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Study slams Idaho education

Report urges teacher quality; official says state's working on it

The Associated Press

BOISE — A new education report card calls on Idaho to turn its attention to efforts to improve teacher quality and ranked the state last in the nation in that arena.

Education Week magazine's national report issued Wednesday gives Idaho an "F" in that area. The grade is based on Idaho having no state requirements for testing teachers on basic skills, subject knowledge or teaching methods before they can earn certification.

While education leaders acknowledge the need for improvements, they say Idaho already is taking steps to ensure beginning teachers are better prepared in college, better supported in the classroom and

better paid for their work.

"I see us making some movement in what I would consider a very positive direction to address some of these deficiencies. But it's going to take some time to get where we ultimately want to be," said House Education Chairman Fred Tilman, R-Boise.

State Schools Superintendent Marilyn Howard said that because improvement initiatives are in the works, "Idaho actually deserves a grade of 'incomplete.'" And efforts to improve teacher quality are not to disparage educators or assign blame to teacher preparation programs, she said.

Education Week, published in Bethesda, Md., by the nonprofit. Please see EDUCATION, Page A2

Grading the nation's teachers

The main focus of Education Week's annual report on U.S. public schools was teacher quality. No state received an "A." How they fared:



- Criteria:** States that scored highest:
- Provided incentives for teachers to earn national certification
 - Required beginning teachers to take part in a training program; supported professional development
 - Required candidates to pass subject matter tests
 - Required new teachers to pass a state test of classroom teaching ability
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How Education Week rates state's education reform

The Associated Press

Quality Counts 2000: Education Week magazine's fourth annual state-by-state look at public schooling in kindergarten through high school ranked how Idaho was progressing in several national reform movements.

Idaho received kudos for participating in the national Assessment of Educational Progress this year. The state hasn't done so in the past. A sample of students in randomly selected Idaho schools will test in math and science and their scores will be compared nationally. Please see RANKING, Page A2

Robber hits TF bank



Grocery shopper John Anderson calmly reads a magazine Wednesday evening at Smith's Food and Drug Center in Twin Falls while police investigate a robbery at the Zions Bank located inside the store. Police are looking for a white male who made off with an undisclosed amount of cash in the Wednesday evening heist.

Suspect flees on foot after 6 p.m. heist

By Brian Haynes Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Police were searching for a bank robber Wednesday night after the man held up the Zions Bank located inside Smith's grocery store.

The man entered the store around 6 p.m. and left on foot with cash, said Twin Falls police Sgt. Don Hall.

Police would not say how much money was taken. After the robbery police cordoned the bank area with yellow crime scene tape. Some shoppers curiously glanced over at the handful of officers and FBI

Bank robber description

White male, 5 feet 10 inches tall, 170 pounds, late 30s, with wavy, collar-length blond hair. Last seen wearing a green jacket over a hooded sweat shirt, white baseball cap with a dark brim and the word "pilot," and white gloves. He was clean shaven and carrying a manila envelope.

agents near the bank, while others didn't even notice and went on with their shopping. Anyone with information about the robbery can call Det. Gary Rinehart at 736-2215. Wednesday's bank robbery

was the fourth in Twin Falls in the past 20 months.

In November a man walked into the Key Bank branch on Blue Lake Boulevard North, held a bank employee at gunpoint for two hours and made off with \$71,000. Jerome resident Vance D. Caswell, 24, was arrested last month in Lewiston and charged with robbery. Federal bank robbery charges are pending.

In January Portland, Ore., resident Lashawna Thrower, 19, used a threatening note to take more than \$7,000 from a U S

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Bank photo of robbery suspect.

Hansen city clerk resigns amid alley controversy

By John T. Huddy Times-News writer

HANSEN — The alley behind Darlene Miller-Hiddleston's home is hardly noticeable at first glance.

Covered with snow now, it stretches a few hundred feet. Several small homes border it on either side, with children's toys and worksheds in yards. The alley looks like any typical small-town alley.

But this alley has been the center of a contentious issue in Hansen, population 1,017. The

issue has boiled over from City Council controversy to allegations of criminal harassment.

One alley opponent says those allegations are overblown. But Miller-Hiddleston, Hansen's city clerk for the past 20 years, has resigned from the position that paid her \$16,800 a year and has put her two-story home on the market, she said. She has decided to leave Hansen — a town she has lived in for more than 40 years — out of personal safety.

"I'm going to sell my house. I'm going to leave." Please see RESIGN, Page A2



Former Hansen City Clerk Darlene Miller-Hiddleston is trying to move from the town she has lived for the past 40 years partially due to controversy surrounding a newly built alley in the small town.

DOUBLE UP IN 2100

Bureau forecasts U.S. population growth

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A century from now there will be twice as many Americans as today, the Census Bureau predicts.

While no one knows what daily life will be like in 100 years, the new population projections being issued Thursday conjure images of twice as many cars jostling for positions on the highways and twice as many shoppers crowding the aisles at Wal-Mart.

From an estimated 275 million people today, the bureau projects a U.S. population of 571 million in the year 2100. That might not seem terribly crowded, however, because the nation is so sprawling. "If you look at the density for the United States, we are not even coming close to the densities that you see in Europe," said Census statistician Tammany J. Mulder.

The U.S. population density in 2100 would be 161.4 people per square mile, about one-fourth the current population density of Germany and the United Kingdom, Mulder said.

"The increase is expected even though childbearing rates in the United States are only about what is necessary to replace the current population.

"The increasing number of potential parents and continued migration from abroad would be sufficient to add nearly 300 million people during the next century," said Census Bureau analyst Friedrich W. Hollman.

Overall, the population will be older — with some 5.3 million folks over the age of 100 — and include a larger share of minorities, led by Hispanics.

"Because the Hispanic and Asian and Pacific Islander populations in the U.S. are younger than the nation as a whole and because they continue to receive international migrants, these populations will become increasingly prominent," Hollman said.

Double the people	
The U.S. population is expected to double in the next 100 years...	
In millions	
2000 U.S. POP.	275.3
2100 POP.	571.1
...with a jump in the number of people age 80 and older.	
In millions; by age	
Under 2 to 19	144.0
20 to 34	56.0
35 to 49	56.0
50 to 64	41.0
65 to 79	25.8
80 and over	9.2
*Figures may not add to total due to rounding.	
Source: Census Bureau	

THE REGION

Camas Prairie

High 34 Low 22
Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of snow showers. Mostly cloudy on Friday with highs in the 30s.

Treasure Valley

High 44 Low 35
Mostly cloudy, with a 60 percent chance of rain showers mixed with snow this morning.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High 32 Low 19
Cloudy, with a chance of snow. Mostly cloudy and warmer on Friday, with a slight chance of mountain snow.

Eastern Idaho

High 33 Low 18
Mostly cloudy, with a chance of mainly afternoon-snow-or-rain showers. Mostly cloudy on Friday.

Northern Idaho

High 40 Low 36
Cloudy, with a chance of rain. Afternoon winds 10-15 mph. Mostly cloudy on Friday. Highs in the mid 30s.






Northern Utah

High 42 Low 23
Decreasing clouds, and fall tonight. Partly cloudy and mild on Friday, with highs near 50.

Northern Nevada

High 40 Low 28
Mostly cloudy, with a 40 percent chance of rain mixed with snow this morning.

