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Feds drop user-fee issue

The Times-News and The Associated Press

KETCHUM - The federal government has declined to press a case against an Oregon woman who has steadfastly refused to pay the \$5 fee to park her car while she hiked in central Idaho's Sawtooth National Recreation Area.

The decision, made for pragmatic reasons, headed off a court test of the validity of the fee pro-

Forest Service won't prosecute visiting Oregon woman, but says it will enforce policy for Idaho residents

gram that is being tested in the Sawtooth. The woman is from out of state, making prosecution more costly, Sawtooth National Forest spokesman Ed Waldapfel said. But the Forest Service intends to

continue to pursue people who have not paid the parking fee and live within Idaho. Assistant U.S. Attorney Terry Derden said there was doubt the government could collect the \$50 fine the Forest Service assessed

against Majorie Hoye of Bend, Ore., after she refused to buy the pass.

"Considering the limited number of resources in the federal courts," Derden said on Wednesday, "we look at the likelihood of success. That's what they pay us to do."

Hoye was driving from Jackson, Wyo., back home to Bend on Sept. 6 when she

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Elian Gonzalez arrives for his first day of school at Lincoln-Martí School Tuesday in Miami.

INS backs return of boy to Cuba

The Baltimore Sun

WASHINGTON - U.S. immigration officials announced Wednesday that 6-year-old Elian Gonzalez should be reunited with his father and returned to Cuba, ruling on the emotional, international tug of war between the boy's father and his relatives in Miami who hoped to make a permanent home for the child in America.

The politically charged drama has captured worldwide attention since Thanksgiving Day, when the slight, wide-eyed boy was found in the waters off Cuba, clinging to an inner tube, after a shipwreck killed his mother and nine other Cubans trying to flee the communist island nation.

Immigration and Naturalization Service Commissioner Doris Meissner said Wednesday that the child's father, Juan Miguel Gonzalez - who was divorced from the child's mother and has said he wants the boy returned to him in Cuba - had the sole legal authority to speak for the child regarding his immigration status.

"This little boy, who has been through so much, belongs with his father," Meissner said at a news conference Wednesday. "We urge everyone involved to understand, respect and uphold the bond between parent and child and laws of the United States."

The boy, who has been in the custody of his exile relatives in Miami, is to be returned to Cuba. Please see BOY, Page A2



When school lets out, Brendon Bywater, 9, Jim Shaff, 14, and Duane Reich, 10, head over to the Southern Idaho Learning Center to get some extra help with their studies.

TF school seeks assistance

Center for students with learning disabilities turns to community

By Jennifer Sandmann Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A service that for nearly a decade quietly has helped students with learning disabilities and their families is about to make itself more widely known to the community.

"Magic Valley residents might recall watching a young man years ago in a local television announcement explaining that he had dyslexia, a learning disability

To find out more ...

The Southern Idaho Learning Center can be reached at 734-3914. The center is located at the Masonic Temple in Twin Falls, 883 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

that can manifest itself in articulate children who struggle to read and write.

Today, Brian's mother, Tara Desmond, says people still ask

her how her 32-year-old son is doing. She tells them he has graduated from medical school.

Desmond recalls when Brian was just 10, the family had to seek out-of-state help because no expertise was available in Idaho.

But in 1991, the Southern Idaho Learning Center, formerly the Scottish Rite Learning Clinic, opened at the Masonic Temple in Twin Falls to serve families like the Desmonds. Because of its success, the center reports that a

similar service has opened in Boise and others are planned for Lewiston and Coeur d'Alene.

"That means the learning center's main source of revenue, a charitable foundation established by the Scottish Rite Masons in Idaho, will have more than just the Twin Falls program to support."

"The bread and butter we used to be able to count on if we didn't" Please see FUNDING, Page A2

Police, frustrated with icy-weather wrecks, say slow down

By Brian Haynes Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - State troopers see it too many times - serious wrecks that could have been prevented with the right kind of driving during icy weather.

"Accidents are not weather-related," Idaho State Police Capt. David Neal said. Most crashes this time of year occur because many motorists don't drive according to the weather and road conditions, he said.

"I know it's a broken record, but I don't understand it," Neal said. "I kind of throw my hands up. ... I've been frustrated over

Winter weather driving tips

Idaho State Police Capt. David Neal urges drivers to use caution and follow these tips when navigating icy roads and winter weather.

- **Slow down.** Slick roads make it harder to stop and control your vehicle.
- **Leave earlier.** If you don't feel rushed you can take your time on the roads.
- **Extend following distance.** Give yourself more

the years, watching this over-and-over again." Neal's frustration comes after about nine

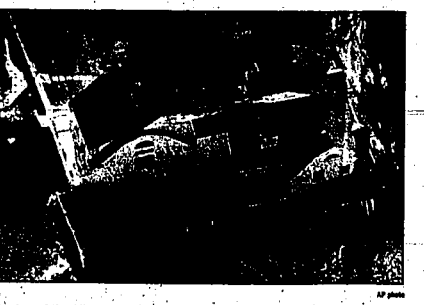
slidoffs, six wrecks and one fatal crash during icy conditions on Interstate 84 Tuesday night and Wednesday morning. I

84 was icy throughout the Magic Valley, and the Idaho Transportation Department closed the stretch from the I-86 Junction to the Utah line.

On his way to work Wednesday morning, Neal watched a driver pass a line of cars backed up at an intersection to cut through a parking lot, Neal said.

It was another example of the wrong kind of driving on slippery roads, he said. At 9:30 a.m. that same morning, driver Keith R. Carlson lost control on a slick I-84 and slid across the median into the oncoming lanes near Jerome, the ISP said.

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This view of the Clinton's Chappaqua, N.Y., home was taken Wednesday.

New neighbors Bill and Hillary spend night in new home; friend brings food

The Associated Press

CHAPPAQUA, N.Y. - President Clinton and his wife, Hillary, settled in Wednesday for their first meal and overnight stay in their new \$1.7 million home in this well-to-do hamlet north of New York City.

"Like any new homeowners, they're excited," White House spokesman Joe Lockhart after the couple arrived. Joining them was the president's mother-in-law, Dorothy Rodham. A friend who also lives in

Westchester County and has vacationed with the Clintons in Martha's Vineyard brought over home-cooked food for dinner.

While some of the 17,000 residents in the upscale suburb have complained about the attention drawn by the Clintons, many seemed eager to greet them.

"I think there's been some disturbance for the people" on the Clintons' street, said Wilma Rupp. "Other than that, people feel pretty good about the Clintons. You tell somebody you live in

Chappaqua and they say, 'Oh! Hillary!'"

The town already has had its share of the famous actor Chevy Chase, Tony Award-winning actress Glenn Close, New York Yankees center fielder Bernie Williams.

Initially, Mrs. Clinton - who needs a New York address to run for the U.S. Senate - was scheduled to arrive alone to unpack. An unexpected break in the president's schedule allowed him to accompany the first lady, Lockhart said.

THE REGION

Camas Prairie
 High: 29 Low: 12
 Mostly sunny today then increasing clouds tonight and chance of snow. Cloudy Friday, chance of snow, high 30.

Treasure Valley
 High: 36 Low: 25
 Fog early today then cloudy with chance of snow. Mostly cloudy Friday, chance of snow, high 38.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley
 High: 30 Low: 10
 Partly cloudy today and tonight, chance of snow. Same Friday, high 31.

Eastern Idaho
 High: 26 Low: 10
 Fog early today then partly cloudy, increasing clouds tonight. Partly cloudy Friday, chance of snow, high 30.

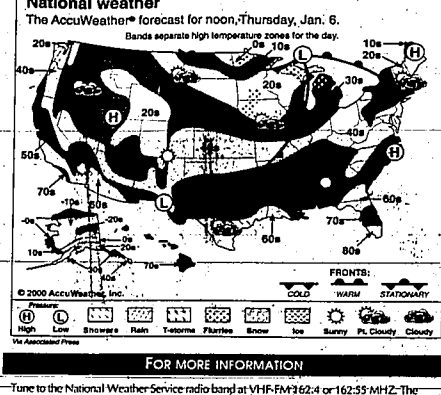
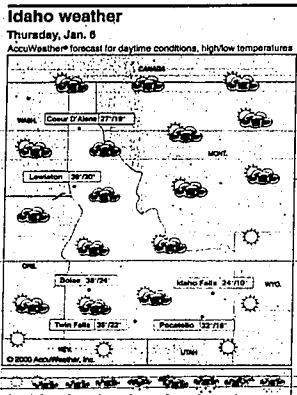
Northern Idaho
 High: 33 Low: 24
 Mostly clear today then increasing clouds, chance of snow tonight. Cloudy Friday, chance of snow, high 34.

Northern Utah
 High: 34 Low: 17
 Mostly clear today then increasing clouds, chance of snow tonight. Partly cloudy Friday, chance of snow, high 37.

Northern Nevada
 High: 36 Low: 22
 Fog early today then cloudy with chance of snow. Mostly cloudy Friday, chance of snow, high 36.

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
High 35 Low: 22 Mostly sunny then increasing clouds, chance of snow.	High 36 Low: 23 Cloudy with chance of snow.	High 30s Low: teens Partly cloudy with chance of snow.	High 30s Low: teens Partly cloudy with chance of snow.	High 30s Low: teens Partly cloudy with chance of snow.



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 Burn time: 45 minutes

ROAD INFORMATION
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SKYWATCH
 Sunset today: 5:20 p.m.
 Sunrise tomorrow: 8:08 a.m.
 Lunar phase: New, Jan. 8; first quarter, Jan. 14; full, Jan. 20; last quarter, Jan. 28.

ACROSS THE NATION
 Idaho: A ridge of high pressure continued to build over Idaho and the Intermountain West on Wednesday, bringing partly sunny to mostly sunny skies to most of the state during the afternoon.
 A frontal boundary will make its way into western Idaho by early Friday. This will bring increasing clouds and scattered precipitation to the state for the weekend.
 Elsewhere: Snow showers were scattered from the Rockies to the Northeast on Wednesday, while the Southeast enjoyed generally clear conditions. Partly to mostly cloudy skies and cold temperatures dominated much of the Great Lakes, Ohio Valley and Northeast, with scattered flurries in New York and western Pennsylvania.
 A cold front stretching from eastern Colorado to Minnesota produced patchy areas of light snow and freezing rain in Nebraska, Minnesota and Iowa. Skies were clearing behind the front over the Dakotas, but winds were strong and gusty.
 Light snow showers fell over the Rockies, while the West Coast and Southwest had fair to partly cloudy skies.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls - Precipitation

Yesterday	32	26	Yesterday in Twin Falls	0.06
Last year	51	33	Month to date	1.19
Normal	36	19	Normal mo. to date	1.19
			Water year to date	9.93
			Normal year to date	3.24

Idaho Highs/Lows

City	Max	Min	Pcp	Idaho High	Low
Boise	38	29	0.01	60	11
Burley	34	27	0.01	60	11
Coeur d'Alene	34	23	0.01	60	11
Grangeville	m	m	m	60	11
Hagerman	m	31	0.01	60	11
Idaho Falls	25	12	0.03	60	11
Leoville	46	33	0.01	60	11
Malad	35	m	m	60	11
Malta	36	m	m	60	11
McCall	26	11	0.01	60	11
Pocatello	29	24	0.01	60	11
Shoshone	36	12	0.01	60	11
Stanley	24	14	0.01	60	11
Sun Valley	33	13	m	60	11

The Nation

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	48	19	0.01
Anchorage	48	31	0.01
Allentown	45	31	0.01
Boston	37	37	0.01
Chicago	25	13	0.01
Dayton	25	13	0.01
Denver	43	27	0.01
Des Moines	46	29	0.01
Detroit	31	24	0.01
Honolulu	86	73	0.01
Houston	58	27	0.01
Indianapolis	28	22	0.01
Kansas City	46	13	0.01
Lakeland	46	13	0.01
Los Angeles	71	44	0.01
Memphis	43	25	0.01
Miami Beach	80	67	0.01
Milwaukee	25	17	0.01
Minneapolis	21	10	0.01
New Orleans	51	40	0.01
New York	38	37	0.01
Oakland	55	25	0.01
Oklahoma City	38	37	0.01
Omaha	42	29	0.01
Pittsburgh	32	29	0.01
Portland, Me.	33	33	0.01
Portland, Ore.	47	41	0.01
Reno	42	27	0.01
St. Louis	35	20	0.01
Salt Lake City	34	28	0.01
San Antonio	61	45	0.01
Seattle	44	41	0.01
Spokane	35	19	0.01
Washington	68	42	0.01
Yuma	65	25	0.01

Canadian Cities

Calgary	39	18
Edmonton	39	18
Toronto	51	18
Vancouver	48	39

Bradley removes gloves during debate with Gore

Knight Ridder News Service
 DURHAM, N.H. - After weeks and weeks of taking bars, presidential contender Bill Bradley came out swinging in a debate Wednesday, accusing Vice President Gore of deliberately distorting his record and hiding in a "Washington bunker."
 Bradley, sometimes pointedly aggressive and other times quietly earnest, parried with Gore over health care, religion in politics and political leadership. The vice president repeatedly pressed Bradley, a former New Jersey senator, to explain his policy stances as well as key votes from his Senate past.
 At one point, as Gore critiqued Bradley's \$65 billion a year health plan as one that would shortchange many Americans, Bradley shot back: "Let me tell you how the private sector works."
 Later, Bradley went after

Gore, invoking the worst moments of the Clinton administration.
 "When I hear you talk Al, it reminds me of Washington bunker. And I think you're in the Washington bunker... And I can understand why you're in the bunker," he said specifically citing the Republican takeover of Congress, the Democratic fundraising scandal and Clinton's impeachment.
 Asked about his image of being politically aloof, Bradley said, "Am I aloof? I'm not aloof at all. I just finished my 46th New Hampshire town meeting. You can't be aloof at New Hampshire town meeting."
 Overall - it was an amiable debate, though punctuated with some feisty and pointed exchanges. It was their first encounter of the new year and they will meet again Saturday in Iowa, site of the Jan. 24 caucus.

Funding

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 have a grant is not there anymore," said Melody Allen Lenker, clinic coordinator.
 The Southern Idaho Learning Center this year will begin public relations campaigns and fundraisers to help make up for about \$50,000 in lost support to meet its annual \$220,000 budget, Lenker said. Other center funding comes from grants and donations, and client fees set on a sliding-fee scale based on family income.
 To help with its new public relations mission, the center has established a Community Advisory Board, of which Desmond is a member.
 Students who have learning disabilities in reading and the written language have IQ's that are normal or above average, Desmond said.
 "This is a brain that is structured differently and works differently, and is very creative," she said.
 The center has been a place families have been able to turn to for support when they don't know what to do for a child who has trouble processing language, Desmond said. The problem can lead to feelings of frustration and humiliation for a child, she said.
 Mason Fred Decker, a retired attorney and chairman of the clinic's management team, said the clinic tries to pinpoint why children aren't learning in school. It's the only local safety net for students who don't qualify for special education services offered by public schools, he said.
 The clinic serves students 5 to 21. Staff members diagnose learning disabilities and also consider family, school and medical history to identify what factors could be contributing to the problem. They provide case management for students and families until the student graduates from high school,

Boy

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 be better off living in the United States than a communist regime.
 Lawyers for the boy's relatives said Wednesday they planned to challenge the INS decision in court.
 Jose Cardenas, Washington director of the Cuban American National Foundation, denounced the fact that the decision was made by the Clinton administration rather than a Florida court. "We have INS bureaucrats determining what's in the best interests of the boy," Cardenas said.
 What's more, he said, the decision sent a signal that the Clinton administration is appeasing Castro.
 The decision could lead to an end to a thorny, six-week standoff between the Cuban and U.S. governments.
 But as expected, it sparked outrage and immediate protests from Cuban exile leaders in Florida who, along with the child's great-uncle and great-uncle, have insisted Elian would be better off living in the United States than a communist regime.
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Fee

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 stopped at the Iron Creek trailhead in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area to take a walk. She returned three hours later to find a notice on her windshield for not buying the user-pass.
 She ignored it, the notice of a \$50 fine that came three weeks later, and a mid-November summons to appear in federal court in Boise on the matter.
 Instead, she objected to the imposition of the parking fee in a letter to the U.S. Attorney's office. Ioye maintained the fee was discretionary for forest users and that her hikes were spiritual, not recreational, in nature.
 The Sawtooth National Forest adopted the trailhead parking fee - \$5 for up to three days or \$15 for a year - in May after complaints about the general use pass that it is to require of recreation area users this year before Congress gave the Forest Service authority to try fees on a pilot basis as a way of generating additional cash for maintenance.
 In her letter, Ioye pointed out that a year ago a federal judge in Los Angeles refused to uphold citations against Robert Bartsch for refusing to obtain a user pass

Clarification

Previous stories about this week's election of Twin Falls Mayor Elaine Steele may have left some confusion about the vote tally. The council chose Steele by a 6-0 vote. The seventh councilman, Lance Clew, abstained.

Winter

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 A westbound semi-truck broadsided the driver's side of Carlson's Mercury sedan, and the 76-year-old Wendell resident died at the scene, the ISP said.
 His wife, 73-year-old Lila Carlson, was taken to St. Benedict's Family Medical Center with a broken ankle, the ISP said.
 The truck driver was not hurt. Sunny weather dried up the highways Wednesday, but when the icy roads return Neal hopes drivers slow down and heed the safe-driving tips, he said.
 "We need to take this stuff seriously," he said.
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Study: Chimps can recall some random numbers

The Associated Press
 A chimpanzee has shown it can remember the correct sequence of five random numbers - an experiment that adds to the growing body of evidence that animals have some basic numerical ability.
 A female chimp tested with numbers between zero and nine performed about as well as an average human, according to researchers at Kyoto University in Japan.
 The chimp, named Ai, had already demonstrated that she could put five numbers in ascending order when they were scattered across a computer screen.

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NATION

Agenda will give public schools a facelift

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton said Wednesday his legislative agenda will focus on revitalizing public schools, declaring American children should not have to put up with leaking roofs and busted windows. He hopes the focus on fixing crumbling schools will give Democrats an election year edge.

Clinton discussed budget priorities with House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., and

Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D. Afterward, the president said his top priority will be funding programs to repair or renovate dilapidated schools.

"We can't expect our students to meet high academic standards if their schools don't even meet high building standards," Clinton said. "Our New Year's resolution is to reach across party lines to help our children reach for the sky."

Otherwise, Clinton's agenda consists mostly of efforts he pursued unsuccessfully last year, such as hate crime legislation, gun restrictions, a minimum wage increase, a patient's bill of rights and fixing Social Security and Medicare.

House Ways and Means Chairman Bill Archer, R-Texas, said Wednesday that despite Clinton's proposal, the GOP is planning another school construction proposal as part of an overall tax relief package.

"For the past two years, the House of Representatives passed plans to help build and renovate public schools, but both times the president blocked them," Archer said.

"I hope this year that our schoolchildren will come before politics, and that the president works with us. We need to get this done."

Militant threatens U.S., India

Kashmiri will not rest until he sees liberation

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) — In a fiery speech to 10,000 supporters, one of three Kashmiri militants released by India to end a plane hijacking vowed Wednesday to fight to liberate the embattled region from Indian rule and to attack American interests.

Followers thronged to a park in central Karachi when they heard that Maulana Masood Azhar had arrived from neighboring Afghanistan, where the eight-day hijacking of an Indian Airlines plane ended Friday.



Supporters of Harakat-ul-Mulohadeen, one of the most radical militant groups fighting in Indian-ruled Kashmir, display propaganda posters as they listen to the speech of Maulana Masood Azhar on Wednesday. Azhar vows to liberate the embattled region from Indian rule.

"I have come back and I will not rest in peace until Kashmir is liberated," Azhar told the crowd, many of whom were members of his militant group, Harakat-ul-Mulohadeen, considered one of the most radical groups fighting in Indian-ruled Kashmir.

"I have come here because this is my duty to tell you that Muslims should not rest in peace until we have destroyed America and India," he said. Azhar, his head wrapped in a checkered scarf, said the five hijackers were all Indian Kashmiris. He said they had returned to Kashmir, the disputed territory divided between India and Pakistan.

The hijackers have not been seen since they left an airport in southern Afghanistan.

They were given 10 hours by Afghanistan's ruling Taliban to leave the country. The three militants are Kashmiri activists opposed to Indian rule in Kashmir, which has been the

source of decades of conflict. Both countries lay claim to the entire territory.

Since the hijacking ended, India and Pakistan have exchanged bitter accusations. India says Pakistan orchestrated the drama, a charge vehemently denied by Pakistan.

Police: Exhumer body is ex-hostage

JAMMU, India (AP) — A body exhumed from northern Kashmir is that of a missing British tourist, authorities said Wednesday — verification that could help police locate an American also missing since being abducted by Islamic militants five years ago.

Police confirmed that the body they brought out of a grave in 1997 is that of one of six foreign tourists who were kidnapped while trekking in the mountains

of Kashmir in 1995. "We have received a report of DNA tests of an exhumed body — confirming that the body was of Paul Wells," Kashmir's police chief Gurbachan Jagat told The Associated Press.

Police are still searching for three missing tourists: Donald Hutchings of Spokane, Wash.; Keith Mangan of Britain and Derk Hasert of Germany. The six men were abducted by members

of Al-Faran, one of many groups fighting to separate Kashmir from India.

The kidnappers demanded the release of 21 jailed militants including Maulana Masood Azhar, the chief of their group.

The government refused. One hostage, American John Childs, managed to escape.

The body of another, Hans Christian Ostro of Norway, was found beheaded.

OSHA pulls regs for home

WASHINGTON (AP) — Facing a barrage of criticisms, Labor Secretary Alvin H. Hernan Wednesday withdrew a federal interpretation letter saying that companies' normal workplace safety obligations also apply to employees who do their work at home.

She said an advisory drafted by departmental officials was informal and was not intended to be taken as a statement of policy for the entire business community.

"It was a letter to one employer. It provided guidance to him on his employees working at home," she said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. "The letter, however, caused widespread confusion and unintended consequences for others. And therefore, as a result of those unintended consequences, I have made a decision to withdraw the letter today."

Hernan said, however, that the controversy has raised important questions about what protections Americans who work at home can expect from the government. She said she will convene a conference of business and labor leaders and set up an interagency task force to conduct a wide-ranging study of the issue.

"We acknowledge ... that employers are responsible for employee safety and health, but we don't know what that means and how that applies to these new work arrangements in the home today. That is why we need a national dialogue on this subject," Hernan said.

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CIA: Suspects tied to bin Laden

SEATTLE (AP) — Four Algerian nationals reportedly linked to explosive smuggling here are part of a terrorist splinter group in Algeria that is supported by the man believed to have masterminded last year's attack on two U.S. embassies in Africa, a counterterrorism expert said Wednesday.

"They belong to a faction in Algeria that is supported by Osama bin Laden and has been for some time," former CIA counterterrorism chief Vincent Cannistraro said, citing French

counterterrorism officials. Among the four suspects is Abdel Hakim Tizghit, 29, who was scheduled to make a federal court appearance Wednesday after being charged Monday with illegally entering the United States and eluding border officers. Cannistraro said the men, including Tizghit and Ahmed Ressaam, who is charged with trying to smuggle a car-trunkful of explosives into Washington state last month, belong to a faction that broke with the Armed Islamic Group in Algeria over its practice of targeting fellow Muslims.

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NATION

Israel, Syria talk security

SHEPHERDSTOWN, W. Va. (AP) — Under close U.S. supervision, Israeli and Syrian negotiators Wednesday took up two of the toughest challenges in their fledgling pursuit of a peace treaty: their future relationship and security measures along their border. They met for later discussion terms of an Israeli pullback on the strategic Golan Heights.

Overseeing the talks was Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. Her military aide, Army Lt. Gen. Donald Kerick, was at the security committee sessions and Assistant Secretary of State Martin Indyk engaged in peace terms discussion.

If the negotiations succeed — and no one is making any such claim at this preliminary stage — Israel would surrender the Golan Heights, a security buffer zone along the border, and Syria would establish high diplomatic relations with its longtime adversary.

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak has signaled his willingness to make territorial concessions. But he is holding back until Syrian President Hafez Assad authorizes his delegation to outline what kind of diplomatic, economic and political relationship he would extend in return.

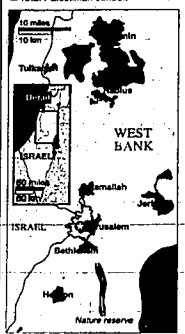
President Clinton was in West Virginia for the first two days. But on Wednesday he kept away for a meeting with Sen. Thomas Daschle of South Dakota, the Senate Democratic leader, and the House Democratic leader, Rep. Dick Gephardt of Missouri, on this year's congressional agenda.

The meetings of the peace-terms and security committees are to be followed by the convening of committees on the prospective Golan Heights retreat and apportioning scarce water

Land for peace

Israel began transferring 5 percent of the West Bank to Palestinian control Wednesday after negotiators ended a seven-week deadlock.

- From total Israeli control to Palestinian civilian/Israeli military control.
- From Palestinian civilian control/Israeli military control to total Palestinian control.



West Bank prior to Wye River accord: 73% Israeli control, 27% Palestinian control. Proposed areas of Palestinian control after implementation: 3% Palestinian control, 14.2% Palestinian civilian/Israeli security, 25.8% Israeli control, 57% total Palestinian control.

