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WEATHER

Tuesday: Mostly cloudy, Northwest winds 10-15 mph, high 46.
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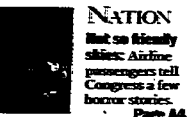
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Livestock confinement measure dies in Ag Committee

By Gregory Hahn
Times-News writer

BOISE — The House Agriculture Committee killed a bill Wednesday to help define how counties size and permit large livestock operations. Some panel members said counties anticipating



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problems should instead immediately declare local

moratoriums and create new ordinances.

The state bill would have set requirements for new county livestock ordinances, including open hearings on proposed developments. The bill suggested that counties consider odor management, location and other

factors when approving livestock operations, and it defined confined animal feeding operations — or CAFOs — for the first time in state code.

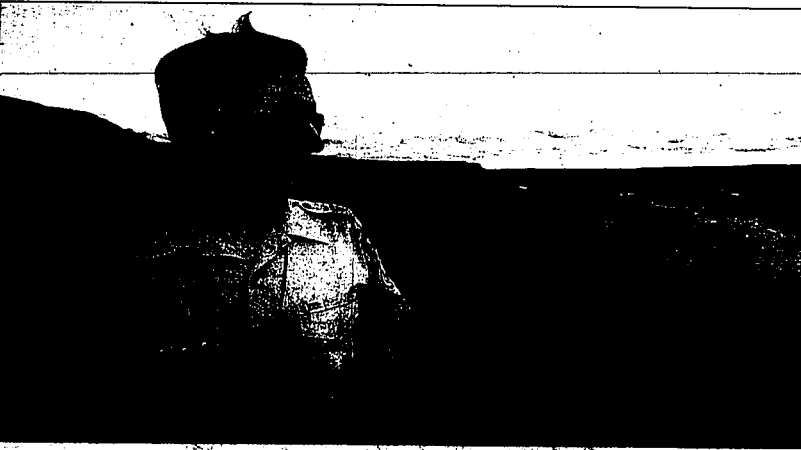
Many committee members said debate about the bill attracted exposed a

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What's left?
One remaining livestock bill, House Concurrent Resolution 29, would transfer the state's Department of Agriculture and Division of Environmental Quality to create a new agency regarding large animal and poultry operations.

What's next?
The resolution moves next to the House floor. To track this and all legislative news and to contact local legislators, call 1-800-855-8222, or go to the Times-News Online and click on "legislation."

Be prepared - to move



John Calbreath of the Snake River Council of the Boy Scouts of America hopes Camp Roach will be salvaged. It may open at Banbury Springs north of Buhl. The Snake River Power Co. plans to close the camp to restore wetlands along the north side of the Snake River.

IP mandate may boot Scouts from camp

By N.S. Molkentrod
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Gin-clear water — nearly 70,000 gallons per minute rushes from between the rocks, trickles down into a 12-acre lake, and then flows into the Snake River.

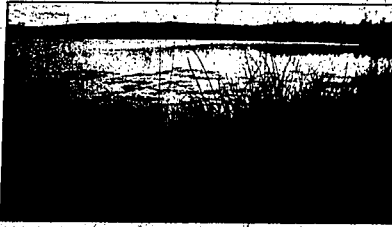
Banbury Springs northwest of Buhl also provides a natural setting for Camp Roach, which the Snake River Council of Boy Scouts of America leases from Idaho Power Co.

But Idaho Power's effort to satisfy federal relicensing requirements for its Snake River hydroelectric dam includes restoring wetlands to their natural state. And restoring Banbury Springs means evicting the Boy Scouts from a camp they have leased since the late 1960s.

A tremendous amount of tradition has built up at Camp Roach over time, said John Calbreath, executive director of the Snake River Council. The camp is used by about 1,200 Scouts and others every year.

Named after former Idaho Power president Tom Roach, the camp sits on about 100 acres along the Snake River at the foot of the canyon wall and the outflow of the springs named after the area's first owner, John Banbury.

Boys businessman Bob Erkins, president of the Snake River Council from 1966 to 1968, led the effort to preserve the area. It was



A lake has been created at Camp Roach alongside the Snake River at Banbury Springs. The area was a wetland before a Boy Scouts camp was set up there.

his idea to make it a camp. Scouts and Idaho Power struck a deal, and scouts rent the camp from Idaho Power for \$1 annually.

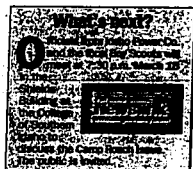
In the early 1970s work began to reclaim some land from the swamp and build a road. In the late 1970s the Scouts and local trout farmer Ken Ellis proposed using some of the water from Banbury Springs for a trout hatchery as a source of income for the camp. The controversial proposal did not materialize.

The camp is used for camps, training camps, jamborees, mountain man rendezvous. Users include Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and local organizations and families.

One of the most important activities at the camp is a training program, which teaches leadership and camping skills to teens, Calbreath said.

"It's one of the best places to take Cub Scouts for their first overnight camp," he said. About 20 miles west of Twin Falls, the camp is open year-round and is more accessible than Camp Bradley, about 100 miles to the north. Scout officials say it would be a huge loss, since they have nothing to replace Camp Roach. Idaho Power acquired Banbury Springs along with other springs in the area, including Bob Canyon, as potential hydroelectric sites.

Restoring the wetlands at



Banbury Springs is part of the utility's mitigation program that includes other properties along the river. The program is related to environmental effects of Upper and Lower Salmon Falls and Bliss dams, said Gary Holmstead, a plant ecologist with Idaho Power.

Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service officials have recognized the value of the area and have pushed to restore the former wetlands to the springs.

The wetlands provide habitat for rare fish and snails and rare plants and is one of the few remaining undeveloped spring habitats, Holmstead said.

The loss of the camp was anticipated when the current lease was signed several years ago, he said. The lease runs until 2006 but includes an early termination for Idaho Power on Dec. 31, anticipating the mitigation program.

Compromise abortion bill introduced

The Associated Press

BOISE — The compromise parental consent bill that Gov. Dirk Kempthorne has indicated he would sign has been introduced in the state Senate with the clear directive of its leadership committee that no action will be taken on the issue until next January's election-year session convenes.

"We file a bill like this, or one very much like this, will be introduced next year," Senate President Pro Tem Jerry Twigg said in presenting the measure on Wednesday. "We think it's very controversial and the public should have an opportunity to look at this before we've moved it through."

The strategy, flatly rejected by anti-abortion activists refusing to sign on to the compromise, was mapped out late last week by House and Senate Republican leaders and overwhelmingly endorsed by the Senate GOP majority. "We will have this bill out in front of the public, have the public look at this so that when this bill moves next year or one very like it, people will not be able to say they haven't seen it," Twigg said.

Abortion opponents momentarily accepted the compromise last week but then reneged on Sunday, once again declaring it unacceptable. They promised to mount a new effort for their version next year, reinforcing the belief of many including some of their allies that what they really want is a campaign issue.

Water for salmon would cost

By N.S. Molkentrod
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Using another 1 million acre-feet of water to increase flows for endangered salmon could cost up to 3,600 jobs, says a federal Bureau of Reclamation study.

The study predicts that taking 1 million acre-feet from irrigation storage reservoirs in a dry year could cut agricultural production by as much as \$243.7 million in the Snake River basin. And recreation would be cut in affected rivers and reservoirs.

"The figures contained in the study report prove to be even worse than our very worst fears," Sheri Chapman, executive director of the Idaho Water Users Association, said in a prepared statement.

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EXPENSIVE THRILLS

Feds don't charge for millions spent rescuing adventurers

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The federal government spends millions of dollars a year to rescue capsizee boaters, stranded hikers and injured campers but doesn't seek reimbursement — even from people whose own risk-taking puts them in danger.

In Michigan, where at least 95 ice fishermen have been rescued from lakes in one area alone this winter, lawmakers are considering charging for rescues of people who were reck-

less or ignored warnings.

But the U.S. Coast Guard and the National Park Service, two federal agencies that handle thousands of rescues a year, say they don't want to send out bills because it might discourage those in need from calling for help.

"One of the last things we want is somebody who would not want a rescue because of the potential of having to pay for it, and therefore losing a life," said Coast Guard Cmdr. Mike Lopinsky.

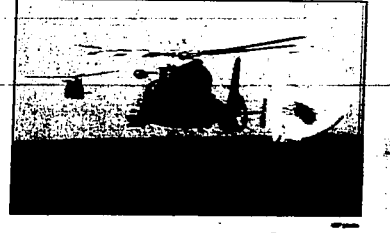
Even relatively simple rescues

can be costly.

In December, the Coast Guard and local agencies spent a total \$85,000 to rescue 18 fishermen from an ice floe that broke off in Michigan's Lake St. Clair and was sinking in a snowstorm. The operation, conducted in gusty winds that drove wind chills below zero, required several boats and a helicopter.

Officials said the fishermen used bad judgment by going out on the

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Two Coast Guard helicopters hoisted a rescuee after picking up three boaters in this Dec. 25, 1998, photograph.

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Comos Prairie

High: 37 **Low:** 13
Mostly cloudy today with chance of rain or snow. Partly cloudy tonight. Chance of rain or snow. Partly cloudy Friday, high 41.

Treasure Valley

High: 49 **Low:** 26
Partly cloudy today with light winds. Mostly clear tonight. Mostly sunny Friday, high 54.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 37 **Low:** 13
Mostly cloudy today with chance of rain or snow. Partly cloudy tonight. Chance of rain or snow. Partly cloudy Friday, high 41.

Eastern Idaho

High: 42 **Low:** 23
Mostly cloudy today with chance of rain or snow. Partly cloudy tonight. Partly cloudy Friday, high 41.

Northern Idaho

High: 45 **Low:** 23
Partly cloudy today with light winds. Some tonight. Mostly sunny Friday, high 41.

Northern Utah

High: 44 **Low:** 27
Mostly cloudy today with light winds. Some tonight, but snow. Mostly sunny Friday, high 45.

Northern Nevada

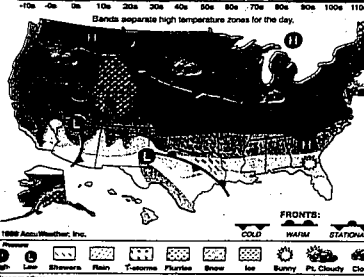
High: 46 **Low:** 20
Mostly cloudy today with light winds. Mostly clear tonight. Mostly sunny Friday, high 55.

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
High: 46 Low: 23 Partly cloudy. Mostly clear tonight.	High: 53 Low: 30 Partly sunny and warmer.	High: 50 Low: 30 Partly cloudy and warmer.	High: 50 Low: 30 Partly cloudy and warmer.	High: 50 Low: 30 Partly cloudy and warmer.

National weather

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Thursday, March 11.



Turn to the National Weather Service radio band at WIF-FM 162.4 or 162.55 MHz. The internet address for Idaho Transportation Department road reports is: <http://www.idot.gov/transportation/road/index.html>

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls	Precipitation	High/Lows
Yesterday 43 Last year 59 Normal 50	24 59 27	44 35 27
Inches in Twin Falls		tr.
Monthly totals:		20
Normal year to date:		36
Water year to date:		6.36
Normal year to date:		5.39

Idaho	Max	Min	Pcp	Idaho: High	55	degrees at	Hagerman:
Boise	46	27	tr.	Low:	10	degrees at	Stanley.
Burley	45	27	tr.	Nation: High:	91	at	Laredo, Texas. Low:
Fairfield	45	26	tr.	18	at	Sarabac Lake.	
Hagerman	45	26	tr.				
Idaho Falls	37	28	tr.				
Jerome	48	27	tr.				
Lewiston	48	27	tr.				
Malta	48	27	tr.				
Malta	43	12	tr.				
McCall	30	3	tr.				
Pocostello	43	31	01				
Salmon	43	28	tr.				
Stanley	32	10	06				
Sun Valley	34	6	05				

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Albuquerque	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	54	35	tr.
Boise	34	20	tr.
Chicago	34	20	09
Dallas	71	52	tr.
Denver	31	27	tr.
Des Moines	31	27	tr.
Honolulu	79	72	01
Houston	78	52	tr.
Indianapolis	72	45	tr.
Kansas City	33	23	tr.
Las Vegas	68	44	tr.
Los Angeles	52	40	tr.
Memphis	53	35	tr.
Miami Beach	82	63	tr.
Milwaukee	32	26	02
Minneapolis	32	26	tr.
New Orleans	75	57	tr.
New York	41	28	tr.
Oakland City	65	37	tr.
Omaha	31	17	tr.
Philadelphia	33	22	07
Portland, Me.	39	13	tr.
Portland, Ore.	52	33	tr.
Reno	46	23	tr.
San Diego	65	42	tr.
Salt Lake City	45	24	11
San Francisco	52	40	tr.
Seattle	50	42	tr.
Spokane	44	27	tr.
Tampa	77	58	tr.
Yuma	71	50	tr.

Canadian Cities

Calgary	High	Low	sn.
Calgary	27	10	tr.
Montreal	27	0	tr.
Ottawa	11	14	tr.
Vancouver	51	40	tr.

Education measure moves toward approval

WASHINGTON — The House and Senate Wednesday moved toward passage of an education bill designed to give states more flexibility in spending federal money and, politically, to give lawmakers a legislative accomplishment to tout in the wake of the fractious impeachment debate.

Both chambers, with bipartisan support, were expected to approve the so-called "ed-flix" bill Wednesday, but the ease of the expected passage was not reflected in the debate. The Senate in particular spent six days wrangling over education legislation in a debate that was mostly about politics, not education.

Late Wednesday, in a how-to Democrats who had held the measure in a debate that was mostly about politics, not education.

The bill would require schools to use money generated for past years on four remaining needs and science teachers on other programs designed to benefit the entire student population — not just science teachers. It would not allow schools to waive rules governing safety, maintenance or students' civil rights.

Clinton apologizes for role in regimes

GUATEMALA CITY (AP) — Reflecting on the bleak in Central America's cycle of oppression and revolution, President Clinton apologized Wednesday for U.S. support of the rightist regimes that ruled Guatemala for three decades.

He also promised "to do everything I possibly can" to eliminate discriminatory provisions in U.S. immigration laws that favor refugees from Cuba and Nicaragua over those who fled to the United States to escape right-wing governments in Guatemala and El Salvador that were supported by Washington.

Cost

Qualified team OK — "We knew all along that taking an additional million acres would hurt Idaho. But the results of the study now show us in stark clarity that Idaho will be largely impacted."

Chapman was reacting to recently released information about the effects of taking additional water out of the Snake River basin, which includes southern Idaho and parts of eastern Oregon.

The bureau is looking for more water for "flow augmentation" to help endangered salmon survive. It is looking for about 1 million acre-feet of water, or more, in addition to the 1.5 million acre-feet already in storage. That 1.5 million acre-feet includes \$2,000 acres-feet from the Upper Snake River Basin.

The state's agreement to provide the \$27,000 acre-feet to cover one acre, one foot deep — or 325,830 gallons. Federal reserves in the Snake River system upstream of Miller Dam hold 4.1 million acre-feet.

The government has three ways of getting the water, Chapman said.

Rebels admit they killed Americans

SAN VICENTE DEL CAGUAN, Colombia (AP) — Colombia's largest rebel group admitted Wednesday that one of its officers kidnapped and killed three American activists found dead last week.

A guerrilla commander in eastern Arauca state acted without the approval of his superiors, said Raul Reyes, a senior commander of the Revolutionary Armed Forces in Colombia (FARC).

Reyes, a member of FARC's ruling council, said the guilty rebel officer may face the death penalty for his role in the slayings, which provoked international outrage.

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real problem — or a problem common to Idaho.

Rep. Wayne Kendall, R-Aberdeen, an eastern Idaho farmer and rancher, said the state shouldn't just "open the door" to any industry that leaves other states damaged. He said lawmakers have an obligation to fight forward in making decisions.

"I hope we make some good ones" here, "because our children are going to have to live with them."

Nate Jones, an Elmore County rancher who heads the Idaho Rural Council, said he was disappointed in the outcome. He hoped counties could fight through the threat of lawsuits to create ordinances on their own.

The bill had broad support from southern Idaho, especially in the livestock-heavy Magic Valley and in eastern Idaho, where Sawtooth Farms L.L.C. now plans to locate a large hog farm originally proposed for Owyhee County.

But agriculture industry lobbyists — including the Idaho Dairymen's Association, cattle farms and the powerful Idaho Farm Bureau Federation — worked to kill the measure.

Some of the more vocal backers of the plan came from Owyhee County, where citizen groups have formed to battle the influx of large dairies.

Rep. Fred R-Grand View, voted to kill the measure, but urged her county to stop all incoming operations for a while and to open an ordinance that will work.

The bill's sponsors said some counties think they have all this power already, and some don't. Some Magic Valley county commissioners have said they can't use special-use permits for livestock farms.

If Owyhee County can't solve the problem on its own, Field said she'd be the first to support another bill like this one.

Other area legislators — Reps. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, and John "Bert" Stevenson, R-Rupert — voted to kill the measure.

A House Agriculture Committee did vote to pass a resolution, created by the four lawmakers, to instruct state agencies to regulate hog and poultry operations.

IDAHO ROAD REPORT

BOISE (AP) — Here are Wednesday evening's road conditions from the Idaho Department of Transportation.

Interstate 84 — Dry.

Interstate 86 — Dry.

Interstate 15 — Utah Inlet-Idaho Falls, dry; Idaho Falls-Donkey, icy spots, snowing; Donkey-Pass, wet, snowing; Interstate 90 — Washington Inlet-Coeur d'Alene, dry; 4th of July, icy spots; Coeur d'Alene, dry; Wallace, dry; Lookout Pass, dry.

Idaho 55 — Lee-Horshosh-Bend, rolling rocks; Donnelly-New Meadows, dry.

Idaho 55 — Oregon Inlet-New Meadows, dry; Riggs-Lewiston, wet; Lewiston-Hills County line, dry; Beneath County line-Plummer, dry, wet; Plummer-Canadian border, dry.

Rescues

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lake too early in the season, before the ice was safe.

The next month, the Coast Guard spent \$130,275 to rescue three balloonists who failed in their attempt to circle the world and ditched their craft off Oahu, Hawaii, on Christmas Day. The balloonists included Richard Branson, the British chairman of the Virgin records, soda and airlines empire, and U.S. millionaire Steve Fossett.

After the rescue, Branson said he would pay if asked, but the Coast Guard didn't ask.

The National Taxpayers Union, a Washington-based group that advocates less government spending, says such incidents should fuel the bill when they intentionally put themselves in danger.

"People who knowingly take a risk to try to be successful ought to assume the financial costs," said Peter Sepp, the group's spokesman. "These are people who know the dangers but are going ahead anyway. Taxpayers should not subsidize their recklessness."

The Coast Guard spent \$289 to rescue the balloonists in 1987 on a search-and-rescue mission, while the National Park Service spent \$3.4 million the same year, the most recent figure available. The Air Force also helped with expenses but did not have figures immediately available.

The bill includes names of people who became endangered by unforeseen circumstances as well as those who were taking risks.

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POWERBALL NUMBER: 15

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10 NUMBERS
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WILD CARD NUMBER: 11

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10 NUMBERS
FAST
7 8 15 31 32

Mrs. Dole moves closer to campaign

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Elizabeth Dole moved a step closer to a full-fledged campaign for president Wednesday, announcing the formation of an exploratory committee and saying she sees "a great American yearning" that she is ready to fulfill.

Highlighting her qualifications in the race for the 2000 Republican nomination, Mrs. Dole said she had worked for five presidents — and had held two Cabinet posts — but she also sought to separate herself from other political candidates.

"What does a woman like me have to offer the country?" she asked. "I'm not a politician and, frankly, today I think that may be a plus."

She pointed to her experience as secretary of labor and secretary of transportation as well as her eight years heading the American Red Cross.

"That's experience and that's what counts," she said. "I'm not a seat-warmer. I want to get in there and make a difference."

Her speech, announcing an exploratory committee looking toward a campaign, was heavy on themes and light on specifics.

"I want to hear from you, this is a people-to-people effort on my part," Mrs. Dole told more than 400 members who jammed the rally. "We're going to be laying out



Elizabeth Dole signs autographs Wednesday in Des Moines, Iowa. Mrs. Dole announced that she has formed an exploratory committee to test the waters for a presidential bid in the year 2000.

positions on all these issues, but we're going to be doing it in a thoughtful way."

Bob Dole did not attend Wednesday's event, and she didn't refer to him directly. After her speech, Mrs. Dole left the room without answering reporters' questions.

Milosevic turns Holbrooke away without a peace deal

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — A top U.S. negotiator failed to persuade Yugoslavia's president to sign onto a new Kosovo peace deal Wednesday. Along the border, Yugoslav forces backed by tanks torched the homes of ethnic Albanians and sent hundreds fleeing.