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

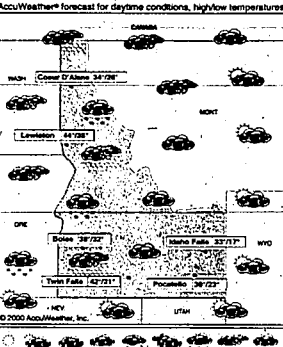
Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
				
High 42 - Low 31 Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of rain mixed with snow this morning.	High 46 - Low 33 Partly sunny and breezy.	High 40s - Low 30s Cloudy, with a chance of rain.	High 40s - Low 30s Cloudy, with a chance of rain.	High 40s - Low 30s Cloudy, with a chance of rain.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls	Precipitation
Yesterday 32 27	Yesterday in Twin Falls .05
Last year 44 29	Month to date .31
Normal 35 18	Normal mo. to date .47
	Water year to date: 1.27
	Normal year to date: 3.52

Idaho weather

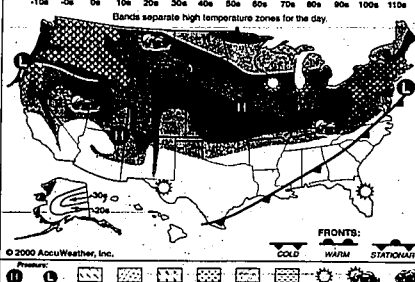
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National weather

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Idaho

Max	Min	Pcp	Idaho High	Alt
Burley	37	24	11	McCull
Coeur d'Alene	32	28	03	Chenoweth
Grangeville	m	m	m	Nation
Hagerman	37	28	m	High, 85 at
Idaho Falls	28	21	fr.	Junction and McAllen,
Lexington	41	28	fr.	Texas, Low, -26 at
Malad	38	22	fr.	International Falls,
Malta	m	m	m	Yin.
McCall	23	10	01	Comfort factors
Pocatello	32	25	02	Nom humidity: 85%
Salmon	30	18	02	Nom barometer: 30.11
Stanley	21	13	01	Fuller and mold counts:
Sun Valley	33	10	m	The reporting season has

ended for the year.
Ashes & Allergy of Idaho returns in March.

The Nation

Max	Min	Pcp	Alt
Albuquerque	62	32	.....
Anchorage	6	4	.....
Atlanta	68	41	.....
Boston	43	38	.....
Chicago	34	27	.....
Dallas	82	52	.....
Denver	55	31	.....
Des Moines	48	27	.....
Detroit	34	27	.....
Honolulu	81	72	.....
Indianapolis	50	36	.....
Los Angeles	63	55	.....
Las Vegas	62	41	.....
Los Angeles	65	53	.....
Memphis	62	44	.....
Minneapolis	29	22	.....
Missouri	79	56	.....
Milwaukee	20	15	.....
Montgomery	47	21	.....
New Orleans	65	51	.....
New York	47	21	.....
Omaha	53	38	.....
Oklahoma City	73	46	.....
Phoenix	43	28	.....
Pittsburgh	68	34	.....
Portland, Me.	38	34	.....
Portland, Ore.	52	33	.....
Raleigh	61	47	.....
St. Louis	58	28	.....
Salt Lake City	53	36	.....
San Francisco	65	46	.....
Seattle	38	32	.....
Spokane	30	27	.....
Washington	51	38	.....
Yuma	75	48

UV INDEX

Index: 0
Burn rate: 0 minutes
60 minutes

ROAD INFORMATION

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SKYWATCH

Sunset today 5:28 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 8:06 a.m.
Lunar phase: First quarter, Jan. 14; full, Jan. 20; last quarter, Jan. 28; new, Feb. 5.

ACROSS THE NATION

Elsewhere: Snow was moving across the northern Plains to the Great Lakes on Wednesday, and the West shared the gloom with scattered rain and snow. The South, meanwhile, basked in unseasonably warm.

Several inches of snow were expected to accumulate by late in the day from the Dakotas across parts of Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan, while cloud cover increased across the middle Mississippi Valley and the Ohio Valley.

A weak cold front was pushing more clouds - and the chance of snow - into the Northeast. Unsettled weather plagued the western United States with rain and mountain snow in many areas, particularly Washington and Oregon - where snow advisories were issued for higher elevations - and California.

Temperatures hovering around freezing were expected to keep the precipitation mostly on the rainy side, though wind was expected to cause problems. Gusts of 59 mph were recorded in Jackson, Wyo., and about 2/3 inches of rain had fallen by midday in Eugene, Ore.

Education

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Editorial Projects in Education, credited Idaho for the \$2.9-million bus lawmakers approved in 1999 for teachers certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

To more seriously address what many fear will be a significant teacher shortage in the coming decade - especially in Idaho's rural areas - Howard is recommending a 5.2 percent increase in the share of teacher salaries that the state finances.

Raising the state-guaranteed base salary by \$1,085 to \$22,000 a year would mark a substantial improvement from this year's 3.3 percent pay hike and help reduce the salary disparity between teaching and other professions. But it figures to be tough for education advocates to win legislative approval for Howard's recommended \$882.6 million public schools aid package from which that \$32.3 million pay hike would come.

"As we look at improving the profession, salary issues will be a key piece, but not the only piece," Howard said Wednesday in a prepared statement on the report card. "Our goal is to recruit well-qualified teachers. To do that we have to provide a competitive

wage that allows educators to support a family."

Howard also touted the "Idaho's MOST" initiative - an acronym for Maximizing Opportunities for Students and Teachers. It's aimed at developing rigorous standards for teacher preparation and licensing as well as redesigning teacher education programs.

"All of these things, plus many others, give us great hope for continuing the quality of teachers in the classroom that Idahoans are used to," Idaho Education Association Executive Director Jim Shackelford said.

Rilman, whose Education Committee will conduct a public hearing on teacher education this winter, said proposed legislation on teacher contracts also should ensure new teachers get the help they need to succeed in the classroom.

In exchange for giving school districts more freedom in weeding out teachers who fail to make the grade early in their career, the bill that includes a \$2 million price tag that would guarantee every district offers new teachers mentoring and professional support.

Education Week's survey was financed by the Philadelphia-based Pew Charitable Trusts.

Ranking

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Idaho received a B and ranked the state 15th overall on the adequacy of resources committed to education. The grade was based on the \$5,029 per student that Idaho committed to education in 1998, a 25 percent improvement from a decade earlier.

Idaho ranked 15th with a grade of C for its allocated education dollars by spending 62.7 percent of the state's annual education budget on instruction, and 37th with a grade of C for the equity with which education money is distributed among the state's 113 school districts. The report said the biggest district-to-district difference in per-student spending was 14.6 percent.

Idaho's grade for education standards and accountability efforts improved from an F last year to a C, primarily due to the State Board of Education's adoption of high school graduation "exit standards" that the Legislature will consider for final approval this winter.

The standards detail what students should know and be able to do before graduating high school. Officials now are developing ways to assess whether students have met the standards and are working on corresponding standards for kindergarten through eighth grade students.

White House unveils safe schools project

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Washington administration will propose \$367 million to create smaller and safer schools around the country, Vice President Al Gore said Wednesday.

The funding request, part of the fiscal 2001 budget President Clinton will submit to Congress, will include \$247 million for the Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative, which awards grants to help develop community-wide responses to school and youth violence.

The president also will propose spending \$120 million for the Small, Safe and Successful High Schools Initiative, which encourages school districts to create smaller schools.

"In the aftermath of tragic violence in our schools, there can be

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no doubt that this investment in our children's safety is essential," Gore said.

"The goal, he said, is to offer young people the safe and healthy environments they need to thrive."

As for smaller schools, Gore said it would mean "more personal attention to the varied needs of all our children."

In September, Clinton announced over \$100 million in Safe Schools/Healthy Students grants for 54 school districts.

