



GOOD MORNING

WEATHER

Today: Patchy morning fog, other wise partly cloudy with light winds. High, 44. Mostly clear tonight with patchy fog forming after midnight, low 25. **Page A2**

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Rural areas miss out

Official: Larger cities benefit most from good economy

By Gregory Hahn
Times-News writer

BOISE — Idaho's economy is "on a roll" in the state's Department of Commerce director said Wednesday, but the thriving metro areas are leaving behind the rural parts of the state — and 40 percent of Idaho's residents.

Unemployment and other problems in Idaho's mining, timber and agriculture communities are one of the two main challenges facing the state, commerce chief Gary Mahn said.

"We cannot give up on rural Idaho," Mahn told the Associated Taxpayers of Idaho at the group's annual conference. "Rural Idaho is the backbone of Idaho."

The problem is high on the state's priorities, said Mahn, who is creating a task force to help find ways to keep small communities alive.

The other challenge to Idaho's economic prosperity is the state's

image in the rest of the country and around the world, Mahn said. The effort to change that starts with marketing — slogans and logos, the "packaging" of the state. Idaho now has a "media-savvy" governor in Dirk Kempthorne, Mahn said, and the state needs to equip its officials with the right messages, so they're "all singing off the same song sheet."

But Idahoans need to look at themselves and change as well.

"We've got to practice what we preach," Mahn said. "We can't just go out there and put a positive spin on this thing."

Mahn's talk on Idaho's economy came in the midst of several panels that outlined the strengths and weaknesses of Idaho's three-pronged revenue system that taxes income, property and sales.

Idaho is well-positioned for some of the changes states are expected to endure, said National Conference of State Legislators economist Scott Mackey. The state has a simple process and a low tax burden, which could help the state in communications and technology.

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Veteran officer dies

Twin Falls will miss 'Policeman Jim'

By Brian Haynes
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Jim Milidon, a 31-year Twin Falls police veteran who was as dedicated to his job as to the community he grew up in, died Wednesday at the age of 52.

"This community will miss him in probably many ways we can't think of right now," Police Chief Leo DeVore said.

Mildon, who was known to many as Policeman Jim or Uncle Miles, spent his whole life in Twin Falls. After graduating from Twin Falls High School in 1965 he attended the College of Southern Idaho, where he graduated from the college's law enforcement program.

He joined the Twin Falls Police Department as a dispatcher in 1968 and soon became a full-time street officer.

In 1978 he was promoted to sergeant, the rank he held until his death.

Mildon spent most of his police career as a street patrol officer, the job that allowed him the most interaction with people in the community. He spent the last couple of years as a detective, but he could still be spotted on street patrol when he got the chance.

"I'm still a street monster," Mildon said last year during a party celebrating his 30 years of police service.

But Mildon's community **Page A2**



Jim Milidon

TURNING SEASONS



A setting sun lights up the sky over a barn south of Twin Falls. The storm that roiled through the Magic Valley on Wednesday only left a trace of rain but is the harbinger of cooler weather to come. The daytime temperatures through the weekend are expected to be in the 40s and low 50s, with night temperatures dipping below freezing.

EgyptAir probe focuses on backup pilot

Voice on recorder says, 'I put my faith in God's hands'

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A relief cockpit pilot in the EgyptAir co-pilot said "I made my decision now; I put my faith in God's hands" just before the jetliner began its fatal plunge, officials close to the investigation said Wednesday. Moments after the plane began to dive, the pilot returned to struggle —

futilely — to pull out. As Egyptian officials won time to send their own experts to review the cockpit voice recorder tape, a federal law enforcement



At-Said Ahmed, a banana vendor on the street where EgyptAir co-pilot Gameel el-Batouty lived, prays for him as he speaks to journalists Wednesday.

official and other sources close to the investigation described the evidence on Wednesday that led the United States to the verge of putting the FBI in charge of the inquiry as a potential criminal matter.

The current theory of the fate of EgyptAir 990, the Boeing 767 that plunged into the Atlantic Ocean off Massachusetts killing 217 people, is both tentative and

incomplete, the law enforcement official stressed. Further electronic enhancement of the tape recording and input from the Egyptian experts could alter the sketchy understanding of what went on.

With no sign of any mechanical malfunction or explosion, investigators have been drawn to actions of the crew as captured on the cockpit voice recorder and

synchronized with the plane's movements preserved in the flight data recorder.

The law enforcement official, commenting only on condition of anonymity, and other sources close to the case gave this account what those recorders show.

Relief co-pilot Capt. Gameel el-Batouty, scheduled to take over much later in the 11-hour New York-to-Cairo flight, enters the cockpit and asks to fly. His request is accepted.

The cockpit door is opened later, after which there is no conversation, leading investigators to conclude el-Batouty is alone.

He says in Arabic: "I made my decision now. I put my faith in God's hands."

Shortly thereafter, the autopilot is turned off and the jet begins to descend steeply from 33,000 feet.

The cockpit door opens again. Investigators believe the pilot, Capt. Ahmed Mahmoud el- **Page A2**

Snow is on Sun Valley's wish list

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM — Andy Berman took what he hopes will be his last bike ride of the Millennium on Tuesday, pedaling up Trail Creek in shirt sleeves and shorts. On Wednesday he was ready to "let the winter games begin," as he watched snow dust the treetops on Baldy.

But even without Wednesday's snowfall, Sun Valley is sweating its traditional Thanksgiving Day opening. Today reservation receptionists will begin calling more than 400 guests who have made reservations in Sun Valley for the Thanksgiving Weekend to advise them that Baldy may not open for skiing next week.

"We would love for temperatures to stay cold enough that we can get that River Run open. But the chances aren't great," said Jack Slibbach, marketing director for Sun Valley. **Page A2**

Memo: Nevada forestry workers fear for their safety

Agency employees complain of lax prosecution

The Associated Press

RENO, Nev. — Forest Service workers are fearing for their safety in Nevada, where they accuse federal prosecutors of not going after criminals who threaten them and break environmental laws.

The U.S. Attorney's office in Las Vegas has declined to prosecute dozens of cases referred to it by the Forest Service since 1990 — at least 21 felonies and 52 misdemeanors involving more than 100 people, a Forest Service

law officer said. The charges ranged from destruction of federal property and illegal livestock grazing to criminal conspiracy and assault. Wayne Smith wrote in a Sept. 3 memo obtained by The Associated Press.

There also have been a series of bombings in recent years, including one bomb that exploded on the roof of the Bureau of Land Management's Reno office and another that blew up a ranger's van outside his home. "For whatever reasons, it

appears the U.S. Attorney's office in Las Vegas does not understand that the lack of prosecution of these cases involving permittees or public officials has continued to fuel the open and flagrant lawless disregard for federal law and regulations in Nevada," Smith wrote.

"This lack of support places federal law enforcement officers and agents at risk as they enforce the same regulations in the field," said Smith, a supervisory special agent. "As a result, there continues to be a very real

concern for employee safety in these situations."

The memo was written to Gloria Flora, the supervisor of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. Flora announced last week that she was resigning in protest of an "anti-federal fervor" in Nevada.

The AP obtained the memo from a Clinton administration official, on the condition the official not be identified. The memo, stamped as a "draft," was circulated within the Forest Service, the official said.

The memo reflects Flora's comments last week; when she

said she feared for the workers' safety. She said the "irresponsible fed-bashing" she encountered in Nevada was much worse than what she saw in Montana, Idaho, Wyoming and Utah.

Smith wrote that the reluctance to prosecute dates to 1994, when renewed interest in states' rights issues in Nevada brought a resurgence of the "Sagebrush Rebellion" that some call the "county supremacy movement."

Regardless of the title, the interest was to challenge federal land management agencies' jurisdiction and authority to manage federal lands in Nevada.

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Clinton, GOP close to final budget

Latest proposal includes savings

WASHINGTON (AP) — White House and congressional bargainers moved closer Wednesday to clinching a nearly \$380 billion spending package after President Clinton bowed to Republican demands to forgo a symbolic across-the-board budget savings.



Senate Banking Committee Chairman Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, talks Wednesday about the latest budget negotiations.

Disputes over details still raged, with Democrats insisting they would only go along if Clinton had the discretion to decide where the cuts were imposed. Nonetheless, the cur's inclusion would be a major political victory for Republicans. Though minus one by federal budget standards — it would save no more than \$1.3 billion — it assures votes from some conservatives eager to paint the GOP as trimming government waste. "It's time to shut this down," House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., told reporters of the long-running effort to clinch a budget agreement and let Congress adjourn for the year. Meanwhile, in a surprise, House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., said he expected to vote for the spending measure, assuring

some problems were worked out. His support probably would ensure that a majority of House Democrats would also vote "yes," all but guaranteeing the huge bill's passage there. "I think in balance there is more favorable than unfavorable" in the package, Gephardt told reporters, claiming Democrats were in hiring teachers and police officers and protecting the environment. Many in Washington had expected Gephardt to vote against the bill and accuse Republicans of falsely claiming it would not spend Social Security surpluses. GOP leaders hoped the House

would vote on a final agreement Thursday. Procedural delays threatened by several senators had GOP Senate leaders hoping for a vote by Saturday, or later. "We'll either finish Saturday or I'll see you the week after Thanksgiving," said Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss. One proposal Gephardt opposes is an effort by Sen. Robert Bort, D-W.Va., to let moonlighting call mines continue dumping rubble into valleys and streams. The White House also opposes Bort on environmental grounds and is seeking a compromise. In an overnight telephone call

to Clinton in Turkey, Eisner and the president tentatively agreed to a 0.26 percent reduction in the growth of agency budgets. Clinton wanted a 0.2 percent cut two weeks ago, claiming it was "mindful and excessive." The 0.26 percent reduction would still leave federal agencies spending roughly \$22 billion more in fiscal 2000 than last year, thanks to spending demands by members of both parties and the White House.

The cur's rate could still change. Even so, it would help firm up GOP support for the bill. Republicans see other victories inside making federal school aid more flexible, allowing Clinton tax increase plans, and avoiding spending Social Security surpluses which Democrats and the Congressional Budget Office fear. "Even if it's 0.01 percent, it sets a precedent we need here," said Rep. Tom Gibbons, R-Ohio. "It recognizes there is fat in government."

Another conservative, Rep. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., said he would vote against the package and was upset that a 0.2 percent reduction would be "wasting his fat." The two sides have agreed to about \$6 billion in other savings from own accounting gimmicks. One would delay a priority for the military and some civilian federal workers by a day on fiscal 2001. The other would speed the transfer of money from private accounts held by the Federal Reserve into the government's books.

Astronomers anticipate top-notch meteor shower

The Associated Press

Around the world, astronomers and amateur stargazers headed for fields, beaches, deserts and mountains tops Wednesday to watch what could be the most spectacular meteor shower since 1966 and for decades to come. The annual Leonid meteor shower was expected to reach its peak overnight Wednesday. However, predicting timing and intensity is an inexact science, and the quarter moon, the lights of civilization and cloud cover could obscure the view.

"It could be spectacular, or it could be a dud," said Williams College astronomer Jay Pasachoff, who picked a beach outside Valencia, Spain, for his viewing spot. The best American viewing of the shooting-star shower was expected on the East Coast in the wee hours Thursday morning. The National Weather Service forecast thickening clouds across much of the Northeast, but mostly clear skies southward. However, astronomical calculations put the best spectacle in the Middle East and Europe. Up to 20,000 shooting stars per hour were predicted during the meteor shower, which occurs when dust and ice shed by the comet Tempel-Tuttle streak into the Earth's atmosphere at 40

miles a second and burn up. Since the orbiting comet dumps extra debris every 33 years when it races past the sun, the chances for a meteor storm rise very 33 years. The last great shower was 1966, with a peak of 144,000 shooting stars per hour. A typical year might yield just 20 per hour. A NASA network of observing stations tallied the Leonid meteor count at 20 to 40 per hour early Wednesday, according to staffer Steve Roy, at the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala. The number of shooting stars and fireballs was expected to swell during the night.

On Tuesday night, fireballs streaked across the sky and stirred panicky calls to police across the Midwest and as far east as New York state. Some feared plane crashes or UFOs. Blazing meteors also streaked across the sky above the Mediterranean Sea. Such fireballs can come from unrelated meteors or falling pieces of junk left behind by spacecraft. But military officials and scientists said they were Leonid meteors. Lt. Robin Chandler at the Air Force Space Command in Colorado Springs, Colo., said the U.S. fireballs initially looked more like space junk "because they were so brilliant and so fast."

Senate panel seeks pile of subpoenas over Waco siege

WASHINGTON (AP) — Over objections from Democrats, the Senate Judiciary Committee approved subpoenas Wednesday for dozens of officials and thousands of documents relating to the Waco siege and other Justice Department controversies.

Democratic senators complained particularly that the information and testimony regarding the fiery end of the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, Texas, was incomplete. The separate 1995 report by the separate investigation of the same siege by former Sen. John Danforth, who was appointed by Attorney General Janis Reno.

"Let's file his report first," Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., told the committee. "We're going to run this simultaneously, after we did this in the House and in the Senate?" They found nothing. "This is not a fishing expedition," said Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., chairman of the subcommittee overseeing the investigation. Earlier this fall, after new revelations about the FBI's use of force during the siege in Texas, Danforth completed his report. Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, the Judiciary Committee chairman, said Specter had sent aides to interview witnesses and secure evidence ahead of Danforth's report. Specter later said he would stay out of Danforth's way.

As the independent investigator reviewed evidence in Waco on Wednesday, the committee granted Specter's request for subpoenas of documents from Reno and Defense Secretary William Cohen. Also subpoenaed

were 12 officials, including Texas Rangers and federal agents involved in the siege and its aftermath. Specter also won permission to issue subpoenas covering allegations of China's theft of U.S. nuclear technology from government research labs, the transfer of U.S. satellite technology to China, and Democratic campaign finance abuses.

On Waco, which Specter has deemed less a priority than the espionage question, the senator is seeking from Reno "any and all documents relating to the actions of any department personnel, including the FBI, at the Branch Davidian compound" during the 51-day siege, including forensic and ballistic tests. Specter will issue the request to Cohen on the role played by military personnel on the scene, including a list of "major items of equipment or other types of support to law enforcement."

Also Wednesday, Danforth's investigators and the Texas Rangers began pouring over some 10 tons of evidence from the debris of the Davidians' compound. The evidence, which fills 11 large storage boxes in a Waco maintenance shed, reportedly includes hundreds of thousands of rounds of spent ammunition, tools and other machinery. Officials have said the evidence trove was never fully examined since much of was considered extraneous to the criminal case against surviving Branch Davidians.

Buying a gun increases the risk of suicide, according to new study

By The Associated Press

A study found that suicide was the leading cause of death among gun buyers in the first year after the weapon was purchased, accounting for 25 percent of all deaths.

Dr. Karen J. Wittemore and colleagues at the University of California at Davis found that buying a handgun is associated with an increased risk of suicide by firearm or by any method. Their study was published in

Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine. The researchers studied deaths among 238,282 people who bought a handgun in California in 1985, and compared the buyers to the general population through 1996.

The first week proved to be a critical period. A person who buys a handgun was found to be 57 times more likely than a member of the general population to commit suicide within a week of purchasing the weapon.

Brick attack leaves victim barely alive

NEW YORK (AP) — A Texas man who moved to New York a year ago was fighting for his life Wednesday after a deranged man bashed her in the head with a brick in a random, unprovoked attack in the middle of the day near busy Grand Central station.

Nicole Barrett, 27, underwent brain surgery and lay in critical condition at Bellevue Hospital. Her parents arrived from Dallas and met briefly with Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, who said: "We're praying that she makes it."

Ms. Barrett, who was on her last day of work at the Taskforce Grey temp agency, was returning to her Madison Avenue office after getting a haircut Tuesday afternoon when a man slammed a 6-pound paving stone into the back of her head, mangled something and fell into the crowd on 42nd Street.

Family accepts \$2.55 M settlement in lawsuit over mall racism death

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — The family of a teen-ager who was killed by a dump truck on her way to her job accepted \$2.55 million Wednesday to settle a lawsuit accusing a shopping mall of racism for not letting certain city buses drop passengers off on its property.

Cynthia N. Wiggins, 17, died in 1995 while crossing a busy seven-lane highway outside the Walden Galleria in suburban Cheektowaga, where she worked at a fast-food restaurant.

The Wiggins family filed a wrongful-death suit against mall owner Pyramid Cos. after it was revealed that the mall did not allow buses from predominantly black neighborhoods to drop passengers at the mall.

The family also sued the regional transit agency.

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NATION

Bush studies to prove intellectual heft

Candidate aims to quiet skepticism

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — When George W. Bush prepped...



George W. Bush

intellectual heft to be leader of the free world.

Left: unanswered, it can be politically damaging, as former Vice President Dan Quayle found.

To quiet the speculation, Bush has been attending policy school with a verve...

Kathleen Hill Jameson, an observer on political issues and rhetoric, said the schooling shows that Bush is running a smart campaign.

"You'd like the campaign to help prepare people to govern, and this is a thing that helps people get government."

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of Pennsylvania. The first classes for Bush convened last spring at the governor's mansion...

The instructors included a variety of experts in foreign affairs, economics and social and domestic issues.

At the same are fellows at the Stamford's conservative Hoover Institution, notably George Shultz, who was former President Reagan's secretary of state...

The exam sessions continue, anchored by outsiders such as Lawrence Lindsey, a former Federal Reserve System governor who advises Bush on economic matters...

Bush also has built an in-house policy team, led by Josh Bolten. One source has helped Bush in drafting material into single-volume binders...

He does not have to be the veneer of an intellectual, said Bolten. "That's what gives people the impression he lacks the heft."

Bush's tutors have some common impressions: He asks as well as he listens, he can delve into the minutiae as well as frame the big picture...

"I'm not afraid to say, 'Explain that again,' or 'Clarify, give me that in English,' Lindsey said.

29 states and Washington, D.C., where the party isn't automatically listed on ballots.

One of the things that will help him make that push is to see how many Americans register their support."

Phil Madsen, the creative force behind Ventura's Web site, said his goal is to help build a Reform Party presidential nomination.

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He also said he opposes sports betting "because I don't think athletes should be roulette chips."

What you're seeing is consistency politics on the other side," Bradley said.

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Trump's newly launched Web site has Ventura ties

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — New Web developer Donald Trump launched a campaign Web site Wednesday run by Gov. Jesse Ventura's Web master in another sign of their allegiance...

"Donald J. Trump may be the experienced, decisive candidate businessman America needs as president in the new millennium," the site reads.

Roger Stone, head of Trump's presidential exploratory committee, said the site "very definitely" was a sign that the developer had help in making that push...

N.M. governor opposes nuke dump bond plan

New Mexico Sen. Pete Domenici is attacking his own state's Environment Department for trying to impose what the federal government sees as excessive regulation on an underground dump for plutonium-contaminated waste...

The Republican lawmaker wants to prohibit the state from requiring what is essentially a \$100 million bond from the dump operator...

"We continue to demand that the federal government's statutory responsibility to the operation, maintenance and eventual closure of WIPP be met."

As little as a single glass of wine or beer per week can significantly reduce a man's risk of a stroke, according to the biggest study ever to examine the link.

The study found that light to moderate drinkers can lower their risk by about 20 percent compared with teetotalers. It involved more than 22,000 men, but one of the researchers said the results could also apply to women.

Numerous studies have shown that modest drinking reduces the risk of heart disease. But until now, the evidence of an effect on stroke has been less convincing.

The American Heart Association estimates that 600,000 people in the United States die each year. It is the third leading cause of death in this country, and the leading cause of serious, long-term disability.

Earlier studies were criticized because they simply compared drinkers to nondrinkers. This latest study, published in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine, examined varying levels of alcohol intake.

There were not enough heavy drinkers in the study to link at the effects of more than one a day, but the heart association warns that drinking too excess can raise blood pressure and, in fact, lead to a stroke.

The study's authors stressed that it would be unwise for doctors to advise patients who don't drink to suddenly start or for those who drink small amounts to begin drinking more heavily.

Drag death jurors begin deliberations

JASPER, Texas (AP) — The jury in the case against the third white man arrested in the dragging death of a black man began deliberating Wednesday after a prosecutor ridiculed Shawn Allen Berry's claim that he was just a horrified bystander.

Prosecutor Pat Hardy disputed Berry's claim that he wasn't driving when James Byrd Jr. was dragged behind a pickup truck down a country road, and Hardy said Berry knew exactly what his friends had in store for Byrd.

"If I sound biased about some of this, please don't think I'm not deadly serious about this case," the prosecutor told the all-white jury. "It's hard to keep from getting that way when you're tied to and it's easy to see."

Berry, 24, could get the death penalty if convicted in the murder and kidnapping. Byrd, 49, was chained by the ankles and dragged to pieces last year in one of the nation's ghastliest racial crimes in decades.