Three bodies were found — at least two of them had been shot in the back in Ivajja, a hamlet near the Macedonia border where homes that had been burned still smoldered. Residents said neither was a rebel in the separatist Kosovo Liberation Army.

Fighting on the day that Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic met with U.S. peace envoy Richard Holbrooke also broke out near Vucitern, 18 miles from Istina, the provincial capital of Kosovo.

Holbrooke pressed Milosevic to accept a peace plan or risk NATO strikes during more than four hours of face-to-face meetings Wednesday, but the

Yugoslav leader declared afterwards: "Foreign troops have no business in our country."

Milosevic said the U.S.-sponsored peace plan is "a good basis" for a political settlement of the Kosovo crisis. But he rejected the key provision — the deployment of NATO troops to police it.



Richard Holbrooke

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GOP looks for budget money to offer in tax cut

WASHINGTON (AP) — Eager to offer Americans the biggest possible election-year tax cuts, Republicans probably will be writing a tax bill next week that estimates expected to show more money available from growth-related surpluses.

House budget writers preparing spending blueprints for the budget year beginning Oct. 1 are focused in on the phrase "not to touch Social Security surpluses."

Honoring that pledge has left Republicans scrambling for other ways to pay for next year's tax cut because all of the expected \$133 billion surplus in fiscal 2000 would come from Social Security.

Lawmakers think they have found about \$15 billion worth of savings for 2000 in a modest grant for a tax-cutting package they say will total \$800 billion over 10 years.

Republicans believe the tax cut could grow by at least \$10

billion if they wait until the summer — and the prospect of an even bigger surplus forecast — for the Congressional Budget Office's annual revision.

"I think I'll wait until CBO updates this summer," said House Ways and Means Chairman Bill Archer, R-Texas, asked when he would write a tax bill.

Senate Finance Committee Chairman William Roth, R-Del., has not decided on his timetable. His committee usually waits until Ways and Means has approved its tax plan.

House Budget Committee Chairman John Kasich, R-Ohio, said the 2000 budget his committee plans to vote on next week will state that if CBO surplus projections grow this summer, the extra money would pay for lower taxes.

Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., is considering similar language.

Farm disaster money stalls in Agriculture Department

WASHINGTON (AP) — Farmers counting on \$2 billion in congressionally approved disaster aid will have to wait until June to get it, Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman says.

In a letter sent Tuesday night to Senate Agriculture Chairman Richard Lugar and House Agriculture Chairman Larry Combest, Glickman said administering the aid is "far more complex than past natural disaster assistance programs."

And he said the agency is inundated with aid disbursements during this tumultuous farm year, including assistance packages of \$50 million for hog farmers and \$200 million for dairy farmers.

"Getting these payments out as expeditiously and as fairly as possible is a top personal priority for me," Glickman wrote.

Many in Congress have complained that USDA is moving too slow in administering aid to farmers. Congress approved the money as part of a \$6 billion emergency package late last year amid free-falling commodity prices. Prices have done little to rebound since then — making some members of Congress angry at the slow dispersal process.

Rep. Bill Barrett, R-Neb., this month accused the agency of "foot-dragging."

NEA withdraws grant for Marcos' children's book

WASHINGTON (AP) — The National Endowment for the Arts has canceled a \$250,000 grant to a small Texas publisher to help it publish a children's tale by Mexican revolutionary Subcomandante Marcos.

NEA chairman William J. Ivey immediately canceled the grant for the book's English edition when a New York Times reporter brought the title's author to his attention, the newspaper reported today.

The book, called "The Story of Colors," is a folk tale about Mexican gods. Inside the front cover of the English edition, just printed in the coastal El Paso, Texas, publisher, is a photo of Marcos, who leads the Zapatista guerrillas in the southern state of Chiapas. In the photo, Marcos wears a black ski mask over his face and has ammunition belts slung across his chest.

Navy admiral will review flight rules

WASHINGTON (AP) — A former Navy admiral will lead a joint U.S.-Italian review of safety rules for U.S. military training flights originating from bases in the Pentagon-sponsored Wednesday.

The 30-day review is designed to prevent the kind of mistakes that led to the Oct. 1, 1998, accident in which a Marine Corps jet severed cables holding a ski gondola near Cervarie, Italy, killing 20 people.

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Tamí Rourke, left, cries during testimony before the House Transportation Committee Wednesday in Washington, D.C. Rourke, of New Berry, Mich., described the need for an air passenger rights bill. Rourke's son was sexually abused in 1996 due to a lack of supervision by a supposed industry program that failed.

Congress, White House turn a sympathetic ear to air travelers

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Bolstered by passenger tales of alleged mistreatment by airline companies, the administration and Congress are moving to improve protections of air travelers' rights.

"We were the victims and we were being shamed for not having the proper attitude," Barbara Plecas of Walled Lake, Mich., told lawmakers Wednesday, recounting how she and fellow Northwest Airlines passengers—just arrived from Tampa, Fla.—were stuck on a Detroit Metropolitan Airport tarmac for seven hours during a snowstorm last January.

Another passenger, Patricia Shank of Frederick, Md., told the House Transportation Committee of being confined for nine hours last January on a Virgin Atlantic plane that never took off from Washington's Dulles International Airport for London. When she declined to take another plane the next day, the airline refused to return her luggage, which was flown to London.

Tamí Rourke of New Berry, Mich., spoke in a halting voice of how her son, then 6 years old, got stuck in Minneapolis in 1996 when traveling alone on a Northwest flight from Tucson, Ariz., to Michigan. He was part of the industry's unaccompanied minor program, in which youngsters traveling alone are supposed to be supervised at all times, yet he was put in a hotel room with a 15-year-old boy who sexually molested him.

"We have struck a raw nerve here," committee Chairman Bud Shuster, R-Pa., told a packed hearing room. "I can't walk through the halls here without members and constituents telling me their horror stories."

Shuster has introduced a bill—one of several "passenger bill of rights" measures now working their way through Congress—that would require airlines to pay compensation to passengers kept waiting on a runway more than two hours, provide explanations for delays and cancellations and give refunds for flights canceled

for economic reasons, among other things.

Vice President Al Gore and Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater, meanwhile, introduced on Wednesday the administration's plans for legislative and regulatory action.

"Our Fair Treatment Initiative empowers passengers with all the information they need to make good decisions," Gore said. The administration's proposed legislation would require airlines to:

- Disclose publicly their flight delay and cancellation policies;
- Provide food and restroom facilities during delays;
- Draw up evacuation procedures for extended delays and bumping;
- Provide notices on lower-priced ticket outlets;
- Double the maximum compensation for mishandled baggage to \$2,500, and for being bumped from a flight to \$800.

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NASA to launch emergency repair trip

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—NASA will launch an emergency repair mission this fall to the Hubble Space Telescope, which is in danger of shutting down.

NASA decided Wednesday to move up the next regularly scheduled Hubble visit to October so that spacewalking astronauts can fix the telescope's deteriorating pointing system.

The mission had been set for June 2000.

Two of Hubble's six gyroscopes, needed for pointing and stability, have failed since astronauts' last service call, in 1997.

And a third gyroscope is partly broken and is considered unreliable.

Astronomers need at least three perfect gyroscopes to conduct observations throughout the universe.

Although the \$2 billion telescope would be safe in orbit without any working gyroscopes, NASA also does not want to risk losing any valuable science time.

Scientists uncover diet-related gene; may fix weight

The Associated Press

Two research groups have identified the first gene known to suppress obesity and regulate the burning of calories—a find that could lead the way toward a drug that keeps people fit.

But not reach for that second jelly doughnut just yet.

The gene, known as Mahogany, or the MG gene, was discovered in mice. It is the sixth gene found to be implicated in obesity. But researchers said it is the first discovered to regulate metabolism and the expenditure of energy.

In one of two studies published in today's issue of the journal Nature, scientists at Millennium Pharmaceuticals in Cambridge, Mass., tested groups of mice with normal and mutated MG genes. They fed the mice diets with varying percentages of fat. Mice with a mutated MG gene did not gain weight regardless of whether they ate a high-fat diet or a low-fat one. Mice with the normal gene gained weight on the high-fat diet.

CIA chief who oversaw LSD tests dies at 80

WASHINGTON, Va. (AP)—Sidney Gottlieb, who oversaw CIA experiments during the Cold War that included the use of LSD and other mind-altering drugs on unwitting test subjects, has died at age 80.

Gottlieb died Sunday in this small town near the Blue Ridge Mountains where he had spent his final years tending to dying people in a hospice.

The CIA experiments with psychedelics, a project called MKUltra, began at a time when the agency feared the Soviet Union might use LSD as a chemical weapon or that China would perfect brainwashing techniques.

During the 1950s and early '60s, the CIA gave psychedelic drugs to hundreds of Americans who were unaware that they were part of the agency's experiments on mind control.

Ruling favors gay teacher

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—A school district illegally bowed to parents' requests to remove 15 pupils from the classroom of a purportedly gay teacher, a state official said.

By granting the requests, the district wrongly fostered different treatment toward the eighth-grade science teacher based on his perceived sexual orientation, Chief Deputy Labor Commissioner Jose Millan wrote in a ruling made public Tuesday. The ruling prohibits the Rio Bravo-Greeley Union School District from discriminating against James D. Merrick, a former teacher of the year, in any aspect of employment.

However, while it also prohibits removal of any more students, the ruling does not expressly require the return of any students to Merrick's class.

Merrick, a teacher for 40 years, was hired by the district in 1994. He has neither said he is gay nor denied it.

The district can appeal to state Industrial Relations Director Stephen Smith. Smith should lose and refuse to comply, Smith could go to court to enforce the ruling.

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LEGISLATURE IN BRIEF

Judge denies ousted director quick relief

BOISE — A district judge has refused ousted Idaho Department of Fish and Game Director Steve Mealey a temporary restraining order to immediately regain his job after being fired last week. Mealey on Tuesday sued the Idaho Fish and Game Commission, alleging the panel terminated him following an illegal closed-door session.

But 4th District Judge Michael McLaughlin said Tuesday that Mealey could not prove his firing created immediate, irreparable harm to him or the department.

"The lawsuit is still alive," said Mealey's attorney, former state attorney general David Leroy. "The judge indicated there were public policy things the commission did very poorly and we certainly agree with that."

"But he said in his ruling that all those things don't accumulate into allowing us to have emergency relief like we sought."

The commission on a 4-3 vote fired Mealey Friday after meeting in an executive session the night before, announcing it was a personnel matter.

The action prompted legislators to pull a bill offering an infusion of cash to the beleaguered agency from a sportsmen's fee increase.

House rejects gifted and talented proposal

BOISE — The Idaho House rejected the idea of even studying ways to provide more money for programs serving gifted and talented students in public schools.

"It's been studied to death," House Appropriations Chairman Bob Geddes of Preston said Tuesday.

His colleagues voted 40-29 against a resolution calling for appointment of an advisory legislative committee to consider whether programs for gifted and talented students are adequately funded, and to find new sources of cash.

Wood sees efforts finally come to fruition

BOISE — Several years of effort finally paid off for Righy Republican Rep. JoAnn Wood as the House overwhelmingly approved her plan for removing truckers from Idaho Public Utility Commission regulation.

A 54-14 vote on Tuesday sent a bill to the Senate that would transfer most motor carrier oversight responsibilities to the Department of Transportation. Vehicle safety inspections would be conducted by the Department of Law Enforcement under a Transportation Department contract.

"This year we have a complete agreement of all the agencies that are affected by this move," said Wood, whose work in the past has been stymied by bureaucratic turf disputes. "It's something I've had a dream about for a long time."

DUI laws will apply to snowmobilers

BOISE — Without debate, House members typically unwilling to infringe on personal freedoms approved a bill that would apply drunken and drugged driving laws to snowmobile operators.

The 53-16 vote on Tuesday forwarded to the Senate for final legislative action a bill promoted by Republican Rep. Jim Clark of Hayden.

Operating a snowmobile while intoxicated now is only an infraction, essentially the same as a parking ticket.

House approves campaign finance bill

BOISE — The House approved the rapar that characterized committee debate on the issue in approving a bill requiring lawmakers to report campaign contributions during the legislative session within 48 hours.

The 56-13 vote on Tuesday led final legislative action to the Senate on a bill that Republican Rep. Julie Ellsworth of Boise said should help address public perceptions that special interests will be able to spend enough money to hold particular sway in the Capitol.

There was no debate, in sharp contrast to House State Affairs Committee sessions on more restrictive proposals that led to endorsement of Ellsworth's bill.

Compiled from news reports

A House divided: Facilities proposals die

BOISE (AP) — A House divided against itself rejected two proposals intended as at least a start toward addressing the deteriorating condition of Idaho public schools.

Lawmakers on Wednesday killed bills that would have allowed school trustees to levy property taxes without voter approval as a last resort to solve health and safety problems and expanded districts' authority to levy taxes with less than the two-thirds supermajority required of bond issues.

Defeating both measures leaves the Legislature in the position of being unable to show a judge any progress toward meeting requirements set by the Idaho Supreme Court in response to a lawsuit filed by school districts.

"We never seen anything quite like this one yet," House Speaker Bruce Newcomb said before the House voted to reconsider initial 35-34 approval of the no-vote levy bill championed by him and other legislative leaders.

The measure failed 34-34 on reconsideration requested by Rep. Margaret Henbest, a Boise Democrat who mistakenly voted for the bill the first time.

Among those who helped kill it by changing their positions between votes was Newcomb's wife, Rep. Colia Gould. She and House Revenue and Taxation Chairman Dolores Crow of Nampa, who also switched sides, said they could not support the bill without what they considered the safeguard that the second piece of legislation would have provided.

But he said it would make welfare applicants directed to treatment a higher priority within the existing system and might be an impetus to providing more state money.

"We need to funnel more dollars to the effort. It's cost effective, and the savings would be significant," Callister said. "It's a piece of responsibility and accountability we must provide our taxpayers."

The bill would require that new applicants to the Temporary Assistance to Families in Idaho program undergo screening aimed at determining who should be tested for drug use.

Magic Valley votes

How are the Magic Valley votes in Idaho? The Idaho House approved their reauthorized and reauthorized House Bill 278. The bill would have allowed school trustees to levy property taxes without voter approval to solve health and safety problems.

House Bill 278, First vote passed: 35-34

Rep. Christine Bell, R-Idaho, No; Rep. Frances Field, R-Idaho, Yes; Rep. Rep. Colia Gould, R-Idaho, Yes; Rep. Randy Hansen, R-Twin Falls, No; Rep. Wendy Ingersoll, R-Idaho, No; Rep. Doug Jones, Yes; Rep. Jim Kempton, R-Idaho, Yes; Rep. Bruce Newcomb, R-Idaho, Yes; Rep. Tim Rinkler, R-Idaho, No; Rep. Elizabeth, No; Rep. Shey Galtman, R-Idaho, Yes; Rep. Lora Smith, R-Twin Falls, Yes; Rep. John "Dad" Stevenson, R-Idaho, No; House Bill 278, Second vote, Failed: 34-34

Rep. No. Field, Yes; Gould, No; Hansen, No; Ingersoll, No; Jones, Yes; Kempton, Yes; Newcomb, Yes; Rinkler, Yes; Seelman, Yes; Smith, Yes; Stevenson, Yes.

House OKs drug screening, testing of welfare applicants

BOISE (AP) — Concerns about a shortage of treatment opportunities gave the House only brief passage as lawmakers handily approved a bill that would require drug screening for people applying for cash welfare benefits.

The 56-13 vote Tuesday forwarded to the Senate legislation that Republican Rep. David Callister of Boise said was aimed at helping drug-addicted parents get back on their feet, into the work force and on the tax rolls.

He acknowledged the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare's \$6.5 million budget for substance abuse rehabilitation

was inadequate. But he said it would make welfare applicants directed to treatment a higher priority within the existing system and might be an impetus to providing more state money.

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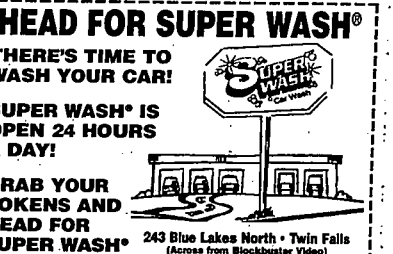
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EDITORIAL

With good leaders at the helm, ARTEC enjoys early success

If you have a good product, people will buy it.

Organizers of the Advanced Regional Technical Education Coalition received the Albertson Foundation for a \$4.6 million grant to fund start-up operations. The foundation responded by giving ARTEC the full amount, then tossed in an additional \$200,000 for good measure.

That's a tremendous vote of confidence for the Magic Valley's nascent vo-tech program. It also reflects the enthusiasm and drive of ARTEC's organizers, people such as Curtis Eaton, David Sasser, Mike Glenn and Keith Huestig. Their plan for pooling the resources of Magic Valley high schools to create a state-of-the-art vocational-technical program is visionary.

Though ARTEC is enjoying an embossment of riches, it is important to note that the Albertson grant is only seed money. It is not an annual revenue stream. For ARTEC to survive, it needs to carve out a long-term funding base.

There are two promising paths that ARTEC could follow en route to financial stability. One would be creation of a modest, regionwide levy - no more than a few cents per \$1,000 of assessed value, and structured to be fair to everyone concerned. The other would be for each of the coalitions

school districts to set aside some of its present levies to fund ARTEC operations.

Either option has the potential to secure ARTEC's financial future. Virtually every Magic Valley school district west of Mini-Cassia is a member of ARTEC, so there's plenty of muscle to flex.

No matter how much money is raised, participating districts should be careful not to commit too much permanent staff in ARTEC's early stages. They should also steer clear of v-tech programs that are candidates for early obsolescence.

Another point to ponder is that some school districts may not be capable of offering sophisticated programs, although the smaller settings do offer advantages, such as more individualized attention.

ARTEC's broad vision of sharing resources is sound. It will take a couple of years to see the results, but it is reasonable to expect that local businesses will soon see a marked increase in the quality of job applicants.

Over the long haul, ARTEC will be a two-way street. It will give students a leg up in their quest for gainful employment.

The other side of the coin is that ARTEC needs to supply local businesses with quality workers.

With any luck, it will be favored with success on both counts.

ARTEC is a two-way street that will give students a leg up in their quest for gainful employment. At the same time, it needs to supply local businesses with quality workers.



Time to cash in on post-Clinton loyalty

JAMES P. PINKERTON

That George Stephanopoulos is no dummy. In politics, as in sports and show biz, the smart ones know when to leave out the late Joe DiMaggio (retired) before age and those spurs cooled his lofty 325 lifetime hitting average.

Likewise, even though his summit was No. 1, Jerry Seinfeld knew that nothing doesn't last forever, and so he pulled his own plug. Similarly, Stephanopoulos surely saw that President Clinton was peaking at the time of his no-questions-asked-for-it was time for another summit to move on. The only questions for him to answer were "How?" and "How long?"

The answer comes in his stunning memoir, "All the Winners," about his years as a friend of Bill. In an interview accompanying the book's co-signing, Newswatch, Stephanopoulos was asked if Clinton is fit to be president. "It's too far to be removed, but knowing what you know now, I don't think he's got the strength to be elected," Stephanopoulos answered.

Such an opinion might have been more useful to the Republican if written three or seven years ago. Indeed, the cynicism of a man who would wish for the president's character not to get longer than his tenure, and the White House press office encourages cynicism in those observing Stephanopoulos.

Clinton, for example, the speculation surrounding his possible run for White House plans that began with the appearance of the Oct. 21 and 28, 1995, issue of "The New Yorker," a fully 112-page profile, signed and how long Stephanopoulos was, even as it amounted to the

world - and to Clinton - that the White House - who kid was planning to leave. For six weeks, Stephanopoulos let the rumormongers campaign; he was mentioned for everything from a job in corporate America to a correspondent's slot for CBS to a possible Senate candidacy.

But every departing White House aide must avoid the perception that he or she is cashing in on connections, walking through the revolving door to lucrative whatever jobs in the private sector.

So perhaps it wasn't by chance that the first definitive news about Stephanopoulos' plans portrayed him pursuing the life of the mind, and not the good life. On Dec. 4, 1996, The New York Times reported that Stephanopoulos would be joining the faculty at Columbia University.

It was a kind of homecoming for Stephanopoulos, the Times wrote with a hint of hometown pride.

Eight days later, in a story buried back in the Metro section of the same paper, Stephanopoulos let it be known that he would also be doing something else - a mere second job, according to the Times headline's assertion.

And what would that second job be? Why, it would be duty as an on-air analyst for ABC's high-profile "This Week" Sunday talk show, although the Times described it modestly as the second half of Stephanopoulos' dual career.

Oh, and there was a third job, not even hinted at in the earlier Times stories.

