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Talks start; protests fade a bit

Clinton pushes environmental concern, worker rights issues

The Associated Press
SEATTLE — As arrests mounted and National Guard troops paraded outside, delegates from 135 nations tried Wednesday to resuscitate global trade talks that thousands of protesters had brought to a standstill the day before.

More on the protests — C8

While the streets were calmer Wednesday, police were still firing tear gas at demonstrators near President Clinton's hotel as night fell.

In another slap at the president, delegates from Third World countries turned a cold shoulder on Clinton's personal appeal that they soften their resistance to including environmental protection and labor standards in trade negotiations they hope to launch this week.

Giving a luncheon address to trade ministers from the 135 member countries of the World Trade Organization, Clinton pressed the U.S. case that the



President Clinton speaks with U.S. Trade Representative Charlene Barshevsy at a luncheon Wednesday in Seattle. New trade talks should work to eliminate the secrecy that shrouds WTO deliberations and search for ways to tie trade agreements to worker rights and environmental protection.
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Idaho politicians brave mean streets of Seattle

**By Gregory Hahn
Times-News writer**

BOISE — Gov. Dirk Kempthorne returned Wednesday from the wild opening of the World Trade Organization talks in Seattle.

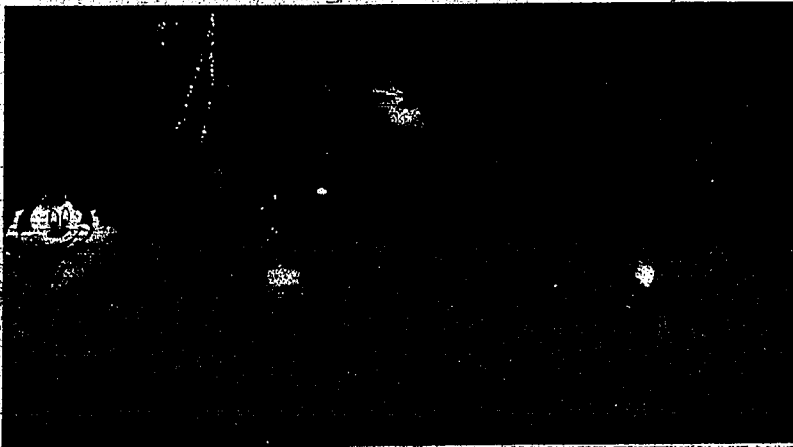
He was optimistic that Idaho's agricultural interests were well-represented, and he said the raucous protests that have closed many of the city's streets haven't stopped the negotiations that are only beginning this week and that will last for years.

"I was up close and personal with some of the protesters," Kempthorne said Tuesday, safely back in Boise.



Dirk Kempthorne and Mike Simpson. Of course, he's getting used to this. In the past few months, Kempthorne's survived a nuclear accident in Japan, an earthquake in Taiwan and now the near-riots in the streets of Seattle.
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LIGHT OF LIFE



Shari Massey, Carol Bohm, and Ebon Dallow attended a candlelight vigil for World AIDS Day Wednesday night at the First United Methodist Church.

Candles mark AIDS day

Valley residents hear message of education, hope and tolerance

**By Brian Haynes
Times-News writer**

Events elsewhere — A3

TWIN FALLS — Dozens of World AIDS Day supporters held candles on the steps of the First United Methodist Church Wednesday night, joining thousands of people in the worldwide movement to bring attention to the epidemic.

The chilly weather drove the group inside, but it didn't change the message of education, hope and tolerance.

"We're here tonight because we have an epidemic that has devastated the world," diversity consultant Sam Byrd told the group of about 50 people. "We

have serious issues worldwide. We must act locally, but we must also think globally."

More than 33 million people worldwide are infected, and many of them are in their teens or 20s, he said.

Some of those people live in southern Idaho, but many in the community don't realize how many people are affected, said Rev. Dick Gotsch of the Calvary Episcopal Church in Jerome.

More than 50 people have HIV or AIDS in the south-central

Idaho health district, and many more are affected because they are friends or family, said Gotsch, who does hospice work with people with AIDS.

One of the people directly affected was Jim Carmichael, whose son died of AIDS four years ago.

Carmichael said the community's attitude toward AIDS has changed in the past few years. He saw two marquee acts in town with World AIDS Day messages, something he didn't see a few years ago even after he wrote letters asking businesses to do so, he said.

Among those at the candle-

light vigil was Heather Crawford, who said people need to continue educating themselves and being careful.

"It's never going to be enough until it's over," she said.

Byrd said the work was far from over.

"We must take it beyond tonight," he said. "We must realize it's not about them, it's about us. . . It's about ending the silence. It's about saying that's enough."

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Agency may revisit Jarbidge road issue

The Associated Press

RENO, Nev. — The head of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Nevada is willing to revisit proposals to rebuild a controversial road in a national forest, but doubts it can be done without harming the threatened bull trout.

Angry West — C5

"We stand ready to look at any alternative," said Bob Williams, USFWS field director based in Reno.

"I can't prejudice the outcome, but I think we'd have a difficult time coming up with a road that would not adversely affect the bull trout," he said in an interview this week.

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Elko officials back new work next spring

The Times-News

Elko County commissioners voted unanimously on Wednesday to reopen the South Canyon Road near Jarbidge. Work on the road will begin next spring, said Commission Chairman Tony Lesperance.

Wednesday's action was in response to a petition from a Jarbidge residents asking for the county to open the road which was closed in a flood in 1995. An evidentiary hearing was held last month and commissioners listened to 18 hours of testimony from people on ownership of the road, the importance of the road and the road's effect on the Jarbidge economy.

During a special meeting on Tuesday, commissioners reviewed the testimony and concluded that Elko County has jurisdiction over the South Canyon Road.

Polar lander zeroes in on Red Planet as part of exploration commitment

The Dallas Morning News

PASADENA, Calif. — The Mars Polar Lander was within about 600,000 miles of the Red Planet on Wednesday, carrying a weighty cargo of scientific instruments and hope.

If the spacecraft touches down as scheduled near Mars' south pole on Friday afternoon, it will become only the second mission to land on Mars in more than 20 years. As despite the September disappear-

Follow the mission online — A2

ance of its sister spacecraft — the Mars Climate Orbiter — scientists say they're prepared to continue a long-term program for exploring Mars.

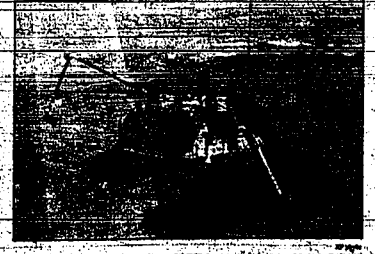
"Exploration is a risky, risky business," said John McCleese, chief scientist of the Mars exploration program at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena. "We're

risking our robots, not our lives."

McCleese knows the risk well. Twice he has lost a scientific instrument that he planned to use on a Mars probe — once in 1993, when the Mars Observer spacecraft disappeared, and this year, when he had one of the doomed Climate Orbiter. Now he helps coordinate Mars probes, including six to be launched in the next six years.

"Perhaps I'm somewhat fixated

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This is an artist's rendering of the Mars Polar Lander.

THE REGION

Camas Prairie

High 33° Low: 8°
Mostly cloudy today with snow. Some clearing tonight. Partly cloudy Friday, high 32.

Treasure Valley

High 40° Low: 20°
Mostly cloudy today and tonight with rain or snow likely. Mostly sunny Friday, high 40.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High 35° Low: 25°
Mostly cloudy today with snow. Some clearing tonight. Partly cloudy Friday, high 32.

Eastern Idaho

High 36° Low: 23°
Mostly cloudy today with good chance of rain or snow and breezy. Snow, likely early Friday, then some clearing, high 30.

Northern Idaho

High 41° Low: 25°
Mostly cloudy today and tonight, breezy, chance of rain or snow tonight. Partly cloudy Friday, high 35.

Northern Utah

High 47° Low: 31°
Mostly cloudy with good chance of rain tonight. Snow likely Friday, high 37.

Northern Nevada

High 38° Low: 28°
Mostly cloudy today and tonight with rain or snow likely. Mostly sunny Friday, high 36.

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
High: 38° Low: 29° Mostly cloudy with light snow likely, snow likely tonight.	High: 37° Low: 28° Mostly sunny with light winds.	High: 40° Low: 26° Partly cloudy.	High: 40° Low: 26° Partly cloudy.	High: 40° Low: 26° Partly cloudy.

Idaho weather

Thursday, Dec. 2
AccuWeather forecast for day(s) conditions, high/low temperatures

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National weather

The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Thursday, Dec. 2

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YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls	Precipitation
Yesterday 40-39	Yesterday in Twin Falls in. . .
Last year 55-33	Normal to date01
Normal 45-24	Water year to date15
	Normal year to date23

Idaho

City	Max	Min	Pcp	Idaho's High/Low	Available Low
Boise	41	38	.03	Idaho's High/Low	30
Barley	41	38	.03	Idaho's High/Low	30
Coeur d'Alene	34	31	-.01	Nation's High/Low	21
Grangeville	m	m	m	Nation's High/Low	21
Hagerman	m	m	m	Nation's High/Low	21
Malta	39	30	.01	Nation's High/Low	21
McCall	34	29	.01	Nation's High/Low	21
Pocatello	42	36	tr.	Nation's High/Low	21
Salmon	43	34	tr.	Nation's High/Low	21
Shoshone	32	27	.01	Nation's High/Low	21
Sun Valley	42	32	tr.	Nation's High/Low	21

The Nation

City	Max	Min	Pcp	Idaho's High/Low
Albuquerque	56	36	tr.	Idaho's High/Low
Anchorage	50	19	tr.	Idaho's High/Low
Boston	36	24	tr.	Idaho's High/Low
Chicago	46	32	tr.	Idaho's High/Low
Dallas	69	48	tr.	Idaho's High/Low
Denver	66	40	m.	Idaho's High/Low
Des Moines	58	36	tr.	Idaho's High/Low
Detroit	54	26	tr.	Idaho's High/Low
Houston	73	58	tr.	Idaho's High/Low
Indianapolis	45	26	tr.	Idaho's High/Low
Kansas City	61	40	tr.	Idaho's High/Low
Las Vegas	65	51	tr.	Idaho's High/Low
Los Angeles	65	54	tr.	Idaho's High/Low
Memphis	68	56	tr.	Idaho's High/Low
Miami Beach	72	56	tr.	Idaho's High/Low
Milwaukee	43	26	tr.	Idaho's High/Low
Minneapolis	46	33	tr.	Idaho's High/Low
New Orleans	68	40	tr.	Idaho's High/Low
New York	66	42	tr.	Idaho's High/Low
Oklahoma City	66	42	tr.	Idaho's High/Low
Omaha	67	42	tr.	Idaho's High/Low
Phoenix	77	55	tr.	Idaho's High/Low
Pittsburgh	33	15	tr.	Idaho's High/Low
Portland, Ore.	59	43	tr.	Idaho's High/Low
Portland, Me.	55	38	tr.	Idaho's High/Low
St. Louis	49	33	tr.	Idaho's High/Low
San Francisco	54	37	tr.	Idaho's High/Low
Salt Lake City	54	32	tr.	Idaho's High/Low
Seattle	46	43	tr.	Idaho's High/Low
Spokane	46	37	tr.	Idaho's High/Low
Washington	39	26	tr.	Idaho's High/Low
Yankee	81	54	tr.	Idaho's High/Low

Canadian Cities

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Montreal	54	22	tr.
Ottawa	30	14	tr.
Toronto	30	18	tr.
Vancouver	49	41	tr.

Go online to track the mission

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — The sights and sounds of Mars will be no farther away than any computer — plugged into the Internet — once NASA's Polar Lander is in operation Friday.

Virtual tourists visiting NASA's Web site will find pictures, weather reports, science data and the first sound clips ever beamed to Earth from 157 million miles away, said Kirk Goodall, Web page engineer at Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

Web sites offering information on Mars and the Polar Lander mission:

- JPL's Mars Mars site will post the latest pictures and updates throughout the 90-day mission: marslander.jpl.nasa.gov or mars.jpl.nasa.gov/news98
- JPL's home page has links to the latest Mars projects: www.jpl.nasa.gov
- JPL's Mars Educational site includes activities for children and teachers. In one section, pages can be printed, folded and glued to create a model of the Mars Polar Lander: marsnsl.jpl.nasa.gov/education/index.html
- The University of California, Los Angeles, where the primary science team is based, offers a site focusing on experiments aboard the Mars Volatiles and Climate Surveyor payload: mars.uci.edu

• The Planetary Society will mirror JPL's site and offer its own content in conjunction with the PlanetaryFest '99 going on at the Pasadena Center: planetary.org

• The Mars Society, which advocates human exploration of the Red Planet, will mirror JPL and offer its own content: www.marsociety.org

Probes to study martian surface

NASA's Mars Polar Lander is designed to analyze the terrain of the planet's south polar region. The lander is equipped with a robotic arm that will dig into soil samples which will be dumped in airtight containers where water and carbon dioxide will be baked away.

Here is a look at the mission:

The Microprobes
Two unheated, unpowered microprobes will be released by the spacecraft before entry. The microprobes aim into the planet's surface at 400 mph. After impact, the probes will dig into the surface to study the soil. The probes will be used to study the soil. The soil science station will also measure soil temperature and monitor local martian weather. A look at the probe:

Mars
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understand that one group of scientists used metric measurements while another used English units. This century has seen a huge fascination with Mars, from science-fiction movies of the 1950s to the success of the Pathfinder mission on Independence Day 1997.

For most of the 1900s, scientists thought they would find life on Mars. At the start of the century, amateur astronomer Percival Lowell popularized the notion that long, linear features seen on Mars were irrigation channels built by advanced civilization.

It wasn't until the 1960s that the Mariner probes revealed Mars as a lifeless, rocky sphere. And the twin Viking landers of 1976 sent specifically to find life on Mars, turned up nothing.

Virus hits via 'new' e-mails

SUNNYVALE, Calif. (AP) — Barnes & Noble, America's largest bookseller, and Disney's Go.com are among dozens of companies struck by a new version of a computer virus that spread over the summer via e-mail and destroyed thousands of computer files.

Anti-virus software makers who reported the outbreak of the "Mimic" virus warned computer users on Wednesday against opening any file attached to suspicious e-mail.

But experts affiliated with the government declined to issue any alerts, saying they hadn't received any direct reports of the virus.

In fact, fears of the outbreak may have been spreading faster on Wednesday than the virus. Network Associates, a leading maker of anti-virus software, reported that visits to its Web site increased more than tenfold compared with Tuesday.

Minizip is a compressed version of Worm ExploitzZip, the virus that struck hundreds of thousands of computers at major companies in June.

Road

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Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., joined Republican Rep. Jim Gibbons this week in calling for federal officials to find a way to rebuild the washed-out road in northeastern Nevada as it comes under consideration by the U.S. Department of the Interior.

"Money is not the problem. I can get the money," said Reid, the assistant minority leader of the Senate and senior member of the Appropriations Committee. "I just can't believe that with all the great engineering we have these days we can't find a way to get the job done."

Gibbons says the dispute over the South Canyon Road in the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest is symbolic of broader concerns about local control of lands managed by the federal government throughout the West.

State Assemblyman John Carpenter organized volunteers to rebuild the road in defiance of the federal government last month, but backed off after a federal judge issued a temporary restraining order.

The Elko County Commission maintains the Forest Service has no legal jurisdiction over the road because it was used by miners, loggers and ranchers in the area long before the national forest was established in the early 1900s.

"Elko County has been the owner of that right-of-way and easement up there since 1866," Gibbons, R-Nev., said Wednesday. "The Forest Service needs to just put its shovels to the wheel and go to work looking for a correct location or alignment for the road to be constructed," he said.

Williams said the Forest Service and Fish and Wildlife Service twice before have examined the possibility of reconstructing the road that washed out in a flood in 1995.

"That's the same charge Sen. Reid asked of us a year ago, to look at alternatives that could be done without regard to money. He said don't worry about the money," Williams said. "We came to the conclusion based on the research we know that a road next to the river is always going to adversely affect the bull trout."

Instead, the federal agencies recommended a foot trail be constructed, perhaps one large enough to accommodate all-terrain vehicles, he said.

The 1.5-mile stretch of road runs in a narrow canyon along the Jarbidge River just south of the Idaho border. The river is home to the only remaining population of bull trout in Nevada and the southernmost population of the fish in North America.

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FAST FIVE

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A person rests in front of Pablo Picasso's 1906 portrait of Gertrude Stein, right, shrouded with a black cloth Wednesday for 'A Day Without Art' at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. The Met observed International World AIDS Awareness Day by removing from view or shrouding objects to represent the loss of artists due to AIDS.

World AIDS Day focuses on kids

The Associated Press

While AIDS activists handed out condoms in city buses in Bangkok and dropped them from a helicopter in Pretoria, much of the attention of World AIDS Day on Wednesday focused on the children — 11 million of whom have lost their parents.

"I have no idea of what my father looked like, what his voice or footsteps sounded like," Andrew Jackson Okrot of Uganda told a U.N. symposium in New York.

In a report released Wednesday, U.N. officials estimated that 11 million children have already been orphaned by the pandemic and that the number will reach 13 million by the end of next year.

"Things will get worse before they get better," said Dr. Peter Piot, executive director of UNAIDS.

It is almost unfathomable to think things could get worse in sub-Saharan Africa, home to 95 percent of AIDS deaths.

Eastern and southern Africa account for only 4.8 percent of the world's population, yet comprise over 50 percent of the 33.6 million people infected with the virus that causes AIDS. The regions account for 60 percent of AIDS deaths, U.N. data shows.

Dr. Luc Montagnier, the French co-discoverer of the HIV virus, warned in Paris that an effective AIDS vaccine could be 30 years away unless governments encourage wider research.

Ag Department: Exports will remain soft

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department says there probably will not be any improvement in U.S. farm exports over the next year, further dampening farmers' hopes for a recovery in commodity prices.

The department projected in August that farm exports would grow by \$1 billion, to \$50 billion, for the 2000 budget year that began Oct. 1. But the department now says in a report to be released shortly that exports will remain at \$49 billion in fiscal 2000 because of growing stockpiles of grain worldwide.

Since August, projected exports of wheat, corn and soy-

beans have dropped by 5.4 million tons, according to a summary of the report.

"The main problem at the moment seems to be that the production in other countries is much stronger than had been expected. That's pushing the prices down,"

USDA's Carolyn Whitton said. Prices for wheat, corn, soybeans and other crops have fallen sharply over the past two years because of shrinking export markets, leading Congress to pass successive multibillion-dollar aid packages to soften the blow.

Table with 7 columns: Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday. Hours listed as 10-7, 10-9, 10-9, 10-9, 10-9, 10-9, 8-MID.

Justices weigh FDA tobacco regulations

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration's groundbreaking effort to curb smoking ran into trouble Wednesday as most Supreme Court justices expressed doubts the government has the authority to regulate tobacco as an addictive drug.

Such regulation by the Food and Drug Administration "just doesn't fit" under a federal law that requires the FDA to regulate drugs that are safe and effective, said Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

The government has called the 1996 initiative the FDA's most important public health and safety effort in the past 50 years. The tobacco industry has been under increasing attack for selling a product that the American Cancer Society says is the leading cause of cancer.

Court attempts to draw line on school funding

WASHINGTON (AP) — Clearly frustrated by a confusing mix of past church-state rulings on parental aid, Supreme Court justices wangled Wednesday with a new question: Can taxpayer money be used to buy computers and other instructional materials for religious schools?

"What we've been doing is groping in the direction of identifying forms of aid that run the risk of helping — or incite religious beliefs," Justice David H. Souter said in trying to discover some overriding principle in the highest court's previous decisions.

That principle proved elusive during an hour-long argument session involving a case from Louisiana.

"It's a hard line to draw," Justice John Paul Stevens said while exploring what public subsidies are constitutionally permissible. Souter called the exercise "an almost-impossible line-drawing problem."

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Idaho

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For some of Idaho's other emigrants, the hubbub is something new.

Congressman Mike Simpson spent Tuesday evening in forced lock-down—in his hotel-room because some of the protesters had moved too close. From a window on the 34th floor, he watched a banner on the street corner.

"I have never been around anything like this," he said.

Simpson and Sen. Mike Crapo are leading a "WTO Trade Caucus for Farmers and Ranchers." Each has spent the week meeting with U.S. trade negotiators, commodity groups and representatives from the European Union, China, Japan and other countries. Sen. Larry Craig is on a trade mission in China, but his Twin Falls representative Mike Matthews is spending the week in Seattle. The group wants to make the trade agreements fairer for American agriculture by lowering and eliminating tariffs, restricting other trade barriers and generally moving toward actual "free trade."

The protests have slowed the talks, shutting the main complex down entirely for about five hours Monday, but they haven't stopped the closed-door meetings, Crapo said.

"We're making very serious progress," he said from a car his staffer was trying to maneuver through the police and protester-filled Seattle downtown Wednesday.

These meetings will set the agenda for the next three years, Crapo said. The best he said he can hope for is to get some of the proposed changes on the table. The biggest glitch Crapo has hit so far is that the European Union doesn't want to eliminate export subsidies, but he said the rest of his agenda should survive these preliminary talks.

"It's clear that agriculture will be the highest priority for this round," he said.