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Democratic Presidential hopeful Bill Bradley, being up against a daily assault by Al Gore, stands by his \$65 billion plan to eliminate Medicaid.

Bradley stands by plan to eliminate Medicaid

WASHINGTON (AP) — Up against a daily assault by Al Gore, Bill Bradley stood by his plan to eliminate Medicaid and accused the vice president Wednesday of playing politics with a broken system that stigmatizes the poor and minorities.

"He's wrong," Bradley said. "In sober tones, the former basketball star described his presidential race as 'the ultimate game' and issued his sharpest and most detailed defense of his \$65 billion health care plan."

Bradley, in an interview with the Associated Press, also eyed corporate tax loopholes as ripe for closing — "There are quite a lot of them," he noted — and said he would give low-income Americans subsidies to buy health insurance in the private market or from the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program.

This week alone, Gore gave an interview on Spanish-language radio, conducted an Internet chat with women and placed ads on black radio stations to spread the word that minorities and other groups who disproportionately rely on Medicaid might not be able to buy insurance with the capped amount of subsidy in Bradley's plan.

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DOE offers up a new, expanded nuclear compensation plan package

WASHINGTON (AP) — A plan to compensate nuclear weapons workers who became ill through exposure to beryllium was proposed Wednesday by Energy Secretary Bill Richardson, who called the workers "the forgotten soldiers of the Cold War."

"This action is long overdue," Richardson said at a news conference also attended by

Democratic members of Congress.

Under the provisions of the bill, people who worked at Energy Department plants between January 1952 and February 1993 and suffered from some beryllium-related illness would be eligible to receive medical benefits, lost wage reimbursement, and optional job

retraining or a single lump-sum payment of \$100,000.

Oak Ridge, Tenn., would be the site of a pilot program to determine whether any current and former employees are sick as a result of beryllium exposure there.

The legislation expands on a similar bill introduced in Congress last February to include

employees at DOE plants in Paducah, Ky., and Oak Ridge. The earlier legislation had not included workers at the two plants.

Beryllium is a lightweight, strong metal that has been used over the past 50 years in the production of nuclear weapons. It can cause Chronic Beryllium Disease, an often

fatal lung condition that may not appear in those affected until 10 or more years after exposure.

An estimated 20,000 workers may have been exposed to beryllium at various Energy Department sites, though medical experts stress that only a small percentage would develop beryllium-related illnesses.

Richardson said an interagency review, led by the National Economic Council, is continuing to examine whether there are different illnesses at other sites, such as the Portsmouth-Gaseous Diffusion Plant in Piquette, Ohio, that warrant inclusion in the new program. Richardson said a report on the Piquette plant should be finished by March.

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EDITORIAL

Dog poisonings underscore the responsibilities of pet owners

Pet owners — and that accounts for half of Magic Valley families — have a right to be concerned about the mysterious deaths of three dogs near the Snake River in Cassia County last week.

The animals died quickly and without any obvious cause. Their only sin was nosing around on the banks of the River. The state Division of Environmental Quality is investigating a variety of potential toxins, ranging from pesticides to blue-green algae.

But whatever the cause, the incident is a useful cautionary tale for anyone who owns a dog or a cat.

The Magic Valley is farm country, and insecticides, herbicides, solvents, lubricants and antifreeze are everywhere. No matter how carefully they are used, some of those toxins are likely to wind up where Bowser and Tabby can get at them.

That's particularly true around flow water. Southern Idaho's canal companies and irrigation districts have

long warned of the dangers for humans playing in and around canals, but the risks are no less real for pets.

For dogs, the most useful poison-prevention device ever invented is the leash. It allows owners to control where — and what — animals explore.

That goes against the grain for people with a let-Rover-run-free mindset, but the Magic Valley is a very different place than it was in your grandfa-

ther's time. It's more urban, there's far more traffic — and there are many more unseen hazards.

If owners don't want their dogs to get into something nasty, they'd better keep an eye on them.

Veterinarians say most farm pets that are poisoned run afoul of household, not farmyard, toxins. Anti-freeze, which is absolutely lethal to dogs, is the biggest threat.

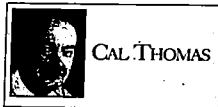
Folks need to apply the same common sense they use in handling these materials to keeping pets. Common toxins can be just as fatal as the exotic ones.

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Blessed are the persecuted, not the annoyed

Republican presidential candidate Gary Bauer recently delivered a speech at St. Anselm College in Bedford, N.H., that touched on familiar moral issues at the center of his campaign. Among other things, Bauer said, "Many... assaults on the Catholic Church and traditional Christian beliefs take sexually explicit forms because, for some on the extreme left, unrestricted sex has become a sacrament... So long as we Christians insist that there is a moral dimension to human sexuality, our values will be made the target of obscenity by those who would strip the most intimate of human relationships of any moral consideration beyond 'It feels good, do it.'"



CAL THOMAS

There has been a lot of talk like this lately. Christians and their "values" aren't getting the respect they deserve when writing a letter to the editor, say, on what the press calls the Religious Right, they are being persecuted for their beliefs.

The direct-mail fund-raising letters from various TV ministries and some who are ministerial wannabes speak of "religious persecution" complete with appropriate exclamation points. They cite religious connections in the Columbine High School killings of last spring and the Fort Worth church shooting this fall. They ask for money to fight "persecution," though specifics are often lacking beyond "prayer" and Bible reading to public schools or

hanging the Ten Commandments in classrooms. Blame for this persecution is laid at the doorstep of the American Civil Liberties Union, an organization that sends out its own fund-raisers requesting money to fight the "intolerant Religious Right."

The presumption is that non-Christians are supposed to accept the Christian agenda and beliefs without question. Christians are surprised and offended that anyone would oppose their beliefs and tactics, because they claim to be fought. When they are killed for their faith, they suggest that this is unnatural and unprecedented and that government should classify this extreme form of persecution as a hate crime.

Two things. First, many in the world being beheaded, stoned, flogged and imprisoned for their faith might gladly exchange such real persecution for the mostly mere inconveniences experienced by American Christians. Second, isn't it curious that people who claim to believe what the Bible says think it unusual, or even outrageous, that they would be subjected to persecution for their faith? The prosperity gospel they

can handle. The persecution gospel they'd rather avoid.

Here is what their Leader said about persecution: "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you." The key word here is "falsely." If one is persecuted for being a jerk, he deserves what he gets.

Elsewhere Jesus says, "If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also." So why does persecution come as a surprise?

The Apostles suffered greatly for their faith. Some were flogged. Others lost their liberty and all but one lost his life, the last one suffering exile and dying a "natural" death on an island. None complained or asked the government to step in and stop the persecution. In fact, the record tells us they "rejoiced" that God counted them worthy to suffer disgrace for the Name.

So, lighten up, Christians, and get about the business of doing the things that will bring real persecution. You're not being fed to the lions, but you are being fed a lot of baloney by some of your leaders who, frankly, don't know what they're talking about when it comes to real persecution.

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LETTERS

Do your E-911 homework

My last letter on the "enhanced" 911 center got somebody's attention.

The letter was not directed toward Chantel Smith or Kristy Williams. And I have been doing my homework: SIR-COM recycles \$25,000 from the county tax rolls and receives an additional \$500,000 from the \$1 per phone line per month on our U.S. West bill. This adds up to \$1.53 million.

Some of the "bundles" include dispatching the Hagerman Quick Response Unit to Pioneer Reservoir instead of Bliss QRU, dispatching Wendell Fire Department for a structure fire 20 minutes after the 911 call was placed. And then there was the domestic dispute in Wendell. The dispatcher told law enforcement how to get there, then Wendell police and the Gooding sheriff's office said the address didn't exist. Eventually the problem was found in Jerome.

When the Gooding sheriff's office dispatched fire, police and ambulances, they received emergency calls on both the 911 number and the non-emergency number, and they were able to send the emergency to the correct place. Now with the enhanced system, it seems that the only thing to be enhanced was the dollars spent, the paperwork and a piece-of-art computer system that needed an upgrade to become Y2K compliant.

A possible solution: Put all agencies on the same bandwidth; three-fourths of Gooding County fire and emergency medical service are still using VHF radios. Another possible solution would be a north and south dispatcher for the fire and EMS like there is for police and sheriff. And then replace the five-digit identification numbers with something a little more functional.

As far as receiving calls on the non-emergency numbers, isn't there a protocol in place to ask what kind of help is needed and where? If not, perhaps the new phone operators could be taught to ask, "Where are you calling from? What type of assistance do you need?"

I have done my homework but I don't have all the answers perhaps we can

work together to make this system work.

As far as getting off the couch and getting involved, I served my community for free, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year as an EMT. And I have been on the Wendell Fire Department for almost nine years.

BOB BAILEY
Wendell

Term limits: A sound idea

In response to the recent editorial that the Idaho term limit be repealed, I offer the following comments:

The main focus of your position was that the law will hurt small-population districts because there is often no one other than the current elected official willing to serve. I disagree. There is always someone willing to put their name on a ballot if they know a reasonable chance exists for that person to be elected. This applies to a range of elected officials from county commissioners and assessors to board members of cemetery, recreation and canal districts. Often, however, potential candidates shy away because longtime incumbents are so firmly entrenched within the political structure that the newcomer sees no hope of victory.

That brings me to my second point. While many incumbents elected term after term serve their constituents well to a degree, they often become less productive through the years as their enthusiasm wanes. The term limit law guarantees new energy into the system, and the person who sits on the sidelines for a couple of years will gain a new perspective from the other side of the fence. If the fire still burns after that time to serve in public office again, the person can enter his name on the ballot and let the voters decide if he was as indispensable as he thought he was.

Public service is a commendable calling which deserves the respect of constituents. On the other side of the coin, elected officials need to realize that holding office is a privilege, and that they need to pass the torch occasionally.

DALE EWERSON
Bellevue

Radio is for everybody

I have sat back and read the paper for too long. I have thought many times about writing a letter to the editor yet never really got around to doing it. But today (Nov. 10) I read the letters to the editor, I have decided to finally voice my opinion.

To Mr. Aaron L. Clegg: Your opinion is merely that, your opinion. The radio stations of the Magic Valley have long provided us with music to enjoy. In all different varieties at that. And that, Mr. Clegg, is why there are different radio stations as to provide all of us with what we want to listen to. If every radio station played only "easy listening" as you call it, what would be the point of having more than one radio station? Radio is there for everyone — easy listening, classical, modern and yes, even the "heavily banging" type of music you refer to as the only type of music The BUZZ plays. I think the radio stations in our area do a great deal for community. They are constantly providing us with updated information on community events, news and weather as well as providing an incredible variety of music for us to enjoy.

Mr. Clegg, you spoke as if the entire Burley area was behind you in your letter, and I feel that it is not a fair statement for you to make. It would be like

me saying because I enjoy listening to the BUZZ, and I am from Twin Falls, all those in Twin Falls listen to the BUZZ. That is not a fair statement to make. It is, however, fair of me to say that I feel The BUZZ is doing a fantastic job on running its radio station. They play the music that a lot of people enjoy listening to, and they care about what their listeners have to say. They always welcome listener input on their request lines, they are always supporting by American Christians. Second, contests (in which prizes are awarded locally) and every day, they are playing more and more of what many of us want to hear.

So please understand this: If you feel that KBAR is on death row and that everyone is turning off The BUZZ for the head-banging music that they play, know that there are those of us out there that enjoy music in all forms and will keep our radios tuned even if yours is not.

ANNELLA KELSO
Twin Falls

Help save Table Rock Cross

Out-of-state organizations, the American Civil Liberties Union and some atheists in Idaho are trying to have the Table Rock Cross in Boise torn down. I am involved as a Jaycee because the Table Rock Cross is on pri-

ivate property owned and maintained for the last 20 years by the Idaho Jaycees. The Idaho Jaycees spend several thousand dollars every year cleaning, maintaining, repairing vandalism and replacing light bulbs so that residents of Boise and visitors to Boise can benefit from this symbol of great aspirations.

I have not read in the paper much about this issue, probably because I am from the Magic Valley and this may be considered a Boise issue. But I don't believe it is just a Boise issue — it is an issue for everyone for a variety of reasons. It may reflect personal religious beliefs. It may be Boise's landmark. (One child, while traveling with her family from Arkansas, saw the cross and exclaimed, "This must be a nice place to live!") It may reflect personal inspiration. (The origin of the cross was not and is not a religious statement, but for a symbol of greater inspirations. I've tried to find the statement that is on the cross itself and have run out of time.) It may just be that you believe that others shouldn't dictate how private property should be governed. Whatever your belief is, please be aware of this issue and express your support by e-mailing pres@idahoJaycees.com. Please pass this on to your friends and family who also may support this issue.

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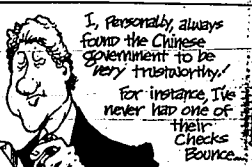
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By Bruce Tinsley

OPINION

Little acts of racism abound all over

When you reach the stage in life that actor Danny Glover has, you don't expect racism to play much of a role in your day-to-day routine. But the "Lethal Weapon" star recently held a news conference in New York to publicize his recent encounters with racist stereotypes on the streets of Manhattan.

Like many black men (and sometimes women), Glover had trouble when he tried to hail a cab for himself and his college-age daughter and her roommate. First, several empty cabs passed him by. When a driver finally stopped, he refused Glover's request to sit up front where he could stretch out his legs, which Glover explained were bothering him because of an old hip injury.

During a press conference, he had to complain about racial stereotyping. Glover blamed racism for his unpleasant experiences. But if he is racism, it's certainly not the old-fashioned prejudice of whites against blacks. Most of the taxi drivers who passed Glover by—and the rude one who finally picked him up—were "people of color," according to Glover's lawyer, who spoke at the press conference.



LINDA CHAVEZ

Not surprising in a city where the Taxi and Limousine Commission estimates that about 70 percent of New York cabbies are immigrants from India, Pakistan and Bangladesh. Only a small minority of New York City cab drivers are U.S.-born or European immigrants, and this pattern is repeated in cities across the country.

But if you ask these mostly brown-skinned drivers why so few are willing to pick up black riders, you'll get the same answers: fear of being robbed by the passenger, fear of being robbed by others in the neighborhoods where these passengers live, fear of being ripped off by the fare, they're entitled to. One African taxi driver I rode with frequently admitted that he routinely asks some black cabbies to pay their fare at the beginning of the trip, even though it's against company policy, because he's had so many cus-

tomers flee the cab without paying.

Racial stereotyping? Absolutely. But the problem is not an easy one to solve. In part, because the stereotypes in many cases reflect the drivers' own experiences. Steven Holmes, a reporter for The New York Times, wrote a column this spring on his own encounters with this kind of racial stereotyping, as both victim and perpetrator.

Holmes, who is black, was stopped a few weeks earlier by a D.C. police officer while walking near his home in a predominantly white neighborhood. Holmes became angry when he discovered, after calling the local precinct, that the officer had lied when he said Holmes matched the description of a burglar in a housebreaking nearby. There had been no break-ins, leaving Holmes to conclude the police stopped him because he was black.

But Holmes' anger abated when he realized that he'd been guilty of the same kind of stereotyping years earlier when he had driven a taxi in New York while putting himself through college.

In three years of driving,

Holmes was robbed twice, both times by young, black men. "I did not quit driving a taxi. I liked the job too much," Holmes said. "But I became more choosy about who I let in my cab. I still picked up black women, older men, couples, families and men dressed in suits. But my sense of tolerance and racial solidarity was tested every time a casually dressed young black man, especially one in sneakers, tried to hail my cab. Most times, I drove right by," he admitted.

How do we fight the temptation to judge people by the color of their skin?

There are already laws on the books in most cities that make it illegal to discriminate against passengers, but they haven't ended the practice. Glover recommends more training for drivers. "I'm usually skeptical of such racial-sensitivity programs, but maybe it's worth a try. Taxi drivers have the right to avoid danger, but law-abiding citizens also have the right not to be presumed dangerous simply because they're black."

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Salmon salvation is too late

The big story is how to save the salmon. One thing I am sure of, we are starting at least 30 years too late. Great salmon fishing in 1953. There was lots of salmon, and I fished until 1970. By then, salmon were getting scarce. Then was the time to act. I'm sure the dams were built before this. We didn't slow down on the fishing. The fishing still was heavy, commercial, Indians and sports was still high. We were taking more than the yearly increase. We were harvesting brood stock. I think this is what happened to salmon fishing.

Regarding bond elections. Could this be another bait-and-switch deal? When they need \$2 million, the first election, they ask for \$8 million; if that doesn't pass, the next election, they ask for \$4 million. This bond don't pass but by a small margin. Next election, they ask for the \$2 million they need. It passes. The board members said, I wonder if we could have got \$3 million?

TED VAUX
Hansen

Abortion is just plain wrong

I think abortion is wrong because it is murder. Recently, I read that you can be sued for harming a wild salmon but you can't cut open a baby's head and suck out its brains! I read about a man who signed a contract to kill his wife and he received a life sentence in prison for it, but according to the law, it is perfectly OK to pay someone (a doctor) to kill your unborn child.

The Bible says that we are God's creation. Jeremiah says, "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you." That means that God knew us before we were born, which means we weren't just a "blob of tissue," we were already alive. Psalms says, "My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place..." God already saw us when we were forming in our mother's womb.

CASEY JONES
Twin Falls

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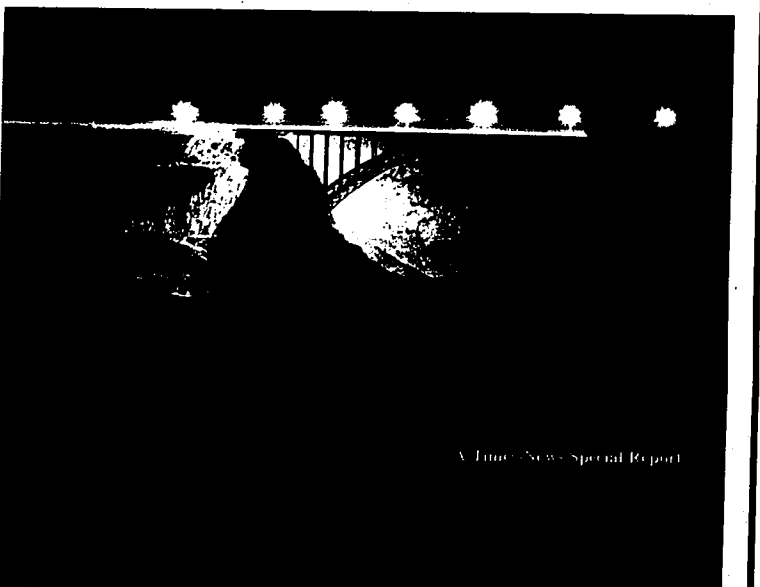
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Feds say Y2K might cost \$100 billion

That's about \$365 for every person

WASHINGTON (AP) - The government pinned a staggering \$100 billion price tag Wednesday on the nation's repair bills for the year 2000 technology problem, or \$365 for each man, woman and child.

For all that, the Commerce Department predicted the impact of Y2K computer failures on the economy would be merely "something like a tangled shoelace for a world-class marathon runner."

In a new report, the government said America's booming economy was sufficiently "stable, large and

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resilient" that failures will not seriously affect the nation's \$9 trillion gross domestic product.

"Any glitches that pop up next year should not hurt our economic growth," Commerce Secretary William Daley said.

The \$100 billion figure for total repairs from 1995 through 2001 was generally in line with other estimates, but still is an enormous amount. Private analysts last month put the figure at \$114 billion.

It roughly is the same as the total spent last year by seven of the largest federal agencies, enough to buy almost seven 747

jumbo jets and just more than the personal fortune of Microsoft's chairman, Bill Gates.

Commerce Undersecretary Robert J. Shapiro said some Y2K precautions - such as companies adjusting inventories to hedge against possible supply problems - could affect the "pattern and timing" of economic growth.

Those rising expenditures, for example, could add to growth during the last three months of 1999 but likely would slow it during the first months of 2000 to compensate.

Shapiro also said consumers who decide to stockpile food, water or other supplies could drive up prices in the final six

weeks of this year.

Another government report, being released Thursday, predicted only a slight risk of "widespread disruptions" in the nation's food supply. Consumer hoarding and weather-related problems could cause spot shortages, but food companies have made "reasonable progress" in getting their computerized systems ready, the report said.

President Clinton's top Y2K expert, John Koskinen, also cautioned Wednesday that "several hundred thousand" smaller companies nationwide have not performed any repairs and apparently intend to fix problems after they occur.

Bishops vote in new controls for Catholic colleges

WASHINGTON (AP) - After a nine-year struggle, America's Roman Catholic hierarchy gave tepid approval Wednesday to new rules, shaped to Vatican specifications, that are aimed at controlling theologians and what they teach at the nation's 235 church-related colleges.