RESOURCES: Gen. Shlomo Yamai of Israel and Gen. Ibrahim Omar of Syria headed their governments' delegations in the security talks, while Zvi Shntauber and Walid Muallom were the Israeli and Syrian delegation leaders, respectively, in the negotiations on peaceful relations.

The atmosphere for peacemaking remained uncertain.

U.S. sends 400 Haitian refugees back home

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — William Peniel caught a glimpse of the Promised Land on New Year's Day when the frail ship carrying him and more than 400 others ran aground off Florida. But on Wednesday, the U.S. Coast Guard brought them back to the misery they fled.

"God's own country was in reach. I would have preferred

being shot on the spot to returning to the mud of Haiti," the despondent 33-year-old fisherman said after Coast Guard cutter Valiant dropped him off on the pier.

Peniel's story was a variation on the common theme of grinding poverty and hopelessness. He left his wife and three children behind in northwest Jean Rabel.

Coastal waters have been fished out, and he can't make ends meet. Peniel and Pierre were among 31 migrants found packed shoulder-to-shoulder on a 60-foot wooden boat that ran aground off Key Biscayne shortly after midnight on Jan. 1 — the same day Haiti celebrates its independence as the world's first black republic.

Four Haitian women — three

pregnant and one with a high fever — remained hospitalized in Miami but were expected to be repatriated later.

The ship apparently had been at sea for four days. The immigrants told Coast Guard officials that as many as six people died during the 600-mile voyage and their bodies were thrown overboard.

NBC seeks more diversity to avoid NAACP boycott

NEW YORK (AP) — NBC said Wednesday it will seek out more minority writers, producers and directors for its television shows, ending the threat of an NAACP boycott against the network.

Similar deals may be near with ABC, CBS and Fox, said Kwame Mims, president of the NAACP.

What began last summer as a protest against the scarcity of minority cast members on the fall's schedule of new network shows eventually resulted in a deal that almost exclusively affects people behind the cameras.

If more minorities are in position to create shows and decide what gets on the air, more diverse casts and programming options will naturally follow, Mims said.

NBC has agreed to hire at least one new minority writer next fall for all its second-year shows, and is encouraging producers to hire minorities for free-lance writing jobs. The network will also boost its support for various job training and internship programs to get more minorities on the air.

NBC has also promised to double its amount of purchases from minority-owned businesses over the next 18 months, an additional \$10 million in spending.

The NAACP had threatened a boycott after complaining about the "virtual whitewash" in new programming. The organization said if negotiations with other networks don't bear fruit within the next 10 days, it may still resort to a boycott against them.

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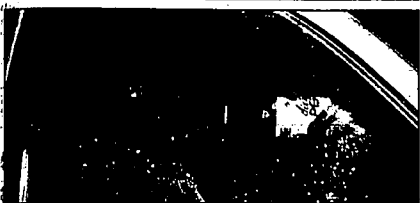
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Allen Blackthorne sits in a federal agent's car Tuesday in San Antonio

Feds charge man with hiring wife's murderers

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Both federal and state prosecutors charged a businessman Wednesday with arranging the 1997 murder in Florida of his ex-wife, whose quadruplet toddlers were found crawling through her blood.

Allen Blackthorne, named in a federal indictment Tuesday, entered no plea in his appearance before U.S. Magistrate Pam Mathy. She ordered Blackthorne held without bail pending a hearing next Wednesday.

A state indictment accusing Blackthorne of murder was returned Wednesday by a Bexar County grand jury and bail was set at \$5 million.

Mrs. Bellush was killed six weeks after she, her husband, James Bellush, their quadruplets and the two children from her marriage to Blackthorne moved to Florida from San Antonio.

Last summer, Bellush said the quadruplets still remembered the

scene when their mother died. "I tell them that Mommy is in heaven with Jesus," he said. "They ask me if she is still bleeding."

In federal court, Blackthorne could be sentenced to death if convicted of conspiracy to use interstate commerce in a murder for hire, or to life in prison on a charge of interstate domestic violence.

He is already serving prison sentences in connection with the scheme to kill or maim

Mrs. Bellush. Daniel Rocha, 30, and accomplice Samuel Gonzales, 29, were brought to Texas from two Florida state prisons for questioning at the request of federal investigators in San Antonio.

A third man, alleged triggerman Jose Luis Del Toro, is scheduled for trial July 10. Rocha has said he is willing to testify that Blackthorne, a golfing buddy, planned her death. Prosecutors say Rocha approached Gonzales, who then hired Del Toro.

One in nine grandparents tend grandchildren

WASHINGTON — About one in nine American grandparents over 50 are caregivers for at least one grandchild, according to an AARP survey made public Wednesday.

About 8 percent of grandparents provide day care on a regular basis, and 3 percent are raising a grandchild — functioning as a parent, the survey indicates. The survey was based on telephone interviews with 738 grandparents chosen at random.

The interviews were conducted between Sept. 28 and Oct. 25, 1998, but Gretchen Straw, associate director of AARP's research arm, told reporters she was confident the "quite stable" findings "reflect grandparenting at the close of the century."

AARP's Karen Sloan said the average grandparent is 47 when his or her first grandchild is born, and that the number of grandchild caregivers has increased dramatically in recent decades.

N.Y. settles with Attica inmates for \$8 million

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — New York state has agreed to pay \$8 million to 1,280 inmates caught up in the 1971 Attica riot, settling a 25-year-old lawsuit over the nation's deadliest prison uprising.

The money will go to inmates who claimed they were tortured, beaten and denied medical treatment in the aftermath of the revolt and authorities' bloody efforts to put it down. The original class-action suit, filed in 1974, sought \$100 million.

State police launched an all-out assault on the maximum-security Attica Correctional Facility near Buffalo on Sept. 13, 1971, the fifth day of the uprising. More than 2,000 rounds of ammunition were fired over six minutes. In all, 32 inmates and 11 correction officers died, most of them killed during the raid. Hundreds more were wounded.

In agreeing to settle Tuesday, the state admitted no wrongdoing. It also agreed to pay the inmates' lawyers up to \$4 million in legal fees and costs.

Trooper says he was told not to blame FBI agent for crash

MIAMI — A state trooper investigating the deaths of two brothers in a collision blamed on a drunken FBI agent said he was following orders when he signed a report falsely blaming the victims.

Highway Patrol Trooper Rene Guillen said he was told by supervisors what to put in the report on the Nov. 23 accident on Interstate 95. The Miami Herald reported Wednesday.

The family of brothers Maurice Williams, 23, and Craig Chambers, 19, charges the investigation was tailored to protect FBI agent David Farrell at the expense of the brothers' reputation. The FBI and the Highway patrol have rejected those assertions.

Teamsters picket funeral, follow mourners to church

CHICAGO — Teamsters members, unhappy with a funeral home without a union contract, picketed a funeral, chanting and following grieving relatives to the church.

"It's atrocious," said Jack Weimar, whose aunt's funeral last week was held as Teamsters protested outside. "This was way out of line."

Nation in brief

The Donnellan Funeral Home on the South Side has been picketed for the past few months, but funeral home owner John Schultz Sr. said it was the first time the Teamsters had followed a family to church. "They told me next time they're going to the cemetery," he said.

A telephone message left for a Teamsters spokesman Wednesday was not immediately returned.

The Chicago Sun-Times said it had made several phone calls seeking comment and gone to the local office to try to speak with someone without success.

San coples mom's suicide, drives off the same cliff

PARADISE, Calif. — On New Year's Eve, Daniel Oberts climbed into his silver Mazda, accelerated to 50 mph and drove off a cliff at Lookout Point, killing himself the same way and in the same spot his mother did. The 22-

year-old community college student left one crumpled suicide note in his car and another on the cross his stepfather had erected for Oberts' mother, Merry Bassett, who died 1.5 years ago. "Counseling didn't help. He just did not cope very well," said the Rev. Tom Hartman.

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EDITORIAL

TF Council should be ready to back economic growth

Despite a new mayor leading a council on three new members, we're confident the Twin Falls City Council will repay the faith that voters have shown. Mayor Elaine Steele has obvious enthusiasm for her new role and credits former Mayor Gale Kleinkopf for setting a good example.

Kleinkopf is a good role model for a new mayor. He is an intelligent, articulate and gracious man who was well-suited for public service. He was a pragmatic rather than ideological mayor, and he deserves everyone's applause for his community leadership.

The Twin Falls City Council must demonstrate firm commitment to economic development.

because the council as a whole needs to demonstrate a continuing commitment to economic development.

If it doesn't, new businesses - which have plenty of options in today's world economy - are likely to drive past and keep on going.

Fortunately, council members don't have to carry the weight of running the city on their shoulders alone. Much of the heavy lifting is done by City Manager Tom Courtney and his staff, most of whom have tremendous experience on the job. It's the professional staff, as well as individual council members, who ensure the wheels of govern-

ment turn smoothly.

This form of government generally provides higher levels of service than the strong mayor/patronage system traditionally favored by many Eastern cities. We like it that way.

Much has been made of the council's new gender mix, with three women, one of whom is the city's first woman mayor. To us, that's a non-issue. The real issue is how they do the city's business. They deserve to be judged on that basis alone; gender is irrelevant.

In a deeper vein, we like the mix of the new council. Its collective experience level may be less, but new blood has been added. All of the new members, as well as the holdovers, needs to study up on the issues and do the best they can. We're confident they will do just that.

Steele is wise to say she will follow his lead. Given the issues ahead, she will need to be just as focused as her predecessor. We're heartened that she has moved beyond the "spoiler" role that helped her defeat Jeff Gooding two years ago. Steele rode that wave into office, but now she is charting her own course in public life.

She is already heading in the right direction, with a general commitment to economic development and a specific commitment to developer Craig Neilsen's proposal for a hotel and convention center. As a former director of the downtown Business Improvement District, she recognizes the importance of business recruitment and retention.

On this issue, the council's three newcomers should listen to Steele,

The Times-News

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The members of the editorial board and writers of editorials are Stephen Hartgen, William Brock, Clark Walworth, Steve Crump and Kevin Richert.

LETTERS

Show workers respect: slow down

To all the motorists who can't slow down in construction or utility work zones. Have you ever thought about who builds the roads? Construction workers! Who's the one that makes sure that you are receiving your utilities? Utility workers! Who are the ones that are trying to keep you safe while this work is taking place? Us flaggers!

We are out there for your safety; therefore, when we have our slow paddles up and with our hands waving we are motioning for you to slow down, that means to go slower than the posted speed limit. If we need to stop you suddenly, could you stop on a dime at a high speed without running over a flagger, construction or utility worker or causing a wreck? I don't think so! We know what is taking place and you don't. That's why we're asking for you to slow down. The distance, through a work zone is not that long for you to slow down. Pay attention to the sign! Use your blinkers!

How would you feel if you or a family member was a flagger (construction or utility worker) standing on their feet all day long through all types of weather just to keep the motorists safe and the motorists speeding through the work zone, being called everything except a human, having things thrown at you, trying to run you over as they think it's funny or you're just in their way, and being given the middle finger. All of this for just doing your job keeping all motorists safe.

Did your parents raise you to be that way? Did they not teach you respect and show manners toward others? How about treating people the way you want to be treated? How would you like to be the person that just hit a flagger or construction-utility worker and you had to go tell their family that "I just killed your loved one" as you couldn't see any reason to slow down through the work zone.

Yes, we know it's a little inconvenience at the time the projects are taking place. Just look on the positive side that a little inconvenience for a short period of time what the outcome is going to be - better roads for you to drive on, electricity in your house to keep you warm, light to refer by, watch TV, etc. What would you do if you didn't have these luxuries?

JOHN MORTENSEN
Twin Falls

Watch for the Standards

Hopefully, everyone got to watch "Destination Stardom" on Channel 55 Sunday night. The singing group, "The Standards" from our town of Twin Falls were on and they just kept winning each week. Be sure to watch next week.

Also, we'd like to thank Channel 55 for previewing each performance in The Times-News so we are reminded to watch.

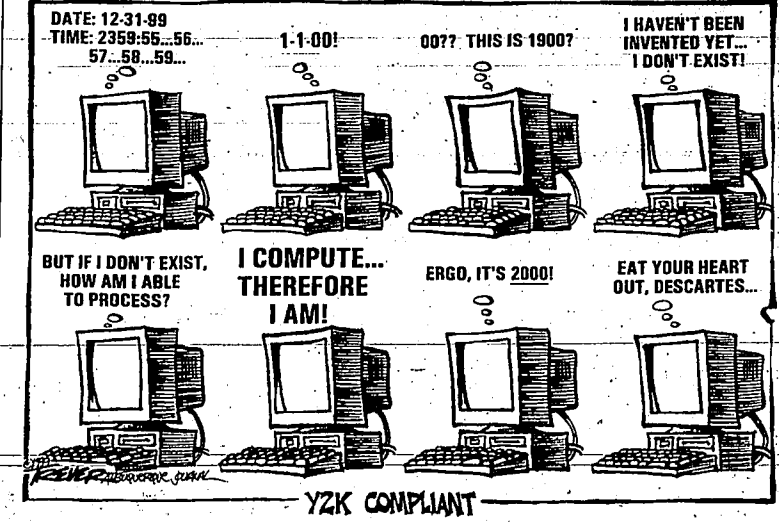
Good Luck, guys!
TOM AND SUE BURNIKEL
Twin Falls

Thanks a bunch, Hillary

Hillary Clinton, we owe her big time! Without Ms. Clinton, the propeller-head elites like Ira Magaziner, and their attempted grab of the health-care system, the Democrats would have kept control of Congress. Welfare reform would have died, the budget would never have been balanced, and the citizens of this country would have been denied the opportunity to see a true weasel live to us all.

As an interested observer, one can only hope Ms. Clinton wins in New York; her ability to catch her foot with her mouth should keep the country entertained until the next presidential cycle.

MIKE THOMAS
Jerome



Steps can be taken to reduce risk of terrorism

JEFF KAMEN AND PATRICK FITZSIMONS

The good news is that Y2K hackers did not create major disruptions in America's electronic infrastructure and there was neither loss of life nor property damage attributable to millennial terrorists.

But there was also truly alarming news: At least three known associates of the Armed Islamic Group have been arrested in Brooklyn and at Canada-U.S. border crossing points - one in Vermont, the other in Washington state.

Federal agents overseas are aggressively hunting for more conspirators and answers to questions - including what their targets were and what their arrests meant. The Armed Islamic Group's philosophy states that killing anyone who does not support its extremist cause is justified.

As daunting as the threat may seem, there are effective countermeasures the United States can take to reduce dramatically the risk and impact of attack by both foreign and domestic terrorists.

We need an electronic, terrorist database interrogation system. Instant fingerprint identification and photo systems are being used and tested by federal and local law-enforcement agencies. The completed system would permit the following scenario to become reality:

A terrorist bomb maker unknown by name or face, traveling on a valid passport, attempts to enter a port of entry - say Kennedy airport. An immigration

officer tells him to place his hands on a glass plate. A camera takes a head shot and the scanner underneath the plate records his fingerprints. The information is instantly compared against all faces and fingerprints in the terrorist files of U.S. and allied law-enforcement agencies.

In this hypothetical case, the bomb maker is blocked from entering and held for investigation because a partial right thumbprint he left behind on the casing of a bomb in Paris two years earlier has been matched by the system. That's how it could work - if the government presses on with expensive research and development.

To prevent cyber-terrorism, recently begun partnerships among local, state and federal agencies with experts from the business and academic communities need to be expanded to the point where we essentially have created regional cyber-SWAT teams capable of responding quickly with tools to conquer virtually any Internet-based threat to our people or infrastructure.

Immediate action must be taken to improve the communications capabilities of First Responders - a new term describing local cops, firefighters and

emergency medical personnel who would most likely be the first to encounter the immediate aftermath of poison gas, biological agent, nuclear or conventional terrorist attacks. In many jurisdictions, the county cops cannot talk to the city cops - let alone the firefighters and most of the hospitals. Congress recognized this critical need five years ago and directed the Federal Communications Commission to make available 24 megahertz of spectrum for this purpose. The FCC has stalled on making the designated spectrum available. The FCC must get its head out of the commercial mode and stop stalling. A new, allocated wireless spectrum for public-safety communication in times of critical incidents must be in place before terrorists strike.

Finally, law enforcement must have the legal authority - with safeguards - to access encrypted e-mail, cell phone and fax traffic. There will be ferocious resistance to this by the business community and real concerns about privacy. But no one wants to see people killed or vital facilities destroyed by terrorists whose actions might be prevented if law enforcement is able to covertly monitor their communications.

Jeff Kamen is co-author of "Final Warning: Averting Disaster in the New Age of Terrorism"; Patrick Fitzsimons is a former Seattle police chief. They wrote this commentary for Newsday.

LETTERS

Dowsing can be trusted

The reader comment of Balhasar B. Buhidar regarding Mid-Snake water quality was very good. It prompts me to write a letter of my own, called "Dowsing and Its Benefits."

There has been a great amount of discussion about pollution of the aquifer. It has happened in some areas and will in others.

In my method of dowsing, after I found out in '63 that I could, and which I used 12 years of my spare time to learn to read, the width of a stream, the gallonage in it up to 20 gallons per minute and the depth of it fairly accurately. I trained myself to find moving water only and can't watch or douse sheet water or static water without movement.

Water moving in a stream has the ability to purify itself after so many feet downstream from the pollution source. Also, I have found that dowsing for water in the fall and winter months will be a guarantee of that supply or more year around.

Static water or sheet water can become polluted and may stay that way until it reaches an exit of the static nature and begins to flow and purify itself again.

From 1975 to the present time, I have doused 58 wells in Washington state

and every one produced good water and are still in service today with adequate water. Also, if a good stream is intercepted, it usually maintains a good static level with very little fluctuation.

To prevent dowsing work? Yes, and science admits it does. The how and why is still a mystery.

So if you intend to drill a well, don't be afraid to get a dowsing opinion.

After all, God placed the water there for us and gave some of us the ability to find it. I thank him for being one of those worth that precious gift.

RALPH BLASKOWSKY
Buhl

Of height limits and poplar trees

A couple of quick comments regarding recent events:

First, thank you to the City Council for realizing to the extent that they did that the canyon rim height restrictions are a bad idea. I would have liked to see them simply scrap the law rather than to modify it. Now we will go through the whole thing again. See like a lot of wasted effort over a fatally flawed and doomed law. The citizens advisory committee may be a good idea, depending on (A) whether the make up of it is modified from what I have seen so far to change its make up from so heavily weighted with some of the same people

who have been running things to a more representative body; (B) if this is done, how much will planning and zoning and the council listen?

Second, I'm getting tired of hearing people rant on about "the lovely poplar trees." If you want poplar trees at the entry to the city, and I don't quite know why anyone would, here is your chance. Require Neilsen to plant some as part of the required landscape. Just remember that they are a short-lived tree that dies from the inside out, making them very dangerous when they mature. The ones everyone is so teary-eyed about were dying when they were removed.

Lastly, I agree with you that the free market is the best way to set prices on gasoline or anything else. The question is, is that what is setting Twin Falls gas prices? Maybe the gas dealer who claims our high prices are a result of increased "shipping costs" as we are farther from the refinery can explain something to me. Last summer on vacation, I traveled from Twin Falls to Provo, Utah, back to Twin Falls, to Council, Idaho, and back to Twin Falls. Using his theory, I would expect prices to drop as I traveled from Twin toward Salt Lake. They did. But please explain to me why they also dropped as I traveled from Twin Falls to Council?

A. WAYNE FRANSDEN
Twin Falls

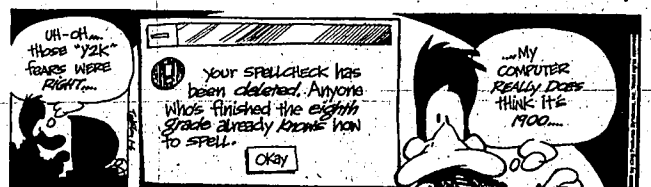
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By Garry Trudeau



Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

With Japan facing bleak reality, 'Asian Century' might not materialize

It was only a few years ago that the new century was being called the "Asian Century." Led by Japan, Asia would (we were told) dazzle with its own brand of efficient and humane capitalism. The new century could still belong to Asia — who can tell? — but the old is falling. The reasons for this transcend China's growing power and heavily impacting Japan's own resistance to change. Here lies a lesson for Americans and, indeed, everyone.



ROBERT J. SAMUELSON

the 1980s' "bubble economy." Chemical companies are cutting capacity as 15 plants, reports Goldman Sachs, the investment bank. Nippon Telegraph & Telephone recently froze hiring and aims to eliminate 21,000 jobs by 2003. Huge government budget deficits will probably ultimately require a

tax increase.

Given Japan's strengths — a strong work ethic, technological virtuosity — the economy could pleasantly surprise. What's harder to imagine is how the low birthrate might reverse. In Tokyo, it's explained this way: Japanese mothers are expected to commit themselves single-mindedly to children and husbands, fathers do little housework and spend much time socializing with co-workers; and younger women increasingly reject their allotted roles and, with more job opportunities, marry later or don't have chil-

dren. Says one longtime career woman: "Japanese women have been disillusioned by their mothers — they devoted themselves to their children and husbands, and what did they get for it?"

Compared with the United States, Japan hasn't reconciled work and family. In America, parents — and companies — constantly agonize over who's short-changed, children or jobs. But many messy and imperfect accommodations still encourage couples to have families. Here lies the larger lesson. Every society faces the need to

protect social stability and its values while also adjusting to change. The American and Japanese approaches differ dramatically. In the United States, the process is often informal. People and enterprises have to adapt. Facing competitive threats, U.S. companies meet the competition — or fail. In general, government doesn't protect them. Parents and bosses grapple with work and family issues. This system, reflecting America's individualistic heritage and suspicion of government, has drawbacks. It often inflicts hardships and inflames

social conflict. But in general, people gradually learn to cope. Japan's approach — emphasizing regulation and conformity to communal values — aims to manage change. This system can provide a strong sense of national direction, as Japan showed for decades. But a system that mistakes managing change with muffling it engages in illusion. The result is to allow irresistible pressures to build to disastrous proportions. This, for Japan, was the 1990s' reality check.

Robert J. Samuelson is a Newsweek columnist.

Visiting Japan (as I recently did), you do not sense a country in obvious crisis. Tokyo remains vibrant and congested. Its port-miles of cranes, docks, warehouses and ships — creates a captivating panorama. The outward prosperity, though, conceals two deep problems. The first (well known) is a feeble economic growth. The second (less well known) is a low birthrate.

Let's inspect some numbers. In the 1990s, Japan's economic growth averaged only 1.5 percent, half the United States' 3 percent. Meanwhile, Japanese women are now having an average of 1.5 children, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. The present population of 126 million is projected to drop to 101 million by 2020. About a third would be older than 65, up from 17 percent now.

Of course, most advanced countries face falling birthrates and aging societies. Germany's and Italy's birthrates are below Japan's, and the United States is at the replacement rate (two children per woman). Still, Japan exhibits a pervasive difficulty in adapting to change.

What has immobilized the economy is a collision between the country's social preferences and its economic needs. In the mid-1980s, the export-driven economy foundered on its own success. High trade surpluses caused the yen to appreciate and made exports less competitive. The obvious solution was to replace export demand with domestic demand.

The trouble was that Japan had protected countless domestic industries (farming, banking, small retailers) for social reasons. People valued tradition, job security. Government rules and policies discouraged disruptive competition. But non-competitive industries couldn't generate new products and low prices that would ignite domestic buying and job creation. Only grudgingly have restrictions been relaxed, as expedient economic policies (low interest rates, big budget deficits) proved ineffective.

Japan's economy is now a titanic struggle between old and new. There are signs of revival. Deregulation in some industries — cell phones, for instance — has succeeded brilliantly. Since 1994, cell-phone ownership has spurred a 2 percent of households. More venture-capital companies are nurturing start-ups, from Internet firms to temporary-work agencies. Foreign companies are making acquisitions that once seemed off limits and also finding it easier to hire bright Japanese managers.

Against this is the heavy drag of the past. Many industries have excess capacity and added payroll a legacy of over-optimism and the cheap credit of

LETTER

Objects get better justice

I just thought I would like to throw my two cents in, not that anyone really would care.

As shown by our court system already, but the thought of a man beating a child to death and basically getting off with a pat on the back and a "Oh, poor you" is appalling to anyone with a conscience. If there are no morals left in this town at all? We all already know there is no justice.

Yes, let's bring up an old letter. Please, for God's sake, don't hit a child or any other intimate object, please, for heaven's sake, take out your frustrations and the fact that you are tired and over-worked on a human being and an infant, for that matter. That way, you ensure yourself of not going to jail, or being held accountable in any fashion. Oh yes, and it helps to become an officer in this area because then no matter

what you do, it is OK. Of course, you must spend your time throwing other people in jail for the same crimes that you commit. But that must be a plus.

OK, what lesson have we learned from this, Magic Valley? There are two — beat people not objects and become an officer of the law so that anything you do right or wrong, you can be glorified for it.

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WORLD

Frustrated rescuers watch victims suffer

RENA, Norway (AP) - It was a rescue worker's nightmare. Intense heat from the burning trains. Freezing cold of a Norwegian winter. Trapped, tortured victims almost within arm's reach yet impossible to save.

