benefit from garage sale at Cavanaugh's

TWIN FALLS - Cavanaugh's Canyon Springs Hotel is holding a huge garage sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday in the hotel's convention room. The items on sale from the hotel will be as items donated by its 85 employees.

The proceeds will benefit United Way of Magic Valley which provides funding for 19 health and human service agencies that offer programs to the most vulnerable in our community.

For more information, call United Way at 733-4922.

Class through CSI center helps make better workers

TWIN FALLS - A class is available for people who are entering the workforce for the first time, changing occupations, and/or gaining transferable skills for career upgrade or promotion.

Students will first understand skills for planning a career and then they will focus on maintaining and improving a career. Topics include an introduction to business values, organizational culture, and will match personal career education, lifestyle values and goals with those of an employer.

This training program is available for one credit. Financial assistance and scholarships are available through the Center for New Directions.

To learn more about this class, call 733-9554, Ext. 2680 or (800) 680-0274.

Help with taxes is available at senior center

TWIN FALLS - An Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Tax Assistance Program will be available from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays only at the Twin Falls Senior Citizen Senior Citizen Building, 616 Eastland, by appointment only.

Any and all donations to help support this service will be accepted.

For an appointment, call 734-5084.

Athletic department plans dinner to raise money for fund

OAKLEY - The Oakley Athletic Department and the Booster Club are hosting a "Donation Dinner" at 5 p.m. on Friday at the Oakley Elementary School.

The menu includes homemade chili, rooster and cinnamon rolls. A donation to the dinner includes free admission to the Oakley versus Raft River game on Friday night.

The money raised at the dinner is designated for the athletic fund at Oakley High School.

Blood mobile seeks donors for Rupert blood drawing

RUPERT - The Mini-Cassia American Red Cross Rupert Blood Drive will be from noon to 6 p.m. on Feb. 15 at the Rupert City Building.

The majority of Americans have Type O blood. Type O negative blood is used for transfusion to newborns and individuals with Type O blood are more susceptible to bleeding disorders making a very common blood type a scarce commodity on blood bank shelves.

All types of blood are needed. Donors should be in good health, at least 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds and eat a good protein meal before donating.

Appointments can be scheduled by calling Ann at 436-1344 or Leah at 436-5742. Walk-ins may take longer to process.

Snowmobblers will enjoy pizza, discuss variety of plans

RUPERT - The Mount Harrison Snowmobile Club will hold a meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 4 at Leah's at Doc's Pizza on the Rupert Square.

The annual auction to raise money for the banquet will be held during the meeting and previously ordered club jackets will be distributed.

The Montpelier ride on Feb. 12-15 will be discussed with meeting times and location to make reservations, call the Best Western Clover Creek Inn at 208-847-1782.

The club rates are \$39.95 for two and \$55 for each extra person.

Other items on the agenda include discussion about the Special Olympics Auction on Feb. 27 at the Rupert Elks Lodge and the annual banquet on April 10 will be Dutch oven.

For more information, call Kelli Spann at 678-4828.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE



Tanya Flores

Flores receives scholarship for education at Albertson

CALDWELL - Tanya Flores, a senior at Albertson College of Idaho, is a 1998 recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship awarded by Chela Financial, a San Francisco education finance company.

Flores, a Spanish/math education major from Twin Falls, was nominated for the scholarship based on her exceptional commitment to excellence and strong determination to excel in her field.

She was one of 150 students selected from more than 400 candidates nominated by schools from a ten-state region to receive a Chela Financial scholarship.

Chela Financial is a nonprofit corporation that provides financial access and assistance to students pursuing higher education.

Albertson College of Idaho is a private, liberal arts institution located in Caldwell, just west of Boise. Founded in 1981 as the College of Idaho, the 700-student institution has been nationally recognized for its academic programs.

Jensen, Jund are listed on Dean's List at William Penn

OSKALOOSA, Iowa - The William Penn Academic Academic Dean's Office has announced that Sarah Jensen and Ryan J. Jund have been named to the President's List for the 1998 fall semester.