Despite public and private alarms from academic circles, a bishops' meeting took the historic step by a vote of 223 to 10. The action is highly significant because many theologians have criticized official policies since colleges became more independent of the church beginning in the 1960s.

The text goes into effect one year after it receives the expected ratification from the Vatican.

The most disputed provision, requiring that all present and future theology professors hold a "mandate" from the local bishop in order to teach, will not be applied immediately. The U.S. bishops first must write procedures for granting - and removing - such certification.

Catholic Unity for the Faith, a conservative lay group based in Steubenville, Ohio, stated after the vote that "we are encouraged" by and affirm the efforts of our bishops to faithfully implement the Vatican's directives.

The group said 90 other Catholic organizations joined in support of a decree on Catholic colleges, "Ex Corde Ecclesiae," that was issued in 1990 by Pope John Paul and the Vatican. Rome's decree laid out general principles that were to be applied by the hierarchies in each nation.

The U.S. bishops have worked on the issue ever since. The Americans adopted a general policy in 1996 but it was rejected by the Vatican.

"I think it's a turning point," said the Rev. Thomas Reese, editor of the Jesuit magazine America, which editorialized against the latest version. "The bishops are saying they're going to decide who is and who is not an 'appropriate teacher of Catholic theology.'"

Reese predicted a wave of future lawsuits against bishops and colleges from teachers who are denied appointments.

But Cardinal Anthony Bevilacqua of Philadelphia, a major player in the drafting process, assured the bishops that "there do not seem to be serious legal implications. This is not to say there will be no litigation, but the risk of negative rulings would be minimal," according to lawyers consulted by the bishops, he said.

Bevilacqua was one of four U.S. members of the College of Cardinals urging passage during the 90-minute floor debate. The others were Bernard Law of Boston, Roger Mahony of Los Angeles and John O'Connor of New York, who was absent but sent a message that was read on his behalf.

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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“I’ve been intentionally apolitical my whole life, so this is kind of scary.”

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—Karen Abdul-Jabbar, at an event that raised about \$1.5 million for presidential hopeful Bill Bradley last weekend at Madison Square Garden.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Men's college basketball
 K&T Steel Invitational
 Schoolcraft vs. Casper, 6 p.m.
 CSI vs. Mt. San Antonio, 8 p.m.

Women's college basketball
 CSI vs. CEU, at Thunderbird
 Pizza Hut Classic in Casper, Wyo, 6 p.m.

Girls' basketball

Highland at Jerome
 Shoshone at Kimberly
 Wendell at Glenn Ferry
 Magic Valley Christian at Keetchum
 Gooding at Valley
 Filer at Declo
 Rat River at Hagerman
 TFCU at ISDB
 Dietrich at Sho-Ban
 Carey at Oakley

IN BRIEF

Send completed forms ASAP, coaches

TWIN FALLS — Boys' high school basketball and wrestling coaches are reminded to send completed questionnaires, rosters and up-to-date schedules to the sports desk this week to ensure inclusion in *The Times-News's* upcoming winter sports previews. Coaches that have misplaced their forms should call sports editor Jeff Rosen at 733-0931, Ext. 229, to receive new ones. Completed forms may be faxed to 734-5538.

Jerome's McClimore signs on at Bolse State

TWIN FALLS — Jerome High School sprinter Alisha McClimore, one of the state's top recruits this year, has signed a national letter of intent to attend Boise State University on a track and field scholarship.

McClimore led her team to consecutive state track championships at both the Class A-1 and A-2 levels. Individually, she has won state titles in the 100-meter dash, the 200, the 4x100 relay, medley relay and 4x400 relay. She also is a member of the Tigers' band, and maintains a 3.96 GPA.

First Turkey Trot deemed a huge success

TWIN FALLS — Organizers of the inaugural Turkey Trot Flasco, held last weekend at Candlelight Golf Course, are calling the charity event a tremendous success and extending thanks to all who participated.

Some 148 golfers took part in the one-day tournament, with each bringing a turkey or ham and cost or toy for donation to needy families in the Magic Valley. Many non-players also donated to the cause, sponsored by the golf course, the area Optimist Club, the Salvation Army and KMVT.

Winners of the nine-hole scramble included Eric Schultz and Annpel Rongen with a net 28 in the co-ed flight. Area newcomers Doug and Mendie Moyes were second with a 29. Among the men's flight, Terry McNew and Clayton Mullins finished first with a sizzling 25, while Dave Campo and Matt Juliano were second at 26.

Compiled from staff reports

CSI women compete at Casper tourney

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Twelve days removed from its last game, the College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team returns to action tonight at the Casper College Lady Thunderbird Classic in Wyoming.

And it'll be a battle of Golden Eagles, as Scenic West Athletic Conference rival Eastern Utah awaits Southern Idaho, aiming to keep an unblemished 3-0 record

Lady Thunderbird Pizza Hut Classic

CSI 3-0 (Casper, Wyo., playing at the Thunderbird Classic in Casper, Wyo., 6 p.m.)

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It's kind of rare that we play a conference team this early in the season," said CSI head coach Joel Bure after reviewing game film of the other Golden Eagles

Tuesday. "CEU is much improved. As far as guards and quickness and post play, they'll be the best team we've played so far."

Sherridan (College) was at the national tournament last year and CEU beat them last week at a tournament at CEU.

Matching wise, Eastern Utah sports five players six-foot or taller. Eastern is led by 6-2 post Britney Hawkins, who, Bate pointed out, scored 47 points for Madison High School at the

Idaho state tournament two years ago.

CEU's size equals that of the big black-and-gold, who also have five players taller than 6-0. Bate said keys to winning tonight will be controlling the glass and keeping the ball under control while in transition.

"We've got to be ready for pressure and we've got to be ready for some good shooters," said Bate. "They're a different kind of team than what we faced

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PILE OF PUCKS



Seven-year-old Bryan Corvill counts out the 822 pucks inside the actual net that hockey legend Wayne Gretzky scored his 822nd goal at a Gretzky exhibit at the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto Wednesday. Gretzky finished his NHL career with 894 goals. For NHL game summaries, see page B2.

NL MVP

Chipper Jones of the Atlanta Braves won the 1999 National League Most Valuable Player Award. Here are the top players, with the number of first-, second- and third-place votes as well as total points.

Player	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
Chipper Jones, Atlanta	20	2	1	408
Jeff Bagwell, Houston	1	7	6	276
Matt Williams, Arizona	1	1	21	266
Greg Vaughn, Cincinnati	1	2	121	114
Mark McGwire, St. Louis	1	1	113	115
Robin Ventura, N.Y. Mets	1	1	113	115
Roberto Alomar, N.Y. Mets	1	1	113	115
Edgardo Alfonzo, N.Y. Mets	1	1	113	115
Tim Lincecum, Seattle	1	1	113	115

Homers make Chipper MVP

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Four swings changed Chipper Jones' season into an MVP year — four home runs in a three-game September series against the New York Mets.

"I think those four home runs were huge. I'd like to think my name was already on the map before that, but that kind of jump-started everything," Jones said Wednesday after winning the National League Most Valuable Player Award in a landslide.

Jones, who hit 45 homers and scored Atlanta to an eighth straight NL MVP title, received 29 of 31 first-place votes and finished with 432 points in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America. He also got two second-place votes and one third.

"It's awfully hard to believe," Jones said. "To have this in your corner, so always be able to say you were an MVP, it's a tremendous honor." Houston first baseman Jeff Bagwell was second with one first and 276

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Davenport, Venus advance at Chase

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — By the width of one of the beads in her hair, third-seeded Venus Williams narrowly edged out her sister, Serena, to win the women's singles title at the Chase Tennis Classic in Casper, Wyo.

Williams won the match in straight sets, 6-2, 6-4, over the wild-card Martina Hingis.

The Spanish changed spins, direction, placement and pace, according to those off the timing of Williams, one of the favorites to capture this season-ending tournament at Madison Square Garden. He nearly worked.

In the night's first match, second-seeded Lindsay Davenport also needed three sets to advance to the quarterfinals, downing double wildcard Francesca Schiavone 6-3, 6-2.

Earlier in the day, the tournament's first upset saw Germany's Andie Paech beat No. 8 Julie Halard-Decugis of France 6-1, 6-0.

The Williams-Martinez battle was a battle of tactics as well as nerves, the power of Williams against the heavy play of Martinez.

In the eighth game of the final set, Martinez hit a sharply angled backhand volley, then began to pump her

fist in triumph. Instead, the ball was called wide — just giving Williams the advantage. Williams won the next point to break serve for a 5-4 lead, then held her own service to gain a berth in the quarterfinals.

"I didn't expect such a tough match," Williams said. "I haven't gone three sets in a long time. Usually when I get in a tough second set, I'm able to pull it out. But this time I just failed. But I did come out on top. That's what goes in the record."

Williams will play seventh-seeded Barbara Schett of Austria in the first quarterfinal tonight. The night's second match will pit defending champion and top-seeded Martina Hingis against No. 5 Mary Pierce.

Davenport was hampered by a strained left hamstring and bedeviled at first by the hard-hitting Muresanu. Despite double-faulting three times, Muresanu fought through five deuces to hold serve and capture the first set.

After that, it was all Davenport. She won four of the first five games in the second set and the first four in the third, never allowing Muresanu to get back into the match.

Maleeva advances to quarterfinals in Thailand

PATTAYA, Thailand — Magdalena Maleeva, who has spent much of the year coming back from injuries, staged off five match points Wednesday to beat Russia's Tatiana Panova 6-4, 3-6, 6-0 and advance to the quarterfinals of the \$112,500 Volvo Women's Open. Emilie Loof of France then seeded Sylvie Plitcheke of Austria 6-2, 6-2. No. 7 Denisa Chladkova of the Czech Republic made the quarterfinals when American Erika De Loof forfeited with a stomach problem, and Italy's Rita Grandi downed Russia's Anastasia Myskina 6-2, 7-5.

Leach/Ferreira pair, O'Brien/Lareau advance

HARTFORD — Canadian American Rick Leach and South African Ellis Ferreira beat Australian Sandon Stolle and Zimbabwean Wayne Black 6-2 in the opening round of a match Wednesday at the Phoenix ATP Tour World Doubles Championship. American Alex O'Brien and Canadian Sebastian Lareau, the world's No. 4 ranked team, beat South Africans David Adams and John-Laffnie de Jager 6-2, 7-6.

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Parents get sportsmanship training in this league

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — A youth sports league is adding a requirement for kids who want to kick soccer balls with pompoms: Their parents must learn how to behave on the sidelines.

The Jupiter-Tequesta Athletic Association is making parents take an hour-long ethics course, starting Jan. 1. If the parents refuse, their children won't play. "We just want to try to de-escalate the intensity that's being shown by the parents at these games," said Jeff Leslie, the volunteer president of the association and father of four.

The group, which serves 6,000 youngsters from ages 5 to 18, covers such sports as baseball, basketball, football, softball, soccer and cheerleading.

This is the first group in the nation to make sportsmanship training for parents a

prerequisite, according to the National Alliance for Youth Sports, which developed the program.

Nicole Laffer, 14, who plays softball, basketball and soccer, says the classes are a good idea. "A lot of parents open their mouths and give too much of their opinion," she said. "In some cases, they hurt players' feelings."

While Leslie says there haven't been any major problems in his area, about 20 miles north of West Palm Beach, there have been skirmishes. "We have had parents that have been ejected from games. We've had coaches ejected from games," Leslie said. "To my knowledge we've never had a parent physical confrontation, but we've had parent shouting matches."

"Fortunately, cooler heads have prevailed. But you just never know."

That was not the case earlier this week in nearby Fort Linc, when police said a soccer coach was charged with battery for head-butting a referee.

Leslie's athletic association has teamed with the National Alliance for Youth Sports and its PAYS program, an acronym for Parents Alliance for Youth Sports. PAYS has been used elsewhere in the country, such as Charlotte, N.C., but it's never been mandatory, said Kathleen Avary, the program's director.

At least one parent or guardian per family must join the program. It costs \$5 and spells out the rules and responsibilities of a parent of a youth athlete in a 19-minute video and a handbook.

MVP

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followed by Arizona third baseman Matt Williams, who had two firsts and 269 points. They were the only players picked on every ballot.

Cincinnati's Greg Vaughn was fourth with 121 points and St. Louis' Mark McGwire was fifth with 115, followed by the New York Mets' Robin Ventura (113), Mike Piazza (109) and Edgaro Alfonzo (88). Chicago's Sammy Sosa was ninth at 87.

"Matt Williams is one of the guys I try to be like. Just to be in the hunt with him is an honor in itself," Jones said. "I didn't have a real good first half. Baggy put together a full year."

Jones, a 27-year-old third baseman, earned a \$100,000 bonus and became

the fifth Brave to win the award, joining Bob Elliott (1947), Hank Aaron (1957), Dale Murphy (1982 and '83) and Terry Pendleton (1991).

Jones hit .319 with 110 RBIs, 116 runs, 25 steals and 126 walks. He finished in homers behind Mark McGwire (65) and Sammy Sosa (63) and third in walks, fourth in slugging percentage (.633), on-base percentage (.441) and total bases (357); seventh in runs and 10th in batting average.

After June 15, he hit 30 homers and drove in 73 runs. "Most people who watched our team play in Atlanta what a significant role he played in our success, especially when the season wore down and the pressure got great," Braves general manager John Schuerholz said.

SCORES AND STATS

IN THE BLEACHERS By Steve Moore



"Whoa! That's enough tranquilizer. Geez, we just want to slow down their running back, not kill him!"

BASEBALL

National League MVP Votes

Table with 3 columns: Player, Team, Points. Lists top MVP candidates like Greg Vaughn, Mark McGwire, and Sammy Sosa.

ML MVP Winners

Table with 3 columns: Year, Player, Team. Lists MVP winners from 1990 to 1998.

NBA box scores

NEW YORK

Box score for New York Knicks vs Boston Celtics. Includes stats for players like Patrick Ewing and Dennis Rodman.

CHICAGO

Box score for Chicago Bulls vs Miami Heat. Includes stats for Scottie Pippen and Dennis Rodman.

CLIPPERS 82, TWOLVES 81

Box score for Los Angeles Clippers vs Portland Trail Blazers. Includes stats for Reggie Miller and Steve Nash.

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Box score for Minnesota Timberwolves vs New Jersey Nets. Includes stats for Kevin Garnett and Jason Kidd.

CELTICS 84, CAVALIERS 80

Box score for Boston Celtics vs Cleveland Cavaliers. Includes stats for Paul Pierce and LeBron James.

HORNETS 80, MAVERICKS 93

Box score for Charlotte Hornets vs Dallas Mavericks. Includes stats for Vince Carter and Dirk Nowitzki.

TRAILBLAZERS 81, MAGIC 79

Box score for Oklahoma City Thunder vs Orlando Magic. Includes stats for Steve Nash and Dwight Howard.

PORTLAND 81, SUNS 76

Box score for Portland Trail Blazers vs Phoenix Suns. Includes stats for Steve Nash and Steve Nash.

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MAVERICKS 114, ROCKETS 95

Box score for Dallas Mavericks vs Houston Rockets. Includes stats for Dirk Nowitzki and Yao Ming.

ROCKETS 102, HORNETS 89

Box score for Houston Rockets vs Charlotte Hornets. Includes stats for Yao Ming and Vince Carter.

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ON THE AIR

TELEVISION

Table of television schedules for ESPN and FSPT, including programs like College Football and Tennis.

SKIING

SKI REPORT

LEONARD N. LARSEN... Skiing conditions are excellent for the weekend. Snow is on the ground and temperatures are in the 30s.

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Table of world soccer standings, including teams like USA, Mexico, and Colombia.

NFL Football Conference

Individual Leaders

Table of NFL individual leaders for passing yards, rushing yards, and touchdowns.

American Football Conference

Individual Leaders

Table of AFC individual leaders for passing yards, rushing yards, and touchdowns.

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Table of NBA Eastern Conference standings, listing teams like Boston Celtics and Cleveland Cavaliers.

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Table of NBA Western Conference standings, listing teams like Los Angeles Lakers and San Antonio Spurs.

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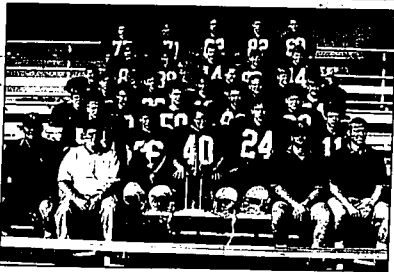
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WINNING WAYS



Sun Valley's Wells is golden in Florida

ORLANDO, Fla. — Ehyul Wells of Sun Valley won gold in the women's age 30-34 division doubles tennis competition at the 1999 National Senior Games Oct. 27.

Wells was one of nearly 12,000 senior athletes competing in 18 sports, ranging from basketball to swimming, at the week-long event. More than 80,000 medals and ribbons were awarded.

Burley Jazzball concludes second-week play

BURLEY — Second-week action in Burley's Racqueteurs Grandball program Monday saw Neibauer downing Smith 40-38. Bame beating Gillette 46-40 and Jensen thrashing Ringle 63-27. Leading scorers included: Luke McGill (25 points), Troy Merritt (21), Cade Jones (19), Junior Hernandez (18), Breiland Draper (17) and Kalen Beck (8).

SCORING HIGH



Intermountain Martial Arts students C.J. Hatch (son of Homer and Nancy Hatch) and Doug York (son of Dale and Robin York) showed off the Shinto-Forma and Sparring styles they won at the Dr. Jay Hartwell Taekwondo Championship held at Oakwood Junior High. Joining them in the photo is their instructor, Don Rider, Hatch (Perrine sixth-grader) and York (Filer High School 12th-grader) also combined for a Hall Ecstasia demonstration, winning silver medals in the weapons division.



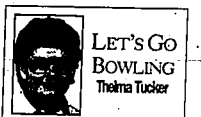
Wunderlich qualifies for Seattle punt, pass, kick

TWIN FALLS — Megan Wunderlich of Twin Falls recently qualified for the Granite NFL Fun, Pass and Kick's Seattle Seahawks Team Championship in the girls' 12-13 age group. In a qualification, Wunderlich placed first in both the local and regional competitions. She totaled 234 feet, 3 inches in her first place effort as a semifinalist. Other sectional medalists included Andrea Jones in the girls' 8-9 age group, Tanner Owen (these 8-9), Austin Laing (these 10-11) and Justine Williams (ages 12-13). In local competition, Andrea Jones won the girls' 8-9 age group and Tanner Owen won the boys' 12-13 age group. Christina Silva won the girls' competition, while Austin Laing won the boys'. Justine Wunderlich on the girls' side and Jonathan Lewis on the boys'. All winners advanced to the sectional competition, from which only Wunderlich advanced to the next round.

Robert Stuart's ninth-grade football team finished the season the undefeated conference champions for 1999. The season ended with the defeat of O'Leary at Brim Stadium. Pictured: 1st row - Coach Jensen, Manager Brady Tucker, Coach Huddleston, Coach Teske. Second row - Ben Paxton, Ryan Prohman, Justin Sluice, Vladimir Panouchkin, Andy Coats. Third row - Brandon Nance, Jason Huddleston, Mykell Bingham, Nick Sikes, Justin Hooper, Fourth row - Chris Brown, Nick Walker, Mike Fitzgerald, Mark Johnson, Kyle Vaughn. Fifth row - Vincent Prater, Lance Bilhar, Doug Young, Ed Butler. Sixth row - Chirs Irwin, Chris Maxwell, Cole Easterly, Troy Bamann. Seventh row - Leonard VonBamberg, Robert Garaty, Alberto Salinas, Dirk Witamsuth, Kevin Geer. Not pictured - Brandon Salinas, Quinton Wilson.