"The worst thing to experience is to stand there and watch people burn," said Ola Sunderaal, one of the first rescuers on the scene.

The head-on collision between two passenger trains on Tuesday was one of the worst in Norwegian

history, with 20 believed dead. The exact number remained unclear a day after the crash because of uncertainty about precisely how many people - about 100 - were on board.

The high-speed crash was so savage that several rail cars were compressed into a pile of metal the length of a single car. A 100-ton locomotive lay on its side, which rescuers hope to move today.

Fires blazed for about six hours, hampering initial rescue efforts.

Five bodies were pulled from the wreckage before darkness fell Wednesday. Twelve in all have been recovered with at least four more bodies are on the train.

Police late Wednesday adjusted the number of missing and presumed dead to 4, from about 20 earlier in the day. Of the 30 passengers and crew who were injured, 12 remained in the hospital, some with broken bones. The accident happened at Rena, Norway, about 110 miles north of the capital Oslo.

"It (the rescue) is very hard work because (the bodies) are so stuck in the wreckage," said Trond Simarud, a rescue specialist. "We have to work millimeter by millimeter (inch by inch) to get in there."

An express train was headed south for the city of Trondheim. A local train was headed north. The cause of the crash has not been determined. The trains raced at each other at about 55 mph around a corner. The engineers had no chance to stop, officials said.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Cops ask for help with homicide probe

BURLEY - The mystery of who killed Nancy Kay Ray has not been solved, but law enforcement officials have received information from the public that have helped with the investigation, said Cassia County Sheriff Billy Crystal.

The body of the 30-year-old Rupert Memorial Elementary School first-grade teacher was discovered Saturday by a farmer about 13 miles southeast of Burley. The victim had suffered multiple stab wounds and police are investigating the death as a homicide.

Ray had been missing since the evening of Dec. 26, but her disappearance was not reported until Dec. 29. Search Friday of Ray's neighborhood came up empty.

An autopsy is scheduled for today, said Cassia County Coroner Paul Young.

The investigation is ongoing and Crystal said he can't reveal any details about what the sheriff's office knows about Ray's death. He said police have no suspects, Crystal said.

Crystal is asking anyone with information to call Cassia County investigators at 878-1106, Cassia Crime Stoppers at 878-2900 or Idaho State Police investigations at 736-3055.

"You never know what the key will be to solving this," Crystal said.

Jerome School Board appoints new member

JEROME - An attorney is the newest member of the Jerome School Board.

Board members on Wednesday appointed John Horgan, former Jerome County prosecutor, said Mike Gibson, district business manager.

Horgan replaces board member Alice Thibault, who resigned in December.

"In a position I think is going to be very interesting and very challenging," said Horgan.

He was involved with high school and middle school soccer programs in the fall. His appointment to the board gives him the option of running for election in May if he wants to serve the remainder of Thibault's term. Horgan said he hasn't yet decided if he will run in the election.

Kimberly School Board works on school design

KIMBERLY - The School Board will hold a special meeting today to discuss designs for new school construction.

Kimberly voters in May approved a \$4.86 million bond issue to build a new high school and gymnasium.

Issues to be discussed today include building height, Superintendent John Garner said.

The School Board plans to hold two public hearings in February so residents can review a complete design proposal before plans are finalized, he said.

Today's dinner meeting will be held at 5 p.m. at Idaho Jobs, 598 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls. Call 423-4179 for more information.

Additional dates set for census job testing

JEROME - Basic skills testing for census jobs in the spring of 2000 will be available at several Jerome locations this month.

Workshops will offer competitive wages to work a minimum of 20 hours per week, usually on evening and weekends.

Interested applicants must be 18 years and older and have a security card. Those interested in a job as a census worker may stop by one of the following locations:

- Ambulance Community Room (E. Main Street); Jan. 3, 10, 17 and 20 a.m. and 1 p.m.; Jan. 4, 11, 18 and 25 a.m.
- Jerome Methodist Church (211 S. Buchanan); Jan. 24, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.
- Trinity Lutheran Church (Three miles south of Eden); Jan. 24, 10 a.m.
- Church of Christ (513 S. Buchanan); Jan. 5, 12, 19 and 26, 10 a.m.
- Jerome County Courthouse; Jan. 17, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- Church of God; Jan. 13, 7 p.m.
- St. Jerome Catholic Church (Spanish testing, 216 2nd Avenue E.); Jan. 6, 13, 20 and 27, 11 a.m.



Roger Wyatt, director of the Valley Housing Coalition, stacks donated canned food at the homeless shelter in Twin Falls.

Hope for plenty after the big non-event

Area food banks look to get Y2K stockpile surplus

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Winter has come to local homeless shelters and food banks, and they're hoping for more donations - possibly including some Y2K leftovers.

"It's heavier during the winter time," said Paul Gibson, social services director at the Twin Falls Salvation Army. "On an average winter day, between 30 and 60 people come to the Salvation Army for food and shelter, Gibson said.

There is always a need for more food - donations - here, although a good amount of food came in during December.

"We will accept all donations people want to make," Gibson

At a glance

Here are some places to donate food for the hungry:

- Valley Housing Coalition, 507 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls (734-7738)
- The Salvation Army, 348 Fourth Ave. N., Twin Falls (733-8720)
- Helping Hands Mission, 1250 Miller Ave., Burley (978-9340)
- Jerome Methodist Association Food Bank, 232 E. Park, A (324-2972)

Or call the South Central Community Action Network: Twin Falls - 724-2307; Jerome - 324-8857.

"All non-perishable and perishable foods," said Roger Wyatt, Valley Housing Coalition director in Twin Falls, agreed.

The coalition provides hot meals and overnight shelter to the homeless at Valley House. Donations flow briskly during the holiday season, but then things get tight, Wyatt said.

Now that the Y2K threat has receded, Wyatt said he hopes people will again feel generous.

"I know a few people who stocked up for Y2K," Wyatt said. Some organizations, including America's Second Harvest and the Idaho Foodbank, are encouraging people to donate Y2K surplus items. Second Harvest, along with Kellogg's Co., announced on Dec. 29 the launch of "Y Go 2 Waste," a national food drive from Jan. 15 through Feb. 15.

The goal is to get people to donate surplus canned goods left over from Y2K stockpiling.

Wyatt and Gibson said they haven't yet received any Y2K surplus goods, though the donations could start coming in soon.

"We get lots of donations, and our pantry is pretty full right now," Wyatt said. "But the more food, the better, he added.

On Wednesday, 34 people were staying at Valley House. The daily average is 24 people.

There are enough beds for 36

people, with six more beds to be delivered soon, Wyatt said.

Terri Pendleton, South Central Community Action Network director, said her organization has also been preparing for the winter.

"We did some planning around Y2K, received a little more local food donations and funding to get pop-top foods like Spam and baked beans, water and candles," she said. "We gear up every winter. We have a population always in need of items like that. We would be very happy to be recipients of canned food and food items."

Pendleton said she was not aware of the national Y2K food drive, nor has South Central Community Action received any surplus Y2K goods.

But local residents have been good about donating food, she said, Wyatt agreed.

"This is a nice town," he said.

Times-News staff writer Ruth Streeter contributed to this report.

Jerome council orders chief to get certified

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - After waiting almost a year and a half for his police chief to obtain professional certification, Jerome city leaders are losing patience.

The council this week reappointed Chief Bill Reid to his \$37,000-a-year job, on the condition that he obtain certification from Idaho's Police Officer Standards and Training Academy.

The council agreed to review the matter in three months. Councilman Charles Correll, the city's police commissioner, initially proposed giving Reid a three-month deadline for certification. But Reid said he couldn't resolve the issue that soon.

"The problem with POST has been going on now for seven years, it's not going to be solved in 90 days," he said. "I have retained legal

counsel to deal with the problem."

Reid was hired in September 1998 on the condition that he complete the POST certification requirements in one year.

Tuesday night, Councilman Joe Skaug questioned whether the city might bear legal liability with a non-certified police chief.

"There are certain rules we all have to follow whether we like them or not," Skaug said. Councilwoman Marjorie Schmidt said it is not in the

city's best interest to reappoint Reid unless the certification question is resolved.

In an interview Wednesday, Reid expressed frustration about his dealings with the POST Academy.

"I am qualified and trained; I just don't have the piece of paper," Reid said.

"I have never known to anyone and they consider me to be a lone cannon," he said, but would not specify whom he meant.

Reid, 58, said he was certified

as a police chief in 1970.

"In 1993 I applied for reinstatement of the certification and ever since that application the requirements keep changing," he said. "I have done everything POST has required me to do. . . . They say take this class, I take this class. They say take that class; I take that class. . . . I thought I had fulfilled all the requirements but apparently not so."

Also at Tuesday's council meeting, Councilman Charles Correll was elected as council president.

The council reappointed Robert E. Williams III as city attorney, Kathy Miller as city clerk, Jim Audaire as fire chief, Robert Culver as superintendent of public works, and Susan Jacobsen as librarian, all for two-year terms.

Jon Cecil was reappointed as city administrator for a one-year term to expire December 1, 2000.

Cost of salmon recovery still remains veiled

By N.S. Nokkventved
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Federal officials haven't talked much about what recovering endangered Snake River salmon is going to cost southern Idaho in terms of irrigation water and lost agricultural production, says a supporter of removing four dams on the lower Snake River.

Salmon recovery is required by law, but all the options are going to be tough and costly, Idaho Rivers United board member

Tom Stuart told the Twin Falls Rotary Club Wednesday.

Recovery efforts in one area may reduce the need for efforts in other areas, but some things will make more of a difference than others. Though the recovery of salmon will take a comprehensive effort, nothing would do the fish more good than breaching four federal dams in the Snake River in southeastern Washington, he said.

All the easy stuff's been tried, but it didn't work," Stuart said.

Federal officials recently released a study of options that outlined four basic approaches to salmon recovery.

- First was to maintain the status quo.
- Second was to increase efforts to improve habitat, reduce fishing, reduce reliance on hatcheries and increase reliance on stored irrigation water - everything short of breaching the dams.
- Third was to remove the earthen portion of the four dams.

approved water rights in a dairy he is building south of Filer. He moved the dairy - about two-thirds complete - about one-quarter mile to the north. To comply with the law, he asked the Department of Water Resources to approve the move of the "point-of-use" of the water from two permitted wells.

The wells would not be moved - only the place of use has moved.

Max Hatfield of Texas, however, protested the change in an attempt to block the dairy. He has been a long-time critic of Hatfield's existing Bull operation, which is near Hatfield's parents' home. Hatfield's protest contended the transfer would not be in the public interest, would injure other water rights, would enlarge the use of the original water right and would not conserve water.

After a two-day hearing, hearing officer Steven J. Schuster recommended that Water Resources approve the transfer

Time for break up?

Simpson says anti-trust laws might help out ag

By Michael Journee
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Congressman Mike Simpson said they can dominate the production and price of crops. He used Cargill Inc., a leading international food-processing and marketing company, as an example.

"Can Cargill come in and set the price of grain?" Simpson asked. "I think it's a legitimate thing for government to look at."

Simpson spoke to the Times-News Editorial Board Wednesday. He is near the end of a four-day stay in the Magic Valley, talking with constituents before Congress reconvenes in Washington, D.C., later this month.

Though he expressed concern about food conglomerates, Simpson acknowledged that market forces are partly responsible for the current slump in the ag industry.

"Consumers really don't care whether the wheat, in their bread came from a small family farm or a huge company," as long as it's cheap, Simpson said.

In addition to satisfy bread buyers and profit-conscious bread makers, Simpson said small farmers contribute to their own plight by agreeing to sign advanced pricing contracts - a form of losing their portion of business to neighbors or company farmers. These contracts lock prices a year or two in advance no matter what market prices are at the time of harvest.

Some Magic Valley farmers have said the contracts create no incentive for companies to pay more for crops.

"Don't say 'after them because they're big companies, but look into it because there's no competition," Simpson said.

The government has allowed mergers and sales among the food processors to increase competition out of the market, Simpson said. The government should investigate whether food producers are intentionally forcing prices lower without passing

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Dairy might get water right transfer

By N.S. Nokkventved
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A state official has recommended the approval of two contested water rights for a Twin Falls County dairy.

Bull dairyman Hank Haflinger had applied to transfer two approved water rights in a dairy he is building south of Filer. He moved the dairy - about two-thirds complete - about one-quarter mile to the north. To comply with the law, he asked the Department of Water Resources to approve the move of the "point-of-use" of the water from two permitted wells.

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Lawmaker avoids jail time in DUI case

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — A northern Idaho legislator will not spend jail time and could have a clean record after pleading guilty to drunken driving.

Republican Rep. Jim Clark of Hayden on Tuesday told

Magistrate Barry Watson he had been drinking the night of Nov. 13, but did not feel he was drunk when he got behind the wheel.

Defense attorney Glen Walker said Clark, 55, had four glasses of wine in celebrating a high school

football game. Clark is a volunteer assistant coach for Lake City High School.

"He wasn't drunk, but he was affected," Walker said. "Mr. Clark is pleading guilty because he believes he is."

Police said they stopped the car when they observed the driver drifting into oncoming traffic.

After failing field sobriety tests, Clark was brought to the Kootenai County jail where he refused a blood-alcohol test.

Moderate representative wants to legalize industrial hemp

MOSCOW (AP) — A moderate representative wants state lawmakers to legalize growing industrial hemp so farmers can cultivate an alternative crop.

chance to get a crack at another alternative crop and it is environmentally-friendly," Moscow Republican Tom Traill said.

America was a major exporter of industrial hemp during World War II, Traill said.

half billion dollars worth of industrial hemp each year, Traill said.

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JEROME

Berthella L. Hughes

Berthella Leihnan Hughes, 76, of Jerome, passed away January 4, 2000.
Berthella was born in Carey, Idaho, to Fred and Zell Dietzler. She married Juel Hughes in Elko, Nevada, on January 12, 1942, and moved to Twin Falls, Idaho.
Berthella is survived by her husband, Juel, and three children, all of Jerome, Tom J. (Shirley) Hughes, LaNita (Tom) Adkins, Earl (Roberta) Hughes, 11 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.
She was preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Zell Dietzler, and one brother, Arel Dietzler.
A viewing will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 7, 2000, at Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, January 8, 2000, at the funeral chapel, with burial to follow at the Jerome Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

ANTIOCH, CALIF.

Neal E. Bowers

Neal Elias Bowers, former Burley resident, died Dec. 21, 1999, at home in San Diego.
Neal was born April 8, 1919, in Burley, the son of Elias D. and Hannah Anderson Bowers. He attended schools in Burley, graduating from Burley High School in 1937. After graduation, he moved to San Diego, where he met and married Joyce Brannon on Feb. 11, 1943. He served in Europe during World War II. After discharge from the Army in 1946, he and his wife and daughter moved to Burley, where he worked and later managed the Co-op Supply Co. In 1953, the family moved back to San Diego, where he worked in the aircraft industry. He retired in 1982, but was working for the city of San Diego for 20 years. During retirement, he and wife Joyce traveled to Idaho, Utah, Arizona and Iowa, to visit friends and family.
He is survived by wife Joyce; a son, Russell Bowers, and daughters, Carolyn Flower and Janeal Romz, all of San Diego; sisters, and brothers-in-law, Alice and Max Peterson of Paul, and Doris and Larry Edwards of Almo; brother and sister-in-law Clyde and "Maizie" Bowers of Burley; one grandchild, and six great-grandchildren.
He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Rex.
Funeral services and interment were held at El Camino Mortuary on Dec. 29, 1999, in San Diego, Calif.
He was a lifetime member of the United Church, serving as a high priest at the time of his death. Neal was a kind and gentle man, who will be missed by all who knew him.

TWIN FALLS

Joan A. Bond

Joan Bond, 77, of Twin Falls, Idaho, went to be with the Lord early Monday morning January 3, 2000, at SunBridge Care and Rehabilitation Center in Twin Falls. She was born December 31, 1922, in Antioch, Calif. Her husband, R. Bond, Mottler, and Grandmother is survived by two children: Sue (David) Brose of Hansen, and Robert R. Bond of Liver, Pennsylvania; three grandchildren, Tim Brose of Twin Falls, Chris (Kari) Brose of Kimberly, who are expecting their first child, and Mrs. James (Dave) Bell of Pullman, WA; and one great-grandson, Braden Bell of Pullman, WA.
Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, January 6, 2000, at Twin Falls Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Reynolds' Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

TWIN FALLS

Lucille Stephens McComb

Surrounded by family, Lucille Stephens McComb, 87, passed away at her daughter's home in Antioch, Calif., on December 31, 1999, following a brief illness. She lived a full and wonderful life.
Lucille Elaine was born September 1, 1912, in Morrislow, Missouri, to Harry Clyde and Cytha Barr Stephens. The family moved to Kansas, then to Hansen, Idaho, eventually settling in Filio, Idaho. Lucille graduated from Filio High School in 1931. Lucille married Paul Urban McComb in Boise, Idaho, on March 25, 1936. They lived in Twin Falls, Idaho, and moved to Boise when Paul returned from serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II. In Boise, Lucille was a member of the Alpha Chapter Sorority, Gamma Mu Chapter, and a parishioner of St. John's Cathedral Parish. She was active in sorority and various church organizations. She worked several years for the Idaho State Department of Motor Vehicles, and worked for the State of Idaho in Boise. In 1955, Paul accepted a transfer with Continental Oil Company to Ponca City, Oklahoma. The couple lived in Ponca City until Paul's retirement in 1971, when they moved to San Antonio, Texas, to be near their daughter, Paula, and her family. In San Antonio, Lucille was a parishioner at Prince of Peace Catholic Church, and a member of the Golden Friendship Club. After 57 years of marriage, Paul died on January 7, 1998. Lucille moved to Antioch, California, in September 1999, to be closer to her daughter. She enjoyed spending time with family and friends, traveling, playing cards and bingo, and watching her great-grandchildren grow.
Lucille is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Paula and William Bailey of Antioch, California; grandchildren: Nicolette Simpson, Stephen and great-grandchild Jeremy, Natalie Weinhardt and husband Mark; great-grandchildren: Paul Herrera, Rachel Stephens and great-grandchild San Antonio, Texas; grandchild, Christopher Bailey of Moore, Oklahoma, and Allen Bailey and wife Joanne of Tulsa, Oklahoma; brother, Bill Stephens of Boise, Idaho; sister, In-law, Betty Stephens of Idaho; and many special nieces, nephews, and friends.
She is preceded in death by her loving husband, Paul; her parents; two brothers; and one sister.
Visitation will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. with a vigil service scheduled for 7 p.m. Sunday at Sunset

TWIN FALLS

Josephine Mary Katherine Malberg

The angels of the Lord called Josephine Mary Katherine Malberg, 88, of Twin Falls, to Heaven on January 4, 2000. She passed away peacefully at home, with her daughters at her side.
Josephine Clasen Malberg was born June 24, 1911, in Union City, Oklahoma, the daughter of N.J. and Mary Sandebach Clasen. The family later moved to Twin Falls, Idaho, where Josephine attended St. Edward's School and Twin Falls High School.
On May 29, 1933, she married Leo A. Malberg at St. Edward's Catholic Church in Twin Falls. Together they raised six children—three sons and three daughters. Josephine enjoyed her home, puzzle books, crocheting, bowdwork, and her favorite people, "cats." She especially loved her cat "Flip Flop." She was a member of St. Edward's Catholic Church in Twin Falls. For many years, Josephine worked designing and making custom handwork for Peterson's Western Wear. She was very creative, and arranged many of her own custom designs of flowers and Indian symbols on leather coats. Her family is blessed with many of her crocheting works as memories. Josephine also enjoyed her family, especially taking photos of her many grandchildren. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.
Surviving are her son, Leo

URBANA, OHIO

Michael Alan Gallagher

Michael Alan Gallagher, 47, of Urbana, Ohio, formerly of Wendell, died Sunday, December 19, 1999, at his home.
Gallagher was born December 6, 1952, in Columbus, Ohio, the son of John and Lorraine Garvin Gallagher. He moved to Allatlas, Iowa, at age one. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church in Allatlas, and graduated from West Liberty High School. He served four years in the U.S. Navy. He moved to Wendell, Idaho, where he owned Gallagher's Dairy. In 1996, he moved to Urbana, Ohio, to make his home.
Survivors include his fiancée, Shirley Porter, of Urbana, Ohio; his mother, Lorraine Winnmill of Wendell, Idaho; and his father, John Gallagher, of Springfield, Ohio; two

TWIN FALLS

Bernice Wickham Thompson

Bernice Wickham Thompson, 82, of Twin Falls, passed away on Thursday, January 3, 2000, of a short illness at her home in Twin Falls.
She was born on November 29, 1917, in Dayton, Idaho, to Ernest Jack Wickham and Ivy Jensen Wickham. Bernice was raised in Hazelton, Idaho, and she graduated from Hazelton High School in 1935. She married Clifford Thompson on October 25, 1935. The couple moved to Twin Falls in 1944.
Surviving are her husband, Clifford Thompson; two daughters, Janet (Perrle) Freestone, and Terri Thompson, all of Twin Falls; two brothers, Hyrum Keith Wickham of Twin Falls, and Keith Wickham of Sunnyside, Washington; four grandchildren, Diana Stephenson of Gooding, Michelle Myers of Pocatello, Julie Goodchee of Twin Falls, and Jennifer Freestone of Boise; nine great-grandchildren, and seven great-great-grandchildren.
She was preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Gertrude Randolph; and great-great-grandson, Peyton Orchard.
Bernice was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and the American Contract Bridge League.
Funeral services will be held Friday, January 7, 2000, at 2:30 p.m. at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, January 6, 2000, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho.
If you request in lieu of flowers, memorials be made in Bernice's name to Hospice Visions, 1300 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301

TWIN FALLS

Rita Reece

JEROME — Rita Reece, 59, of Jerome, died Tuesday Jan. 4, 2000, at her home. Services are pending under the direction of the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

TWIN FALLS

Elinore Estelle Murphy

TWIN FALLS — Elinore Estelle Murphy, 78, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2000, at her home. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary of Twin Falls.

TWIN FALLS

Kath R. Carlson

WENDELL — Kath R. Carlson, 76, of Wendell, died Wednesday, January 5, 2000, in Jerome. Funeral services are pending.

TWIN FALLS

Burnas L. Collins

JEROME — Burnas L. Collins, 84, of Jerome, died Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2000, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary of Twin Falls.

TWIN FALLS

John R. Burkhart

TWIN FALLS — John R. Burkhart, 79, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2000, at his home in Twin Falls. Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, 2000, at the First United Methodist Church in Twin Falls. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. A full obituary will appear in Friday's edition of The Times-News. Arrangements are under the direction of Reynolds' Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

SERVICES

Alma Egbert, of Sacramento, Calif., formerly of Twin Falls, cryptside services at 2:30 p.m. today, at Sunset Memorial Park Mausoleum in Twin Falls (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Douglas E. Nelson, of Rupert, Idaho, services at 7 p.m. today at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Rupert. Mass of Christian burial at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Nicholas Catholic Church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Clotel Bingham Gierisch, of Burley, services at noon today at the Fella LDS Ward Chapel, 150 W. 400 S., in Burley. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. today prior to services at the church (Payne Mortuary in Burley).

Vera Shinsfelt, of Caldwell, formerly of Jerome, and Santa Ana, Calif., graveside services at 2 p.m. today at the Jerome Cemetery (Alsp Funeral Chapel in Nampa).

Olive M. Blaylock Hitchcock, of Chubbuck, funeral services, 11 a.m. Friday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Buhl Second Ward chapel, on Fair St. in Buhl. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Friday at the church in Buhl.

Martha Waters, of Twin Falls, services at 1 p.m. Friday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.
Agnes Regina Wiedenman, of Hermiston, Ore., formerly of Twin Falls, recitation of the rosary at 8 p.m. Friday at Burns Mortuary Chapel in Hermiston. Or. Mass of Christian burial at 10 a.m. Saturday, at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church in Hermiston. Burial will be at 11 a.m. Jan. 11, at the Twin Falls Cemetery.

Manuela Horton, of Twin Falls, services at 11 a.m. Friday at White Mortuary Chapel in Twin Falls.

Austin C. Wildé, of Twin Falls, services at 2 p.m. today at the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Amelia "Millie" Susanna Meyer of Burley, services at 11 a.m. Friday at the First Presbyterian Church, 2100 Burton Ave.; friends may call from 10:15 to 10:45 a.m. Friday at the church (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

Charles D. Wood of Burley, memorial services at 1 p.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel, 321 E. Main.

DEATH NOTICES

Kenneth Arnold 'Kenne' Hudson and will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome.

Kenneth Arnold 'Kenne' Hudson

KIMBERLY — Kenneth Arnold "Kenne" Hudson, of Kimberly, died Saturday, Jan. 1, 2000, at her home. Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 6, 2000, at the Castleford United Methodist Church, with burial at West End Cemetery, San Antonio, Texas 78239; (210) 521-2111.

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Rita Reece

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Leland Buchanan

LOGAN, Utah — Leland Buchanan, 87, of Logan, Utah, formerly of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2000, at Sunshine Terrace in Logan, Utah. Services are pending and will be announced by Allen-Hall Mortuary of Logan, Utah. A full obituary will run at a later date.