Just five days after the ABC announcement, it was learned that Stephanopoulos would be writing a book for a \$2.75-million advance. Such money indicated that the publisher was expecting a lot more than NAFTA and welfare reform. But Stephanopoulos' tell-the-news-story strategy meant that each successive career announcement received less and less attention, even as the dollar totals became more and more remarkable.

It's been six decades since presidential management expert Louis Brownlow declared that White House aides should have a passion for anonymity. Nameless underlings may serve well, but they don't sell many books.

With that in mind, why not write, as Stephanopoulos has, that Clinton disordered his office?

And why not add more salesworthy spice by recalling a tiff you had with the first lady and then remember that you thought to yourself, "I, ... her," as you were leaving the meeting?

Of course, even the smartest players sometimes foul out. In that 1996 New Yorker profile, Stephanopoulos declared that he would not write a tell-all biography, is not what it pretends to be. It's still a matter of creating a story, not merely reporting a story. In an apical moment of candor, Stephanopoulos seemingly revealed his own personal formula for success.

For Stephanopoulos, unguarded words may be all too rare, but they are worth remembering before plunking down \$27.55 for "All Too Human."

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Buhl took the name of Frank H. Buhl, one of the founders of the Twin Falls south side irrigation project.

Castelford was named for the early crossing of Little Salmon Falls River. The ford was so named because of odd-shaped rock at the point in the stream.

Dietrich was named for Judge F. S. Dietrich.

Eden was named because of the fertility of the soil in the area around it.

Filer was named for Walter G. Filer, one-time manager of the Twin Falls Canal Co.

Gooding was named Topinias when it was first founded in 1883. The name was changed to Gooding in 1896 in honor of Frank R. Gooding, founder of the town and owner of the ranch on which it was established.

Hansen was named for the family which settled the area. John and Lawrence Hansen were early resi-

dents of what is now Hansen. Jerome took its name from Jerome Kuhn, one of the promoters of the North Side Project. Kimberly, founded in 1906, was named for Peter Kimberly, one of the financiers of the Twin Falls irrigation project.

Musangu stands on the site of Drytown, an early ghost town which was established in 1869 following the discovery of gold.

Twin Falls City and County were named for the double falls in the Snake River northeast of the city.

Richfield began in 1908 with the opening of the Carey Act. It was named to indicate rich farmland in the area.

Wendell was named for Jerome Kuhn's brother, Wendell, also a North Side Project promoter. It was founded in 1907.

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Rupert ready for the Fourth

Several important factors are becoming issues for this year's Rupert Fourth of July Rodeo and Minidoka Fair Rodeo and Queen contests.

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We, the Rupert Fourth of July and Minidoka County Fair Board committees, have decided to combine the two contests for the following reasons:

- To have more competitors, (2) more girls would mean less cost for each competitor, (3) no more expense for the winning girls, (4) a unified effort from both communities, (5) businesses would only be asked to sponsor an individual event, (6) those winning, in turn, be more prizes, and (7) to keep this competition from falling victim to "lack of support, interest, etc."

War on drugs is a lost cause

It has recently come to my attention that Milton Creagh will be returning to the Magic Valley. I think that having him back is a mistake.

I worked each day with kids who have drug problems, and I have some shocking news for you: Motivational speakers do not solve the drug problem. In fact, they do nothing to help the drug problem.

If anything, well-polished speakers with private jets and their own entourage of support personnel like Milton Creagh make it harder to fight the war on drugs because they rarely, if ever, offer solutions or address the real issues.

Their presentations are a "feel good" experience. They get everybody all hyped up and excited and nothing more.

If you disagree, then let me remind you that last year's follow up to

Enough is Enough was canceled because only about six people showed up. That same kind of struggle when you consider 16,000 people attended Milton's presentation at the College of Southern Idaho, but it just goes to show you that anti-drug "slog rallies" don't work, and as cute as it may be, neither does ringing bells or sounding sirens.

Unfortunately, in the war on drugs, as in everything else, money talks.

The average cost for effective, in-house drug treatment is \$125 a day. To be effective, this treatment must continue for a minimum of nine to 12 months.

Unfortunately, most hard-core drug users who end up in a treatment unit are only there for about six weeks. This is normally due to a lack of funding either by the individual or by the agency that places them in treatment.

We are losing the war on drugs because we can't have enough money to fight it, and it angers me to think how much war money is going to give Creagh this time for about six weeks.

Twin Falls needs to tell Milton to stay home. Enough is enough!

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Twin Falls

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By Garry Trudeau

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By Bruce Tinsley

LETTERS

Holding back the years

The end of the century for some will be the edge of geezerhood where there is the loss of hearing and, most sad, the falling memory. Hanging on to what we have had for our 60, 70 or 80 years is a mighty task.

We have been exposed to thousands of items that we have read, heard and seen. All have made indentions in our minds. It is incredible that many are retaining a large percentage. We must use cognitive activity every day to its fullest. Try counting your blessings at the beginning of each day so you will have help in the middle of the day when you say, "What shall I do now?" Your thoughts, words and deeds will enter into the solution.

Drive away demons, ward off temptations and you may live as long as Methuselah did.
**KEN SHEW
Twin Falls**

Lessons over licenses

Lately, there have been several articles on marriage in *The Times-News*. None of them, however, mention how easy it is to get just about anyone to get a marriage license in Idaho. Did you know that every state gives marriage licenses to convicted murderers, rapists, burglars, drug dealers, drunkards, pimps and prostitutes? Some states even allow persons in prison to be married to persons not in prison and then allow them conjugal visits.

Deadbeat dads, admitted spouse beaters, serial polygamists, repeated drunk drivers, forgers and burglars are also freely given marriage licenses. People considered sexually deviant also routinely get marriage licenses.

Devilfish, transvestites, transsexuals, sadists, masochists, sodomites and hermaphrodites can also get marriage licenses — so long as they are heterosexual. Even necrophiliacs and necropsychiatrists are free to get marriage licenses.

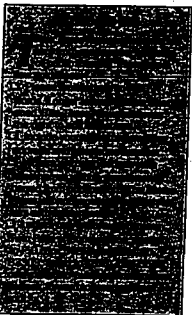
In effect, we have compulsory heterosexuals as a nationwide requirement for marriage. Thus, a self-identified, cross-dressed (but biologically male) "wife" can marry another "wife" but a self-identified, cross-dressed (but biologically female) "husband" cannot marry a "wife."

As the parenthetical terms suggest, the justification is biological. The cross-dressed "wife" is really a man because he (not she) has male hormones and sexual organs.

But if the cross-dressed man is a female who has female hormones and has a sex-change operation, she can marry. (New Jersey's intermediate appellate court has decided so.)

On the other hand, other states (not Idaho) have looked at the "chromosome issue". Men are supposed to have an XY pattern, women an XX pattern, and have ruled that transsexuals who have not had hormone therapy and sex-change operations may not marry persons of the purported same chromosome pattern.

No chromosome testing takes place anywhere. The deciding factors are the sexual organs. (Even my close friend.) Hermaphrodites are in a predicament because of the chromosomes of one sex and the sexual organs of the other or both sexes, who is to say which sex they are. But as long



Four new commissioners will be the center of the storm. Will they be strong supporters of wildlife or economic growth? As I see it, the two can go together. But I don't know. I don't know if the legislators find the department with enough money to make it strong and if they will be strong supporters of wildlife or economic growth. As I see it, the two can go together. But I don't know. I don't know if the legislators find the department with enough money to make it strong and if they will be strong supporters of wildlife or economic growth.

Far from private

From your March 3 front page, we learn that visiting Polish fishermen, Downhowski and Hlubowski, like many other sheep-like Americans, hesitantly accept the Clinton propaganda line: The president's "mission here" should be the economic recovery.

Private? Only if we accept historical European special interests that have been a part of our personal playground — a pallid one subject to the laws of the nation.

Private? How is going to civil court with the federal government a citizen private? How is going to the American people and to a grand jury private?

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The Iraqi opposition dilemma

JIM MANN

Congress' \$97 million man is having a bad day. Ahmad Chalabi, the longtime leader of the Iraqi opposition movement, is sitting on a leather cushion his spacious, quiet, well-furnished office in Embassy Row. As aides work the phones and computers nearby, Chalabi ruminates his usual lament: The Clinton administration won't show the Iraqi exile movement any respect.

Again and again, however, he keeps coming back to the main source of his irritation: America's unwillingness to support Iraqi exiles in military action against Hussein. Under the Iraq Liberation Act, Congress authorized the spending of \$97 million in military aid for Iraqi opposition groups to challenge Hussein. Not all of this money was sup-

posed to go to Chalabi's organization, the Iraqi National Congress. But Chalabi is the best-known opposition leader. The INC was designed as the umbrella organization for the exile groups, and it was instrumental in lobbying for the legislation.

Although the administration had been unenthusiastic, President Clinton signed the bill. The administration, concluding that the Iraqi opposition groups are not yet ready or worthy, has yet to hand out any of the \$97 million. Nevertheless, in the clearest indication yet of where the administration stands, national security adviser Samuel Berger has hired one of the authors of "The Roadback Fantasy," Kenneth Pollack of the National Defense University, to help coordinate

U.S. policy on Iraq. The message to the Iraqi exiles, in short, is not to look for support from the White House any time soon. The administration has disavowed that it has any intentions, both as a movement and, in the case of Chalabi, personally.

Jim Mann covers foreign policy for the *Los Angeles Times*.

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Juarez murders prompt FBI action

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP) — All of Consuelo Agüero Gonzalez's senses are heightened each night around 1 a.m. when she steps off the bus onto a desolate dirt road on her home.

"I get off and then I take off running because of how afraid I am," she says the 30-year-old mother of three.

Female factory workers here such as Ms. Agüero are consumed with fear because of at least 54 sex murders of young women over the past six years in the Juarez area along the U.S. border, across from El Paso, Texas.

Many of the victims were thin and dark-complexioned, with long hair. Most were raped and then strangled or stabbed, their bodies dumped in the desert on the outskirts of town. At least a dozen women in the booming assembly plants known as maquiladoras.

Twenty-three of the slayings are unsolved, said Manuel Esparza, a state prosecutor.

Theories among Mexican police range from one or more serial killers to copycat killers to random slayings by drug traffickers.

Women's groups accuse state police of being disorganized and failing to investigate vigorously. The activists called a rally last weekend that sent 600 marchers through the streets.

Vicky Caraveo, head of Women for Juarez, said bodies have been turning up with such regularity that people have stopped paying attention. "We have to work harder, scream louder and ask the community not to see this as a regular thing," she said.

Ms. Caraveo said her hopes were raised by the arrival this week of a team of FBI agents. The four experts from the National Center for the Analysis of Violent Crime in Quantico, Va., specialize in the psychological profiling of serial killers.

At Cruz, an FBI spokesman in El Paso, said Mexican authorities asked for his agency's help. The agents will study similarities in the crimes.

"When they leave here in a week, it's not like I'm going to know who's responsible for this," said Steve Slater, a public safety adviser for the state of Chihuahua who sought the FBI's assistance. "But we'll hopefully know more about the profile of the person who's doing this."

One of the most recent victims was a 13-year-old girl who was raped, suffocated with a plastic bag and left in a ditch last month. She had recently moved to Juarez to work in a maquiladora.

South Africa reacts to political killings

Outbreak of violence precedes June vote

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (AP) — Hundreds of South African troops and police were sent to a rumsuck township on Wednesday as authorities tried to stanch an outbreak of political bloodletting ahead of elections in June.

Alarmed by the killings of five political activists this week in Cape Flats, government officials deployed the forces to prevent a recurrence of the violence that killed thousands before South Africa's first all-race elections in 1994.

The security forces erected checkpoints on sandy, unpaved roads and patrolled past shacks made of boards and corrugated tin in Cape Flats, which sprawls just 10 miles from Cape Town's office towers but seems light years away.

This week in the Cape Flats, gunmen shot dead a city council member from the ruling African National Congress and four organizers from the rival United Democratic Movement.

Police arrested four people Wednesday but released them hours later after being unable to link them to the killings.

Speaking in a stone church to about 500 supporters, the president of the United Democratic Movement, Bantu Holomisa,

lashed out at the killers as "dastardly cowards."

But Holomisa, a former ANC figure who fell out of favor with the party, urged "caution and restraint because any escalation of violence will hurt our innocent people."

He repeated allegations that the ANC had orchestrated a wave of violence that killed dozens of ANC and UDM supporters last year in Richmond, a town in eastern KwaZulu-Natal province.

Police gun down two protesters

RAFAH, Gaza Strip (AP) — Palestinian police killed two teenage protesters Wednesday after riots broke out over a death sentence imposed on a police agent from a powerful Palestinian family.

The sentence brought protests from human rights groups over the growing use of capital punishment and posed a major political problem for Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and his autonomy government.

Raced Attar was sentenced to death for his role in a February shootout that killed another police officer, Capt. Rifat Joudah.

Both men were from prominent families in Rafah and belonged to one of the several Palestinian security services that cross into each other's turf in the absence of clear mandates.

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273/55R-14 C	69.01	LT285/75R-15 C	83.48
300/55R-15 C	76.87	LT295/75R-15 C	84.88
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— Dan Le Batard of the Miami Herald on the NCAA basketball tournament.

IN BRIEF

Twin Falls tennis meets today at 7 p.m.

TWIN FALLS — There will be an informational meeting for parents of prospective Twin Falls High School tennis players Thursday at 7 p.m. in the faculty lounge at the high school.

For more information, call Jason Leforge at 733-6551, Ext. 3082.

Filer softball jamboree kicks off at 4 p.m.

FILER — There will be a Jamboree Thursday at Filer City Park featuring the Wendell, Filer and Kimberly softball teams.

Wendell plays Filer at 4 p.m., followed by Kimberly vs. Wendell and Filer vs. Kimberly. All games will be four innings. Admission is \$1 and children under age 5 are admitted free. All proceeds go to the IHSSAA Y.E.A. program.

Basemasters hold tournaments over this weekend.

WEISER — The Magic Valley Basemasters will hold a tournament Saturday at Brownlee Reservoir at the Wendell Club.

The entry fee is \$35 and all B.A.S.S. rules apply. For more information, call Dave Withers at 543-6863.

Also, the Mini-Cass Basers are holding a tournament at the same ramp Sunday. The entry fee is \$25, and again all B.A.S.S. rules apply. For more information, call Withers or Phil Mai at 678-5940.

Canyon Springs Mini hold initial scramble Sunday

TWIN FALLS — The Canyon Springs Men's Golf Association will have a scramble Sunday, beginning with registration at 8 a.m.

Breakfast is included with the entry fee. For more information, call Loren Whitney at 731-0062, Phil McCallin at 733-7062, or the pro shop at 734-7609.

Twin Falls Municipal holds fashion show March 25

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls Municipal Ladies Golf Association will present a time style show March 25 at the golf course.

Cocktails will be served at 6:30 p.m. followed by a 7 p.m. dinner and the 8 p.m. show. Cost is \$7.50. Donations have reservations to Mike Hamblin (733-3326) by March 23.

Boise Super Draft softball tournament set for April 8

BOISE — The first-ever Boise Super Draft Triple Crown softball tournament will be held Saturday, April 10, with draft night Thursday, April 8, at 7 p.m. at the Interlude Bar & Grill in Boise (342-9593).

The second annual Ogden Super Draft tournament will be held Saturday, April 3, with draft night Thursday, April 1 at 7 p.m. at Teasers in Ogden (801-395-1517).

The entry fee for each tournament is \$25 per player. To register or for more information, call the Triple Crown Sports Office at (801) 394-2706.

WSU hoops coach resigns after third losing season

PULLMAN, Wash. — Kevin Eastman resigned as Washington State basketball coach today after the club's third straight losing season.

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Compiled from staff and wire reports

CSI warms for Gulf Coast

By Damien Clow
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It's mid-March, and the thoughts of the College of Southern Idaho have turned toward a group of college coaches in Panama City, Fla.

It's not spring break, not yet.

It's the NJCAA women's basketball tournament in Hutchinson, Kan., where CSI's first-round opponent is fifth-ranked Gulf Coast Community College.

This is new territory for seventh-year Golden Eagles head coach Joel Bate, making his first-ever trip to the national tournament after beating North Idaho College, Utah Valley State College and Salt Lake Community College to win the Region 18 championship.

And with new territory come new responsibilities, such as answering more phone calls in one day than Bate has answered in a week.

Saint Louis University, Manhattan, Virginia Tech, Tulsa," Bate said.

"I'm trying to think of all the schools in the past two to three hours who have called wanting to know who our kids are."

One call came from a coach who knows quite a bit about the Golden Eagles. Lori Woodland, coach of CSI's conference rival Ricks College, offered her congratulations as well as videotape of the Lady Commodores.

Woodland guided the Lady Vikings

to a fifth-place finish in the national tournament last year, which included an 85-71 victory over GCCC.

"She said she thought our region was the toughest in the country," Bate said. "There were some teams up there that were better than hers that beat her, but there were some teams that would have a difficult time in our league."

When he wasn't answering his oft-ringing phone Wednesday, Bate was, as usual, thinking of his team.

"Understand where these girls come from. Wells, Nev. Bancroft, Idaho," he said, listing the hometowns of sophomore Jessica Gibbs and freshman Raini Yeat.

"Some of the kids in Boise have had some national experience with BCI (Basketball Congress International),

but a lot of the kids are green with everything outside of this area."

Bate said his biggest concern was that CSI (23-10) would have some fear of the Florida team (28-2) and its 5-foot-6-inch star, Carol Smith (22 points per game, seven in the nation).

"But we've got our strengths, and by understanding what we're good at and trying to do those things, it helped the focus to be," Bate said.

The Golden Eagles will leave early Sunday morning for Salt Lake City before flying to Kansas. They will practice Monday and attend a banquet that night, then practice Tuesday and attend the Parade of Athletes scheduled for 6 p.m.

CSI plays its first game Wednesday

Please see CSI, Page B2

Wiseman resigns as Senators football coach

By Sharon Metcalf
Times-News correspondent

GOODING — Embattled by protests from parents, Gooding High School head football coach Sam Wiseman announced at the school board meeting earlier this week.

"For the best of the program and the students and athletes involved, it would be best if someone else were the head coach next year," Wiseman said in his resignation letter.

Beginning over a month ago, a group of parents had petitioned board members to take action and remedy what the group perceived to be, among other things, an inability to motivate the athletes.

Wiseman was released from the position the last week of February. The school board reinstated him March 2 on the grounds that his release failed to follow

proper protocol.

The situation peaked Tuesday night with the parent group appearing at the regular board meeting accompanied by local media.

Joleen Toone, the athletic director for the past 10 years who resigned last week, declined to comment.

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Private goodbyes for DiMaggio Rigny man pitched to Joltin' Joe

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — At Sts. Peter and Paul Church, where Joe DiMaggio received his first communion and was wedded to his first wife, arrangements were being completed for Thursday's private funeral of the Yankee slugger.

Church organist Lola Simi, who will be joined by two singers for the funeral service, was preparing "Amazing Grace" and Schubert's "Ave Maria" among five musical works requested by the DiMaggio family.

The ornate church, dark and solemn despite the light filtering through its stained-glass windows, has been visited by President Lyndon B. Johnson, Vice President Walter Mondale. It also was the site of funeral services for former Sen. Frank P. McCloskey.

The church, whose twin steeples tower over the North Beach neighborhood in which DiMaggio lived, was the site of his childhood, will be closed to the public Thursday morning.

Only about 40-50 relatives and close friends will be invited to listen to the Rev. Armando Oliveri lead the service for DiMaggio, who died Monday at his home in San Francisco.

Oliveri, 79, who has known DiMaggio since the two grew up together in North Beach, said the service will be a regular funeral Mass and will include Psalm 23 ("The Lord is my shepherd...") as well as readings from the Old and New Testaments.

Dominick DiMaggio, Joe's younger brother and a fellow major leaguer, will give the eulogy, Oliveri said.

There were no indications at the church entrance Wednesday that a dignitary was about to be eulogized there.

Santa Peter and Paul Church in San Francisco has police barricades stacked in front Wednesday, March 10 in preparation for Joe DiMaggio's funeral today.

There was no mention of DiMaggio on a bulletin board announcing the times for Masses in English, Italian and Chinese.

But the area surrounding the church was alive with activity. Scooping for TV cameras already had been set up in Washington Square, a park facing the church in which the American flag had been lowered to half staff.

Police barriers were stacked together, preparing to cordon off the area on Thursday.

Inside Sts. Peter and Paul, secretary Aurora Piazza leafed through a church book to a two-page spread of DiMaggio and actress Dorothy Arnold from their wedding on Nov. 19, 1939. Piazza, who grew up in North Beach, waited outside the church on that autumn day 60 years ago to catch a glimpse of the newlyweds.