But trade negotiations force the United States to look at its own practices as well. Simpson said he has met with an alliance of U.S. sugar producers because the American sugar program is coming under attack as unfair. Australia, Brazil, Thailand and other cane- and beet-growing countries say the programs distort the world's sugar prices.

They're "throwing stones in glass houses," Simpson said, but the talks exist to determine what government intervention does and doesn't distort trade. The compromise goes both ways, and the many

nations in the WTO, like the United States, come into the talks with their own best-interests in mind.

"They have different priorities," Simpson said. "They see things differently than we do."

Though the Idaho delegation is more concerned with what's happening in the meetings, they're aware and to a degree sympathetic to what's going on in the streets. About 99 percent of the protesters are peaceful, Simpson said. The small group that became violent—many of whom seem not to even know or care what the WTO talks are about—have taken the attention away from the many valid concerns the protesters are raising.

The protesters, including members of the Idaho Rural Council and many other Idahoans, worry the negotiations will trade away America's sovereignty—and democratically written policies. They fear the agreements could lead to widespread abuses of civil rights and the environment, and that large international corporations may benefit at the expense of workers and farmers.

These are concerns the Idaho leaders say they share.

"I voted against the North American Free Trade Agreement for very much the same reasons," Crapo said.

Apart from the group that doesn't believe in any international trade, the concerns the protesters are raising outside are being raised inside as well.

"They are being discussed," Crapo said, "and would be anyway."

And the negotiations are happening now, whether Idaho is comfortable with them or not. Idaho's Republicans are determined that the best way to help the state's economy is to expand its trade horizons.

"I have had great concerns about WTO," Kempthorne said. "But the reality is, it's here. So do you sit on the sidelines or get involved?"

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WTO

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"I implore you," Clinton said. "I continue to find ways to prove that the quality of life of ordinary citizens in every country can be lifted, including basic labor standards and an advance on the environmental front."

But Clinton received only lukewarm applause at the end of his speech, during which at least two delegates listened with their eyes closed.

Clinton said the WTO must listen to the voices of the overwhelming group of peaceful protesters who came to Seattle. "I condemn the small number who were violent and who tried to prevent you from meeting, but I am glad the others showed up," he told the WTO delegates.

Skirmishes between police and the protesters lasted for several hours as authorities cleared streets and Mayor Paul Schell declared a second all-night curfew in the downtown area.

Schell also put into effect a new 24-hour curfew restricting access to areas immediately around the WTO meeting site until midnight Friday, when the talks are scheduled to be over.

In contrast to opening day, the WTO meetings got under way on schedule on Wednesday with more than 1,000 delegates filling chairs in a giant auditorium at the convention center to listen to trade ministers give speeches in support of their negotiating positions.

Meanwhile, the real work of the meetings, which are scheduled to end Friday, was going on behind closed doors.

Clinton is pushing to have environmental and labor issues included in the talks to address the concerns of environmental and environmental groups, two major constituencies of the Democratic Party.

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U.S., Mexico find more victims at suspected mass grave near border

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP) — Working on tips from informants, Mexican and U.S. officials armed with sophisticated technology apparently located the remains of three more bodies south of the Texas border Wednesday, bringing to five the number found in a slow search for some of 100 people missing in the region.

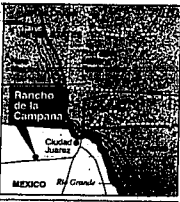
"At this moment we have indications that we have the remains of five persons," Jose Larrieta Carrasco, head of the organized crime unit for Mexico's attorney general's office, told reporters at the Rancho de la Campana, some 10 miles southwest of Ciudad Juarez, across the border from El Paso, Texas.

"We're trying to determine if there are more," he added.

U.S. forensic experts worked with Mexican soldiers and ski-masked police searching four desert ranches near the border, concentrating on two near Ciudad Juarez, the home base for the Juarez drug cartel, Mexico's largest and most violent drug-trafficking outfit of the mid-1990s.

While U.S. officials say an informant told them as many as 100 bodies might be buried at the ranches, officials now say they don't know how many bodies could be buried there.

Mexican Attorney General Jorge Madrazo has said in several news interviews that he has a list of about 100 people missing from 1994 to 1996 — 22 of them Americans. But he says he does not know how many of the missing might be buried in the desert.



U.S. officials have suggested that the number of missing Americans is smaller.

Claudia Escobedo, 21, shows a picture of her parents, Saul O. Sanchez and Abigail Sanchez, who have been missing since May 1994.

The searchers have been using techniques ranging from ground-piercing radar and DNA analysis to old-fashioned shovels and sieves to hunt for and identify the dead.

On Wednesday, reporters watching from afar at Rancho de la Campana saw investigators in hospital-tie masks and gloves sifting sand and gravel over a screen near one of the compound's baby-blue buildings.

Bush joins tax-cutting mainstream

WASHINGTON (AP) — George W. Bush's five-year, \$483 billion tax cut places the Republican presidential frontrunner firmly in the mainstream of GOP tax cutters — far less aggressive than flat-tax acolytes such as Steve Forbes.

"You're going to get a big debate now do you go with a flat tax approach or do you go with the tax cut approach?" said Stephen Moore of the libertarian Cato Institute think tank.

Democrats Al Gore and Bill Bradley, meanwhile, essentially continue President Clinton's approach of using more modest tax breaks to accomplish a social goal such as protecting land from suburban sprawl or lifting people out of poverty.

In a speech Wednesday in Des Moines, Iowa, Bush never mentioned the flat tax but did say his plan to use projected budget surpluses to gradually reduce income tax rates, abolish estate taxes, double the \$500 per-child tax credit and enact other tax breaks is "realistic and responsible."

"For me, tax cutting is not some abstract cause," the Texas governor said in a state that holds the nation's first presidential caucus Jan. 24.

Bush focused on his plan's benefits for the working poor and

middle class, saving half the cost of his income tax cuts will be people trying to work themselves out of poverty. The cost of million people would be borne by successful cases, easing the burden on one in every five families with children.

Bush's proposal is much closer

to the 1997, \$250 billion tax cut passed last year. Opposed by the GOP tax cutters — and opposed by Clinton — the plan would be a compromise between the more aggressive cases, easing the burden on one in every five families with children.

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Nonprofit executives see rise in their salaries

The Washington Post

Pay is up for nonprofit executives. A survey by the Council on Foundations has found that the median salary for chief executives at private foundations has increased 13.9 percent in inflation-adjusted dollars since 1994. The median 1998 salary among executives at 667 nonprofits and corporate giving programs surveyed was \$85,000.

Ironically, the rise came during the period when new rules were adopted giving more leeway to the Internal Revenue Service in sanctioning nonprofits or employees for, among other indiscretions, inordinately high compensation.

The "intermediate sanctions" rules were adopted in 1996 by Congress in light of scandals such as the one that damaged United Way of America when its chief, William Aramony, was found living the high life on the donors' tab. In the past, the IRS

had been caught in a no-middle-ground bind when abuses occurred, forced to either try to take away the group's tax-exempt status or do nothing. But along with the new sanctions policy, the IRS is establishing pay standards based in part on comparable wages in the profit-making sector, where compensation has dramatically increased among executives.

Sara Melendez, president of Independent Sector, which backs the intermediate-sanctions rules, says a nonprofit shouldn't necessarily be faulted for one person's transgressions. She stresses that her group has not taken a position on the new IRS pay standards.

"Many in the (nonprofit) sector were uncomfortable when the IRS allowed for-profits to be used for comparative purposes, Melendez says. Nevertheless, "I don't think anybody would want salary constraints to prevent hiring the best people."

Gun rights group sues mayors

WASHINGTON (AP) — A gun rights group said it has filed a federal lawsuit against the mayors of 23 cities, accusing them of conspiring to erode the right of Americans to own firearms and defend themselves.

The Second Amendment Foundation said it sued to stop a string of lawsuits various cities and counties have filed against gun manufacturers, accusing them of selling defective products or marketing them in ways

that increase the likelihood that they will fall into the hands of criminals.

The Second Amendment Foundation said it suspected the suits actually have been filed to financially injure gun manufacturers and owners.

The defendants include the mayors of Los Angeles, San Francisco, Berkeley, Calif.; Compton, Calif.; Miami; Atlanta; New Orleans, Cleveland and Boston.

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EDITORIAL

WTO protest sideshow is short on economic logic

Protest against the World Trade Organization conference in Seattle is a lot like protest against tornadoes and earthquakes: You can yell all you like, but it won't make a bit of difference.

Lost amid the tear gas and broken glass of the past few days is the fact that the global economic engine is powered by capitalism.

Protesters at the World Trade Organization conference in Seattle should pipe down and curl up with a good book such as Adam Smith's 'Wealth of Nations.'

WTO protesters are motivated by a wide array of interests. Some are driven by environmental concerns, such as dolphins dying in tuna nets.

Finally, there are plenty of old, socialist hippies who simply want to get in on the last big protest bash before the year 2000.

In each of these, and all the other WTO malcontents, we suggest curling up with a good book such as Adam Smith's 'Wealth of Nations.'

imports flooding domestic markets has been around since seafaring men first took to the waters. But is it really a problem? The availability of, say, cheap imported shoes is bad news for workers in domestic shoe factories, but it's great news for everyone else who has to buy shoes on a budget.

As for environmental protection, does anyone really believe that excluding nations from the WTO — effectively leaving them to their own devices — will preclude them from fouling their nest? Isn't inclusiveness a more effective instrument of change?

The same goes for improving the lives of foreign workers. China has never been a member of the WTO — millions of Chinese workers still work under miserable conditions.

As for the interests of America, and its workers, even a cursory analysis of our strong economy reveals it is heavily dependent on foreign trade.

That's why Sen. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, and Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, are in Seattle. They are keeping an eye on the State's agricultural interests, which are considerable.

Most of the protesters in Seattle are yelling about the wrong things, to the wrong people. They should support international cooperation of commerce and industry. The alternative would be far worse.



LETTERS

Let's hear from the opposition

Kudos to Ralph W. Maughan and Roberts Weeks for their letters regarding the problem of how to get present plans for added building on the canyon rim are allowed to come to fruition.

I have called Twin Falls home since 1977, and it makes me so sad to know my children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren will never know North Blue Lakes and the approach to the Perrine Bridge as the quiet, picturesque, pastoral scene it once was.

Why do we need more hotels, more restaurants, more stores? Sure, there would be more jobs but not living-wage jobs — mostly minimum-wage and part-time ones. The money to build all this could be better spent building downtown or in Old Town for businesses that would pay living wages.

Now there are too many in favor of adding more buildings and more traffic to the area and ruining even more what little natural scenery we have left.

ADRIENNE JOHNSTON
Twin Falls

No money and not too bright

One Nov. 24, gas prices in Idaho were 14 cents higher than the national average, because they can and we let them. We also have some of the lowest wages and our education standards continue to be out of the top levels.

And how come the Idaho Department of Fish and Game wants to raise fees, so high the young families will be priced out of fishing and hunting? It's not the public's fault the IDFG can't manage their own money and see to the future.

And what's with the dark windows on vehicles, especially the driver's side? Now I see our school buses are doing this. I'd like to see what the driver is doing, especially if crossing, even though not seeing them does add some excitement to the day!

And this fuss over planned construction on the canyon? We've already assessed that up with homes, malls and retirement centers. Folks, that view is gone, and we want the money to stay in Twin Falls, get real!

For more than 20 years, this city has been trying to do something with the traffic on Blue Lakes Boulevard, and still there is a mess! Kinda the same type of management the IDFG has — spent tons of money, new bridges, roads right now instead of over the years' improvement.

And finally, old downtown needs to be bulldozed over and low-cost houses and apartments built for our young families, and those living on paved highways and those living on paved highways and those living on paved highways.

Big 5 belongs in Twin Falls

This letter is in response to the article by Rachel Denry on Nov. 20, titled, "Ready or not, here comes Big 5."

I would like to extend a big, hearty welcome to Big 5 Sporting Goods and let Mr. Hinkle, the owner of Claude's Sports, know that it was the one who lost my business, not Big 5. I was floored by his statement that "they have no right to be in this town."

Who does Mr. Hinkle think he is? There are quite a few people in this town who seem to believe that just because they were born and raised here, or they've been here for the past 20 years, they own the rights to what goes on here and every-

one else is an outsider. Just because we haven't been born and raised in this wonderful town doesn't mean we aren't good people and don't want to contribute to the community we live in. I'll bet my dollars are just as valuable to Mr. Hinkle as a Twin Falls native's dollars are, however.

What Big 5 and Home Depot really mean to this town is that local businesses are going to have to compete not only in their pricing structure but improving their service standards. With almost 100,000 people in Twin Falls County, there's plenty of room for business that are well run and service oriented. Not to mention the people who travel from Sun Valley and surrounding areas to shop here.

Mr. Hinkle also went on to say he doesn't really think the newcomer belongs in Twin Falls. I urge Mr. Hinkle to do his homework and see what Big 5 has done for the local communities and youth sports in which they have become an active member. The representatives with Big 5 Sporting Goods went on to say they want to work with the other sporting goods stores here in town and that they even have people to their company at Big 5.

>Welcome to Twin Falls, Idaho, Home Depot and Big 5 Sporting Goods!
GENIE WILLIAMS
Twin Falls

Only Neilson can save TF now

I have done a 180 on the Neilson proposal. At the first public hearing, I was for everybody living by the same rules and for the convention center being built in Old Town, close to their company. But I've been in the City Council's decision will be moot in a few years anyway after Idaho has been flooded by as many confined animal feeding operations as it can hold and little towns are blown away by the sink-

Now I see that Neilson is our only hope. He not only calls Twin Falls home, he is the only person, corporation or chain invested in Twin Falls with enough money and concern to hire the lawyers that will be needed to take on the CAFOs and Boise where they get their support, which will

eventually pit business against business.

Like the CAFOs, business line against Neilson's bottom line. As soon as he's heard and the convention center go on line to draw the money, a deal is made, we will see the money going down Interstate 84 as fast as they can to their other state headquarters — wherever that is. These will be the same conventions here, no protest at Mr. Neilson's hotel, only smug.

I say give Mr. Neilson whatever he wants — only the cash from Twin Falls and MARY EMMA's Twin Falls

EPA doesn't deserve to live

The time-consuming environmental Protection Agency, created by executive order, must be abolished.

The EPA, National Resources Defense Council and other "public interest" groups were created as part of the medical group's nationwide plan for government programs.

Professor David Schoenbrod, of New York Law School, criticizes how this environmental group plan is placed in the "Legislation Ideas" section of the "We Should Entitled to Remain Sober" report.

We wanted new kinds of statutes that would force agencies to track safety in our responsibility power. It would have to be contained in law. The deadline was increased to 1999.

The growth in the EPA's power can be gauged by the growth in the length of the Clean Air Act. It went from eight pages in 1963 to 715 pages in 1990. There are now more than 100,000 EPA enforcement cases, billions of our dollars or more.

Dr. Schoenbrod continues, "Many statutes allow a federal agency to run major segments of civil society, to spend billions of dollars running from Congress through the EPA to regulate and ultimately the regulated entities."

Yes, the EPA is becoming a Great Gestapo as it is now implementing the "We Should Entitled to Remain Sober" report. It is not only our responsibility to never ratify either one. Both violate private property rights and are unconstitutional.

Dr. Schoenbrod continues that environmental idealism is a cover, for more ulterior motives. "The point of this system is power, not environmental quality," he states.

How do we stop this power grab? EPA funding and abolish the Clean Air Act. Deny further amendments by the government's environmental groups. Send back the already huge and illegitimate of Congress's money and program.

APA Congress to stop EPA's violation power. For candidates who go Superior 1999. ADEIAN L. ALP Twin Falls

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LETTERS

State workers deserve respect

The Times-News editorial board strikes again! Stupid is as stupid does. This is the "unpremeditated" reason why I don't purchase this bird-cage liner. This is in reference to a biased, uninformative editorial (Shove fiscal restraint when making changes to PERST) that can be summed up as "We don't value state employees." So, would you please inform this overpaid, over-benefited, rich, fat, lazy state employee, do you use value only Idaho Department of Fish and Game employees (based on previous editorials) or do you lack value for all Idaho state employees? I hope all of the other Idaho state employees aren't suffering from Mr. Hartgen's tunnel vision zeal for the IDFG.

My question to The Times-News editorial board: How can this uninformative, biased editorial stand in print over your "journalistic reporting"? Wait, I'll answer that for you — it doesn't!

I will give you readers an example and some background. A few weeks ago, I wrote a letter to the editor that wasn't very flattering. It was about the editorial board's lack of fact finding in a recent

editorial about the fee increase proposal for IDFG. As a result, Mr. Hartgen was so offensively directed Times-News staff to publicly identify, in an editorial footnote, any future letters by IDFG employees. Therefore, it appears that IDFG employees cannot write letters to the editor as private citizens. This is yellow journalism at its best. Mr. Hartgen and Sen. McCarthy would be proud, Mr. Hartgen, you are in the company. You may buy ink by the barrel, but ink jet cartridges aren't very expensive and e-mail is free!

Mr. Hartgen, I will save you the leg-work. I am an IDFG employee. I am proud of my status and have many life-long friends that are Idaho state employees. Also, don't waste your time calling "local legislators or the governor to 'get' this state employee. I will be leaving Idaho soon. I will be moving to a community that values its public employees, and I state that values its public employees. As a final note, I call upon all Idaho state employees to cancel their Times-News subscription and buy a more respectable newspaper!

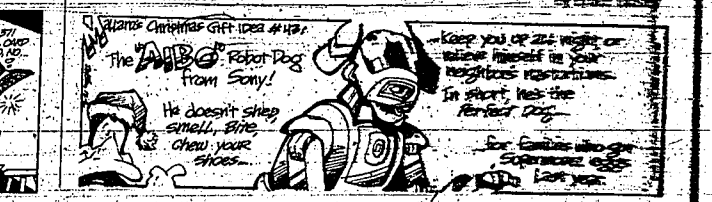
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By Garry Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore



Death leads to change in Denver

DENVER (AP) — Police have changed their policy on so-called no-knock search warrants because one man was killed in an apparently unintended raid.

Mena's son, Heriberto Mena, said his father's friends and neighbors think he may have thought he was protecting himself against an intruder.

Police and Denver district attorney's office are investigating.

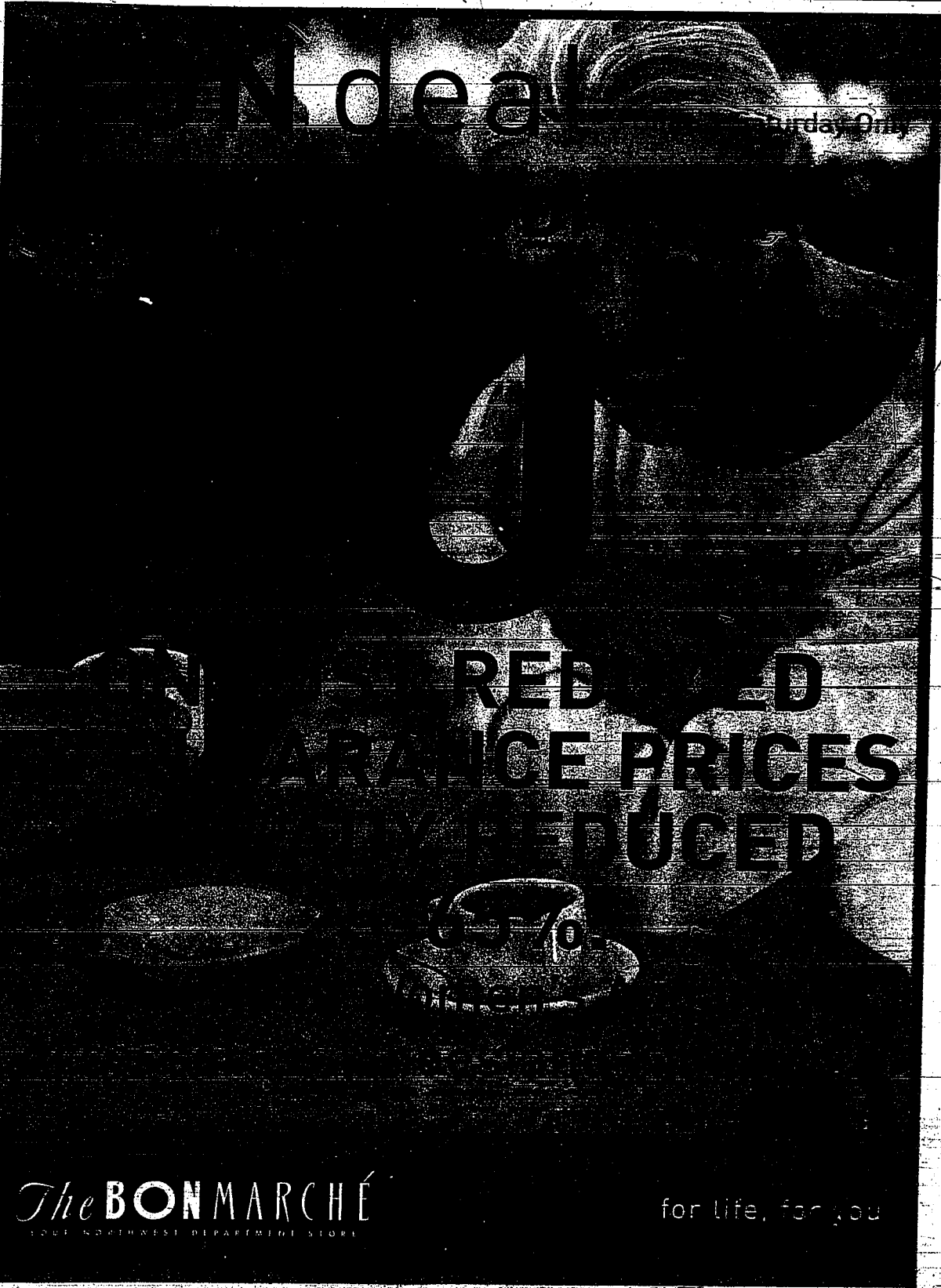
Under the new policy, a police supervisor must now approve all requests for search warrants written by street officers.