Elinore Estelle Murphy

TWIN FALLS — Elinore Estelle Murphy, 78, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2000, at her home. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary of Twin Falls.

Elaine M. Micholson

RUPERT — Elaine M. Micholson, 85, of Rupert, died Monday, Jan. 3, 2000, at her daughter's home in Ogden, Utah. Services are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary of Ogden, Utah. A full obituary will run at a later date.

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NOTICE OF REGULAR ANNUAL STOCKHOLDER'S MEETING
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Twin Falls Canal Company will be held on Tuesday, the 11th day of January, 2000. The meeting will be called to order by the Directors at 9:00 a.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. A Director from District 1 (Mortuaries/Hansen/Kimberly) will be elected for a three-year term and a Director from District 5 (Castleford) will be elected for a three-year term.

Petitions of Candidacy for Director must be filed by December 1, 1999. Notice is given that a stock vote will be taken on a By-Law amendment that permits the Company to take the necessary action to insure that stockholder's discharges are in compliance with applicable water quality standards. An affirmative vote of 7/3 of the stock and proxies voted is required for passage. Copies of the full text of the proposed amendments are available for stockholders to review during regular business hours at the Company Office, 657 Sixth Avenue, West, Twin Falls.

Other business will also be transacted. There will be reports from the Company's General Manager, auditors and lawyers. There will also be reports concerning operation and maintenance efforts, 2000 water supplies, water quality issues, Snake River Aquifer studies, the Endangered Species Act, the SRBA, and other matters of interest.

The corporate books will close for the transfer of stock on December 31, 1999. The polls shall be open at the offices of the Company at 357 Sixth Avenue West, Twin Falls, Idaho between the hours of 12:00 noon and 6:00 pm on Thursday, January 11, 2000.

Proxies shall be filed with the Company's Assistant Secretary at the Company office on or before January 7, 2000. DATED this 18th day of November, 1999. TWIN FALLS CANAL COMPANY
Doris Y. Finney, Assistant Secretary.

Well driller uses diving rods

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News writer

RUPERT — When it comes to conventional wisdom, sometimes what works is something that cannot be explained.

At least that seems to be the case with the method one well driller has used to discover water for the city of Rupert's new well. Rex Frandsen of High Plains Drilling of Rexburg came to help the city of Rupert with its well drilling project last June. Using old-fashioned diving rods, Frandsen helped drillers discover a 12-foot-wide underground stream.

On Tuesday the well drilling company began pumping water from a test well. Although more work needs to be done to ensure there will be enough water, city officials said they're optimistic.

"I think this is going to prove out pretty good here," said Marcus Frandsen, Rex Frandsen's son, who is in the well with the city because rock and sand poured into the well during drilling.

But workers from High Plains continued to work on the well and on Tuesday discovered what they believe to be a sufficient water source. The drillers were pumping 80 gallons per minute with only a four- to five-foot draw down. According to calculations, a 100-foot draw down would yield the necessary 1,000 gallons per minute.

Andrew said the city is in the process of trying to determine if the test well has enough water. If that is the case, the drillers will move over a little further and drill a new production well.

Marcus Frandsen is optimistic that the test well will indicate the city should go ahead and drill the production well. He said he has confidence in his father's methods.

"In the last 15 years there was only one place he witched that didn't have water," he said. "He has witched at least 100 wells in those 15 years."

The diving rods Rex Frandsen uses are made of a special metal alloy material. As he walks across the area where an underground stream is believed to be, the rods pull and point toward the ground. Those who do not believe Frandsen's method have tried it for themselves, Rex Frandsen said.

Andrew does not discount Frandsen's method. Andrew has held the rods in his hands and has seen the rods turn down when he walked over the underground stream as Frandsen looked on. Andrew said he has learned a lot from Frandsen about well drilling.

"Well drilling often can be a balance between science and things you can't explain," Andrew said. "We want to turn over every rock."

While drilling the Rupert well, the Frandsens discovered what they believe to be a sufficient water source. They brought up wood from 515 feet in the ground.

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from one tank to battle a blaze, customers would lose water pressure. Homes in some areas might have less available water.

The city had to abandon the first production well, which was drilled by High Plains. In June the well was dry. A second well was drilled but it failed to yield the 1,000 gallons of water per minute needed by the city because rock and sand poured into the well during drilling.

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Group labors away at armory renovation

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News writer

RUPERT — It was nearly a year ago when Minidoka County residents applied for a grant to turn the McGregor Armory building into McGregor Community Center. Although the grant was turned down, those who are interested in forming the community center have not given up.

A group is being reorganized to continue working on the building.

At a public hearing a year ago, Minidoka County commissioners agreed with a small group of county residents that renovations should begin and the residents decided to apply for a grant. To increase chances of getting the Idaho Community Development Block Grant,

Minidoka County commissioners adopted resolutions to make the county fairgrounds building more accessible to disabled users and to prohibit discrimination, allowing anyone to use the center regardless of background or nationality.

Originally it was thought it would cost about \$220,000 to convert the armory into a community center and the grant would get the project started.

The group was turned down for the \$100,000 grant because there were too many grant applications, but organizers said they would continue to work to create the McGregor Community Center, even if it takes several years and has to be done piecemeal, commissioners said.

The group of residents has raised \$27,000 through fundraisers and has scaled down ren-

ovation plans. Many community members have offered to donate work on the center.

"I recommend you do it in small increments," County Commissioner John Rensberger said at a meeting Wednesday to discuss plans for the center.

A number of groups used the center last year for meetings and training sessions. The center was also the site of a New Year's Day community auction.

One of the problems with the center is that it doesn't meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The group is working at making the facility ADA compliant, but the work must wait until basic maintenance is completed on the building, said Commissioner Larry Harper.

Officials get a lesson in CAFO economics

By Ruth Streeter
Times-News writer

ALBION — Legislators preparing to tackle regulations of swine and poultry operations were given some homework this week — reading material on the economic implications of large-scale feeding operations burdened with the costs of proper waste

"I'm not here to tell you what to do. I'm here to explain to you why the economists look at this problem," Bill Weida, professor of economics at the Colorado College in Colorado Springs, told a roomful of legislators, city and county officials and community members Tuesday at a luncheon sponsored by the Cassia County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Weida didn't condemn confined animal feeding operations, but he did push "air-tight regulations" and bonding requirements and having officials consider the impacts of an operation in relation to its proposed location. He also said state loans should "be directed toward conventional farms."

Weida said environmental standards large feeding operations must meet provide "diminishing returns." Preventing

lagoon leakage and ensuring proper waste disposal add enormous costs to an operation, he said, and exceed the economic benefit.

But the venture is nonetheless profitable for the developer because financing is available through subsidies and costs are shifted to surrounding residents, Weida said.

Ron Achs, head of Big Sky Farms, was not in attendance at Tuesday's meeting, but has said in the past that the "horizontal structure" of his 50,000-sow farm operation will unite the various levels of production, processing, distributing and retailing into a profitable partnership for all.

"Mr. Weida does not understand horizontal structure," Achs said in an interview Tuesday afternoon.

Achs has also emphasized his commitment to posting a bond to ensure the financial backing for a closure plans for his proposed facility is available. County officials are concerned the country may be struck with a cleanup bill in the event of a closure, and draft legislation has put forth provisions for a closure plan.

Some argue the changing face of the dollar complicates the issue of bonding, when environmental problems come up years

after an operation has shut down.

"You not only have the problem of trying to bond this stuff, you have the problem with bonding things in the future. What's the dollar worth now? What's the dollar worth then?" said House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, at Tuesday's meeting.

Big Sky qualifies for the \$65 million Industrial Revenue Bond it will apply for upon approval of a conditional-use permit, it would reflect the integrity of the proposed operation, Achs said.

"We earned the right to apply for bonds because of the quality and integrity of our waste handling facilities," Achs said.

Weida's research is funded by Colorado College and the Global Resource Action Center for the Environment, Factory Farm Project, which looks at national health issues concerning CAFOs.

The Soil Conservation Districts (East and West Cassia) have taken a stance on the hog farm issue, said Wesley Parr, chair for the East Cassia district. Weida's presentation was informational, to give legislators food for thought as they enter the upcoming legislative session.

"I really can't see our body taking a stand on it," Parr said.

Gooding council passes animal ordinance

The Times-News

GOODING — The City Council on Monday passed Ordinance 612 which prevents the slaughter of animals within city limits.

Also Monday, Police Chief Paul Brown told the council that all was quiet on New Year's Eve. Brown said one of the first calls

of the new year was from a man confessing to a burglary in the area.

Other City Council business:

• The council welcomed back council member Robert Reed, who was re-elected to another term, and swore in new council member Tom Leibel. Leibel, who served on the council several years ago.

• The council approved City Superintendent Todd Bunn's request to spend \$995 on a 60-pound breaker.

at \$895. Parts are no longer in existence for the breaker which

The next City Council meeting has been rescheduled. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Jan. 18 at the city offices.

records, Hafiger operated the Buhl dairy for several years before his water right was properly authorized by the department. And he was cited by the federal Environmental Protection Agency for six discharge violations at that dairy.

Hafiger noted that three of those discharges he reported himself. And he worked with county and state environmental officials to fix the problems and to prevent future problems, he said.

He has now sold the existing Buhl dairy, but he is renting and

still operating the 2,100-cow facility. It has had no discharge violations since 1991 or 1992, he said.

The new dairy, south of Filer, has the advantage of new technology not available in 1988 when the older dairy was built, and the new facility is governed by new state and local requirements, Hafiger said.

Either Hafiger or Hatfield still can petition for reconsideration. The recommendation will not become final until the director of Water Resources issues a final order.

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Hafiger wanted to move the dairy about one-quarter mile to the north to take better advantage of the natural drainage and to be closer to a better road, he said during the hearing.

Hatfield, however, argued that Water Resources should consider the operator's history when considering a new, nearly 9,000-cow dairy that would produce as much manure as a city of 180,000 people.

According to Water Resources

increasing the flow through the four reservoirs — a process known as flow augmentation.

But taking that much water in a dry year could take as much as 600,000 acres out of production, and it could cost \$430 million annually in lost agricultural production, Stuart said.

Taking the dams out would reduce the threat to Idaho's irrigation water, Stuart said. Most fisheries scientists in the Northwest agree that the dams have to go to save the salmon — in addition to other improvements. It also may be the less costly alternative.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has estimated the annual costs of breaching the dams would be about \$250 million. Stuart estimated the cost of leaving them in would be nearly \$600 million annually.

But some argue that flow augmentation is ineffective. And some scenarios being discussed by the Northwest Power Planning Council would increase

flow augmentation even if the dams were breached.

U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo has questioned tougher land use restrictions and he opposes dam removal and increased flow augmentation. Sen. Larry Craig has vowed that the dams would not come down "on my watch."

Nevertheless, "substantial change is inevitable," Stuart said. "They're going to do something."

It is a politically charged issue. Those who oppose breaching the dams — dam huggers, Stuart called them — are making themselves heard, he said. If they succeed, the burden would shift to Idaho agriculture and commerce.

He encouraged people to speak out on the issue of dam removal. "Silence is deadly," he said. He encouraged people to insist on a full accounting of the cost to Idaho of leaving the dams in place. And he encouraged people to tell Idaho politicians to support the least cost option and the best choice for salmon.

Murtaugh council considers zoning issues

The Times-News

MURTAUGH — The City Council on Tuesday discussed appointments to the city's planning and zoning committee.

Louise Ward, an impact area resident, would like the council to appoint three representatives from the city and three represen-

tatives from the impact area to the committee. The county ordinance states there should be four representatives from the city.

City Attorney Bill Hollifield said those who would like to change the ordinance must take their request to Twin Falls County commissioners.

New Mayor Stacey Reyes questioned the fairness of giving equal representation to a group with a smaller population than inside the city limits.

The discussion was tabled until the March meeting — after a planning and zoning committee hearing in February.

Simpson

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savings on to consumers, he said. Consumers should get the benefit of lower commodity prices, but they're not, Simpson said.

Simpson said expanding overseas markets through fair trade agreements could be the long-term solution of small farms, but more federal help will be needed in the meantime.

"In the long run we are better off creating level trade fields and lower tariff walls and concentrating on expanding markets and creating better products," Simpson said. But first, U.S. trade negotiators have to convince other countries to lower their protective tariffs.

"If you lower tariffs without others lowering them, you say, 'Bring all your goods here and we don't care if you don't buy

any of ours,'" Simpson said. Simpson spoke on a few other issues as well:

Congressional work — The congressional session will start Jan. 24, and Simpson said he hopes the House and Senate can finish most of their business before the presidential campaign revs up.

He hopes he and his colleagues can finish up work on Medicare and tax reform and begin debating Social Security reform this year.

Presidential politics — Simpson said he supports Texas Gov. George W. Bush's bid for the Republican nomination.

"I really like what he has done in Texas," the congressman said. John McCain is an acceptable second choice to Simpson, though he doesn't agree with the Arizona senator's zealous stance

on campaign finance reform.

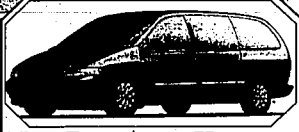


"How are you going to get money out of politics when it costs a million dollars to get your message out?"

Simpson said campaign contribution caps should be eliminated and a 24- or 48-hour disclosure rule implemented to keep everyone honest.

Janib's rebellion — The standoff between Nevadans and federal officials over a national forest road is not headed to a favorable solution as far as the congressman knows.

"The federal government brings these situations on themselves," Simpson said. "They try to ram something down people's throats without explaining why it's needed or necessary. If they really want that road closed, why aren't they out there telling those people why?"

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Hagerman OKs sewer project

By Gina Mulder, Times-News correspondent

HAGERMAN - With the preliminary analysis phase complete, the city is ready to move to the next level in its plan to upgrade the city's waste water system.

The City Council on Tuesday adopted a Statement of Intent that gives the city the green light to carry on with the sewer improvement project.

Mayor James Norwood said that the ProActions Committee, a committee made up of residents and community representatives, would continue working with the

two other major players - the National Park Service and Western Legends - to develop an implementation strategy that meets state Division of Environmental Quality requirements. The committee would also help put together cost estimates. "This is just the next step," Norwood said in an interview on Wednesday. "This is not committing the city to spending any money."

Also Tuesday, the City Council reviewed a \$52,968 cost estimate from J-U-B Engineers in Twin Falls to repair the drainage problem at the intersection of Lake and Second streets.

Rob Hegstrom of J-U-B Engineers said on Wednesday that the project would include the installation of a drain and the grading and resurfacing all of Second Avenue and 50 feet of Lake Street. The quote also included the construction of curbs, gutters and sidewalks on the east side of Second Avenue. The project would be completed in about a month.

No final decisions were made on the project at Tuesday's council meeting.

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

Ketchum rejects Trail Creek homes

By Karen Bossick, Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM - The City Council has rejected a plan for four new residences next to Trail Creek.

The decision upholds a previous planning and zoning decision, which the project developers had appealed.

Blazing Saddle L.L.C. had proposed a 17,182-square-foot project off Highway 75. But the city's design review committee contended the project was too bulky, would block neighbors' view and would destabilize the river bank.

Attorney Ed Lawson, who represented Blazing Saddle, said that the 170-foot-long building compared favorably to other buildings along Trail Creek and that any development on the site would block someone's view. The project would in fact stabilize the river bank, he argued.

In his appeal, Lawson argued that the project met city rules and that the review committee's ruling was not based on objective criteria. But the council sided with the review committee.

"The committee followed proper procedure," Councilman

David Hutchinson said. "I see no reason to overturn the decision." Councilman Maurice Charlat agreed with Lawson that there is a great deal of subjectivity in the ordinance.

"And I think Planning and Zoning is as fair as you can get," he said. "Having said that, I don't believe Planning and Zoning acted improperly."

Councilwoman Christina Potters said writing objective criteria is impossible.

"The decision they made is based on their best judgment," she said.

Filer sets hearing on planning board's future

By Mickey Brown, Times-News correspondent

FILER - The City Council on Tuesday discussed a plan to disband the city Planning and Zoning Commission.

The council will hold a public hearing in February to give residents an opportunity to comment on the plan.

Under the proposed ordinance, the City Council would make the decisions on building permits and zoning matters with city limits. The Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission would appoint two people to look into

matters regarding area of impact issues.

Fritz Wonderlich, the city's attorney, suggested the council waive the first and second readings of the ordinance and have a third reading by title only, and at that time adopt the ordinance.

"Until that hearing takes place, the city is really in limbo," Wonderlich said.

With planning and zoning commission currently in place, the council tabled decisions on the lot line and sign ordinances.

Other City Council business:

* City Clerk Shari Hart swore in council members Bob

Templeman and Jeff Webster.

* The council elected Bob Parent as council president.

* Mayor Russell Sheridan Jr. appointed Don Barkley to the street department and Gem Community committees; Parent to the library, sewer and Drug Free Filer committees; Templeman to the police, zoning and City of Trees committees; and Webster to the fire and water department committees.

Times-News correspondent Mickey Brown can be reached in Buhl at 543-6562.

City ponders new Broadway Bridge

By Karen Bossick, Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM - The city is considering various kinds of bridges to replace the Broadway Bridge, while also exploring cost-splitting options with nearby residents.

Broadway Boulevard resident Doug Anestad said he didn't mind helping to pay for a new bridge. But, likening the bridge design to a choice-of-cars, he added, "I want to help choose the car."

The old Broadway Bridge was closed to cars and trucks last month after studies showed imminent danger of collapse. Jim Zarubica of Galena Engineering Inc. presented the council with six bridge choices, including a steel bridge, a wooden bridge with or without a roof, a concrete bridge, and a three-pier arch.

The simple steel and wooden bridges are the least expensive. They would cost about \$230,000 including the abutments and other associated costs.

A bridge covering would cost \$30,000 more. The other options

would cost about 10 percent extra.

Dick Fosbury, an engineer for Galena, cautioned that a wooden bridge would cost more to maintain after the pretreatment wears off in 50 years.

"But I think with the aesthetics it's probably worth it," he added.

New Councilman Maurice Charlat, who was sworn in Monday night, said he's not convinced of the need for a new bridge. And he's not sure all the neighbors are convinced it's necessary.

Both his wife Elaine Charlat and former Councilwoman Sue Noel said the area would look better without the bridge.

There's no bridge that would look as nice as having nothing there," Noel said.

But Anestad countered that the bridge was needed for emergency vehicles.

"The price is high, but not that high," he said.

But he said the new bridge would likely be split with the owners of 84 lots on Broadway Boulevard, Exhibition Boulevard

and Sunnyside, if the council agrees to form a local improvement district, City Administrator Jim Jaquet said.

The neighborhood is near the busy intersections of Warm Springs and Saddle roads. The city plans to pursue options make turns safer on Exhibition Boulevard.

Rights center will get grant funds

BOISE - The Idaho Human Rights Education Center exceeded by \$239,000 a challenge to match a \$500,000 grant offered for construction of a memorial to Anne Frank, the girl who became an icon of hope against oppression.

"There's a huge groundswell of support from Idahoans who want to send a message loud and clear: Idaho is a human rights state," Marilyn Shuler, president of the Idaho Human Rights Center board and former director of the Idaho Human Rights Commission, said Wednesday.

Idaho Falls native Greg Carr, who in 1995 became the chairman of the Internet company Prodigy Inc., pledged \$500,000 in September if organizers matched that amount by Jan. 1. Carr said he had no reservations to devote his focus attention on human rights issues and prove the state is not a haven for racists or bigots.

Idaho in brief

had our differences, and both sides felt this is what was best for the district."

Hunter will face charges

In death of hunting partner

COEUR D'ALENE - Prosecutors on Wednesday reversed themselves and charged a Kootenai County man with involuntary manslaughter in the shooting death of a hunting partner last month.

Mark Wayne Baxter, 36, was also charged with obstruction, accused of telling sheriff's deputies not to search for the hunting partner's rifle.

The victim's family had asked prosecutors not to bring charges against the long-time family friend.

But Kootenai County Prosecutor Bill Douglas said he had little choice. "We have a job to do, and that's ensuring accountability and enforcing the laws of the state of Idaho," Douglas said.

Tests determined a bullet found in a dirt bank near Halfhide's body came from Baxter's 30.06-caliber rifle, according to a sheriff's report.

Mark Baxter first told investigators that Halfhide arrived before noon in the general area where Baxter had earlier shot at a buck and missed. He then said he heard a shot in the distance, saw a brown truck speeding away and then discovered Halfhide dead.

Judge fines pair of Idaho poachers, takes licenses

BOISE - Two men have been sentenced for poaching a trophy mule deer in the winter when the species is most vulnerable, and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game is investigating yet another illegal killing.

Bear Lake County Magistrate Lynn Brower on Dec. 22 sentenced 21-year-old Joshua Christensen of Montpelier and 22-year-old Cody Christensen of Soda Springs for shooting a trophy buck out of season.

"Mule deer are extremely vulnerable to poaching during the winter months," said Fish and Game conservation officer Blake Phillips, who investigated the two men.

"Unfortunately, too many poaching cases are not solved. I'm currently looking for leads on the

recent killing of a mature four-point buck that was shot and left to waste in Bear Lake County."

Along with the \$1,271 in fines and penalties, each man was sentenced to 30 days in jail, suspended and lost their sportsmen privileges for three years.

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Human rights activist finds racist graffiti on property

COEUR D'ALENE - A real estate agent who is active in human rights issues is unsettled by the discovery of a swastika scrawled on one of his for-sale signs that bears his picture.

"Freedom of speech is one thing. This is nonsense," said Marshall Mond, who sits on the Kootenai County Task Force for Human Relations. "I think it's a personal attack on me. They target me for being Jewish."

Graffiti painted on the sign included a swastika and the words "forehead and what appeared to be crosses under his eyes."

Rexburg Republican retires after 16 years in House

REXBURG - Veteran state lawmaker Golden Linford will not seek re-election, but urges voters in his eastern Idaho district to support his longtime friend and business partner, Dell Reynolds.

The Rexburg Republican on Tuesday announced he would leave the Idaho House after 16 years. He is chairman of the Republican Congressional Committee and a senior member of the Revenue and Taxation Committee. "The time comes when it's time to let someone else take over," he said. Linford hopes that what he Reynolds, who used the press conference to announce his candidacy for the seat.

Differences prompt school administrator's resignation

WALLACE - School board members are releasing few details about the resignation of Wallace School District Superintendent Nancy Vandevender. "Ms. Vandevender resigned due to differences in philosophies between the board and herself relating to the administration of the district's affairs," a statement said. It added that Vandevender "wished to focus on other pursuits."

Beyond that, school board members have not said what came between them and the top administrator in the 800-student district. "We're really not prepared to discuss it any further," board member Tom Fudge said. "We

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THANK YOU LETTERS

Contributors kick in to benefit community youth soccer

We would like to thank the following for supporting soccer and the community's youth at the benefit and auction held Oct. 2.

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JACKIE WAKEFIELD

Chairman, benefit dinner and auction
Magic Valley Youth Soccer Association
Twin Falls

Donations for Christmas baskets were blessings to needy

The Valley Community Helpers would like to thank every business and individual who donated items or cash for this year's Christmas baskets. Again, this year was a great success and all who received a basket or gave were blessed. Thanks to the valley community for helping and blessing others during the Christmas season.

KENT SULLIVAN

Valley Community Helpers
Hazelton

Support goes 'x' to families who have not experienced prosperity

To the many individuals, businesses and organizations, the North Side Head Start extends its heartfelt thanks for your generosity to the children and families we serve.

Without the contributions from the community, many of our families would not have experienced the prosperity many of us enjoy year-round.

Thank you again.

North Side Head Start staff

Jerome

Business donations make MVRs party a success

Magic Valley Rehabilitation Services

would like to thank the businesses that donated services or products to help make the New Year's Eve Celebration at the Weston Plaza successful.

Cactus Pyles; Donnelly Sports; Bill and Donna Kyle (McDonald's); Impact Radio; Barton's Club 93; College of Southern Idaho Bookstore, Athletics Department and Faulkner Planetarium; Lagoon Amusement Park; Holiday Inn Express in Layton, Utah; Weston Plaza; Muzie Braun; Blue Lakes Cycles; Cafe Ole; Red's Trading Post; AT&T Cable Services; Project Mutual Telephone; Avecenter; Valley Shoe Repair; Southwest Airlines; Cavanaugh's; Target; Gooding Hotel Bed and Breakfast; Magic Valley Regional Medical Center; Burger King; Reflections; Jaker's; Applebe's; Chili's; Trum.

On behalf of the staff and board of directors at MVRs, we say thank you and wish everyone a happy and prosperous 2000.

DOUG GUYMON

Public Relations
Special events coordinator
MVR
Twin Falls

Store employees provide gifts to help brighten family's holidays

Members of the Charity Circle of the Immanuel Lutheran Church wish to thank the employees of the Twin Falls Shopko Store for providing gifts for a local family who is experiencing hard times. It is caring people like you who help to brighten the lives of people who would otherwise have little to smile about at Christmas time. We very much appreciate having you join forces with us to make this holiday special for one family. God bless you.