Alley

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and just get out of here and forget about all this," Miller-Hiddleston said Wednesday.

The controversy started in August 1999 when Miller-Hiddleston requested that the city gravel the alley behind her home on Maple Avenue. She had been told the unused alley easement was designated for access to the back of residences on Maple and Railroad avenues.

Residents have used the alleyway for lawns, gardens, storage, sheds and other uses.

But some neighbors opposed Miller-Hiddleston's request, saying it wasn't fair to take the alley easement away from residents who were using it for their yards.

Former Hansen Mayor Joe Ratto, who lost his bid for reelection to Hansen resident and business owner George Urie, sided with Miller-Hiddleston on the issue.

Ratto said it wouldn't be fair to give one resident permission to use the alleyway, but deny others the same option.

Miller-Hiddleston's request was approved by the council, causing an uproar among Hansen residents.

"How would you like it if the mayor said he was going to build an alley through your backyard and make you pay for it?" said James D. Thomson, a resident who owns property by the alley.

Thomson filed suit in District Court in October 1999 against the city of Hansen. Thomson will attend a hearing regarding that lawsuit Jan. 24.

He also gathered more than 200 signatures last year, on petitions against the alley action.

And though Thomson and Miller-Hiddleston have been butting heads over the issue since last year, the two neighbors agree on one thing: The alley debate is not over yet.

"We're going to settle this," Thomson said.

Opponents of the alley's opening will bring their discontent before the Hansen City Council at its meeting on Feb. 14.

The city should close the alley down, Thomson contends, before things get too out of hand.

But either way, the fire has already been lit, he added.

"The city is in a bad position whatever way they look at it," Thomson said.

Miller-Hiddleston said her resignation, announced at Monday's City Council meeting, was directly due to the alley controversy and the flak she has taken from it.

She said she had received anonymous phone calls threatening to damage her home and has been the victim of vandalism.

Miller-Hiddleston said she found more than \$1,500 in scratches to her brand new 1999 Mercury Sable in November.

Kimberly Police Chief Pat Birmingham said Miller-Hiddleston filed a police report on Nov. 16, 1999 about the vandalism.

There was no follow-up, however, Birmingham said.

"There was nothing really to follow up on," said Birmingham, whose department patrols Hansen under a contract with the city. "Somebody evidently walked by and scratched it. We had some extra officers patrol her house, but that's about it. There were no real leads to follow up on." Miller-Hiddleston said she is convinced

the vandalism and threats were related to the alleyway controversy.

Thomson says that is just speculation. "It's been a pretty ugly, filled-with-rumors deal," Thomson said.

But Miller-Hiddleston plans to leave Hansen for Twin Falls anyway.

"I don't want to worry about this vandalism anymore," she said.

"And every time I leave my home I don't want to have to worry if I'll ever be back to it."

If there hadn't been all the controversy, Miller-Hiddleston said she would have stayed on as city clerk.

"I only had four years until retirement," she said.

But Miller-Hiddleston, who owns a scone-making business on the side, said life will go on for her.

"Things will work out," she said. "I just want to live and let live."

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Robbery

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Bank branch on Blue Lakes Boulevard North. Police arrested her the next day at the Twin Falls airport. She pleaded guilty to bank robbery in federal court and was sentenced to 33 months in prison.

In May 1998 a masked gunman held up the Bank of America on Shoshone Street. That case remains unsolved.

CORRECTIONS

A headline in Wednesday's Times-News concerning the Twin Falls School Board's contract with the Advanced Regional Technical Education Coalition was incorrect.

The board renewed the contract for one year.

A story in Wednesday's Times-News gave an incorrect date for a rabies clinic to be held in Kimberly. The clinic will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 12 at Kimberly City Hall.

The Times-News regrets the errors.

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POWERBALL
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POWERBALL NUMBER 27
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12 NUMBERS
WILD CARD
4 10 11 22 31
WILD CARD: AGE OF CLUBS
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12 NUMBERS
FAST
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Clinton introduces \$21 billion tax break plan for low-income people

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton entered the election-year battle over taxes Wednesday with a \$21 billion plan to combat poverty by expanding tax breaks for low-income people.



President Clinton holds 2-year-old Maggie Cupp Wednesday at an event sponsored by the Democratic Leadership Council at George Washington University in Washington.

Clinton described the initiative as part of a "new opportunity agenda" that he will unveil in his Jan. 27 State of the Union address to Congress. The overall program is designed to help all Americans share in the nation's growing prosperity.

"For the first time in my lifetime," Clinton said, "we begin a new century with greater prosperity, greater social progress, greater national self-confidence; with the absence of an external crisis or an external threat that could derail our further forward movement. This has never happened in my lifetime." Clinton, in a speech to the Democratic Leadership Council, announced he will seek an expansion of the earned-income tax credit, costing \$21 billion over 10 years. The measure could help Vice

ing the tax credit for low-wage workers as part of a \$9.8 billion "wholesale rescue effort" for the poor.

Introducing Clinton, Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., said the nation's booming economy would be "a great legacy" for the president. Clinton replied, "I always get nervous when people start talking about legacies... It's just one small step from legacy to lame duck."

Clinton's initiative would require approval by an election-minded Congress, where Republicans and Democrats are deeply divided over the size and shape of any tax cuts.

Rep. Bill Archer, R-Texas, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, said the credit always has enjoyed bipartisan support in Congress. But, he added, "Taxpayers might question spending billions more on a program that the IRS says already wastes close to \$6.5 billion each year — or about one dollar out of every five — because of fraud and mistakes."

President Al Gore answer initiatives of former Sen. Bill Bradley, his rival for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Bradley has proposed expand-

Court weighs grandparents' rights

Other Supreme Court cases Wednesday

- **Gave police power to stop and question people who run the sight of a police officer.**
- **Ruled unanimously that Congress can protect motorists' privacy by banning states from selling the personal information on drivers' licenses.**
- **Upheld the right of citizen groups to sue alleged polluters under the Clean Water Act even though any financial damages awarded would be paid to the federal government.**

best interest.

Even in the hourlong session of arguments, Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist asked whether the law might allow a little girl's "great aunt" to "come in and say, 'I want to take her to the movies every Friday.'"

And Justice Stephen G. Breyer indicated he was not about to favor a law that would grant visitation rights to "an accordion player who wants to visit once a year," even if music lessons were in a child's best interest.

The way the justices resolve that conflict, in a decision expected by late June, could touch every corner of America. Sixty million Americans are grandparents. So are six of the court's nine members.

A majority of the justices voiced grave concerns about a Washington state law that allowed "any person" relative or nonrelative, to win a court-ordered right to see a child any time such visitation was found to be in a child's

But Breyer also asked about the "special" nature of a case involving grandparents seeking more time with their grandchildren. And Justice David H. Souter, otherwise hostile to Washington's law, discussed the "special relationship" a grandparent might have with a grandchild.

Reno wants Cuban boy in federal court

WASHINGTON (AP) — Brushing aside a Florida court ruling, Attorney General Janet Reno said Wednesday any challenge to the government's decision to return Elian Gonzalez to his

Cuban father must come in federal court.

To give the 6-year-old boy's Florida relatives time to challenge the decision, Reno postponed the federal government's

Friday deadline for turning him over for return to Cuba. But initial reaction from family lawyers appeared to spurn Reno's suggestion that they argue the case in federal court.

Clinton wants \$2.7 billion to insure children

WASHINGTON (AP) — With millions of uninsured children eligible for federal health programs, President Clinton will ask Congress for \$2.7 billion to make it easier for states and families to sign kids up, officials said this week.