DiMaggio's estranged son, Joseph Paul DiMaggio Jr., will be one of the pallbearers carrying the casket from the church

after the service.

The funeral procession will pass DiMaggio's former home on Beach Street on its way to Holy Cross Cemetery in nearby Colma.

Joe Jr., who had not talked with his dad in two years, was DiMaggio's only child. His mother was Dorothy Arnold, whom DiMaggio divorced in 1943.

DiMaggio wed Marilyn Monroe in 1954 and they divorced later that year.

Morris Engelberg, DiMaggio's close friend and attorney, said the Hall of Famer wanted a private religious service and that his family was determined to follow his wishes.

That meant excluding people such as Yankees owner George Steinbrenner.

Yankees spokesman Rick Cerrone disputed that

Steinbrenner wasn't invited, saying the Yankees owner was asked to accompany the family to the West Coast.

Cerrone said Steinbrenner declined the invitation because he didn't want an exception to the guest list made in his case.

"If there was one more person outside the family to be there, Joe would have wanted George Steinbrenner," Engelberg said Wednesday.

"He really loved George, and said he was one of the most humane people he knew. I agree. But the family had to say, and reluctantly so, no one else."

In addition to DiMaggio's son, other pallbearers will be Roger Stein and James Hamra, the husbands of DiMaggio's two half-sisters; Joseph DiMaggio, son of the ballplayer's late brother, Mike; Joe Nacchio, a friend of DiMaggio's for 59 years, and Engelberg.

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In numbers

DiMaggio's batting average

1936	132	206	29	125	323
1938	129	194	32	140	324
1940	83	179	31	128	282
1942	123	186	21	114	305
1944	101	146	25	95	290
1947	97	168	20	97	315
1949	110	190	39	166	320
1950	59	94	14	67	348
1950	114	158	32	123	281
1951	72	109	12	71	263
1,306	2,214	361	1,537	325	

SOURCE: Total Baseball

Torre departs Yankees for prostate cancer treatment

The Associated Press

FORT MYERS, Fla. — New York Yankees manager Joe Torre left the World Series champions Wednesday for treatment of prostate cancer, another blow to a team shadowed by death and disease.

Torre discovered he had the cancer from a test the Yankees required at spring training in response to Darryl Strawberry's colon-cancer diagnosis in October.

The team believed doctors caught the disease in its early stages, and owner George Steinbrenner said he expects

Word of Torre's condition came two days after Yankees great Joe DiMaggio died of complications from lung-cancer surgery and on the same day Strawberry returned to the lineup for the first time in five months.

"It's been a very tough week for the Yankees but we'll be able to handle it," said Steinbrenner, who visited Torre and found him in good spirits.

"We have a great capacity of being able to deal with adversity," Torre said after time after time. "We've done it throughout this franchise's history. It's built into being a Yankee."

Just last week, former Yankees star Catfish Hunter appeared at the team's camp to try to shake his hands because of Lou Gehrig's Disease.

In 1996, when Torre became the Yankees' manager, his brother Rocco died, and his brother Frank had a heart transplant during the World Series.

Strawberry said the team was "devastated" by the news of Torre.

"No one wants to see someone else face this particular battle," Strawberry said. "It's a difficult battle for anybody."

The Yankees, whose regular season begins April 5 at Oakland, will rotate managers while Torre is out.

Hitting coach Chris Chambliss managed the split squad game Wednesday in Fort Myers against the Red Sox and Stump Merrill, who managed the Yankees in 1990-91 and is now a special assistant to general manager Brian Cashman, handled the team's other game in Bradenton against the Pirates.

Third-base coach Willie Randolph and pitching coach Mel Stottlemyre also will share the managing duties.



Joe Torre

SPORTS

Lake Placid hosts Winter Goodwill Games in 2000

NEW YORK (AP) - Turner Sports has announced the first Winter Goodwill Games will take place in Lake Placid, N.Y., next Feb. 17-20.

There will be competition in seven sports - bobsled, figure skating, luge, skeleton, jumping, snowboarding and short track speedskating.

"We are excited about expanding the Goodwill Games to winter sports franchises," said Harvey Schiller, president of Turner Sports.

Lake Placid, which hosted the 1932 and 1980 Winter Olympics, beat out Lillehammer, Norway,

for the games. A \$20 million renovation project has already begun to rebuild the Lake Placid bobsled and luge tracks, which have fallen apart since the 1980 Winter Olympics.

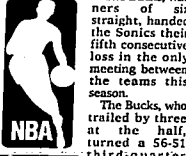
The 2003 Summer Goodwill Games are scheduled for 12 days in the fall in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. It will involve 12 sports - basketball, swimming, beach volleyball, track cycling, boxing, track and field, diving, triathlon, figure skating, weightlifting, gymnastics, rhythmic gymnastics and surf lifesaving.

The Golden Eagles are in the same bracket as Central Arizona College, the defending national champion and a force to be reckoned with, who CSI could meet the 13th ranked squad in the semifinal Friday.

Karl's new bunch teaches old team lesson

The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE -- Glenn Robinson scored 22 points Wednesday as the Milwaukee Bucks gave coach George Karl a 101-97 victory over his former team, the Seattle SuperSonics.



Pro basketball

The Bucks, winners of six straight, handed the Sonics their fifth consecutive loss in the only meeting between the teams this season.

The Bucks, who trailed by three at the half, turned a 56-51 third-quarter deficit into a 77-65 lead with 2:28 left in the third quarter, thanks to a 25-9 run punctuated by Robinson's 10 points, including a fastbreak dunk that capped the spur.

rebounds Wednesday night as the Washington Wizards defeated the Detroit Pistons.

The Pistons scored just 12 points - six off dunks - in the second period as Washington took a 50-32 halftime lead. The Pistons didn't close the gap to single digits in the second half.

Grant Hill led Detroit with 16 points on 6-for-15 shooting as the Pistons, the leading 3-point shooting team in the NBA, went just 4-for-14 behind the arc.

Indiana Pacers 93, Nets 82

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Philadelphia beat a makeshift Charlotte team that dressed only nine players.

Earlier in the day Charlotte traded Glen Rice, Jr. Reid and B.J. Armstrong to the Los Angeles Lakers for Eddie Jones and Elden Campbell, but neither player arrived in time for Wednesday's game.

Heat 88, Hawks 78

Miami Heat 88, Hawks 78

Spurs 81, Magic 79

SAN ANTONIO -- David Robinson hit two free throws in the final 14.5 seconds - his only points of the second half - to lift San Antonio over the Orlando Magic.

It was a battle of futility as neither team scored in the final 4:47 - after Tim Duncan's three-point play tied the game at 79 - until Robinson's two free throws.

Robinson led the Spurs with 19 points as San Antonio (11-8) won its fifth straight game.

Penny Hardaway led the Magic with 22 points as Orlando (14-6) lost consecutive games for the first time this season.

Cavaliers 86, Suns 73

PHOENIX -- Shawn Kemp scored 18 points and Cedric Henderson got all 14 of his points in the second half as Cleveland beat Phoenix.

Tom Gugliotta scored 16 points and Danny Manning 15 to lead the Suns, whose eighth win was the second-lowest in franchise history.

Phoenix scored 68 points against the Kansas City Kings in 1992, and they scored 73 points in a game in 1977 against New Jersey and again in 1998 against Utah.

CSI

Continued from B1 at noon. The 16-team tournament is a "faste doo elimination" format, which means teams continue to play after their first loss but cannot vie for the championship.

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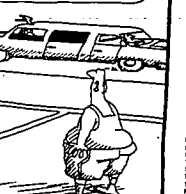
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IN THE BLEACHERS

By Steve Moore

WELL, THERE GOES ANOTHER SCHOOL TEACHER WHO MAKES 10 MILLION BECAUSE HE'S TAKING MY BUTT OFF PLAYING PROFESSIONAL HOOPS AND I CAN BARELY PAY RENT.



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Princeton exacts revenge on Hoyas

PRINCETON, N.J. (AP) — Brian Earl scored 18 points and Mason Rocca grabbed a career-high 18 rebounds Wednesday night to lead Princeton to a 54-47 victory over Georgetown in the first round of the NIT.

Gabe Lewullis added 15 points for Princeton (21-7), which will play North Carolina State in the second round.

Georgetown (15-16) finished with its first losing record since 1973, John Thompson's first season as head coach.

Thompson resigned this season on Jan. 8.

NIT

Wake Forest 73, Alabama 57

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Darius Songaila had 18 points and nine rebounds as Wake Forest downed Alabama.

The Demon Deacons (17-13) were able to repeatedly pound the ball inside, helping get Alabama in foul trouble and ruining the Crimson Tide's first postseason appearance since 1996.

Xavier 86, Toledo 84

TOLEDO, Ohio — James Posey scored 20 points, including a key 3-pointer down the stretch, as Xavier held off Toledo.

Lenny Brown scored 15 points, Maurice McAfee and Kevin Frey each had 13 and Aaron Turner finished with 12 for the Musketeers (22-10).

Steve Stempin led Toledo (19-9) with 25 points and 10 rebounds.

North Carolina State 92, Providence 86

RALEIGH, N.C. — Reserve Ron Kelley scored 21 points as North Carolina State avenged an early-season loss to Providence.

Justin Gainey sank four straight free throws down the stretch and Anthony Grundy clinched the victory for Providence (16-14) with a steal and slam with 5.5 seconds left.

Rutgers 58, Hofstra 45

PISCATAWAY, N.J. — Geoff Billet hit two key 3-pointers in a big second-half that helped Rutgers beat Hofstra.

The Scarlet Knights (19-12), playing in their first postseason game since 1992, struggled against Hofstra (22-10) of the America East Conference.

Rutgers won despite shooting 39 percent from the field and 12-of-29 from the foul line.

Nebraska 68, UNLV 55

LINCOLN, Neb. — Cookie Belcher scored 17 points and Larry Elmore added 16 as Nebraska beat UNLV.

The Huskers (20-12) improved to 14-4 in the NIT.

That record includes the 1996 title, during Danny New's 13 seasons. Nebraska is 0-6 in the NCAA tournament, including 0-5 under Nece.

Clemson 77, Georgia 57

CLEMSON, S.C. — Terrell McIntyre scored 19 points and Harold Jamison had 15 points and 15 rebounds as Clemson beat Georgia.

Clemson (17-14) used a 29-7 first-half run to put away the Bulldogs (18-15), who closed with four straight losses.

Colorado 65, Pepperdine 61

BOULDER, Colo. — Jamahl Mostoy scored 23 points and Jacquay Walls added 17 as Colorado beat Pepperdine.

Colorado, which set a Big 12 tournament record with 14 3-pointers in a loss to Texas, was 0-for-9 from long range against Pepperdine.

ODU 75, Seton Hall 56

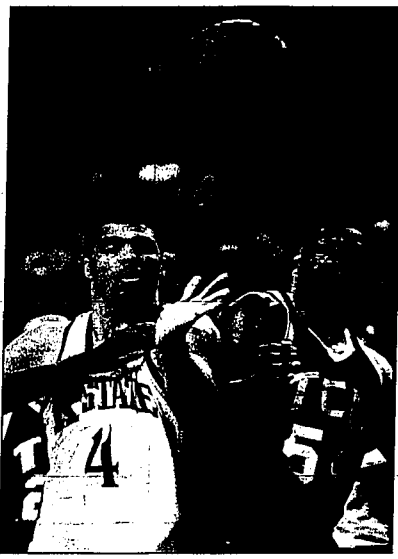
NORFOLK, Va. — Mark Pog scored 19 points and Cal Bentley grabbed 20 rebounds for Old Dominion.

Michael Williams added 16 points for Old Dominion (25-8). Rimaz Kaukenas led Seton Hall (15-15) with 19 points.

Colorado St. 69, Mississippi St. 56

FORT COLLINS, Colo. — John Sivesind scored 16 points, Cedric Goodwyn 15 and Andre McKanstry 14 as Colorado State rallied over Mississippi State.

The Rams (18-10) overcame



Kansas State forward Manny Dies (4) battles Texas Christian forward Lee Hall for a loose rebound Wednesday during their first-round game in the NIT. TCU came back to win the game 72-71 in Manhattan, Kan.

poor shooting by Milt Palacio, their leading scorer during the regular season who went 1-for-13 and finished with just three points.

TCU 72, Kansas St. 71

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Lee Nailon scored 16 of his 22 points in the first half as Texas Christian (20-10) held off Kansas State.

K-State (20-13) committed 17 turnovers and missed 20 of 23 shots from 3-point range.

DePaul 69, Northwestern 64

ROSEMONT, Ill. — Freshman Quentin Richardson had 23 points and 10 rebounds to lead DePaul past Chicago-area rival Northwestern.

Willie Coleman made two free throws with 7.6 seconds as the Blue Demons (18-12) got their first postseason win since 1990.

Evan Eschmeyer scored 18 points for Northwestern (15-14).

Wyoming 81, Southern California 77

LARAMIE, Wyo. — Ugo Udezue scored 21 of his 28 points in the second half as Wyoming erased a 13-point deficit.

Wyoming (18-9) hit 13 of 14 free throws in the final three minutes to hold off Southern Cal (15-13).

Butler 51, Bradley 50

PEORIA, Ill. — LaVall Jordan's basket in the closing seconds lifted Butler over Bradley.

Roy Dye's 3-pointer and three free throws put Bradley ahead 50-47 in the final minute.

Thomas Jackson's layup pulled Butler (21-9) within one point before Jordan's game-winning shot as Butler rallied from behind to upset the Braves.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

TFHS baseball drops opener to Timberline

WEEBIE — The Twin Falls High School Bruins played even with Timberline in both games' opener on Wednesday, but only for an inning.

Chris Williams gave up three runs in the second and Gustavo Lopez allowed another six in the fifth, and the Spartans beat the error-plagued Bruins going away, 13-6.

"We had the like a team that hadn't played ball since August," said Bruins coach Mike Federico. "They were ready. We weren't."

Twin Falls returns home to host a doubleheader — the Bruins' first home appearance of the season — against Rigby and Madison on Saturday. Game 1, against Rigby, starts at 11 a.m., with Game 2, against Madison, to follow at 2 p.m.

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Messick named N side coach of the year

CAREY — Shoshone boys' basketball coach Larry Messick was named the N side coach of the year earlier this week.

Messick guided the Indians to the district championship game and a berth at the state tournament.

Top-ranked Sampras, Hingis both fall

INDIAN WELLS, Calif. — Pete Sampras and Martina Hingis, the world's top-ranked tennis players, each lost to unseeded players Wednesday, a few hours apart on the same court.

Clay court specialist Felix Mantilla shocked Sampras 7-6 (8-6), 3-6, 6-3 in their evening match at the Newweek Champions Cup.

In the afternoon on the Forest Grand Champions Resort Stadium court, Chirala Rubin knocked off defending Ever Cup champion Hingis 6-3, 7-6 (7-2).

Sampras, appearing shaky outside the lines, looked rusty as he lost to Mantilla, ranked 20th in the world, for the first time in three meetings with the Spaniard.

Seven Williams, the Rubin unseeded but playing extremely well, advanced to the Ever semifinals with a 7-5, 7-6 (7-1) victory over Mary Pierce. Williams, coming off her first career title last week in Paris, upset second-ranked Lindsay Davenport in the second round of this hard court tournament.

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Academic scandal hammers Gophers

SEATTLE (AP) — An erupting academic scandal could leave four Minnesota players, including starters Miles Tarver and Kevin Kluge, ineligible for the Gophers' game today against Gonzaga in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

The university was conducting a quick investigation of a report in Wednesday's Saint Paul Pioneer Press quoting a former university employee as saying she did take home exams and other course work for the four current players and at least 16 former players.

The newspaper also quoted four former players as confirming that work was prepared for them in possible violation of the student code of conduct and NCAA regulations.

Of immediate concern to university officials was the eligibility of Tarver, Clark, Antoine Brozke and Jason Stanford — the current players named by the newspaper.

"That decision will only be made after we have fully evaluated all the information that we can compile in this short period of time," Chris Schoenman, the university's director of athletic compliance, said Wednesday.

Even if the university suspends the players, the NCAA could reinstate them because there hadn't been time for a fair hearing.

The game between the Gophers (17-10), the West's No. 7 seed, and the Bulldogs (25-6), starts at 12:45 p.m. MST in the first of the four games today at Seattle's Key Arena. The West's No. 2 seed, Stanford (25-6) plays No. 15 seed Alcorn State (22-26) in Thursday's second game.

The Big Dance: A to Z

Night Rider News Service

PROVIDENCE — The 1999 NCAA men's basketball tournament, from A to Z.

A is for William Avery, the point guard who should steer Duke to the national title.

B is for the Big Ten, supposedly the nation's best conference. With 15 teams in the field, the pressure is on.

C is for Muteen Cleaves, the Michigan State point guard. This non-shooter somehow was named All-American this week.

D is for Delaware. The Blue Hens have a top coach in Mike Brey and have won 13 straight.

E is for George Mason's George Evans, who at 27 is the oldest player in the tournament.

F is for Florida A&M, or The Team That Gets Duke T.

G is Gonzaga, the alma mater of John Stockton. This group of Zags can shoot the lights out.

H is for Richard Hamilton, the UConn swingman likely playing his final game in Storrs.

I is for Indiana. The Hoosier State has four teams in the field. Florida has three.

J is for jump shot.

K is for defending champion Kentucky.

L is for Laverne D'Fazio. She's the shorts brewery expert. UJI Ram fans will be searching for in Milwaukee this weekend.

M is for UConn's Ricky Moore. One of the nation's top defenders, he could end up chasing Duke's Avery in the title game.

N is for North Carolina, a Final Four team a year ago. Bracketeers take note:

O is for Lamar Odom, the Rhody star whose big-time shot to beat Temple gets him on the sport's biggest stage.

P is for Jim Phelan, the coach at Mount St. Mary's.

Q is for Quincy Lewis, the

Minnesota star. At 23.7 points a game, he's the highest scorer in the field.

R is for Rick Barnes, the Texas coach who is making his seventh NCAA appearance.

S is for Shawna Rogers, the mighty mite from George Washington.

T is for Wayne Turner, the Kentucky point guard who has played in three NCAA tournaments.

U is for Utah's Andre Miller, the best all-around guard in the nation.

V is for the Valley, a.k.a. Missouri Valley Conference.

W is for Weber State and Winthrop.

X is for Xavier. They aren't in the field, but what else could possibly go with X?

Y is for Glen Young, the star player at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Z is for Z's, Z's, Z's. That's the sleep that coaches, players and fans won't get over the next few weeks.

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Sun Valley Squirts score state ice hockey crown

SUN VALLEY - After three years in the Idaho Falls trophy case, the Sun Valley Squirts youth hockey team has returned the state championship trophy to Sun Valley.

Sun Valley qualified 20 players for the state tournament, held in Sun Valley March 6 and 7. Coach Mike Punnett guided his team to three victories. Playing 15 players in each game allowed a few extra players to experience the state finals.

The first game pitted Sun Valley against defending champion Idaho Falls team on Saturday morning. An evenly fought game found the score at 0-0 after two periods of play. Then, with 9:15 remaining in the third period, Taylor Sundali scored the winning goal with assists from Jordan Pritchett and Jeff Conover. Goalie Steve Russo earned a shut-out with 18 saves.

Game 2, played on Saturday afternoon, allowed the Suns some interesting action with an 8-0 win over the Salmon team. Spencer Brendel scored two goals and two assists, while Jason Heiner, Casey Lane, Fraser, Sam Mott, Danny Ward and Sinjai Thomas each scored once.

Other assists came from Sam Mott and Jordan Pritchett, each with two, Sundali and Travis Amick with three, and Conover and Thomas each with one. The shut-out victory again went to goalie Russo.

The championship game

between Idaho Falls and Sun Valley was played on Sunday morning. Idaho Falls scored first at 1:18 in the first period, but Sundali answered quickly with an unassisted goal at 9:18. Brendel scored immediately after at 9:07 with an assist from Thomas to give the Suns a 2-1 lead.

Idaho Falls came back hard to score again with 3:19 remaining in the first period, however. With 2:50 left in the first period, Idaho Falls struck once again to take the 3-2 lead. Neither team scored again until halfway into the third period when Sundali scored a beautiful goal assisted from Heiner with 4:52 remaining.

Later, Austin McCann scored the winning goal with 2:09 left in the game off an assist from Pritchett. Goalie Russo racked up 14 saves in the final game. Afterwards, coach Punnett named Sundali the tournament MVP.

The complete championship roster for the Sun Valley Squirts consisted of Matt Alloway, Colin Alquist, Travis Amick, Spencer Brendel, Ryan Cincotta, Jeff Conover, Michael Dale, Jason Heiner, Casey Lane, Sam Mott, Jordan Pritchett, Steve Russo, Scott Sable, Joey Stevenson, Taylor Sundali, Sinjai Thomas and Danny Ward.