To be included in the President's List a student must complete at least 12 hours of credit with a minimum grade point average of 3.9 on a 4.0 scale.

Zumwalt makes listing on Bluejay Honor Roll at Tabor

HILLSBORO, Kan. - The Tabor College Athletic Department

announced the student athletes listed on the Bluejay Honor Roll for the 1998 fall semester. Lynda Zumwalt of Rupert received honorable mention.

The Bluejay Honor Roll was started in 1988 to recognize athletes for their academic achievements.

Tabor College is a four-year, Christian liberal arts institution founded in 1908 and located in Hillsboro, Kan.

Léy receives bachelors in nursing from Creighton

OMAHA, Neb. - Creighton University awarded Rochelle Léy of Twin Falls a bachelor of science in nursing degree.

Creighton is an independent Catholic university operated by the Jesuits. It has been ranked No. 1 for the past three years among midwestern universities in the U.S. News & World Report magazine's "America's Best College" edition.

Top recruiters for builders association meet in Jackpot

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Builders Association recently held a "spike" retreat in Jackpot, Nev., to reward members who are the top membership recruiters in the association.

Members meet during the retreat to make recommendations to the board of directors on membership recruiting issues.

Attending this year's retreat was top recruiter, Kevin Bradshaw, followed by Dwight Sandmark, Lyle Frazier, Chris Whitten, Jeff Gooding, and board members Blake Hanks, Jerry Perrin, Stuart Canado, Erin Annis, Tim Gilbertson and executive officer Cyndie Woods.

The Magic Valley Builders Association meets the third Tuesday of each month. For more information regarding membership, contact Stuart Canado at 734-6500.

Orth receives internship and scholarship from INEEL

BOISE - Brian Orth, from Wendell, a sophomore at Boise State University has been awarded the 1999 Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory Computer Science Internship.

Lockheed Martin Idaho Technologies Company selected Orth based on research interests, background and other academic material.

The internship includes a \$3,000 scholarship, membership, fees and books, and will be applied in two equal segments of \$1,500 for the 1999 spring and fall semesters.

The internship also includes a 10 to 12 week summer internship at the INEEL and will pay a stipend of \$400 per week.

Orth is a computer science major at Boise State and an honors student. He graduated from Wendell High School in 1997.

Orth is the son of Frank J. and Gloria Orth of Wendell.

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COMMUNITY

Boy Scouts will award Silver Beaver Awards

TWIN-FALLS—The Snake River Boy Scouts of America Council will honor eight individuals with the Silver Beaver Award, the council's highest award for volunteer service. The honors will be given at the Annual Council Recognition Dinner, set for 7 p.m. Feb. 12 at the Weston Plaza Hotel and Convention Center.



Level Blackler Anette Christianson Doug Hall Alan Hunter Robert King Lyn Langford Floyd Davis Larson LaDean Woodall

Those interested in the awards are asked to contact the Boy Scout Service Center at 733-2067 for reservations. The public is welcome. Here is some brief information about each of the award recipients.

Level Blackler started in scouting in 1956. Her favorite and most fulfilling assignment has been with the Blazer Scouts for over 14 years. She has also been a Webelos leader, served on the Boy Scout leader training staff, been active on a camporee staff, acted as regional and Snake Blazer By Camp director, a round table leader and merit badge counselor. She has received the District Award of Merit and numerous training awards.

Anette Christianson is the mother of one Eagle Scout, another son who hopes to receive his Eagle and three daughters. With her family, Christianson has become active in scouting and is currently a member of the Council-Cub Committee and Wood River District committee. Some of her outstanding scouting service includes serving on two national

day camp staffs and on the Wood Badge staff. She has been a cubmaster, den leader, committee chairwoman, Blazer Scoutmaster and has served as a varsity committee member for Pack and Team 91. She also has been on staff of Klondike Derbies, camporees, Blazer Day Camp, Scout-o-rama, Cub Scout Pow-Wow, Cub Leader Woods, Varsity Rendezvous, Basic Training in Cub, Scout and Varsity Training and has acted as a director of a program of Cub Scout for Roundtable.