State by state		Enrollment in the Children's Health Insurance Program as of September 1999:	
Ala.	38,980	Del.	2,433
Alaska	28,807	D.C.	3,029
Ark.	913	Fla.	154,594
Calif.	222,351	Ga.	47,581
Colo.	24,126	Hawaii	N/A
Conn.	9,912	Idaho	8,482
Del.	2,433	Ill.	42,699
D.C.	3,029	Ind.	31,246
Fla.	154,594	Iowa	8,795
Ga.	47,581	Kan.	14,443
Hawaii	N/A	Ky.	18,578
Idaho	8,482	La.	21,580
Ill.	42,699	Maine	13,657
Ind.	31,246	Md.	18,072
Iowa	8,795	Mass.	87,852
Kan.	14,443	Mich.	26,652
Ky.	18,578	Minn.	21
La.	21,580	Miss.	13,218
Maine	13,657	Mo.	49,529
Md.	18,072	Mont.	1,019
Mass.	87,852	Nebraska	9,733
Mich.	26,652	Nev.	7,802
Minn.	21	N.H.	4,554
Miss.	13,218	N.J.	75,652
Mo.	49,529	N.M.	4,500
Mont.	1,019	N.Y.	521,301
Nebraska	9,733	N.C.	57,300
Nev.	7,802	N.D.	266
N.H.	4,554	Ohio	83,688
N.J.	75,652	Oklahoma	40,196
N.M.	4,500	Pa.	81,758
N.Y.	521,301	Puerto Rico	20,000
N.C.	57,300	R.I.	7,288
N.D.	266	S.C.	45,737
Ohio	83,688	S.D.	9,191
Oklahoma	40,196	Tenn.	9,732
Pa.	81,758	Texas	50,878
Puerto Rico	20,000	Utah	13,040
R.I.	7,288	Va.	2,055
S.C.	45,737	Virgin Islands	120
S.D.	9,191	Wash.	N/A
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Texas	50,878	Wis.	12,949
Utah	13,040	Wyo.	N/A
Va.	2,055	U.S.	1,979,450

Clinton's plan would make it easier for children in the federal school lunch program to enroll in health programs and would allow child-care centers, homeless shelters and other offices to immediately enroll children. It also would require many states to simplify

Medicaid application forms and let more 19- and 20-year-olds into the programs.

There are 11 million uninsured children in the United States, although more than a third are eligible for Medicaid or for CHIP, which helps children whose families earn too much for Medicaid

but not enough to buy insurance on their own.

Specifically, the new budget proposal would:

- Allow school lunch programs, which also serve low-income children, to share information with Medicaid officials. A recent study found that almost 4 million uninsured children are in the lunch program, making it a prime place to find them.
- Allow child care centers, homeless shelters and welfare offices to enroll kids right away while their applications for health coverage are being processed.
- Require states that have simple CHIP applications also use simpler applications for Medicaid.

Going further, Gore also would allow more people to get CHIP, including children in families with higher incomes and some parents. The White House is considering making a similar budget request, but no decision has been made, a White House official said Monday.

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Records tie Canadian woman to Algerians

BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP) — Telephone records demonstrate ties between a Canadian woman arrested at a remote Vermont border crossing last month and two Algerians linked to an alleged bomb plot in Washington state, prosecutors said Wednesday.

Court documents filed in advance of Wednesday's bail hearing for Lucia Garofalo drew connections for the first time between her and Abdel Ghani and Ahmed Ressaam.

Ms. Garofalo's attorney said the links were tenuous and do not prove she was part of a conspiracy.

Magistrate Judge Jerome Neidermeier agreed to continue holding Ms. Garofalo without bail until her trial on immigration violations, tentatively scheduled for Feb. 14.

Ms. Garofalo, 35, was arrested

for minor immigration violations while trying to cross the border at Beecher Falls, Vt., last month. Five days earlier, Ressaam was arrested in Washington state, allegedly while trying to carry bomb-making material into the United States. And late in the month Ghani was arrested in New York and accused of traveling to Washington in a futile attempt to meet up with Ressaam.

The arrests had stirred fears of terrorist attacks, perhaps timed to New Year's Eve. Ressaam had a one-night reservation at a motel near Seattle's Space Needle, which was cited as one reason for the cancellation of the New Year's bash there.

"There is a close and concerning link between Ms. Garofalo and the investigations that are under way in New York and Seattle," Assistant U.S. Attorney Tristram

Coffin said.

Prosecutors claimed they had found more evidence of Ms. Garofalo's activities in an Algerian terrorist organization. "Telephone toll records establish an additional recent link between Garofalo and associates of Ahmed Ressaam," the prosecutors said.

The alleged phone links are circumstantial, prosecutors said. But they alleged that was how the terrorist organization — Armed Islamic Group, known by its French acronym GIA, operated.

"Ghani explained to an associate that the organization of which Ressaam is a member is well organized. Each person in a cell only knows the tasks of two others involved, so that, in the event of arrest, no one could expose more than two confederates," Assistant U.S. Attorney David Kirby wrote, quoting documents federal prose-

cutors filed in New York against Ghani.

There were a series of telephone calls between people who have ties to Ressaam and Ms. Garofalo last month around the time of both her arrest and Ressaam's, Kirby wrote.

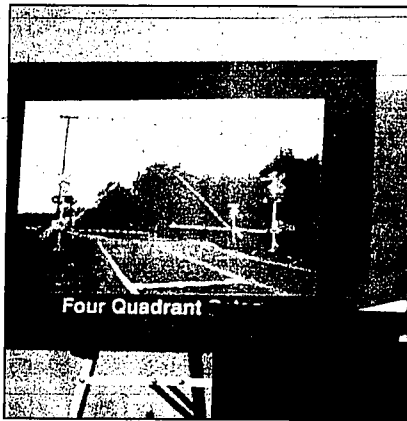
The alleged links revolve around a cellular phone number that the suspects allegedly called or were called by, prosecutors said. Prosecutors said they knew the name the number was registered to but would not disclose it.

Records show that on Dec. 14, 1999, the date Ressaam tried to bring explosives into the United States, Garofalo called this cell phone, prosecutors wrote.

Her attorney, Maryanne Karampano, said she did not prove Ms. Garofalo was part of a conspiracy. She said Ms. Garofalo did not know who made the call.



An unidentified woman tries to cover the children of Lucia Garofalo as they leave federal court in Burlington, Vt. Wednesday.



Federal railroad administrator Jolene Molitoris meets reporters in Washington Wednesday to discuss train whistles. Nostalgic to some, a noisy nuisance to others, train whistles should not be silenced at the expense of lives, Molitoris said. Federal regulators want nearly 250 communities that have banned whistles to let the warnings sound once more.

Let the whistles blow, boys!

Regulators want communities to lift bans on train whistles

WASHINGTON (AP) — Train whistles — nostalgic to some, a noisy nuisance to others — are being silenced at the expense of lives, federal regulators said Wednesday.

They want nearly 250 communities that have banned whistles to let the warnings sound once more if other steps aren't taken to improve safety at those railroad crossings.

There were 431 deaths and more than 1,300 injuries in highway-rail crossing accidents in 1998, the Federal Railroad Administration said Wednesday. Proposing a rule requiring train horns to be sounded at all public crossings.

When train horns are silenced at crossings with lights and gates,

the collision rate jumps 62 percent, said FRA Administrator Jolene Molitoris. "It is really about life and death and how we can prevent truly preventable injuries and deaths," Molitoris said. "That's our goal."