The Squirts will finish their season with a tournament in Spokane, Wash.

READ ALL ABOUT IT



Front row readers from left to right are: April Bonham (fourth-grade), Eli Neufeldt (sixth-grade), Allison Kalia (fifth-grade); Back row students from left to right include: Cody Funk (fifth-grade), Andrew Kalsar (fourth-grade) and Matt Freestone (sixth-grade).

Hansen students sweep READ event

HANSEN - Six students at Hansen Elementary each garnered \$50 gift certificates to recognize their avid reading interests. The certificates, from Barnes

& Noble Bookstore in Twin Falls, were the prize in the school's annual READ Basketball Tournament, a competition played like the traditional HORSE or PIG basketball game.

Local boy shoots his way into first place

OKALEY - Cole Washburn of Okaley took first place in the Idaho State Hoop Shoot 89-year-old boys division on Feb. 20 in Idaho Falls. Washburn, the son of Robert and Holly Washburn, attends third grade at Okaley Elementary School. He hit five shots in five tries in a tense tiebreaker round to capture the division championship.

Washburn qualified to compete at the regional Hoop Shoot in Portland, Ore., last weekend. Regional winners there were to advance to compete at the national contest in Massachusetts.



Cole Washburn

YOURSPORTS IN BRIEF

Local racquetballer places first, second

PORTLAND, Ore. - Daniel Bratt, a 17-year-old senior at Twin Falls High School, took one first place and one second place at the United States High School Racquetball Championships last weekend. Bratt, playing at Portland's Sunset Athletic Club, won a mixed doubles titleplace win with Kristian Welsh of Sagle, Idaho. He also recorded a second place finish in the boys' singles. Bratt has attended Olympic training in Colorado Springs, and has participated in the junior world's last couple of years. He will graduate this spring.

DeSilva rides away with BullHiding Challenge

GOODING - Keane DeSilva of Twin Falls won the BullHiding Challenge Feb. 26/27 in Gooding, beating out competition from across Idaho and several neighboring states. A total of 51 bull riders entered the event. Riders came not only from Idaho, but also from Oregon, Nevada and California.

Robert Stuart claims eighth grade title

TWIN FALLS - The eighth-grade junior high school boys basketball team from Robert Stuart claimed Magic Valley Junior High Athletic Conference title recently. In tournament play held at Robert Stuart, throughout the season, Stuart team beat O'Leary 54-42. The ninth grade boys team from Minico took the monthly grade championship by beating the ninth grade O'Leary team.

Bumps and Jumps hits Pomerelle Saturday

ALBION - The 1999 Alpine Jump and Jumps event will be held Saturday at Pomerelle Mountain Resort. Registration will be accepted all night, and competition begins at 10 a.m. Jumpers will be accepted if all skiers must have a waiver signed by a parent or legal guardian. Competitors will be allowed a practice run, and will then be judged on style, jumps and time. The event is open to anyone who is.

Jerome's Buck keys Eastern Oregon victory

RICELAND, Wash. - Jerome's Devin Buck, a sophomore softball player at Eastern Oregon University, led his team to a 3-0 victory in the Mountain West Conference tournament game with a walk-off hit in the Central Washington University West/Washington Power final game. The Mountaineers won seven straight games - including all five in pool play - before losing the championship game to the host.

YOURSCORES AND STATS

Bud team tops TFMBA ranks

The Twin Falls Men's Bowling Association concluded its 1999 City Tournament this past weekend. Total participation was 60 teams, 125 Doubles, 250 Singles, 211 All-Events Handicap and 73 All-Events Scratch.

Game Schedule is third for SFFB's 2nd 1721

All Events Handicap by Don West, Mark Brantman with 2,175; for SFFB, Don West is second 2,136 for 2nd and third place is Sean Rickard 2,125. Don West is the 2nd place scratch player in the 2nd 1721.

John Waskin is second at 1,949 for SFFB, and Ben Hosenfield 1,898 for the third place spot, worth \$60.

Don West is second in the City Tournament for the Twin Falls Junior Bowlers at the Bowldrome.

The sure thing Junior bowlers have their own series. This weekend is the City Tournament for the Twin Falls Junior Bowlers at the Bowldrome. The sure thing Junior bowlers have their own series.

Theresa Tucker wins a weekly bowling challenge for the Twin Falls. Theresa Tucker 728-457, for the weekly challenge.

Second is Sean Rickard at 785

All scores are pending verification and are unofficial, but at the close of the last squad the Budweiser team was in first place, which will pay \$800. Team members Richard Rockwell, Conner Hill, Jim Coggins, Gary Sherrill and Chuck Coggins rolled a score of 3,399.

The Twin Falls Moose team of Loren Rector, Bob Sorenson, Jim Sorenson, Gary Patterson and Rod Sorenson rolled 3,365 holding onto second place and \$450.

The third place team was Vance's One Stop at 3,289 and \$300. Team members were Jose Cypher, Len Bower, Jim Kruse, Jim DeVries and Bill Mauldin.



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AROUND THE VALLEY

Residents vote on Jerome bond issue

JEROME - Polls are open from 7 a.m. until 9 p.m. today at all Jerome schools and at the Jerome Recreation District office for a vote on a \$126 million bond issue for local schools. Gooding County residents can vote at the Billy Emerson residence. If the bond issue passes, most of the money will go for a new middle school. The Jerome School Board will hold a special post-election meeting at 10 p.m. tonight in the district's main office at 107 Third Ave. W. The public is welcome.

CSI offers signing interpretation degree

TWIN FALLS - Idaho's schools soon could have the services of well-trained sign language interpreters for students who are hearing impaired. A new bachelor's of science degree is being offered jointly by the College of Southern Idaho and Idaho State University. Students could earn a four-year degree in interpretation in the education setting. It's the first academic interpretation program offered in Idaho, according to CSI. There have been few or no education guidelines for signers or interpreters for the hearing impaired, said Madeline Hartwell, a CSI professor. It is hard for schools to find qualified interpreters. The Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind in Gooding helped develop the program. Students there have practiced the lack of qualified interpreters available in Idaho.

TF high schoolers can consider careers

TWIN FALLS - Local professionals will visit Twin Falls High School today to give students an idea of what their jobs are like. Students can pick sessions from a variety of career choices. Top choices were portrait photography, law enforcement and detective work, broadcasting, forestry and wildlife, firefighting, psychology and social work, and architecture.

Kimberly school will host family math night

KIMBERLY - The Kimberly Elementary School KESMO will host a family math night, raffle and ice cream social at the elementary school starting at 6:30 tonight. Ice cream activities will take place in the classrooms with students, teachers and family members participating. Students have sold raffle tickets during the past month. Winning tickets will be drawn throughout the evening, with tickets for the largest sale in the lunchroom during the 8 p.m. ice cream social. Students will sell ice cream and punch for \$1.

Bulb residents to get new water meters

BULB - City public works director Gary Watson says residents of Main Street will get new water meters, starting Monday. Installations will continue for the next six weeks, although Fridays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Water will be shut off for a short time at some homes and businesses. It takes about two minutes to change the meters, provided the crew does not run into problems with the lines and meters.

Dilettantes ask for reservations by today

TWIN FALLS - Opening night of the 41st annual Dilettantes of Magic Valley reception will feature dinner and dancing. The Secret Garden, opening Friday, will kick off at the Turf Club. After dinner, the musical guests will be the Fine Arts Auditorium at the College of Southern Idaho for the musical and then back to the Turf Club for dancing and dessert. Tickets are \$27.50, and reservations are required by today. For reservations, call Stanley Lee at 733-7720 or Darlene Kirck at 733-7294.

Compiled from staff reports

Hospital's future keys on new relationships

By Brian Haynes Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - With troubled times on the horizon for the health care industry, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center is forging new relationships to survive, the hospital's interim administrator said. "What we are trying to do at Magic Valley Regional is position ourselves for what we see as difficult times ahead," Jerry Hart said at a Twin Falls Rotary Club meeting Wednesday. Difficult times are coming because of

Administrator sees difficult times ahead

increasing medical costs, overcapacity at hospitals and other factors, he said. To improve service and care, Magic Valley Regional is giving more decision-making power to employees, who are closest to the patients and can have good ideas. The hospital is also working with doctors, he said. "If we fail to do these things I think

we're both going to lose," he said. The hospital will also work toward improving relationships with neighboring communities, something it hasn't done recently. "When you look at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, the R is almost silent because we haven't been involved in other communities," Hart said. The hospital is talking with the Twin

Falls Clinic & Hospital and St. Luke's Regional Medical Center about creating a Magic Valley cancer center, and a regional ambulance service is also being discussed, he said.

Working with health care providers in surrounding areas will improve efficiency and reduce costs for everyone involved. "We want to be good neighbors with everyone we staff," he said.

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O'Leary Junior High plans schedule change

By Jennifer Sandmann Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The school day at Vera C. O'Leary Junior High School is headed for big changes. The Twin Falls School Board this week approved a one-year trial, beginning in the fall, to change O'Leary's daily schedule to allow for more in-depth instruction.

Approval is contingent on whether the school can meet logistical needs, such as finding space to add classroom space and another teacher. They haven't jumped into this without doing a lot of research," School Board Chairwoman Vera Redman said.

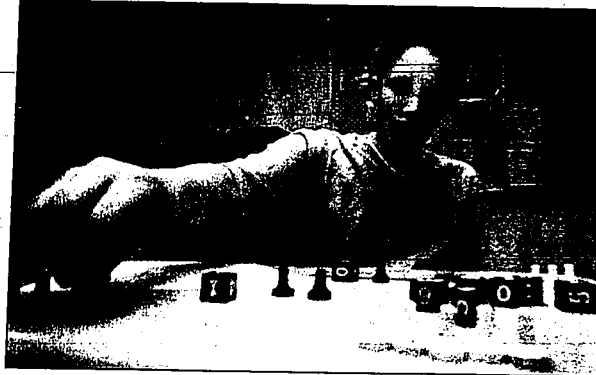
O'Leary wants to use block scheduling and abandon the traditional format of rotating students through seven class periods. The school day would be extended by five minutes in the morning, and students would take eight classes split into two blocks. They would attend four 85-minute classes a day and alternate blocks every other day.

"No instruction time will ever be lost again to pep assemblies," Principal Wiley Dobbs said. Pep assemblies and other activities such as music and drama presentations would continue. The schedule would allow these activities to eat away from time in the morning, similar to a "homeroom," where students plan community service projects.

Advantages to block scheduling, also under consideration at Robert Stuart Junior High School, include adding room in the schedule for students to take one more elective class. Meanwhile, about a third of O'Leary's students, who read below their grade level, will take a required reading/linguistics class.

Teachers would get almost twice as much planning time, or 87 minutes a day.

That is like a dream, said science teacher Theresa Maves. She is on the team of eighth-grade teachers who have been testing block scheduling for three years. Planning extended lessons and incorporating O'Leary's method of "team teaching" requires adequate planning time. The lack of planning time has



Daniel Malberg, an eighth-grader at Vera C. O'Leary Junior High School in Twin Falls, works on a math problem Wednesday using a hands-on equation method. O'Leary plans to extend longer class periods, tested in the eighth grade, to the entire school.



Science teacher Theresa Maves demonstrates centrifugal force in her class as a program that helps students closely associate math theory with physical science.

been one deterrent to block scheduling, but when it works it makes lessons more effective. O'Leary's style of team teaching involves teachers of the four core subjects - math, social studies, science and language arts - sharing students and planning periods to collaborate lessons. The practice has correlated with a steady growth in test

scores at O'Leary, Dobbs said. Eighth-graders have improved their core standardized test scores from the 44th percentile in 1994 to the 76th percentile in 1998. The 50th percentile is average.

Fifty-one out of 60 staff members voted in favor of block scheduling, Dobbs said. Most of those who voted against it didn't have strong objections but still

had doubts. "It really will force all teachers to change the way they teach," Maves said.

A question-and-answer forum is being planned for parents, Dobbs said, before fall registration begins this spring.

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Hotel chain offers money to IF convention plan

The Times-News and Associated Press

TWIN FALLS - A hotel chain still has reservations about a proposed convention center in Twin Falls, although the city has offered its money and its tentative support to Idaho Falls' Convention and Visitors Bureau.

The Idaho Transportation Board will decide March 18 on the recommendations. Other possibilities for the intersection include curbs for the road and the parking area in front of the high school, signs restricting use of outside lanes and a warning beacon, said Devin Rigby, ITD district engineer. "As long as the board approves the projects, they will be done," Rigby said. "The board has funding available from several different sources." The intersection, at Highway 25 and 300 West, is on top of the

visitor's bureau. "Operations Manager Chuck Everett advised the bureau in a letter.

However, we are willing to cooperate with other businesses and entities that feel differently and believe that such a bureau can be of assistance to them," according to the March 2 letter.

The move does not affect a possible convention center in Twin Falls, Everett said.

The proposed auditorium district, rejected by Bonneville County voters, involved up to a 5 percent tax on hotel guests. Ameritel said the district's members did not add up and told voters that taxpayers eventually would end up paying for it.

Bureau Manager Pam Jagosh called Ameritel's offer generous but voiced concern about hotels underwriting the bureau directly.

Committee gets safety report on Minico intersection

By Lorraine Cavener Times-News writer

RUPERT - Drivers may see flashing warning lights, reduced speed limits and even a traffic-monitoring video camera as they drive by Minico High School on Idaho Highway 25 by this fall.

Those items were some of the recommendations from the Minico-Cassia Traffic Study Committee Wednesday morning. The four-member study on how to reduce accidents near the school, Jesse Allen, the school's student body president, presented the study results to members of the Mini-Cassia Transportation Committee - which unanimously

approved the recommendations - and the Idaho Transportation Department.

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Mini-Cassia Transportation Committee's list of priorities, said former Idaho Gov. John Evans Sr., committee vice chairman. Depending on what the board approves, changes can be made this summer and completed before school begins this fall, Rigby said.

Basic changes such as new signs and road marks would be made right away, he said. Video monitoring equipment, new curbs and warning devices could be installed this summer if the board approves those. The traffic study committee - Minico government students - also hopes to create a traffic simulation/safety class at the school, a

safety incentive program, public involvement and a long-term proposal for a truck route from Rupert to Paul on 200 North, Allen said.

If none of those possibilities work, "we will be looking to put in a traffic signal," Allen said. However, improvements made at the intersection in years past have caused other problems. When lanes were widened, speed increased and people tried to pass each other, Rigby said. "Improvements have come with baggage. Widening has caused confusion for students," Rigby said. "How can we solve existing problems in a way that

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MV drug ring gets prison sentence

The Times-News

BOISE - The last of 13 defendants in a Magic Valley drug ring was sentenced to federal prison this week, closing a case that began with two car bombings in February 1997.

Joseph Bonning, 27, of Gooding, will spend 30 months in prison for using a telephone in drug trafficking and for possessing marijuana, a news release from the U.S. attorney's office said.

Bonning, sentenced Tuesday, will join 11 others in prison for his part in a conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine, cocaine and marijuana in the Magic Valley.

The investigation, which included Twin Falls police, Twin Falls and Gooding county sheriff's deputies, the FBI and other federal agencies, began with the two Twin Falls car bombings. Investigators learned the bombings were in retaliation of a drug dealer rip-off, the release said. They later discovered drugs were being driven from California to Idaho for distribution in the Magic Valley.

The other 12 defendants who pleaded guilty and were sentenced by U.S. District Judge B. Lynn Windmill are:

* Nicole A. Bailey, 26, Gooding; conspiracy to distribute controlled substances; money laundering; 18 months in prison, \$1,200 fine.

* Michael W. Clancy, 31, Gooding; drug conspiracy; 33 months in prison, \$2,500 fine.

* Connie L. Cundie, 34, Gooding; conspiracy to distribute controlled substances; five years' probation, \$1,000 fine.

* Zane M. Condie, 29, Gooding; conspiracy to distribute controlled substances; intent to distribute marijuana; user of controlled substances in possession of a firearm; 42 months in prison, \$1,800 fine.

* Chris A. Harbaugh, 35, Wendell; distribution of marijuana; 30 months in prison, \$700 fine.

* Braulio A. Martinez, 44, Wendell; possession with intent to distribute cocaine; 18 months in prison, \$2,000 fine.

* Thomas J. McElver, 31, Twin Falls; distribution of methamphetamine; 33 months in prison, \$1,000 fine.

* Michael W. Phillips, 41, Wendell; drug conspiracy; use of controlled substances in possession of a firearm; 54 months in prison, \$1,000 fine.

* David Shields, 33, Gooding; distribution of cocaine; 42 months in prison, \$1,800 fine.

* Leonard J. Slegers, 52, Jerome; conspiracy to distribute controlled substances; 63 months in prison, \$3,000 fine.

* Thomas J. McElver, 25, Twin Falls; drug conspiracy, use of a destructive device, distribution of a controlled substance; 183 months in prison, \$3,000 fine, \$11,853.76 restitution for bombings.

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M-C Health Fair aims to help detect problems

By Lorraine Caveron Times-News writer

BURLEY — People who want to get healthier should head to the Butley High School gym Saturday.

Not because they can run laps there, but because they can attend the Mini-Cassia Health Fair there Saturday morning.

The fair, sponsored by Cassia Regional Medical Center, provides information to help people make educated decisions about their health, said Dave Gibbons, a registered medical technologist at the center and a member of the fair organizing committee.

This is the fair's 26th or 27th year, Gibbons said. The fair will feature an inexpensive blood chemistry analysis. At last year's fair, 1,069 chemistry profiles were produced, he said.

Of the 1,300 to 1,500 expected participants at this year's fair, those who receive a blood-chemistry analysis can learn about their cholesterol levels, thyroid levels and other important health components, Gibbons said.

"Last year a guy came in and said we've had his life," he said. An elevated creatinine level was found in the man's blood chemistry analysis, indicating prostate cancer.

"He was treated because it is now cancer-free," Gibbons said.

Many other health problems can be spotted with the analysis. "High liver enzymes can be found, particularly with farmers who work with a lot of chemicals," he said.

An extremely low potassium level was detected in a person at last year's fair. "That can affect the heart,"



Phlebotomist Cris Mascorro draws blood from Robert Kelsey Wednesday afternoon. Blood chemistry analyses will be part of the Mini-Cassia Health Fair Saturday.

Advertisement for Cris Mascorro, a phlebotomist. The ad includes contact information: 'For 62¢ (includes tax) displays, the eyes, ear, dental and foot screenings, and many other free tests. Call for more information. 677-8233'.

Gibbons said. Also at the fair will be two podiatrists to examine feet and two chiropractors to examine backs. Organizations such as the American Red Cross and the

American Cancer Society will set up displays, Gibbons said. The Butley Lions Club will give free eye examinations, and it asks that people bring in old eyeglasses and hearing aids for dis-

tribution to the needy. One fair volunteer is phlebotomist Cris Mascorro, who draws blood for chemistry analysis at the Cassia medical center. She enjoys working at the fair each year. "I get to see a lot of people who I haven't seen in a long time," she said. Volunteers make the fair possible, Gibbons said. "We couldn't do this without the 150 to 200 people who give of their time," he said.

LEGISLATIVE LOG — State reaps \$45 million windfall

The Associated Press

Completes for Wednesday Sent to Governor

HB102 (Revenue and Taxation) — Includes state taxes for the definition of a tax for Idaho legal residents. HB103 (Health and Welfare) — Amends provisions of Medicare to temporarily increase income eligibility. HB104 (Revenue and Taxation) — Amends provisions of the 2000 operations of the State of Idaho. HB105 (Revenue and Taxation) — Adds a fee to the Board of Social Practices. HB106 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) — Adds new provision for reviewing and filing certain

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BOISE (AP) — The state of Idaho will get an extra \$45 million on top of the \$711 million in payments the tobacco industry will make to settle claims it misrepresented the health dangers of smoking and targeted minors, leaving the state to cover the cost of treating tobacco-related illnesses.

By that time, the state will be collecting between \$25 million and \$30 million a year from the basic settlement distribution.

Completes for Tuesday Signed by Governor

SB107 (State Affairs) — Amends applicability of federal treatment standards for the state endowment. HB107 (Environmental Affairs) — Exempts dry cleansers from the Hazardous Waste Management Act. HB108 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) — Creates new office for appropriating administrator's duties. HB109 (Revenue and Taxation) — Revises nature of limitation for foreclosures. HB110 (Revenue and Taxation) — Expects long-term care insurance Act. HB111 (Revenue and Taxation) — Amends provisions of the 2000 operations of the State of Idaho. HB112 (Health and Welfare) — Includes advanced practice professional nurses in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. HB113 (Revenue and Taxation) — Amends clauses to allow for purchase of public assets for use of state and non-restricted purposes. HB114 (Health and Welfare) — Includes advanced practice professional nurses in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. 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Hospital study rates Cassia among top 100 technologically

The Times-News

BURLEY — Cassia Regional Medical Center's parent health system, InterMountain Health Care, has been named in a national study as one of the top 100 technologically savvy health systems, a hospital press release said.