Doug Hall of Rupert, is the husband of Scouter Karen Hall. Together they have three children. Doug's scouting career began in 1966 as a scoutmaster. He has been active as Explorer adviser, varsity coach, Blazer leader, committee chairman and high councilman over scouting. Doug received his Scouter's Key, the

Distinguished Commissioner's Award and attended Wood Badge in 1985. In his community, Doug is a member of the American Legion serving at present time as the Adjutant.

Alan Hunter a scouting veteran of 25 years, Hunter began his adult scouting as a scoutmaster. Over the years he has been a varsity leader, committee member, Blazer leader and he has acted as a scoutmaster two more times. He has been a part of the staff for Roundtable, Scout-o-rama, camporees, Scout Basic Training and a Merit Badge Fair. He has seen over 28 boys become Eagle Scouts under his leadership. Hunter earned the District Award of Merit, completed Wood Badge training and as a youth earned his Arrow of Light and Eagle Scout Awards.

Floyd Davis Larson has been in scouting since 1958. He began his scouting career as an Explorer adviser and has been just about everything else since then. He's served as a Webelos leader, Blazer leader, merit badge counselor and scoutmaster and has helped many cub and scout basic training sessions, Cub Scout pow-wows, cub leader woods, train the trainer, Cub Scout day camps and roundtables. Larson completed Wood Badge training in 1992, is an avid rope maker and teaches young men the value of scouting while working with their hands.

LaDean Woodall from Okaley, is a dedicated mother of two daughters and one son. She is the wife of Scouter Gary Woodall. Woodall has been a member of the Okaley Volunteer Fire Department since 1988, attended the National Fire Academy and is one of the first women firefighters in the State of Idaho. Involved in scouting for 13 years, she began as a cub leader in 1985 and has participated as program director for Cub Day Camp, staffed Cub Leader Woods, train the trainer, basic training for Cubs, Scouts and Varsity. She's staffed Cub pow-wow, roundtable and completed Wood Badge training in 1986. She is a recipient of the Scouter's Key, the On My Honor award, District Award of Merit, and with her husband, Gary, was honored as the Cassia's Couple of the Year.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

President's List at Cottey College names Jardine

Nevada, Mo. — Anna Jardine, daughter of Cindy and Dick Jardine of Twin Falls, has been placed on the President's List for her scholastic performance at Cottey College during the fall 1998 semester. In order to be on the President's List, a student's grade-point average must be between a 3.75 and 4.0 on a 4.0 scale, with a minimum of 12 credit hours completed.

Cottey College is a private, two-year liberal arts college for women located in Nevada, Mo., just 100 miles south of Kansas City. The student body of 350 normally consists of young women from 40 states, Canada and about 12 foreign countries. After completing two years at Cottey, students transfer to colleges and universities across the world.

Cottey is owned and supported by the P.E.O. Sisterhood, a philanthropic organization of more than 250,000 members. Cottey is the only non-sectarian college in the nation owned and supported by women for women.

Bokma, Wills are named to Dean's List at Seattle Pacific

SEATTLE, Wash. — Two local students have made the Seattle Pacific University Autumn Quarter Dean's List. Students on the Dean's List have completed at least 12 credits and attained a 3.50 or higher grade-point average. Seattle Pacific University, founded in 1891, is a fully accredited Christian university of liberal arts, sciences and professional studies located in Seattle, Wash.

Louis William Bokma of Twin Falls has made the 1998 autumn quarter Dean's List. Alex Brent Wills has made the 1998 autumn quarter's Dean's List. He is the son of Greg B. Wills and E. Sue Wills of Twin Falls.

Trucking company honors Watkins as driver of month

TWIN FALLS — Arlo G. Lott Trucking is pleased to announce that Lee Watkins has been awarded the January Driver of the Month award. Lee has driven for Arlo G. Lott Trucking for eight years and is in the northwest fleet. Watkins has logged

over 900,000 miles in his eight years on the job. Lee and his wife live in Payette.