Train horns — two long blasts followed by one short and one long — are standard practice at most of the 158,000 public railroad crossings across America. But there are about 2,200 railroad crossings in 247 communities that have enacted local bans prohibiting trains from sounding their horns.

Under the proposal, horns could be silenced only if other steps to improve safety are taken in such "quiet zones." At a mini-

mum, all have to have gates and lights.

Additional steps that localities could take to get quiet zones approved under the rule include installing cameras to catch violators or adding extra gates or lane dividers to keep motorists from zigzagging around gates.

Localities can apply for federal and state grants and loans to help pay for improvements needed to qualify as quiet zones, she said. The rule also proposes an upper volume limit for train horns.

Public hearings on the issue will be held this spring in Ohio, Massachusetts, Florida, Oregon, California, the District of Columbia, Indiana and Illinois, where critics already are voicing opposition.

Immigrant unionizers assisted in federal case, now face deportation

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — For nine Holiday Inn Express housekeepers from Mexico, U.S. law cuts both ways.

They helped unionize their fellow housekeepers at the hotel in downtown Minneapolis. Soon afterward, the hotel fired them and reported them to the Immigration and Naturalization Service as illegal aliens.

Last week, the nine workers won a \$72,000 settlement from the hotel in the first case in which the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission intervened on behalf of illegal immigrants.

But they still are almost certain to be deported to Mexico.

Though all nine have admitted entering the United States illegally, the housekeepers say they would gladly trade their \$8,000 checks for the right to stay.

"I have nothing in Mexico," said Norma Lerma del Torro, 28, a mother of three. She said she might try to start a small business

with her settlement money and eke out a living if she is sent back.

Another one of the fired housekeepers, Estela Albino, 28, said she didn't think her check would go far back home. Two of her sisters and three of her cousins are also in the group. "Things are so expensive here I don't think the money would last long," she said.

The housekeepers' attorney, Jorge Saavedra F., has asked Attorney General Janet Reno and the INS to grant them amnesty. He said they deserve to stay because they helped investigators from the National Labor Relations Board and EEOC build a case against the hotel.

"Now that the federal government is done using these folks as their key witnesses, then they're calling in a third federal agency in the form of the INS to show them the door," Saavedra F. said.

Barring amnesty or a favorable ruling from an immigration judge, the immigrants will probably be

deported in four to five months, said Curtis Aijer, director of the regional INS office.

The housekeepers have won supporters in high places, including Sen. Paul Wellstone, D-Minn., who said he spoke with INS Commissioner Doris Meissner on Monday and plans to discuss the case with Reno.

Like many other illegal immigrants, Ms. Albino and Ms. Lerma didn't have big ambitions when they came to the United States about two years ago.

At the Holiday Inn Express, they joined the army of immigrant workers — legal and illegal — that keeps hotels going across the United States.

They were claimed they were subjected to low wages, discriminatory working conditions and exploitation because of their race, so they began organizing. Several of the nine took leadership roles and won a unionization vote in August.

U.S. proposes breaking up Microsoft, sources say

WASHINGTON (AP) — Government lawyers in the Microsoft antitrust case want to break the software giant into three parts, arguing that lesser sanctions would be inadequate, people close to the discussions confirmed Wednesday.

District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson were to agree to such a dramatic solution, a mandated breakup of Bill Gates' Seattle-based empire would carry enormous implications for the software industry and use software for their computers.

Justice Department lawyers laid out their proposal favoring to break Microsoft into three parts during a secret meeting last week in Washington with representatives of 19 states, peo-

ple close to the case said. The states are also suing the company over alleged antitrust violations.

Those close to the discussions spoke on condition of anonymity, concerned they might anger U.S. Circuit Judge Richard Posner, the federal mediator in Chicago holding ongoing settlement talks. But they indicated little progress has been made so far in those discussions, as the sides remain far apart on important issues.

The Justice Department declined to publicly discuss its plans.

The government expects to formally present the breakup plan next week when it meets privately again in Chicago with Posner, the mediator.

Scientists build computer from DNA strands

The Associated Press

Scientists have created a "DNA computer" from strands of synthetic DNA they coaxed into solving relatively complex calculations. The short-lived chemical computer has no immediate practical applications, but it nudges the fledgling technology of DNA computing further out of world of science fiction and into the realm of the possible, the University of Wisconsin-Madison researchers said.

"It's kind of a non-automated computer — an abacus of sorts — but it's an approach we're confident can be automated like a conventional computer," said Lloyd Smith, a professor of chemistry.

Asteroid threat lower than scientists thought

Earth may be threatened by fewer killer asteroids than astronomers thought.

Scientists had estimated that 1,000 to 2,000 mountain-sized asteroids periodically cross Earth's orbit. That translated into about a 100 percent chance in the next 1,000 years of one of those asteroids slamming into Earth with catastrophic consequences.

But new research suggests that Earth shares the inner solar system with only half as many of these large, "near-Earth" asteroids — about 700.

Though the new findings cut in half the chances of a giant asteroid collision in the thousand-year timeframe, that doesn't mean humans can let their guard down when it comes to watching the skies for potentially life-snuffing asteroids, said David Rabinowitz of Yale University, the study's co-author.

"I'm not getting any more deep knowing this. I'm just happy that we're well on our way to finding most of these asteroids," he said.

Rabinowitz and colleagues at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory reported their findings in today's issue of the Journal Nature.

Tall men get the girls, have more kids than short guys

If it seemed as if the tall guys got all the girls in high school, it wasn't your imagination. New research suggests taller men are more likely to marry and tend to have more children than short guys.

What's behind the phenomenon

Nation in brief

— whether women prefer taller men or those men are simply more outgoing — is up for debate. But the numbers clearly stack up against shorter guys.

Polish and British scientists studied the medical records of about 3,200 Polish men ages 25 to 60 and found that childless men were on average 1.2 inches shorter than men who had at least one child.

Bachelors were about an inch shorter on average than married men. That was true even after researchers took into account the fact that men's heights increased in recent decades because of better nutrition and health care.

Lawyer plans 'Internet intoxication' defense

DENVER — A flamboyant Florida lawyer who offered a "television intoxication" defense in a 1976 murder case plans to argue that a teen-ager accused of making an online threat against Columbine High School was suffering from "Internet intoxication."

Michael Ian Campbell, an 18-year-old aspiring actor from Cape Coral, Fla., was "role-playing" when he sent a message threatening to "finish" what began in the massacre last April. Miami lawyer Ellis Rubin said Wednesday. Columbine students Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold shot and killed 12 students and a teacher on April

20 before killing themselves in the nation's deadliest school shooting. "To intoxicate is to elevate yourself into a state of euphoria, even going into madness," Rubin said. "You've logged on and gone into this imaginary world, this playground, this make-believe arena."

Generator on Carnival ship catches fire; no injuries

MIAMI — A generator on a Carnival Cruise ship caught fire early Wednesday, leaving the ship at anchor for several hours, but the blaze was put out quickly and no one was injured, the Coast Guard and the company said.

The Celebration pulled into port at Montego Bay, Jamaica, after a suspension of several hours. The passengers' seven-day cruise out of New Orleans will be cut short, the company said. There were 1,586 passengers and 667 crew members on board.

Bayer launches \$1 million program as settlement

WASHINGTON — Think taking aspirin can prevent a heart attack? It can reduce some risk — but not for everybody. The distinction is costing Bayer Corp. \$1 million, the tab for a consumer education program announced Tuesday. The settlement government charges that Bayer's advertising overused aspirin's benefits.