Good times ruled at holiday tournament

Where were you on October 30? Fifty-seven junior bowlers and their partners spent the afternoon bowling no tap at the Bowldrome Halloween Adult/Junior Tournament. The team of "Me and My Boy," Tyler and Dale Black were number one in Division I with 1,356. The "Book Worms," Heather Ruchman and Sam Wornsbacher finished second in this division (8 years of age and under) the junior bowlers rolled 8 pin no tap and the adults rolled 9 pin. The kids did great. Not that the adults didn't, but I just love to brag about the kids. For instance, Gary Skuzka with 64 average rolled a 199 game, Jordan Gentry, average 56, scored an 84, and Kevin Cummins, 48 average, rolled a high game of 58. Division II was for juniors age 9 through 11, "The Allen Warriors," Danielle and Lisa Allen took the blue ribbon at 1,606. The "Spare Parts," Matt Hutchinson and



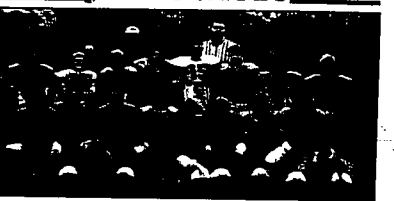
LET'S GO BOWLING

Leslie Wheeler at 1,526, were second in Division II. In the afternoon, Sage Watkins and Andy Hoffman were third with 1,513. Fourth and fifth were "Rodham," Brittny Ruchman and Kristy Rodriguez, at 1,456, and "Spud Bowls," Guy and Janet Keegan, with 1,446. In this division, we also had juniors who bowled exceptionally well. Casey McClellott, average 109, shot 206, Kevin Short, 88 average, scored a 171, and Chris Procey, 84 average, rolled 163. Division III bowlers all bowled 9 pin no tap. Josh Allen has a 115 average and rolled a 166 game — only two pins fewer than his Grandpa, Eddie Chappell. Josh

told me if he won Grandpa would buy him a new bowling ball. Now, this was a handicap tournament, so let's add handicap to those games and see who really bowled the highest game. Josh has 76 pins of handicap, making his game 242, and Grandpa has 15 pins for a 183. Go buy that bowling ball, Grandpa! Division III was for those juniors 12 through 14. "The Stars," Corey and Doug Cameron, were the stars at 1,563. "The Skuzas," Kyle and Gregg, finished second with 1,518; and "The Champs," Matt and Laura Sherman, captured third place with 1,500. The adults and juniors both rolled 9 pin no tap. Juniors, to name only a couple, shooting well in this division were K.C. Plummer, average 133 but rolling a 200, and Michael Florke, average 147, who hit a 218. Division IV was, again, 15 and older with everyone rolling 9 pin no tap. "1700+," Jerry McClellott and Jerry Miller rolled

1,558 to win the first place spot. The "Tippell" team of Tiffany Kiesig and Eddie Chappell took second with 1,492, and "In Da Club," Mike and Steven Green, were the third-place winners rolling 1,440. High games in this division were Bobby Cristobal, average 151, rolling a 224; Darcy McCallister, 150 average, a 207; Brett Fiscus, 101 average, a 238; and Joe Bassler, 163 average, a 228. A great time was had by all. Want to do it again? Plans are in the making for another no tap starting Nov. 24 and running through Jan. 1. This one will be four-person teams, two adults and two juniors, and can be bowled anytime, any day are available. So Let's Go Bowling! Thelma Tucker writes a weekly bowling column for The Times-News. Contact her at 733-8377, by email at tucker@magicklink.com, or by fax: (208) 733-3157.

JEROME CHAMPS



The Jerome High School sixth-seventh grade yellow team finished the season undefeated. Pictured above (front): Zed Logan Souza, 45; Jared Robinson, 25; Fred Peterson, 40; Brian Brantley, 24; Isaac Benedictus, 40; Jeff Barnes, 52; Josh Storer, 61; Brett Rowland, 22; Terrance Cannon, 46; (second row) 50-Matt Lindsay, 35; Brad Peltier, 30; Tyler Thompson, 33; Josh Bernard, 15; Jared Harris, 70; Andrew Olson-Harris, 62; Logan Larmoth, 85; Jordan Jansson; (third row) coaches: David Lindsay, Gary Benedictus, Paul Bosinger. Not pictured: Luke Onaida.

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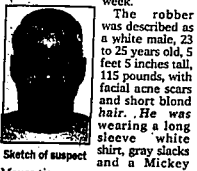
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AROUND THE VALLEY

Police keep up search for TF bank robber

TWIN FALLS—Police released a composite sketch of the man who robbed a Twin Falls bank last



The robber was described as a white male, 23 to 25 years old, 5 feet 5 inches tall, 115 pounds, with facial acne scars and short blond hair. He was wearing a long-sleeve white shirt, gray slacks and a Mickey Mouse tie.

Officials identify victim of Twin Falls hit and run

TWIN FALLS—The victim of a Sunday morning hit-and-run accident was identified as 85-year-old Mance McCoy of Twin Falls.

McCoy was hit by a vehicle in 104½ block of Sixth Street North. He was found later lying in the street and taken to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead.

Judge rules construction on Hansen alley is a go

TWIN FALLS—Construction of a controversial alley in Hansen will continue after opponents failed to get a restraining order at a court hearing Wednesday.

District Judge Roger-Burdick denied the opponents' request to delay the construction, which began earlier this week with the removal of trees.

Lawyer Lloyd Walker, who represents the 21 residents opposed to the alley, argued that construction should be stopped because the city politicians who voted for the alley were voted out of office and will be replaced in an election Nov. 1 that removed the temporary restraining order, he ruled.

Highway district to meet, discuss subdivisions today

TWIN FALLS—The Twin Falls Highway District will discuss subdivisions and speed studies at its meeting today.

The district will discuss the Rock Creek Subdivision and a Grandview speed study. The district will also discuss a telecom site request and Peter Link will discuss a proposed road construction.

The district will meet at 1 p.m. at the district office, 1234 Highland Ave. E. The next regular highway district meeting is scheduled for Dec. 3.

Burley planners set to discuss hog farm tonight

BURLEY—The Cassia County Planning and Zoning Commission will deliberate tonight on a request by Big Sky Farms for a special-use permit to locate a large hog farm several miles east of Declo.

Public comment is still welcome regarding the proposed hog farm until 5 p.m. Public comments can be submitted to the commissioners' office, located in the basement of the Cassia County courthouse.

If approved, the hog farm will not be constructed until the county's six-month moratorium expires in April, and after the Legislature has considered state regulations on swine and poultry operations.

The developer of Big Sky Farms, Ron Aches of Ketchum, had applied for an exception to the moratorium. Aches pulled his request Monday.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in Burley City Council chambers and is open to the public.

Compiled from staff reports

Mother faces new charges in son's death

By Brian Haynes
Times-News writer

JEROME—A mother faces new charges in the death of her 5-week-old son, who died more than a year and a half ago in a Jerome motel room.

Cynthia Grissom is scheduled for arraignment in a Jerome County courtroom at 1 p.m. today on charges of felony injury to a child and possession of methamphetamine with intent to deliver.

Cynthia Grissom's son, Canaan Reign Barnett, died in March 1998 of suffocation, but the Grissoms told police he was kidnapped by the Burley Wal-Mart. Cynthia Grissom later led investigators to an area outside Dietrich where the baby was buried.

A pathologist ruled the baby's death was an accident and that Michael Grissom unknowingly smothered the child while he slept between the couple.

Misdemeanor charges against the couple were eventually dropped for lack of evidence, but new charges surfaced against Michael Grissom when two Ada County jail inmates said they heard him brag about killing the child. But Jerome County Prosecutor Dittin and police would drop the first-degree murder charge when one of the witnesses backslid out.

The new charges were filed Nov. 4, just days after Grissom's estranged husband, Michael Grissom, was found dead of a heart overdose.

The felony injury to a child charge says Cynthia Grissom placed Canaan in danger by her actions before and after his death. First she used methamphetamine and she allowed Michael Grissom, a known heroin addict who had threatened the baby's life, to take care of the baby, the criminal complaint says.

After Canaan died, Cynthia Grissom didn't seek medical help

and then tried to cover up the death, the complaint says.

The second charge says Cynthia Grissom possessed methamphetamine with the intent to use it and deliver it to Canaan.

Special prosecutor Ron Howen, a deputy Idaho attorney general, will handle the case.

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Case not dead yet

Officials consider action for animals found in spring

By N.S. Nokkewid
Times-News writer

BLISS—State officials still are negotiating a settlement with a Bliss area dairyman over dead animals and cow manure found in a spring two months ago.

Mary Patten, head of the state Agriculture Department's dairy bureau, said officials still are negotiating. He would not comment on the case.

The animals were animals found Sept. 18, and officials were notified the following Monday. The state's Division of Environmental Quality turned the matter over to the Department of Agriculture, to await action by the department.

DEQ can take additional action on its own.

Typically, the department responds to reports of violations with an investigation. Some cases warrant immediate action, and the department has authority to issue a dairy's permit to sell its milk until a problem is corrected.

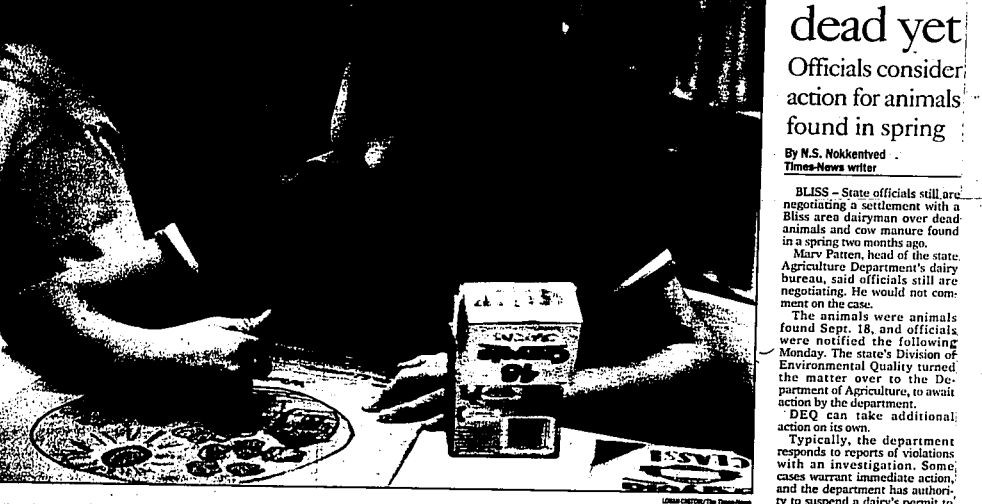
The department also can propose additional monetary fines, court-ordered stop-work orders, Pupal said. Cases often go through a settlement process, involving both sides, to agree on penalties and solutions to the problems. If an agreement can't be reached the case may be settled in a hearing.

But settling cases such as the Bliss case is not always normal. Pupal said. In this case extenuating circumstances are delaying a settlement, she said.

Jake Bosma, who runs the dairy, told the department that the cows were his. The animals are a mix of breeds dumped at the head of the spring that runs onto a neighbor's property have been cleaned up, Patten said.

Bosma has said his attorney, Tom Arkoosh, has advised him not to comment. Arkoosh has declined to comment on the case.

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Fourth-grader Olivia Vilalpando colors an Albertson's shopping bag at Sawtooth Elementary School Wednesday afternoon. Sawtooth Elementary School students have colored nearly 1,200 grocery bags depicting the theme of favorite scenes from a book they have read. The project was supervised by Sawtooth librarian Carol Scherer to promote National Children's Book Week. The colorful grocery bags will be distributed next week shops at Albertson's.

Delegation pans salmon options

By N.S. Nokkewid
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—John Westholm is a fisherman and a teacher in a small town east of Astoria, Ore., on the lower Columbia River, but in the past few years, he's been doing more teaching than fishing.

No other group has been affected more by declining salmon numbers than the fishermen on the lower Columbia River, he said in a telephone interview this week.

"We're still hanging on," he said. He admits that fishermen have had a part in the disappearance of the once plentiful salmon, but the dams on the Columbia and Snake rivers have taken an additional toll.

Those dams are at the center of the issue of recovering endangered salmon. Some scientists say the best way to recover the fish is to remove four dams on the lower Snake River.

Alternatives to breaching the four dams, released earlier this week, might be enough to recover salmon, federal officials say. Those options include further restrictions on fishing and taking more water from southern Idaho reservoirs to increase flows through the reservoirs on the lower Snake River.

But it's just that attitude that's part of the problem, U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo said. The issue is couched as a conflict, when it should be a collaborative process in which the involved parties sit down at the table and listen to each other.

Federal officials Tuesday released the "Four E" Working Paper," which laid out a variety of combined options to recover endangered salmon on the Snake River and the Pacific Northwest.

Admittedly, "this is a tough issue to find a consensus on," Crapo said. But he said the decision-making process is flawed. It has to be restructured from a top-down, federally-mandated one to a collaborative process.

He is confident that such a process, if allowed to work, could eventually gather enough support to develop a recovery plan.

Meanwhile, the Northwest should refuse to accept current decision makers handed down from federal agencies, and people should force federal bureaucrats to identify and include options that should have been included in the

beginning, Crapo said.

But he is also alarmed that the National Marine Fisheries Service, charged with salmon recovery recommendations, seems to be moving away from dam breaching and toward taking more water from Idaho for flow augmentation and to meet water quality standards — a move the seas and an attempt to assert federal access to and control over water.

The federal agencies, in closed-door sessions, have manipulated the choices the public will be allowed to discuss, Crapo said.

But the information already in the Four E paper included has been in wide circulation among the nine federal agencies involved in compiling the paper.

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Commission waffles on Big Sky Farms

By Ruth Streeter
Times-News writer

BURLEY—In a whirlwind of phone calls, letters and faxes Wednesday, the Mini-Cassia Development Commission took an official stance against Ron Aches' Big Sky Farms, a proposed 50,000-sow farrow-to-finish operation, only to retract that position the next day.

Joel Rogers, chairman of the development commission, wrote a letter Tuesday to Cassia County commissioners and the Planning and Zoning Commission saying the members of the Mini-Cassia Development Commission "do not support the approval of the special use permit for this CAFO at this time."

The special use permit would give final permission for the construction of the controversial hog factory to begin.

When Aches got wind of the development commission's verdict, he contacted Rogers and requested an opportunity to speak to the commission before it rendered an official stance on

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Mystery of dog deaths deepens

By Michael Journe
Times-News writer

BURLEY—After the discovery of two more dogs that may have died after being exposed to something in the mud of the Snake River, incomplete soil sample results, which were hoped to shed some light on mysterious canine deaths, are still inconclusive.

Three dogs—all family pets—are believed to have suddenly died last week. Another dog, owned by a family that lost two dogs last week died Tuesday. In addition, officials have received a report of another canine who died two weeks ago and one who escaped death after a hurried trip to a veterinarian. All six dogs exhibited similar symptoms in their distress.

An autopsy will be performed on the dog that died Tuesday, and soil samples from near the home where it and its two companions lived will be tested for contaminants. Soil samples from the location of the first reported dog death, just three miles upstream from Burley, have already been sent to

the state lab in Boise. The autopsy are being performed at the University of Idaho's veterinary science laboratory in Moscow.

"This time the state seems to have a little more sense of urgency," said Cassia County Emergency Management Coordinator Terry Bingham.

Bill Allred of the Department of Environmental Quality in Twin Falls said the state Department of Health is working with the veterinarian in Moscow to make sure the samples are collected properly and that the veterinarian is looking for the right signs in the specimens.

Bingham said initial reports from the samples taken last week indicate that one of the suspected toxins—organophosphate, or fertilizer—was not found in several of 18 samples. Several more are still waiting to be checked.

Strychnine and a blue-green algae are the other suspects, but tests still must be done.

File logs received an award on autopsy results from one of the dogs that died last week.

"We still have no answers," he said.

But Bingham said he has heard at least one theory that interests him—poisoned toads.

"It probably has as much credibility as anything we have to date," he said. "The mud that was exposed, the temperatures were warm." He admits he's never heard of such amphibians living in the Snake River but he said he really can't rule it out yet.

Although frustrated, Bingham said the Twin Falls DEQ office has been very helpful since the incidents were reported and that lab officials in Boise and Moscow told him up front that results would not be likely until today, because of the nature of the inquiry. He received negative results about the organophosphates Wednesday evening.

"That's a day better than the initial report," he said.

Some of the samples from the dog which died Tuesday have been sent to the National Veterinary Center in Ames, Iowa, for analysis.

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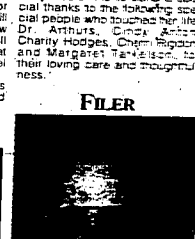
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SUNNY ONISHI

Sunny's health had been fragile for quite some time, and he fought a very courageous battle with cancer and won, only to lose the one with whom he shared his life on the 15th of November, 1999, in Salt Lake City, Utah. ... Sunny Torao Onishi was born to Susu Okazaki and Tom Onishi on June 9, 1927, in Pocatello, Idaho...

MARCELLA MURIEL BURLEY

Marcella Muriel Burley, 72, entered her rest at her home in Jerome, surrounded by family, on November 14th, in the year of our Lord 1999. ... She is the daughter of Nellie Peck and Hugh Fitzgerald of Clayton, Idaho...

MABEL A. TAYLOR

Mabel A. Taylor, 88, of Ripon, Calif., died Monday, Nov. 15, 1999, at Bethany Home in Ripon, Calif. ... Mabel was born September 20, 1910, in Sherman, Texas. She started the first flower shop in Manteca, Calif., known as Manteca Floral, in the mid-40s. She later opened Taylor Floral and Gifts in the late 40s, now known as Flowers By Laurie. She was a primary member and past president of Soroptimists International in Manteca, Calif. She was also a member of Peninsula Church in Eastern Star, and of St. Paul's Methodist Church in Manteca, Calif. She was a bridge player, and enjoyed traveling. One of her greatest joys were her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Survivors include two sons, Harry J. Taylor, Jr., of Truca, Calif., and George H. Taylor, of Manteca, Calif.; a daughter, Marlene Thibodeau of Ripon, Calif.; a sister, Evelyn Malbro of Twin Falls, to grand-children, including Caroline Thibodeau-Oliver, of Ripon, Calif.; Marlene Malbro of Manteca, Calif.; and Leslie Hageman, of Ripon, Calif.; and three great-grandchildren. Visitation will be from 11 to 5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, 1999, at the P.L. Fry and Son Chapel in Manteca, Calif. Burial will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, 1999, at the P.L. Fry and Son Chapel. Interment will be at Park View Memorial. Remembrances may be made to Soroptimists International Gifts of Love and Life to Support a Good Cause, Crisis Counseling in Local High Schools, at P.O. Box 218, Manteca, CA 95236.

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PERMAL BELL BILLINGTON

Permal Bell Billington, of Hagerman, services at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Hagerman Christian Center. Family members and friends may call from 1:7 to 4:30 today at Demary's Gooding Chapel.

FRIENDS MAY CALL

Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls. Robert A. 'Bob' Sumbardo, of Federal Way, Wash., services at 11 a.m. today at Catholic Lutheran Church, 2415 S. 32nd St., Federal Way, Wash. Laura J. Canton Larios, of Twin Falls, services at 11 a.m. Friday at White Mortuary Chapel, in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today at White Mortuary. W.E. 'Bill' Stuart, of Rupert, memorial service from 5 to 7 p.m. Nov. 16 at Hansen Mortuary Chapel. Horace M. Byers, of Rupert, memorial service from 5 to 7 p.m. Nov. 16 at Hansen Mortuary Chapel.

CHARLES R. THOMAS

Charles R. Thomas - Charles R. Thomas, 70, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, November 16, 1999, at his home following a sudden illness. Services will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, 1999, at White Mortuary in Twin Falls, with Pastor Brenton Coates officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from 3-5 p.m. today at White Mortuary. The family suggests memorials to the American Heart Association, 270 S. Orchard Ave., Suite B, Boise, Idaho 83705, or the American Foundation of the Rocky Mountain Region, Inc., 1055 N. Alpeless Hospital Road, 1055 N.

JOSEPH D. 'MIKE' MORGAN

JOSEPH D. 'MIKE' MORGAN - Joseph D. 'Mike' Morgan, 79, of Jerome, died Wednesday, Nov. 17, 1999, at St. Jerome's Long Term Care Unit. Jerome Services are pending under the direction of the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome. TONY RUFFING - WENDELL - Tony Ruffing, of Wendell, died Tuesday, Nov. 16, 1999, at the Magic Valley Manor. Funeral services are pending under the direction of Demary's Wendell Chapel.

JEROME

JEROME - The City Council has decided to not impose a height limitation on structures within Jerome's business and industrial zones as long as structures adjacent to city banking and fire safety code. In a public hearing Tuesday, no one spoke out for or against a proposed ordinance to allow buildings and structures to exceed 35 feet. If passed, the ordinance would require special use permits for structures taller than 35 feet to be built in the central business district and residential zones. The council voted to remove the height restriction on structures built in business and industrial zones in other locations within the city. Also Tuesday, the council heard a reading of another ordinance. There were no comments for or against the ordinance which has been a source of controversy since a committee was first put to work on the ordinance last year. If passed, the ordinance would limit the number of dogs allowed per household to three. Licensed would be required for dogs older than 6 months and rabies shots would be required to obtain licenses. Dogs caught running at large would be impounded. After 10 days, the dogs could be adopted or euthanized. Fines for violation of the ordinance would be \$50 for the first offense, \$100 for the second offense, and \$200 for the third offense. Times-News correspondent Dixie Thomas-Rae can be reached in Jerome at 324-3670.