CAROLYN LEWIS

Charity Circle members
Immanuel Lutheran Church
Twin Falls

Helping hands work on Cassia Regional Festival of Trees

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many working hands who helped Cassia Regional Medical Center volunteers at the Festival of Trees. This year, we made many changes with the look and the name of our kitchen. The Holiday House and Kitchen were a big success, and I would like to thank the following businesses:

Price Cafe, Graphics Signs, J.B.'s, Thomas Management (Simpler's Cafeteria), Honey Bean, Middle Mountain Produce.

Again, a big thanks to all the volunteers at!

LINDA DRAPER

President-elect, CRMC volunteers
Burley

Family thanks senior center, friends for support during loss

We would like to thank our friends and families for the prayers and cards in memory of my dad and grandfather, Arlis Johnson.

A special thanks to the Kimberly Ageless Senior Citizens for the dinner and to Elizabeth Johnson for all her help.

A special thanks to Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home. Your thoughtful-ness and concern were appreciated.

RUTH AND BILL WHITED FAMILY

Twin Falls

Grocery store aids students to feed less fortunate

I would like to send out a special thanks to Joe Rockne and Albertson's for their generosity during the busy Christmas season.

Albertson's donated 96 cans to our sixth-grade class for our school's canned food drive. Our class ended up donating 302 cans altogether.

We appreciate Albertson's assistance in helping to feed those less fortunate during the holiday season!

ANDREA PIERCE

Sixth-grade teacher
Harrison School
Twin Falls

Media informs public about neighborly support during Y2K

We would like to use this means of thanking Channel 10 and the Times-News, especially Pat Marzantonio and Brian Haynes, for TV and newspaper coverage of neighbors being available to help and encourage neighbors if there had been a need during the New Year's weekend because of the "Y2K bug."

This service was offered as a non-church or any other organization affiliation. No meetings to attend, no money exchanged, just neighbors being willing to support and encourage each other if there was a need.

If anyone is interested in continuing this service call phone 732-5550 for details or help.

DONALD L. ROBINSON

Twin Falls

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The Minico High School Future Farmers of America meat team returned from district level competition with a second place award. Team members are, from left to right, front row: Jeremy Jensen and Daniel Zunino; and back row: Tim Topf, Matt Bingham and Neil Peterson.



First place FFA district competition food team winners are, from left to right: Connie Remsburg, Stefanie Meador and Shannon Woodman.



The crop team placed first in district competition. Team members are, from left to right, Heather McCall, Connie Remsburg and Heidi McCall.

Minico FFA takes honors

RUPERT - The Minico Future Farmers of America Chapter recently returned from district level competition with several award winners.

The Minico FFA competed in career development events held by the East Magic Valley FFA District on Nov. 22. Local-area schools that competed in the event were Declo, Raft River, Valley, Oakley, Burley and Minico. The teams, competing from Minico were the crops, food and meat teams.

Minico crops and foods teams placed first at the event and the meat team placed second.

The contests incorporate skills of a certain agricultural field into a hands-on learning experience for the FFA member, club representatives say. The crops event tests the members of each team on their ability to identify weed, crop, seed and range, plant samples and to solve herbicide and fertilizer questions.

The foods event consists of identifying samples of cheese and milk defects, grading interior and exterior eggs and grading poultry. The meats event involves the identification of the market meat cuts of beef, lamb and pork; carcass grading; and answering various questions.

Team members receiving high overall scores were Connie Remsburg, overall high individual in crops and foods; Shannon Woodman, second high individual in foods; Stefanie Meador, third high individual in foods; and Jeremy Jensen, overall high in meats.

Minico FFA members who competed in the event included Heidi McCall, Heather McCall and Connie Remsburg, crops team; Stefanie Meador, Connie Remsburg and Shannon Woodman, foods team; and Jeremy Jensen, Matt Bingham, Tim Topf, Neil Peterson and Daniel Zunino, meats team.

Job's Daughters installs queen

TWIN FALLS - Danielle Mingo, daughter of Art and Carla Mingo of Twin Falls, will be installed as Honored Queen of Bethel 56 of the International Order of Job's Daughters at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Masonic Temple at 883 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls.



Danielle Mingo

Other elected officers are Molly McBride, senior princess; Lizzy Stuart, junior princess; Brooke Jardine, guide; and Sara Jane Tinkington, marshal. Appointed officers are Amanda Mingo, chaplain; Stephanie Wilkin, treasurer; Megan Johnson, recorder; Kirsten Wright, musician; Krysta Blank, first messenger; Jennifer Bemis, second messenger; Jacque Deahl, third messenger; Jessica Koutnik, fourth messenger; Elizabeth Wonderlich, librarian; Kristin

Patterson, Jr., custodian; Angela DeBoard, senior custodian; Heather Hodge, inner guard; Hailey Betita, outer guard; Allison Rolig, flag bearer; and Sara Webster, sunshine and rainfall. A ceremony entitled, "The Friend in You," will be hosted by the Gurnand family. Peggy Kroll will narrate the ceremony and Andrea Harris, retiring Honored Queen, will serve as the installing officer.

Harris will be assisted by Stacy Gurnand, Kristin Gurnand, Whitney Rolig, Hillary Lytle, Jill Newnam, Stacy Lytle, Susan Webster, Sarah High and Erin Tinkington. Amy Chandler, Katie Nielsen, Rachel Williams and Jamie Gonzalez will be soloists. Dorothy Dixon will attend the guest book and Chase and Whitney Wright will distribute programs.

The new queen's project will be the Southern Idaho Learning Clinic, the family says.

The public is invited to the ceremony and the reception following.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

CSI Mini-Cassia Center registers for spring semester

BURLEY - The College of Southern Idaho Mini-Cassia Center is registering students for the spring semester.

Three one-credit courses will be offered from Friday through Tuesday.

Job Seeking Skills will be held from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with instructor Jaylynn Davis.

Introduction to Win98 will be held from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Introduction to Internet is set from 12:30-3 p.m.

The regular semester courses will begin Jan. 18.

Seniors age 60 years and older can take credit courses for free.

For more information, call 678-1400.

Daughters of the American Revolution hears from historian

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will meet for a luncheon at 12:30 p.m. Saturday at Cavanaugh's Canyon Springs Inn.

Guest speaker will be local historian Virginia Ricketts of Jerome who will discuss "Women in Magic Valley History."

Twin Falls resident celebrates 85th birthday with open house

TWIN FALLS - An open house celebrating Allene Daniel's 85th birthday will be held from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at 168 Adams St. in Twin Falls.

All friends and acquaintances are invited.

Harley-Davidson riders plan meeting Monday in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS - Harley-Davidson riders will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the Royal Restaurant at 645 Filer Ave. in Twin Falls.

For more information, call Roger or Brenda at 733-0151.

Spiritual healing assembly set for Thursday in Hagerman

HAGERMAN - A spiritual healing assembly will be held at 7:30 p.m. today at the Hagerman Valley Grange on East

Salmon Street, one and a half blocks from State Street, Highway 30 in Hagerman.

Participants who need an appointment tonight for a specific issue are asked to call organizer Rev. Bob Willhite at 352-1129.

Cross-country Idaho offers free ski rentals and lessons

HAGERMAN - Sponsors of Cross-country Idaho will offer free cross-country ski rentals and lessons from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday at Magic Mountain Ski Resort, located south of Hansen on Rock Creek Road.

Participants will be furnished with skis, poles and boots and be given lessons on skiing techniques, safety methods and will have use of the equipment for an hour.

The event is held in cooperation with Magic Mountain Ski Resort, High Desert Nordic Association, Mix 103 and Kat Country Radio, Sawtooth National Forest and the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation.

To get to Magic Mountain Ski Resort from Twin Falls, take Interstate 84 to Exit 182 at the Travelers Oasis and travel south. The public is invited to attend.

For more information call Jack Yarbrough at 837-4505.

Buttons 'N Bows holds dance at Anderson Camp

TWIN FALLS - Buttons 'N Bows square dance club is having a dance at Anderson Camp with round dancing at 7:30 p.m. and square dancing at 8 p.m. Saturday.

Finger foods will be served. Square dancers are invited to attend.

For more information call 324-3080.

CSI offers desktop publishing evening class this month

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho is offering an evening class in Quark Express, a desktop publishing and printing program, starting in January.

Quark Express is one of the major layout and design programs used by printers and publishers nationwide and for creating newspapers, magazines, marketing

brochures, business cards and promotional documents, CSI says.

CSI computer professor Karen Atwood will teach the non-credit class, which will meet from 6-9 p.m. Tuesdays in Canyon room 101.

Classes will be held from Jan. 18 through May 3.

The cost is \$150.

For more information on Introduction to call Atwood at 733-9554, Ext. 2308.

Red Cross offers community courses this month

RUPERT - The Mini-Cassia Chapter of the American Red Cross is offering two community courses in January at the Red Cross building, 707 F St.

A Community Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation course is planned from 6-10 p.m. on Jan. 19.

A Standard First Aid course will be held from 6-10 p.m. on Jan. 25.

For pre-registration or more information, call 436-7339 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

'Writing Your Local History' course begins later this month

BURLEY - A "Writing Your Local History" course is offered in the Mini-Cassia area from 4-6:30 p.m. on Thursdays beginning Monday at the College of Southern Idaho Mini-Cassia Center, 1600 Park Ave.

Registration after Monday will include a late fee.

Kathleen Hedberg, an Idaho State University instructor, recommends the course for anyone interested in writing or writing family history.

Students 60 years and older may take the class for \$35.

For class information, call Hedberg at 678-2406.

For fee, credit and registration information, call Idaho State University at the College of Southern Idaho, 1-800-680-0274, Ext. 2449.

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TF Clothing shop calls it quits for now

TWIN FALLS - A women's clothing shop is calling it quits in Twin Falls for now.

India Emporium president Raja Madan said his 1605 Blue-Lakes Blvd. W. store is too near "discount" retailers, which attract different clientele and affect customers' perception of his specialty business. Also, he said, signs on the property aren't visible enough.

"This location doesn't work good," Madan said.

So India Emporium will close its 18-month-old Twin Falls store at the end of January but will keep open its Boise store, almost four years old, he said.

India Emporium is running sales on all of its merchandise, which includes women's unique skirts, pant sets, dresses and vests, he said. What's left will go to the Boise store, but he hopes not to have to haul much.

After the closing, Madan said, he will look elsewhere in Twin Falls - first in a downtown - for a location better fitted to his venture.

Chinese-American cafe will open in Kimberly

KIMBERLY - A new Chinese-American cafe opened in Kimberly in December.

Charles and Fang Lee now own the former Dot's Cafe on Main Street. The Lees are new to the Kimberly area but not to the art of Chinese cooking. Charles Lee worked in Nampa's Hong Kong cafe for 10 years, and his wife worked at China Town Quick Wok. They are assisted by their mother, Siu Hgan.

The Lee's Cafe menu includes Chinese- and Cantonese cookery along with American favorites. The restaurant serves meals Monday through Saturday, and is open Sunday for the evening meal.

Charles Lee emigrated from Hong Kong in 1982 when he was 16. He worked for a short time at McDonald's and worked for his uncle washing dishes in Caldwell before working in Nampa. He attended Boise State University for 1 1/2 years learning refrigeration repair. He said he found his weak leg could not take the stress of refrigeration repair, so he returned to restaurant work.

His wife, Fang, came to the Caldwell area from Canton, China in 1995, worked at McDonald's and China Town Quick Wok and married Charles Lee five years ago.

They have a 2-year-old daughter, Stephanie, who can't be seen looking from behind the counters as her parents prepare meals.

Compiled from staff reports

Vacation advice from cyberspace

Twin Falls author is among founders of Web site selling advice to travelers

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Partners in a new Internet venture are counting on travelers willing to pay for trip-planning advice from the people who wrote the books on their destinations.

Freelance writer Julie Fanselow of Twin Falls in October helped launch Guidebookwriters.com, a site featuring the world's top travel guidebook authors on more than 100 destinations worldwide, and she'll explain the offering at a Saturday presentation.

"Say you're planning a trip," said Fanselow, a former newspaper journalist. "You've read dozens of brochures and looked at countless web sites but you really want to do it with someone who really knows the place. You can find that expert at Guidebookwriters.com."

The site's authors write for top publishers including Lonely Planet, Fodor's, Frommer's and Moon.

Presentation planned

Julie Fanselow will speak at 2 p.m. Saturday at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 1239 Pole Line Road in Twin Falls, about Guidebookwriters.com, an Internet site offering travelers trip-planning advice.

... or they can even plan your trip from scratch."

Fanselow herself has served just one client so far, but writers on Turkey and Thailand are getting a steady stream of business through the Internet site, she said, adding that the exotic destinations may offer a stronger market.

The basic process: A customer logs on to the site, indicates his destination, contacts the travel writer by e-mail and waits for the writer to respond with a time estimate for supplying the answers he seeks.

The price for advice starts at \$25 for a 20-minute consultation by phone or online, plus \$1-25 for each additional minute.

Guidebookwriters.com says the price is reasonable, especially for people planning honeymoons, overseas excursions or other high-ticket-trips. The site says it picks its experts selectively and steers away from writers whose work sounds like chamber of commerce brochures. Travel writers' resumes and photos are provided on the site.

"Planning a trip can be confusing, because there's just so much information out there," Fanselow said. "Our writers are all people who've exhaustively researched their destinations firsthand. They know what's most worthwhile, as well as the places travelers are better off avoiding."



DOUG GABALL/The Times-News

Twin Falls writer Julie Fanselow on Wednesday checks out books written by applicants wanting to be listed as travel-destination experts on Guidebookwriters.com, an Internet site Fanselow helped found recently.

The site itself proclaims: "From the off-trail scenery along the Karakoram-Highway or the Silk Road to the alleys of Istanbul to the beaches of Thailand, we've been there, seen it and know how to find it."

Fanselow's specialty is the West.

She has written three travel books - "Idaho Off the Beaten Path," "Traveling the Lewis & Clark Trail" - and co-authored Lonely Planet's new guide to Texas and the Discovery Channel's new Wild West guidebook. Next, she said, she will work on Lonely Planet's guidebook to British Columbia, set for publication in 2001.

Her writing career gained notice in a 1997 full-page article

in USA Today, she said, and she expects to be profiled in the Freelance Success column of Writer's Digest magazine in June. Fanselow also was interviewed recently by Walking Magazine for an article on hiking along his-

toric trails. Guidebookwriters.com's individual trip planning has garnered national attention in USA Today and The Wall Street Journal - which touted the site's beyond-the-book expertise on "the best place to find a motorcycle in Algeria or an antique shop in Houston" but warned travelers they'll have to pay for it.

"Guidebookwriters.com customers who choose to correspond on the phone should be

Finding opportunity amid chaos

Even in current tumult, savvy investors can excel

Knight Ridder News Service

SAN JOSE, Calif. - It's understandable if the stock market is making you nervous. Take a deep, calming breath and look way, way back in time - to, say, last October.

"For this year and the millennium, stocks are down about 5 percent now. But put that in perspective," said Scott Lummer, chief investment officer for mPower/401K Forum, an online investment advisory service in San Francisco. "If you roll in the last quarter, over the last 94

days - the market is up 15 percent. The market doesn't always know it's the turn of a new millennium."

The reality is the stock market did nothing surprising Tuesday. It was volatile.

In some ways, investing in stocks is like joining an expedition up Mount Everest. At various times you'll gain altitude or take some tumbles, and there will be extended periods where you'll settle down at a base camp until everyone adjusts to the rarified air. These days, the Dow's base camp is around 11,000 points, while Nasdaq is attempting to set up camp at 4,000 points.

Still, remember that "you are climbing a glacier, which is slippery and subject to avalanches," said Hersh Shefrin, a finance professor at Santa Clara University and author of a new

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Suit claims UPS puffed up insurance for packages

Knight Ridder News Service

DENVER - United Parcel Service Inc. overcharges for insurance on packages it ships, according to a lawsuit filed in Colorado's Boulder County District Court.

The complaint seeks to hold UPS liable for its collection of premiums for "excess value coverage" - the insurance that covers packages worth more than \$100.

The excess value insurance costs 25 cents to 35 cents for each additional \$100 of declared value of a package shipped, the complaint states. Steve W. Berman, an attorney with Hagens Berman of Seattle, who represents some of the plaintiffs, said that price is excessive.

If UPS were subject to regulations the way other insurance is, he said, it would cost 8 to 10 cents for each additional \$100 of declared value.

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Twin Falls Area
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Prepare for a hit from Greenspan & Co.

Many observers see another interest rate hike coming from Federal Reserve

By Andrew Cassel
The Philadelphia Inquirer

The elevator still runs. The yoffegrator still chills. The sleds still flush (though you still have to jiggle the handle of the one in the hall). And the computer's still on. So I guess we can forget all that stuff about the Y2K bug. Save the saltines and canned soup for the next blizzard. Let the kids use the batteries in the portable CD.

When, that means we can get back to worrying about the year 2000's real looming menace — Alan Greenspan.

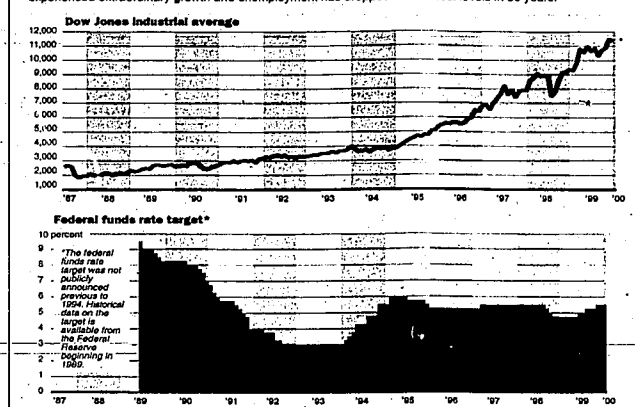
Tuesday, President Clinton renominated Greenspan to a fifth term as head of the Federal Reserve. This came as a huge comfort to investors, who regard the owlish Fed chairman as a wise and beneficent steward of the nation's monetary policy, and to mention a peppy dancer and a terrific tennis player.

The Dow lost 359 points, or 3.2 percent. The Nasdaq slid 230 points, or 5.6 percent. A contradiction, right? Not really. The knowledge that Greenspan will remain in charge at the Fed simply makes it that much more certain that some Greenspan-style rate-hiking is on the way to take the life out of Wall Street's punch bowl.

For more than a year, Greenspan has treated the market with velvet gloves. That was partly because of the Asian financial crisis, which pulled the world economy along pretty much by itself. And it was also because Greenspan was becoming convinced that the old rules were changing — that tech-

Greenspan's run

On Tuesday, President Clinton renominated Alan Greenspan as the chairman of the Federal Reserve. Since August 1997, Greenspan has guided the nation's monetary policy. In that time, the economy has experienced extraordinary growth and unemployment has dropped to its lowest levels in 30 years.



Sources: Microsoft Money Central; CSI Inc.; Federal Reserve

nology and globalization made it possible for the economy to grow faster without sparking inflation.

And as 1999 ended, the Fed was as worried about Y2K as the rest of us. So the central bank laid in stocks of money and credit, reassuring financial markets that there would be plenty of

cash around just in case. But now that's over. This means the Fed is expected to drain much of the liquidity it added to the economy last month. (It does this by swapping Treasury bonds for cash from commercial banks.) And next month, observers say, the Fed almost definitely will resume

hiking short-term interest rates, by as much as it takes to make the red-hot U.S. economy cool down.

That will mean more expensive credit-card debt, short-term business loans and probably home mortgages — although the bond market already has pushed those up, along with long-term

Stock market rebounds a bit

NEW YORK (AP) — Investors moved back into the battered stock market Wednesday, sending the Dow Jones Industrial Average up 112.25 to 12,225.65. The blue-chip index had risen as much as 216 points in earlier trading; it lost 359.58 on Tuesday.

UPS

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The lawsuit, which seeks class-action status, is similar to ones that were filed in California, Arizona, New York and Florida, Berman said.

A spokesman for UPS, which is based in Atlanta and does business in the Magic Valley, said the suits are "totally without merit, and we will use every resource at our disposal to fight them."

The Colorado plaintiff is listed as Anthony J. Camp, a resident of Boulder County, Robert B. Carey, an attorney from Colorado Springs, is the plaintiff's local attorney. UPS wants to keep the case transferred to U.S. District Court in Denver, but Berman said the plaintiffs think the case belongs in state court.

Whether excess value insurance is subject to regulation like other kinds of insurance is one of the things a court will decide based on these lawsuits, Berman said.

Berman said he thought damages could amount to millions of dollars but would vary from state to state because insurance regulations differ.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

High	Div	Last	Chg	Volume	Open	High	Low	Close	Change
ADG	41	41.15	+0.15	100	41.00	41.15	41.00	41.15	+0.15
AMZN	7.00	7.00	-0.10	100	7.10	7.00	7.00	7.00	-0.10
AT&T	30	30.00	-0.10	100	30.10	30.00	30.00	30.00	-0.10
BA	30	30.00	-0.10	100	30.10	30.00	30.00	30.00	-0.10
DIS	20	20.00	-0.10	100	20.10	20.00	20.00	20.00	-0.10
IBM	100	100.00	-1.00	100	101.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	-1.00
MSFT	30	30.00	-0.10	100	30.10	30.00	30.00	30.00	-0.10
GOOG	100	100.00	-1.00	100	101.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	-1.00
YHOO	100	100.00	-1.00	100	101.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	-1.00
SPY	100	100.00	-1.00	100	101.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	-1.00

MARKET SUMMARY

NYSE	AMEX	NASDAQ
Most Active (10 on nose)	Most Active (10 on nose)	Most Active (10 on nose)
AMD 1.85 +0.05	AMZN 0.10 -0.05	ADG 0.15 +0.15
AMZN 0.10 -0.05	AT&T 0.10 -0.05	AMZN 0.10 -0.05
AT&T 0.10 -0.05	DIS 0.10 -0.05	AT&T 0.10 -0.05
DIS 0.10 -0.05	IBM 0.10 -0.05	DIS 0.10 -0.05
IBM 0.10 -0.05	MSFT 0.10 -0.05	IBM 0.10 -0.05
MSFT 0.10 -0.05	GOOG 0.10 -0.05	MSFT 0.10 -0.05
GOOG 0.10 -0.05	YHOO 0.10 -0.05	GOOG 0.10 -0.05
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SPY	100	100.00	-1.00

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Advanced	Declined	Unchanged
1,786	1,367	302
Volume: 1,305,512,020	Volume: 81,585,370	Volume: 1,695,926,600

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3,767.05	3,767.05	+5.19	+130.57
3,003.03	3,003.03	+10.00	+200.72
663.50	663.50	+2.00	+4.45
510.90	510.90	+4.00	+11.93
13,812.67	13,812.67	+10.05	-4.59

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

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Aberdeen	72	27	+3.14
AMZN	7	7	+0.10
AT&T	30	30	-0.10
DIS	20	20	-0.10
IBM	100	100	-1.00
MSFT	30	30	-0.10
GOOG	100	100	-1.00
YHOO	100	100	-1.00
SPY	100	100	-1.00

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Here are the top 10 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, 400 most active on the American National Market and 100 most active on the Nasdaq National Market. All are based on volume. The top 10 most active stocks on the NYSE are listed alphabetically by the company's full name (not its abbreviation). Company names made up of initials appear in the beginning of each letter. The top 10 most active stocks on the AMEX are listed alphabetically by the company's full name (not its abbreviation). Company names made up of initials appear in the beginning of each letter. The top 100 most active stocks on the NASDAQ are listed alphabetically by the company's full name (not its abbreviation). Company names made up of initials appear in the beginning of each letter.

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CLOSING FUTURES

Table of closing futures prices for various commodities including soybeans, corn, wheat, and oil. Columns include contract name, price, and change.

CORN

Table of corn futures prices for various contracts, including prices and changes.

WHEAT

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SOYBEANS

Table of soybean futures prices for various contracts, including prices and changes.

BEANS

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MINNEAPOLIS (W) - WHEAT

Table of Minneapolis wheat futures prices for various contracts.

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SOYBEANS

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GRAINS

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CHEESE

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POTATOES

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METALS/CURRENCY

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Advice

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authors Marita Adair of Texas... Massachusetts' Mrs. Selby Gorman and Chelle-Koster Weston of Florida... Virginia S. Hutchins can be reached at 733-9931, Ext. 242...

And though history does not necessarily repeat itself, the last time Nasdaq suffered a loss this hefty was last April 19, when it lost nearly 5.6 percent...'

'In the industry they say it's a cycle between fear and greed,' DeWitt said. 'When it has been volatile down, it also can be volatile up...'

'Have a plan - and stick to it. The worst thing you can do is make investment decisions when your stomach is churning...'

'Learn from your mistakes. Take the case of Lynn Gillette, president of the Silicon Valley chapter of the American Association...'

'Perhaps just as important, though, he has learned to keep things in perspective. 'I started investing in 1973, right before the market got into the worst bear market...'

'But days like Tuesday, he starts hunting for bargains. 'I'd be happy with 12 percent (gains) this year...'

'I make a lot of money from this with buying and selling.'

LIVESTOCK

Table of livestock prices for various commodities including hogs, cattle, and sheep.

POCATELLO (AP) - Idaho Farm Bureau

Table of Pocatello livestock prices for various contracts.

NEW YORK (AP) - Spot nonmetallic prices

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MUTUAL FUNDS table listing various mutual funds, their categories, and performance metrics.