Symphony league announces card game and raffle winners

TWIN FALLS — The sixth-annual Magic Valley Symphony League Card Party Benefit held on Jan. 22 was a great success. The league wants to thank Father Robb Keller of St. Edwards' Catholic Church, Inspirations, C.J's Frame and Gallery, Artist Mary Elizabeth Jones, Weaver Gloria Hahn, Weaver Peg Saxe, Harry Chair Dottie Miller, party committee members and symphony members for their efforts and generosity on behalf of the benefit.

High bridge scorers were Bobette Plankey, first place; Ila LaGrone, second; and Dick Sheel, third. High pinhole scorer was Ann Cargill. A door prize of art work donated by Inspirations was won by Ila LaGrone. A painting by Mary Elizabeth Jones framed by C.J's was won by Marjorie Hainbolt. Raffle prizes of handwoven garments donated by weaver Gloria

Hann were won by Geri Speckert, Sam Smutney and Elaine Bowen. Marty Mend and Donna Mae Larson were raffish prizes of handwoven scarves donated by weaver Peg Saxe. All proceeds from the event will help support the symphony.

Ruprecht studies in Germany with Lewis and Clark

PORTLAND, Ore. — Daniel Ruprecht from Twin Falls a junior majoring in mathematics will join other undergraduate students from Lewis & Clark College who are participating in an overseas program to Munich, Germany. In this program, students attend the University of Munich, take classes in German and live in the dormitories.

Each year close to 300 Lewis & Clark students participate in 16 to 18 study programs, either abroad or in selected areas of the United States. Overseas and other off-campus programs form an integral part of the total educational experience at the College. They support an on-campus program of study and provide unique academic and experiential opportunity abroad.

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1998	Pontiac	Bonneville SE Sedan #P2389	\$18,715	\$15,390
1998	Oldsmobile	Achieva SL Sedan #P2472	\$13,430	\$10,900
1998	Oldsmobile	Achieva SL Sedan #P2471	\$12,805	\$10,490
1998	Mercury	Sable GS Sedan #P2383	\$15,425	\$12,980
1998	Chevrolet	Metro LSI Sedan #P2467	\$10,800	\$8,975
1998	Chevrolet	Malibu Sedan #P2332	\$16,475	\$13,890
1998	Chevrolet	Malibu Sedan 4-door #P2307	\$16,840	\$13,980
1998	Chevrolet	Lumina Sedan #P2480	\$14,965	\$13,480
1998	Chevrolet	Lumina Sedan #P2479	\$14,790	\$11,950
1998	Chevrolet	Lumina LTZ Sedan #P2436	\$17,825	\$14,988
1998	Chevrolet	Cavalier Sedan #P2469	\$12,750	\$10,880
1998	Chevrolet	Cavalier Coupe #P2419	\$12,650	\$10,888
1998	Buick	LeSabre Custom Sedan #P2422	\$19,925	\$16,800
1998	Buick	LeSabre Custom Sedan #P2414	\$19,365	\$16,300
1998	Buick	Century Custom Sedan #P2413	\$18,230	\$14,950
1997	Toyota	Camry LE Sedan #P2341A	\$20,350	\$16,300
1997	Pontiac	Grand AM SE Sedan #P2327	\$12,620	\$11,390
1997	Mercury	Sable LS Sedan #P2382	\$15,475	\$12,480
1997	Geo	Metro LSI Sedan #P2468	\$9,040	\$7,850
1997	Geo	Metro LSI Sedan #P2424	\$9,100	\$7,985
1997	Ford	Mustang Coupe #2464	\$14,815	\$13,590
1997	Ford	Escort LX Wagon #9059A	\$9,965	\$9,780
1997	Chevrolet	Lumina LS Sedan #1268	\$14,875	\$11,890
1997	Chevrolet	Cavalier Coupe #P2385	\$11,215	\$9,450
1996	Chevrolet	Cavalier Coupe #P2386	\$8,110	\$7,490
1995	Oldsmobile	Cutlass Supreme 5 Sedan #P2327	\$11,315	\$9,950
1991	Geo	Metro LSI Convertible 2-dr #E2078	\$3,335	\$2,650
1991	Buick	Skyhawk #9185A	\$4,970	\$2,350