"Aspirin is not appropriate for everyone, so be sure to talk to your doctor before you begin an aspirin regimen," say the full-page ads

Bayer must run in four national magazines between February and May.

Bayer also will distribute free consumer education material titled "Aspirin Regimen Therapy: Is it right for you?"

The settlement aims to clear up confusion about who can truly benefit from taking aspirin daily.

The Federal Trade Commission charged that a series of Bayer ads made unsubstantiated claims that regular aspirin use could help the general population prevent heart attacks and strokes.

In fact, while aspirin can be a powerful heart protector for some people at high risk of a heart attack or stroke — and also can reduce the risk of death during a suspected heart attack — it's not recommended for just anyone.

There is little evidence that it prevents a heart attack in someone who doesn't already have vascular disease, said Dr. Rodman Starke of the American Heart Association.

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Candidates jostle on the airwaves as primaries draw closer

WASHINGTON (AP) — So much for the high road.

Steve Forbes is filling airwaves with ads that go after George W. Bush on taxes. Bush is bristling back. Orrin Hatch is airing a 28-minute denunciation of President Clinton. Interest groups are talking their agendas to the airwaves, slamming candidates who don't agree with them.

And Al Gore, who promised Wednesday to run a positive campaign, is sending an ad that at least subtly jabs Bill Bradley on farm policy, suggesting the vice president is the lone candidate who cares about farmers.

Voters say they want a positive discussion of issues, and early ads have been mostly positive. But

with just 12 days until the first votes are cast, the campaign for president was starting to take a nastier turn.

"When you get behind, you get desperate to try to move the (poll) numbers, and you're willing to try attacks," said Bill Bennett, who studies political advertising at the University of Missouri. "The fact that voters say they don't like negative ads doesn't mean they don't work."

Fearing a backlash, candidates promise to stay positive.

"I don't believe in negative campaigning," Bush told reporters Wednesday.

Just days ago, his campaign was taping footage for a sharply worded ad showing people on the



Orrin Hatch and Steve Forbes street criticizing John McCain's tax plan. Then Bush and McCain agreed during a debate to forgo negative ads.

she defected to the Arizona senator's camp.

That left Bush aides pedaling backward, saying they were simply preparing in case McCain went negative first. "There is no ad, so there is no issue," said Mark McKinnon, Bush's media adviser.

Asked about the situation Wednesday, Bush said, "The ad will not run." He added, "I'm going to treat my friend and opponent with respect."

McCain's campaign didn't buy the Bush line. "Taping a negative ad and then promising not to run it is the high-tech version of smoking pot without inhaling," said Dan Schnur, a McCain spokesman.

Another GOP rival, Steve Forbes, is flooding Iowa airwaves with an ad accusing Bush of breaking a Texas promise not to support tax hikes. In the ad, an anti-tax activist accuses Bush of "a record of broken promises" on taxes.

In 1997, Bush supported a tax-cut bill that included some increases to the aged tax, which critics say was a violation of his no-new-taxes pledge, made in 1994.

Bush is responding. In a new ad planned for Iowa, Bush promises to run a campaign free of "cynical and negative politics." He also says, without naming Forbes, that "my opponent has chosen to run a negative campaign," advisers said.

He's hoping Iowa voters will recall how Forbes used a barrage of negative ads to weaken eventual nominee Bob Dole during the 1996 primary.

The Democratic jousting over the airwaves is more subtle.

Gore is preparing a TV ad for Iowa in which a home state senator, Tom Harkin, calls the vice president the only candidate who really cares about farmers. Like other ads, it will not mention Bradley by name.

But Iowa voters are sure to get the message. In other ads, Gore declares he is the "only Democrat" who will protect Medicaid and Medicare and the "only Democrat" who has made education a priority.

Bush shows his confidence

Uncertain look, squirming have disappeared

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — The scene was a true southern plantation, the trees draped in Spanish moss, the menu a Low Country favorite: roasted oysters.

George W. Bush, the Texas governor and Republican presidential candidate, stood at the podium and revved up his good 'ol boy routine.

"I have been to Boone Hall before, I want you to know. Old Tommy Hartnett (a former state senator and congressman) drug me over here when I was campaigning for my Dad in 1988. It was for a Ducks Unlimited banquet. And since I don't drink, I remember it," Bush said as the audience erupted in laughter and applause.



Republican presidential candidate Texas Gov. George W. Bush gives the thumbs up to supporters during his introduction at a community picnic at the Florence Civic Center in Florence, S.C., Tuesday. Now on a five-state swing, the GOP front-runner seems to have found new confidence.

studying issues has filled in an important piece for a candidate who raised a record \$67 million last year and has a campaign operation that resembles a Fortune 500 corporation.

"I was impressed with him handling all the ad-libbed questions," said Ray Chadwick, 52, of Bedford, N.H., after hearing Bush speak. "It seemed to me he wasn't making things up as he goes along."

Bush's exposure to the media and the public is controlled. He often sleeps in a separate hotel from the traveling press corps and flies on a separate jet. Those traditional New Hampshire town hall meetings are the exception, not the norm.

The staff argues it does so for logistical reasons, and to help

maximize Bush's campaigning time as he totes around the biggest media herd on the campaign trail. The Democratic presidential campaigns often have many of the same controls, but Bush's chief rival, Arizona Sen. John McCain, rides with reporters on his campaign bus and has made town hall meetings his campaign hallmark.

"His plan seems to be working," "He just seems more comfortable, more confident," said political analyst Stuart Rothenberg. "There will be one or two answers in every debate that are too full of clichés, but there are many more where he gives a good, free-flowing response."

In debates and on the stump, Bush battles McCain over their tax

plans as the two run neck-and-neck in New Hampshire. The senator tries to move beyond a controversy over letters he wrote a regulatory agency on behalf of campaign donors, but Bush calls McCain as a Washington insider — and highlights his own terms as governor.

On another recent occasion, when publisher Steve Forbes, who is second to Bush in Iowa, aired the first of what the Bush campaign long had expected would be a series of attack ads, Bush media adviser Mark McKinnon expressed near-indifference to the criticism of the governor's tax record.

"My sense now is we won't flatter it with any attention," he said, although the campaign now plans to respond this week.

Leaders give opinions on capitol punishment

—The Associated Press asked the presidential candidates: Should the death penalty for federal crimes be expanded? If so, how?

On the issues — The death penalty

Democrats

Bill Bradley: "As a senator, I supported expanding the death penalty to punish the most heinous crimes. I'm not currently proposing expansion, but might consider an expansion in the future if circumstances warrant it. I want to ensure, however, that the death penalty is not implemented in a racially unequal way."

Al Gore: "The Clinton-Gore administration has supported efforts to expand the death penalty. As president I would continue to support the death penalty and expansion of it where appropriate."

already subject to the death penalty, and I do not believe that needs to be expanded. I will appoint an attorney general who will vigorously enforce the tough federal laws already on the books."

Steve Forbes: "I strongly support the death penalty. I believe one of government's most important responsibilities is to protect the lives, liberties and property of every American, and provide equal justice under the law. I support a tough-on-crime approach at the local, state and federal level, and will appoint federal judges and Supreme Court Justices who share this view. In the future, if a compelling case can be made that the death penalty for federal crimes should be expanded, I would be open to such an argument."

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Pat Buchanan: "The death penalty should be used only in cases of brutal and heinous crimes like premeditated murder. Both the U.S. and state governments should keep the death penalty as both a deterrent and a just means of retribution and punishment."

Alan Keyes: No response.