The study appeared in the February issue of American Hospital Association's Hospital and Health Networks magazine. The report measured how health



care system... and digital... across the nation... use... technology... to serve their constituents... patients, doctors, nurses, employees, suppliers and insurers. The nonprofit InterMountain Health Care is based in Salt Lake City and includes 25 hospitals. The Cassia center and the Pocatello Regional Medical Center are the only two in Idaho.

IDAHO LEGISLATIVE BRIEFS

Committee OKs political calls proposal

BOISE — A House committee has endorsed a proposal to add telephone messages to the types of communications in which those financially responsible must be indicated. "We have moved to a new level of campaign in our state. We are hiring phone vendors," House Democratic Floor Leader Wendy Iwata of Ketchikan said Wednesday in shepherding her bill through the State Affairs Committee. Questions about what kind of political calls would be subject to the requirement remained. But most committee members agreed something should be done to rein in people who fail to identify themselves when delivering often negative campaign messages. "They ought to expose themselves, and if they don't they ought to be held accountable," Republican Rep. David Callister of Boise said.

House votes to permit dog race betting

BOISE — The House on Wednesday gave final legislative approval to continued betting on simulcast dog racing in Idaho beyond June. After sometimes emotional debate, lawmakers voted 46-23 to allow Dirk Kempthorne to sign legislation that the racing industry believes is critical to keeping Idaho horse breeders economically viable. About 10 percent of the horse racing purses in the state are subsidized through receipts from betting on simulcast dog races. But this year's end to dog racing in Idaho was the result of a deal cut in 1996 amid reports of cruel treatment for the racing greyhounds at the track in Post Falls. Lawmakers banned live dog racing that year but allowed betting on the out-of-state broadcasts to continue until this July to allow the Greyhound Park in Post Falls to complete a three-year contract.

Panel endorses creation of policy office

BOISE — Assurances the change would not put federal funding at risk made it even easier for a House committee to endorse creating a threatened and endangered species policy office under the governor. The Resources and Conservation Committee voted 15-3 to send the bill House a measure to be signed by the governor as a way of centralizing development of state policy in response to federal Endangered Species Act requirements. The proposal was questioned by Idaho Fish and Game Commission Chairman Nancy Hadley of Sandpoint and Idaho Wildlife Conservation members. But the House committee's Department of Fish and Game about \$6 million in federal funding tied to guarantees that a wildlife agency oversee sportsmen's fees. But lawmakers relied on advice from a deputy attorney general and other members of the committee that the bill would affect Fish and Game's cash flow. Meanwhile, a U.S. Department of Interior attorney is reviewing the proposal.

Semiconductor tax break passes

BOISE — A \$200,000 sales tax break pushed by Micron Technology Inc. and Idaho's three other semiconductor makers is headed for Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's desk over warnings that it makes a major policy change in state tax law. The Senate on Tuesday approved the concession, 26-7, as advocates argued the legislation only clarified what was always intended under the so-called production exemption that could cost the state \$10 million a year. Citing the importance of the semiconductor industry to the Idaho economy, Republican Sen. Evan Frasure of Pocatello modest tax incentives are critical to keeping those companies and their facilities in the state. The legislation exempts from the 5 percent sales tax any equipment used to create what the industry calls clean rooms that maintain the sterile environment required for semiconductor production. In addition to Micron, which has had the ear of state policy makers for some time, the break will also benefit SCP Global Technologies in Boise, Zilog Inc. in Nampa and American Microsystems Inc. in Pocatello.

Navy will plant explosives on ship

WALDPOR, Ore. (AP) — Final word on the sinking came Wednesday evening, when Coast Guard and Navy officials decided that a six-person team of Navy explosives experts would place bombs along the war-torn wreckage and trigger the blast by remote control. "There are questions could begin as early as midday when the rusting hulk was expected to arrive at its sinking point 285 miles off shore, officials said.

Aryan Nations looks for a lawyer

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Aryan Nations leader Richard Butler can't find a lawyer to defend his wife's attorney's church from a lawsuit filed by a civil rights group.

our defense?" Butler asks in a new posting on the Aryan Web site. "We have not found one yet," Butler, 81, said. "Possibly, I will have to defend myself."

The suit was filed in January on behalf of a northern Idaho woman who claims her car was chased and shot at last summer by Aryan security guards.

"Be assured of this, I will not lie down on my back and let my property be used to get an attorney. It is in a new order signed by District Court Judge Charles Hosnick, Butler can use his property as an asset to get an attorney. It says Butler can allow an attorney who represents him to file a lien against the property for reasonable and necessary (legal) fees and expenses."

Dees and Butler will square off in a Coeur d'Alene courtroom later this month in an initial phase of the suit.

In the past, Butler has been represented by Coeur d'Alene attorney Everett Hofmeister. A former Bonner County prosecutor, Hofmeister was Butler's lawyer in 1988 when the Aryan leader was accused of federal criminal conspiracy charges.

The lawsuit seeks a permanent injunction preventing Butler from selling or transferring title of the 20-acre Aryan Nations compound before the lawsuit is settled.

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Intersection

Continued from C1 doesn't create more problems?" Failure to yield has been the main problem at the intersection, Evans said.

Proposal could reduce truck traffic at Minico

The Times-News

RUPERT — While changes to the 300 West and Idaho Highway 25 intersection may reduce traffic accidents, there also is talk about changing a nearby road to simply reduce traffic.

The proposal would reduce truck traffic in front of Minico High School. "It is just in the talking stages now," Ferrin said.

If 200 North were reconstructed as a truck route, those trucks would not have to use Highway 25, Ferrin said.

Monday and Tuesday, Minidoka County Sheriff's Department officials monitored the intersection and issued 14 stop sign and speeding citations, Chief Deputy Robert Vasquez said.

Sugar beet trucks regularly use the highway to go from beet dumps in Minidoka county to Amalgamated Sugar Co. in Paul.

The idea has drawbacks. Taking trucks from a state-maintained highway to a county road would transfer the maintenance responsibility that goes with truck transportation, he said.

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The trucks carry 6,000 loads of beets a year, Ferrin said. "That is why I don't see any more citations," he said. "That is why I don't see any more citations," he said.

"That would not be fair to the county," Ferrin said. If the proposal goes forward, the county will need help building and maintaining the truck route.

IDAHO/WEST

Utah approves presidential primary

Idaho committee moves bill ahead

SALT LAKE CITY, (AP) — Utah Gov. Mike Leavitt signed legislation Wednesday to establish Utah's first presidential primary, to be held a year from now.

And in Idaho, a House panel moved similar legislation toward final approval. But first the full House will consider an amendment proposed by Idaho Democratic Chairman Tony Park to ensure the state's perennial minority party at least is able to participate in the primary as a beauty contest.

Democrats, who choose their presidential nominating delegates during a Tuesday night mid-March caucus, asked that their candidates not be excluded from the regional primary ballot in Idaho. Voting for Democratic candidates would not be binding on Idaho delegates, but at least party leaders would be able to gauge candidate preference within the state.

Utah's Leavitt has spearheaded the movement to institute an eight-state Rocky Mountain presidential primary aimed at increasing the region's clout in national



Utah Gov. Michael Leavitt during a ceremony Wednesday in Salt Lake City signs into law a bill establishing Utah's first presidential primary next year. Leavitt anticipates that six states will join Utah in a Rocky Mountain primary.

politics. He said Utah, which has already allocated \$500,000 for the special election, is a "linchpin" in the plan.

Wednesday's signing is "an important moment in the history of the West" that could allow the region the voice it deserves in

presidential politics, Leavitt said.

"This is the place America is seeing its future born," he said. In Wyoming, a bill to consolidate its primary has passed both houses and is on the governor's desk. The Colorado and Montana legislatures are considering similar bills, and a draft bill in Nevada is expected to be introduced this week.

Leavitt said even a four-state primary could flex the West's political muscle, and anticipates that half a dozen states will participate. But one of the largest, Arizona, is not yet on board. Action items on Super Tuesday and the state's GOP has rejected plans to move the schedule up four days to join the primary.

Leavitt had better news from New Mexico, where a bill that was introduced last month has been reintroduced. Leavitt has said he would support Gov. Gary Johnson and would continue to urge New Mexico to join the other Western states. Johnson said he supports the concept of the Western primary but worries that its price tag — projected as high as \$1.5 million — could be too expensive. Montana estimates its special election would cost an estimated \$138,000.

Idaho Power revises water estimates

BOISE (AP) — Idaho Power Co. hydrologists are revising their estimates of water pouring into Brownlee Reservoir because of the immense snowpack stretching back to Wyoming.

They are predicting 31 million acre-feet will arrive at the dam in Hells Canyon from April through July. That is an increase from the 8 million projection in February. Brownlee is the first of three dams in the canyon which generate the lion's share of Idaho

Power's electricity. Currently, the inflow is 42,245 cubic feet per second. Inflows last month averaged 26,665 cfs, compared with 23,442 cfs in January. The normal inflow this time of year is about 18,000 cfs.

The water level at Brownlee is expected to drop to 2,034 feet above sea level by the end of this month as part of the company's flood-control operations. When full, the reservoir level is 2,077 feet.

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IDAHO IN BRIEF

Chenoweth keeps options open

WASHINGTON — Rep. Helen Chenoweth, R-Idaho, says just because she's fulfilling her term-in-office pledge and it's not running in 2000, that doesn't mean the end of her political career.

She's not "closing any doors" to a future race, she said in a statement read by spokesman Chad Hystad. And she may run for the House in 2002 because her three-term pledge applies only to three consecutive terms.

This may be somewhat disconcerting to any Republican thinking of running for her seat in 2000, of course, knowing she may toss her hat in the ring the next time around. But state GOP executive director Cheryl Miller told the Idaho Statesman that it's possible a Senate or gubernatorial campaign might be in Chenoweth's future.

"She's already been there, done that," Miller said of the House seat. "Maybe she'd like to spread her wings a little bit more."

Judge denies lesser sentencing

IDAHO FALLS — A man convicted of leading a 16-year-old boy to his killer will serve no less than 15 years in prison.

Seworth District Judge Gregory Anderson denied the request of Burnell Weaver, 22, for a more lenient sentence.

Weaver is serving up life in prison after pleading guilty in September to his part in the January 1998 murder of David Thompson.

Weaver lured Thompson to 17-Mile Cave west of Idaho Falls, where 28-year-old Shawn Smith shot the teen-ager. Smith has been ordered executed.

PAC names Kempthorne staffer

BOISE — Greg Casey, the top aid to Idaho Republican Sen. Lino Grig who became Sergeant at Arms of the U.S. Senate, has been named the president of one of the nation's leading political action arms.

Casey, who played a key role in former GOP Sen. Dirk Kempthorne's transition to governor of Idaho, will run the Business-Industry Political Action Committee.

Casey was president of Idaho's largest business lobby, the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry, for several years in the 1980s.

Advocates request sanctions

BOISE — The American Civil Liberties Union has filed suit in federal court, charging two state attorneys have engaged in professional misconduct in dealings with inmates and should be sanctioned.

The lawyers are Deputy Attorneys General Timothy McNeese and Stephanie Alrig. An announcement of the Feb. 17 suit was delayed to protect the identity of some prisoners until the court ordered the papers to be sealed. ACLU officials said Wednesday.

"For a period of at least nine months in 1997, the Department of Correction lawyers encouraged prison staff to secretly deliver to them copies of the ACLU lawyers' confidential legal correspondence with their prisoner-clients," said ACLU attorney Margaret Winters.

Those actions violate Correction's own policies, as well as rules of the court and immunity condition, and First Amendment rights of the inmates and their ACLU counsel.

The suit charges the documents the two surreptitiously intercepted letters related to an ACLU litigation lawsuit by Boise prisoners against the Correction Department.

Inmate apologizes for antics

CALDWELL — A Parma man sentenced to jail last month for mooning a judge has been released, and he wants to be Canyon County's next sheriff.

Patrick S. Sauer, 43, was sentenced Feb. 16 to 30 days in jail after he repeatedly used profanity, then dropped his pants and mooned Magistrate J. R. Schiller. He was released after serving 16 days.

"I apologized for my inappropriate behavior," Sauer said.

Now he got on with his life, he said, and that includes running for sheriff in the November 2000 election.

Incumbent Sheriff George Nourse was unamenable for comment.

County Public Defender Klaus Wiebe sought last Thursday's hearing to have Schiller released from the sentence he imposed for contempt last month.

Schiller accepted Sauer's apology and ordered his immediate release from jail.

Compiled from wire reports

Prosecutors play tape of racist's views

LITTLE ROCK (AP) — A white supremacist charged with plotting to overthrow the federal government said in a videotaped interview that white people have a greater spiritual well-being than whites and that God wanted whites to rule the Earth.

Charles Keithie, 26, of Colville, Wash., is accused with Danny Black, 26, of Tukson, Okla., in a five-count indictment alleging kidnapping, murder and conspiracy. Prosecutors say the men wanted to set up a whites-only nation in the Pacific Northwest and use polygamy to quickly populate it.

The mostly black jury, many with illegal firearms and assault arms, watched as Keithie spoke in an early-1990s videotape interview, his "second wife" sitting beside him.

"Whites contribute the most to society. I feel that white or Anglo-Saxon people contribute to moral values more," Keithie said. "The whites ... have a spiritual well-being above the other races," he said on the tape. It was God's will that whites rule "naturally." "The animal kingdom dies that naturally all by itself," he said.

His attorney began Monday in the trial of Keithie and Lee. Prosecutors are trying to illustrate the men's beliefs, then come back later with evidence that their beliefs led the pair to kill people, rob banks and disrupt society to set up their new nation.

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Mine gets OK for summer operations

CLAYTON (AP) — Thompson Creek Mining has received interim approval from the U.S. Forest Service to operate the pyrite separation plant at its central Idaho mine facility during the coming summer season, company officials announced.

The Forest Service determined that a recently completed environmental impact statement showed the plant was the preferred method of dealing with long-term water quality protection from acid rock drainage.

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CANCER (June 21-July 22): Let it be known, "I am here to stay, don't attempt to intimidate me!" Planning ahead will include public relations, legal affairs, marriage. Leo and money play major roles.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Check message—you'll receive proposals, career, marriage. What was once "verboten" is out in open, to your advantage. Capricorn

declares, "You're a real champion."

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Love life shows marked improvement. Current cycle highlights creativity, excitement, ability to express yourself via words. Sagittarian involved.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Rewrite, review, rebuild—relationship that went asunder could be repaired. Recent dream proves prophetic—take notes regarding true feelings. Scorpio involved.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Check Libra message for added wisdom. Dispense information, read, write, teach. Financial pressure relieved, earnings will increase. Person who once rejected you now wants you back.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Attention revolves around home, marital status, ability to

win contest. You shine in beauty, talent areas. Further voice training could guarantee successful career.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Cycle continues high, moves on, provides time to perfect techniques, streamline procedures. See people, places, relationships in realistic manner. Pisces represented.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Important, memorable events are taking place even as you read these words. Capricorn plays dynamic role behind scenes. Pisces helps make room for you at top. Financial bonanza due.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You will describe as "quixotic." Focus on restlessness, desire to travel, to love and be loved. Individual close to you declares, "I never realized how passionate you can be."

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If the sign on the office door identifies the professional therein as a "psychologist," check the spelling. A psychologist studies seaweed.

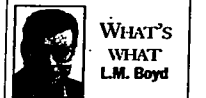
Never refrigerate fresh garlic, hear?

It was the American humorist Don Marquis who so mystically noted: "An idea isn't responsible for the people who believe in it."

Q. We abandoned the SOS signal on Feb. 1, 1999. So exactly what are we using to replace it?

A. Digital data via satellite or audio via radio.

"Taps" dates back to the Thirty Years War, 1618-1648. Not the well-known bugle call. That came



WHAT'S WHAT
L.M. Boyd

along much later. But the name "Taps" to signal the military day's end. At bedtime, the provost visited each military unit to tap the bung into every leg and mark it with chalk. The chalked markings were checked the next day to make sure the leg hadn't be reopened after "taps."

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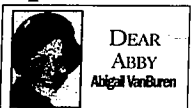


Running away only prolongs the problem

IF MARCH 11 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: People often misconstrue your words — you are home-loving but also adventure-seeking. You are drawn to the mantic arts and sciences, including number divination, palmistry and astrology. You are unorthodox, to say the least! Cancer, Leo, Aquarius persons play exciting roles in your life, could have these letters, initials in names: B, K, T. Spotlight this year on domestic adjustment, possible change of residence, marital status.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): A big shot will acknowledge mistake, you'll benefit as result. Time on your side; define terms, stand tall for principles. Pisces becomes ally.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): You'll learn more about travel plans, visits, publishing. Don't base everything on your known



DEAR ABBY
Aligal VanBuren

DEAR ABBY: Your reply to "Repented" was sexist and old-fashioned. The reality is that none of us would like to be judged by what we did when we were younger. All of us have done things that we regret, but our lives go on.

After I was raped, I was promiscuous for a year. I refused to acknowledge what had happened to me or what I was doing to myself. After I married, I began acting like a prude, judging others, spreading malicious gossip and acting the part of a chaste woman. But deep down I hated myself.

I finally went into therapy. Although I'm not proud of what I did all those years ago, I understand now that I was surviving the only way I knew how. I now feel more regret for how I treated others when I gossiped and judged than about my past promiscuous behavior. I'm a different person than I was years ago. I feel compassion for others. I'm finally free of self-loathing.

Your advice sounded like "Repented" should feel shame

for her past. If people treat her badly, she should remember that it says more about who they are than who she is.

—FORGAVE MYSELF, GREAT FALLS, MONT.

DEAR FORGAVE MYSELF: If my advice sounded like "Repented" should feel shame for her past, it was not intentional. She has my sympathy. If she wishes to remain where she is — and people can see that she has changed her lifestyle — she may eventually rebuild her reputation. But it will take a long time, and she said that she is now practically friendless.

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Not doing much, but cold anyway

Field Woodland hadn't felt this fidgety in years. He was fumbling with his fingers all the time. Thumbing through magazines, itching to get out and stretch his legs behind a running dog.

Field told me he was frantic. He felt shut in. He wanted to know if the rain, slush and internal gloom bothered me as much as it bothered him.

And the wind. Ye Gods, the wind shook his house until it drove his wife, Chlorina, crazy. He swore she was getting cabin fever and he was expecting chalk lines down the middle of every room if she didn't see sunlight soon.

That's how things were going when Field phoned and said, "Let's go run dogs." I knew better, but I agreed to go anyway.



DOG-EARED TALES

By Bill Studebaker

We loaded up and headed south toward higher ground where the earth was frozen. As we drove, we passed several of our friends' farms and I asked, "What do you think everybody else is doing?"

I didn't answer right away because my mind was drifting. I was thinking about all the time I spent farming for my uncle. It took me years to figure out how he knew when to start work in the spring and when to stop in the fall.

Uncle summed it up this way: "You can't plow when it's wet and you can't dig post-holes when the ground is frozen. When you can't do anything, then do nothing."

"Field," I said, lurching back to the present, "I don't see everybody else is doing much today."

That's what Field figured, too. He asked if I'd heard about the farmer who lived near Idaho that drove his dog to the every winter that he had to learn to talk every spring. I hadn't, but I told him that farmers must have biological clocks.

"The way I figure it," I said, "farmers click into gear when the grass gets two bits high and they pack it in for the winter when it takes longer to start the tractor than it does to stop it."

By this point, we were well outside of town. In fact, we were at the fork in the road. We had to choose between the flats or a little sloping ground for the ranch.

I opted for the slope. Field agreed and gunned his truck up the two-track jeep trail. As we gained altitude, we gained sunshine. And as we gained sunshine, Field got giddy. He grew boyish and happy.

The more the sun shone, the happier Field got. Fact is, I couldn't tell who or what was creating the most light — Field or the sun.

Well, things went fine until we parked the truck and I stuck my hand out the window that's when the sun went away. How bright it was, it was still as cold as ever.

We were sitting in an illusion. As long as we were under the sun, we were warm. But the air outside had enough bite to freeze the fuzz in both nostrils.

I thought about the dogs. That's why we were here, after all. I knew they were excited, because I could hear them yipping in the back. Then I thought about myself. I wasn't too excited.

Field began rubbing his hands with glee. I wanted to put a damper on his "Let's put 'em down" mood, but I put on my hat and gloves, then set my hand to the ground.

We walked 20 or 30 minutes before Field started rubbing his mittens together and humping his shoulders. I was delighted when he finally said, "Let's head back to the truck."