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1998	GMC	Jimmy Sport Utility 4-door 4x4 #P2338	\$22,160	\$20,990
1998	Chevrolet	Pickup 1500 1/2 Ext. Cab Short Box #2465	\$24,290	\$23,490
1998	Chevrolet	Blazer Sport Utility 4-door 4x4 #P2485	\$24,795	\$22,490
1998	Chevrolet	Blazer Sport Utility 4-door 4x4 #P2484	\$24,545	\$22,580
1998	Chevrolet	Blazer Sport Utility 4-door 4x4 #P2482	\$24,160	\$22,500
1998	Chevrolet	Astro Extended Wagon #P2447	\$21,345	\$17,490
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1997	Chevrolet	5-10 Pickup 1/2 Ton Short Bed #P2430B	\$9,330	\$8,990
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1995	Toyota	Pickup SR5 Xtracab 4x4 #9131A	\$15,710	\$13,950
1995	Chevrolet	Suburban 2500 Wagon #P2191A	\$26,510	\$21,500
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 On Thursday, the 27th day of May, 1999, at the hour of 2:00 o'clock P.M., of said day, in the office of ALLIANCE TITLE & ESCROW CORP., located at 311 2nd Street North, Twin Falls, Idaho, the undersigned, ALLIANCE TITLE & ESCROW CORP., a Delaware Corporation, as trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all property at the same time and place, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit:
 Township 10 South, Range 17 East, Boise Meridian; Twin Falls County, Idaho, Section 15. A portion of the SW 1/4, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a point North 00 degrees East 024 feet from the South-west corner of Section 13; thence North 112 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence North 112 feet East 147 1/2 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; West 147 1/2 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.
 The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-described real property, but for purposes of compliance with Idaho Code, Section 6-135, the trustee has no information as to the actual address of 3034 Vickie Lane, Twin Falls, Idaho, may sometimes be associated with said real property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the deed of trust executed by Grantor, Armon and William Sormer, wife and husband, as Grantor, to Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of Household Finance Corporation, successor in interest to Transamerica Financial Services as beneficiary, recorded November 14, 1995, as Instrument No. 1995017699. Mortgage records of said instrument are on file with the County of Twin Falls, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH THE ABOVE RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE (1608A)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE BY THIS NOTICE THAT THE ABOVE ARE PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.
 The default for which this sale is to be made is failure to pay principal and interest on said real property under a Deed of Trust and Promissory Note. The original loan rate is 18.99% per annum together with interest thereon at the rate of 18.99% per annum. Payments are in accordance with the Deed of Trust and Promissory Note dated December 1, 1997 and January through including December of 1998 in the amount of \$265.00 per month and continuing each month thereafter. The amount of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance as of November 16, 1998 is \$15,190.78 together with interest thereon of \$1,895.16. The per diem is \$0.75. In addition to the above, there is also due any late charges, advances, attorney fees, fees or costs associated with this foreclosure. The balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is \$18,085.94. The amount of interest, but excluding costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations hereunder or in this case, as trustee or other reasonable expenses, as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust.
 Dated: January 16, 1999
 ALLIANCE TITLE & ESCROW CORP.,
 CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

PUBLISH: February 4, 11, 18 and 25, 1999

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

Case No. CV-97-4925 SUMMONS CHARLES MATTHEWS, and MARILYN MATTHEWS, husband and wife, Plaintiffs, ...

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVICES OF THOMAS W. CROCKER, deceased; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVICES OF JOAN P. BECKER, a.k.a. JOAN P. MacWHIRTER, a.k.a. BECKER, deceased; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVICES OF RUTH B. CATTIN, deceased; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVICES OF THOMAS W. CROCKER, deceased; ALL UNIDENTIFIED OWNERS AND PERSONS CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN AND TO REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 18 EAST BOISE MERIDIAN, TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO, SECTION 23; THAT PORTION OF LOT 14 LING AVE. SOUTH RIM OF THE SNAKE RIVER CANYON, Defendants.