John McCain: "I support the imposition of the death penalty for heinous crimes in which the circumstances warrant capital punishment. I've supported legislation in the Senate that sought to significantly expand the number of federal crimes punishable by death, including terrorism and crimes trafficking in drugs, kung-fu. I would consider further expansion of capital punishment laws for other specific crimes that warrant the death penalty."

Republicans

Gary Bauer: "I support the death penalty for federal crimes and have an open mind on extending it to additional areas."

George W. Bush: "I support the death penalty for violent criminals who committed heinous crimes because we must send a strong message that the consequences of violent criminal behavior are swift and sure. More than 60 federal crimes are

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Republicans brainstorm to court Hispanic vote

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Stepping up efforts to court Hispanics and craft a winning health care proposal, top Republican officials looked on as a group of Spanish speakers gathered with a leading GOP plan to get more people insurance coverage.

On the eve of the Republican National Committee's twice-annual meeting here, party leaders convened a focus group of 14 people it described as working-class Hispanics and questioned them on the plan it calls Fair Care.

The plan, promoted by House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, would grant up to \$3,000 for families who don't receive health coverage through work and who don't qualify for Medicare.

Several of the focus group participants were not U.S. citizens, and most appeared to struggle with the concept behind the plan. All but one said they had no health coverage.

Moderator Enrique Herrera explained to the panel how a bill becomes law and how the plan

would work, but had to interrupt the focus group to distribute literature in Spanish laying it out.

By the end of the hour-long session, a few said they would support candidates who backed it. "I would vote for (candidates supporting) Fair Care if I knew that it would be a benefit for me independently," one woman said.

Reporters were invited to monitor the meeting through a translator, but identities of the participants — who were each paid \$50 and treated to dinner and a mariachi band — were not disclosed.

One of the men on the panel said Fair Care alone would not sway him to vote for a candidate; He would have to know more about an office-seeker's stands on other issues, he said.

The focus group marked the official opening of a four-day RNC meeting that will focus heavily on attracting the votes of a group that largely sides with Democrats in national elections.

The party plans to announce a media blitz on TV and print advertising campaign tailored to Hispanics in several states.

Hatch warns against allowing media to pick the next American president

DAVENPORT, Iowa (AP) — Sen. Orrin Hatch visited the Palmer College of Chiropractic this week, emphasizing his respect for chiropractors and his disdain for the media. "Let's not let the national media pick our next president," the Utah Republican said.

The Des Moines Register's latest copyright poll, published last weekend, showed support for Hatch trailing well behind the other five Republicans seeking the party's presidential nomination. The candidates are making a final push in Iowa before the state's leadoff caucuses on Jan. 24.

Speaking to the student council, Hatch said he is the most experienced candidate in the field. "I have more experience than any one of them," he said of his opponents. "I have a record of accomplishment none of them can duplicate."

Hatch told the students he is a strong proponent of chiropractic and has two sons-in-law who are chiropractors. He said he suffers from neck and back pain and would get a chiropractic adjust-



Utah Sen. Orrin Hatch talks about Social Security with E.C. McDonald Tuesday during a visit to the Palmer Chiropractic Clinic in Davenport, Iowa.

ment every day, if he could.

He said he would push for chiropractic to be included in approved coverage at Veterans' Administration hospitals.

He criticized John McCain's

Bradley calls 1994 letter no 'big deal'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bill Bradley on Wednesday dismissed as "not a big deal" a letter he wrote in 1994 on behalf of a New Jersey company whose officers had donated money to his Senate campaign account.

Bradley, who represented New Jersey, said he didn't think it was "wrong at all" to urge the Commerce Department to give "fair treatment" to Sigma Corp. of Cream Ridge, N.J.

The company's president, Victor Pais, said Bradley "did nothing other than just write a routine letter" that had nothing to do with political donations made 15 months earlier.

But the existence of the letter, first reported in Wednesday's Boston Globe, put Bradley on the defensive hours before he was to detail his criticisms of the campaign finance system in general.

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EDITORIAL

Security officials can't blink when defending U.S. borders

The clock ticked toward an ominous midnight on New Year's Eve and well, not much happened. Electricity continued to flow, telephones continued to ring and toilets continued to flush.

It was, as the pundits say, a non-event.

But it could have been much worse if anti-American terrorists had been allowed to celebrate in explosive style. The fact that they didn't is a testament to America's counter-terrorism efforts.

Several suspected Islamic terrorists were arrested at remote border crossings in Washington and Vermont, explosives were seized and potential threats neutralized.

That's good news for most Americans, but bad news for the malcontents who feed on conspiracy theories. You've heard them before, raving on about Uncle Sam being the real Oklahoma City bomber, black helicopters, one-world government, etc.

If the federal government was really so intent on disrupting civil society, then Y2K terrorism at the stroke of midnight on Dec. 31 would have fit the bill perfectly.

Instead, federal employees of all stripes stepped up their surveillance and swept the streets clean of terrorist spooks. We're not sure how they do it, but we're glad they do.

Some of it hinges on high-tech espionage by the FBI, CIA and other spy

agencies - both our own and those of our allies. But America's counter-terrorism team also includes working stiff with the U.S. Customs Service and Immigration and Naturalization Service stationed at lonely border posts. The decisions they make - often on a minute-by-minute basis - can mean the difference between seizing a car packed with explosives

or seeing it blow up in a public place.

If America's security workers use the controversial method known as "profiling" to make these arrests, then the end may well justify the means.

Nervous-looking Middle Eastern men at the U.S.-Canadian border deserve more scrutiny than a van full of Bonners Ferry teenagers on their way home from a soccer game in Cranbrook, B.C.

The United States and Canada share the longest undefended border in the world. It's a marvel of trust and cooperation, but it's also something of a sieve. It's inevitable that terrorists with anti-American sentiments are drawn to it.

For this reason, Canadian officials must continue to work with their American counterparts to snare these vermin before they scuttle into U.S. territory. If that means travelers are inconvenienced by security checks at border crossings, then so be it. America's freedom must be continually protected through vigilance, and that's a process in which everyone plays a role.

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Ritalin has its place when treating ADHD

READER COMMENT
Melody Allen Lenker
Dr. Jack Trotter
Jennifer Thompson

As members of the medical and educational staff at the Southern Idaho Learning Center, we feel it is imperative to respond to Dr. Lawrence H. Diller's commentary of Jan. 3 headlined "Families too eagerly take the Ritalin step." Despite the fact that the medical and educational fields are making continuous strides in enhancing the public's understanding of the diagnosis and treatment of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), someone always manages to get published a worry-filled opinion about stimulant medicine use.

Our learning center strives to give families concrete and complete answers to their often agonizing question, "Why isn't my child learning?" Sometimes the answer to that question is that their child has ADHD. We arrive at this diagnosis only after spending many hours of administering assessments and painstakingly conferring to rule out other look-alike disorders. Research indicates that to effectively treat this disorder, treatment must occur in three domains: (1) behavior management training for the parents; (2) behavior management and adjustments in the classroom; and often, (3) a stimulant medication such as Ritalin. Medication is usually recommended because research has repeatedly shown that, for true ADHD, treatment in the first two domains is less successful when medication is not part of the treatment.

To better understand the role of medi-

cation for the ADHD child, consider the diabetic. The diabetic takes the "drug" insulin, a substance that his body does not manufacture. This, along with diet and exercise, allows him to lead close to a normal life. So it is with the ADHD child: the drug Ritalin is recommended to replace a chemical that his body does not manufacture. Along with the therapies identified above, he too can lead a nearly normal life. Unfortunately for families already struggling to accept the diagnosis of ADHD, the publication of confusing commentaries such as Dr. Diller's, with its sensationalized headline, makes it even more difficult for parents to take the step toward assisting their child with the legitimate use of medication.