Field's dogs came around with a single toot on the whistle. That was something I hadn't seen before. It was inexplicable. They had stayed out and they weren't boot licking. But when the whistle blew, they arched around like field-trial champions.

Maybe the dogs and their owners were desperate to get out of the cold. Neither species was willing to admit that for all the sunshine, we were still quite miserable. But if misery loves company, there wasn't any here. I loved, just me and Field, and our dogs.

As the dogs sped past, I noticed their frosted whiskers and eyebrows. I took a deep breath through my nose and let it out through my mouth, creating a plume of fog. I was cold, but glad to be outdoors anyway.

We walked a half hour back to the truck. Finally, in the cab with a hot drink in hand, Field asked again, "What do you think everybody else is doing?"

When he isn't hanging around with Field, Bill Studebaker directs the Outdoor Adventure Program at the College of Southern Idaho.



With temperatures rising and big snowpacks melting in the mountains, now is the time for anglers to be cautious when wading in Idaho's streams and rivers.

Don't let your wandering feet take you ... Over your head

By James J. Kramlich
Times-News correspondent

O! Zeke and I looked upstream and what we saw wasn't pretty. A fisherman, decked out in waders and a vest, was rearing in the middle of the river. He lurched forward, staggered back, then stumbled sideways. He seemed a sure candidate for an icy bath.

Zeke and I scurried up the bank, eager to help if Mr. Two Strip became Mr. Side Stroke. The river was up and it was clear he was going down.

The last time I saw him upright, his arms were slicing big, imaginary circles in the air like the tail rotor on a helicopter. Sure enough, we were about 30 yards away when he finally keeled over. He hit the water like an octopus, all arms and legs, then tumbled downstream and began floating with remarkable calm. Given his composure, it was clear this wasn't his first baptism.

I grabbed an arm as he floated past and Zeke snagged his fly rod. Sure enough, the poor fool was soaked from head to toe.

"Thanks fellas," he spluttered. "That's the second time today."

Zeke and I exchanged a knowing glance.

"Yeah, I crossed the river there all last summer and I was pretty sure I

could make it—even with all this Spring runoff," the sodden stranger said. "But it was all over when I hit that drop off and the water came in over my waders."

With that he picked up his rod and waddled off, pumping water out the top of his waders with every step. He was a sight, all right.

"We'll be over next cross here," Zeke said to another hiker. "Let's go up to the next bridge, instead."

It could happen to you

In a few weeks, even the easiest shallow-water wading expeditions can turn into a deep-water diving operation. The snow is piled high and deep in Idaho's mountains and with a little sun or rain, it can turn little streams and creeks into raging torrents.

When the general fishing season opens, longevity will be crucial to safe spring fishing.

For starters, it's always a good idea to plan your attack in advance. If you are familiar with the stream you'll be fishing, you should be able to visualize where the current will be strongest. Knowing this will help your fishing as well as your wading because trout hold in areas with relatively weak current.

The key is to look for objects or features that divert the force of the current. The river cannot pass through

islands or rocks that jut from the surface, so the current isn't very strong behind rocks or islands. Also keep an eye out for bends in the river, where the brunt of the current is forced to the outside.

Once you've picked your spot, the next question is getting there. Remember that the easiest route across a moving stream isn't necessarily the shortest. As a general rule, try to pick a line that runs diagonally downstream, which will allow you to lose a few steps to the current and still wind up on target.

It sounds obvious, but pay close attention to depth. A good rule of thumb is to avoid water that laps above mid-thigh, particularly if the current is strong. Deeper water means trouble because it makes it hard to lift your legs, and it also makes you more buoyant. Taken together, struggling to lift your legs and having less weight to hold you down is a sure-fire way to become an amphibian.

If you must wade, try to present a trim profile to the on-rushing water. Wear the tightest-fitting waders possible because the moving water will tug against wrinkles and folds. Keep fresh felt on your boot soles and carry a wading staff when you attempt marginal crossings.

It's also a good idea to have a keen appreciation of your limits. At times,

wading across a pounding creek or stream is simply suicidal—and you need to recognize it. If bridges are few and far between, you'll have to fish on one side or jump in the truck and drive to the next crossing.

Tips from the master

If you don't want to wade, and you don't want to drive, try fishing one side of the stream and focus on promising areas. Bypass sections where the current is savage, then concentrate on calmer areas. This may cost you some shoe leather, but you can't avoid walking when rivers are up in early spring.

Another option is to go where the water isn't high. That means smaller creeks which may be a little high, but are still manageable when bigger streams are off-color and dangerous.

If you've determined to fish a stream or river that's running big, try picking a spot just downstream of a dam. While the rest of the river may be raging out of control, the regulated stretches below dams often hold trout seeking refuge from the dunes.

Remember, it won't be long until mountain snowpacks begin melting with a vengeance. In the meantime, it's a good idea to check your equipment and review your game plan before high water and opening day.



Jeff Kink, from Denali Park, Alaska, drives his team up the hill toward Nikolai, Alaska, about 365 miles from Anchorage in the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race.

Buser takes lead into McGrath

The Associated Press

—MCGRATH, Alaska—Three-time champion Martin Buser usually likes to keep an eye on other mushers in the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race. This year he insists he doesn't care what anyone else does on the trail.

"I'm doing it differently this year," he said while eating a plate of shepherd's pie in McGrath late Tuesday. "I'm not looking at the other competition. I'm just looking at myself."

Buser, from Big Lake, was first into the McGrath checkpoint, arriving behind a team of 10 dogs at 10:45 p.m. Alaska time. McGrath is about 365 miles into the 1,100-mile race across the Alaska wilderness

from Anchorage to Nome.

Buser was coming, and waited outside in temperatures of 15 below zero, for him to drive his team off the Kuskoquim River. Buser blasted through Nikolai, 48 miles from McGrath, at 5:20 p.m., while other lead mushers were still resting their teams. He covered the distance from Nikolai to McGrath in about 5 1/2 hours.

Mitch Seavey left Nikolai about two hours after Buser, and he was followed in short order by Charlie Boulding, Doug Swingley, Dec De Jontrowe, and defending champion Jeff King.

Buser started the race

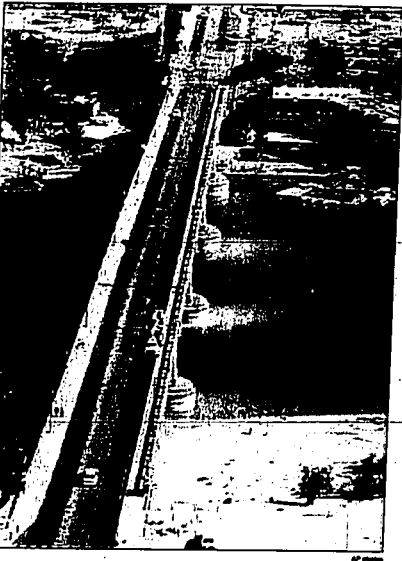
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OUTDOORS

BRIDGE OVER SHALLOW WATER

Airboats are the answer to Everglades fishing

Low water at Lake Havasu creates hassle for boaters



A sign warns of low water in Lake Havasu.

PHOENIX (AP) — At Lake Havasu in western Arizona, exposed sandbars and rocks haven't hurt Casey Hagan's boat rental sales. But the lake's low water conditions are hell on the craft's proprietors.

"I've been an avid boater for years and I've never seen the lake this low," said Hagan, who manages Arizona Jet Ski Rentals in Lake Havasu. "It's low enough to where everyone is getting into trouble. Experienced or inexperienced, everyone has to be cautious."

Lake Havasu's elevation is down about a foot from the average for this time of the year. But don't blame it on Mother Nature; blame it on the federal Bureau of Reclamation.

The bureau was forced to lower the lake's level to clear the Colorado River blocked by nearby Parker Dam — to repair a dock just up the river from the 51-year-old dam. Work on the dock is slated to end March 19.

"We need to do that repair work and there's no way to do it without lowering the lake," said Bob Walsh, spokesman for the bureau. "But we are very cognizant of the recreational use of the lake."

Once the dock work is completed, Walsh said bureau engineers can raise the lake level in two to three days with releases from Hoover Dam and the Davis Dam. The last time the lake was this low was 19 years ago, he said.

The bureau's decision to lower the lake for repair work comes at a bad time for the Lake Havasu community. The late-winter months attract seasonal residents and tourists drawn by the pleasant, warm desert temperatures.

Moreover, businesses are gearing up for the annual spring break rush.

"It's not very good timing for

Cars pass over London Bridge at Lake Havasu, Ariz., with the shoreline and shallows clearly visible. The low water, forced by repairs around the dam that creates the popular recreation area, is likely to continue for another two weeks. Lake Havasu is a spring-break hot spot.

Ken Gates, executive director of the Lake Havasu City Area Chamber of Commerce.

"We're concerned about it, obviously, because people can't launch their boats."

For more several weeks now, boaters have had to put up with their share of hassles. Besides sandbars and rocks protruding from the water, the beaches have become almost like quicksand, posing a hazard for any boat or boater. Also boaters can't travel safely to the lake's northern part and some coves.

Low water last month almost forced the promoter of a three-day endurance boat race to cancel it. But the event went on as scheduled without any problems.

A launch ramp at Windsor Beach State Park, about half of the launch ramp at Lake Havasu's Marina, the ramp at California's Black Meadow Landing and the Cattail Cove Beach State Park launch ramp are all closed.

The lower level is creating a shorter drop-off point and more tenuous footing for trailers at some launch ramps that

It's when water levels are high enough that the bass can stay in the marshes but low enough that bass boats can't get on those flats that Frank Herbert goes fishing in his airboat.

"Airboats open up areas that just don't exist to other means of transportation," Herbert said. Right now is a prime time for airboats, as water levels throughout the Everglades are falling. On a visit to the Glades last week, Herbert couldn't get over how low the water had dropped. Herbert's previous outing three weeks before.

The shallow water was not a problem for Herbert's airboat, which encountered depths ranging from 4 inches to 4 feet, although most of the water was 1-2 feet. A canoe could have handled these depths, but not as efficiently or as affordably.

Iditarod

Good shape compared to previous years.

"It's hazy, but it's got snow on it," he said while rubbing snow into his dog's paws.

Swingley punched his sled with a stick of willow held in place by hose clamps. He said that while he's good enough to get him to Tokona, 70 miles up the trail from Nikolai, there, he has a spare sled waiting.

King of Denali Park arrived in Nikolai about a half-hour after Swingley. He was limping and in obvious pain.

"I twisted my knee and it hurts like hell," said King. "I almost fell down."

King fell off his sled Tuesday between Robin and Nikolai. He said that while his right knee was painful, he was limping and it seemed on it "as long as I don't have to do any fancy dancing."

Joanne, of Willow, last year's runner-up, was third into Nikolai, followed by Norwegian Harald Thorstein and veteran musher John Baron of Big Lake.

New sports drink comes as tablet

By Deb Acord
The Gazette

Fred Marius loves a long bike ride. A 100-plus-mile bike ride. But he didn't enjoy having to find a good sports drink to sustain him through his rides.

"I was always carrying gallon jugs of Gatorade, and ... trying to think of something that would work better and be cheaper," says Marius of Winchester, Mass.

So he invented a sports-drink tablet. Psycho Fred's Quic Disc sports drink is the first of its kind and comes in tablet form.

The tablets are kind of like the old Fizzies we loved as kids, and if munched on, taste like Pibie Six.

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Marius began working on Quic

Discs in 1995 and just began selling them to the public last July. He has been overwhelmed by response from cyclists, marathon runners and others who've switched from traditional sports drinks.

Marius is working to get his product in outdoor, cycling and other retail shops, but for now, Coloradans will have to order by phone or through Marius' Web site. Marius offers a 12-package intro pack for \$9. To order, call (800) 882-9445, or see the Web site <http://www.quicdisc.com>.

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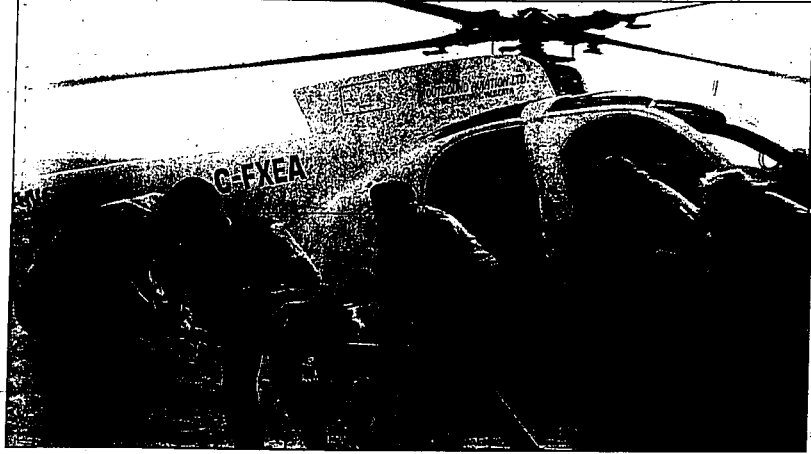
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Scientists ponder population

Rare sea bird hangs out at crab house



Chrying a doe on a stretcher, Colorado Division of Wildlife district manager Mark Caddy, left, Miramonte State Wildlife area biologist Eugene Hiest, center, and district wildlife manager Ron Arat move clear of the helicopter to weigh the mule deer in western Colorado.

Decrease in mule deer puzzles researchers

MONTROSE, Colo. (AP) — Everybody in the canvas tent tried to watch the mule deer fetus. Huddled deep inside its mother's abdomen, the fetus projected a blurred image onto a black-and-white computer monitor.

Untrained eyes may have watched the grainy blotches, the curves of brightness floating across the screen, twisting into distorted angles and imagined anything — a distant, restless galaxy, a remote-control submarine blipping sonar visions from a deep-sea trench.

La Rue Johnson saw neck vertebrae.

Seige, about 12 feet square, the tent filtered all but a cool shadow from the infinite daylight outside. Third Park, a rolling terrain of sage and juniper northwest of Nucla, Colo., wandered toward the surrounding distance at every compass point, away from the intense nucleus of ultrasound.

A griddle on one side of the tent looped around a pickup's bed, and an Aloka 500W computer perched on the open tailgate.

Sheltered from dust, from wind, from sunlight that would haze the screen, Johnson, a professor of clinical sciences at Colorado State University, studied the pregnant doe with a 5 megahertz wand that helped convert sound waves into images.

Blindfolded, hobbled and firmly gripped by Colorado Division of Wildlife personnel, the doe remained moosily still on a stretcher, hating neither herself nor the biologists who studied her.

Considered an expert in his field, Johnson intently watched the grainy ultrasound image of the unborn fawn's vertebrae.

DOW assistant Leslie Spicer, fingers ready at the Aloka's keyboard, pushed a command button that froze the screen. After Johnson finished studying the doe, a printout showed two blurry images: twins.

"You'd see you can actually see them moving around," Johnson said later, during a break in a DOW field operation that included setting up a helicopter and performing ultrasound tests.

The team of wildlife biologists and DOW district managers gathered in February to study declining mule deer populations on the Uncompangne Plateau, a geologic nose of exposed rock in the West. With the ultrasound tests and other pending studies, wildlife managers in the



Wildlife officials watch while a freshly released mule deer takes flight on the Uncompangne Plateau of western Colorado. The Maryvale, Utah-based Helicopter Capture Services netted does in western Colorado for a DOW field study that conducted ultrasound tests to determine pregnancy rates and recorded physical information about each doe to learn why mule deer populations have declined.

Uncompangne Plateau area are at least one step ahead of most research efforts.

"It really addresses some of the big issues," DOW terrestrial biologist Bruce Watkins said about the Uncompangne Plateau studies. "Are the does being bred? What is happening to the fawns? Really the only piece of the puzzle we're missing is buck survival."

Huddled around the stretcher-bound doe like medics in a makeshift, mobile army surgical hospital pitched near a front line, the DOW field crew watched Johnson glimpse at the mysterious ultrasound monitor and waited for a verdict.

"It's twins for sure," Johnson said. Triplets, Johnson had been promised, you detect triplets with the ultrasound, and we'll buy you a glass of wine.

The ultrasound tests will provide data on conception rates, said Watkins, who is based at the DOW's Montrose office.

"One of the reasons we want to look at the conception rate — the evidence we have is the does are being bred and they are conceiving and they are having the fawns," he said, "but we don't

have a whole lot of hard data to back that up."

Wildlife biologists use fawn-toe ratios to help gauge the health of deer populations. On the Uncompangne Plateau, the post-hunting-season ratio dropped from 79 fawns per 100 does in 1982 to 34 fawns per 100 does in 1997, according to the DOW.

"We're not sure why that is," Watkins said.

The '98 post-hunting-season counts look more promising, however, Watkins noted. In the division's Game Management Units 61 and 62, the counts show 52 fawns per 100 does.

The two GMUs cover 2,562 square miles of the plateau generally west of Montrose and south of Hwy. 141.

If ratios drop below about 65 fawns per 100 does, mule deer populations probably will decrease, states Bruce Gill, the DOW's Mammals Research Program leader, in a written analysis of mule deer decline.

"We're wondering (why ratios are down)," Bill Andelt, an extension wildlife specialist at CSU, said last month during a break outside the tent. "So far, data here is not indicating

there's a problem."

The 65-fawns-per-100-bikes ratio is a general guideline, not a fixed number, Watkins said. About 15 percent of does die over the winter from old age, starvation, predators and disease, and enough female fawns need to be born to replace them.

However, he added, "We find a lot better when we have ratios of 60 fawns per 100 does or more, and there have been cases on the plateau in the past where we had ratios upwards of over 70 fawns per 100 does. We haven't seen that for a long time."

By Isabelle Mangaliman
The Washington Post

A kelp gull, a rare sea bird usually found in South America, Southern Africa or New Zealand, has been hanging out for the past two weeks on a pier at a St. Mary's County, Md., crab house, drawing hundreds of birders from as far away as Michigan and New York.

Among birders, enthusiasts known to peek up binoculars and cameras at the drop of a hat and drive 10 hours to "chase" a rare bird, the arrival of the black-winged kelp gull in St. Mary's is a sensation. So rare is the kelp gull in North America that it's been sighted only once — in Texas a few years ago.

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"This is a big deal!" declared Michael O'Brien, who drove five hours last Saturday from Cape May, N.J., to get a glimpse of the kelp gull. O'Brien, considered by his peers as one of North America's foremost birders and bird records, also brought a three-foot-long, six-inch-diameter microphone to record the sound of the kelp gull. He and his father, Paul O'Brien of Buckle, Md., also a prominent birder, made the gull's identification of the black-winged gull last week.

In the cold and wind Friday morning, two dozen birders were lined up on the gravel parking lot of the Sea Breeze Restaurant, a Pocomoke River waterfront crab house in northern St. Mary's County near Sandgate. They perched behind their powerful tripods, eyeing the kelp gull on a pier jutting 75 feet away, facing the water. Because of its black wings, the kelp gull stood out from a flock of about a dozen other gulls.

"Witness to the mirror" asked Linke Cole, an environmental lawyer from San Francisco who took a day from work in the District of Columbia to see the seabird.

The kelp gull, whose black wings are tipped with white, has a distinguishing mark on its outer primary — the topmost feather on the wing. It is marked with a possible white dot, also called a "C-man" mark, he beckoned Friday afternoon, setting some of the local fare on a pier pling. A dozen other common sea birds — ring-billed gulls, laughing gulls, laughing gulls, greater black backs — responded to Heiston's call.

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other birders, posting a photograph on the Internet, but the identification was not definitive.

On Valentine's Day two weeks ago, birders Ornavio Janni of the District of Columbia and Rob Hilton of Bethesda, Md., bearing of the lesser black-backed gull, visited the Sea Breeze pier. They suspected the bird was a kelp gull, saying the "spit-rose" green color of the bird's legs gave away its identity.

Janni then called on Michael O'Brien and his father, the Maryland Records Committee, a group of nine bird experts from the region, will meet Saturday and is likely to determine that the bird has been identified correctly.

O'Brien said. Where it came from — South America or New Zealand or Southern Africa — will be the big debate," O'Brien said.

Local birder Jane Kostenko, who works in the county's Office on Aging, has come to

to record the comings and goings of the kelp gull on her Internet reports.

"It is exciting," said Craig, who began her life as a birder in 1981 after a college in ornithology at St. Mary's College of Maryland.

The rare bird has brought not only watchers, but also a small business boom to this corner of St. Mary's County. At a normally slow time of year, two local restaurants have been busy feeding hungry birders.

"It's lovely. We enjoy watching them, too, running back and forth on the pier," said Donnie Ray Dean, manager of Sea Breeze Restaurant. He was not returning to the birds.

Margaret Buckler, owner of Sandgate Inn, said, "It looks like all the other sea gulls out there. If you didn't know the difference, you wouldn't notice."