NOTICE: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED BY THE ABOVE-NAMED PLAINTIFF. THE COURT MAY ENTER A JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN 20 DAYS. READ THE INFORMATION BELOW. TO THE ABOVE NAMED PLAINTIFFS YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that in order to defend this lawsuit, an appropriate written response must be filed with the above designated court within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons on you. If you fail to so respond the court may enter judgment against you as demanded by the Plaintiff in the Complaint. A copy of the Complaint is being filed with this Summons. If you wish to seek the advice or representation by an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly as your written response, if any, may be filed in time and other legal rights protected. The nature of the claim against you is to quiet title to real property. An appropriate written response requires compliance with Rule 10(a)(1) and other Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure, as set forth below:
 1. The title and number of this case.
 2. If your response is an Answer to the complaint, must contain admissions or denials of the responsive allegations of the complaint and other defenses you may claim.
 3. Your signature, mailing address and telephone number, and the telephone number of your attorney.
 4. Proof of mailing or delivery of a copy of your response to Plaintiff's attorney, by a method which you must pay a filing fee as set forth in the Rules of Civil Procedure, as set forth below:
 DATED this 31st day of December 1998.
 CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
 By Deputy Clerk

PUBLISH: January 14, 21, 28 and February 4, 1999

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

Case No. CV-97-4724 ANOTHER SUMMONS U.S. WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., Plaintiff, vs. JENNIFER M. LEPKER and BRENT D. HAMMONDS, Defendants.

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 1. The title and number of this case.
 2. If your response is an Answer to the Complaint, it must contain admissions or denials of the responsive allegations of the Complaint and other defenses you may claim.
 3. Your signature, mailing address and telephone number, and the telephone number of your attorney.
 4. Proof of mailing or delivery of a copy of your response to Plaintiff's attorney, by a method which you must pay a filing fee as set forth in the Rules of Civil Procedure, as set forth below:
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 By J. Walter Sinclair
 Attorney for Plaintiff

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS
LAMBERT PRODUCE, INC., Plaintiff,

vs.
MICHAEL L. LARSON, BETH A. LARSON; HAGERMAN FARMS, INC.; FARELL J. JONES, Individually and as a Personal Representative of the ESTATE OF GLORIA MARIE JONES; JOHN R. HAGERMAN, JR.; D. L. CREDIT COMPANY; UNKNOWN HEIRS OR DEVISEES OF THE FORGOING AND ALL-UNKNOWN OWNERS OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE:

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Summons. If you wish to seek the advice or representation of an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your written response may be filed in time and your legal rights protected.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
I, JAMES L. LARSON, do hereby certify that I am the sole owner of the following described real estate:

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at the office of JAMES L. LARSON, located at 311 Second Street North, Twin Falls, Idaho 83401, on the 23rd day of January, 1989.

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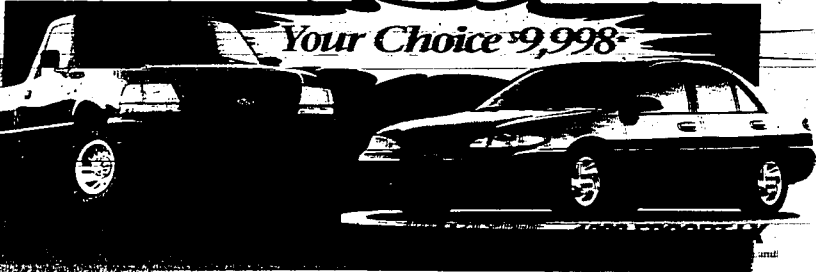
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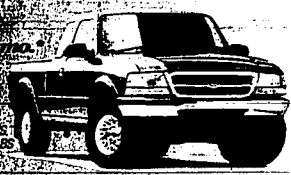
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