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SCIENCE

Decoding a human chromosome

Scientists have deciphered virtually the entire genetic pattern of the first human chromosome. Below, a look at some of the genes that map to regions on chromosome 22.

GENE IN THE REGION	WHICH IS LINKED TO
21: George syndrome	Heart defects and mental retardation
Breakpoint cluster	Leukemia
Dwight's shortness	Bone cancer
Neurofibromin	Cancer of the nervous system

Source: University of Oklahoma

Milestone: scientists blueprint chromosome

The Associated Press

An international team of scientists has for the first time mapped virtually an entire human chromosome, one of the molecular chains within cells bearing the genetic recipe to make a human being.

The achievement announced Wednesday is an important step forward for the \$3 billion Human Genome Project, which seeks to decipher the tens of thousands of genes that carry instructions for everything from how the brain is organized to hair color to the size of a person's nose.

"This is the first time that we've had a complete chapter in the human instruction book, and that's pretty amazing," said Erwin Collins, who chairs the international project from the National Institutes of Health. "I think this is probably the most important scientific effort that mankind has ever mounted," he said. "That includes splitting the

atom and going to the moon."

In laying out the chemical instructions for life, scientists believe they are in the early stages of revolutionizing the study of human development and medicine.

"The human genetic pattern, or genome, is a biological map laying out the sequence of 3 billion pairs of chemicals that make up the DNA in each cell. All human DNA is contained within 23 pairs of chromosomes.

Already, researchers have begun testing several biological therapies that replace faulty genes or correct their misfirings to make cells work correctly. Such therapies, if they can be made reliable, would bring a more precise and elegant way to treat diseases without the sometimes debilitating side effects of conventional drugs.

A draft of the entire genome was expected to be done next spring, but the milestone announced today may hasten its completion.

Extractors seen safe as Caesarean

The Associated Press

Vacuum extractors and forceps are as safe for delivering babies as Caesarean sections when mothers have difficult labors, a new study finds.

The Food and Drug Administration warned in May 1998 of a tiny but growing number of head injuries and deaths among infants delivered with vacuum extractors, and advised doctors to exercise caution when using the devices.

However, a study in today's New England Journal of Medicine suggests difficult labor itself, as much as the method of delivery, may lead to brain injuries and deaths in babies.

"It's not always easy to get a baby's head out of the pelvis once it gets jammed in there, even if it's a Caesarean section," said Dr. Michael Greene, chairman of the Obstetrical Practice Committee for the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

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Transplant extends life by 10 years

The Associated Press

People who receive kidney transplants live an average of 10 years longer than similar patients who continue on dialysis, a study finds.

The link between a healthy transplanted kidney and longer life appears obvious.

However, the study, published in today's New England Journal of Medicine, is the first to show that transplant patients not only have a better quality of life by avoiding dialysis, but that they live much longer than they

would without a transplant.

The study looked at 228,352 people diagnosed with end-stage kidney disease from 1991 to 1997. Of those, 46,164 were placed on the transplant waiting list, and 23,275 of the waiting list patients received a transplanted organ from someone who died.

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The study found that patients on the waiting list were healthier to begin with than other patients on dialysis.

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SPORTSQUOTE

“ Rae Carruth was the instigator here. We are a heartbeat away from a double-murder case.”

—Assistant District Attorney **Geary Caswell**, after a week earlier **Rae Carruth** of the **Carolina Panthers** was accused on Wednesday of instigating the drive-by shooting that critically injured his pregnant girlfriend

CSI opens SWAC season

Injuries, illness pose questions on women's key road trip

By Kevin Hall
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — What began as a promising 30 start to the 1999-00 season has fizzled to a 5-4 mark for the College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team as it attempts to overcome its setbacks of a season ago.

Now the defending Region 18 champions embark on what should be a challenging Series West Athletic Conference schedule.

"This is a tough and highly competitive conference," said CSI head coach Joel Bate. "It won't be easy (to repeat as champions)."

Friday, the Golden Eagles travel to Salt Lake City in a rematch

of last year's Region 18 championship — with the Salt Lake Community College Bruins. On Saturday, CSI heads 30 minutes south of Salt Lake City to tangle with 7-1 Utah Valley State College, who the Golden Eagles narrowly defeated by a bucket, 66-62, in last year's tournament semifinal round.

Both teams offer vastly different looks for a Golden Eagle team struggling to find its identity.

"Salt Lake has great perimeter quickness and they've got seven sophomores back from last year's team," Bate said. "Utah Valley is a big post-oriented team that plays a two low-set, two high-set game."

"We just need to run our game

and our sets. That means putting a real emphasis on the fast break and getting into the lanes."

CSI has been decimated by injuries and illnesses: besides starting the season without guards Jamie Wegner and Melody McIntosh, who are both out with knee injuries, four more players have been sidelined.

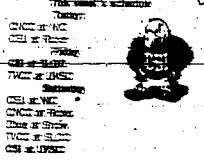
Freshman post Erika Empey went down with a "severe" ankle injury during the Nov. 18-20 Casper College tournament and her return date is an unknown while freshman guard Marloes Renskers is probably lost for the season due to a torn ACL suffered during the same tournament.

Two other Golden Eagles — wings Sara Cellan and Joanne

Women's SWAC standings

(Conference play begins today)

Team	Overall
Ricks	8-0
NIC	7-0
UVSC	7-1
SNOW	6-2
CEU	6-2
CSU	6-4
CSJ	5-4
SLCC	3-3
TYCC	2-3
DBie	N/A



Whitaker — have been stricken with viruses. Cellan, who missed Saturday's game against Casper with stomach pains thought to be appendicitis (but which turned out to be a stomach virus) is prob-

ably the wellness. "Whitaker, however, who has missed games all week, will not make this trip. She has been diagnosed with a stomach virus." —Kevin Hall

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- Girls basketball**
 BHS at Carey
 FHS at JVB ISDB
 BHS at FHS
 Hagaman at Shoshone
 Aramark at OGBFard
 Derrich at Carnat Courty
 Glenn Foy at Kimberly
 Magic Valley Christian at Harson
 Wood River at Wendell
 O'Leary at TFCA
 Jackpot at NENQA
- Boys basketball**
 Shoshone at Butte
 Valley at Marsburg
 Ricks at ISOB
 Glenn Foy at Wood River
 Idaho Falls at Minidoka
 Hohen at Ketchum
 MVCHS at Idaho City Tournament
 Jackpot at NENQA (Elko)

IN BRIEF

- Pigeon Show drops into Jackpot Saturday**
 JACKPOT, Nev. — The Gem State Pigeon Racing Club will host the Idaho State Racing Pigeon Show Saturday in the Jackpot High School gym.
- Several different classes are planned, and there will be an auction of high-quality birds from a number of local and out-of-state breeders. All are invited to attend — admission is free, and lunch will be available.
- A two-mile run/walk and four-mile run will be offered. For more information, contact Lloyd Bakewell at 733-2245, or Rick Post at 423-4377.
- Reindeer Rumble set to run on Saturday**
TWIN FALLS — The festive Reindeer Rumble Run/Walk is set for Saturday at 10 a.m. at the College of Southern Idaho, with proceeds dedicated to supporting the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation.
- Registration begins at 9 a.m. on Saturday and is \$10 for children 12 and under, \$19 for adults.
- A two-mile run/walk and four-mile run will be offered. For more information, call 737-2480.
- Minico Boosters will meet next Tuesday**
RUPERT — The Minico Booster Club will meet Tuesday, Dec. 7, at 3 p.m. in the Minico High School library.
- All are welcome. For more information, call 532-4133.
- Heyburn-Paul basketball schedules registration**
HEYBURN — The Heyburn-Paul Youth City League Basketball Program is accepting registration for Dec. 17 at the Paul and Heyburn city offices.
- Boys and girls in the second through seventh grades can participate.
- Registration, which includes a team shirt, costs \$15. After Dec. 17, a \$5 fee will be assessed. All registrations will be accepted by registration director Ron Dietz at 435-5474 after 5 p.m.

Bruins nip Spartans

Late bank shot nabs win for TF

By Matt Peterson
 Times-News writer

RUPERT — They probably didn't deserve it, but coach Lawrence Pfeiffer and the Twin Falls High School girls' basketball team got the win anyway Wednesday night.

The Spartans were in charge for most of the game, but Bruins forward Kim Strunk knocked down a three-point bank shot from the right wing with 11 seconds on the clock to lift Twin Falls to a 48-47 victory over Region III rival Minico.

"It went in, so I guess it was a great call," said Pfeiffer, who said the Bruins were trying to go down low to 85 points. Kerl Coors for the game-winning shot.

"The bank was open and it went in," said Strunk's three, Minico called a timeout to discuss its final play.

Inbounding the ball, the Spartans got to guard Ashley Jolley, who dribbled up the right side of the floor, weaving her way through Twin Falls' defenders, before pulling up just past the right elbow with five seconds remaining.

Jolley's shot rimmed short and Twin Falls rebounded the ball to ensure its victory.

"That's just exactly what we wanted (for the final play)," said Minico coach Jodie Mills, who said the Bruins won by three points or fewer for the second consecutive game.

Jolley finished the game with 14 points, while full guard Clara Bodensteiner came in with 12. The backcourt duo played a major role in the Spartans' defensive attack that was so effective in shutting down Twin Falls for most of the game.

"Defensively, Ashley and Clara played a great game," Mills said.

While the Spartans found a friend in the full court press Wednesday, forcing 34 Twin Falls' turnovers in the game, they were aided by an early knee injury to the Bruins best ballhandler and leading scorer, Christa Davis.

Falls left the game early in the first.

—Kevin Hall



Broncos prepare for Louisville

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Louisville prepared for its invitation Wednesday to play Boise State in the Eluminateur Bowl on Dec. 30 in a matchup featuring high-powered offenses and a human experiment for Louisville coach John T. Smith.

The Cardinals (7-4) finished tied for second in Conference USA behind Southern Mississippi while Boise State — which will play the game in its home field — finished 8-5 and won the Big West championship.

Both teams lost strong passing attacks. Louisville is led by Chris Rasmussen, the NCAA I-A All-American who has made several attempts and completions, and Boise State is directed by Dan Hawkins, who threw for 2,740 yards and 20 touchdowns this season.

"It's going to be a great matchup," Louisville athletics director Tom Izzo said. "They are good offenses, and both out of the football just like John I. does. So it's going to be a wide open game."

Louisville averaged 418.9 yards total offense per game while Boise State averaged 412.2 yards. Both are on the pace but also can miss the mark.

Hawkins, who recently won the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award as the nation's top senior quarterback, completed 238-of-485 passes for 3,566 yards and 29 touchdowns this season. Louisville hit on 212-of-350 passes.

Louisville clinched its second straight bowl appearance since Smith took over a program that had sunk to 4-10 in 1997 under former coach Ron Cooper. The Cardinals last won a bowl in 1989 in Las Vegas' Motor City Bowl.

For Smith, it will be a return to his home state to play a familiar opponent.

Smith, a native of Idaho Falls, has a 7-2 career record against the Broncos, including a 5-3 record while coaching rival Idaho State to a 1997 bowl game wide-open offense and a narrow 10-9 victory from the Broncos.

"They are a group of guys that have been well-coached this year because we are in the heat that they are," Smith said. "So that as a group of tough, hard-working kids that are going to play hard."

Smith, known for his coaching savvy and colorful banter, said he expected to heavily message from Boise State fans on the Broncos' home field.

"This doesn't seem to be the best time to be disgraced," Smith said.

Smith is expected to bring his home base practices that plenty of hometown fans will make the four-to-five-hour drive to Boise to attend the game, set for 3 p.m. MST at Ketchikan. The game will be televised on ESPN2.

AP high school poll favors valley's smaller schools

The Times-News

With a few exceptions, local boys' high school basketball teams didn't fare very well in the state's first Associated Press poll released Wednesday.

Teams from south-central Idaho were absent among the top vote-getters of the state's three largest school classifications — A-1, A-2 and A-3. But the first tally of votes by Idaho's 100-member media casters featured a trio of local schools in the state's smallest school classification, Class A-4.

Minico, a year's champion in not only basketball but football, was a unanimous No. 1 at A-4, followed by Clark Fork and Magic Valley powers Murraugh, Hagaman and Shoshone.

Murraugh lost last season's Class A-4 title game to the Miners at the Idaho Center, while Hagaman and Shoshone also made state tournament appearances.

The only other local schools to

BYU Cougars accept bid from Motor City

The Associated Press

PROVO, Utah — BYU on Wednesday accepted a bid to play the Mid-American Conference champion in the Motor City Bowl on Dec. 27.

The Cougars (8-3) will meet No. 11 Marshall (11-0) or Western Michigan (7-4). Those schools play Friday to determine the MAC title.

BYU, which shared the championship of the Mountain West Conference with Colorado State and Utah, was considered for the Liberty Bowl, which took the Rams and the Las Vegas Bowl, which took the Utes.

Cougars coach LeVell Edwards, taking BYU to its 22nd bowl appearance, said he was happy to accept the Motor City bid.

"When this was presented to me a week or so ago, it seemed like the most intriguing

Complete poll results - B3

receive Top 5 votes in Class A-4 were Carey, who also qualified for the 1998-99 tourney, and Oakley, which fell out of state tournament contention at last season's Southside Conference tournament with a heart-breaking and season-ending loss to Hagerman.

Rounding out the list of Magic Valley schools to receive Top 5 consideration was Class A-3 Declo. The Hornets came in at No. 4 in the season's first Class A-3 poll, following defending champion Firih, last year's number-one finisher, and 1998-99 four-place finisher Teton.

Conference champions in 1998-99, the Hornets lost their state journey opener to Teton, 48-44, but beat Layval 81-56 before falling 65-59 in the A-3 consolation final.

Lapval rounded out the poll's

—Kevin Hall

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SANZYURYU HONORS



Young martial artists from around the Magic Valley competed at the Gooding Recreation District Gym Nov. 13. The grade-school competitors displayed skill and knowledge in their matches. During intermission, the students received information from Master Shepard Reale, who oversaw the event. Pictured in the back row are: Victor Zarate, Cotton Knapp, Renee Howell, Tyler Dewitt, Jessica Thatcher, Tony Alvarado in the middle row are: Ethan Ervin, Scott Zarate, Bryan Anderson, Millie Zarate, Tyler Rex, Karissa Johnson, Crystal Thatcher and in the front row are: Ryan Stockham, Chad Johnson, Kylie Bryant, Stephanie Stockham, Michelle Aoi, Luke Vlasar and Megan Stockham.

Buhl's 2002 Club takes in BSU win

BUHL - The 2002 Club, students from Buhl's 10th grade class, participated in a sports outing and learning experience at Boise State University late last month. The students attended the Arkansas vs. Boise State football game, received brochures and posters, and met some players. They had seats on the 50-yard line, and watched the Broncos beat Arkansas 63-10. After the game, the students were invited to tour the stadium and meet assistant coach Dan Hawkins. The coach spoke to the students about his rural background and encouraged the stu-

dents to establish goals for the future, regardless of their adversities. Transportation was provided through a grant from the Idaho Community Foundation and the Albertson Fund. The 2002 Club is a parent-directed organization under the guidance of Buhl principal Terry Adolfin. It helps prepare the students for leadership roles and social responsibility in their families, communities and future workplaces. The emphasis is on combining academic knowledge with practical experience. "2002" represents the year the 10th graders graduate.



Boise State University assistant football coach Dan Hawkins speaks to students from the Buhl High School class of 2002 at Bronco Stadium.

Kids: Never too young to learn to bowl

How young are bowlers? Now that bumper bowling has come into play, they probably should be at least walking. But from there, anything is possible. At Jerome Bowl on Saturday mornings at 10 a.m., the youngest bowler is 18 months, and the oldest - on the "Sippy Cup" League - is two and a half.

There are two coaches per set of lanes, and with a little help from the coach, the ball goes where it should. Sometimes the young bowler

lays on his or her tummy to watch the ball go slowly down the lane. Cheering is exuberant from not only the bowlers but from moms, dads and grandparents, who come to cheer their

children on. The youngsters only bowl one game, but are justly rewarded with a little car or bracelet plus treats when the bowling is completed. At 10:30 a.m., the "Mighty Mites" take over the lanes. They are from age three to five, and are the "experience" bowlers, so they don't need help to get the ball down the lane. They bowl two games. High-tens are in abundance and the cheering again is constant. Here, too, parents and grandparents do

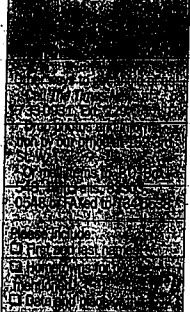
those things we proud family members do. Strickers are passed out for strikes, spares and "just because." When bowling is over they enjoy treats as well. The proud coaches are Albert Beguhl, Amber Beguhl, Lynn Weigt, Kandra Smith and Lori Egan. Thelma Tucker writes a weekly bowling column for The Times-News. Contact her at 733-4357; e-mail: trucker@magasin.com or by fax (208) 733-3197.

HILLIER'S HARDWARE



Thirteen-year-old Michael Hillier took second place in the 1999 Northwest Karate Championships Oct. 23 at Boise State University. At Hillier's first tournament, he demonstrated his skills in the 13/15-year-old Beginner Forms Division. Hillier is a Wan Hoop Kuen Do student at the Jerome Martial Art Academy under head instructor Dale Shropshire.

THE MIGHTY MITES



Young bowlers participating in the Sippy Cup League at Jerome Bowl.



Bowlers in the Sippy Cup League include (left to right, back row) Hayle Bentzinger, Christian Jacobson (side view), Daniel Malcke and Michael Hatzfeld; (left to right, front row) Kortni Cox, Koby Simmons, Kent Pyne and Isaac Wilson. Absent is Cody Herrera.



The Mighty Mites League bowlers are (left to right, back row): Doug Chojnicky, Zach Bentzinger, Almee Piosa, Sadie Potter, Brandon Wiermasa, Kevin Pyne, A.J. Lavandinsky and Austin Rasmussen; (left to right, front row) Tylan Smith, Aurelia Malcke, Anastia Jacobson and Joseph Malcke. Absent are Aaron Horton and Amanda Kinsey.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

TF police action keeps bomb from doing harm

TWIN FALLS—A bomb found in Twin Falls Tuesday night was destroyed before doing any harm, police said.

Twin Falls police were called around 10:30 p.m. to the 100 block of Adams Street for a report of a suspicious package. The package contained a bomb, Sgt. Don Hall said.

Police explosives specialists from the police department was called to the scene and disposed of the device without any problems, Hall said.

County planners to review petition by Big Sky Farm

BURLEY—The Cassia County Planning and Zoning Commission will review a petition tonight filed by Big Sky Farm, LLC, which objects to the commission's reserved right to reopen a controversial issue up for public comment after the comment period has officially been closed.

The petition states that "all provisions of the county ordinances regarding public comment ... have been duly satisfied," and asks the commission to "revoke a prior decision on the (conditional use permit) application" for Big Sky's proposed hog feeding operation in Cassia County.

The public has been given longer than a month to comment on the proposal and a public hearing was held Nov. 4.

Also on tonight's agenda is a discussion about zoning multiple-use land in the Albion valley.

The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. at Burley City Hall.

Christmas tree cutting permits now available

BURLEY—The Burley Land Management has tree-cutting permits for sale through Dec. 20, for wild-growing piñon pines or juniper trees.

The BLM only has around 25 piñon pines left, according to Jim Tharp with the Burley BLM, but has only sold two juniper trees, which are known for their ornamental effects on other plant life.

And as for looks go—junipers are endearing in a sad, pitiful way, Tharp said.

"They're kind of a Charlie Brown tree," he said.

Permits for the pine trees are \$9 and are limited to one per family. Juniper permits are \$2 each and are unlimited. Permits must be purchased at the Burley field office at 15 E. 200 S.

The designated area for cutting piñon pines is east of the City of Rocks, about 40 miles southeast of Burley, while junipers for cutting are located west of Malta and south of Oakley. Maps will be issued with the permits.

The BLM recommends people to use vehicles with adequate ground clearance, such as pickups with four-wheel drive.

Those interested in permits may also call the Burley field office at 678-5514.

Compiled from staff reports

Air Force lauds new agreement

By N.S. Nakkentved
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—The battle over a high desert Air Force training complex is all but over.

A settlement over Enhanced Training in Idaho—the Air Force's practice bombing and electronic-combat training complex in eastern Owyhee County—awaits only a judge's approval before an eight-year legal battle ends. Col. Larry W. Butler told the Twin Falls Rotary Club Wednesday.

"It's just a patch of dirt," said Butler, vice commandant of the 366th Wing at Mountain Home

Air Force Base, as he displayed a slide of a construction site on the new range.

The range complex will meet Air Force training requirements, with reduced environmental effects, for the composite wing of fighters, tankers and bombers stationed at the base, he said.