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- Track circuit
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- Wood and Wyn
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Jenny Craig franchises opt out of Lewinsky

The Associated Press

APPLETON, Wis.—Some Jenny Craig weight-loss franchises are refusing to run the new Monica Lewinsky ad, saying the former White House intern at the center of President Clinton's impeachment scandal is not an appropriate role model. The owner of Jenny Craig locations in Green Bay, Grand Chute, and Des Moines, Iowa, says he plans to

stick with an old ad campaign. He would rather pay for television commercials of Ms. Lewinsky, Jenny Craig's new spokeswoman. "As a person who has been successful on our program she's done great," said the franchise owner, David Lahey. "But, as a person to look up to, there are certainly some issues there." I wouldn't be pleased if my daughter came home and said "I want to be just like

Monica Lewinsky." The commercials of Ms. Lewinsky began airing nationally on Sunday, showing her slimmed-down figure and a "before" picture of her looking heavier. Ms. Lewinsky, 26, was the subject of allegations of sexual improprieties in the White House when she was an intern. Clinton finally admitted to a sexual relationship with Ms. Lewinsky after seven months of denials. Jenny Craig

spokesman Brian Varosomb said Wednesday that various other U.S. franchises also have decided against airing the ads, but he declined to say where or how many. The overall response to the new ads has been favorable, he said. Jenny Craig Inc. said it considers Ms. Lewinsky a good role model for weight loss because she has been successful on the program. She claims to have lost 31 pounds.

Another son joins Rosie O'Donnell family

The Associated Press

NEW YORK—It's another boy for Rosie O'Donnell. Blake Christopher O'Donnell, born a month prematurely on Dec. 5, joins O'Donnell's other two adopted children, Parker, 4, and sister Chelsea, 2. "The baby is very healthy," O'Donnell said Tuesday after word of her new arrival leaked out. "He's half-

Italian, half-hedgepodge. And everyone is delighted." O'Donnell, whose mother died of breast cancer when she was 10, has often said she would like a big family. She once referred to Mia Farrow, who has 14 children, 10 of them adopted, as "a real

inspiration." O'Donnell is single, but the New York Post said she employs male nannies to make sure the children have a male influence around the house.

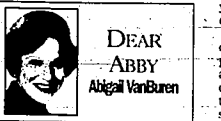
Boulder County won't allow filming at its justice center. "We are not participating in any way in the making of this movie. It is not appropriate, given this is an ongoing murder investigation," Police Chief Mark Becker said.

Smokers pay painful price for 'pleasure' of habit

DEAR ABBY: The letter from "Concerned Daughter-in-Law," whose mother-in-law continued to smoke after being diagnosed with emphysema and deteriorating lungs, brought back some painful memories for me.

My mother was diagnosed with the same condition and she, too, continued to smoke. Her reason was that she was going to die anyway, so she might as well enjoy the only little "pleasure" left in life. It tore at my heart to watch her take her oxygen treatment from the machine beside her chair and, afterward, reach for her cigarettes.

She had to use a walker to navi-



gate the 20 or so steps from her chair to the bathroom. When she returned, she was gasping for breath as if she had run the marathon. How I wished that any young person just beginning to smoke could see her—and possibly keep from making the same mistake. It took her three long

years to die from this horrible disease.

Abby, please continue your campaign to discourage young people from starting this terrible, addictive habit, so their loved ones will not have to go through the pain of watching them die a slow, painful death.

CAROL MASON

DEAR CAROL: You have my promise—as long as there is breath in my body—that I will do exactly that. But first, another warning: No one should ever "light up" in the vicinity of supplemental oxygen, which is extremely flammable. I heard about a woman who received

third-degree burns to her face because she lit a cigarette before her oxygen was completely turned off and the flames melted the plastic breathing tubes onto her skin. What young smokers fail to realize is that smoking causes changes in brain chemistry and creates a dependency. Tobacco companies recruit new smokers to replace the ones who escape the tentacles of the addiction, or who die from smoking-related illnesses. So, while adolescents and teens may take up the habit to appear "hot," "cool," or grown-up, breaking the habit may require not only iron will, but medical intervention.

Buckwheat? A vegetable?

Among artists who work in oils are a few "speed painters." One such, Connie Gordon, did a 16-by-20-inch painting in 52 seconds. A frivolous record? Maybe. But not to the craftsfolk who make quick copies for sale out of motel rooms by traveling art peddlers.

Q. What are the four things that can make a man go bald?

A. Heredity, nervousness, oil and medical treatment. Or so the doctors say.

Buckwheat is a vegetable, not a grain.

You know those various birds that live in dense forests? Ninety-five percent of them won't fly across a cleared land in daylight. With all the land-clearing that's going on, they're being hemmed in. Those who purport to know say a third of today's widows prefer their current lives over what they remember.

From that, our Love and War man derives this solemn notion: "A husband should live his life in such-a-way that his widow will want to marry."

Find out how much a well-fed cricket weighs, and you'll know how much it eats every day.

Q. The South Atlantic doesn't ever get real hurricanes? Why not?



WHAT'S WHAT
L.M. Boyd

A. Water too cold maybe. Or ocean too cold. Meteorologists debate it.

There are more than 639 muscles in the human body, but only that many have names.

There weren't any fire ants in this country when your great-granddaddy was a lad. Some nameless shipper—off with his head—accidentally brought them in from South America in 1918.

Q. How did leprosy, once epidemic in Europe, come to be relatively rare?

A. Nobody knows.

Not all historians agree with those who say the earliest sheep in North America came from France in 1609.

Others report Coronado brought over the Churro sheep from Spain in 1540.

The early pilgrims celebrated Thanksgiving, but outlawed Christmas.

Watch for people with ambiguous attitudes, Leo

IF JANUARY 6 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You have unusual voice, an affinity for the arts, you are diplomatic but will fight if cause is right. Taurus, Libra, Scorpio persons play major roles in your life, could have the letters, initials-in-names—F, O, X. You will travel more this year, you will see through individual who poses as friend but who only nags and seldom gives in return. August most memorable this year.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): New Moon in Capricorn relates to career, ability to overcome obstacles. Accept leadership role, do not back down from challenge.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Travel apparently is in the stars for you. However, there is family, home, business to consider. Give

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yourself time to think things out. Capricorn represented.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Choose the best, insist on quality, make important social contacts. People comment on your gracious smile. Remember to get a smile, give a smile.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Demonstrate skill in overcoming mathematical problems, including income tax. People want to help you, to be near you, many will show it. Scorpio involved.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Refuse to be slowed down by people who have an attitude of "I don't care." Be dynamic, a-winner and ultimately popular. Gemini, Virgo,

Sagittarius persons play roles.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Domestic situation can be straightened out—be diplomatic, make some concessions without abandoning principles. Focus on home, marital status, income potential.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You get help from unexpected source. Pardon person says, "You helped me in the past and probably don't even remember, but I remember and am here to help you."

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your kind of day. Power play, pressure and challenge—you meet them all, creative juices stir. You'll have more responsibility, opportunity to increase income.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Look beyond the immediate; deal with universal factors.

Display gifts that include extrasensory perception. New Moon indicates you'll be happy about finances.

PRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): New Moon in your sign coincides with high cycle, more independence, creativity, originality. Make fresh start, imprint-style, do not follow others. Leo involved.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Emphasis on proposals that include partnership, marriage. You could be caught by surprise except that you read it here first. Cancer native plays major role.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): New Moon in your Eleventh House represents new hope, optimistic outlook. Gemini, Sagittarius persons play top roles. Popularity on the rise, you are going places.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2636

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, Amending Twin Falls City Code by the Addition of a New Chapter 9, Title 7, Providing for Cross-Connection Control...

7-9-1 DEFINITIONS BACKFLOW: The reversal of the normal flow of water in a potable water distribution system as a result of cross connection.

BACK PRESSURE: A condition where the supply pressure, caused by a pump, elevated tank, boiler, or any other means that may cause backflow.

CROSS CONNECTION: Any actual or potential connection between a potable water system and any other system which it is possible to introduce into the public drinking water system any used water, industrial fluid, gas or substance other than the intended potable water.

7-9-2 WATER SUPPLY PREVENTION No water service connection to any premises shall be installed or maintained by the City or any other water utility, unless the water supply is protected as required by State and City laws and regulations.

7-9-3 DUTY TO INSTALL AND INSPECT ANNUALLY. It shall be the responsibility of the owner of property where water is consumed to provide for the installation and inspection of a backflow prevention device...

7-9-4 NEW CONSTRUCTION. The Building Official of the City and the State Plumbing Inspector will review all plans for new construction which include backflow prevention devices...

7-9-5 INSTALLATION REQUIRED. Whenever the cross connection's water usage constitutes a sufficient hazard to the water supply and a property owner has not made appropriate installation, the installation of an approved backflow prevention device or assembly shall be required...

7-9-6 EXISTING EQUIPMENT. All backflow prevention assemblies existing, which do not meet the requirements hereof shall nonetheless be required to comply with the requirements of this Chapter...

7-9-7 REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT. The maintenance and repair of all backflow prevention devices or assemblies and cross connection control devices required by this Chapter shall be the responsibility of the owner of property where an assembly or device is installed...

7-9-8 ACCESS FOR INSPECTION. All water systems shall be open for inspection at all reasonable times by authorized representatives of the City Water Department...

7-9-9 CERTIFIED BACKFLOW TECHNICIAN. All tests and reports. Such technician shall be responsible for the following: A. Assure that acceptable testing equipment and procedures are used for the testing, repairing or overhauling of backflow prevention devices or assemblies.

7-9-10 VIOLATIONS. Service of water to a consumer on property found to be in violation of this ordinance should be discontinued by the City after written notice of the violation to both the owner and consumer, if different, is received.

7-9-11 RECORDS. The Water Department shall keep records of cross connection hazards and the condition of backflow prevention devices or assemblies, including those records required by state and federal agencies.

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MESSAGE and publication.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL December 27, 1999 SIGNED BY THE MAYOR December 27, 1999 ATTEST: JOY CLARK Deputy City Clerk

PUBLISH: Thursday, January 8, 2000

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Anyone having any outstanding claim against the above named Plaintiff, must submit said claim in writing within twenty (20) days after the date of this notice to: Lane Joffille, Administrator, Agricultural, P.O. Box 780, Boise, Idaho 83701, or send a copy to the Plaintiff as demanded by the Plaintiff in the Complaint.

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GOODING MAGISTRATE DIVISION Case No. 99-9484 SUMMONS MAGIC VALLEY COLLECTIONS & RECOVERY, INC. Plaintiff.

BY JEREMY B SCRUGGS JANE DOE SCRUGGS,

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ON THE 23rd day of November, 1999.

/s/ Karri Blodgett, Deputy Clerk, Magistrate Court.

PUBLISH: December 23, 2000, 1999, January 6 and 13, 2000.

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the claimant, and the amount claimed, and the claimant may file a written statement of the claim, in the District Court of the Fifth Judicial District of the State of Idaho, in and for the County of Jerome, by the above-named Plaintiff, on or before the 23rd day of December, 1999.

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TWIN FALLS (8)

THE TIMES-NEWS CURRENTLY HAS THE FOLLOWING INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER ROUTES ON THE WEST SIDE OF TWIN FALLS

ROUTE 808 900-1000 Bk. 2nd Ave. West 800-800 Bk. 3rd Ave. W 800-800 Bk. 4th Ave. W 100 Bk. Austin Ave.

ROUTE 810 400-600 Bk. Caswell Ave. West 600 Bk. Paradise Place 600 Bk. Rose St. N.

ROUTE 816 200-400 Bk. 6th Ave. N. 100-400 Bk. 7th Ave. N.

ROUTE 860 100-200 Bk. Ave. W 100-300 Wisconsin

ROUTE 866 100-200 Bk. Ave. W 100-300 Wisconsin

ROUTE 870 100-200 Bk. Ave. W 100-300 Wisconsin

ROUTE 876 100-200 Bk. Ave. W 100-300 Wisconsin

ROUTE 918 1100-1300 Bk. 7th Ave. East 1100-1300 Bk. 9th Ave. East 1100-1300 Bk. 9th Ave. East

ROUTE 941 2400-2700 Bk. 4th Ave. East 200-500 Bk. Carriage Lane 400-500 Bk. Eastland Circle 2500-2600 Bk. Eastland Dr.

ROUTE 942 200 Bk. Paintbrush Circle 200-2700 Bk. Paintbrush Circle 400 Bk. Telegraph Dr. 200-300 Bk. Wildbrush Circle

ROUTE 954 800-900 Elm St. N 700-800 Walnut St. N 1200-1400 Wilmore Ave.

ROUTE 963 600-800 Bk. Del Mar 600-800 Bk. Eastland Dr 2100 Bk. Sherry Lane

ROUTE 964 200-300 Bk. Del Mar 200-300 Bk. Eastland Dr 2100 Bk. Sherry Lane

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301 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES PEPPI-HERSHEY \$500,000 weekly income. Work only 3-5 hours per week.

302 CONTRACTS & MORTGAGES \$5 CASH NOW \$5 For Contracts & Mortgages. No discount required.

303 INVESTMENTS Big profits usually mean big risks. Interested business with a company, check it out with the Best Business Bureau.

304 INVESTMENTS Looking for exact vacation package? Why not sell those big ticket items you've been storing?

305 CONTRACTS & MORTGAGES \$5 CASH NOW \$5 For Contracts & Mortgages. No discount required.

306 INVESTMENT CORP. Mortgages? Contracts? Deeds of Trust? We do it all.

402 MUSIC LESSONS Private Drum & Guitar lessons. Experienced teacher without rig.

501 OPEN HOUSES Please check your ad for correctness on the first day that it runs.

502 HOMES FOR SALE A GUARANTEED AD Buy the Guaranteed Ad in the Times News.

FAX YOUR AD TIMES CLASSIFIED DEPARTMENT 208-734-5538

Looking for Warehouse Space? For rent, warehouse M3 (heavy manufacturing) zone.

View my listings Times-News online at www.magicvalley.com

PUBLIC SERVICE MESSAGE Selling your home? Pay any fees until it's sold. For free information about the Federal Trade Commission's new real estate scam.

FORGOTTEN HOMES Low or 50% down! Government & bank programs. Financing available.

GOODING - Now 4 bdrm, 2 bath, attached 3 car garage, covered patio, sprinklers, s/d and fencing.

HEYBURN, 367 Fl. River frontage with ELEGANT Ranch on the beautiful 2 bdrm, 2 bath, office, cathedral beam living rm.

Home from \$5,000 Fortifications & topographic surveys. No or low restaurant, credit trouble OK!

JEROME Old & Dirty, studio home, 1100-2200. 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 1.5 acre lot.

NO PAYMENTS FOR 305 CONTRACTS & MORTGAGES. \$5 CASH NOW \$5 For Contracts & Mortgages.

TOP DOLLAR PAID. Mortgages, Contracts, Trust Deeds & Notes. No late fees!

JUST REDUCED TO \$69,900 for a 3 bdrm home with heat pump, hot water, and air conditioning.

OWNEE LIKE MOVING? Don't like moving? Don't like moving? Don't like moving?

513 ACREAGES & LOTS BLISS. Land investment opportunity. 1 group 9 undeveloped residential lots.

514 INCOME PROPERTY TWIN FALLS \$68,000. 2 homes 1 1/2, 970 sq. m. carry, owner may carry.

View my listings Times-News online at www.magicvalley.com

JEROME, 730 E. 19th, 3 bdrm, 2 bath home. \$68,000. \$100,000 call 208-324-8909.

TWIN FALLS - 1 & 3 acre lots for manufacturers, built homes, reduced price! Great Location! 734-9405

514 INCOME PROPERTY TWIN FALLS \$68,000. 2 homes 1 1/2, 970 sq. m. carry, owner may carry.

515 COMMERCIAL PROPERTY NEW BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY ON THE MAGIC BEACH! Includes liquor license, hot restaurant and banquet facility.

516 FARMING/CHICKENS/DAIRIES FARMS & DAIRY SITES 7 & 8 A C E S - 1/2 acre crop/pasture, 800 new lockups for horses.

517 REAL ESTATE WANTED RUPERT, Must sell, 1972 Tamarack, 14 X 70, 3 bdrm, 1 bath. Make offer.

518 MOBILE HOMES EASY MONEY! Income, instant loans. Used Homes: Buying/Selling

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521 MANUFACTURED HOMES SHOSHONE - 95 14x68 Floorwood Coax Homes. \$29,850. 886-2811

522 UNFURNISHED HOMES BURL Small 2 bdrm, 1009 N. Broadway, 5400+ dep. Call 733-9659

EDEN - Nice 2 bdrm, approx. 1400 sq. ft. Dec. Special, \$100 off 1st month!

FILER - Cozy 2 bdrm for lease in quiet residential area. \$375 per month plus electric.

GOODING - 2 bdrm, 2 bath, fenced, \$450. WENDELL - 3 bdrm, gas heat, \$550.00

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THE ACES ON BRIDGE Bobby Wolff

North-South did well to reject a no-trump game in favor of the 11-trick game in clubs. Unfortunately, South's overconfidence in the solidity of his trump suit led to a momentary bit of carelessness.

South won East's club shift to ruff a diamond in dummy, but when he tried to win two heart tricks, he had to ruff spades to lead.

There was no reason for South to play a trump at trick two. Instead, he should have returned a diamond immediately.

ANSWER: 73 spades. Although North has not promised strength, his six-card spade suit should be enough to offer a good play for game.

TWIN FALLS - 2 bdrm, 1 1/2 bath, stove, range, DW, W/H, \$550/month. Call 208-733-6659

TWIN FALLS - 2 bdrm, 2 bath, stove, range, water & garbage paid. No P.E.T. \$625/month. Call 208-733-7749

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CELEBRATE WITH SAVINGS AT NEW! 1999 PONTIAC FIREBIRD TRANS AM

TWIN FALLS 147 555/0
New 2 bedroom, Range, refrigerator, Microwave, dishwasher, W/D, Gas fireplace, Hardwood floors, carpet, paid. Near school & park.
ELWOOD & EVANS
734-4101

TWIN FALLS
740 Maurice Street
2 bdrms, 1 bath, W/D hook-up, 2 bdrms, appl. furn., Water, garbage, lawn care furnished, \$450 + deposit, utility of choice. Call Donna at 733-2885 or 733-5282. Available for pets or smoking.

TWIN FALLS
BEST VALUE 2 bdrm, 2 bath apt. w/washer/dryer or 2 bdrm townhouses. Some with fireplace or garage, all have AC. Call Karla for more info.
WINDERMERE
Property Management
734-4334

TWIN FALLS Extra nice 2 bdrm townhouse, appls, W/D, No Smoking or Pets. \$450 + dep. Call 733-8513.

TWIN FALLS GREAT BATH 2 bdrms, 2 bath, Central air, gas heat, all appl., \$258 month. dep. Call Diana at 733-4111 or 733-1423.

TWIN FALLS HONEY LOCUST HAS A VACANCY 2 bdrm, 1 bath, \$450 + deposit.
527 Borah Ave West #4, 2 bdrm, 1 bath, \$450 + deposit.
670 Monroe - nice 2 bdrm, 2 bath w/corport & private yard \$495 + deposit.
442 Locust #4 - 1 bdrm, 1 bath-avail, immediately.
\$300 + deposit.
BRAWLEY REALTY
734-5858
Evenings & Weekends
Dave 324-4600

TWIN FALLS Ideal for retired persons! no yd care, 1312 sq. ft., 2 bdrm, 2 bath & ellco, security garage, AC, covered deck, stove, w/d, DW, \$550+ dep. credit check, no pets. Call 734-4411 Cindy or evos. 733-2006.

TWIN FALLS Lx duplex, 3 bdrm, 2 bath, utility rm, 2 car garage, gas heat w/air, range, DW, auto sprinklers. No Smoking or Pets. \$750/mo + dep., no pets. Call 733-9301.

TWIN FALLS New 3 bdrm, 2 bath, apt., garage, W/D hook-up. \$550. 734-7582.

TWIN FALLS STUDIOS: Colonial Park Apts - 204 4th St. North \$235 + dep. includes heat, water, sewer & sanitation.
State Apts - 232 2nd Ave. \$280 + dep.
128 Martin #16 - 1 bdrm, 1 bath, 1 yr. N. w. ly decorated.
530 3rd Ave. West #8 - 1 bdrm, 1 bath, N. w. ly painted. \$275 + dep.

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TWIN FALLS Walking distance to schools. Sits on corner, minor touch ups, 3 bdrm other side, good condition. Stove/no-frag. range, dishwasher, garage. \$475 + \$550.
-Upstairs, large 2 bdrm, 1 bath, stainless/walwrm cat included, \$400.
-Outlet upstairs, 2 bdrm, medium, appls, \$525.
THE MCINT
733-0738

TWIN FALLS - Rm, \$250 - util, W/D, DW, internet, T-11 324-6890 or 732-6024

TWIN FALLS Motel - Daily rate, 100% refund, pet friendly, Clean & Quiet - Friendly - 2152 Kimberly Rd, 733-8620

TWIN FALLS, Capri Motel, \$100/wk. & up - incl. microwave, w/refrig., phone, HBO. Please call 733-5500

TWIN FALLS, MOTEL 3 - \$100/wk. & \$360/month, 248 2nd Ave W, 733-5630

TWIN FALLS, Rooms, \$100/wk. & up - incl. microwave, w/refrig., utilities pd. Cable TV, no pets, 1201 Kimberly Rd, or call 733-0232.

606 MOBILE HOMES
FILER 2 bdrm, 1 bath, gas heat & stove, Small home. W/D, gas, range, sewer, incl. No pets, refs. \$275 + \$150 dep. Call 324-5663

JEROME - 14x70, 2 bdrm, 1 bath, \$450/mo. + \$400 dep. Call 324-5516.

JEROME, 3 bdrm, 2 bath, DW, disposal, \$450 + \$225 dep. 327 W. 4th. For appl. call 324-7393.

JEROME, 3 bdrm, 2 bath, DW, disposal, \$475 + \$225 dep. 327 W. 4th. For appl. call 324-7393.

**TWIN FALLS RV or mobile home space. Monthly rates available. Call Karla for more info
WINDERMERE
Property Management
734-4334**

607 OFFICE & RETAIL SPACE

TWIN FALLS - Private Professional Office
4 private offices, reception area, all utilities paid, \$700/mo.
Call 734-9880 or 733-0707.

TWIN FALLS - 1,000 sq ft. of deluxe office space. Lots of windows, conference room. Call 734-4139.

TWIN FALLS-1400 sq. ft., office warehouse off Kimberly RD. off highway, has ample parking & fenced compound. \$600 mo., Rent call 733-5522.

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TWIN FALLS Executive Office Spaces
- Location: Blue Lakes, Addison, Shoshone, Kimberly Road
- from 140 - 3500 sq. ft. with various arrangements.
**Call Steve Halverson for more information
WINDERMERE
Property Management
734-4334**

TWIN FALLS, Exc. downtown property, over 3000 sq. ft., \$675/mo. 734-0753.

TWIN FALLS, Turnover office space. Incl. desk, phone, voice mail, answering service, 56k internet access, conference room, fax & copy machine. Standing \$500/mo. Call Kent Collins at 733-5356.

TWIN FALLS, Prime location, small office space, 440 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. 550 sq. ft. upstairs, \$150 sq. ft. bsmt. Util. pd. by owner. \$495 per month. Call Bill 208-734-8490.

608 COMMERCIAL RENTALS
COMMERCIAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT
Let us take care of on-site management, tenant relations & etc. Services can be tailored to your needs. Call 731-4060 or E-mail kpp@compropm.com

TWIN FALLS - House at 431 Blue Lakes N. possible office or home or office. Call 734-5140 Dave

TWIN FALLS Office/Shop
Overhead door, ample parking, good location. Sized from 1150 sq. ft. and up.
Call Steve Halverson.
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TWIN FALLS Quality Workshop, nice! \$2250/mo. - \$2500/mo. 35' x 45' - \$520/mo. 35' x 60' - \$850/mo. 40' x 70' - \$1200/mo. 50' x 70' - \$1500/mo. 60' x 70' - \$1800/mo. 70' x 70' - \$2100/mo. 80' x 70' - \$2400/mo. 90' x 70' - \$2700/mo. 100' x 70' - \$3000/mo. 110' x 70' - \$3300/mo. 120' x 70' - \$3600/mo. 130' x 70' - \$3900/mo. 140' x 70' - \$4200/mo. 150' x 70' - \$4500/mo. 160' x 70' - \$4800/mo. 170' x 70' - \$5100/mo. 180' x 70' - \$5400/mo. 190' x 70' - \$5700/mo. 200' x 70' - \$6000/mo. 210' x 70' - \$6300/mo. 220' x 70' - \$6600/mo. 230' x 70' - \$6900/mo. 240' x 70' - \$7200/mo. 250' x 70' - \$7500/mo. 260' x 70' - \$7800/mo. 270' x 70' - \$8100/mo. 280' x 70' - \$8400/mo. 290' x 70' - \$8700/mo. 300' x 70' - \$9000/mo. 310' x 70' - \$9300/mo. 320' x 70' - \$9600/mo. 330' x 70' - \$9900/mo. 340' x 70' - \$10200/mo. 350' x 70' - \$10500/mo. 360' x 70' - \$10800/mo. 370' x 70' - \$11100/mo. 380' x 70' - \$11400/mo. 390' x 70' - \$11700/mo. 400' x 70' - \$12000/mo. 410' x 70' - 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Elk hunt: Officials say hunting season helps hard.