JEROME COUNCIL WILL NOT RESTRICT HEIGHT OF BUILDING

be established in which subsequent developers would pay a prorated part of the cost of the infrastructure for 10 years. After 10 years there would be no compensation for the recovery of cost. In other business Tuesday, the City Council heard a reading of a streamlined animal control ordinance. There were no comments for or against the ordinance which has been a source of controversy since a committee was first put to work on the ordinance last year. If passed, the ordinance would limit the number of dogs allowed per household to three. Licensed would be required for dogs older than 6 months and rabies shots would be required to obtain licenses. Dogs caught running at large would be impounded. After 10 days, the dogs could be adopted or euthanized. Fines for violation of the ordinance would be \$50 for the first offense, \$100 for the second offense, and \$200 for the third offense. Times-News correspondent Dixie Thomas-Rae can be reached in Jerome at 324-3670.

RAILROAD CUTS AFFECT PRIVATE FIRMS

POCATELLO (AP) - Other companies who rely on the Union Pacific and for business are feeling the effects of the railroad's recent round of job cuts. Wholesale Parts Co. has let 40 employees go in the past three months, including 12 on staff. Wholesale builds refrigeration condenser units for the railroad. 'The railroad's not buying anything, we're not buying anything,' Wayne Booth said Tuesday. He was a Wholesale employee who recently lost his job. Booth said he and other employees were promised 10 years of work when they were hired by Wholesale. Most of the 40 employees, he said, invested at least \$1,000 of their own money in tools needed for the job. Booth said he spent \$1,200 on tools that are now worthless and said many others spent as much as \$4,000. 'Robert Woody, who also paid \$1,200 for tools, said he also was promised a future with Wholesale. 'Right now, I'm stuck with trying to find a job,' Woody said.

RIPON, CALIF.

MABEL A. TAYLOR - Mabel A. Taylor, 88, of Ripon, Calif., died Monday, Nov. 15, 1999, at Bethany Home in Ripon, Calif. Mabel was born September 20, 1910, in Sherman, Texas. She started the first flower shop in Manteca, Calif., known as Manteca Floral, in the mid-40s. She later opened Taylor Floral and Gifts in the late 40s, now known as Flowers By Laurie. She was a primary member and past president of Soroptimists International in Manteca, Calif. She was also a member of Peninsula Church in Eastern Star, and of St. Paul's Methodist Church in Manteca, Calif. She was a bridge player, and enjoyed traveling. One of her greatest joys were her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Survivors include two sons, Harry J. Taylor, Jr., of Truca, Calif., and George H. Taylor, of Manteca, Calif.; a daughter, Marlene Thibodeau of Ripon, Calif.; a sister, Evelyn Malbro of Twin Falls, to grand-children, including Caroline Thibodeau-Oliver, of Ripon, Calif.; Marlene Malbro of Manteca, Calif.; and Leslie Hageman, of Ripon, Calif.; and three great-grandchildren. Visitation will be from 11 to 5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, 1999, at the P.L. Fry and Son Chapel in Manteca, Calif. Burial will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, 1999, at the P.L. Fry and Son Chapel. Interment will be at Park View Memorial. Remembrances may be made to Soroptimists International Gifts of Love and Life to Support a Good Cause, Crisis Counseling in Local High Schools, at P.O. Box 218, Manteca, CA 95236.

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MAGIC VALLEY/IDAHO

Buhl to seek loan for new water projects

By Mary Lou Potts
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — The City Council Monday approved a resolution to file for judicial confirmation for a \$1,761,800 loan from the state to develop a new water source.

The city's attorney, Mike Moore of Boise, outlined the procedure as an ordinary and necessary step to acquire money in an emergency.

Several cities have used the procedure to repair or replace utility systems.

The city must wait 14 days here taking any action on the project.

Water problems plagued the city throughout the summer. Two of the three wells were inoperable for various reasons, such as con-

trol system failures, power outages and pump shaft failures.

Residents were asked to help conserve water by limiting lawn watering.

Council members spent many hours revising the budgets to cover some of the costs to drill a test well, and obtaining permission to divert a portion of an existing grant from the Idaho Department of Commerce toward the test well in McCluskey Park.

The test well is capable of delivering about 1,000 gallons per minute at a depth of 300 feet. The test well was capped until funding could be secured.

City Engineer Scott Bybee outlined the project to develop the new water source.

The projects — a pump house and water booster pumping sta-

tion, a million-gallon water storage reservoir, chlorine disinfection equipment, 15,000 feet of water line for distribution and a standby generator for emergency power — will enhance the city's ability to provide a reliable back-up water supply. The work also will increase fire flow to all three schools and provide more stable water pressure to all users in the north half of the city.

Resident Jim Barker said the council needs to be mindful of the emergency situation and asked whether new water rates will make residents less willing to maintain green lawns. However, he said he backed the council's plans for the project.

The council won over resident Merelda Okelberry, who had opposed the project and the pro-

posed water rate increases. But after listening to Bybee explain the project, she said she thought it was needed.

Okelberry said she was tired of drinking hot water. Bybee said the present well runs at about 80 degrees, but water from the new well will be cooler.

Charlene Czech came to talk about a problem she had this summer with a broken water line. Bybee told her that the city has about 15 miles of undersized old pipes, and the city's project would include replacing pipes.

A meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Nov. 29 at City Hall to set project plans. Bids will be sent out for the various phases, and work would start in early 2000. The new equipment could be in full use before the year is out.

Hagerman goes looking for another police officer

By Gina Mulder
Times-News correspondent

HAGERMAN — The city has an opening in its police department, after officer Shawn Peterson handed in his resignation during Tuesday's council meeting.

In a telephone interview Wednesday, Mayor James Norwood said Peterson had resigned for personal reasons, and the city would be actively looking for a replacement.

Peterson had been with the city for about a year.

In other business Tuesday, Hagerman resident Nancy Bright presented Police Chief Steve Lawson and Fire District Chief Tim Peterson 19 teddy bears, as part of the Hug-A-Bear program. Bright, an Avon repre-

sentative, solicited donations from her customers, which went toward the bears' purchase. Each bear has a large red ribbon around its neck with a tag listing the sponsor's name. The bears are to be used by emergency crews to help comfort someone during a crisis.

Council members authorized J-U-B Engineers to put together a cost estimate to fix the drainage problem at Lake and Second streets. Rob Hegstrom with J-U-B presented city leaders with a draft blueprint of the project. Hegstrom said he didn't expect the entire project to cost more than \$25,000.

Times-News correspondent Gina Mulder can be reached in Wendell at 536-6649.

Jackpot fire chief urges equipment upgrade

By Sam Felman
Times-News correspondent

JACKPOT, Nev. — David Hutchinson, Jackpot's fire chief and ambulance director, says his department needs equipment and doesn't have nearly enough money to cover the purchases.

The situation is critical, Hutchinson told the Jackpot Advisory Board, and will require some planning.

In addition to covering immediate needs, Hutchinson said he would like to set aside \$30,000 a year to cover future needs. About \$75,000 a year would be needed to run the fire department and put aside \$30,000 a year.

The top priority is a new rescue ambulance unit. This is needed now, Hutchinson said, but he is willing to implement a long-range

plan for other equipment.

Hutchinson said that in a recent insurance company review the fire department was rated 5 out of a possible 10. He said that is acceptable because it is considered average, but he would like to increase that rating by the next grading system.

"Jackpot has made great strides but has not made them in a balanced way," he said. "Most communities have more trouble with their water system than their fire protection. Jackpot is reversed and the department lost points because of it."

Ken Freshburg of Elko County Community Development suggested adding a fee to the water bill to go toward fire protection.

A fee of a dollar per unit could go toward fire protection.

A long-range street plan is in

place. The completion of Ace Drive to the golf course was the first phase of this plan. The next street to be improved will be Gurley Drive, the town's next busiest street. He said the sewer lagoons will be the next major town improvement, but sewer and water bills would support the improvements.

In other Jackpot business: Jackpot resident Terry Dunn volunteered to fill the vacancy for Jackpot tourism representative. The vacancy was created when advisory board Chairman Beth Winans said she could no longer continue with that post and the advisory board. The board unanimously agreed to recommend Dunn's appointment.

Winans wants to get a head start on the budget. Even though the budget process is several

months away, board members and residents should speak up now, so priorities can be set.

The board agreed a long-range plan like the one in place for the fire department is important for every department.

"Members of the board really believe that we need to start planning ahead for the future," Winans said.

Board member Norma Prindle addressed the Kiddie Park. She said the equipment for the older children is in good condition, but the park needs upgrades for younger children. The park also needs more shelters and picnic tables plus an additional restroom.

Ed Ellis, Jackpot's public works supervisor, said the water system needs a backup generator in case of power failure.

Tribe will appeal water rights ruling

LAPWAI (AP) — Nez Perce tribal leaders have decided to quickly challenge a judge's rejection of its Snake River Basin water rights claims, and to request the federal government to help.

The Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee Tuesday voted unanimously to immediately appeal the decision by District Judge Barry Wood to the Idaho Supreme Court.

"Clearly there are significant fact issues in dispute in this matter," Judge Wood's writing of summary judgment has ignored these issues," tribal Chairman Samuel Penney said.

Wood's decision gave the tribe an opportunity to litigate these matters, and we are asking the Idaho Supreme Court to provide us with that opportunity.

Wood dismissed the tribe's claim to much of the water in the Lower Snake, Clearwater, Salmon and Weiser rivers. He ruled that the fishing rights reserved by the Nez Perce in an 1855 treaty and subsequent agreements did not include instream rights to water outside the river's central Idaho reservation's boundaries.

The tribe had argued that the right to fish necessarily requires water in the rivers. But Wood said the treaties were intended to resolve conflicts between the tribe and settlers, so the federal government would never have intended that the Nez Perce be given rights to water off the reservation on land "intended to be developed and irrigated by non-Indian settlers."

Wood also ruled that an 1893 agreement, in which the Nez Perce ceded most of their reservation for nearly \$1.7 million, legally reduced the tribe, on the grounds that the tribe could claim water rights to a fraction of the area originally inhabited.

Tribal attorney Heidi Gudgell said Wood ignored U.S. Supreme Court rulings that Indian treaties must be interpreted as the Indians would have understood them, and that Indians retain any rights not expressly ceded.

The Supreme Court has ruled that it is the job of a court to determine a tribe's intent in entering into a treaty, and to view a treaty as the tribe's granting of some rights to the federal government, not the other way around," Gudgell said.

"In order for the court to fulfill its legal responsibilities here, it must allow the matter to go to trial."

Trustees OK contract for out-of-district students

By Margaret Jones
Times-News correspondent

HANSEN — The School Board on Tuesday approved a new contract for out-of-district students attending Hansen School.

Superintendent Dennis Coulter said teachers asked for the contract because some of the students are attending Hansen School after being expelled from other schools and sometimes present discipline problems. The new contract, which will be put in place next fall, would have students agree to show improvement in their attitudes and academics in order to stay in school.

In other business Tuesday,

the board:

- Approved raising the driver education teacher's wages to \$13.68 an hour.
- Approved the Albertson's grant technology plan which will run through the year 2002.
- Approved Heidi Craney to be the Idaho State University student health teacher.
- Awarded a \$361,900 bid for the new vocational building to the Star Corporation of Twin Falls.
- Approved a list of junior high activities to be held next semester. The list included a Valentine fund-raiser to specim reading nights and a family camping trip in Bruneau.
- Heard a report that the Spell-

man raised \$1,200.

- Heard there was a good turnout at parent-teacher conferences. The district plans to have longer sessions in the future to give parents more time to visit with teachers.
- The elementary school will present its Christmas program Dec. 14.
- The boys basketball team will sell apples and the school choir will hold a bazaar to raise funds from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 20 in the gymnasium.
- Six students have qualified to participate in the district honor music program and the high school concert will be presented Dec. 9.

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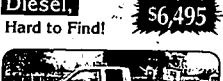
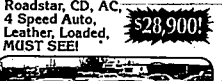


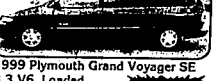

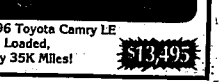
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COLLECTING TOYS



Drake Daniels, of Twin Falls, is completing his Eagle Scout badge project by collecting Beanie Babies at 21 a.m. Saturday in the Lynwood Plaza parking lot in front of Kurt's Hallmark and Pharmacy, in Twin Falls. Daniels, a Life Scout in Troop 3, is collecting donations for children undergoing surgery or suffering catastrophic illnesses at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Individuals may donate the toys for the next two weeks at Kurt's Pharmacy, Everybody's Business, Andrews Hallmark, Maize in Idaho and The Imagination Station. Daniels and other Scouts from Troop 3 will be at the Lynwood Plaza Saturday to take donations and answer questions. For more information, call 734-4044.

Man helps motorist with accident information

Just want to say thank you to a very nice man.
On Nov. 4, we were shopping when our car was hit in the parking lot. This gentleman, Harold Hake, saw the accident happen and gave us all the useful information. Thanks to this man, we are able to have our car fixed. If more people were as concerned about their fellow men then maybe, just maybe, there would be peace in this world.
Thank you again, Mr. Hake, and may God bless you in many, many ways. Thank you again.
ROWENA TURNER
Jerome

Newspaper makes touchdown with coverage

Times-News staff:
Thanks once again for all the great coverage this year. We appreciate your support. It's because of people like you we had a fun season.
TIM FERRIGNO
Football Team and Coaching Staff
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Rupert

Flier PTO reading event raises \$3,718 for books

The Flier Elementary Parent-Teacher Organization wishes to thank all of those who helped to make our recent Y2K Kids Read Scholastic Book Fair a success! This event earned \$3,718 in total sales, with \$2,150 of that going back to the school for books and media supplies for the classroom and school libraries.
Thanks again for all of your support!
JINGER BURTON
Book Fair Chairperson
Elementary PTO
Flier

Barton's Club 93 plans holiday bazaar, craft show

JACKPOT, Nev. - A Christmas Bazaar and Craft Show is being held from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday in the convention room at Barton's Club 93 in Jackpot, Nev.
Handmade items like quilts, bird houses, toys, and gift baskets will be available. Admission is free.
Community page deadline moved up with holidays
TWIN FALLS - Because of early production due to Thanksgiving Day, deadlines for the Community page have been moved.
Noon on Nov. 23 will be the deadline for articles or events for Nov. 28.

Hansen High School Bazaar set for Saturday in gym

HANSEN - The Hansen High School Bazaar will be held between 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday in the high school gymnasium.
There will be new and used items, crafts, arts, food, live entertainment and door prizes.
Tables to rent are \$10. Call Janice Hamby at 423-9393.
Proceeds from the bazaar will buy credit dresses for the choir.

Malta resident earns Eagle Scout honors

MALTA - Jordan Loughmiller, son of Bill and Susan Loughmiller of Malta, will be presented with his Eagle Scout badge at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, at the LLS Church in Hollister.
Loughmiller earned his Eagle Scout badge by tearing down and

THANK YOU LETTERS

Award nominee thanks people for nomination

As a nominee for the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Twin Falls Chamber Ambassadors for 1999, I wanted to give a huge thank you for the nomination and what an honor it was to be surrounded by so many wonderful people at the 17th Annual Success Breakfast and Luncheon with Capt. Walter M. "Wally" Schirra, astronaut (retired), our guest speaker.
I also want to take this opportunity to personally thank each and everyone that sent in a nomination to the chamber ambassadors for their consideration on behalf of me. I will cherish the award given to me in my service to the state of Idaho survivors of any form of brain injury.
My thanks again to all for making Nov. 4, 1999, a day and a year to remember. Please remember to buckle up and helmet up for your life and for the lives that you love!

CASSANDRA BLANKLEY, RN
Founder/Coordinator
Magic Valley Brain Injury Support Group
Referral system of Idaho
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Many people support family following farm accident

Thanks to everyone for their support following Tracy Sorensen's farm accident:
Richfield Quick Response, Shoshone Ambulance, Life Flight, Joe and Missy Mahoney, Paul and Tammy Brass, Kris Oneida, Sharon Leach and others for organizing "Bowl for Tracy", and to all who attended and gave financial gifts; Bozotto Furniture, Movieland Video, Southside Plaza, Genes, Sunrise Cafe, Moon Creek Store, Snack Bar, Moon County Auto parts, Jerry and Carol Sturgeon, Sawtooth Store, Ben's Automotive, Kathy O's

Pastors make 80th birthday memorabilia

Thank you to all of you special friends and family who helped to make my 80th birthday celebration so special by attending the open house on Oct. 30 at Our Saviors Lutheran Church, sending and bringing cards, flowers. I also thank Pastor Dan Riecke of Our Savior Lutheran and Pastor Mike Dismore of American Falls for their contribution to the celebration. It all made for a very memorable day.
God bless all of you.
LILLIAN SCHÜTTE
Twin Falls

Count your blessings because people still care

On Nov. 8, the Jerome First Church of God held a benefit for the Kissingers, who had a baby on Oct. 21 who weighed 1 pound 15 ounces. The Kissingers are the ministers of the Jerome Free Will Baptist Church. The turnout was fantastic. We don't realize how caring people are until the need is there. So count your blessings and people still care.
I would like to thank the people and businesses from the Magic Valley for all the help they

Nice woman helps buy snack for student

My name is Nicholas Pena. I am a fifth-grader at St. Nicholas School. On Wednesday morning before school, Nov. 3, I was at Swensen's in Rupert buying a snack to eat during the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills. I miscounted the money I had in my pocket and found that I was 49 cents short when I went to pay. There was a very nice and kind lady behind me who paid the 49 cents for me. I do not know who she is, but I would like to take this opportunity to thank her. If I knew her name, I would pay her back.
NICHOLAS PENA
Burley

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HOLIDAY HOEDOWN



Katie Stewart, Brian Gillespie, Jennifer Bott and Trent Mallory make tree ornaments for the St. Nicholas School's "Harvest Hoedown." The students are fifth-graders in Royce Young's class. The annual event begins at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Rupert Elks, 200 W. 85 S. Hot Potatoes will provide the entertainment and the evening features horn duos, an auction, a silent auction and a raffle. Each classroom makes a project for the raffle. Tickets, available from students, parents and the school, are \$9.50 in advance and \$9.50 at the door.

Woodstone hosts concert, raffles

TWIN FALLS - Woodstone Retirement Center will present the Liberty Gospel Quartet at 2 p.m. Saturday at 491 Caswell Ave. W. in Twin Falls.
The public is invited to attend, and there is no charge for the presentation.
For more information, call Vera McMillen, activity director at Woodstone Retirement Center at 734-6062.
Woodstone Retirement Home

Scouts take pet photos with Santa

TWIN FALLS - Happy holidays, Fido.
You can have your pet's photo taken with Santa from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at D & B Supply in Twin Falls.
The Santa's Furly-Friends event is a Magic Valley Girl Scouts community service project. Proceeds will benefit People for Pets Humane Society, specifically for spay/neuters and medical attention.
The 4 x 6-inch photos cost \$6 and will be taken by Inky's in Twin Falls.
For more information, call Sherry Olsen-Frank 734-4708

Minico crowns Mr. MHS Thursday

RUPERT - The Mr. MHS pageant will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday at the Minico High School auditorium.
The annual event is sponsored by the Business Club.
The 13 contestants will compete in formal wear, sports wear, talent and impromptu questions.
Part of the proceeds will benefit the Darrington family from

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Local educators receive scholarships for conference
Bonnie Tracy of Malta Elementary in Malta, and Carrie Ploss of Twin Falls High School

in Twin Falls were among 19 educators statewide selected to receive scholarships to the 1999 Economics/America conference hosted by Boise State University from Oct. 20-23, in Boise.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Elementary School are invited to a Parent-Teacher Organization meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday in the gymnasium.
The Cougar Good Guy awards for October will be presented and second-grade students will present a program.

rebuilding the backdrop for the Hollister Elementary School baseball diamond, with the help of scouts from Troop 99, varsity scouts from Team 99, and Scouting leaders. He is a member of Troop 99 of the Hollister LDS Church, led by David Anderson and Heber Loughmiller. Loughmiller is a junior at Raft River High School.

Jordan Loughmiller

Parents invited to Heyburn PTO meeting Thursday
HEYBURN - Parents of children attending Heyburn

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ACLU sues over sale of street to Mormons

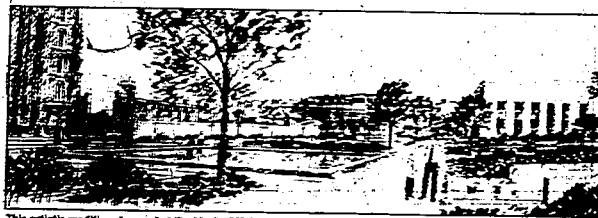
SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — When Salt Lake City sold a downtown block of Main Street to the Mormon church and let the church decide who can protest there, it squelched free speech and violated the Constitution, the American Civil Liberties Union charged in a lawsuit filed Tuesday.