"The sagebrush don't complain about the noise," Butler said.

But kayakers, hunters, ranchers, hikers and Indians have complained and challenged the proposed training complex in court. The first lawsuit over proposed Air Force training facilities in Owyhee County was filed

in 1992.

The court battle has lasted eight years and ended in July when members of the Greater Owyhee Legal Defense and the Air Force agreed to a settlement. The details of that settlement were signed Nov. 18 and await the approval of a federal judge.

The settlement clears up litigation and appeals during which Air Force lawyers testified the range was not a necessity but an enhancement, and other Air Force officials told folks in Idaho that the range was vital to national security.

The settlement agreement brings the Bureau of Land

Management, which manages the public land that lies under the Air Force's operational air-space, up to an equal footing with the Air Force in deciding how the range is run and in resolving problems. And representatives of The Wilderness Society, Air Force and BLM would co-chair a Settlement Implementation Group to resolve resource issues.

The Air Force also committed to springing aside \$210,000 in 2002 and 2003 for wildlife monitoring, and to study in conjunction with environmentalists the actual noise associated with the range.

Operational restrictions

include no supersonic flights until 15,000 feet over the east and south forks of the Owyhee River in the spring—except for two one-day training operations per month—no night operations.

In the bargain, the Air Force got a controversial expansion of airspace over Little Jacks Creek, an area important to California big game and antelope.

The battle for the high desert is over.

But part of the "patch of dirt" is leased to seven ranchers. Bert Brackett, Taxpayers will pay him nearly \$1 million in compensation for giving up a

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Pipeline break soaks neighborhood

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—A broken water line caused thousands of gallons of water to flood a downtown Twin Falls neighborhood Wednesday.

Crews from the city's water department were servicing a line on Eighth Avenue North, between Third Street West and Second Street West, when the line ruptured, Twin Falls City Water Distribution Supervisor Robin L. Sharp said.

The break happened at around 10 a.m., Sharp said.

Crews worked into the evening Wednesday to mend the broken water line, which is cast iron and six inches in diameter.

"We'll put a fitting over it for the night," Sharp said Wednesday.

The water department plans to replace the broken section of pipe with a new clamp and fitting today, he said.

The clamp and fitting are stainless steel and should last for a long time, Sharp added.

Crews blocked off Eighth Avenue as they worked to fix the break.

Residents living near the break watched out their windows at the gushing water, which flowed onto Eighth Avenue and neighboring streets.

Sharp said residents did not lose their water pressure, nor did the break cause any damage.

Storm drains along the street will soak up the water, Sharp said.

City Engineer Gary Young said the underground water lines are old and brittle.

Something as simple as a rock settling against the line, and the vibration from street traffic pushing the rock into the line, and causing pressure, could have caused the rupture.

"You never know about this old stuff and what's going to do," he said.



Wally Hendrick struggles to fit a repair clamp on a broken water main in the 200 block of Eighth Avenue North Wednesday afternoon. The pressure on the pipe was so severe crews used a backhoe to prevent water from spraying over the roof of a two-story house.

Minidoka might join in lawsuit

By Lorraine Cavenar
Times-News writer

RUPERT—Several Minidoka County schools continue to be used even though buildings are out of compliance of current building codes, and Minidoka County School District Superintendent Nick Halsett continues to look for ways to improve facilities.

Since the failure last month of the Minidoka County School District \$20 million bond issue, some school officials say the only way to improve ailing district buildings may be through a lawsuit to get the state to help pay for improvements.

Minidoka County School District officials are considering joining with several northern Idaho school districts in a lawsuit against the state that would require the state to help pay for improvements "dealing with health and safety issues."

Borderline facilities in Minidoka County are allowed to remain open only because they are grandfathered, which means they comply with fire code that was in place when the buildings were built, said Minidoka County Fire Chief Mike Brown.

"Pretty soon it will be a big enough issue we are going to have to do something," Brown said of some facilities at Minico High School, Acacia Elementary School and Heyburn Elementary School.

Acacia is safe enough that children would be able to get out of the building in the event of a fire, but the water facilities are not good enough to put the fire out, Brown said.

"The building would burn," he said.

The school is out of code but the fire hazards are not severe enough to condemn the building, Brown said.

"They have proper extinguishers and alarms and are doing everything they can to keep kids safe," he said.

Facilities at Minico do not fare any better than those at Acacia, he said.

"There is a limited water supply," Brown said.

A well would have to be drilled in order to accommodate the sprinkler system required by the current fire code if Minico was expanded, Brown said. Additions at Acacia and Heyburn would also require sprinkler systems, he said.

Had it passed, the bond issue would have upgraded the facilities to meet current fire codes, he said.

But Brown said taxpayers shouldn't be forced to pay for millions of dollars of improvements on buildings that are grandfathered.

The Minidoka County Building and Zoning Department is also aware of code violations at the schools.

"I am confident there are ample violations," said Paul Aston, head of the department.

The building code does not give the ability to enforce it.

The building and zoning department is only given broad scope to enforce building codes, according to Aston, he said.

District officials are considering joining in the lawsuit to help bring the buildings into compliance.

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Officials, residents bid farewell to TB hospital

By Almee Wilson
Times-News correspondent

GOODING—Government officials and employees braved a morning chill on Wednesday to pose on the steps of the old tuberculosis hospital while Rep. Wendy Fitzgibbon, D-Ketchum, read a letter from Gov. Dirk Kempthorne congratulating all concerned for reaching the demolition milestone.

The guests then made their way to the lot in front of the hospital and watched as two workers driving earth-moving equipment attempted to lift the porch off the front of the hospital with their huge, mechanical shovels. The lengthy amount of time it took to accomplish the feat was testimony to all those claiming how sturdy the building was.

Florance Peterson came to watch the destruction of a building she worked in for many



Government officials joined Gooding residents Wednesday to say farewell to the old tuberculosis hospital, which is being torn down.

Peterson had worked in the original hospital to the west of the building until the 1950s when the new building was constructed.

"I still worked in the old build-

ing while this was being built," Peterson said. "My car was parked on the west side and I left work one day to find that their blasting had thrown a boulder through my windshield."

Howard Kestie, an area supervisor with the state Department of Lands, said there were many proposals for use of the building over the years, including one that proposed turning the building into a women's prison.

"Everyone was so sure their plans would work, but I'm just glad it's coming down before someone got seriously hurt," Kestie said.

Trespassing on the property was like a rite of passage for local youth, Kestie said.

The empty building still got some use over the years. The Special Operations Unit, a crime-fighting unit made up of sheriff's deputies from Gooding, Lincoln and Camas counties, recently spent an evening racing down the old building's halls and rappelling from its roof.

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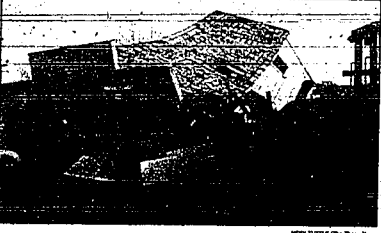
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Malta tears down hotel for store parking

By Lorraine Caver
Times-News writer

MALTA - As the millennium draws to a close, one Malta landmark has disappeared.
An old Malta hotel, which has been used as a train depot, restaurant, post office, boarding house and storeroom, was demolished last week. But longtime residents still remember the building's better days.
Russ Sanders, now 82, moved to Malta with his mother and father when he was a toddler. In the late 1940s, Mormon Church leaders asked his family to move from Almo to help settle Malta.
His father, Orson Sanders, bought the hotel and the building next to it, which he used as a warehouse for the store and as a boarding house for Malta High School students and teachers. His father took his family to travel back and forth from school each day.
His mother cooked for the students, who came from Sublett and other outlying areas.
Orson Sanders, who was one Cassia County's first commissioners while he owned and operated the mercantile, kept his son to work in the warehouse.



An aging hotel building, used as a warehouse for the Malta Mercantile, was demolished last week. The new owners of an adjacent building need the space for parking.

"It was my chore to keep the warehouse organized for my dad and sweep the floors," Ross Sanders said.
But Ross Sanders most vividly remembers the boxing matches held between neighborhood boys in the back of the warehouse.
"We would put on boxing gloves and dare each other," he said. "We would go in there to see who was best. We had to create our own fun back in those days."
The old hotel building was not the first building in Malta. The mercantile came beforehand, then the hotel building was moved into town.
Out on the flats east of Malta, a town started to form when a railroad grade was built. Naomi Paskett said.
"People thought the railroad

was going to be built to go through. A train depot and hotel was built, but the railroad was never completed. The building was moved into Malta next to the mercantile."
Paskett, now nearly 90, remembers when rooms were rented upstairs at the boarding house.
"I had been there and visited with people who lived there," Paskett said.
But the boarding house days are long gone. Cary and Valerie Bako purchased the property in January. They are operating Bako Central, a grocery store and deli, in the old mercantile building. They are remodeling the store and putting in a kitchen and storage space, and needed the space where the old building was standing.
"It was old and falling apart," Gary Bako said.
The Bakos hope to finish the addition, and the old hotel site will be used for parking.
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Service extends winter plan comment period

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. (AP) - The public will have more time to comment on the proposed winter use plan for Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks under a deal reached between park officials and the groups that sued over park management.
The National Park Service will accept comments until Dec. 15 on the plan that amends other things would ban snowmobiles between West Yellowstone, Mont., and Old Faithful and allow only buses, private vehicles on the paved road. Snowmobiles and snow park officials had balked at extending the comment period of a court-imposed deadline of Sept. 1, 2000, to complete the plan. But environmental groups that challenged the government's management practices agreed this week to push that

deadline back to Oct. 1.
Those groups objected to the impact of winter activities on wildlife. They agreed to settle their case only on the condition that the Park Service would accept a new management plan to add a delay in distribution of the proposed plan. Yellowstone National Park is a large comment period is needed because of the complexity of the plan and the high degree of public interest.
Under the most recent version of the plan, the paved roads would allow a number of winter visitors to more than double while the vehicles in the park would be cut to a fraction of the current number.
Cities ranging from small groups to snowmobile enthusiasts have criticized the plan. The plan would allow air wildlife visitors and for snowmobilers that depend on snowmobiling for their winter economies.

Care to comment?

Comments can be submitted to Cliff Tomback, National Park Service, 2219 W. Yellowstone Blvd., Yellowstone Park, WY 82190. Comments will be accepted until Dec. 15. For more information, call 307-344-9200.

Mining executive bemoans U.S. environmental controls Wednesday

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) - This country's desire to become environmentally pure stands in the way of helping developing countries become wealthier, a national mining executive said Wednesday.
"We can do environmental projects better than anywhere in the world," Richard L. Lawson, president and chief executive officer of the National Mining Association, told reporters. "And one of the greatest problems we have is the continued desire to become pure."
Lawson, a retired U.S. Air Force general, argued that money spent by the mining industry to conform with U.S. environmental laws could be better spent developing the economies of Third World countries.
Lawson later told thousands of miners attending the annual Idaho Mining Association convention here that the country owes their industry a debt of gratitude.
Mining executives are using the convention as a forum for what they consider their industry's economic and environmental strengths.

The industry has been criticized for its unwillingness to change the 1872 Mining Act, which sets the most restrictive standards to encourage western expansion. The law sets low royalties for minerals extracted from public lands.
Lawson said he does not think the public understands the value of mining, or realizes that American citizens each use an average of 47,000 pounds a year of mined products. That compares to about 500 pounds each for people in developing countries.
Environmental Protection Agency efforts to improve clean water standards will cost about \$50 billion without any significant health benefits, Lawson contended.
"The money needed to do that job could very well be placed doing a lot of very important things. The most precious thing on this globe today is capital. That's what precludes developing countries from charging into the 20th century," Lawson said.
While this country's drinking water is among the purest, 80 percent of the water in the world is undrinkable, he said.
"Here we are, raising the standard... when we could be gathered together with the developing countries of the world and putting it in a pool to begin to take care of that problem."
But Michelle Nanni of the Lands Council, a Spokane-based conservation group, said mining companies need to help establish environmental standards worldwide that are as stringent as those in the United States.
"If this mining industry expects people in the United States to settle for less environmental regulation, they should be doing so. That's not going to happen. That's multibillion dollars of them, yet multinational corporations want to export their standards to those in the United States."
"The answer for us is to teach them how to bring poverty under control," Lawson said. "And it all begins with digging a product out of the ground."

Court upholds prison terms for teens

BOISE (AP) - The State Court of Appeals has upheld the two-year prison terms imposed on the 1995 murder of rural convenience store owner. Fideola Tomchak, during an attempted robbery.
In two unanimous decisions issued on Wednesday, the three-judge panel rejected claims by Christopher Shanahan and Benjamin Jenkins that 7th District Judge Brent Moss abused his discretion when he gave both life terms with no chance for parole for 35 years in Shanahan's case and 15 years in Jenkins'.
The court said the sentences were justified to protect society.
"This case presents the senseless, cold-blooded and unprovoked murder of Fideola Tomchak," Chief Judge Darrel Ferry wrote for the court in both opinions. "We cannot say that the sentences are out of proportion to the gravity of the offenses committed. It is not such as to shock the conscience of reasonable people."

Shanahan and Jenkins, both from Rigby, were each 15 years old when they joined up with Thomas and then 16, stole about \$200 in cash, some cigarettes and 25 gallons of gasoline from the Grant store after shooting the 41-year-old businesswoman in the back of the head as she stocked a soda pop cooler.
The trio drove to Las Vegas, Nev., and then turned around and were arrested in northern Utah as they headed back to Idaho.
Lindquist, who waited in the courtroom for the robbery murder occurred, was convicted of first-degree murder because he was involved in a fatal felony and was sentenced to life with no parole for 20 years.
Jenkins eventually cut a deal with prosecutors and pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of second-degree murder. Shanahan, who was identified by authorities as the one who pulled the trigger, pleaded guilty to first-degree murder.

Both maintained that they should have been sentenced as juveniles and that their minimum was unjustified considering his age.
Shanahan commended that Moss failed to fully consider his age, immaturity and troubled childhood while Jenkins claims the judge should have acknowledged the fact that he did not participate in the robbery of the store owner.
But Perry pointed out that Jenkins provided weapons for the robbery, including the handgun used to kill Tomchak, and he was the one who threatened all the issues raised by Shanahan.
In the end, however, Perry said, Moss could not take the chance they would kill people.
"The primary consideration in sentencing is, and presumably is, the good order of society," he wrote. "All other factors are, and must be, subservient to that end."

Compromise means little delay for land plan

WASHINGTON (AP) - A plan that would dictate federal land use in Idaho and other states should be completed on time - or delayed only a few weeks - because of a congressional compromise.
The Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project, due to be finished next summer, could be broad guidelines for land use in the region and other activities on 64 million acres of federal lands in Idaho, eastern Washington, eastern Oregon and western Nevada.
The plan has been in the works since 1994 and has already cost about \$14 million.
House Republican Sens. Larry Craig of Idaho and Slade Gorton of Washington drafted legislation requiring federal officials to assess the plan's impact

on each federal forest in the four states before it is completed.
The Clinton administration said the requirement would be difficult to fulfill because the information is regional, not forest-specific, and trying could add several weeks to the process.
But under a compromise struck before Congress adjourned last month, the assessment will be done on a regional basis, not forest by forest.
"If there's a delay from this, it would be a few weeks," said Andy Brunelle, a Forest Service spokesman in Boise.
The provision was included in a \$14.9 billion appropriation for the Interior Department, Energy Department and other federal agencies.
The measure, providing \$5.3 million to finance the project for

Man accused of stealing car faces six charges

BURLEY - A Burley man is facing six charges, involving a stolen car and a police report.

Ivy Almanza, 22, of Burley told Cassia County deputies Tuesday she saw her car stolen from the Domino's Pizza parking lot, according to a police report.

depicts, despite that requires for him strip, the report said.

Court finds Burley woman guilty on drug charge

BURLEY - After a two-day trial, a jury found a Burley woman guilty on one count of drug delivery and not guilty of two counts of drug delivery.

January with three counts of delivering drug, along with her mother, Edith Beth Day, 73, who faced only one count.

court documents. Four months later on Dec. 31, she allegedly delivered 20 more ounces, as well as 100 Gsm pills to the informant.

Police investigate shooting death of hunter

WORLEY (AP) - Sheriff's officers were trying to determine whether the shooting death Wednesday of a man who had been hunting with two friends.

d'Alene found a Coeur d'Alene man dead in a gunshot wound, said Capt. Ben Wollinger, a Kootenai County sheriff's spokesman.

Scientists give new count on glacier grizzly bears

KALISPELL, Mont. (AP) - Scientists using genetics have estimated there are 200 grizzly bears around Montana's Glacier National Park.

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working with a crew of volunteers to set barbed wire "hair traps" baited with a foul-smelling roach bait.

Lawsuit

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The trial, slated to begin in January, is the first after this year's legislative session wraps up, deals with a constitutional issue, Hallett said.
"It is the duty of the legislature to provide a uniform and thorough system of public schools," she said.
Hallett is among those who have filed suits against the health and safety issue; the state needs to address those issues when local districts are unable to provide decent facilities.
The Minidoka County School District considered joining the

lawsuit when it was in beginning stages three years ago, but people in the community were not supportive of joining the suit at that time, Hallett said.
"People said not to get involved," she said.
Whether or not the district joins in the lawsuit depends on community support and school board approval, Hallett said.
The plaintiffs don't know if the public's attitude towards accepting state help for schools has changed, but he said he does need only 51 percent of voters favored spending taxpayer dollars on facility improvements.
The 1999-2000 Legislature is now considering a bill that would give financially ailing district state funds to improve facilities; those facilities proved to be a health and safety hazard, said Idaho House Speaker Bruce Indergard. Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's School Facilities Committee recently determined it would cost \$49 million to meet the health and safety needs of Idaho schools.
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Agreement

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portion of his public land grazing permits to the range. The Air Force will agree to pay Brackett \$650,000 cash and up to \$325,000 for other grazing leases to be transferred to Brackett.
Meanwhile, the Air Force has started construction on the project that includes a 12,000-acre practice bombing range, one 640-acre range for employment and bomb target areas, and 10-acre and 20-acre acre sites for remote, mobile radar units, Radar, and a 10-acre area.

ern Utah and Nevada and eastern Oregon.
The project is expected to cost about \$1 million.
"This will do us for a long time," Butler said.
The 365th Wing - at the Mountain Home is known as an Air Expeditionary Wing and is the "9-1 of the Air Force," he told the Rotarians.
It is an integrated composite force that can be deployed at a moment's notice to trouble spots around the world. It can be deployed as a unit, added to other forces just prior to the "9-1" Force has learned that it's better to deploy pilots and aircrews that train together, Butler said.
The wing includes KC-135 tankers, F-15 and F-16 fighters and strike aircraft, B-1B bombers and communications

and ground radar crews. Other Air Force units are being moved to look like the Mountain Home wing, he said.
"The 45th Expeditionary Wing is working on \$44 million in improvements at the base, he said.
In addition, a bomb squad team the base responds to bomb threats in the Magic Valley. And Air Force officials have reached out for August an airshow planned for the base. The airshow was scrubbed when the wing was deployed by the southern Serbian region of Kosovo.
The August airshow displays include civil aerobics demonstrations as well as the Air Force Thunderbirds, Butler said.
"There is no one on the ground that can do what we do," he said.

Lecture series to treat Western issues

By Karen Rossini
Times-News correspondent

WESTERN "Pioneer Indian" will be the first of a lecture series to be held at the Sun Valley Center for the Arts.

The lecture will take place at 7 p.m. in the Sun Valley Center for the Arts. The lecture will examine the "Western" as a concept, and the "American West" as a historical and geographical area. It will also examine the "Western" as a literary genre, and the "Western" as a cultural and social movement.

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Upcoming lectures

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From Out of the Shadows: Mexican Women in 20th Century America
This lecture will examine the role of Mexican women in the American West during the 20th century.

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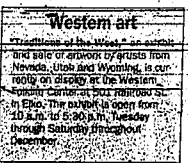
Exhibit features artists of the West

By Karen Terrell
Times-News correspondent

LENO, Nev.— "Traditions of the West," an exhibit featuring the work of local and regional artists is on display through the end of the year at the Western Folklore Center.

The display includes paintings, photographs, jewelry, pottery, handcrafted baskets, furniture, jewelry, quilts and more. WFC Artistic Director Greg Glaser said many of the items will be available for sale.

Artists displaying and selling their work include Lowell Swendsen, Ron Arlund, Gail Rappa, Sharon Thompson,



Western art
A framed piece of Western art, possibly a painting or photograph, displayed in a gallery setting.

Frances and Jim McKinney. Glaser said a new elevator and stairwell have been installed at the center for the convenience of visitors. The center is headquartered in the historic Pioneer Building, which has undergone extensive renovation in recent years.

The WFC is also gearing up for its annual Cowboy Poetry Gathering scheduled Jan. 22-25 in Elko. Those interested in schedules and tickets may call the WFC at 775-738-7508 or check out the organizations website at www.westfolk.org.

Times-News correspondent Karen Terrell can be reached in Elko at 775-738-2733.

Treatment center calls open house a success

By Almee Wilson
Times-News correspondent

GOODING — A sex-offender treatment center, which has set up temporary quarters in Gooding, met the community Tuesday.

And as county officials hoping to keep the Brown-Schools in Gooding long-term, the open house was termed a success.