But Clifton Heiston, brother of one of the owners of Sea Breeze, did notice. He noticed the birders and their binoculars.

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OUTDOORS

Age and elements create giant field of rocks

Landscape, wildlife draw visitors to City of Rocks park

CITY OF ROCKS STATE PARK, N.M. (AP) — State parks are not often named by imaginative minds, the kinds that capture in a few words what the naked eye beholds at first sight.

The City of Rocks — 680 acres of monolithic blocks of stone sitting in the grassy foothills of southwest New Mexico — remains an exception.

Was it man or woman who ingeniously applied the tag to this bizarre geological display? No one seems to know.

"Whoever named it hit the nail on the head," said Gail Sandlin, park superintendent. Chris Sandlin's wife.

From a distance, The City of Rocks, 28 miles northeast of the town of Deming, resembles row after row of huge molars, sinking out of the desert floor, some crooked, some straight.

Many stand alone. Others have been joined together in groups of two or three. Some lean hard against each other.

More than 30 million years of wind water and ice eventually chiseled what once was a mammoth block of stone into a large convention of vertical rock formations that stand artistically at attention. They have become one of the state's most visited sites.

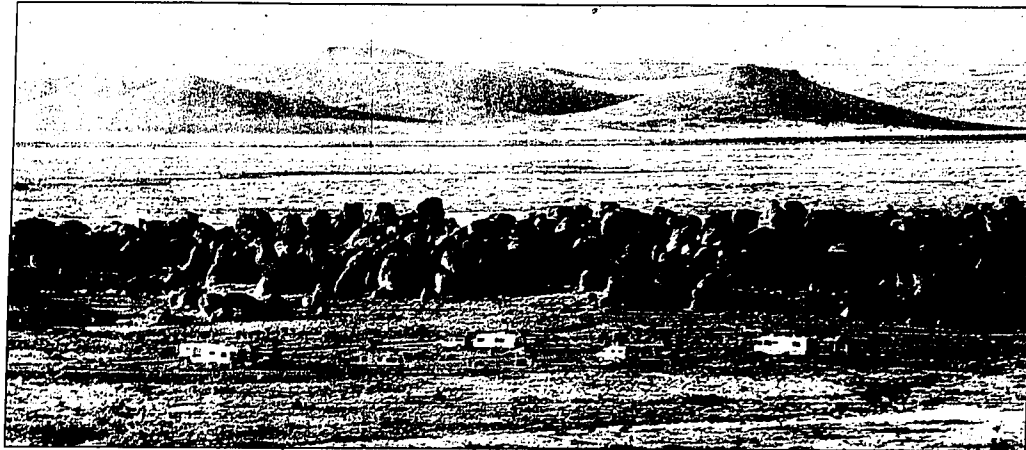
"If you look real hard at some of those rocks," claims a frequent visitor, "you'll see somebody's face you know."

The City of Rocks, which officially became a state park in 1953, operates under the purest of conditions. Sharp, clear winds that blow with authority during the daytime, carry away the sounds of visitors climbing through, over and around these stones.

Drinking water runs free and clean underground, drawn to the surface by windmills clanking noisily in the desert air.

"It's natural spring water," said Ray Stoehr, one of three rangers who work at the park. "No chemicals."

Ten campsites with full electrical hookups are available to visitors on a first come, first serve basis, Stoehr said. "We got 52 more of what we call



City of Rocks State Park, N.M., located 28 miles northeast of Deming, N.M., is seen from a nearby lookout.

"improved sites." No electricity and no water. But they're good, clean campsites.

Most of them sit protected beneath one or more of the boulders.

Almost invisible from the park entrance one mile to the south is the new visitor's center that opened last spring. Built of stone, it was designed to blend architecturally with its surroundings and is hard to spot until you get within a few hundred yards.

From the west, the roof literally rises from ground level at a 45-degree angle until it climbs to approximately 20 feet above the main lobby. Painted murals of desert plants and animals seen within the park's boundaries are displayed on the inside walls.

James Mayfield, one of two park hosts who lives in an RV from September until March, says he came to New Mexico so his wife could see snow. "We're from down by Gulfport, Miss. I think we got to see a little snow twice this year. It's been dry," he said. "But this is really beautiful. There are so many scientific sights to see. So much history." State park hosts are allowed to

"If you go"
The City of Rocks State Park is located on New Mexico 92 near its junction with U.S. 180, midway between Silver Lake and Deming.

stay on the premises free of charge. In return, Mayfield picks up the trash around the park. His wife, Doris, works up at the visitor's center.

Human tourists aren't the park's only visitors. "We have a bobcat and two of her little ones that drop by once in a while," Stoehr said with a smile. "Somebody spotted a bear up there in the hills recently. A mountain lion dropped in on us a while back."

"In the summer we have quite a variety of rattlesnakes." Occasionally, the Sandlins, who live inside the park, are awakened at night by coyotes. "They're pretty thick out here," Mrs. Sandlin admitted. "Noisy." But welcome, nonetheless. "I'm getting ready to go home and put some more food out for them," she said with a grin. "We keep them well fed."



Perched atop a large boulder, the photographer casts his own shadow as he captures this image of City of Rocks State Park, N.M.

Dog tired of pulling your own weight?

By Deb Arcad
 The Gazette

There was that time, when you went maybe five or six, when you tied a rope around your dog's neck and tested his patience and endurance as he pulled you through the neighborhood on your bike, or your trike, or maybe your sled.

You tried it a few times, but your dog got tired, or the rope broke.

Jonathan Scates rediscovered that concept about four years ago, when he became involved in a traditional sport called skijoring. In skijoring, a cross-country skier attaches himself to a dog or a pair of dogs on a harness system and is pulled through the snow.

It's a sport that requires endurance and strength on the part of both human and dog. It's a sport that Scates, 52, believes will help him live to be 100. "It's great for your health," he said, barely winded after winning the one-day skijoring event that was part of the Idilladance held Feb. 6 near Kremmling.

Scates is an experienced skier who says he gets his spurs on during these competition courses with slender, lightweight skis. But his greatest asset, he says, is Jansen, his four-and-a-half-year-old Belgian Malinois, a sleek-coated dog that looks like a scaled-down version of a German shepherd.

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Bug raffle goes to bat for Minico baseball team

RUPERT - Minico boosters hope the "S10 Car" will rev up money for baseball programs.

The car, a completely refurbished classic 1972 "Mopar" Red Volkswagen Beetle, makes its first appearance at Minico High School with a lot of help from Minico boosters.

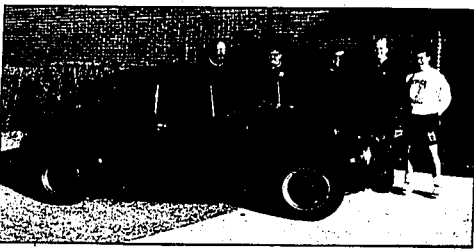
The car will be raffled on home plate at noon May 1, Minico's last home game of the season. The winner need not be present to win but ticket buyers are encouraged to attend the Minico/Highland game.

Spartan Baseball Coach Russ Wright hopes to sell 1,500 tickets and raise enough money to cover the season expenses for the Minico baseball team and help with the American Legion summer baseball program.

The S10 Car got its name because of the cost of the raffle ticket, Wright said. So the winner can get a car worth thousands of dollars for \$10.

Community support made the fund-raising possible. Tickets were donated by Budget-Auto Sales in January.

Local businesses donating time and materials to refurbish the classic bug include Bill Davidson from Davidson Upholstery; Greener, between a headline, dash and carpi; Rupert Reminer furnished the tickets; Dan's Repair tuned the motor; Clint Kidd, Gaydon's Auto Body, prepared the car; Pat painting; and the Rupert Trading



The Minico Spartan baseball team is raffling "The S10 Car" as a fund raiser for the team and the American Legion baseball team. Tickets are available from any Minico baseball player.

Coach Russ Wright, right, is pictured with some of the major donors, from left to right, Bill Davidson of Davidson Upholstery; Green Copeland; Gary Higley, Higley's Auto Body; Mike Tilley, Budget Sales; and Wright. Clint Kidd, Gaydon's Auto Body, is not pictured.

Post donated the compact disk player and speakers.

"Any year is a good year in a Volkswagen," Copeland who enjoys restoring vintage cars said.

Wright plans to make the fund-raiser an annual event for the players. Sales people at the six supporting automobile sales locations, Budget Auto, Overland

Halley Williams' family thanks community for support

The family of Halley Williams sends heartfelt thanks to all who have helped through this difficult time.

We thank Jennifer and Blaine Patterson, who have been our rock from Day one of the tragedy. The Child Development staff has been there with donations of food, flowers and offers of help. Filner has shown its love for a child by donations of money to help cover expenses. Williams Market donated fried chicken for all who came to eat after the services. Dishes were prepared and donated by people we did not personally know but who know that in times of grief, the mind protects us by shutting out some things. White Mortuary and Filner Cemetery made it possible for our sweet angel to be buried properly. Magic Florist sent beautiful flowers.

To friends and family who assisted us through our grief, thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

HILARY AND PAINE ANDERSON
Halley Williams Great-grandparents
Filner

Girl Scout Thinking Day called a great success

We would like to express our thanks to the staff and our Silver Sage Girl Scout Thinking Day a great success.

Thanks to Denise Hicks from Agape Christian School for teaching oral storytelling; Bev Griffin and her dance team members for showing Jewish dance steps; Carlos Meza, social worker from Jerome School District; and Carolyn Bulley, English teacher from Shoshone School District, for helping us learn the Girl Scout Promise in Spanish.

Thanks to Jane Krumm and Midge Fisher, Girl Scout regional service unit director, who helped register the 24 Girl Scout troops consisting of 185 participants. Thank you to Criss Farmer for the use of her karaoke machine and Marie Mondragon of By Design for the African dance hand friendship bracelet ideas.

Thanks to Larry Hartley of the Idaho National Guard who arranged use of the Jerome Armory for this event.

TAYNA ROOT
PATRICE MEZA
Leaders, Girl Scout Troop 388
Twin Falls

Wife thanks hospital for husband's excellent care

I would like to commend the dedicated professional efforts made on my husband's behalf during his final stay at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Gene has given excellent professional care and no measure was spared to keep him and his family comfortable.

There are too many departments and names to list individually, plus I would not want to slight anyone, but our heartfelt thanks go to all who attended Lendal E. "Gene" Cunningham and his family on second night during his final stay.

Dr. Ron Fullmer has been his primary physician for a number of years, and it was due to his care that Gene even made it through the past two years. I want to commend him for the superior care and compassion to both Gene and his family.

MARCYA B. CUNNINGHAM
Twin Falls

Hansen LDS ward builds new unit for Valley House

The Valley House Coalition of Twin Falls would like to thank the following businesses for their kind and generous donations to the building of a new two-unit housing project for the temporarily homeless individuals within the Magic Valley. The house was built by the Hansen LDS Ward.

Precision Panels, Intermountain Foam, Hutchinson Construction, Darren Belin Construction, Ratto Brothers Construction, Northwest Supplies Siding, Whitehead Home and Energy.

Following the meeting, members shared stories and discussed the rare blue moon in January and March.

Cajun cooking class offered at CSI Mini-Cassia

BURLEY - The College of Southern Idaho Mini-Cassia Outreach Program is offering Cajun Cooking from 6 to 8 p.m. starting Tuesday and running through March 23. About 100 people will teach the two-session low-fat Cajun cooking class. The cost is \$15. For more information, call 678-1400.

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HANSEN DAVIS
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Veterinarian appreciates spray/neuter event support

Dr. James L. LaRue of LaRue Veterinary Clinic 310 would like to publicly thank the community for its support in the Tom & Thim held Feb. 23. A total of 31 cats were spayed or neutered during the week of Feb. 22-26.

Dr. LaRue would also like to thank his staff, Michelle, Heidi, Jenni, Candy, Melissa, Gina and Bonnie for their dedication and hard work during the week.

DONALD L. LASKIE
DVM

Club book sale profits community project

The Twentieth Century Club excites heartfelt thanks and great appreciation for the Twentieth Century Club Book Sale, KARA, SUE and BOB for their public service announcement time and space and to the Valley Christian Church for letting us hold our book sale in its fellowship hall.

A big thank you to each and every one who came and purchased books. These books were donated from members and friends of the Twentieth Century Club and Bridgesview Estates - so there's a special thanks.

Proceeds from the sale of these books will go to some special project in the Twin Falls community.

We greatly appreciate all who worked and helped in any way on this book sale. What great friends!

Sincere thanks and God's blessings on everyone.

KETTY BENDER
HAZEL WILDER
Co-chairmen
Twin Falls

Good Samaritan changes tire, makes new friend

On my way to work this morning, I hit the unfortunate experience of blowing a flat tire. I was out in the country and no one was home at the two houses that I commuted to use the phone.

When I returned to my car, Mr. Lowell Walters stopped. He offered me the use of his cell phone so that I could call my school and tell them that I would be late. He then went the extra mile and called my dad for me. I offered no reimbursement for his time, but he would not take anything. It is so nice to know that there are nice people like Lowell in this town. Lowell's wife and number should be proud of him.

My hat is off to you, Lowell, and thanks again for being a good Samaritan.

CAROL BEARUP
Twin Falls

Church thanks everyone who helped with dinner

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Parish would like to thank all who helped and supported our Bazaar dinner.

A special thanks to Magic Valley Dishwashing, Keegan's Potatoes and Costco for your very generous donations.

Again, thank you very much! Mrs. Gail bless you.

LEE WILDERMAN
Twin Falls

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

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Silver, Gold Tenors sponsor pancake breakfast Saturday

EDEN - The Silver & Gold Seniors will serve up their monthly pancake breakfast Saturday.

The meal will be served between 8-11:45 a.m. on the menu are pancakes, sausage, hash browns, eggs, coffee and juice. The cost is \$3 per person and \$2 for children under age 18.

Aquifer video shows at Jerome Historical Society meeting

JEROME - The Jerome County Historical Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. today at the Jerome Civic Memorial Library.

The meeting will feature a video produced by the University of Idaho about the Snake Aquifer.

Call Emma Coupe at 324-4612 for more information.

'Blue Clues' reading set for Hastings story time

'Blue Clues' "Blue Clues" will be read at the Hastings Story Time on Sunday.

The story will be read at 2 p.m. at the store, 870 Blue Lakes Blvd.

For information, call 733-0147.

Old fashioned St. Patrick's Day dinner at St. Edward's

TWIN FALLS - An old fashioned St. Patrick's Day dinner will be hosted by St. Edward's Parish on Saturday.

The dinner will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Corned beef and cabbage, potatoes, carrots, rolls, dessert and punch or coffee are on the menu. Wine, beer and Irish coffee also will be available.

The cost is \$5.50 for advance tickets and \$6 at the door, or \$18 per family.

St. Pat's Day dinner planned at St. Basil Catholic church

BURLEY - A St. Patrick's Day corned beef and cabbage dinner will be served Sunday at the parish hall of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, 1631 Poplar St.

The dinner will be served from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. The cost is \$8 for adults, \$3 for children ages 6-12 and free for children under 6. For more information, call 543-6794.

Optimists plan annual carnival and Funny Money Auction

JEROME - The Jerome Optimist 4th Annual Carnival and Funny Money Auction will be held Saturday at the Messersmith Building at the Jerome County Fairgrounds.

The carnival will be held between 6-8:30 p.m. and the auction starts at 8:30 p.m. Admission is free. A \$5 advance ticket includes a raffle ticket to win a half-beef and \$1,000 in "funny money." Receive 100 in "funny money" for a \$5 donation at the door.

Pet Partners evaluation slated for Sunday morning

SUN VALLEY - A Pet Partners evaluation is set for 9 a.m. Sunday at the home of Elise Ludfin.

Pet Partners is a group of pet/handler teams who regularly visit real homes and other facilities. For more information or an appointment, call Sunny at 622-8308.

Fun Day in Water offered at Jackpot Rec Center

JACKPOT - It may feel like winter outside, but inside it will be feel like summer fun with the Jackpot Fun Day in the Water on Sunday.

Fun days are welcome at the Jackpot Recreation Center, 2395 Progressive Road with activities running from noon to 4:15 p.m. Classes will be offered in water aerobics, scrubs diving with equipment provided and water games.

The cost is \$14, which includes pool entrance, all classes, buffet coupons and transportation, if needed.

For more information, call Bill Lehman at 733-854, Ext. 2287; Ken Blake at 793-765-2653 or Lori Held at 736-3998.

Delta Kappa Gamma meets Saturday in Burley

BURLEY - Delta Kappa Gamma will hold the monthly meeting at 10 a.m. on Saturday at Price's Cafe, 2444 Overland Ave.

Potluck part of Mini-Cassia Russets get together

BURLEY - The Mini-Cassia Russets will hold their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday at the Golden Heritage Center, 2421 Overland Ave.

The meal will be potluck and members should bring a covered dish and table service. Jo Hills will provide games to play after the meeting.

Max Burtop - Its members, opened the last business meeting. Helen Samuelson, secretary, reported on events since the last meeting and Hills, treasurer, reported on finances and bills paid. Tom Reynolds, wagon master, announced the first highway clean up north of the Donnard Bridge in Minidoka County will be sometime in May.

A drawing was held for the Dogs for the Deaf program. Ed Hills is in charge of the collection. The money in the raffle and made selling aluminum cans go to the program.

Following the meeting, members shared short stories and discussed the rare blue moon in January and March.

Twin Falls Farmers' Market offers 'Skillful Marketing'

TWIN FALLS - Pricing fresh produce and changing dynamics in the market are a few of the topics to be covered at a "Skillful Marketing" seminar Saturday sponsored by the Twin Falls Farmers' Market.

The seminar will be held between 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Oshenbach Community Room, 264 Main Ave. S.

Presenters of other farmers' markets will advise vendors how to participate in their markets and several regular customers will give their opinions of the Twin Falls Farmers' Market. Participants of a "Successful Seasons" panel will share their marketing and marketing tips.

The cost is \$10 per person or \$15 per couple, payable at the door. A light lunch and refreshments are provided.

Registration is required. Call Rose Garber at 734-8371 or write to the Twin Falls Farmers' Market, P.O. Box 1172, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

Star party Saturday night planned at Herrett Center

TWIN FALLS - "Rings and Things" is the theme of this month's star party at 8:30 p.m. at the Herrett Center at the College of Southern Idaho.

Venus will be in a nearly full phase, making it a bright target. Falconer Planetarium on the Rick Grenier said. Venus and Saturn will appear to be close together as they move toward their nearest conjunction March 19. The weather cooperates, viewing should be good, he said.

The center will have its 10-inch Meade telescope available. Members of the Magic Valley Astronomical Society, co-sponsor of the star party, will also have their telescopes set up. Visitors are invited to bring their own binoculars or use the ones set up in front of the Herrett Center.

The party is free. For more information, call 735-954, Ext. 2653.

Desert Sun Dancers kick up heels at Shamrock Shuffle

SHOSHONE - The Desert Sun Dancers will hold a Shamrock Shuffle Saturday at the Masonic Hall on West B Street in Shoshone.

Rounds start at 7:30 p.m. and squares at 8 p.m. Irish stew will be furnished by the club. Visitors are encouraged to bring a salad or dessert. The cost is \$3 per person.

Honour Mack will teach drawing composition

SUN VALLEY - Artist Honour Mack, on sabbatical from the Magic College of Art, will teach a drawing composition class entitled, "Processes and Possibilities: An Alternative Approach to Drawing."

The Thursday evening class will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and March 29 and 31.

The course will provide participants an opportunity to investigate conventional drawing decisions with unconventional materials and methods. The class will be closely examined in one-on-one and group techniques.

Cost is \$200 for members of the Sun Valley Center for the Arts and Humanities and \$240 for nonmembers.

Summyside Beef 4-H holds meeting set Sunday

CASTLEFORD - The Summyside Beef 4-H will hold an organizational meeting Sunday. The meeting will be held at 2 p.m. at the Castleford United Methodist Fellowship Hall.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or his estate are required to present their claims within 60 (sixty) days after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.

DATED this 5th day of March, 1999. RAYBORN and RAYBORN, P.O. Box 321, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0321

PUBLISH: March 11, 18 and 25, 1999

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ten response must be filed with the above designated court within 20 days after the date of this summons. If you fail to so respond, the court may enter a judgment against you as demanded by the plaintiff(s) as the claimant.

A copy of the Complaint is served with this Summons. If you wish to seek the advice or representation of an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your writ-ten response can be filed in time and other legal rights protected.

NOTICE OF INVITATION TO BID The City of Wendell, State of Idaho, will accept sealed bids at the City Office located at 157 West Main, Wendell, Idaho 83355, unit 5-00 p.m. March 24, 1999.

DATED this 7th day of January, Clerk of the District Court. By: Deputy

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