The problem, the ACLU argues, is that the church is creating a public park but limiting public access. The church and the city, on the other hand, say the new pedestrian mall is private property and that no rights are being violated.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints promised to keep the plaza unfenced and open 24 hours a day when it bought two acres from the city for \$8.1 million in April.

But then the state's predominant religion laid down a long list of rules: No smoking, music, cursing, begging, bicycling, skateboarding. And none of the speechmaking that gave the area the nickname "Soapbox Corner" at the turn of the century.

"It's Main Street, and that kind of says it all," ACLU attorney



This artist's rendition shows what the block of Main Street will look like once the Mormon church transforms it into a pedestrian mall.

Stephen Clark said after filing the suit in U.S. District Court. "The city has in effect given the church a preferred platform right in the heart of the city that is closed to everybody else. The church is free to use this property to get its own message across, while other people are treated basically as second-class citizens."

The debate isn't new, said John McCormick, a history professor at Salt Lake Community College.

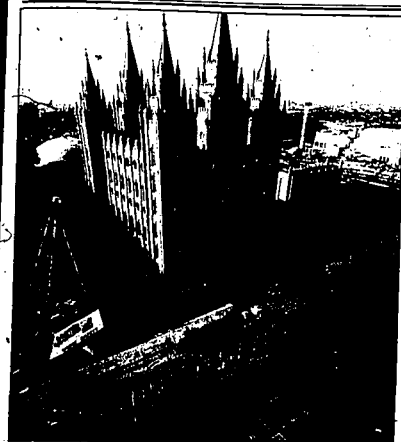
Ever since the turn of the century, when non-Mormons became half the city's population, the church has tried to reassert its authority.

"Salt Lake City is what more be called a contested site," McCormick said. "Who's Salt Lake going to belong to? Who will have a voice and who won't, and what position will groups occupy in the city? The sale of Main Street fits right into that."

In this case, the First Unitarian Church of Salt Lake City, the

Utah branch of the National Organization for Women and Utahans for Fairness are suing. The groups claim the sale gives at least the appearance that the Salt Lake City and outgoing Mayor DeeDee Corradini gave preferential treatment to the church.

"The mere appearance of joint authority by church and state gives a symbolic benefit to the church," said Jerome Barron, a law professor at George Washington University.



The Mormon Temple looms over what was Main Street as construction continues on an underground parking garage in Salt Lake City. An ACLU lawsuit claims selling the block to the church has squelched free speech.

Cash, pills turn up missing at police vault

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Nearly \$2,000 and a large quantity of pharmaceutical drugs disappeared at the Pleasant Grove police department.

The missing evidence was detailed in a legislative audit and prompted lawmakers Monday to call for an investigation by Attorney General Jan Graham.

The Legislative Auditor General's office outlined several irregularities since 1990 in the handling of cash and evidence by the Pleasant Grove police department.

The Utah County Major Crimes-Task Force discovered that the items were missing in early 1998 and asked for an inventory by the Utah County sheriff's office that tallied six pages of missing items, legislative auditors said.

The Pleasant Grove City police department attributed some of the discrepancies to poor record keeping. But administrators still have been unable to say what happened to much of the missing evidence, including a large quantity of pills recovered after a pharmacy burglary.

"Some Pleasant Grove Officials suspect that former members of the task force may have taken the items," the audit report said. Also unaccounted for was \$1,900 in cash, the auditors said.

"They were unable to verify explanations offered by the Utah County Major Crimes Task Force that some money had been miscounted and an evidence bag of cash left at a crime scene.

Auditors also questioned two checks totaling more than \$3,400 that came from the sale of seized chemicals and lab equipment to a chemical company in Orem.

One check for \$2,612 was endorsed by the task force's former director, who though not mentioned by name in the report was Michael Blackhurst, and deposited at a separate bank from where Pleasant Grove City had kept its other accounts. The other check, for \$884, apparently was cashed, the auditors said.

Audit supervisor James Behunin said Blackhurst did not return the auditors' telephone calls. The former Pleasant Grove police lieutenant pleaded guilty in federal court earlier this year to unrelated charges of illegally buying tens of thousands of prescription painkillers.

Pleasant Grove police Lt. Steve Clark said the agency's problems have been corrected.

"It's a completely different task force now," he said. "The last thing I want is for there to be a perception that Utah County has a bunch of people who don't know what they're doing."

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Prosecutor has more time to decide on seeking death

PASCO, Wash. (AP) — A man charged with killing a Washington State Patrol trooper waived his speedy-trial rights Tuesday, giving prosecutors more time to decide whether to seek the death penalty.

Franklin County Prosecutor Steve Lowe now has until Jan. 21 to decide whether to seek capital punishment or life in prison without parole if Nicolas Solorio Vasquez is convicted of aggravated first-degree murder. Those are the only two sentencing options under state law for those convicted of the charge.

Had Vasquez not waived his speedy-trial rights, Lowe would have had until Thursday to make the decision.

Vasquez' Superior Court trial, originally scheduled Dec. 8, now is set for Feb. 23.

Vasquez, 28, is being held without bail in the Oct. 7 shooting of Trooper James Saunders during a traffic stop in Pasco.

Former UW president dies

SEATTLE (AP) — Charles E. Odegaard, a medieval historian credited with raising the University of Washington to national recognition in 15 years as president, is dead at age 88.

Odegaard, whose term as president from 1958 to 1973 was marked by rapid growth and torn by student protests over the Vietnam war, died Sunday in his sleep of natural causes in Seattle.

"He was a wonderful man," said Camden Hall, a lawyer who was student body president in 1961-62.

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IRA gestures toward disarmament talks

BELFAST, Northern Ireland - The Irish Republican Army pledged Wednesday to open negotiations soon with a disarmament commission...

In a statement, the IRA promised to send a negotiator to the commission if the British province's major Protestant party, the Ulster Unionists, first formed the Protestant-Catholic administration envisaged in last year's Good Friday agreement.

Hurricane Lenny bears down on U.S. Virgin Islands

CHRISTIANSTED, U.S. Virgin Islands - Hurricane Lenny's winds climbed to 150 mph Wednesday, after its ominous first gusts and rains ripped off roofs, hurled boats onto shore and flooded homes with up to a foot of water as it roared toward the Virgin Islands.

John Paul II plans a Holy Land pilgrimage in March

VATICAN CITY - Pope John Paul II will make a millennium pilgrimage to the Holy Land in March - a visit that fulfills a long-held dream even as it thrusts the frail pontiff into the heart of Middle East political and religious tensions.

The Vatican is also pushing ahead on an even more political - fraught trip to Iraq. The United States, Britain and Iraqi dissidents have opposed the trip, fearing Saddam Hussein would use it for propaganda.

A Vatican advance team will go to Iraq on Saturday to lay plans for a possible papal pilgrimage in January to the Iraqi city of Ur, the Vatican missionary news service Fides said. Ur is the traditional birthplace of Abraham.

Queen opens parliament with pomp, pageantry

LONDON - Magnificent pageantry remained, but most of the aristocrats were missing when Queen Elizabeth II opened Parliament on Wednesday, days after the Labor Party government stripped hereditary peers of their centuries-old right to be lawmakers.

Crammed in among other members of the elected House of Commons, Prime Minister Tony Blair stood silently at the back of the chamber as the queen outlined a 28-bill program for the coming year.

U.S. reportedly mullied use of Agent Orange in Korea

SEOUL, South Korea - The United States proposed the use of Agent Orange five years before it was spread along the border with North Korea, a South Korean television station reported Wednesday - contradicting U.S. claims that South Korea came up with the idea of using the toxic defoliant.

The SBS-TV report quoted U.S.

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documents in reporting that the U.S. military brought up the use of herbicides in 1963, and the decision to use Agent Orange and other defoliants was made in late 1967 after talks between American and South Korean officials.

The Pentagon has said South Korea proposed the spraying to stop increasing infiltrations by North Koreans using dense undergrowth along the border for cover. U.S. officials say South Korea paid for the defoliants and the United States helped implement the project.

Remains from Bosnia's biggest grave reburied

MEMICI, Bosnia-Herzegovina - Several thousand people gathered at a funeral Wednesday for victims exhumed from the biggest mass grave discovered so far in Bosnia.

Local forensic experts, helped by the Boston-based Physicians for Human Rights, uncovered 272 bodies in a mass grave in the village of Tutina in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs. The bodies, unearthed in October 1998, are believed to be those of Bosnian Muslims killed at the beginning of the 1992-1995 war.

Patriarch: missionaries recruit by offering drugs

MOSCOW - Russian Orthodox Church Patriarch Alexy II accused foreign missionaries Wednesday of feeding psychotropic drugs to young people as a tool for winning converts, a news agency reports.

Alexy II frequently speaks out against foreign missionaries in Russia, who he feels are winning souls from his traditional flock of followers. The patriarch, speaking at a congress for Orthodox missionaries, said their main task should be countering the work of missionaries from other faiths.

Police open fire as rioting erupts in jail; 11 killed

MADRAS, India - Police opened fire Wednesday to quell a riot by prisoners in a high-security jail in this southern Indian city, killing 10 inmates and a jail officer, and leaving scores injured, a police officer said.

The jail officer was locked in a room and burned alive, the officer said on condition of anonymity. The riot erupted at the Central Jail in Madras, capital of Tamil Nadu state, after the death of a prisoner earlier in the day.

Stung by confession, police crackdown on bike thefts

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands - Embarrassed by a former drug addict's startling confession that he stole 50,000 bicycles, Amsterdam police said Wednesday they would appoint a special cop officer to crack down on the city's most common crime.

The announcement came a day after chagrined city officials formally reprimanded Amsterdam's top business spokesman for promoting the avowed thief's new book.

-Compiled from wire reports

A question of new boundaries

Latest dispute puts Palestinian state on the line

ARURA, West Bank (AP) - This hilltop West Bank village is the closest thing to nowhere, a half-hour's drive from the nearest city on a narrow, winding mountain road. Even the locals admit not much happens here.

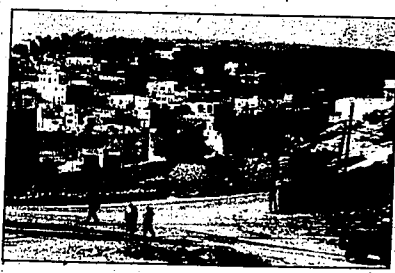
But places like Arura lie at the heart of the most serious quarrel yet between the Palestinians and the nearly 5-month-old government of Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak - one that has set off a volley of angry accusations and held up the handover of West Bank territory to the Palestinians this week.

Israel was to have turned over 5 percent of the West Bank on Monday, bringing nearly two-fifths of the territory under full or partial Palestinian control. Land handovers like this one are meant to build confidence and goodwill as the two sides hold intensive final-status talks aimed at yielding an overall peace agreement, a scant 10 months from now.

The Palestinians claim Israel is deliberately drawing the handover map so as to cede mainly remote, thinly populated pockets of land that provide no link between the urban enclaves already under the control of Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority.

They fear the result could be an archipelago state, whose territory is scattered as footprints in the sand. Arura was one of the areas designated by Israel for handover on Monday - an offer spurned by Arafat, who instead sought control of several densely populated suburbs of Jerusalem.

The village, located about half way between the main West Bank cities of Ramallah and Nablus, is too far from either to provide any territorial continuity. Even its own surrounding olive groves will be left out of the handover, municipal officials said. "They want to give us islands," said Arura's dentist, Najib Barghout, pausing Wednesday on



Isolated places like the West Bank village of Arura are at the heart of a heated quarrel between Palestinians and Israel's government.

the sleepy main street. "But we have to think of the big picture." Like others in the village of 3,000, he said he was eager to see it come under full Palestinian control - but not at the cost of areas deemed more crucial to sketching the outlines of a future state.

Israel, citing security concerns and past precedent, says it alone has the right to draw up maps for West Bank withdrawals. Under existing interim peace agreements, the Palestinians control not guaranteed a say in which lands are designated to be handed over, Israel's Foreign Ministry said in a statement Tuesday.

Until now, Arafat had always accepted Israel's withdrawal plans. But with final-status talks finally underway - meant to resolve the most difficult issues, including the status of Jerusalem - the Palestinians insist they must be consulted about any handover plans.

Two more Israeli pullbacks are scheduled before next September, when the two sides hope their final peace treaty will be concluded. As the dispute has hardened over the past few days, it has fueled Palestinian fears that Israel will strike a take-it-or-leave-it stance when it comes to the shape of their state.

"Israel is trying to create a precedent for the coming phase and for the final-status talks - that

the map be ready and that the Palestinians should simply agree to it," said senior Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat.

But Palestinians, too, are using the interim handovers as a way to stake out positions in the talks. Arafat's demand for control now over the Jerusalem suburbs of Ram and Abu Dis is almost certainly intended to bolster future claims to a Palestinian foothold in the disputed city.

The Palestinians want to establish their capital in Jerusalem's traditionally Arab eastern sector; Israel says it will never relinquish sovereignty over all the city. In congested, traffic-clogged Ram, on Jerusalem's northern edge, produce vendor Issan Abu Danabish had a ready answer when asked why the suburb should come under Palestinian control as soon as possible.

"Al-Quds," he said, using the Arabic-language term "the holy" that refers to Jerusalem.

Pakistan goes after wealthy, well-connected

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) - The military government rounded up hundreds of Pakistan's most powerful and wealthy people Wednesday, making good on its promise to try and rid the country's political ranks of rampant corruption.

The raids - which brought in landowners, industrialists, athletes and politicians from all parties - began hours after a deadline expired for debtors to repay loans or face criminal charges.

According to Pakistan television, 518 million had been repaid when the deadline expired - just 3 percent of the estimated \$4 billion outstanding.

Soldiers in green army jeeps roared up to the palatial home of Nawaz Kokhar, a member of former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto's party, on the outskirts of Islamabad to arrest him.

"We hope we will get justice. We are not going to run," said Kokhar, who reportedly owes about \$2 million.

He was just one of hundreds taken in during army chief Gen. Pervez Musharraf's crackdown on corruption, which he promised to carry out last month after seizing power in a bloodless coup.

There were conflicting reports on the exact number of arrests, but police and intelligence officials said the nationwide raids brought in as many as 450 hundred people.

Deposed Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's brother, Shahbaz Sharif, was among those charged, though the family reportedly repaid nearly \$6 million in loans by the Tuesday deadline.

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Talks end with no agreement on Nazi camp fund

BONN, Germany (AP) - Talks to set up a compensation fund for Nazi-era forced and slave laborers ended Wednesday without agreement, but both sides said they had come significantly closer on the key question of money.

Germany is willing to raise its \$3.2 billion offer to as much as \$5.3 billion, while lawyers representing the victims dropped their demands by about half, to between \$5.3 and 7.9 billion.

There's a possibility of finding a dignified solution within the lifetime of the survivors," said Israeli Brown, a member of the Israeli government delegation to the talks.

U.S. envoy Stuart Eizenstat said that a negotiated settlement seemed within reach. Eizenstat said the latest round of talks yielded an agreement on how to protect German firms from U.S. lawsuits, but industry representative Manfred Gents said some points remained open.

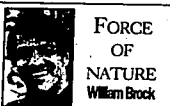
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Moments of doubt on a Sunday ride

Adventure takes many forms, but the essence of adventure is when the outcome is in doubt. I've had a few good adventures this year, from stumbling along the Jarvis River canyon...



A friend and I rode mountain bikes up the Indian Springs road, then dropped into a canyon just east of the road. We got plenty of exercise, saw lots of wildlife and, for a while anyway, had doubts about getting back to the trailhead.

The day was hot, our water was almost gone, and shadows were growing longer by the minute. For an hour or so, our adventure was spiced with uncertainty.

The outing began innocently. We parked at the junction of Indian Springs and Foothills roads, then began pedaling. We climbed the Indian Springs road for a mile or so, then forked right on a trail maintained by the Southern Idaho Fire Association.

The trail wove through rocky outcroppings and across open hillsides, climbing all the while. Then it angled back to the east where it crossed over and dropped into a canyon to the east.

It looked more inviting than the road, so down we went, squandering our hard-won elevation in seconds. At the bottom, we were confronted with two options: Left would take us to the canyon's mouth. Right would take us deeper into the South Hills.

We went right. The trail ran along a creek, climbing gently and occasionally. It was speckled with rocks and hemmed by thick sagebrush that clawed at our legs.

It was hot, so we freely guzzled our water. At one point, I stopped beneath an impressive rock formation to wait for my pal. I had my good lead, so I scouted up the crag...

Back on our bikes, my pal and I pressed on. Before long, we began to flush our Hungarian partridges. The first few flushes involved seven or eight birds, but the farther we rode, the bigger the clans became.

Before long, we were flushing 40 to 50 birds at a time. Each flush was thrilling as dozens of shapes burst unexpectedly from the tall grass, their wings beating filling the air with vibrant sounds of life.

It was getting late, but we still didn't know where the trail was headed. All we knew was where it had been, and my friend was adamant that we weren't going back that way. We pressed on.

It was hopeless. The trail would climb out of the canyon and loop back toward the trailhead, but the afternoon wore on and nothing was changing. The bigger the clans became.

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At the spot where we'd turned around, we were back to the trailhead. The outcome had been in doubt.

Lace up the boots and head for the... Deer Creek Trail

By Karen Bossick Times-News correspondent

HAILEY - Dave Anderson stooped to splash some water on his face, then jumped back as a 6-inch trout darted beneath him in the clear creek.

"Whoa! I didn't expect to see a fish in such a small creek," said the Twin Falls resident. There are plenty of things to see along the Deer Creek Trail near Hailey. The trail, slightly more than an hour's drive from Twin Falls, is a perfect place to enjoy an Indian summer afternoon.

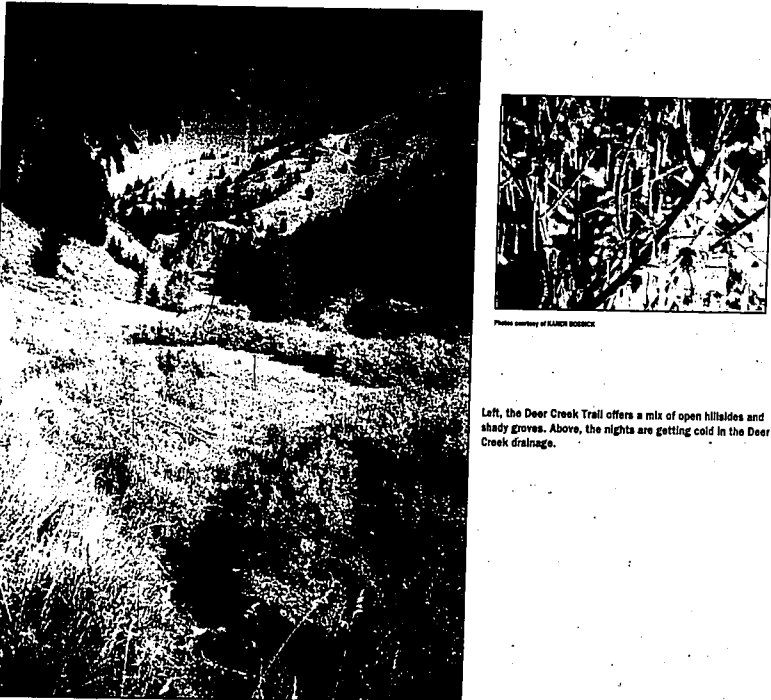
Though it's accessible to hikers, mountain bikers and horses, the trail isn't well known. You won't find it in many guidebooks. But it offers pleasant hiking in easy to moderate terrain, and the most difficult bits are no more demanding than climbing a short escalator. The well-maintained trail starts at the end of Deer Creek Road, just north of Hailey, and heads into the mountains west of town.

In places, the creek is choked with willow and cottonwood trees, so you'll find yourself shielded from the sun. In other places, the trail snakes through bunch grass so tall it sometimes tickles your nose.

The creek widens and narrows periodically, and there are a handful of creek crossings. The crossings are nothing to worry about in autumn, when the water is low. Most folks can simply hop across without having to step on a rock in the middle of the stream.

After the confluence with Horn Creek, the trail becomes hard to follow as it wanders into a thicket of willows. Don't climb the hill, even though it looks as if the trail might head that way.

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Left, the Deer Creek Trail offers a mix of open hillside and shady groves. Above, the nights are getting cold in the Deer Creek drainage.

Take yours on the rocks Dramatic landscape in Moab area shows skill of Nature's paintbrush

The Gazette (Colorado Springs)

MOAB: Utah - It's all about the rocks: curving arches, stiletto spires, soaring cliffs.

And the colors. Nature painted his land with a warm palette: dusty pink and delicate rose, terra cotta and mahogany, creamy white and burnt orange, all tinted by an impossibly blue sky and accented with silvery-green sage and golden-yellow snakedew.