"I was still receiving positive comments the next day from people," Nancy Cronan, chief executive officer of The Brown Schools, said Wednesday.

Sixty-four area residents were taken on tours by facility residents.

The Brown Schools, which has

a contract with the state to treat juvenile sex offenders from across Idaho, has been in Gooding since early 1998. Residents are 12 to 17 years old, and the Gooding center specifically treats nonviolent offenders.

The Brown Schools renovated the former Fralm Middle School building in exchange for using the building temporarily. There is some sign that the school might continue in Gooding with plans to add more beds.

Community members have approved allowing The Brown Schools to stay in the building. The Brown Schools says it would like to contact city officials about the idea and schedule a public meeting.

Isabel Cahoon, a newly elected City Council member who attended Tuesday's open house, said she was impressed by the youth who were very polite. Cahoon said she is not against the school staying in Gooding, and is not afraid of it, although she has heard some negative feedback from a few residents.

The Brown Schools boasts a 70-percent success rate for their intensive treatment program. Residents attend school at the center.

This week, residents are completing decorations for a tree which will be displayed at the Gooding County Memorial Hospital Festival of Trees this weekend.

Governor kicks off '3D Prevention' month

BOISE (AP) — Gov. Dirk Kempthorne said the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare founder of Mothers Against Drunk Drivers urged motorists to consider the financial costs to victims and the physical costs to society when people get behind the wheel impaired.

Kempthorne and Betty Studler were joined by dozens of state and local police officers Wednesday in kicking off the state's observance of National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month.

Enlarged photos of people killed in drunken driving accidents flanked the Idaho Department of Transportation governor an emotional message beyond the numbers he used to business his call on Monday, December the holiday period over on-line highway.

"If you choose to drive impaired in Idaho, chances are you will be caught and arrested, as it should be," Kempthorne said. "No matter how you look at it, when you drink and drive, you lose."

Last year 94 people were killed and 1,627 were injured and 1,784 drug- or alcohol-related collisions. The financial cost of those crashes alone totaled more than \$300 million.

Studler's appearance was among hundreds she has made over the last 21 years in her campaign to stamp out drunken driving. Her 28-year-old daughter, Central Price, was killed and her son-in-law, Kelly Price, was critically injured in 1985 when their car was hit by one driven by a man later convicted of vehicular manslaughter.

The Department of Law

Enforcement said about 11.5 percent of all fatal and injury collisions in 1998 involved impaired drivers, and 35.5 percent of all fatalities were the result of impaired driving.

This month communities throughout Idaho will sponsor a variety of prevention activities and law enforcement agencies will conduct special patrols to crack down on offenders. In addition, the cities of Boise, Meridian, Nampa and Caldwell, along with Boise County and other communities in Southwestern Idaho, will conduct breath testing events on Friday to educate people about driving while impaired.

On Dec. 17, motorists statewide will be encouraged to drive with their lights on all day in memory of people who were killed or injured in alcohol-related crashes.

State's largest hospital to add room, features

IDARHO FALLS (AP) — Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center has approval from its Nashville owners to nearly double the size of the emergency room and increase the building size by 20 percent for \$42 million.

"The community's demands are such that we need to expand to meet them," said Doug Canby, the Idaho Falls hospital's chief executive officer.

After construction starts, the project should take about 22 months. Final approval from the parent company, Columbia/HCA, came in late November.

With 248 inpatient beds and 64 in its freestanding behavioral health unit, Eastern Idaho is the largest hospital in the state.

A group of Idaho Falls doctors also is getting ready to announce plans for its own smaller hospital. That project was proposed last year by Idaho Falls Surgical Center but is being spearheaded now by a group called Idaho-Falls Community Hospital.

"Our goal is to have the facility open by the first quarter of 2001," said Richard Vincent of ASC Group, a Park City, Utah, developer who has built nine out-

patient surgical centers in six states.

In addition to expanding the emergency room, Eastern Idaho plans to expand its critical care unit, adding the number of beds there to 30. Crabtree said the number of trauma patients arriving is on track to hit 600 this year. There were 380 in 1998.

The hospital also will open a cancer treatment center and a physical therapy center.

"When we opened in 1986, we had 50 physicians with medical staff privileges," Crabtree said. "We now have 150 physicians on the medical staff."

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The last of a breed of heroes

Army buddies leave living legends

WASHINGTON, AP — Fifty-five years after the end of their Comanche "code talkers" lives, a secret message concerning U.S. military's messages in the European battlefields in World War II. Charles Chibitty received a special award from the Army for extraordinary service.

The Comanche's efforts were particularly important during and after the Allied landings at Normandy in June 1944.

In a ceremony Tuesday at the Pentagon's Signal Annex, Chibitty, 76, noted that he is the last surviving member of the elite group known as Comanche "code talkers," who translated enemy efforts to invade Army messages.

"I wouldn't mind sitting and waiting so long to recognize us," he said in accepting the Rawlston Award, established by the Military Intelligence Corps Association and named for Lt. Col. Thomas Rawlston, who served in the Revolutionary War.

Kevin Gover, assistant under secretary for Indian affairs, noted the Comanche's service.

"My agency, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, designated itself for the first half of this century to destroying the native languages that proved to be so useful to our enemies during World War II," Gover said.

Chibitty and 25 other Comanche Indians were recruited to serve in the Army Signal Corps because of their unique language. For the longest period of Navajo Indians who performed a similar service as Marines in the Pacific theater during World War II, the Comanches were divided into "code talkers."

The Comanches, who speak a language from the Athabaskan group, were used to divert headquarters, where another of their



Charles Chibitty served in the Army's 4th Signal Company during WWII. Comanche "code talkers" used their native language to prevent enemies from intercepting allied troop movements during the war. Chibitty was honored Tuesday at the Pentagon's Hall of Heroes.

group decoded the messages, thereby confounding enemy efforts to steal U.S. communications. They used the Comanche phrase "posh-oo-vo," or crazy

white man, to refer to Adolf Hitler. Because they had a native word for airplane but not bomber, they used the Comanche phrase for "pregnant airplane."

Chibitty was born near Medicine Park, Okla. He enlisted in the Army in January 1941 and achieved the rank of corporal.

Nevada lawmaker says fed-bashing is no shock

RENO, Nev. (AP) — The Sagebrush Rebellion is alive and well in Nevada, where animosity toward the federal government should be expected because the feds control nearly 90 percent of the land, Rep. Jim Gibbons says.

A dispute over a national forest road and protection of a threatened fish in Elko County is just the latest sign of the ongoing fight over local property rights, Gibbons, R-Nev., said this week.

The Sagebrush Rebellion was named after a number of private and county activists who began asserting in the late 1970s that the federal government had no right to dictate management of the lands in Nevada.

"There are always those people fenced in, hemmed in, frustrated by the federal government," Gibbons said. "There are always those people fenced in, hemmed in, frustrated by the federal government, especially by decisions that are not made locally — decisions that are made in Washington that don't take into consideration current local history, local use, management practices that are in the best interest of people here rather than in Washington," Gibbons said.

put jeopardizing survival of the only remaining population of bull trout in Nevada.

About 1 1/2 miles of the road washed out in a flood in 1995 and federal officials say it is subject to flooding every decade or so, increasing sedimentation of the clear, cold waters of the Jarvis River that the bull trout needs to survive.

State wildlife officials disagree and Elko County officials argue that the Forest Service did more damage to the river by closing off the road. County officials maintain the Forest Service has no jurisdiction over the road because it was built before the national forest was established in the 1950s.

Gibbons and Rep. Helen Chenoweth, R-Idaho, held a congressional hearing in Elko in November in response to heightened tensions over the controversy. A federal judge issued a court order blocking any local work on the road last month when State Assemblyman John Carpenter threatened to reopen the road in defiance of the Forest Service and state and federal officials expressed concern a confrontation could turn violent.

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— Rep. Jim Gibbons, R-Nev.

Gay-issues book doesn't excite Utah school brass

SALT LAKE CITY, AP — A bookier aimed at helping the nation's superintendents deal with issues involving gay students may not be used in Utah schools, where administrators say it does not represent the state.

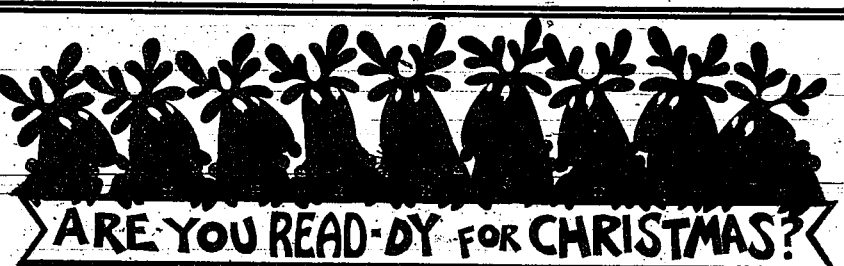
The state's public schools are prohibited from teaching homosexuality or sex outside marriage as a curriculum or health lifestyle, Doug Barnes, director of school law and legislation for the state Office of Education, said Monday.

"Whether homosexuality is a choice or innate is the central issue, and schools should stay out of that," Barnes said. "So far as respect for people in regards to sexual orientation, that's something I hope we teach."

But Robert Austin, co-chairman of the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network, said state education officials are missing the point.

"I don't think people understand you don't necessarily have to be an advocate for gay and lesbian rights to be an advocate for safe schools. I think there's a place for some common ground," Austin said.

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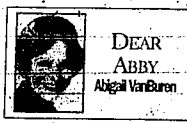
Ties with in-law stay after divorce

DEAR ABBY: After reading your column about outrageous mothers-in-law, I had to write. When I was 17, I married my high school sweetheart. He was only 20. We were extremely young to get married. However, his mother never said a negative word about it. In fact, she was our most ardent supporter.

The following year, we had a baby. My mother-in-law never said an unkind word. She was extremely kind and generous to my son and to me as well. She never once criticized the way I took care of the baby. When she came to visit, she asked me nicely what I wanted her to do, and then she did it. When I think of this now, it brings a smile. I was only 19 and knew nothing about babies, but still she respected my wishes as the mother of this child. If she had a negative opinion about me, she kept it to herself.

After a few years, the marriage fell apart. The subsequent divorce was a custody battle, got very ugly. My mother-in-law never took sides.

I am now happily remarried and live about 5,000 miles away from my former mother-in-law. My former husband has also remarried. Neither of us has had any more children, so my 12-year-old son is my former moth-



DEAR ABBY:
Abby VanBuren

...in-law's only. Sometimes people are curious about why I work so hard to keep this connection to my ex-husband's family. After all, according to the world's expectations, we're supposed to "hate" each other, right? Wrong! This lady is a gem. She's a sterling example of how people should treat each other.

She and I had a long talk this summer about this very subject. I told her that I do not "own" my son. He's part of her, too. And I would be doing a grave disservice as a parent to deny my child the gift of knowing this wonderful grandma. I only hope that someday I will be as terrific a mother-in-law and grandmother as she is.

—RACHAEL IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR RACHAEL: I'm sure you'll appreciate the maturity, generosity and diplomacy that are required to fulfill those roles. Many people could take a lesson from your former mother-in-law.

CHRISTMAS CHEER CHOPPER



A Weyerhaeuser helicopter transports a freshly-cut Noble fir from Weyerhaeuser's White River Tree farm near Enchanment, Wash., to Olympia recently. It will be used as Washington's state Christmas tree.

Go slow on spirits, Virgo; Taurus gains admiration

IF DECEMBER 2 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are emotional, sensitive, creative, family-oriented. Your reputation as a marvelous cook precedes you - what is less known is that you are an articulate, an enthusiastic parent. Capricorn, Cancer persons play dynamic roles in your life, could have these letters, initials in names - B, K, T. During past year you possibly changed residence, marital status. January, October not memorable for you in 2001.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Slow down; be ready with counter-punches. Clash of ideas is inevitable. Focus on legal affairs, public relations, marital status. Paces involved.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You move an immovable object. You seem claim you are capable of doing the impossible. It might seem that way, but you require rest, better nutrition. Capricorn featured.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Let go of problems not your own. Change of scene necessary; try Aries is looking for a fight - look out. People are drawn to you, could be intimate dilemmas.

CANCER (June 21-July 20): Let go of the past; make your future. Money comes as result of enterprise planned with Leo. Pushing for more bids is ineffective. Aquarian also in picture.

LEO (July 21-Aug. 22): Check Aries message for added wisdom. Look for an objective, intelligent concessions, marital status. Relative announcements. "Ready or not, I'm coming to look over your shoulder."

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Look beyond the immediates; check real estate prospects; predict your future and make it.

HOROSCOPE
Sydney Omar

... Social evening tests resolution to go slow on adult beverages.

SCORPIO (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Cycle sign you will be at right place at crucial moment. People take second look at your proposal. Friends. Those who previously rejected now enthusiastically accept.

SAGITTARIUS (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Decide now no longer will be last, and don't pull punches. Be ready for change, travel, unusual experiences with opposite sex. Pisces declares, "I'm in love!"

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Decision revolves around home, income potential, marital status. Be diplomatic but firm, maintain self-esteem, let others know you are special. Taurus represented.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Make reasonable concessions, and be willing to back down to avoid a silly fight. Be asked to make change of a present air which you lack training. Pegasus announced.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Pursue play. You are able to increase, inspire. You get long-awaited promotion, more money. What was taken from you will be returned. Relationship will intensify.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Travel plans dominate. Your time as universal individual in large, open, expansive halls of many opportunities. Be receptive but noncommittal. Aries announced.

Crooks from England hung out funny money

England sent shiploads of criminals to the American colonies, that you know. But of particular interest was one small mob of miscreants who landed in Maryland in 1770. Within a few days of their arrival, counterfeit money flooded the port and its environs.

If that glacier isn't at least 60 feet deep, it won't move.

Kato Simons spelled Calo was the Green Hornet's valet. He was a native of Jersey until Dec. 7, 1941, then immediately became a native of the Philippines.

If there are no finger foods in Finland, how does a Finn eat an apple?

A Spears, peels, slices and eats it with knife and fork.

Pollsters asked both married and single men whether they thought they were good-looking. Five times as many single men said yes, or words to that effect. Are the single men actually better looking? Or are the married men persuaded to think less of their looks after a little coaching from their wives. Our Love and War men is analyzing the findings.

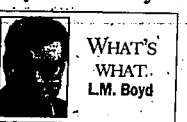
Unfinished Quatrains: "The snore rabbit does cure it, it's not a rabbit but a hare." Finish it.

Usually, the gifted girl quite simply says she is not gifted. Usually, the gifted boy plays the glass clown. But each with that "gifted" tag tries to find some way to deal with life. It's not easy being special, say psychologists. Among them are some who secretly believe they've been gifted with special insights into why people do what they do.

Sixty-three percent of the Americans queried tell researchers they'd rather not live to be 100. That's what they say, anyway. But it's a useless poll, is it not, unless everyone queried is 99?

A hypochondriac can suffer in every way except in silence. — Anonymous.

What generates the electricity of an electric eel takes up 80 percent of the eel's body.



WHAT'S WHAT.
L.M. Boyd

Q. What was the last name of the classic comic character known as Little Lulu?
A. Moppet.

Painting nabs \$27.5M

NEW YORK (AP) - "Pain-Crowd," a 1910 oil painting by George Bellows, sold at auction Wednesday to a private collector for \$27.5 million - by far the highest record for any American painting.

"It's a stunning prize and it's a landmark painting," said Dara Mitchell, director of American paintings at the Sotheby's auction house. "It takes a picture like this to set a new benchmark for Sotheby's."

The painting was estimated to sell for between \$10 million and \$15 million. John Singer Sargent's "Cathedral" held the previous record for an American painting, Sotheby's sold it for \$11.1 million in 1996.

The painting was sold by the Museum of Modern Art to an anonymous collector in 1967.

Bellows was best known for his paintings depicting American sporting life at the turn of the century. "Pain-Crowd," which shows a polo match in Lakewood, is the last of three paintings Bellows did of the match and is

often considered his best. It was last at public view more than 30 years ago.

The painting was left to the museum last year in the will of Bernese, Cushing Rosevelt Whitney, Mrs. Whitney and her husband, John Jay Whitney, had amassed an impressive art collection. Much of it was donated to various museums, which were asked in advance about the work.

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Besieged city residents hungry for food, news Morning-after pill for teens triggers debate in France

GROZNY, Russia (AP) — In a cold, damp basement lit by a few candles, a group of women are huddled around a table, making life miserable for the city's residents. They are waiting for water from a bucket. But that's not all. They are hungry for news.

Tulayeva wants to wash her face and read a newspaper to find out what's happening in the rest of war-battered Chechnya.

Food and fuel have been scarce for weeks in besieged Grozny, making life miserable for civilians who have stayed behind despite the constant Russian shelling of the city. Making matters worse, news about the war has all but dried up for those who are actually in the middle of it.

Russian bombs and rockets shake the ground and rattle windows, a constant reminder of the proximity of Russian troops. But the lack of reliable information can be life-threatening for people trying to make decisions about where to flee, how to find and help relatives in distress and where to get food.

Television and radio stations are off the air for the most part.

newspapers arrive only infrequently. Rumors have become the main source of information in besieged Grozny. "I am depressed, not because of the lack of water, electricity and gas," said Tulayeva, 38, a former metal worker. "I am depressed because no one is explaining why the bombs are falling on us and who is responsible for this."

Tulayeva is among an estimated 50,000 civilians who remain in Grozny, despite the daily Russian attacks. As it spoke, a blanket of fresh snow fell on the shattered apartment blocks and streets pockmarked by bomb craters.

Some people live full-time in these basements. Others sleep in their apartments and eat dry bread to the basement when bombs start dropping.

Information is sometimes exchanged when the basement dwellers emerge to run errands and meet on the streets. During such hurried meetings, the questions are urgent.

"What do they say? When will the war stop?"

"What happened? Did you hear about this?"



Russian soldiers carry a newly established Russian language newspaper to the military base in Achkhoy Martan, 15 miles southwest of Grozny Tuesday. The newspapers, printed by the Russian government, were given by the Russian Army to its troops. Russian forces have advanced rapidly to the outskirts of the Chechen capital but rebels have put up increasingly fierce resistance in recent days.

PARIS (AP) — The French government's decision to make the morning-after pill available to teen-age girls at schools has unleashed a fierce debate in the predominantly Roman Catholic nation.

Parents and health officials are divided over whether the action will usher in a dangerously nonchalant attitude toward unwanted sex or provide teen-agers with the support some contend is missing at home.

Deputy Education Minister Segolene Royal, a Socialist, said, teenage pregnancies were not just a family matter but a public health problem that affects 10,000 girls under 18 each year.

"I want to respond to this distress in this urgency, by asking adolescents to go through a school nurse" should they fear an unwanted pregnancy, Royal said in announcing the action over the weekend.

Once the measure takes effect, in a few weeks, the morning-after pill, NorLevo, will be available through school nurses. The treatment consists of two pills, one taken within 72 hours after sexual intercourse and the second 12 to 24 hours later.

They work by preventing the implantation of a fertilized egg in the uterus — which opponents contend amounts to abortion by blocking development of a viable embryo.

In the United States, two forms of morning-after pills are available. But while some can get them at most health or family planning clinics, they need a prescription. Any attempt to distribute them in schools would most certainly face strong opposition.

The NorLevo pill has been available without prescription in France since June, but supporters are pushing it in schools to argue that young girls may be loathe to ask for it in drugstores.

Some French teen-agers welcomed the decision to distribute the pills at schools, saying it

Bitter pill to swallow

The decision to make the morning-after pill available to girls at schools in France has been welcomed by some and enraged others.

Of the teenage girls who have had sexual relations, 3.3 % have become pregnant. Their preferences:

Had abortions	72%
Gave birth	12%
Had a miscarriage	16%

FRENCH GOVERNMENT GOALS

- To promote contraceptive pills, which is their preferred mode of birth control.
- To promote emergency contraception instead of abortion.
- To promote the use of condoms to avoid unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases.
- To enlarge the scope of sex education in schools.
- To launch a government campaign on contraception in the next few months.

Source: French government's French Family Planning Movement

Tale of jealousy, pressure grips Japan

TOKYO (AP) — The Japanese way of education often means unrelenting pressure on families, biting competition between children and fiery jealousy among parents.

But could it also mean murder?

The Japanese have been asking that question since a 10-year-old girl was strangled last week in the slaying of a 2-year-old girl, and the media linked the crime to entrance exams for elite kindergartens.

Details remain fuzzy, and reports emerged Tuesday that the 35-year-old suspect, who turned herself into police, has denied she acted out of jealousy over the child's academic success.

But whatever the motive, the crime has ignited a wide-ranging debate over Japan's cut-throat education practices.

The story has been splashed across newspapers and TV talk shows for days. The government has promised to consider education reforms. Critics are using it as fodder for tirades against schools and society.



A portrait of Haruna Wakayama is displayed on an altar during her wake in Tokyo Sunday. The 2-year-old girl was killed after being taken from a nursery school play yard by her mother, Mitsuko Yamada, out of jealousy toward the child's parents.

"People have this illusion that if you go to a good school, a better life is waiting for you," said Genzo Kinoshita, a psychologist and education specialist. "In Japan these days we are raising children as if we were training animals."

At the center of the case is Mitsuko Yamada, who is accused of taking Haruna Wakayama from a nursery school playground in central Tokyo and strangling her with a scarf in a public bathroom. She then allegedly buried the child's body at her parents' house, 10 miles away.