Happy days are here for bass lovers

Every time Roland Martin sees a huge crowd at one of his bass-fishing seminars, he marvels at how far the sport has come.

Thirty years ago, he and a few other pro fishermen toured the country and served as missionaries for the sport, spreading the word and trying to lure followers.

Today, bass fishing is almost looked upon as the national pastime in the South, and fishermen such as Martin are treated as celebrities.

"When Ray Scott was forming BASS in 1970, he got me and a few other pros to tour the country in a Bluebird bus and give seminars about fishing," said Martin, a legend of professional bass fishing. "We hit 103 cities in a year, and we could see at the time how much potential bass fishing had."

Years later, thousands of fishermen still yearn for tips they can use to catch the big one. And they don't lack places where they can get that information.

They tune in by the thousands to television shows such as the one Martin hosts.

They flock to seminars and furiously jot down notes.

BEND IN THE RIVER Brent Frazee

They read magazine and newspaper articles in which the pros reveal their secrets. They head for their personal computers and call up various fishing-related Web sites.

Yes, bass fishing is the craze these days. If you don't believe it, look at the participation figures.

Back in the early 1970s, Martin and others boasted that their "goodwill tour" resulted in recruiting 50,000 fishermen to BASS, a national fishing organization, in a year.

Today, there are 12.7 million bass fishermen in the United States, according to the latest participation survey by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. About 500,000 of them belong to BASS, making it one of the largest conservation groups in the country.

"Pros" such as Martin are in demand, constantly receiving invitations to give seminars and pass on valuable fishing tips.

"I think I could be out giving talks every weekend if I wanted to," said Martin, who lives in Clewiston, Fla. "It really is unbelievable how the interest has grown."

Brent Chapman, 27, of Lake Quivira, Mo., has seen that craze over bass fishing from two angles. When he was in his teens, he was part of the crowd at the seminars, listening to fishing greats such as Denny Brauer and Guido Hibdon.

Now he is one of the fishermen giving those talks. Chapman has become one of the young stars on the BASS tournament circuit, an accomplishment that he partly credits to the days when he would gather information at seminars.

"I would listen to the talks and then go out and try some of the methods that I learned about," said Chapman. "There's no substitute for time on the water, but these seminars give you new ideas on things to try."

But Chapman knows he isn't the only one who is benefiting from the availability of fishing information.

"To catch a fisherman is so much more knowledgeable than ... 15 or 20 years ago," Chapman said.

"That's good, because the fish are getting smarter, too. With so much more fishing pressure, the fish get wise to a lot of the methods that have been used for years.

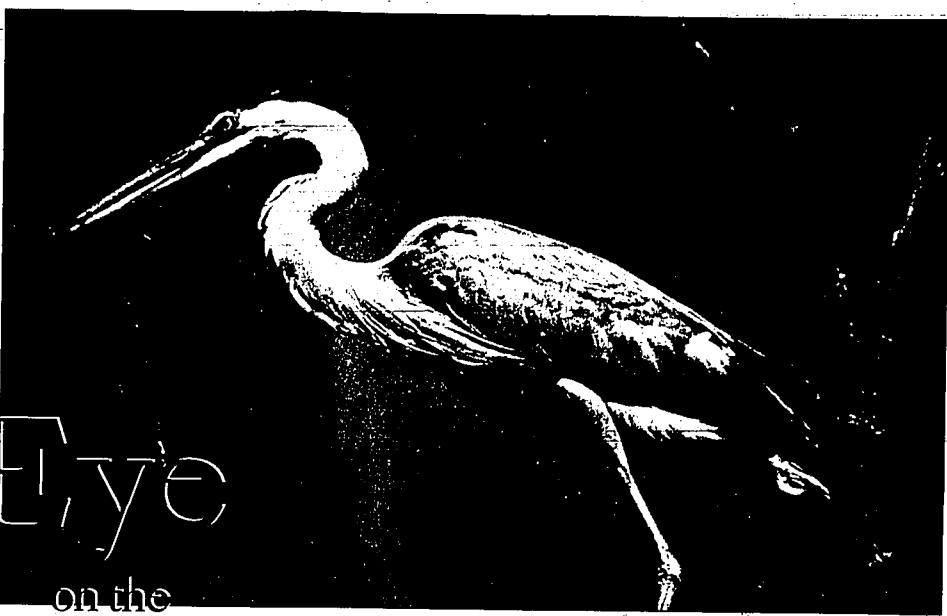
"People want to hear about new ways to catch fish."

"The hunger for fishing tips isn't restricted to the United States. Dion Hibdon, another top pro, will tell you the bass-fishing craze is even greater in Japan.

"There is a huge interest in bass fishing over there," said Hibdon, who lives in Stover, Mo. "American pro fishermen are treated like kings."

"And for a country boy like Hibdon, that scene is an eye opener. "These are exciting times for bass fishing," Hibdon said. "Years ago, I don't think anyone would have imagined it would ever become this popular. Now, there's no telling where it will go."

Brent Frazee writes for The Kansas City Star.



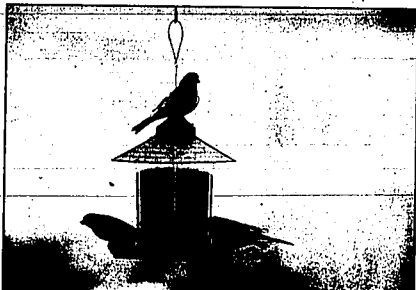
Eye on the Sky

The recent Christmas bird count revealed no shortage of great blue herons along the Snake River near Twin Falls.

Local bird watchers report low Christmas numbers

The recent holidays marked the 100th year that members of the National Audubon Society have conducted a Christmas bird count. On Christmas Day in 1900, a mere 27 conservationists conducted the first bird

count on the East Coast. In the past few weeks, more than 50,000 volunteers turned out in all 50 states, every Canadian province and many other locations around the world to count birds.



House finches are always plentiful at local bird feeders at this time of year.



Redtail hawk numbers are up in the Twin Falls area, perhaps due to a surplus of mice.

Here in Idaho, Audubon Society members observed birds in 23 areas, including Twin Falls. Each group covered a circle 15 miles in diameter. Information from these counts helps document distribution, numbers and trends of avian populations. That's important, because birds are indicators of the overall health of our environment.

In the Twin Falls area, 24 volunteers from the Pacific Falcon Chapter of the Audubon Society fanned out throughout the 15-mile circle on Sunday. They observed 60 species, totaling 8,631 birds. This compares with 70 species and 16,275 birds in 1998.

The warm, dry weather of recent months, coupled with the availability of food, has varied the distribution of

many species.

For example, several flocks of mourning doves were spotted on the north side of the Snake River. These fair-weather birds are normally long gone by Christmas in southern Idaho.

An abundance of mice in some areas provided ideal conditions for certain birds of prey. One farm, southeast of Jerome, had 12 barn owls, two horned owls and a goshawk wintering on-site. Good numbers of redtail and rough-legged hawks were observed feeding on voles and mice in adjacent fields.

"One unusual observation was the lack of robins in many areas.

Typically, many flocks winter along the Snake River, feeding on huckleberry and Russian olive berries. Some migrating birds were seen, but the general dis-

Story and photos by Stu Murrell

tribution of this common species was minimal.

Ducks were in short supply for the second year in a row. Some Canada geese were observed feeding in fields, but the main duck concentrations around Twin Falls were in ponds at the Blue Lakes Country Club. There were only about 350 birds, compared to the thousands that historically have flocked here. No bald eagles were seen this year, which probably reflects the lack of ducks - their favorite food in winter months.

On the other hand, mild weather has favored magpies, house (English) sparrows and crows. Higher-than-normal numbers of these species were observed throughout the count area.

Many of the smaller avian species were completely missing.

No golden-crowned kinglets, some types of wrens, Townsend solitaires and most warblers were seen.

House finches were frequent diners at local bird feeders and several observers reported regular visits by sharp-shinned hawks that preyed on the small birds.

State lauds Jerome man for hunter instruction Murrell teaches youngsters about gun safety

The Times-News

JEROME - Over the years, Stu Murrell has taught thousands of youngsters how to shoot straight. He has given a lot of his time, teaching countless hunter education classes, and now he has gotten something back. In December, Murrell was honored as Hunter Education Instructor of the Year by the Idaho Fish and Game Commission.

The honor isn't just for the Magic Valley Region. It's for the entire state - and it has been a long time coming. He started teaching hunter education classes in 1966.

Teaching safe firearms technique to roughly 12,000 school-age children isn't everyone's idea of a good time, but Murrell says it comes naturally to him.

"I've gotten a lot out of the outdoors and I like to pay some of that back," he says. "I like to work with youngsters and see them get enthused about the outdoors."

Almost every Magic Valley resident with an interest in wildlife knows, or knows of, Stu Murrell. As a freelance outdoors writer, he is a regular contributor to The Times-News, and one of his stories appears elsewhere on this page.

Murrell's knowledge of wild animals and safe hunting comes from years in the field. He worked for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game for 26 years and was the agency's primary spokesman in the Magic Valley Region.

He retired at the end of 1992, but he continues to teach four hunter education classes on a volunteer basis every year. He also donates his time to teach shotgun clinics for women and youngsters.

Murrell's experience in shooting sports runs deep. He is a certified firearms instructor with the National Rifle Association.

He also is one of the founding members and a long-time presi-

dent of the Twin Falls Rifle and Pistol Club.

In Jerome County, Murrell was a primary organizer of the Snake River Handgun Silhouette Shooters; he has served as that group's president, vice president and match director.

His professional resume is equally impressive.

Murrell earned a bachelor's degree in wildlife management from Utah State University, then followed it up with a master's degree in his native California.

After college, Murrell went straight to work for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

He spent eight years with the federal agency, working in 22 states and living in such far-flung spots as Alaska and Washington, D.C.

He joined the Idaho Department of Fish and Game in 1966 and spent five years in Lewiston. In 1971, he transferred to Fish and Game's Jerome office, where he finished his career.



The Idaho Fish and Game Commission has honored Jerome resident Stu Murrell as Hunter Education Instructor of the Year.

Photo courtesy of Stu Murrell

OUTDOORS

Head to the South Hills for free ski instruction

HANSEN - People who don't own any cross-country ski equipment, but want to go skiing anyway will be in luck Saturday. The 12th annual edition of Cross Country Idaho will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Magic Mountain Ski Area, 28 miles south of Hansen on Rock Creek Road. The free event gives non-skiers and beginners an opportunity to give the sport a whirl. It is sponsored by the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation. In addition to free use of equipment, beginner lessons and refreshments also will be offered. An easy beginner trail is located close to the lodge. For more information, call Jack Yarbrough at 837-4505.

Area fly-tying seminar
TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Fly Fishers will hold a fly-tying seminar and their 31st

Officials might develop Idaho's first state park

HARRIMAN STATE PARK (AP) - Threatened by tight budgets and a dwindling trust fund, managers of Idaho's first state park are considering developing portions of the pristine landscape that is home to wintertime silence, graceful trumpeter swans and some of the world's finest fishing. "We need to take an entrepreneurial look at all state parks," Deputy Parks and Recreation Director Bill Dokken said. "Development sometimes is a necessary evil." Most state parks generate enough from entrance fees, campground rentals and hotel charges to cover about 60 percent of their expenses. But Harriman's revenues cover just 39 percent, leaving taxpayers and the parks department to make up the difference of about \$200,000. It has prompted a debate about how to pay for the park in the 21st century. Some, like Dokken, argue the park should consider building lodges to cater to more guests or a visitors' center on the highway to entice the millions of tourists who drive by each year but never stop. They believe properly managed development can protect Harriman for generations. But others, like famed Henry's Fork guide Bill Lawson, see the idea as a sacrifice. They argue Harriman's charm lies in its lack of power lines, parking lots and

Outdoors in brief

annual dinner banquet on Feb. 5. The seminar is set for 9 a.m. to noon in room 276-277 of the Taylor Building at the College of Southern Idaho. The banquet at the Turf Club starts with a no-host bar at 5 p.m., with dinner served at 7 p.m. Other activities, such as games, raffles and an auction are planned. Jim Tenney will speak on "Trout, Salmon and Steelhead." Tenney holds 10 IGFA fly rod world records. Cost is \$35 per person or \$60 per couple, which includes dinner, membership, clinic and raffle ticket. Only advance tickets will be sold. Spots must be reserved and paid for by Jan. 27, and those planning to attend are asked to RSVP by Jan. 27. For more information, call Les Reitz at 733-5180, or Ardele Hanson at 734-9931.

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porches. The park should be subsidized because it fuels the area's economy, he said, attracting anglers who spend money to be humbled by the river's famously finicky rainbow trout. Rolland Harriman once told a friend that his family donated the 11,700-acre Railroad Ranch to the state in 1961 because "we just could not face the prospect of its becoming nothing more than an uncontrolled real estate development with hot dog stands and cheap honky-tonks." Lee Schmitt of the Henry's Fork Foundation, which was established in 1984 to save the river from development and increasing irrigation demands, calls the park a cash machine for the region. "The concept that you need a new stream of income is flawed," he argued. "Instead, we need to recognize that Harriman is an economic engine." Foundation Chairman Jim Greene and others believe the park could be supported by private donations - fees from the 8,000 anglers who use Harriman each year or the countless others who hike Thurston Ridge and watch wildlife like elk and grouse. The debate intensified late last year when an 18-room lodge was proposed in the park. It was quickly dropped amid protests from foundation members who felt it violated the group's mission to protect the Henry's Fork.

Russians assault Mt. McKinley

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) - Russian mountaineers Marat Galinov and Alexandre Smirnov attempting to climb Mount McKinley from the north side for the first time in winter, were spotted by a National Park Service pilot near the base of Karstens Ridge, at about 10,000 feet. Pilot Stan Steek was conducting snow surveys in the park on Monday when he decided to take a swing over the Muldrow Glacier to see if he could spot the pair, reported McKinley climbing ranger Daryl Miller. "They waved when he flew over," Miller said. The Russians have no radio, so it was impossible for Steek to talk to them. They have a satellite telephone, but in their last conversation with National Park Service Russian specialist Katya Wessels, the climbers reported they are trying to conserve their last lithium battery. They took only two batteries, Wessels reported, and one is exhausted. Wessels last talked to the climbers on New Year's Eve, when they called at 15 minutes to midnight to pass along good wishes and obtain a weather report. At the time, according to Wessels, Galinov, 40, and Smirnov, 42, believed themselves to be within a three-hour hike of the base of Karstens Ridge - the northern gateway to the upper reaches of North America's tallest peak. The pair said they will call

Mountaineers attempt first winter climb from north side

again Friday, Wessels reported, but she wonders about the reliability of their satellite phone. The Friday night connection was bad, either because of a poor satellite hookup or, possibly, freezing batteries. Temperatures on the north side of the Alaska Range had dropped to 50 or 60 degrees below zero - a radical departure from the rain and 40-degree temperatures that bogged down the climbers in slush in late December. The men lost two of their sleeping bags because they got soaked and they could not dry them before the bags froze. Fortunately, Miller said, they carried spares. But no one knows if those are separate arctic bags or lighter-weight sleeping wraps designed to be used with other bags. Either way, the Russians are being forced to deal with Alaska at its harshest on the shadowy north flank of the 20,320-foot mountain. Still, they have made excellent progress. Steek's report put them above two of the Muldrow Glacier's biggest obstacles - the Lower Icefall and the Great Icefall. Miller calls the latter "a maze with very deep and black-looking slots (seemingly bottomless

crevasses) that run perpendicular and crossways, which really puts two people at an even higher risk." In a long talk before Galinov and Smirnov left for the mountain, Miller cautioned them to be extremely careful picking a route through this area. Any crevasse fall, he warned, could prove deadly. The danger is not as much as in the fall as in the rescue, because the extreme cold on McKinley in winter leaves little margin for error. At minus 50 or colder, Miller said, both would likely be hypothermic by the time one managed to extract the other from a crevasse. Fortunately, Steek said, temperatures were moderating on Monday. It remained bitter cold in the valleys but flying near 12,000 feet, he said, his thermometer registered close to minus 10. "I'm sure it was colder on the ground," he added, but he didn't think that was the biggest problem the Russians face. "It was all covered with snow," he said. Almost 4 feet fell last week in Cantwell. Denali National Park headquarters near Healy got a couple of feet. The snow could make it difficult for the Russians

to retreat to Kantishna, where they are due to be picked up at mid-month.

"Time is critical now, according to Miller. A decision to continue could put the Russians at the margin of their food and fuel supplies during the slog back to Kantishna. And they are still a long way from the summit.

Karstens Ridge, from nearly 11,000 feet to about 15,000 feet, "is very prone to wind, and a best only passable with good weather and windless conditions," Miller said. "The third and final section is the upper mountain - Harper Glacier - which seems to be the wind gods' testing area. It blows up and down the glacier with the venturi effect in full force, doubling the wind speed."

Throw in the problem of altitude - "a compounding factor that can take away all prudent decision-making as you are only dealing with 50 percent of normal oxygen" - and the risks become serious, Miller said. Still, the challenge is not insurmountable. The route the Russians are following has been climbed many times before, including by the team making the first McKinley ascent.

Back in 1913, Athabaskan Walter Harper led "Svenhagen Kid" Harry P. Karstens, Archdeacon Hudson Stuck and Robert G. Tatum to the summit via this route. Karstens would go on to become the first superintendent of Mount McKinley National Park.

SLIDING ALONG



Darrell, left, and Linda Thatcher enjoy the newly fallen snow Tuesday at a cross-country ski course in Appleton, Wis.

Looking to succeed as archer, Texan hits target

The Dallas Morning News DALLAS - Gingor Nasworthy competes with William Fell, the legendary archer who was forced to shoot an apple off his son's head. Nasworthy has never made such a life-or-death bow shot, but she knows what pressure feels like. With a limited budget, the 35-year-old Grand Prairie, Texas, resident, began shooting in professional 3-D target archery tournaments in February. By April 11, Nasworthy was down to her last \$36 when she wrote a check for \$250 to cover her entry fee for a North American Bow Hunter tournament in Abilene. Nasworthy responded to the pressure, particularly on the second day of the two-day event, when she posted the sixth-best round among pros, including the men. She won the women's division by 13 points, earning \$1,400 in prize money and \$3,000 in special bonus money. "My mother drove up to the tournament from her home in Menard and I told her I'd have to send the prize money home with her so she could deposit it and cover my travel," Nasworthy said. "I'd been competing better in every tournament, and I guess I felt comfortable with the terrain at Abilene." Nasworthy's first pro victory

triggered a charge that earned her NABH Rookie of the Year and Shooter of the Year honors, the first time a woman had captured both titles in the same year. She also was named Shooter of the Year by the Association of Professional Archers. In 21 3-D tournaments, Nasworthy finished first four times and was in the money 10 times. She earned more than \$30,000 in her rookie season as a pro, just two years after first hearing of the competition that's patterned after bowhunting. Nasworthy grew up on a ranch near Menard, about 240 miles southwest of Dallas. She killed her first deer when she was 6, and had killed a deer with a bow by the time she was 10. In 1997, Nasworthy was working as a guide on the Menard Creek Ranch in Menard County when

Jesse Morehead of Calhoun, Ga., and Susan Thompson of Douglasville, Ga., showed up for a hunt. Turning Morehead and Thompson loose on Hill Country whitetails didn't seem quite fair. Each is a 3-D archery world champ many times over. 3-D tournaments are held on a course set up over natural terrain. The competitor stops at a shooting station, where a life-sized target representing a game animal has been placed at a distance unknown to the competitor. Shots can be as far as 50 yards. Without using laser rangefinders or similar aids, the archer has two minutes to estimate the range to the target and make an accurate shot. A perfect shot counts 12 points. The 10-point ring in a 3-D target is about the size of a 50-cent piece.

The 10-ring is about six inches in diameter. The eight ring is about 12 inches in diameter. A hit on the animal target outside the scoring rings is worth five points. Most tournaments consist of two rounds shot on consecutive days. Leaders are grouped together on the second day. The biggest tournament Nasworthy has shot in included 5,000 competitors and 20,000 spectators. "At the ranch in Menard, I got to talking with Jesse about bowhunting and he talked me into trying 3-D," Nasworthy said. "My previous archery experience consisted of getting my bow out the day before deer season and shooting at a pie plate at 20 yards. If I could hit the pie plate, I figured I was ready to go hunting."

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Shooting elk in Grand Teton remains essential to herd

Hunters shoot elk in Grand Teton as part of program

GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. (AP) — At 30 minutes before sunrise, a subtle light grew to reveal a herd of about 50 elk grazing in a meadow east of Blacktail Butte in Grand Teton National Park.

When the light turned from dark blue to gray, a large cow elk began walking toward the butte. The herd followed quietly.

As the sun approached the horizon, it gradually illuminated the snowy peaks of surrounding mountains and hunters scattered throughout the fields.

Florescent orange caps, jackets and packs made them stand out from the flat, sage-covered landscape.

At 7:15, the start of the legal shooting hour, the first shot echoed through the meadow. The elk herd darted to the butte, taking a due-west path from the meadow's grassy edge.

Another shot rang out, and one of the elk fell wounded. The injured cow struggled and stood, then tried to bound after the herd.

Three more shots and hunter Buck Buchanan bagged his elk with his .270-caliber rifle. A Casper resident who said he was older than 60, Buchanan hunted elk each year in the Grand Teton elk reduction program.

Walking less than a half mile to fake his shots, Buchanan said he relies on luck and other hunters to get his elk.

"When a whole herd comes stampeding by, it means you're lucky," Buchanan said. "It took me four shots to get this one. If you are in the right place at the right time, you're going to get one."

Buchanan was one of the few hunters who got an elk on a recent day in the park hunt area that includes Antelope Flats, Blacktail Butte, the Snake River bottom and the Kelley Hayfields. The other hunt area includes the northeast area of the park near Two Ocean Lake, Uhl Hill and Wolff Ridge.

The annual elk migration from the mountains to the valley came late this year. Many elk moved at night when hunters are not allowed to shoot them, and the overall harvest of 592 animals



Ralph Ladd, left, and Tom Ray scope out Antelope Flats early one morning for elk at Grand Teton National Park in Wyoming. The hunters take part in the park's elk reduction program. Above, Buch Buchanan, of Casper, tags an elk he just bagged on Blacktail Butte.

was down from previous years. Still, hunters were out in force, parking their trucks along the roads that bisect and surround the meadows, and creeping into the fields in hopes that elk would migrate by.

After Buchanan and two companions gutted the cow, they filled out his license and headed for town where they planned to hire someone to drag the carcass out.

From a distance, hunters fired more shots. Two cows and a calf bounded across antelope flats. A hunter shot at one. One elk fell and the other two ran in the opposite direction.

The shooting continued until the calf fell. The remaining elk ran in its original direction as gunshots exploded like fire crackers.

Buchanan's companion, Bill Watson, paused with a grin as he listened to the cacophony. "Somebody will get em," he said.

He was right. Within minutes the third elk fell.

To the hunters, the park elk reduction program — officials don't call it a hunt on purpose — is an opportunity to kill an elk without having to trek miles into the forest or the high country each

year. They have the convenience of the road system, the knowledge of traditional elk migration patterns and the benefit of other hunters pushing elk their way.

They still endure harsh winds and zero-degree temperatures.

"The elk keep moving and moving and you just look at where they crossed the night before and wait," Casper hunter Tom Ray said. "Sometimes we wait for the people to shoot them and chase them back to us. They move kind of like a slow ping-pong ball game."

The legislation that created the 1950 boundary of Grand Teton ensured hunting would continue. Hunting also is considered essential for bringing the herd numbers to or below an objective, said Colin Campbell, park chief ranger.

The herd objective for the Jackson Hole Elk Herd is 11,000. There are an estimated 15,000, 16,000 elk in the herd. About 7,000 to 8,000 elk migrate south through the park to spend the winter on the National Elk Refuge.

Killing some of the herd before the animals reach the refuge is important, Campbell said.

"The overriding reason for the reduction program within the park and the greater herd is the balanced management of the herd," Campbell said.

Some critics condemn the program, saying it is not a fair-chase hunt and is unethical.

Photographer and Jackson Hole resident Tom Mangelsen calls the elk reduction program a massacre in which people stress the elk, slaughter them and create a dangerous situation.

"It is not much of a hunt," Mangelsen said. "I don't think we are doing the elk any favor by having this kind of hunt. They get gun-shot, circled. It's a massacre. It's not a hunt in any way, shape, or form. A vehicle is not a fair thing to chase an animal with. It's a slob hunt."

Park rangers and Wyoming Game and Fish Department wardens are quick to point out that chasing elk with vehicles is illegal and that any hunter caught doing it will be cited and fined.

Bill Long is the state's north valley game warden who patrols the park hunt nearly every day.

He said the overwhelming majority of hunters are ethical sportsmen. This year, law

enforcement officers issued 33 citations to some of the 2,500 people hunting, he said.

"I would call the 33 slob. If everybody was a slob there would be 2,500 violations," Long said.