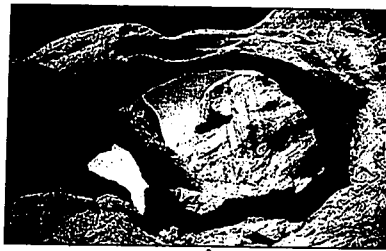
And that's before you even get to Arches and Canyonlands national parks, both just outside the growing town of Moab.

This stunning area of southeastern Utah, where every road is a scenic byway, boasts a number of national parks, monuments, recreation areas and state parks. About a day's drive from Colorado Springs, it features extensive outdoor recreation possibilities - more hiking and biking than any human can pack into a couple of days, and endless opportunities for shooting photos that will wow your friends.

If you enter Utah on Interstate 70, take the Cisco exit south to Utah Highway 128 for one of the most gorgeous scenic byways you'll ever drive. A curving highway meanders along the banks of the Colorado River - alternately gray, green or red, depending on what it's reflecting. If this scenery was in any other state, it, too, would be a national park here, it's just a warm-up for what's to come.

At U.S. Highway 191, turn right (north) and head into Arches National Park.

Arches - Soaring Stone It's well-named. There are



Arches National Park in Southern Utah provides some of the most spectacular views of rock formations in the world.

lovely stone arches everywhere, some visible from the road, some accessible by a short hike. Others require a more energetic commitment.

You can simply drive the scenic route through the park if you have only a few hours, or you can spend a whole day exploring all its trails. The hikes range from the super-easy loop around Balanced Rock (three-tenths mile) to a difficult four-mile trek to the Double O Arch - not a good choice for novice hikers or those with small children.

Not the most popular but possibly the most charming of the arches is Pine Tree, a short hike off the road to a shady spot where you can sit under the arch and admire the sky and valley beyond.

All these arches were carved by natural forces out of red sandstone. At sunrise and sunset, the

rocks glow as if lit from within by a giant candle.

Geology buffs can get the full explanation from the park map and guide, which is handed out at the entrance station.

Hikers - many of them vacationing Germans - are polite and quiet, for the most part, and you're able to sit silently on an overlook to hear the wind blow, a raven's call, the screeble of some small critter - possibly a collared lizard - taking refuge in the sagebrush that flanks the trails.

Hikers are asked to stay on trails, not so much to control their wanderings as to protect the park's cryptobiotic crust - a term you'll soon become familiar with in this area.

This dark crust covers much of the landscape here and takes centuries to form. It can be destroyed by a single footprint. It's this soil that supports the

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Don't miss a thing - plan ahead on the trip

The Gazette (Colorado Springs)

When to go

The best time is fall and spring, when temperatures and visitor numbers are moderate. Winter weather is fairly temperate and although it can snow, the snow usually isn't heavy. However, some trails can become icy in winter. Summer is more crowded, and daytime temperatures can reach 100 degrees.

Getting there

From Colorado Springs, take Interstate 25 to the Colorado 470 bypass to Interstate 70 west (or any back route you like) to Grand Junction. Enter Utah just west of Grand Junction and take the Cisco exit south to Utah 128, then turn south at U.S. Highway 191 to reach Moab, your base of operations. Take U.S. Highway 191 north to both Arches and the Islands in the Sky district of Canyonlands. Take it south to reach the Needles District.

Staying there

Moab has a wide variety of accommodations, from the old but recently remodeled Red Stone Inn ("Moab's Best Deal," 800-772-1972) to the trendy and artsy Gonna Inn (where else would you find a silver top hat as a sink stopper?) Call (800) 731-4044. There also are several chain motels and quaint bed-and-breakfast inns. Prices vary widely by season and accommodations. Call the Moab Visitor Center, (800) 635-6622 for a free guide to lodging.

Many campgrounds dot the area, both for car and RV camping. Call the visitor center (above) for a guide to campsites.

Dining there

Moab, for a small town, also has a surprising array of good restaurants, from a couple of brewpubs to the Sunset Grill, an upscale but moderately priced restaurant perched on a hill overlooking the town and valley - and with the promised views of sunsets. Try the wild mushroom vol au vent appetizer for a real treat. For breakfast, consider the Slickrock Cafe for a good cup of java and a healthful muffin. Again, call the visitor center for a free dining guide.

In the parks

Plan to pack a picnic lunch if you're going into either park for the day. There are no services (including gas) in the parks. It's also a good idea to pack along a gallon of water per person, especially if planning to hike. Even in spring and fall, it can get hot. Both Canyonlands and Arches have visitor centers at the park entrances that will orient you to the park and rangers who can answer questions and help you plan your visits. Bicycle trails are clearly marked. Pets are discouraged because they are not allowed on trails. Permits may be required for back-country hiking and camping; inquire at the visitor center.

Advance reading

There are several indispensable guide books to bring on your trip to Utah's parks. "Best Easy Hikes, Canyonlands and Arches," by Bill Schneider (Falcon, \$6.95) is an accurate guide to the most accessible trails. "Exploring Canyonlands & Arches National Parks," also by Schneider (Falcon, \$14.95)

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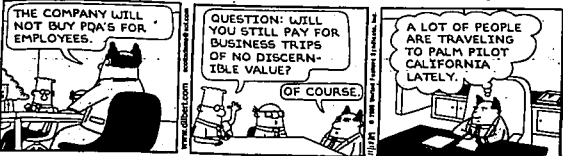
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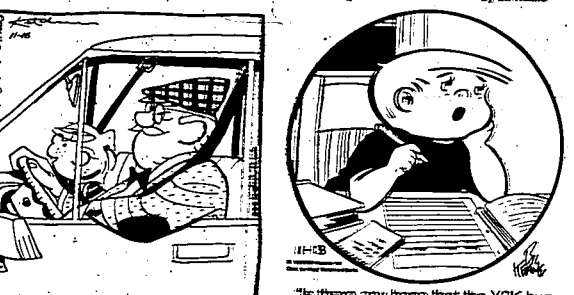


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OUTDOORS

Oregon hatchery lends a hand to improve fish species

LA PINE, Ore. (AP) — Located in central Oregon's Deschutes National Forest, Newberry Crater is the cradle of the state's kokanee fishery.

For nearly 30 years, every single kokanee egg needed by the state's hatchery program has come from Paulina Lake, on the west side of the crater about 20 miles south of Bend.

If things work out the way state biologists hope they will, Newberry Crater also will become the state's kokanee trophy showcase — with king-sized kokanee coming out of neighboring East Lake.

In fact, the next state-record kokanee could well be incubating right now at Wizard Falls Hatchery northeast of Sisters.

That's where the million or so kokanee eggs taken from Paulina Lake every October are delivered to be hatched and reared to fingerling size before being released in any one of a dozen Oregon lakes or reservoirs.

This year, however, hatchery workers subjected a batch of eggs taken from 70 females to special treatment. The eggs were submerged in warm water for about 20 minutes immediately after they were fertilized with sperm taken from 24 males.

The treatment works as expected, the fry that emerge from those "heat-shocked" eggs will be "triploids," meaning they have three sets of chromosomes instead of the normal two. As a result, they will be sterile and incapable of reproducing.

The triploid kokanee should live longer — and grow bigger. "Sterile fish don't go through the spawning stage of their life cycle," said Wizard Falls hatchery manager Stephen Hamberger, who was overseeing the annual egg-taking. "They can focus all their energy just on eating and growing."

The kokanee that swim into the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife trap at the mouth of Paulina Creek every October are 3 years old and the color of vine maple after a hard frost.

The red and green colors are



Fish hatchery technician Chris Boyd, right, tosses a male kokanee downstream after he and Jim Harvey harvested its sperm at Paulina Lake, on the west side of Newberry Crater near La Pine, Ore., last month. Newberry Crater is the heart of Oregon's kokanee fishery.

a reflection of the chemical changes their bodies go through in preparation for spawning.

Hatchery workers wade into the swirling mass of kokanee netting a dozen or so at a time. A gentle squeeze on the abdomen of a "ripe" female produces a stream of orange eggs into a bowl.

At an average of about 1,000 eggs per female, workers need to "spawn" about 1,100 females and about 350 males to meet the hatchery's egg needs for the year.

Kokanee die soon after spawning or being spawned by a hatchery worker.

Sterile kokanee, however, have been shown to live up to six years in experiments conducted in British Columbia, said Steve Marx, district fish biologist for

the Central Oregon area. They also remain a bright silvery color throughout their life, which means they should be good to eat year-round.

Sexually maturing kokanee that begin turning the colors of autumn are "generally only good for smoking," Hamberger said.

While some other states have reportedly had good success with sterile trout and kokanee, Oregon biologists are treating the process as experimental.

Treated kokanee will be released only in East Lake, which has no outlet, so there can be no question of impacting other fish populations.

"This is basically an experiment to see what they'll do and if there's applications for other areas if we're interested," Marx said.

Anglers will know the experiment is working "if they start catching fish in the fourth year that are bigger than what we're getting in the trap," Hamberger said.

The unofficial Oregon record for kokanee is held by a 4-pound, 14.7-ounce rod bender taken from Willowa Lake in northeast Oregon in 1998.

Regardless of whether the East Lake experiment produces trophies bigger than that, kokanee are clearly Oregon's salmon success story.

Kokanee are considered trout under Oregon angling regulations, but they are actually landlocked sockeye salmon. Kokanee evolved when the progeny of 4- to 10-pound sockeye salmon found themselves, for whatever reason, unable to make their way

downstream to the ocean. So they grew only to pan size and, after spawning, spawned in a tributary stream or along a lake shore.

In Oregon, however, people seem to have played the largest role in the development of kokanee.

Paulina Lake, for example, was

first planted with kokanee in 1971. It soon became the favored source of kokanee eggs for a couple of seasons, Marx said.

They are disease-free, being raised up there, there are no diseases to worry about. And we're growing large fish, so we get good numbers of eggs per spawn," Marx said.

So, Newberry Crater plays a role in the kokanee fishery even for anglers who have never fished east of Highway 97, or in Oregon.

The ODFW gives the California Department of Fish and Game about 250,000 Paulina Lake kokanee eggs a year for that state's hatcheries to use.

Fingerling produced from the annual Paulina Lake egg-raise provide the kokanee for 30 of the 39 Oregon lakes where they are present — including Crane Prairie, Detroit and Green Peter reservoirs, Big Lake on the Steensman Pass and Crescent Lake on the Willamette Pass.

About 30,000 fingerling a year are released back into Paulina Lake. They provide the fishery — and the future brood stock.

One reason Paulina Lake tends to have larger kokanee than most other lakes is because biologists are able to control their numbers.

"Kokanee are density-dependent," Marx said. "The more of them you have in a lake, the smaller their average size. So we can put in a fixed number of fish and dictate the size, to some degree."

And biologists may be able to dictate even bigger kokanee for future anglers if things work out as expected in Oregon's kokanee cradle.

New Joshua Tree plan allows climbers to replace anchor bolts

JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL PARK, Calif. (AP) — Rock climbers in this popular park will retain access to their favorite climbing areas under a new plan that also lets climbers replace worn-out anchors for the first time in eight years.

The plan bans the use of anchor bolts in 75 percent of the nearly 800,000-acre park, but that anchor-free zone covers mainly flat, developed land where rock climbing is not an option. Any existing bolts found in that area would be removed. The plan regulates other areas and requires some that have been closed to climbing with anchor bolts.

"The prime climbing areas

are still very much available to climbers," Ernest Quintana, the park's superintendent, said recently. "There's both wilderness and non-wilderness within that prime climbing area. It's known locally as the Wonderland of Rocks area."

The new management plan, which addresses the environmental impacts of climbing, will probably take effect Dec. 6, barring a legal challenge or filing delay by the Environmental Protection Agency. It eventually could be used as a model in other parks as managers of the nation's public land come under increasing pressure to balance the preservation of natural

resources with escalating human recreation.

"It's a tough thing to do because you're often dealing with conflicting objectives," said Christina Cowles, spokeswoman for Yosemite National Park, where authorities will be addressing the ties will be addressing the anchor bolt issue over the next few years.

The pro-climbing group there's opponents for Friends of Joshua Tree viewed the plan as a victory.

"We didn't lose any climbing areas," said Cyndie Bradford, who will chair a climbing committee that will hammer out new policies for the 200,000 acres unaffected by the anchor bolts ban.

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

TF chamber board taps Baird for post

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce's board selected a new member for its own ranks this week.



The board chose Linda Baird, the Twin Falls School District's school and community relations coordinator, to replace Blake Blank, who resigned from the board because he has moved away from the city.

Baird, who already served a three-year term in the past, will fill a one-year position that ends in December 2000, said Kent Just, the chamber's executive.

Homes America markets energy-efficient brands

BURLEY - Homes America in Burley is now an official participant in the Northwest regional marketing effort for Super Good Cents and Natural Choice manufactured homes.

Those homes are certified by the Idaho Energy Division to be the most energy-efficient manufactured homes produced in Idaho plans. As part of the marketing project, participating retailers' sales associates receive a briefing on energy-efficient home construction and marketing, sponsored by the Energy Division.

Retailers certified by the Energy Division are better informed to present the certified energy-efficient home upgrade options and the benefits to their customers, the agency said. Low-interest loans are available to Idaho home buyers purchasing the Super Good Cents and Natural Choice options through the division's retailer partnership program; for information, call 1-800-338-5AVE.

Homes America, at 239 Overland Ave. in Burley, can be reached at 1-800-927-3299.

Ameristar marks riverboat expansion with festivities

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa - Ameristar Casino Council Bluffs is preparing for the opening of the Ameristar II riverboat's third deck.

The expansion makes the facility the largest riverboat casino in Iowa, and a Monday ceremony will celebrate with a traditional boat launching, said Ameristar Casinos Inc. (Nasdaq: ASCA), which has an office in Twin Falls and casino properties in Jackpot, Nev.

The 37,000 square feet of casino space will accommodate 2,830 people, including a crew of 250. The Ameristar riverboat contains 1,745 slot machines and 51 table games.

The design of the Ameristar II's new addition is detailed with wood accents and hues of sports and gold. A new Center Court Bar features four flat plasma televisions.

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Telecommunications forum focuses on MV

Educational meeting is open to the public

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

JEROME - The players in south-central Idaho's economic development will gather Friday to discuss the Magic Valley's telecommunications network and its role in local economic vitality.

The South-Central Idaho Telecommunications Workshop - scheduled at El Sombrero Restaurant, 143 W. Main St. in Jerome - is a chance for the valley to discuss its next steps toward network upgrade and improvement.

"This is an educational meeting, open to the public, to investigate ways to improve service to this region," said Jerome

Chamber of Commerce President Con Paulos, the Magic Valley representative on the Idaho Economic Advisory Council.

"I anticipate a global, forward-thinking presentation with some down-to-earth business realities that should be of tremendous interest to economic development professionals and regional businesses," Paulos said in a memo about the event.

The Jerome chamber's counterparts in Twin Falls already have been dealing with some of those business realities.

U.S. West asked the Magic Valley to help prove there is enough demand to justify deploying quicker digital communications services. So a Twin

South-Central Idaho Telecommunications Workshop

- Registration, continental breakfast 8 to 8:30 a.m.
- Welcome - Con Paulos, Jerome chamber president 8:30 to 9 a.m.
- Telecommunications overview and terminology - T.R. BOWEN, POWER. Engineers corporate network administrator 9 to 9:45 a.m.
- Panel on call/tech center industry requirements - Steve Swann, Clearwater Research Inc. president, and Richard Smith of Marketron 10 to 11 a.m.
- Panel on telecommunications industry perspective: current and projected capabilities in south-central Idaho and Wood River Valley - Project Mutual Telephone President Charlie Croston; Ellen Bonner, vice president of government affairs for AT&T; and Cheryl Sutton, Idaho operations manager for McLeod USA 11 a.m. to noon
- Luncheon with presentation on "E-Commerce/Telecommunications Infrastructure - Is Your Business Ready?" - Brooklin J. Gore, director of new business development at MicroPro.com 12:30 p.m.
- Panel on other perspectives; moving targets of business and regulatory environments - Kevin Benedict, business-to-business e-commerce analyst for MicroPro.com; Corley West, Greens Parley attorney and former Idaho Public Utilities commissioner; Lynn Anderson, PUC telecommunications policy consultant; and Miles Browne of the Idaho Information Technology Resource Management Project 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.
- Where we go from here, a search for solutions - problem-solving discussion facilitated by Dick Gardner 2:45 to 4 p.m.
- Conclusion - Paulos 4 to 4:15 p.m.

Falls Area Chamber of Commerce committees has been educating local companies and drumming up support among business owners.

A payoff may be coming: U.S. West officials say they might be able to announce some new available technology in the near future. Please see FORUM, Page E2

Y2K may be a bump, not a crash



Commerce Secretary William Daley gestures during a news conference in Washington Wednesday. Daley said America will have spent more than \$100 billion preparing for the Year 2000 technology problem, or about \$385 for every citizen, but any computer glitches 'should not hurt our economic growth.'

Nation's Y2K czar recommends saving statements, stubs

Knight Ridder News Service

Relax. But make some modest plans just in case.

Nobody really knows what will happen, but according to experts, U.S. consumers - especially in big metropolitan areas - should experience little more than an occasional inconvenience as a result of the Year 2000 computer problem.

With 51 days remaining before the dawn of the new year, the consensus is that serious Y2K problems are more likely to occur in other countries. Domestically, the main glitches are expected in small towns and rural communities, and among small businesses.

There are too many computers, too many pieces of equipment, and too many companies, governmental bodies and institutions involved to predict where the occasional inconveniences will surface, so even the most confident pundits say some preparation is wise.

The nation's "Y2K czar," John Koskinen, chairman of the President's Council on Year 2000 Conversion, offers advice that has become a Y2K mantra: Prepare for the weekend of Jan. 1 as though you were preparing for a big winter storm.

"If they're prepared for a major winter storm they should be in pretty good shape as a starting point," Koskinen said in an interview. "That means you ought to have the standard flashlight, batteries, battery-powered radio, food and water to comfortably get through the holiday weekend."

Koskinen further recommends holding onto financial records and transaction statements from institutions such as banks, credit-card companies and mortgage companies for the remainder of the year and the first few months of 2000 just in case inaccuracies surface.

Please see Y2K, Page E3

YEAR 2000 CRUNCH

Sweet rewards

TF sugar plant touts contribution to local economy

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The best of the season's beets just arrived at Twin Falls sugar plant, finishing a harvest that yielded the most sugar crop in 66 years and earned \$40 million for local growers.

The sugar content percentage of this year's beets is second only to the 1933 crop's record in the 83-year history of Amalgamated Sugar Co.'s Twin Falls factory plant superintendent Jay Jaro told the Twin Falls Rotary Club Wednesday. Farmers and the factory's field men have collaborated to better crop quality.

Yield per acre has been climbing, and now it's paired with high sugar content and the plant's advanced sugar-extraction technology to make the entire operation efficient and highly competitive - as long as it has the governmental support to maintain an even field in foreign markets, he said.

In Twin Falls, Amalgamated buys beets from 242 contracted growers in the area - 145 million tons of beets from 42,000 acres, Jaro said. The resulting products go to a widespread customer base: the plant ships bulk and large-bagged sugar to 34 states.

Part of his message Wednesday was his industry's contribution to the Magic Valley's economy. Besides the grower's \$40 million pumped into circulation, the plant has a \$13.6 million annual payroll and spends about \$7 million per year on goods and services locally, he said.

Environmental expenses are significant for the sugar plant, Jaro said. Amalgamated spends:

- \$220,000 on routine wastewater projects and \$330,000 on special projects each year.

The plant has many irrigation acres to get rid of wastewater, and it recently built a huge pond for water from beet slicing which is recycled later in the plant's crystallization process. The pond has significantly reduced Amalgamated's wastewater problem, Jaro said.

- \$185,000 on routine and a varying amount on special projects annually to prevent air pollution.

- \$60,000 on routine and \$250,000 on special projects each year to improve the plant's smelt, which comes from settling ponds and from the drying process for beet pulp.

Jaro began his career with Amalgamated in 1973 as a mechanical engineer. Through a series of promotions, he became superintendent of the Twin Falls factory in 1987.

Under his leadership, the factory has increased throughput of sugar beets by 32 percent and has increased total production of sugar by 20 percent, said M. Lippman Jr., chief executive officer of Amalgamated, said earlier.

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MILLENNIUM MARKETING Stocks slip back as bonds falter

Companies capitalize on craze with inventive promotions

The Dallas Morning News

With less than two months left on the calendar, corporate America is jumping on the millennium promotions bandwagon.

A number of companies are now finalizing plans to capitalize on this sales opportunity by tying in their products or services to this once-in-a-thousand-year moment.