Police will only say that Yamada, who was taken into custody Nov. 25, had "clashes" with the victim's mother. Both women had two children the same ages, 2 and 5.

Japanese media, meanwhile, have been rife with accounts from neighbors and police that Haruna had recently passed an entrance exam at an elite kindergarten, while Yamada's daughter failed an initial random drawing to apply — and that Yamada could not control her jealousy.

For many Japanese, it isn't hard to imagine the brutal pressure of the education system driving someone to murder.

Competitive entrance exams have long been the key to academic and social success in Japan.

Relics found at Rome landfill

ROME (AP) — Fragments of ancient statues, frescoes and other archaeological relics turned up Wednesday at a dump outside Rome, sparking a furor when police traced them to the site of a parking garage being built for the 2000 Holy Year.

Citizens' groups and Italy's Green Party demanded an immediate stop to work on the garage, a government- and Vatican-funded project for the buses that will bring pilgrims and tourists to St. Peter's Square.

"I'm horrified," said Gaia Falotino of Italia Nostra (Our Italy), a group that has been pushing for the preservation of imperial frescoes found earlier at the same site.

"If this is true, it would confirm all our fears on what's going on with the work in that area," Greens Party lawmakers blamed Rome Mayor Francesco Rutelli, an enthusiastic overseer of the city's Holy Year renovations, for his part in "inciting the destruction of part of the historic and cultural patrimony of the capital."

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WTO protesters give U.S. bad name

ANALYSIS
Terence Hunt

WASHINGTON — Violent protests against the global trade meeting in Seattle stunned White House officials, threw the talks into turmoil and gave President Clinton and the United States a black eye.

"Flames of Hatred," declared a headline in London. "Anarchy in the streets of America," rick-ticked a television report in Australia. "Chaos closes downtown," summarized a Seattle newspaper above a picture of a police officer in riot gear aiming a rubber-pellet weapon at protesters.

Orchestrated by Clinton, the gathering of the 125-nation World Trade Organization was supposed to have demonstrated the benefits of world trade and the promise of global prosperity as borders open and barriers fall. Instead, it showed the world chaotic scenes of window smashing, tear gas clouds and fires. The free trade message promoted so avidly by Clinton was buried amid anger and apprehension about health, labor and environmental protections in a profit-driven corporate world regulated by the Geneva-based WTO.

"The United States has always been the leader in world trade development, and now we are looking like some kind of a circus over here," said former Rep. Bill Frenzel, R-Minn., a trade expert and scholar at the Brookings Institution.

"I believe it is going to take a fairly long time to get the WTO reorganized and get it back on track after this what I would call almost a catastrophic occurrence in the United States," Frenzel said. "It's an embarrassment for every citizen of the United States. And for our first citizen, it's a worse embarrassment."

Fiscal Lamy, top trade negotiator for the 15-nation European Union, said in Seattle, "What's happening outside is having an effect on the negotiations." He said Clinton's hope to eliminate government subsidies in Europe — which make it tougher for American farmers to sell their goods abroad — "is less possible" given the demonstrations.

"The reason why a number of protesters are here is because they believe that trade liberalization is working against a number of values they care about, whether it's environment, whether it's consumer rights, whether it's core labor standards," Lamy said. "These questions are raised and our basic point is that they have to be answered."

Lamy's response, in his speech Wednesday, was that free trade will keep America's economy strong and create jobs into the 21st century.

White House officials had expected huge demonstrations — but not the mayhem that erupted

Tuesday. Clinton took note of the rather interesting hoopla that's been going on here" and deplored the violence.

The Seattle battle recalled the anti-American melee that greeted Clinton less than two weeks ago in Athens, Greece. In that case, police closed streets and kept demonstrators far away from Clinton. In Seattle, however, Cabinet secretaries and WTO delegates were trapped in their hotels by the unrest. The streets were calm after a night of curfew and a ban on demonstrations in a 50-block area surrounding the convention center where Clinton spoke.

Even without the violence, the Seattle demonstrations underscored the longstanding trade rift between Clinton and his traditional allies in organized labor and the environmental movement. They opposed the administration on the North American Free Trade Agreement with Mexico and Canada and succeeded in stopping Clinton's campaign for "fast-track" negotiating authority for trade talks.

The breach with labor and environmentalists puts Vice President Al Gore in an uncomfortable position as he seeks the Democratic presidential nomination.

Apparently yielding to pressure, Clinton offered a significant concession in Seattle.

The president suggested that a working group on labor be created within the WTO to develop core labor standards that would become "part of every trade agreement. And ultimately I would favor a system in which sanctions would come for violating any provision of a trade agreement."

Until now, U.S. Trade Representative Charles Barshefsky had said the United States was seeking only a working group to conduct a study on "the links between trade and labor."

But the new U.S. stand is sure to meet massive resistance from developing countries, which make up more than 100 of the 135 countries in the WTO. They are not interested in adopting tougher U.S. labor standards and have refused to go along with the idea of a mere working group on labor — even though that approach carries little threat for them.

After all, the WTO established a working group on the environment in 1996 and it has done virtually nothing.

Terence Hunt has covered the Reagan, Bush and Clinton presidencies for The Associated Press.



World Trade Organization protesters are arrested Wednesday after blocking a street in downtown Seattle. About 30 people were arrested at this intersection.



A single tear rolls down the cheek of Brooklyn Anderson Wednesday as he watches protesters being arrested in Seattle.



World Trade Organization protesters kick out windows in downtown Seattle Tuesday.

Anarchists group rejects others' pleas for no-violence at talks

The Seattle Times

SEATTLE — Among the earliest arrivals as downtown street protests swelled were the long-awaited anarchists from Eugene, Ore.

From the earliest days of planning for protests, there was talk that young, tough anarchists would make a showing during the World Trade Organization meeting.

Tuesday morning, soon after nonviolent protesters blocked the Sixth Avenue and Pike Street intersection, about a dozen young men and women clad head-to-toe in black, with black masks and combat boots, threw newspaper boxes and garbage cans into the street.

"No violence. No violence," yelled another protester as the group ran up Sixth Avenue.

At the same time, nearly 50 others were marching down the hill to the back of their small drum corps. Some carried dark green flags with black suns.

It was largely these protesters, sometimes swelling to 100, who

broke windows throughout downtown, spray-painted the anarchist logo of an 'A' in a circle on walls, windows and police cars, and punctured the tires of police cruisers, limousines and other cars.

A movement of young anarchists in Eugene surrounds local writer John Zerzan, according to a recent Seattle Weekly article. A message from Eugene anarchists, published in that paper criticized unions and other WTO opponents as "part of the glue holding a rotting order together."

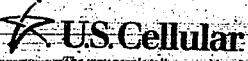
"It's time to create a new world from the ashes after the ruined one ... Fight back and don't get caught."

For much of Tuesday, anarchists acted away from the mass of protesters, smashing windows in the shopping district while "down the WTO meeting."

When they mixed their rowdy behavior with the larger crowd, protesters urged them to be peaceful and begin chanting, "We're non-violent, how about you?"

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Trespasser robs family of prize pet

DULUTH, Minn. — It was late in the afternoon a couple of weeks ago. Just enough daylight remained for John and Deb Husted to move a couple of trees. The Husteds have a small tree farm, and they needed to move a couple of balsam firs. When he went down to the creek on his land to get water for one of the transplants, John Husted was accompanied by the couple's 12-year-old terrier mix, Cory.

When he turned to head the pull of water up the hill, Husted heard a short squeal.

"I said, 'Come on, Cory. We don't have time for rabbits,'" Husted said later.

John and Deb finished watering the trees, and it was dark by the time they got back to the house.

John figured Cory had gone straight back to the house, but when he and Deb got there, Cory wasn't around.

John took the flashlight and went looking for the 38-pound dog where he had last seen him. What he found was beyond his worst expectations. Cory was dead, his

Local couple climbs to . . .

The top of North America

By Heidi Hawkins
Times-News correspondent

I felt as though I was on top of the world. I don't normally think of myself as a cliché-type person, but this time I felt justified. I was literally, with each step, climbing to 20,320 feet — the highest point in North America.

I could see forever. Through the soft cirrus clouds below, the extensive glaciers gave way to intertwining rivers that flowed down broad, glacial valleys in central Alaska. I was surrounded by peaks; though once quite large, now they seemed dwarfed by the mammoth on which I was standing.

Denali, "the high one" pushed me beyond anything I had previously experienced.

I think we are all looking for a new challenge. Some find it in education, others in athletics, some in artistic creativity. I had planned on this challenge, but there were times when I questioned my sanity. I often wondered if the mountain, also known as Mount McKinley, was growing. It felt as though this growth matched my pace. I visualized myself as a perpetual Stair Master into eternity, but my husband and I made steady progress.

The weather cooperated with us for the entire trip, which was earlier this year. There were a few not-so-good days at the 11,000-foot camp and

when we reached the 17,000-foot camp, we could see a teltale lenticular cloud capping the summit. The weather had been strong, but a few groups struck out for the top anyway.

By 11 a.m. the winds had settled and the lenticular cloud was starting to break up. We decided to go for the summit. We were not alone; four neighboring Russians we met at the 17,000-foot camp were right behind us. Our two groups moved past each other several times as we climbed up Denali Pass, past the weather tower (a dilapidated old antennae that looked like something from a cheap sci-fi movie), across an area known as the Football Field and finally up Pig Hill.

The introspective aspect of climbing in the mountains is unique. You are primarily competing with yourself. I knew this, but I couldn't help myself from competing with various groups all the way up the mountain. Of course, some passed us as if we were standing still. I couldn't help but smile whenever we passed a roped team of slow-moving, heavy-breathing mules.

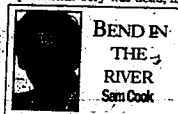
Ahhhhh, the mountains. I found myself constantly pushing to pass the Russians. Then, of course, after a while we would take a break, and they would pass us. I must say of all the so-called "mountainners" on Denali, those guys earned my utmost respect. Dare I say I felt ashamed? I was in double mountaineering boots, covered with overboots and crampons. I was dressed in expedition-weight long Johns, Gore-Tex bibs, a Gore-Tex coat and a down parka. I had a comfortable pack with big, fluffy hip and shoulder pads. I was the epitome of a North Face ad.

Those Russians took me back to a time before hi-tech fabrics, comfortable packs, and thick down jackets. They wore many layers, I'm sure, but none of them were bright, obnoxious colors or bore trademarks. Their packs consisted of old Army duffel bags, with no hip belts.

By the time we crested Pig Hill and were traversing the summit ridge, the clouds were thick. It had been a beautiful day, but I was saddened when the weather thickened and I could not see more than 100 feet away. I had looked forward to the spectacular view for the entire trip. Paradoxically, I was glad I could not see that far below my feet, precariously balanced on a 1 to 3-foot-wide ridge, was air — almost endless air — for about 3,000 feet. I don't believe I have ever focused on the simple act of walking in a straight line that day.

We all made it to the summit; my husband Jody and I, and our Russian friends. I felt as though we really were friends. Everyone on the mountain shared a certain camaraderie. It didn't matter that we were different colors, or genders, or faiths. It took us 19 days to reach the summit of Denali, but only two days to get back to our initial base camp. In this short time period I learned a lot about myself and a lot about the world.

I think I found peace on earth.



head caught in the jaws of a quick-killing trap called a conbar.

The trap had been set on the Husteds' property without their permission.

"It wasn't even 30 feet off a mowed trail," John said. "We're just broken up about our little dog."

The Husteds buried Cory on the edge of a hill overlooking one of their pine plantations.

The Husteds are trying to adjust to life without Cory, but the grief they feel over the loss of the dog is mixed with anger about the trespasser's actions.

"I'm a hunter. I'm neutral on trapping," John said. "I did a guy trap beavers on my land one time. It's not like I'm anti-trapping."

The trespasser had driven into the Husteds' property, past a sign identifying the property as a tree farm. He had parked adjacent to a sign the Husteds had placed that read "No Hunting Without Permission."

It was signed by John Husted.

The trap had been set about 100 yards into their property, and the trespasser had walked a cleared trail to the site. The set was very close to the trail and about two-thirds of a mile from the Husteds' home.

In telling this story, John Husted's intent is not to impugn all trappers. But he would like those who trap to know what the consequences can be when they set traps illegally.

If you talk to rural landowners wherever they are, public hunts or traps, they'll tell you that trespassing is far more common than you might want to believe. It's usually considered as serious a problem where public lands is available, but it's still not uncommon.

In Minnesota's farm country, where many urban residents go to hunt pheasants or deer, complaints about trespassing abound. Many hunters either aren't aware of property lines or have little regard for landowners' say. And those who are caught trespassing are often indignant rather than contrite when confronted by landowners.

John Husted confronted the trespasser when he came to check his trap two mornings later. He said the trespasser told him he was sorry about the dog's death and that he intended to ask Husted for permission to trap them.

Dan Croke, an assistant district director of the Minnesota Trappers Association, said the trespasser shouldn't have placed his trap where he did, regardless of the private land issue.

Although the incident was investigated by a conservation officer with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, the Husteds have decided not to press charges against the trespasser. Trespassing on legally posted land is a gross misdemeanor that carries a maximum of a \$3,000 fine and/or up to one year in jail, plus loss of hunting and trapping privileges for two years.

But the Husteds feel they have little to gain by pressing charges. Nothing they can do will bring back the dog they loved.

Sam Cook is an outdoor writer for Duluth (Minn.) News-Tribune.



Above, writer-climber Heidi Hawkins staggers under a heavy log at 8,000 feet while descending from Denali's summit. Photos courtesy of NEOS HAWKINS



Above left, all smiles after reaching the top of North America's highest peak, Twin Falls residents Heidi and Jody Hosen pause on their way down from Denali's 20,320-foot summit. Above, at 7,200 feet on the flanks of Denali, Base Camp is a surprisingly cosmopolitan place. Left, biding his time until the weather improves, College of Southern Idaho instructor Jody Hosen tucks himself in a good book.

OUTDOORS

Young hunters need guidance to prepare for that first season

By Sam Cook
Duluth News-Tribune

MARIETTA, Minn. — Nick Larson strode quickly along the edge of the pigeon grass, his eyes fixed on Max.

"Hit that," Nick said.

"The first one was kind of an eye-opener that this is, like, a real gun, this is where I start hunting."

The \$75 one-hour session left Nick with one primary message from his instructor about shooting at a moving target.

"He said, 'Don't look down the barrel. Look at what the bird's going.' That was his main tip," Nick said.

He snapped his fingers once for emphasis.

"It was the best feeling I've ever had. My first pheasant in my life. Oh, what a good feeling," Nick said.

It was a great confidence builder, too.

"Now I know that they could fall, that they weren't impossible to hit," he said.

It was the only pheasant shot by the Larson party that weekend.

"That pheasant was much more important than any pheasant his grandfather or I could have gotten," Gary said.

As Nick moved along the pigeon grass last weekend at the farm, Gary was working through the grass not far away. As they hunted, Gary would occasionally offer a safety tip to Nick. Much of the time, Gary hummed behind his son so Nick could stay close to Max and learn to read the dog's movements.

Suddenly, a pheasant flushed behind Gary. He whirled. The bird flew low over the yellow grass, and Gary and to wait until he was sure the bird was clear of the dog. The bird dropped with one shot.

Nick went over to check out the bird and picked up more safety advice.

"When birds fly low like that," Gary said, "you really have to wait to make sure you can shoot safely."

The next day, Nick was working behind Max through a patch of knee-high grasses when Max got excited and picked up his pace. Gary let the 2-year-old dog lead Nick up a gentle hill.

"He got on point," Nick said, "and jumped in. Nothing happened. Then he jumped again."

The bird exploded into flight, curving from left to right.

"I shot the first time and missed," Nick said, "Then I shot a second time and got him."

"It was so neat to watch," Gary said.

This was Nick's first season carrying a gun and hunting alongside his dad, Gary Larson of Aurora. They hunt on a farm in Lac qui Parle County owned by Nick's grandparents, Goodman and Margie Larson.

That Nick has managed to bring down a few roosters this fall can be attributed to a couple of factors. One is his excellent nose. The other is the way Gary Larson has prepared his son for the serious responsibility of going afield with a gun.

Nick's hobby began going afield with Gary and Goodman Larson when he was about 7.

"I would just walk behind my dad, about 10 yards behind, and watch how he carried the gun and shot pheasants," Nick said. "That was pretty fun."

He could hit some clay targets, and on opening weekend of pheasant season in mid-October, Nick was on the farm with his dad and grandfather. His grandfather had bought him, at Larson's suggestion, a youth model shotgun. The 20-gauge has a rigger stock and shorter barrel to make it easier for a small person to mount and swing.

Opening day, Nick came to know the humility that most pheasant hunters have known.

"I shot at a couple and missed," he said. "It was an eye opener, that it's going to be hard to hit 'em. You can't just shoot up there and they fall. You have to concentrate."

For his part, Gary didn't hunt on his son's first day carrying a gun. And they didn't hunt as part of a larger group.

"It was just the two of us," Gary said, "me without a gun, letting him follow the dog, me working the dog from behind. Because I wasn't sure how he'd react to the adrenaline of the flush, I wanted to observe him. Once I got comfortable with that, I carried a gun, too."

"I shot the opening weekend, Nick and Gary were hunting behind Max when he got a noseful of pheasant scent. Nick, an excellent soccer player and downhill skier, didn't have any trouble keeping up with the dog as it tracked the running rooster up over a hill. Gary had gone another way around some hills and lost sight of Nick and Max as they went over the hill. Then Gary heard one shot.

"He flushed it up, beautiful — perfect," Nick said, "realizing his first bird. 'I was right there at the exact minute it flushed. One spot."

From about age 8 through last year, Nick would carry a BB gun in the field, unloaded in the beginning.

"I taught him how to point it and what not to point it at," Gary said. "He learned about going over fences and all that stuff. I'd stop and give him BBs to shoot at a fence post."

Last year, Nick carried a loaded BB gun, and would aim it at pheasants when they flushed. Although he never shot at them, he felt he was on target.

"I was pretty darn good," Nick said.

Gary believed Nick was ready to begin hunting pheasants this fall, so he made an arrangement for Nick to get an hour of shooting instruction with Pat Laboone at Clear Creek Outdoors near Buhl.

Laboone is a highly regarded wing-shooting instructor who travels across the country to present shooting seminars.

Laboone gave the Larsons a

strong message on gun safety, then let Nick track some thrown clay targets with his gun. When he felt comfortable, Nick could begin shooting at them.

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lems between Allrus and his now-estranged wife, Boyd said. Allrus blamed his wife for the poaching story going out.

"I wanted to take theonus off my wife," Boyd said a month after the incident became public. "I did tell him if he didn't quit ragging on his wife about it, he would read about it in the newspaper."

Margaret Allrus filed for divorce from her husband of 19 years in mid-September, citing irreconcilable differences that apparently included the poaching incident. The couple has two teen-age children.

Allrus, 44, has two previous warnings from Fish and Game officials — one for illegally hunting tree squirrels in 1981 and the other for cutting the sex organs off a bear in 1992. He said the first occurred when he was visiting from California, where hunting squirrels is legal, and the second was with his brother-in-law, whom he claimed was the one to cut off the bear's sex organs.

Waterfowl Hunting Fair set for Saturday

TWIN FALLS — A Waterfowl Hunting Fair will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Twin Falls Gun Club, off North Washington Street.

Outdoors in brief

A variety of waterfowl hunting topics will be offered, including duck identification and distance judging, how to pattern a shotgun, health care for retrieving dogs, duck calling and decoy setting, retrieving dog demonstration, and waterfowl hunting regulations and ethics.

A Youth Shotgun Clinic for youth under age 18 will be offered all day.

Lunch — will be provided. Admission is free, and the public is invited. Those planning to attend are asked to call to Clayton or Mike at 324-4359. Ducks Unlimited and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game are co-sponsoring the event.

Christmas Dinner Dec. 11 at the Struck Family residence located just north of Burdick.

Festivities begin at 3 p.m. with a visit from Santa Claus. Parents are asked to bring one gift per child for Santa to deliver. Games for the children will be ongoing.

Dinner, with meat, potatoes, punch and coffee furnished by the club, will follow Santa's visit.

Participants are asked to bring a side dish to share and their own table service. Door prizes for adults and children will be awarded.

Raffle items include a \$200 sportsman's certificate, first prize, a complete auto detail from Grant Petersen's as a second, and a ceramic winter dispenser with three built-in heaters from Trinity Springs as third. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5, and are available at all area businesses or at the party. Winners will be drawn at the party.

All Idaho Snow Rider Club events are open to the public. For more information, call Chris at 653-2392. The club is based at the Anderson Ranch Reservoir Recreation Area on the Pine-Foothill Road off Highway 20.

Flyfishers schedule their Christmas party for tonight.

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Flyfishers will start the Yuletide Season with their annual Christmas Polka tonight.

The festivities begin with a "wet fly" hour at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 447 Southeast Twin Falls Blvd.

The potluck dishes off at 7 p.m. The club will furnish meat and beverages, but members are urged to bring a salad, covered dish, or dessert, as well as the own table service.

Greg Webster, owner of the Bent Rod Fly Shop in Mackay, will be the featured speaker. He will present a slide program on fishing the Big Lost River and its tributaries.

Drawing will be held for prizes including a 3-weight graphite fly rod.