Of the violations, 12 were for people who hunted in closed areas within a quarter mile of some roads. Other violations were for chasing animals with vehicles, and one person was cited for shooting an antelope instead of an elk.

The park issues hunting permits for bulls, cows, spikes — young bulls with unbranched antlers — and calves. This year hunters killed 342 cows, 133 bulls, 46 spikes, 37 male calves and 34 female calves.

Also, the park enforces a half mile closure outside of the town of Kelly so that the elk have an escape route to the park, Campbell said.

Rangers will stop hunters and allow elk to cross a road into and go through Kelly onto the refuge, Long said. Hunters and other drivers may not stop along a key portion of the road and block elk movement.

"Anytime you have a lot of elk and people together, you are

going to have some fast-paced hunting and our job is to referee that and to make it safe," Long said.

Campbell and Long agreed that the elk population is slowly dropping. Last year there were 7,300 elk on feed on the refuge, 200 below the maximum cap. It was the first time in 13 years that the refuge was within objective.

Still, the overall herd was above 11,000, which means the managers have not met their objective, Campbell said.

"Over the last four to five years we have taken aggressive actions in our attempt to promote a successful harvest," he said. "We saw some favorable signs. I am encouraged but careful because it is just one snapshot."

But Mangelsen would prefer to see the unwanted elk corralled and humanely slaughtered. He also advocated ending the shooting in the meadows in an effort to encourage the elk to graze forage that is not on their refuge winter range.

"If we stopped hunting them in the park, they would stay up there later and wouldn't use up food so quickly on the refuge," he said. "Then the carrying capacity of the elk refuge may be larger."

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Alex Peterson Carey boys' basketball

Almost by default, Carey junior Alex Peterson found himself playing the post this season. And while his 6-foot-1-inch, 160-pound frame hardly qualifies him for "big-man" status, he's managed to make due.

Through the season's first six games, he's averaging 21.5 points and 11 rebounds a game. In the Panthers' 76-54 loss Tuesday night at Shoshone, Peterson hit the Indians for 30. Not bad for a guy who is playing his first varsity season.

"He's pretty lean and he's not real physical," said Carey head coach Leo Cook. "(But) he's a good all-around athlete, a good ball handler and a real good shooter."

After some of last year's post plays, Peterson decided not to turn out for this year's team, Peterson suddenly found himself as the Panthers' tallest player. "As such, he became the team's center — but with the quickness and shooting range of a point guard."

He's used that speed to run circles around opposing centers.

"He's got a real good sense of where the ball is going to come off the rim and he gets there," Cook said.

Peterson said he wants a continued display of hustle to characterize his game the remainder of this season.

"My New Year's resolution was to hustle all the time," he said, "always hustle, and never stop to walk on the floor."

And for the team, now 3-5 overall, "I just want to win the conference."

He follows a strong family tradition at Carey. He's the fourth Peterson to play for the Panthers in the last 10 years. Older twins Coby and Courtney graduated in 1994 and brother Buddy — who averaged nearly 14 points a game his senior season — graduated in 1997.

In addition to being a standout on the hardwood, Peterson "kicks off" the dirt track, where he races BMX bikes competitively during the summer months.

Joanne Anderson Gooding girls' basketball

Her performances have accounted for virtually all of the "good" in Gooding this season. At least on the basketball court, where the girls' basketball team has struggled mightily.

The Senators' collective struggle, however, has not affected the season of senior Joanne Anderson.

Averaging 13.0 points, 8.9 rebounds and 5.3 steals a game through 12 outings, the 6-5 star has given Magic Valley opponents fits this year with her aggressive defense and devastating scoring ability.

"She has a great work ethic," said Gooding coach Andrew Moretto. "She's all over the court and she'll play any position."

At just 5-6, Anderson has played much bigger than her program height would indicate. Earlier this year, she pulled down 16 boards against Midvale and later, grabbed 14 against Glenns Ferry. More recently, in what Moretto called her best game of the year against Buhl, she tallied 12 boards and scored 28 points.

"I just wait for (the bigger players) to make a mistake and then I get position on them," Anderson said.

An intense competitor, Anderson has battled foul trouble for much of her career. Early in the year, keeping her on the floor proved difficult.

Moretto said. A creative solution seemed to have solved the problem.

"We have a contract that whenever foul out, I have to bake him a dozen cookies of his choice," Anderson said. After baking about four or five dozen, learned my lesson."

Needless to say, she hasn't landed an apron in weeks.

Off the floor, Anderson runs cross country and track. She's also a dedicated student, carrying a near-perfect 3.9 GPA. In addition, she's a member of several school clubs, including the National Honor Society and the Spanish Club.

—Matt Peterson

CSI picks up SWAC battles

By Kevin Hall Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — After a holiday season full of cheer, the College of Southern Idaho men's and women's basketball teams hope to return to the cheers of a packed CSI gymnasium tonight when the Golden Eagles welcome in Treasure Valley Community College.

For women's basketball coach Joel Bates, whose team finished 2-1 over the New Year's weekend at a holiday tournament in Arizona, the Chukars (1-3 Scenic West Athletic Conference) provide

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an interesting challenge. "They've got a good perimeter with guards who can shoot it," he said.

Guard Shari Moulton leads TVCC with a 9.5 scoring average while teammate Joy Webber is chipping in 8.0 points.

TVCC has won four of its last five games, including a victory over Dixie College, who beat CSI 62-57 way back on Dec. 11. It's a contest of SWAC cellar.

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Center Matt Siebrandt is coming into his own at CSI. The 6-8 post is second on the team in scoring at 15.1 points a game and is hauling down almost nine



Amanda McGrath Matt Siebrandt rebounds at 8.6 boards a game. His 13 blocks lead the team and he has 17 steals.

Game slips away for Burley

By Matt Peterson Times-News writer

BURLEY — The Burley girls' basketball underwent a transformation of sorts Wednesday. Problem was, the Bobcats' final form forgot the fundamentals.

Playing solid basketball for the game's first 15 minutes, the Bobcats enjoyed a three-point halftime lead only to watch it slip away in the second half and eventually all the way in a 41-40 loss to Hillcrest in Burley. Turnovers and poor execution down the stretch stymied the Bobcats' fourth-quarter comeback attempt.

"We looked like a very different team out there (the second half)," said Burley head coach Gordon Kurbs. "I can't fault the girls' effort tonight, but there's a difference between playing hard and competing. We need to compete."

Leading 32-29 after three, Hillcrest opened the final quarter with a 7-2 run to take its biggest lead of the game, 39-31, with four minutes to play.

Beginning with an Alisse Sorensen jumper, Burley put together a 7-2 run of its own to narrow the Hillcrest lead to 41-38 with 1:27 to play. Forty-five seconds later, Rebecca Plotts hit both ends of a one-and-one put Burley within one, 41-40, with 45 ticks remaining.

But that would be as close as the Bobcats would come. Although Hillcrest missed five straight free throws in the game's final 30 seconds, Burley was unable to capitalize on the Knights' miscues. Hillcrest, the only 2-of-11 free throws the second half and only 5 of 21 in the game.

"They gave us chances, we just didn't capitalize," Kurbs said.

"We didn't play well late in the game," said Hillcrest head coach Keith Leppers. "We missed a lot of free throws down the stretch. We've worked on that, so that was disappointing."

Burley's final chance for the win came with nine seconds remaining. Driving the length of the floor, Alissa Wilkinson had her off-balance layup blocked by 6-foot-2 Kelsey Young with a just second on the clock.

Young also scored a game-high 15 points in the win.

"She's talented offensively, but she's even better defensively," Leppers said. "She's a very good post player. She's got size and she's very athletic."

Trailing 23-20 at halftime, Hillcrest came out of the break with an increased defensive intensity. Forcing numerous

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CANNED COACH



New Orleans' coach Mike Ditka leaves the field after the Saints' 45-13 loss to Carolina Sunday at Ericsson Stadium in Charlotte, N.C. Ditka was fired Wednesday.

Ditka's done: Saints fire coach

The Sun Herald

NEW ORLEANS — New Orleans Saints owner Tom Benson promised changes and he delivered in a big way Wednesday.

With his team coming off a 3-13 season, Benson fired president/general manager Bill Kuharich, senior vice president Terry O'Neil, head coach Mike Ditka and the entire coaching staff Wednesday morning.

On Dec. 7, Benson pledged that at the end of the regular season he would "take whatever steps were necessary to re-establish the

Saints as a winning franchise."

Despite producing a 15-33 record in three years with the Saints, Ditka said he was caught off guard by Benson's moves.

"I really thought Bill and I would get one more year," Ditka said.

The 60-year-old Ditka was under contract through the 2002 season. He refused to discuss the financial terms of his departure.

"Mike Ditka is one of the greatest football people ever," Benson said in a prepared statement. Ditka said he won't coach again.

Warner caps stunning season with MVP award

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Kurt Warner's sensational rise from obscure quarterback to passing wizard was capped Wednesday when he was voted the NFL's Most Valuable Player by The Associated Press.

Warner, the only player other than Dan Marino to throw for 40 touchdowns in a season, was the guiding force as the St. Louis Rams moved from also-ran to the NFL's best record. The former Arena League and NFL Europe player was an overwhelming choice in balloting by a national

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Tiger tries to pick up where he left off

The Associated Press

KAPALUA, Hawaii — The only thing that stopped Tiger Woods last year was the calendar.

When an unforgettable season finally ran out of official events, Woods was still soaring to unimaginable heights. His victory in Valderrama was his eighth of the year, the most in 25 years, and also his fourth straight, the longest streak since 1993.

From the southern coast of Spain to the west coast of Maui, with only seven weeks to soak it in, Woods will try to resume his dominance on the PGA Tour when the Mercedes Championship begins today.

"I don't like to say he's on fire, or on a roll. He's on his game. He's been playing like he thinks he can," said David Duval, the defending champion and chief challenger to Woods. "He's played super golf for a long time. And I expect nothing else for a while to come."

"That can't be good news for everyone else, including the 29 other PGA Tour winners gathered at Kapalua for the start of a new year."

"If it's anything like the old year, look out."

"Whether I raised the bar too



Tiger Woods, right, of Orlando, Fla., is greeted by coach Butch Harmon Wednesday while waiting to hit from the third fairway of the Plantation Course during the Mercedes Championship Pro-Am in Kapalua, Hawaii.

high, I don't know," Woods said Wednesday. "I just know I'm going to continue to try to improve."

Should Woods win on the 7,263-yard, par-73 Plantation course, it would be his fifth straight tour victory. The last player to win five straight was Ben Hogan in 1953, although the PGA Tour didn't count the British Open — the oldest championship in golf — as an official event back then.

Florida State makes history with final poll

The Associated Press

Florida State made a little history by winning its second national championship.

In finishing a unanimous No. 1 in The Associated Press' final Top 25 college football poll, the Seminoles became the first team to go wire-to-wire as the top team since the preseason ratings began in 1950.

With its 46-29 win over Virginia Tech in Tuesday night's Sugar Bowl, Florida State (12-0) also gave Bobby Bowden his first perfect season in 40 years as a head coach.

Florida State had all 70 first-place votes and 1,750 points from the 70 voters on the AP panel, while the Hokies (11-1) finished No. 2 — the school's best finish ever. Tech was No. 10 in 1995.

Virginia Tech collected 1,647 points to edge No. 3 Nebraska (12-1), which had 1,634 points after its 31-21 win over Tennessee in the Fiesta Bowl.

In the final USA Today-ESPN coaches' poll, Florida State was first, Nebraska second and Virginia Tech third.

Florida State also won the 1993 national title.

Since 1950, eight teams were ranked No. 1 in the AP preseason poll, fell out of the top spot at some point, but went on to win the national title:

Tennessee (1951), Michigan State (1952), Oklahoma (1956, 1974-1975, 1985); Alabama (1978); and Florida State (1993).

Before 1950, there were two wire-to-wire champions — Notre Dame in 1943 and Army in 1945.

Wisconsin (10-2), a 17-9 winner over Stanford in the Rose Bowl, finished No. 4, followed by No. 5 Michigan (10-2), No. 6 Kansas State (11-1), No. 7 Michigan State (10-2), No. 8 Alabama (10-3), No. 9 Tennessee (9-3) and No. 10 Marshall (13-0).

The Thundering Herd were the only other major college team with a perfect record, closing out their season with a 21-3 win over BYU in the Motor City Bowl.

Penn State, a 24-0 winner over Texas A&M in the Alamo Bowl, was No. 11, followed by No. 12 Florida, No. 13 Mississippi State, No. 14 Southern Mississippi, No. 15 Miami, No. 16 Georgia, No. 17 Arkansas, No. 18 Minnesota, No. 19 Oregon and No. 20 Georgia Tech.

AP Top 25 teams

The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press final college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, final records, points based on 25 points for a first place vote through one point for a 25th place vote and ranking in previous ranking.

Rank	Team	Record	Pts	Pv
1.	Florida St. (70)	12-0	1,750	1
2.	Virginia Tech	11-1	1,647	2
3.	Nebraska	12-1	1,634	3
4.	Wisconsin	10-2	1,519	4
5.	Michigan	10-2	1,406	8
6.	Kansas St.	11-1	1,402	7
7.	Southern Miss.	10-2	1,387	9
8.	Alabama	10-3	1,236	6
9.	Tennessee	9-3	1,188	8
10.	Marshall	13-0	1,136	11
11.	Penn St.	10-3	1,038	13
12.	Florida	9-4	941	10
13.	Mississippi St.	10-2	923	15
14.	South Ala.	9-3	798	16
15.	Miami	9-4	876	23
16.	Georgia	8-4	640	21
17.	Arkansas	8-4	675	24
18.	Minnesota	8-4	652	12
19.	Oregon	9-3	398	9
20.	Georgia Tech	8-4	345	17
21.	Texas A&M	9-5	240	14
22.	Mississippi	8-4	876	23
23.	Texas A&M	8-4	272	18
24.	Illinois	8-4	201	19
25.	Purdue	7-5	198	10

Others receiving votes: Stanford 106, East Carolina 97, Colorado 78, TCU 45, Wyoming 21, Utah 20, Hawaii 19, Washington 7, Wake Forest 6, Boise St., Oklahoma 3, Colorado St. 2.

Source: Compile from AP wire reports AP

SPORTS

Notre Dame upsets No. 2 UConn 75-70; Cincinnati wins

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Troy Murphy had 33 points and 16 rebounds, his 11th double-double of the season, to lead Notre Dame to a 75-70 victory over No. 2 Connecticut on Wednesday night, snapping the Huskies' 10-game winning streak.

Khalid-el-Amin provided almost half of UConn's offense with a career-high 34 points as the Huskies (10-2) trailed nearly the entire game and shot just 35.7 percent from the field. The Irish (10-5) shot 45 percent, including 50 percent from 3-point range.

The Irish outbounded UConn 40-33 in the Big East opener for both teams. Martin Ingley hit a 3-pointer to break 38-38 tie and gave the Irish the lead for good.

No. 3 Cincinnati 81, UNC Charlotte 54

CINCINNATI — Pete Mickel scored 20 points as the Bearcats (13-1, 2-0 Conference USA) ran their homecourt winning streak to 37 games.

Cincinnati got its fastbreak offense rolling early, fashioned a

20-point first-half lead and never let it get closer than 19 points in the second half. Tremaine Gardner had 12 points for the 49ers (7-6, 0-1).

Vanderbilt 77, No. 6 Florida 71

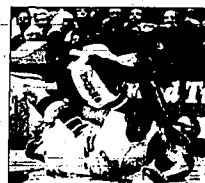
NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Dan Langhi scored 18 of his 31 points in the first half as the Commodores (10-13) grabbed the lead early and ended the nine-game winning streak of the Gators (11-2).

Vandy shot a season-high 65 percent from 3-point range, hitting 15-of-23. Sam Howard was 7-of-8 and had 22 points and Langhi was 6-of-9, despite having played only one game over the previous two weeks.

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No. 7 Syracuse 93, Rutgers 74

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Damone Brown had 21 points and 13 rebounds, both career highs, to lead the Orangemen (10-0) in the Big



Cincinnati forward Jermaine Tate, bottom, and UNC Charlotte forward Jonathan Neely collide while chasing a loose ball in the first half, Wednesday in Cincinnati.

East opener for both teams. Jeff Greer had 16 points for the Scarlet Knights (8-5), who stayed close until Brown keyed a 9-0 run in the second half.

No. 8 Duke 109, Virginia 100, UT Charlotte 75, Va. Tech 75

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Chris Carruzzo hit 25 three-pointers as the Blue Devils (10-0, 3-1) rallied

NCAA college basketball

from a 10-point second-half deficit for their 23rd consecutive Atlantic Coast Conference victory and their 10th straight against the Cavaliers (9-4, 0-1).

Duke led 89-87 with 11 seconds remaining in regulation, but Mike Dunleavy missed the second of two free throws and Virginia's Donald Handford overcame with a driving acrobatic layup with 5.1 seconds remaining.

No. 10 Indiana 71, Wisconsin 67

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — A.J. Guyton scored 25 points for the Hoosiers (11-1) in the Big Ten opener for both teams.

Indiana held Wisconsin (8-5) to just three field goals and 12 points over the final 8:47 as the Badgers lost in Assembly Hall for the 21st consecutive time.

No. 11 Michigan St. 76, Penn St. 63

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Mateen

Cleaves scored eight points in his season as the Spartans (10-4) won in the Big Ten opener for both teams. — Chay, who sat out 10 weeks recovering from a stress fracture in his right foot, was only expected to play about 15 minutes. But with his team leading Penn State (8-4) by one point and two points in the second half and wound up playing 21 minutes.

No. 15 Tennessee 60, South Carolina 52

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Vincent Yarbrough scored 12 of his 18 points in the second half and the Volunteers (13-1) won in the Southeastern Conference opener. Yarbrough broke a 46-46 tie with one basket and increased the lead to 52-46 with another flourish. His pass to Isiah Victor made it 54-46.

No. 16 Oklahoma St. 125, Langston 65

STILLWATER, Okla. — Brian Montonatti had 28 points and 12 rebounds and Desmond Mason had 22 points and 15 rebounds for the Cowboys (11-1), who came up two points shy of the school record for points in a game.

No. 21 LSU 78, Alabama 66

BATON ROUGE, La. — Freshman point guard Troy Bright scored 20 points and went 6-for-6 from the free throw line, his final 124 as the Tigers (13-0) remained unbeaten.

LSU used a 17-0 run midway through the second half to erase a nine-point halftime deficit in the Southeastern Conference opener for both teams played before a season-high crowd of 13,631 at the Pete Maravich Assembly Center.

Stromlie Swift and Brian Beshara each added 16 points for LSU. Freshman point guard Terrance Metcalf had 22 points for Alabama (7-6).

No. 25 Kentucky 80, Georgia Tech 71

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Tayshaun Prince had 21 points and 10 rebounds to lead the Wildcats (9-4) to their fifth straight win. — Kentucky looked the way in the home-away-from-home game at Louisville's Freedom Hall, but never quite shook Georgia Tech (7-5).

BASKETBALL

NBA Standings

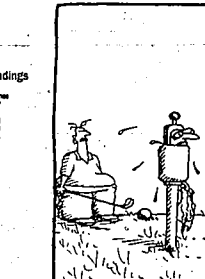
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Women's SWAC Standings

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Conf, listing women's basketball teams in the SWAC.

IN THE BLEACHERS

By Steve Moore



"Craig, come out! You're embarrassing us! Those washers are just for golf balls!"

ON THE AIR

Table listing TV and radio broadcasts for college basketball games.

LOCAL SCHEDULE

Table listing local sports events and their times.

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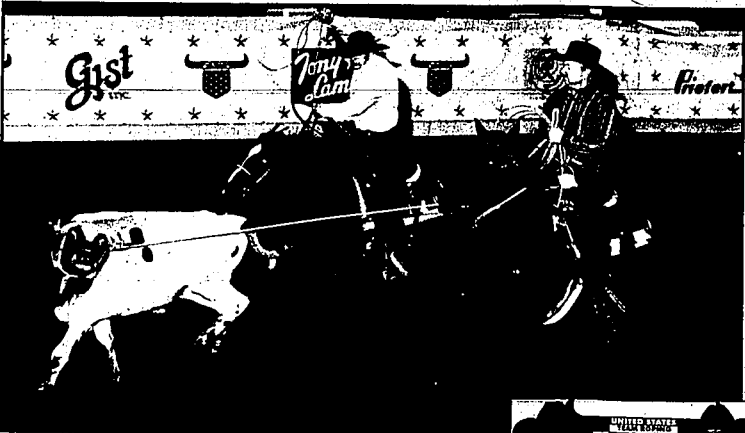
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YOURSPORTS

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AREA BANKER LASSOS BIG WINNINGS



As a banker, Gooding's Vern Eames, right, is already accustomed to dealing with large sums of money. Last October, he and partner James Evans, of Pocatello, made off with a little bankroll of their own, each taking \$15,000 for winning the U.S. Team Roping Championships in Oklahoma City, Okla. Besides the cash, the pair were awarded some jewelry, in the form of Reserve Championship gold buckles.

Since it was on Halloween, the treats went far beyond any tricks the pair performed in the rodeo arena. They roped their four steers in 42.75 seconds to beat out over 8,200 teams in the weeklong event. Besides the money and prizes, the duo qualified for the National Finals Rodeo for their win at the No. 5 Roping event at the Idaho Championships in Meridian last spring. At right, Eames and Evans hold their belt buckles.

MOVING UP THE LADDER



Above, Kenneth Mayfield, 17, was recently promoted to the rank of second-degree black belt at Intermountain Martial Arts. Mayfield, a senior at Kimberly High School, has studied martial arts since age 9. He plans to join the Marines after graduation. Left, Dr. Carl Straubaugh, 38, has been promoted to second-degree black belt after five years of work in the martial arts. Straubaugh, a plant pathologist with the University of Idaho who studies at Intermountain Martial Arts, is also an outdoors enthusiast and avid skier.

Understanding bowling's past

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Luke Christian makes adidas all-tourney team

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Senior Luke Christian, grandson of Jan and Anne Christian and Dee and Bev Gorringer, all of Burley, was selected to the adidas All-American Team following his outstanding performance at the U.S. Youth Soccer National Team Trials Tournament in Cocoa, Fla., Thanksgiving weekend.

The selection designates Christian as one of the best 18 high school players in the country in his age group.

Christian, who has received numerous college scholarship offers, has verbally committed to Indiana University, whose men's soccer team is the reigning NCAA Division I champion.

Christian will graduate from Meridian in May.

TRACKING THE LOCALS

Leah Moore

Wendell (Buhl HS) McMinnville, Ore. - Buhl High School graduate Leah Moore played an integral role at the bench in the Linfield College Wildcats' 78-55 win over Redlands.

Moore, a 5-foot-6 reserve guard, scored 13 points - 12 of the team-high total in the second half - as Linfield turned an eight-point halftime lead into a 23-point rout.

The Wildcats host George Fox (6-2) Friday at 6 p.m.

PERRINE POWER



The L.B. Perrine fifth-grade girls' basketball team ended the season league and tournament champion. Pictured are (front): Alexis Hawkins, Julie Warner, Camille Burgess, Dusty Ester and Alex Walker. In the back: Ally Tucker, Kamil Barakat, Whitney Peterson, Kaito Thomas and Ashley Jones. Coaches were Dave Wilburson and Steve Walker.

YOURSCORES AND STATS

Table with columns for various sports (Baseball, Football, Basketball, etc.) and rows listing scores and statistics for different teams and games.

BASKETBALL

Table listing basketball scores and statistics for various teams, including Junior Jazz League and Intermountain Division.

COMICS

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For Better or For Worse

By Lynn Johnston



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By Scott Adams



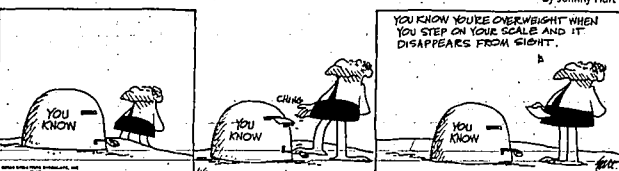
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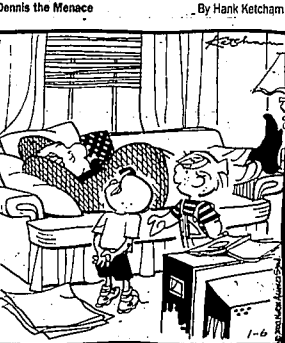
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Hagar the Horrible

By Chris Browne



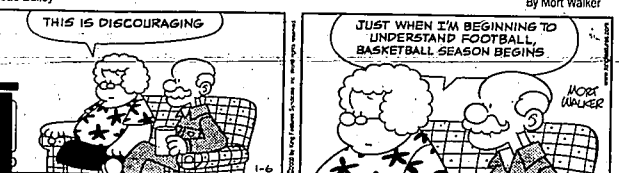
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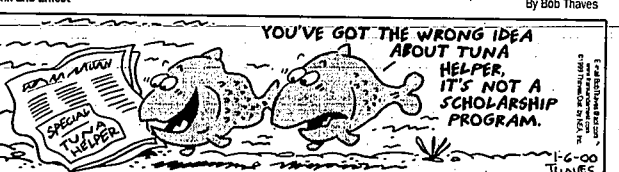
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