Consumers can expect the deluge of special offers now trickling into stores to widen into a flood as the year winds down. And many of these products will carry increased prices.

"It is almost reaching overkill," said David Wolfe, creative director of the Donoger Group, a fashion forecasting and trend analysis firm in New York. "We are going to be so bored with the idea."

A recent study by the accounting and consulting firm PricewaterhouseCoopers urged businesses to take advantage of the special event by tailoring their products to the celebration in unique ways and charging higher prices. The rationale: Consumers will be less price-sensitive during this time.

"There is something to the millennium promotions," said Robert McCann, communications consultant and cognitive anthropologist at the DDB Worldwide ad agency in New York. "Americans are looking for things that stop the clock for a moment."

Many companies, particularly those in the packaged-goods industry, don't need any encouragement. Among the promotions headed your way:

• Bottles of Budweiser: Eager to celebrate the arrival of the next 1,000 years? In mid-October,

Anheuser-Busch Inc. will begin selling a set of four Pilsner glasses, each with a millennium logo. The glasses come with a black, magnifying glass bottle of champagne. They will sell for \$49.95.

In addition, from now through January, 2 million Budweiser cans and bottles will sport special millennium labels.

"The millennium is recognized by consumers as a big deal," said David English, vice president of Anheuser-Busch's premium brands. "People are going to make the most of it."

• Cereal celebration: Kids won't be free from the millennium madness. The nation's largest cereal makers are adding 2% to the O's found in Kellogg's Frost Loops and General Mills' Cheerios.

General Mills will be auctioning boxes of Millenios autographed by entertainers such as Janet Jackson and the Go Go Dolls on eBay Inc.'s Web site. The proceeds will benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters organization.

"Cereal is a collector's item," said Ami Messner, Millenios brand marketing manager. "People are interested in mementos."

• Pasta by the numbers: Not to be outdone by the cereal makers, SpaghettiOs is adding "2%" to its famous "O's" from mid-October through the end of the year.

• For ladies who lunch: Tiffany's, the jewelry and china company, and the jewelry company known as Godiva aren't too proud to try to cash in, either.

• Tiffany's millennium products range from a \$25 "M" porcelain mug to a \$350, 10.5-inch high in sterling silver. At Godiva, you can

pay \$375 for 12 pounds of chocolate, one for each month of the new year, tied with a so-called millennium ribbon. For those going for something less expensive, you can take home a \$40 box of chocolate cigars, each with a millennium label.

• Schweppagne: Afraid of a champagne shortage? Not to worry. The Schweppes soft drink company has devised an alternative called Schweppagne in both alcoholic and nonalcoholic versions.

• Oh, thank heaven: Expect some type of millennium/Y2K message on the front of store banners Dec. 26 at the 5,151 franchise and company-owned 7-Elevens. The convenience store chain is also adding \$6.99 bottles of champagne to its recently introduced collection of French wines.

• McDonald's: The fast-food giant is teaming with the Walt Disney theme parks for its millennium promotions. Its restaurants are now selling millennium glasses and giving away family vacations to Disney parks as part of a millennium instant-win game.

• Eat more chicken: The Chick-fil-A restaurant chain's "Cows of the Millennium" calendar goes on sale Nov. 22 for \$5. Scenes include cows defending the Alamo and crossing the Delaware River, and each month features a coupon.

• Blockbuster future: Don't look for any free movie offers, but the home video king is offering a free rental of an educational video titled Preparing Wisely for the Next Millennium. The tape includes information about the Y2K computer bug and tips from the American Red Cross.

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks fell Wednesday as investors locked in profits from Tuesday's rally, with the Dow Jones Industrial Average ending the day at 10,833.99.

Broader stock indicators also ended lower. The Standard & Poor's 500 slipped 9.36 to 1,410.71, and the Nasdaq composite index fell 26.57 to 3,268.95.

Analysts said some of the losses came from profit-taking following Tuesday's big rally. After the Fed announced it would raise interest rates for the third time this year, the Dow soared 171 points, the S&P 500 reached its new first closing high since July and the Nasdaq broke the closing record set last Friday.

Stocks initially edged higher Wednesday as the Labor

Department reported the Consumer Price Index rose a slim 0.2 percent in October, in line with analyst expectations. The index is the government's most closely watched inflation gauge.

The market reversed course, however, as bond prices fell and the yield on the 30-year Treasury bond rose to 6.12 percent from 6.05 percent late Tuesday. That weighed on stocks, which often fall when rising yields present an attractive, stable return.

"The bond market is concerned that while the Fed is done for a while, there's no guarantee that they're done for good," said Ron Chlasiński, chief investment strategist at First Union Securities in Chicago.

An ongoing recovery in oil prices exacerbated that fear, analysts said. Crude oil futures for December reached \$26.70 a barrel, the highest level since January 1997, heightening fears

that inflation will build in the commodities market and eventually lead to higher prices for consumers.

"Energy prices are among the things the Fed will keep an eye on," said Stuart T. Freeman, chief equity strategist at A.G. Edwards & Sons in St. Louis.

The spike in crude prices helped Dow component Exxon to a gain of 1.625 to 80 13/16. Companies that provide equipment for major oil refiners rose, with Schlumberger gaining 2.516 to 68 13/16.

But airlines, which could see profits shrink if energy costs continue to rise, were mostly lower. AMR fell 2 7/16 to 60.375, and Delta slid 2 5/16 to 49.875.

Financial stocks, which are highly sensitive to inflation, also fared poorly. American Express fell 4.875 to 154.625 and J.P. Morgan fell 2.75 to 139.75, pulling the Dow lower.

Forum

Continued from E1 available technology in the next two to three months.

"We're probably a step ahead of the rest of the valley" because of the Twin Falls chamber's telecommunications committee. "We're doing with U S West what other areas are still waiting for," said Ken Just, the group's executive. The Twin Falls chamber will have at least half a dozen people at the Friday event in Jerome, he added.

Though it knew this event was coming, the Twin Falls chamber could've waited until November to hold the event. "We're in a good spot," Just said. His group will share what it has learned about advanced telecommunications, current companies' needs and

the requirements of prospective area employers.

Representatives of AT&T, Rupert-based Project Mutual Telephone, Hailey's POWER Engineers, the

Idaho Public Utility Commission and Micronpc.com also will be on hand Friday to discuss new and existing technologies, call center industry requirements, telecommunications industry needs and business and regulatory environments.

The event concludes with a discussion on what area economic development interests should do next.

"As communities come together, we can work on a regional approach to position the Magic Valley's

telecommunications infrastructure for the future," Paulus said.

A \$15 registration fee covers meeting-room costs, a continental breakfast and a working lunch. Addressing the effect of technology on businesses and telecommunications facilities, the Idaho Department of Commerce said.

The Jerome Chamber of Commerce and the Mini-Cassia Development Commission are co-sponsoring Friday's workshop. To register, call Tracy Kinas at the Jerome chamber office, 324-2711.

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Market	High	Low	Close	Change
Mini S&P 500	1107.50	1105.00	1107.00	+2.00
Mini Dow Jones	9810.00	9800.00	9805.00	+5.00
Mini Nasdaq	2100.00	2090.00	2095.00	+5.00
Mini Russell 2000	450.00	445.00	448.00	+3.00
Mini E-mini S&P 500	1107.50	1105.00	1107.00	+2.00
Mini E-mini Dow Jones	9810.00	9800.00	9805.00	+5.00
Mini E-mini Nasdaq	2100.00	2090.00	2095.00	+5.00
Mini E-mini Russell 2000	450.00	445.00	448.00	+3.00
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Russell 2000	450.00	445.00	448.00	+3.00
Oil	25.50	25.40	25.45	-0.05
Gold	415.00	414.00	414.50	+0.50
Silver	7.80	7.70	7.75	+0.05
Copper	3.20	3.15	3.18	+0.03
Platinum	920.00	915.00	918.00	+3.00
Palladium	1800.00	1780.00	1790.00	+10.00

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S&P 500	1107.50	1105.00	1107.00	+2.00
Dow Jones	9810.00	9800.00	9805.00	+5.00
Nasdaq	2100.00	2090.00	2095.00	+5.00
Russell 2000	450.00	445.00	448.00	+3.00
Oil	25.50	25.40	25.45	-0.05
Gold	415.00	414.00	414.50	+0.50
Silver	7.80	7.70	7.75	+0.05
Copper	3.20	3.15	3.18	+0.03
Platinum	920.00	915.00	918.00	+3.00
Palladium	1800.00	1780.00	1790.00	+10.00

LIVESTOCK

Market	High	Low	Close	Change
S&P 500	1107.50	1105.00	1107.00	+2.00
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Nasdaq	2100.00	2090.00	2095.00	+5.00
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"We are very confident that the banking and financial services industries are going to be as you can see for this transition and as a general matter, should function normally in the first few weeks of January," he said. "But, on the other hand, we're also reasonably confident about the board that there are going to be other things somewhere, because this is a major, unique management challenge that the world has faced."

Y2K problems can occur in computer programs that use the abbreviated "00" rather than "2000" to represent the year. If such programs are not fixed, computers may produce inaccurate data because they read "00" as "1900." Also, a small percentage of microcontrollers embedded in electronic equipment use dates to perform important functions, and those controllers must be identified and fixed in the 1990s.

"These failures won't happen in every community by a long shot, but they will be primarily in communities where people have not taken either any action or started very late," Koskinen said.

In addition to health care, local government and small business, Gartner Group lists agriculture, ocean shipping, the oil industry and the chemical processing industry as most vulnerable to Y2K.

One of the difficulties in predicting what will happen is that a Y2K project is not a standard project or agency considered unprepared in a spring or summer survey may well be finished, or nearly so, by now.

On the other hand, getting a late start could be a sign of trouble, Koskinen said.

If he advises consumers who have concerns to talk to the relevant agencies, organizations and businesses: Ask doctors whether the systems they use for billing are up to date. For example, for example, and look for alternate places to shop if businesses are unprepared.

"I think the key sign will be if someone says, well we don't think it's any big deal and we'll fix anything that breaks the rest of January. I think that's an organization that is likely to have problems, and so people can plan accordingly," Koskinen said.

Michael S. Hyatt, says the government has calmed the public to the point where people may not be as concerned about Y2K, he accuses Koskinen of creating "an avalanche of optimism."

"The federal government has created a climate of complacency by not telling both sides of the story," said Hyatt, author of "The Millennium Bug: How to Survive the Coming Chaos and the Y2K Personal Survival Guide."

Hyatt suggests that consumers stockpile water, food and basic household goods, that they take alternative ways to heat their homes, find backup means of tending to their health and secure copies of important documents.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
On the 2nd day of March, 2000, at the hour of 10:00 A.M., of said day, (recognized local time), in the Office of First American Title Company, 260 3rd Avenue North, Twin Falls, in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, First American Title Company of Idaho, Inc., an Idaho Corporation, as successor trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows:
Lot 7 in Block 2 of BOWDEN TERRACE SUBDIVISION, Twin Falls County, Idaho, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Book 11 of Plats, Page 31, Records of said County.

LEGAL NOTICE

A distance of 165 feet;
THENCE East along the North Boundary of said Section 18 for a distance of 250 feet and back to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.
The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 1547 North East 2900 North, Blaine, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said real property.

LEGAL NOTICE

THENCE South 49°15' West 265 feet to a stake on the POINT OF BEGINNING.
THENCE along the rim-rock in a Northwesterly direction 435 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.
EXCEPTING THE FOLLOWING:
Township 10 South, Range 17, East of the Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho
SECTION 21; That part of the SE1/4 of the SE1/4 of the Boise Meridian east point being designated by a cross in the ground at the Northeast corner of said Section 21;
THENCE running South 0°18'27" East along the Eastern side of the SE1/4 of the SE1/4 of the Boise Meridian for 1316.30 feet to the Northeast corner of said SECTION 21;
THENCE North 80°30'00" West along the Northernly corner of the SE1/4 of the SE1/4 of the Boise Meridian for 780.74 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, said point being described in a certain deed, instrument No. 223144, dated January 10, 1999, in and to the Boise and the Southern Idaho Fair and Game Association as being Section 21, East of the Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho.

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THENCE running South 51°48'56" East for 94.36 feet;
THENCE South 62°34'22" East for 59.02 feet;
THENCE South 45°57'52" West for 369.59 feet more or less to a point on the rim-rock of said Section 21;
THENCE along 17°40'47" West for 174.8 feet more or less along said rim-rock to the Southernly point of said Section 21;
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THENCE North 17°16' East for 165 feet to the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING.

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following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows:
Block 1 of 50 Lateral Subdivisions of Lot 7 in Block 2 of BOWDEN TERRACE SUBDIVISION, Twin Falls County, Idaho.
No, according to the official plat thereof, recorded in Book 11 of Plats, Page 31, Records of said County, Idaho.
By reason of the automatic stay provided by Section 541B of the Bankruptcy Code 11 U.S.C. 541B, the original sale is discontinued, and payment to proceeds of Idaho County, Idaho, is 15% of the sale price.
The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above described real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 1547 North East 2900 North, Blaine, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said real property.

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ORDINANCE NO. 804
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KIMBERLY, IDAHO, PROVIDING FOR THE ADPTER 9.13 OF TITLE 9, PUBLIC PEACE, MORALITY AND WELFARE, OF THE KIMBERLY MUNICIPAL CODE PROHIBITING PUBLIC DISTURBANCE NOISES. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF KIMBERLY:

SECTION 1. Chapter 9.13 of Title 9, Public Peace, Morality and Welfare, as added to the Kimberly Municipal Code to read as follows:
 9.13 Public Disturbance Noises. It is unlawful for any person to cause, or for any person in possession of property to allow to originate from the property, sound that is a public disturbance noise. The following sounds are determined to be public disturbance noises:
 (A) The frequent, repetitive or continuous sounding of any horn or siren attached to a motor vehicle, except as a warning of danger or as specifically permitted or required by law.
 (B) The creation of frequent, repetitive or continuous sounds in connection with the starting, operation, repair, rebuilding or testing of any motor vehicle, motorcycle, off-highway vehicle or energy combustion engine within a residential district, so as to unreasonably disturb or interfere with the peace, comfort and repose of owners or possessors of real property. This does not include the use of motor vehicles without mufflers. The use of engine brakes on commercial semi-tractor trucks, commonly known as "Jake brakes" or "air brakes" is also prohibited within the City.
 (C) The creation of frequent, repetitive or continuous sounds which emanate from any residential, commercial, apartment or condominium, which unreasonably interfere with the peace, comfort and repose of owners or possessors of real property, such as sounds from audio equipment, musical instrument, band sessions or social gatherings.
 (D) Sound from motor vehicle sound systems, such as speakers, radios and compact disc players, operated as to volume so as to exceed that than fifty feet (50') from the vehicle.
 (E) Sound from the equipment such as tape players, radios, or compact disc players, operated so as to be audible greater than fifty feet (50') from the source, and if not operated upon the property of the operator.
 (F) Frequent and continuous barking or howling of dogs in any premises or property owned or controlled by any person in the City, particularly between the hours of seven o'clock (11:00) a.m. and six o'clock (6:00) a.m. or at any time and place so as to unreasonably disturb or interfere with the peace, comfort and repose of owners or possessors of real property.
 (G) The foregoing provisions shall not apply to regularly scheduled and City-approved events at parks, streets, playgrounds, or public or private events, including but not limited to baseball games or park concerts, or street days.
 SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval by the Mayor and City Council and upon its publication as required by law.
 SECTION 3. All fines imposed by this ordinance shall be in addition to any fine or other costs or other restitution imposed by the Court on the 9th day of 1999.
 W/ Kim Sherman, Mayor
 ATTEST: Kim Martin, City Clerk

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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
 Case No. SP-99-03524
 NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 (IC § 15-3-30)

In the Matter of the Estate of RICHARD C. HARDER, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mary K. Harder has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. Any persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.
 Claims must either be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, or filed with the Clerk of the Court.
 STEPHAN, KVANVIG, STOKES & TRAINOR, By Russell G. Kvanvig, Attorneys for Personal Representative
 P.O. Box 83
 Twin Falls, ID 83303-0083
 208-733-0272

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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

Case No. SP-99-916
 NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 In the Matter of the Estate of ROBERT H. LYNARD, JR. Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Co-Personal Representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.
 Claims will be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.
 DATED This 26th day of October, 1999.
 A/Ann Larsen
 3303 Academy Avenue East
 Jerome, ID 83441
 A/Tim Lyndar
 4319 N 2450 E
 Twin Falls, Idaho 83328

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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 OF HEARING
 Case No. SP-99-0072
 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KAREN MARIE CHRISTENSEN

For Change of Name. A Petition by Karen Marie Christensen, on April 19, 1992, at Magic Nowy Memorial Hospital, Nowy, Michigan, was granted. Lates, #15, Twin Falls, Idaho, and changing the name to Karen M. Griffith has been filed in the above-named Court. Reason for the change in name being Karen Marie Christensen.
 The name of the Petitioner's father James A. Griffin, address 3020 S 3500 N, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303.

Such Petition will be heard at such time as the Court may appoint and decisions may be filed by any person who can, in such decisions, advise the Court a good reason against such a change of name.
 Hearing on Petitioner's Application for Name Change is set for Tuesday, the 14th day of December, 1999, at 9:00 a.m., in Courtroom 309, inasmuch as court is closed on the 14th day of December, 1999.
 DEED AND SEAL of said Court is hereby given.
 STEPHAN, KVANVIG, STOKES & TRAINOR, By Kevin F. Trainor, Attorney for Petitioner
 P.O. Box 83
 Twin Falls, ID 83303-0083
 ATTEST: Robert S. Fort, Clerk of the District Court
 C.G. Daw, Deputy Clerk

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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
 Case No. SP-99-0072
 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LOLA ADAMS WOLFE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Personal Representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice, or said claims will be forever barred.
 Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.
 DATED This 15th day of November, 1999.
 W/Thomas D. Harshaw, Jr. Personal Representative
 P.O. Box 2497
 Twin Falls, ID 83303-2497

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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
 Case No. SP-99-03524
 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RICHARD C. HARDER, Deceased.

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 W/Stephan Kvanvig, Personal Representative
 P.O. Box 83
 Twin Falls, ID 83316
 W/Barbara Holt

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 Case No. SP-99-03524
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 P.O. Box 83
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ion response must be filed with the above designated Court within 20 days after the date of this Summons. If you fail to respond the Court may enter judgment against you as demanded by the plaintiff in the Complaint.
 A copy of the Complaint is served with this Summons. If you wish to seek the aid of representation by an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so as to protect your rights.
 The nature of the claim against you is to quiet title to the above-described real property.
 An appropriate written response requires compliance with the Rules of the other Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure and shall also include:
 1. The title and number of this case.
 2. Your response is an Answer to the Complaint, it must contain admissions or denials of the allegations of the Complaint and your defenses you may claim.
 3. Your signature, mailing address and telephone number, or the signature, mailing address and telephone number of your attorney.
 Proof of mailing or delivery of a copy of your response to plaintiff's attorney, as designated above, to determine whether you must pay a filing fee with your response. You may contact the Clerk of the above-named Court.
 DATED this 22nd day of October, 1999.
 Clerk of the District Court, By Gary D. Daw, Deputy Clerk

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

Case No. SP-99-916
 NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 In the Matter of the Estate of ROBERT H. LYNARD, JR. Deceased.

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 DATED This 26th day of October, 1999.
 A/Ann Larsen
 3303 Academy Avenue East
 Jerome, ID 83441
 A/Tim Lyndar
 4319 N 2450 E
 Twin Falls, Idaho 83328

PUBLISH: November 4, 11 and 18, 1999

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 OF HEARING
 Case No. SP-99-0072
 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KAREN MARIE CHRISTENSEN

For Change of Name. A Petition by Karen Marie Christensen, on April 19, 1992, at Magic Nowy Memorial Hospital, Nowy, Michigan, was granted. Lates, #15, Twin Falls, Idaho, and changing the name to Karen M. Griffith has been filed in the above-named Court. Reason for the change in name being Karen Marie Christensen.
 The name of the Petitioner's father James A. Griffin, address 3020 S 3500 N, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303.

Such Petition will be heard at such time as the Court may appoint and decisions may be filed by any person who can, in such decisions, advise the Court a good reason against such a change of name.
 Hearing on Petitioner's Application for Name Change is set for Tuesday, the 14th day of December, 1999, at 9:00 a.m., in Courtroom 309, inasmuch as court is closed on the 14th day of December, 1999.
 DEED AND SEAL of said Court is hereby given.
 STEPHAN, KVANVIG, STOKES & TRAINOR, By Kevin F. Trainor, Attorney for Petitioner
 P.O. Box 83
 Twin Falls, ID 83303-0083
 ATTEST: Robert S. Fort, Clerk of the District Court
 C.G. Daw, Deputy Clerk

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