— Compiled from staff reports

Snow Riders to hold Christmas dinner Dec. 11

FRATERVILLE — The Idaho Snow Riders Snowmobile Club will host its annual Family Christmas dinner Dec. 11.

Poacher's sentence includes school lectures

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — State Rep. Jeff Allrus has been ordered to pay \$975 in penalties and spend 40 hours talking to high school and hunter education classes for poaching an elk last year.

"I think you would be a great addition to hunter education," Magistrate Cathie McFadden told the Coeur d'Alene Republican in imposing the sentence. "It's a shame you find yourself in this position."

McFadden also placed Allrus on one year's unsupervised probation but declined to suspend the hunter's hunting license. The maximum penalty was a fine of up to \$1,050 and revocation of hunting privileges for three years.

"I never intended to break the law," Allrus told McFadden. "I am laying down my sword. If this is the treatment other citizens seek, then you need to be treated like other citizens."

Allrus pleaded guilty to possession of an illegally killed elk. He

was hunting with his 14-year-old son in October 1998 in the St. Joe River canyon when he shot a second trophy bull elk without getting out of his tree to determine whether he had killed the trophy bull he had fired at. When he found that both were dead, he decided to put his son's tag on the second and catch both.

He entered the Antlers in a local sporting goods store's big game contest before finally reporting the incident to the Fish and Game Dept. The incident months after it occurred, apparently once a family friend threatened to expose him.

Allrus was arrested on Tuesday. McFadden scolded Allrus for doing as he did in front of "your impressionable 14-year-old son."

Allrus denied that he was motivated by the threat of exposure. He said he acted out of conscience.

But family friend Bob Boyd has criticized threatening Allrus because he was convicted when he was visiting from California, where hunting squirrels is legal, and the second was with his brother-in-law, whom he claimed was the one to cut off the bear's sex organs.

American yacht team looks into accident

The Providence Journal

Racing for the America's Cup is scheduled to resume in New Zealand Wednesday as Young America, the New York Yacht Club team representing Newport, continues to repair the yacht that cracked, folded, and nearly sank.

The Newport team will sail its second boat, USA 58, as it enters the third round-robin series for the Louis Vuitton Cup and the right to challenge New Zealand, the America's Cup defender.

Young America is in sixth place entering the next stage of racing.

Eric Goetz, Customs-Balboa of Bristol built both of Young America's yachts. The team's first boat, USA 53, buckled and nearly sank when it hit a wave during a Nov. 9 race on New Zealand's Herald Gulf. The broken boat will not be ready to sail again until next week before Christmas, says John Marshall, Young America's CEO.

"Today, the boat looks like a pillbox," Marshall told a group of reporters in New Zealand. "You could put it in the water and it would float — nearly three meters in the middle of the boat have been replaced. The boat is repaired, compressed well with the original."

The cause of the calamity is still unknown, although Marshall has cleared designer Bruce Kenyon of responsibility. As soon as the team determines what happened, Marshall will issue a report to the

rest of the America's Cup fleet so standards can be tightened.

"What we will do is put a report on the table that will make clear the various aspects that we think are important in contributing to this accident," Marshall said. "Right now, America's Cup owners aren't getting very good value for their money when they buy these boats because the boats are a nightmare from the moment they come out of view and they're fairly priced and I don't think that's necessary."

Since the second round of racing ended over a week ago, a team of Rhode Island structural builders has been repairing USA 53 while another team of workers has been up-grading USA 58, which was hastily reinforced where the first yacht buckled.

The third Rhode Island-built yacht in the race, Team Dennis Conner's Stars & Stripes, enters the third round-robin series in third place with one less win than second-place America True of San Francisco, and one more win than Young America.

Newport's Allan Ken Read is skipper of Stars & Stripes, the only boat to be the first-place team, Prada of Italy.

After winning eight of his 10

races in the last round, Read said, "All of us are happy with the progress we've made during the past 10 races. We're a much stronger team now than we were when this round started."

Instructor puts youngsters on target

By Sam Cook
Duluth News-Tribune

DULUTH, Minn. — Pat Laboone has a phone message that he has never bothered to erase.

Laboone is a wing-shooting instructor and owner of Clear Creek Outdoors near Wrenshall. The message is from a young hunter in July to whom Laboone gave shooting instruction this fall.

"The boy called to thank Laboone for his help and report a successful first hunting experience." "When I get a little down, I listen to that message," Laboone said.

More and more parents are bringing their kids to Laboone for shooting instruction before they go afield for the first time. Kids need some kind of wing-shooting tips before they get into a live hunting situation with all its variables, Laboone said.

"What happens with young kids is almost on a par," he said. "They're stuck out in the field and expected to shoot and, they're not prepared."

Most kids have had the typical granddaddy shooting instruction from their parents. The kids have shot at a tin can or two just to get used to the sound and recoil of the shotgun, and to practice aiming.

But that kind of instruction is of little value to a young person who has a grouse or pheasant flush in front of him and he's going across the sky. In fact, Laboone says he often has to undo the aiming instructions that well-intended parents have

passed along.

Gary Larson of Aurora went to Laboone this fall. Larson's son, Nick, 12, could pick up a few shooting tips.

Typically, Laboone uses clay targets to teach young hunters how to mount their guns and track the targets. Nick decided to practice raising his gun and following the clay targets a few times before he decided to pull the trigger.

Young hunters must learn not to look at their gun barrels or sights but to focus on the target and let their lead hand guide the

gun to the bird in much the same way as someone would point at a moving target with a finger.

Once young shooters have mastered clay targets, they often will take part in an actual hunt at Clear Creek's shooting preserve. Laboone will accompany a young hunter to offer tips.

"The instruction has worked for Nick who has shot four pheasants and a duck this fall."

"I think Pat is really good," Nick said.

Laboone also suggested that Gary Larson get Nick a youth-sized shotgun, which has a short-

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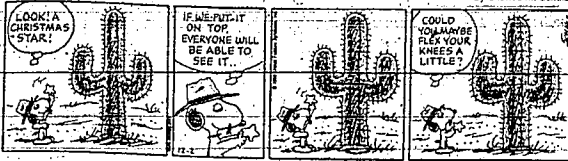
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OUTDOORS

Food, climate draws birds to Rio Grande

BOSQUE DEL APACHE, N.M. (AP) — The trumpet of the first sandhill crane in late September touched Robert Kruidenier.

"I hadn't heard that sound since last year, and it's just goose bumps up and down my spine," the naturalist at the Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge said.

Kruidenier's crane was the vanguard of an invasion from the north that will reach full strength in the next month as migrating waterfowl find their way south to their wintering grounds along the middle Rio Grande.

Up and down the river, sandhill cranes, snow geese and other winter dwellers are filling up ponds and marshes, looking for a warm, safe place for the cold season.

They feed in farm fields and spend their nights in ponds or the river, where they're relatively safe from coyotes and other predators.

The biggest group by far hangs out at the Bosque del Apache refuge about 90 miles south of Albuquerque. "This is where they've got the most dependable food supply," Kruidenier said.

Today's populations are a far cry from those found on the river 60 years ago, when serious efforts to recreate habitat were begun.

Data on prehistoric bird populations is scarce, but scientists say birds like Canada geese and snow geese have adapted so well to the human environment that in some areas there are more birds now than ever before.

And clearly bird populations have risen this century. In the 1930s, when work on the Bosque del Apache began, the situation was bleak. Farmers hunted sandhill cranes, and there were fewer and fewer wetlands for them as the Rio Grande was tamed by dams and channels.

"In the Rio Grande Valley, there was less and less habitat for the wintering birds," Bosque biologist Daniel Perry said.

In 1941, the second year of the Bosque del Apache's operation, just 17 sandhill cranes spent the winter there. A massive effort to mimic natural habitat at the Bosque del Apache, along with conservation efforts in other areas, has changed that.

Where natural floods are no longer possible because of dams and levees, artificial floods are created in Bosque



Early arriving Sandhill Cranes fly to a field to feed before sunrise last October in Bosque del Apache, N.M.

fields to create marshland. Where wild food is no longer available, corn is grown.

Last year, according to Perry, an estimated 17,000 sandhill cranes wintered at Bosque del Apache and a total of 40,000 came to the middle Rio Grande Valley.

Most come down from Grays Lake National Wildlife Refuge in Idaho, but some come from farther north, following the Rocky Mountain-Rio Grand Central Flyway, a superhighway of migratory birds.

Generally gray with a red forehead and a "bustle" of feathers, sandhills stand a majestic 4 feet tall at adulthood, making them a commanding presence as they pick through the cornfields planted for them at the Bosque del Apache.

Sandhill cranes may be the biggest star of the Bosque's annual bird migration show, but they're not the only player on the stage.

A handful of whooping cranes have been introduced into the sandhill flock in an effort to develop a population of the endangered birds into the wild.

There are ducks galore and Canada geese. Canada geese are not necessarily migratory anymore, said Rob Yaksich, a ranger at the Rio Grande Nature Center in Albuquerque, another popular bird-watching spot.

Many Canada geese now live here year round, Yaksich said, and in some city parks around the United States they've become major pests.

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Future Farmers of America and 4-H team from around the state competed Oct. 18 in Cassia County at the 29th Annual Idaho State Land & Soil Evaluation event. The contest involves high school students gaining a working knowledge of soil as a resource.

Students study soils at gathering

BURLEY — Young people looked deep into the soil at the 29th Annual Idaho State Land & Soil Evaluation event Oct. 18.

The event was sponsored by the West Cassia and East Cassia Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

Five regional field days were held around the state before the state competition on Frenchman's Island in the Snake River in Owyhee County. Even the students judged are owned by local Christians.

Competitors learn to look deeper than the plow layer to make determinations about soil, competitors say. The contest has been held in Burley since 1971. Each year, 90 to 120 youths compete for the right to advance to the International Land Judging Contest in Oklahoma City, Okla.

The winning 1999 Future Farmer teams were from Burley, Melba, Mervanah, Dietrich and Fruitland. Geneva Livestock was the winning 4-H team.



Members of the Burley High School Future Farmers of America team were first place at the 29th Annual Idaho State Land & Soil Evaluation event on Oct. 18 in Cassia County.

Individual winners were Jilaine Jensen of Burley, Misha Egbert of Mervanah, Casey Armstrong of Melba, Joy Margard of Melba and Jill Bingham of Burley.

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THANK YOU LETTERS

Family grateful for response in medical emergency.
Recently, my husband experienced a medical emergency which made it necessary for me to place a call to 911. The emergency unit responded swiftly, and we found them to be highly trained, highly skilled professionals. This was true of all the personnel in the emergency room, the intensive care unit, the second floor of the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and particularly of the caring expertise of Dr. James Anemery.
My husband and I were very impressed with the quality of care he received at the hospital. We are fortunate to have such a facility available to us in this area. They are life savers and we send our thanks to all.
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The coordinating committee would like to thank the following:
Trinity Lutheran; Trinity Episcopal; Minico Christian Education Association; Minico Seminary; St. James Episcopal; First Christian; Zion Lutheran; Little Flower Catholic; First Presbyterian; Mini-Cassia Christian Community; United Methodist; Burley, Burley West, Paul and Deedé LDS stakes; Officers Martin Woodbury and Michael Devers of the Heyburn City Police; Sandy and Trisha Hoffman; Sarah Edwards; Ronco Building Supply; Smith's, Ray and Pat Hunter; Stephanie Crist; Burgers Etc.; Dr. Joe Peterson, Olga Jarolimiek and the Dorcas Society of Trinity Lutheran; Carol Simonsen and the College of United Methodist Church; and the Mini-Cassia Christian Community Church Band.
Thanks also to all those behind the scenes and all the walkers who participated.
LESLIE CRABTREE
CROP Walk Co-Chairman
VITA BLOCK
Burley

EMT Club provides tech support at Taekwon Do tournament
This is a letter of gratitude to the Emergency Medical Technicians Club—"Emergency"—of the College of Southern Idaho and its advisor, Dennis Patterson and Graden Stanley. The EMT Club provided emergency technical support for our Taekwon Do tournament hosted by O'Leary Junior High. The support personnel who attended conducted themselves with a very competent and professional bearing. We at Internationl Martial Arts are proud to write this letter, and we would highly recommend their medical support to any sporting events or agencies needing their area of expertise.
DONALD RIDDER
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Thank you very much for providing the flags at Jerome High School. The minutes offered them to teachers, the teachers took them, and now we have flags in every classroom.
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A former Marine,
GAIL CLISHMAN
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Auction support allows chapter to continue work for charities

Jerome's Xi Mu Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi recently held its annual Harvest Dinner and Auction.
We would like to thank Bill and Mary Ann Pappari for opening their home for our successful and enjoyable evening. A big thank you goes out to Mitch Wolf for cooking the delicious lunch oven dinner and to Barry Sullivan for his services as our auctioneer. Susan Petruzelli did an outstanding job organizing this event and bringing all the details together.
Thanks to our special guests whose generous support of our raffle and auction allows us to continue supporting various charities in the Magic Valley.
MARY HOMPLAND
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Contributions make Kimberley PTSO fall-festival a success

The Kimberley Parent-Teacher Organization would like to thank the following for generously contributing to our Fall Festival:
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Your generous contributions certainly made our Fall Festival a great success. Thank you for supporting our community, our school and our youth.
LONDA STOUT
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Kimberley

Hospice volunteers are special because of compassion, love

November being National Hospice Month gives Tami and I the opportunity to extend our sincere, heartfelt thanks to all the many wonderful people involved with Hospice Visions. Each and every one of you is very special because of your outstanding qualities of love, kindness, compassion, caring and dedication to this very necessary community service of being there with support and assistance to the patient/family when a loved one is dying. It is because of you that we have gained the reputation for being "the Cadillac of hospice care."
May we all continue to work harmoniously together to meet our goals of the future. Again, thank you so much, and each of you gives yourself a pat on the back for providing special care to the terminally ill in the Magic Valley.
TAMI SLATTER, RN
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Twin Falls

Maghichords annual show was one of the best

This is a thank you to the sponsors of the Twin Falls Maghichords 34th Annual Show on Nov. 6 at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts auditorium. Your help in sponsoring this show helps us support our projects.
Also, a thank you to the Jerome Chorales; Times-News for its publications; our director, Paul Bowman, and show choir, Rick Nyström, for one of the best shows we've had in years. The most important was you, the audience. It makes all of the chapter members happy when the curtain opens to see all of us smiling faces.
Thanks to all of you for your help, and we look forward to seeing you in November 2001.
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Mini-Cassia CROP Walk is success due to supporters

The 1999 Mini-Cassia CROP Walk was a great success.

American flags fly at high school thanks to American Legion

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Realtors association seeks families to help at the holidays

TWIN FALLS — The Greater Twin Falls Association of Realtors will be sponsoring \$150 each for three families in need of assistance this Christmas and are taking applications from families. To apply for assistance, complete an application and mail it to Realtor Christmas, P. O. Box 531, Twin Falls, Idaho 83401. The application must contain the following information:
• Parent names, children names and their ages, sex, clothes and shoe sizes.
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• Families may apply directly, or indirectly aware of a family that needs assistance may send an application to their behalf. All applications must be received by Dec. 16.

Twin Falls Farmer's Market hosts craft and food fair

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Farmer's Market will hold a craft and food fair from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Northridge Plaza, south of Star Scaffolds and behind Office Mart, at 1263 N. Fillmore, in Twin Falls.
A variety of specialty foods and crafts will be for sale, including homemade and organic apples, pears, coconuts, cranberry baked goods, jams, preserves, breads and mustard, Christmas decorations, quilts, aprons and cards.

Jerome Chamber and Merchants Association host holiday auction

JEROME — The Jerome Chamber of Commerce and the Jerome Merchants Association present the fifth annual

Holiday Auction from 7-9 p.m. Friday at El Sombroso Restaurant in Jerome.

Refreshments, an open bar and a live auction will be featured, with all proceeds going to Christmas decorations for downtown Jerome and other community event projects. Auctioneer Jim Hofffield will be the caller and the chamber is accepting items for the auction.
Cost for the Holiday Auction is \$5 per person.
Individuals can drop off donations for the auction at Rosebud's Florist at 125 S. Lincoln in Jerome, or at 1731 S. Lincoln.
For more information or to donate an item for the auction, call the chamber at 324-2711. To have an item for the auction picked up, call Lanoma at 324-2922.

Logic Valley Model Railroad Group announces open house

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Model Railroad Group is holding an open house from 12-5 p.m. Saturday at the Pike Ridge Inn.
Admission is free and the public is invited to attend.
For more information, call Jim Wilks at 733-2832.

Jerome Optimists sponsors free breakfast with Santa

JEROME — The Jerome Optimists is sponsoring a free breakfast with Santa from 7-11 a.m. Saturday at the American Legion Hall at the corner of Seventh Avenue and N. Lincoln Street in Jerome.
The first 75 children at the breakfast will receive a free photo with Santa. Donations will be accepted.
There also will be barrels at the event for The Coats for Kids Project and donations for all kinds of winter clothing. Other barrels are located at Ridley's, Terry's and at the Kwik Service, which is offering a free movie rental with donations.

New England Contra dance kicks up at Grange Hall in Halley

HAILEY — The Wood River Acoustical Society will sponsor a Christmas-New England Contra dance at the Grange Hall in Halley at 8 p.m. Saturday.
Ginns Attached and an assortment of other Wood River musicians will provide the music. Jerome resident, David Quinley will be the caller.
For more information, contact Quin at 324-7509 or at quinley@mcglink.com

Sawtooth Red Cross offers emergency response class

TWIN FALLS — The Sawtooth Chapter of the American Red Cross will hold an emergency response class from 6-10 p.m. Thursday, Friday, Monday and Tuesday, Wednesday and 9 a.m. Dec. 10, and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 11, at the Red Cross office at 718 Shoshone St. E., in Twin Falls.
The class is 48 hours, and cost is \$175. Major credit cards will be accepted.
For more information, or to register for the class, call the Red Cross at 733-6464, or 1-800-367-6311.

Jerome Chamber Ambassadors holds Holiday Home Tour

JEROME — The Jerome Chamber Ambassadors presents the Second Annual Traditional Holiday Home Tour from 1-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4.
The Jerome Public Library will have live entertainment, refreshments and drawings from 1-5 p.m. for ticketholders. Tickets are available in Jerome at the

Jerome Public Library, First American Title, Prescott Credit Insurance, Charley Girl, Washington Federal Savings and Loan, Con Paulos, US Bank, D.L. Evans Bank, Corrections Group, Federal's National Bank, First Security Bank, Wells Fargo Bank, Mountain West Insurance, Land, Title, and Escrow, Rosebud's Florist, and at Canyonwide Realty.

Tickets are available in Twin Falls at First American Title, Kurt's Pharmacy, Little Red Hen, and at Con Paulos Volkswagen/Mazda. For more information, or to purchase tickets, call the Jerome Chamber of Commerce at 324-2711.

Shoshone Senior Center hosts craft show this Saturday

SHOSHONE — The Shoshone Senior

Center is hosting a Christmas crafts and baked goods sale Saturday at the Senior Center at 218 N. Rail St. in Shoshone.
Lunch will also be served at an additional cost at noon, featuring soup or chili, homemade bread and cinnamon rolls and cream puffs.
For more information, call the Shoshone Senior Center at 896-2369.

Minidoka County Senior Center serves up a pancake breakfast

RUPERT — The Minidoka County Senior Center is hosting a pancake breakfast from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday at the center, 702 11th St.
The all-you-can-eat breakfast is \$4.25 for adults, \$3.50 for children and \$1.50 for a family of five.

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Independent Meat just a little behind

TWIN FALLS - Independent Meat is just a couple of weeks behind its tentative Dec. 1 target for completion of a new cold-storage building at the site of an...
The building should be finished and operational by Dec. 15, said Rob Stephens, plant engineer for Twin Falls Processing plant and its new facility.

"Everything is kind of in the final stages right now," he said. After some delays with utilities, the cold-storage site now has sewer and water hookups. The structure is mainly finished, and workers now are installing doors, wiring and fixtures, Stephens said. Asphalt should be laid this week in the truck loading area.

"The weather's been excellent. Actually, it's helped out a lot," he said Wednesday. "If the weather remains above freezing, we'll be in good shape."

This is Independent Meat's busy season, so it won't be able to make a fast transition of its distribution functions.

"We'll move in kind of slowly, gradually, the remaining weeks of December and be fully operational by Jan. 10," Stephens said. An invitation-only grand opening is set for Jan. 11, with a guest list to include many of the plant's customers, people involved in construction and local dignitaries.

Independent Meat for now won't make any new hires to run the cold-storage building, existing employees in shipping and distribution will be transferred, he said.

A possible later expansion of the existing processing plant could require more shipping employees at the cold-storage facility, Stephens said.

Interwest Home Medical reports record earnings

SALT LAKE CITY - Interwest Home Medical Inc. (NASDAQ: IWHM) Wednesday announced record earnings for the year and quarter ended Sept. 30.

Interwest Home Medical has 28 branch locations in Utah and including branches in Burley and Twin Falls.

Total revenues for the quarter were \$9.8 million, an increase of 23 percent over the \$7.7 million recorded in the comparative quarter of 1998. Revenues for the year ended Sept. 30 were \$33.4 million, compared with \$28.6 million for the year earlier, an increase of 16 percent.

Net income for the quarter was \$649,000, compared with \$277,000 for the quarter ended Sept. 30, 1998, an increase of 72 percent. Earnings per share for the 1999 and 1998 quarters were 15 cents and 9 cents on 4.10 and 4.88 million average shares outstanding, respectively.

Net income for the year was \$1,061 million, or 23 cents per share over the previous year. Earnings per share for the years ended Sept. 30, 1999 and 1998, were 45 cents and 35 cents, the company said.

"The results of the year and past quarter clearly reflect the benefits of our renewed focus on our core respiratory oxygen business. This is especially evident after the additional Medicare oxygen reimbursement reductions that we experienced," said James E. Robinson, president and chief executive officer. "We expect to continue the respiratory business focus and cost-control measures and will continue to target strategic acquisition opportunities."

Interwest's services include rental and sales of home oxygen and respiratory equipment, home care equipment and related supplies, and rehabilitation equipment.

Albertson's reports quarterly cash dividend

BOISE - Albertson's Inc. this week declared a regular quarterly cash dividend of 18 cents per share.

The dividend will be payable Feb. 10 to stockholders of record on Jan. 29, the Boise-based grocery retailer said.

Compiled from staff reports

Experts give Idaho mixed reviews

Group ranks Western growth

The Associated Press

DENVER - Colorado's economy is tied for first in the nation in its strength and potential for growth, according to a new study, which gave Idaho mixed reviews.

The Corporation for Enterprise Development, a private, nonprofit economic development group, graded all 50 states on economic performance, business vitality and development capacity. Colorado and Utah both received A's in all three categories. Idaho in the survey improved

Table with 2 columns: State and Grade. Colorado: A; Utah: A; Idaho: B+; Montana: B; Wyoming: B-; Nevada: C+; Arizona: C; New Mexico: C-; Alaska: D+; Hawaii: D.

its rating in economic performance but saw the grades for business vitality and development capacity slip a notch. But state Commerce Department officials complained that the development group misinterpreted or misinterpreted some of the criteria. While employment growth this

year has remained strong, the report dropped Idaho's national standing from first to fourth in 1999 to 35th this year. It failed to include the lending capacity of the 15 multi-state banks with branches in Idaho, and it essentially penalized the state in the human resource analysis because Idaho only recently began participating in a certain education testing program.

"The CFED Report Card is the company's annual effort to gain national exposure for the firm and, in the end, secure business," Commerce spokesman Alan Porter said. "We have no objections that businesses use these reports to make location decisions. This is the sixth year in a row."

Colorado has received straight A's from the group. "It's probably been the most consistent high-performer of all the states," said Bill Schwabe, a senior program director for the corporation.

The study, now in its 13th year, was released Wednesday. Sung Won Sohn, chief economist for banking giant Wells Fargo and Co. in Minneapolis, agreed with the study's findings, but said he would include Nevada among the nation's top-performing states.

"Certainly, economic performance so far has shown these are the fastest-growing states in the country," he said. "They have prospered in terms of technology and skills."

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Much of the work at the Rapala Normark Group factory in Finland is still done by hand.

Still the Mercedes of lures

MINNETONKA, Minn. - It all began in the 1930s with a fisherman's observation: Big fish eat little fish, especially little fish that are wounded.

As Lurei Rapala fished the cold, clear waters of Lake Paajane in central Finland, he watched repeatedly as a predator fish would dash into a school of minnows and grab the one that swam with a slightly off-center scale.

Rapala thought that if he could create an artificial lure that mimicked the movements of a wounded minnow, he could catch more fish, even make money and not be constantly hauling lines.

Rapala came up with a little invention that is today considered the Mercedes of fishing lures. It anchors a multinational public company that produces 20 million lures a year and is based in Minnetonka and Europe.

Rapala's first successful lure crafted of cork and tinil coated with melted photographic negatives, hit the water in 1936. A lip attached to the bottom of the lure created the wobbling action.

In the years that followed, Rapala and his four sons made and tested the lures, switching from cork to pine bark to balsa and gradually mechanizing parts of the process. Word of the lure began to spread.



Lurei Rapala, who died in 1974, designed his lures to imitate the movements of wounded minnows.

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Documents reveal much about U S West

Knight Ridder News Service

DENVER - If you live in the Denver area, you may no longer get your dead telephone service.

And if you are a residential customer, especially a rural one, there are dead phone lines involved. These and other details emerged from previously secret documents filed by U S West with the Colorado Public Utilities Commission and released this week.

The information outlines the most detailed financial and operational problems experienced by U S West's Colorado customers.

The data were unveiled on the last day of a hearing by the Public Utilities Commission. The documents describe the agency's ongoing objections by the Baby Bells - which also provides local phone service in the Magic Valley - and ordered the documents to be made public.

The three-member PUC is taking evidence this week while it decides whether to penalize the state's chief provider of local phone service for delayed repairs and broken service between 1996 and April 1999.

In general, the new data show that Denver-area customers faced more delays getting phone service repaired than residents elsewhere in Colorado. And residential customers of U S West were more likely to wait longer for a new phone line than a typical business customer.

Moreover, the regional Bell plan shows that more than 90 percent of the time when increasing customer demand for its phone lines. Customers who didn't get phone service on the first day requested typically had to wait 30 to 40 working days - including weekends and holidays - before their service was restored.

The company previously had released data covering Colorado

as a whole. Those numbers didn't differentiate between areas of the state, or between residential and business customers.

This information gives a more accurate portrayal of the distribution of the service problem in U S West's territory, said Dan Callaghan, director of administration at Colorado's Office of Consumer Counsel. But he added the data still don't portray the "extent and the magnitude" of the problems.

Still unknown, for example, the number of customers who didn't get phone service on the day they requested. U S West spokeswoman Anna Osborn conceded that earlier this year, service "wasn't where we or our customers" wanted it to be. But she noted that the company allocated \$4 billion for capital expenditures in 1999 to improve the local phone network that stretches across U S West's vast 14-state territory.

Saying goodbye, at least for now

Salt Lake bids farewell to Outdoor Retailer Show that draws Magic Valley merchants

Knight Ridder News Service

SALT LAKE CITY - Salt Lake City's love affair with the Outdoor Retailer Show will have to endure a trial separation in the winter of 2002.

Miller Freeman Inc., which operates the summer and winter shows that feature products for outdoor enthusiasts and attract some Magic Valley sporting goods stores, has announced it will strike its Winter Market 2002 show Jan. 5-8 in Anaheim, Calif.

Salt Lake City officials had hoped to retain the state's largest and most lucrative convention by hosting it at the South Towne Exposition Center now under construction in Sandy, Utah.

The outdoor show, which is being expanded to keep the Outdoor Retailer conventions coming back to Salt Lake, will be held up from November 2001 through March 2002 with the Olympics.

The Winter Market is the world's largest winter outdoor tradeshow. It fills more than 2,500 exhibitor booths and hosts more than 15,000 people buying and selling products from fleece coats to high-tech mountain-climbing gear.

"The Sandy option at first seemed double, even though there were some challenges and differentials between us and the city," said Dieter Tremp, show director. "Unfortunately, the Sandy option would have required 45 percent of the show to be in temporary pavilions."

That made many outdoor exhibitors nervous, partly due to the freak tornado that ripped apart two tents across from the Salt Palace in August during the summer market. Tremp said the move was not based on fear of another tornado as much as it was not technically feasible to set up some of the bigger exhibits in a temporary pavilion.

Tremp said the way Salt Lake City helped the industry after the tornado last August actually may have helped secure a long-term commitment to stay in the city. All the shows except for the 2002 Winter Market are scheduled in Salt Lake through 2003 and dates have been reserved, though not confirmed, through 2010.

Some convention participants are not happy about moving to Southern California in 2002 and holding the market in early January instead of later in the month. The city says and the lack of an on-site demonstration site will present problems for some manufacturers and retailers.

"It had a dramatic effect on the hard-goods side of the outdoor industry," said Chris Grover, national sales manager for Salt Lake City-based Diamond, a backyard ski and climbing manufacturer.

Grover said the early dates may make it difficult for many retailers to make the show because they are so close to the busy Christmas buying season. Many may not even know how much money they have to spend.

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Will the 'Planet' ever see recovery?

Celebrity franchise expects losses until 2004

Knight Ridder News Service

ORLANDO, Fla. - Planet Hollywood International Inc. whose celebrity shareholders include Halle Berry and Bruce Willis, is expected to report a net loss in the third quarter and expects an annual profit again until fiscal 2004.

The Orlando-based company, which filed for bankruptcy protection in October, said in a recent federal filing that it has completed a reorganization plan in which founder Robert Earl would retain his chief executive officer title during the company's "ambitious recovery effort."

But the plan submitted to U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Delaware calls for creditors to have a say in the appointment of other top executives as well as control of the board of directors.

The filing with bankruptcy court and the Securities and Exchange Commission notes that the restructuring plan has been agreed to by a committee for unsecured creditors as well as the largest group of creditors - holders of more than 60 per

cent of \$250 million in bonds. A new, \$25 million debt issue, secured by substantially all of the assets of the company's assets, would replace the old bonds. Company officials said they are confident the plan, which also calls for a \$30 million investment of new capital by Earl and other key insiders, will get the business back on sound financial ground.

Planet Hollywood's international projects having ample liquidity, post-bankruptcy, to fund capital improvements, marketing and advertising needs, in addition to the debt service requirements under the plan," the company said in its filing.

Said Tuesday he hopes the company can get the Chapter 11 petition completed and confirmed by the court sometime in January, to make good on the plan.

What he fears is that the plan would be a "speedy exit" from bankruptcy court. A Chapter 11 bankruptcy allows a company to operate with control over its affairs while it restructures and sheds

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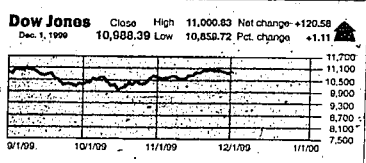
McDonald's buys struggling chicken chain Blue-chip stocks make a bounce back

OAK BROOK, Ill. (AP) — McDonald's Corp. is buying the struggling restaurant chain for \$173.5 million from Boston Chicken Inc.

McDonald's will obtain 25 percent ownership rights for an additional 90 days.

the Northeast to 1,149 restaurants before financial problems forced it to begin closing shops.

NEW YORK (AP) — Blue-chip stocks bounced back toward 11,000 Wednesday after the latest round of economic reports signaled that the nation's economic growth is continuing at a slower, more sustainable pace.



Lures

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But it took American salmon-ship and a best-selling issue of Life magazine to capture world-wide attention for the Rapala lure. Rapala (pronounced RAH-puh-luh) is now the core brand of Rapala Norma Group, a company that grew out of a collaboration between the lure's inventor, who died in 1974, and Minnesota fishing tackle wholesaler Ray Weber, who stumbled upon the lure in 1953 while fishing in Ontario.

Weber and his fishing buddies weren't having much luck with one of the men, Al Wallin, died on a lure sent to him by an uncle in Finland. Wallin started hauling in walleyes, and Weber was hooked.

"It's not every day that I get outfished," Weber said. "When I saw my friend catching fish after fish, it became a believer on the spot. There was something different about this particular lure."

When Weber returned home to Minneapolis, he wrote to the Rapala company in Finland and asked for 500 lures. By the time the lures arrived in early 1960, Weber had forged a partnership with Ray Gorman, who owned a sporting goods store. They wrote another letter to Finland asking for an exclusive contract to distribute the lures throughout the United States.

The lures were selling well in the Midwest when Life reporter

Michael Smith visited Minneapolis to do a story on the Minnesota Vikings, the state's new NFL team. Smith heard about the Rapala lure and his uncle's fishing tackle business and wrote a column in the magazine.

The story, "A Lure Fish Can't Eat," appeared in the August 1961 issue of Life, the magazine's biggest-selling issue of all time. It was right after the death of Martin Luther King and a year of turbulent social change.

Readers who bought the magazine found out about Rapala, and the brand was overwhelmed with phone calls and letters from people wanting to try the lure.

"To create a national demand overnight was a problem," Weber recalled. The company couldn't meet the demand and retailers were changing 50¢ a piece for the lures. Knechters began appearing. Weber made his first trip to Finland and learned \$10,000 to the Rapala family to build a factory. The lure was copied within two years and the company has continued to grow.

The Rapala brand, with prices ranging from about \$5 to \$25, now includes about 1,600 different lures ranging from tiny jigs for bass to four-ounce deep-sea fishing. This year, the company introduced a lure specifically for squid.

Rapala Norma's sales manager

1,500 different lures under its Blue Fox brand and about 600 under its Sturm brand.

In 1990, two years after Weber bought out his partner, the Rapala company purchased Weber's business, which was then responsible for close to 50 percent of Rapala sales worldwide.

The Rapala family sold its stake in Rapala Norma Group in 1995 and 1997, and the company went public in December 1998. Shares are traded on the Helsinki Stock Exchange.

The original lure design, with 2 million sold annually in several sizes and colors, remains the best seller but the company expects to sell more than a million annually of each new lure design introduced.

The company's net sales have soared from \$20 million in 1990 to about \$111 million for the fiscal year that ended July 31. Last year, Rapala earned \$7.5 million in the last-fiscal year.

Modern computers are now used to design the lures, but prototypes are individually made and hand-buffed before a lure goes into production and every lure off the line is still hand-tuned and inspected before it is boxed for sale.

"That will be our strategy 100 percent in the future. It's ruling our company. That's why people are catching fish with our lures," Kassin said.

The Dow Jones Industrial average rose 120.58 to close at 10,998.39. Broader stock indicators rose more modestly as the technology stocks that dominate the Nasdaq composite index lagged behind the blue-chips.

The Standard & Poor's 500 rose 8.55 to 1,397.72, and the Nasdaq composite rose 17.55 to 3,353.71.

Even in a session that saw many computer-related stocks remain fairly flat, the growing influence of technology helped lift the Dow. General Electric was the best-performing blue-chip, rising 4.716 to 254.916 and contributing 22 points to the Dow's advance after a Solomon Smith Barney analyst applauded its growing Internet and electronic commerce operations.

GE wasn't the only Dow component to advance sharply. As of 5:45 p.m., Procter & Gamble was up 4.25 at 112.25 and the newly combined Exxon Mobil was up 3.76 at 82.5.

The market is running on all cylinders right now, said Brian G. Belski, chief investment strategist at George K. Baum & Co. in Kansas City, Mo.

Stocks received added support from a trio of economic reports that suggested the Federal Reserve's efforts to slow the economy may be working.

Indicators held steady in October as signs of weakness in manufacturing emerged. Also, the National Association of Purchasing Management said its index of manufacturing activity dropped from 566 in October to 562 in November.

Most significantly, the purchasing managers' group said the price component of its index increased at a slower rate than in previous months. The index of prices registered 65.3 percent in November, compared with 69.4 percent in October.

Separately, the Commerce Department said construction spending rose in October, largely reflecting a sharp increase in big government projects. Private construction spending was lower in October, indicating that rising interest rates are dissuading some Americans from building or expanding homes.

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Internet stocks may have been hurt by a Merrill Lynch analyst's warning that a gradual slowdown in the number of new Internet users will cut into growth rates of some electronic commerce companies.

Analyst Henry Blodget recommended investors concentrate on market-leading Internet stocks including Yahoo! and America Online. Shares of AOL rose 3.97 to 52.75.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
On the 6th day of March, 2000, at the hour of 10:00 AM, I, the undersigned, trustee of the Trust created by the First American Title Company, 250 3rd Street, Twin Falls, Idaho, in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in full of all monies due to the Trust, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

A portion of Lot 43, BUENA VISTA ADDITION, Twin Falls County, Idaho, recorded in Book 2 of Plats, Page 23, more particularly described as follows: COMMENCING at a point on the North line and 70 feet West of the Northwest corner of Lot 43, thence South along the North boundary line of said Lot 43, 50 feet; thence East 125 feet or more to a point on the North line; thence North 125 feet or more to the North boundary line of said Lot 43, and the PLACE 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 60-1113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 300 Gardens Avenue, Twin Falls, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by the promissory note and mortgage as confirmed in the deed of trust executed by BRAD COSWELL, an unmarried man, as grantor, to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY, as grantee, to secure a promissory note to the Corporation, as Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC., previously known as COUNTRYWIDE FINANCIAL SERVICES, Lender, as beneficiary, recorded February 12, 1998, as Instrument No. 1980002341, Mortgage Records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.

The default by which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust No. 1980002341, the current principal and interest in the amount of \$29,898.09, plus \$1,198.13 for April and \$219.17, due per this mortgage for the months of April and September, 1999, and the current interest in the amount of \$228.69, less payment with a monthly late charge accruing at an adjustable rate of 5% of the unpaid principal, accrued late charges are due in the amount of \$228.69, with interest accruing at an adjustable rate, the current rate is 8.99% per annum, compounded monthly. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, utilities and other charges, together with any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary seeks to sell or otherwise dispose of the real property to satisfy said obligation.

HOMES, LLC, an Idaho Limited Liability Company, as a 5% undivided one-half interest, and PERRO, CO. STRUCTURE, LLC, a Washington Limited Liability Company, as an undivided one-half interest, in the County of Idaho, in the State of Idaho, as grantors, to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY OF IDAHO, INC., an Idaho Corporation, as Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of FIRST SECURITY BANK, N.A., as beneficiary, recorded December 17, 1998, as Instrument No. 11872629, and re-recorded January 14, 1999, as Instrument No. 12600800, Mortgage Records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.

THE ABOVE GRANTORS AGREE TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1006(4)(A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust No. 1998000002, the current principal and interest in the amount of \$90,200.00, plus Principal, due and payable on or before September 2, 1999, accrued against an adjustable rate, the current rate is 12.25% per annum, with unpaid accrued interest being in the amount of \$3,263.39, less payment with a monthly late charge accruing at an adjustable rate of 5% of the unpaid principal, accrued late charges are due in the amount of \$3,263.39, with interest accrued with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, utilities and other charges, together with any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary seeks to sell or otherwise dispose of the real property to satisfy said obligation.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
On Wednesday, the 8th day of March, 2000, at the hour of 10:00 AM, of said day, in the office of the Trustee, ALLIANCE TITLE & ESCROW CO., a Delaware Corporation, as trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in full of all monies due to the Trust, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows: COMMENCING at the Northeast corner of the SEVENEV, Township 10 South, Range 17, East of the Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho.

A point being designated by a cross in the located on the South and West boundary of Rock Creek Canyon. THENCE SOUTH 81°46'08" East for 49.38 feet; THENCE SOUTH 83°42'22" East for 89.02 feet; THENCE SOUTH 45°57'52" West for 389.09 feet more or less to the point of beginning; THENCE NORTH 42°17'42" West for 174.88 feet more or less along said rim-rock to the Southerly point as shown by the above described deed; THENCE NORTH 48°45'18" East for 265 feet more or less to a point that lies South 71°10" West 165 feet to the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING. THE TRUSTEE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY, BUT FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLIANCE WITH IDAHO CODE, SECTION 60-1113, THE TRUSTEE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE ADDRESS OF 350 Lakeview Blvd., Twin Falls, Idaho is sometimes associated with said real property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale contained in the deed of trust executed by DONALD RAY MCGILG and SUZANNE MCGILG, husband and wife, as Grantors, to ALLIANCE TITLE & ESCROW CO., a Delaware Corporation, as trustee, and the security of HOUSEHOLD FINANCIAL CORPORATION, Successor to TRANSAMERICA FINANCIAL SERVICES, recorded on 2/25, 1999, as Instrument No. 1994000341. Mortgage records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1006(4)(A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

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An appropriate written response requires compliance with Rule 10(a)(1) and other Idaho Rules and Civil Procedure and what also include: 1. Name and number of this case; 2. If your response is an answer to the Complaint, it must contain admissions or denials of the separate allegations of the Complaint and other defenses; 3. Your signature, mailing address and telephone number; 4. A complete mailing address and telephone number of your attorney.

LEGAL NOTICE
The above referenced 1999 Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors and the general membership of the Idaho Crop Improvement Association, Inc. will be held at the Overhills Plaza, in Boise, Idaho. The meeting will be held on the three day period: December 15th, 16th and 17th, 1999. The General membership meeting will be held December 16th beginning at 10:00 AM.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given that the planning and zoning Commission of the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, that will be held on December 14, 1999, at Tuesday, at the hour of 10:00 AM at the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, located at 321 Second Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho, to hear a request for a rezoning of a 15' wide utility easement located on the 1200 block of Falls Avenue West of the City of Twin Falls, Idaho. A complete description is on file with the Twin Falls Planning and Zoning Commission and the City Administrator at 321 Second Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303. Any and all persons desiring to comment may appear in person at the public hearing or by mail at the address specified. If you wish to speak on this matter, you should do so promptly. If you do not respond in person, if any, may be considered in that matter and other.

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On the 16th day of March, 2000, at the hour of 10:15 A.M., all said debt, (recorded in Book 15 of Plats...

four months after the date of the first publication of the notice, of said claim...
DATED this 15th day of November, 1999.

TO: Block 1, MAGIC VALLEY RANCH SUBDIVISION, Twin Falls County, Idaho, recorded in Book 15 of Plats...
The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property...

PUBLISHED: November 18, 25 and December 2, 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
Case No. SP 99-1143

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust Note, the amount of \$74,100.00, for Principal, due and payable on or before September 5, 1999...

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that this undesignated proceeding has been assigned to the undersigned...
DATED this 22nd day of November, 1999.

ADVERTISMENT FOR BIDS FOR 1999-2000 POLICE ROAD AND TRUCKS...
SPECIAL PROJECT

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