Dr. Diller wrote that parents of children who don't fit into our lock-step educational system are pressuring their physicians for a diagnosis of ADHD so that their child can receive stimulant medication and make better grades. This is a shared concern; no conscientious professional should facilitate medicating the child who thinks differently and just "doesn't fit." That is exactly why we at the clinic go through the care-

ful diagnostic process outlined above: to identify who should not be put on medication. If Dr. Diller finds that he is "evaluating and prescribing medicine for more and more" of these children, then this is his problem. He has given up the careful diagnostic process in response to social pressure. We at the learning center will continue to stand in opposition to that practice.

Dr. Diller cites the frequently quoted fact that Ritalin production is up 700 percent this decade. This increase is only reasonable in light of the fact that it is just within the last decade that we have recognized that there are additional types of ADHD and have increasingly been diagnosing it in adults, who up until now have been quietly suffering from their disorder.

By focusing on an extreme, Dr. Diller's whole commentary effectively trivializes the very real devastation that is wreaked in families with children who have the disorder. Medication as an option for treating true ADHD is a benefit that is not a luxury for those who have to live with the disorder. Let's not over-medicate, but let's also not stand in judgment of those who have found that medication brings an increase in the quality of their lives.

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LETTERS

Thrush got away with murder

To all the people who have written letters to The Times-News paper about the Jesse Thrush and Judge Meehl issue: I want them all to know I agree with all of them.

This is a shame. Shame on you, Jesse Thrush, for killing an innocent child. Shame on you, Judge Meehl, for condoning him and letting him get away with it. If you, Judge Meehl, think Jesse Thrush has such special qualifications then, Judge Meehl, you serve his time and Jesse Thrush can baby-sit your children and grandchildren.

Jesse Thrush was given six months to think about what he did and then write a report. Judge Meehl, this is murder, not a school classroom report. Jesse Thrush is a murderer. What part of murderer do you not understand, Judge Meehl?

JULIUS PENNINGTON
Shoshone

Hog farm would be a disaster

We are writing in response to the proposed mega-hog farm.

As residents living in the area next to C&Y Farms on a family farm providing a living and employment for six families year-round and all living from one-half to 1 1/4 miles from the property line of the proposed site, we have many concerns about the proposals of a large hog farm. We feel this is going to be a disaster to the Raft River community and also the county.

We have lived here for 30 years, spent thousands of dollars and put in much hard work and sacrifice to make our lifestyle something we could be proud of. Our family farms are important to this county. This hog farm is not a family farm. It is 50,000 sows on 4,700 acres. Each sow will have 2 1/2 litters per year

at eight baby pigs per litter or at least 950,000 baby pigs per year, or approximately 212 hogs per acre, producing more waste than every person living in the whole state of Idaho. Maybe the county will make a little money, but with a little extra money be worth the damage it will cause those families that have worked so hard to make their farms and lifestyles what they are today. What is more important - money or people?

The overwhelming majority of the people in the Raft River area are very much opposed. The Raft River area is not a remote area. There are many families and many homes that are close to and would be affected by this proposed site. Hog farms of this size should be located in a much more remote area where families and communities will not be affected by this. In a nutshell, it is too many hogs on too few acres and it is too close to the many people and homes that reside in this area.

As for our family and us, we are opposed to this proposed mega-hog farm.

TONY ALLEN
CINDY ALLEN
Raft River

Hog farm would bring new jobs

I am writing in support of the proposed Big Sky hog farm.

Mayor Mannings' "State of the City" (Jan. 4) should be a "wake-up" call to all of us. The new jobs and benefits for the area should be welcomed, considering the slowing of our economy.

I like living and raising my family in this area, don't you? Someday, perhaps we may be known for raising the best pork products in the nation.

SHANE DESPAIN
Burley

Reduce bloated government and taxes

If Gov. George W. Bush wants to improve his chances of being elected president, he should begin talking not just about reducing our taxes but putting big government on a diet. Democrats have usually prevailed on the tax-cut issue when they cast it as one of "fairness" and speak of cuts benefiting "the rich." Let's see how well they can defend big-government bureaucracy that wastes our money.

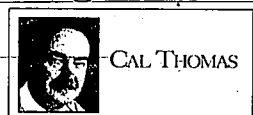
Why are there multiple layers of bureaucracy required to administer the food-stamp program, with employees earning between \$30,000 and \$150,000, while food-stamp recipients get only about \$15 a month? That's what Peter Speyer of the Heritage Foundation - who has just finished an analysis of the 2000 federal budget - wants to know.

Bush could start asking questions of voters who are paying for this and a lot more.

Among the many agencies that have outlived their purposes is the Department of Agriculture. The USDA was created in 1862 when more than 80 percent of all American families earned their living from the land. Today, only about 1 percent (3 million people) live that way.

The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) wired rural America with telephones and electricity. The RUS costs \$141 million in the new budget, though the number of "rural" households continues to decline.

Congress established the Small Business Administration (SBA) in 1953 to help new businesses get started after



CAL THOMAS

World War II. Today the availability of private-venture capital, which comes mainly from initial public offerings, has far outpaced the need for government money to help establish new businesses and is fast making the SBA obsolete.

Power Marketing Administrations (PMAs) are government-owned utilities that borrow money from the Treasury at below-market interest rates, taking as long as 50 years to pay it back. PMAs subsidize their customers at a cost to taxpayers of \$262 million this year.

Congress should privatize the PMAs. The General Accounting Office says "privatization would benefit both consumers and the electric industry."

Evidence of bad management - contributing to rising cost and sapping efficiency - abound. The federal education bureaucracy runs more than 786 programs in 40 different agencies at an annual cost of nearly \$100 billion. An estimated 30 cents of every federal education dollar is lost in overhead and never reaches the classroom.

Programs to address problems associated with juveniles stretch over 10 departments, three independent agencies, one

federal commission, one presidential council and one quasi-official agency. Separately, they administer 131 juvenile programs and cost \$4 billion annually.

Taxpayers spend \$20 billion a year on 15 different federal agencies for job training. Worse, the GAO reports that most federal agencies cannot determine the effectiveness of their programs.

There are 342 economic-development programs managed by 13 agencies with 15 different federal agencies for job training. Worse, the GAO reports that most federal agencies cannot determine the effectiveness of their programs.

At least 70 programs across 57 different departments and agencies received more than \$16 billion a year to fight illegal drug use. Among the most blatant examples of government waste and mismanagement are the 19 drug "intelligence centers" dispersed among 10 departments. Much of the information generated by these centers is "diff limits" to other agencies.

Add to bloated bureaucracy the incidents of fraud, waste and abuse (\$14,000 was set aside to convert the chaotic grill at the Air Force Academy's Otis House to natural gas, according to the Air Force Auditing Agency), and we have what I ought to be a defining political issue for the Bush campaign.

If the debate about taxes could also focus on reducing government's need of money, Democrats would find themselves having to defend the insatiable monster that eats our tax dollars.

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Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau



Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

Economic bubbles don't burst - do they?

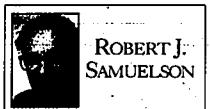
There may be no better symbol of America at the present moment than the NASDAQ. Even a few years ago, most people might have mistaken "the Naszdaq" (the way it's pronounced) for a former Soviet Republic in Central Asia. Only financial sophisticates knew it was the stock market for many growth companies - the country's Intels and Microsofts. But now the NASDAQ captures America's prevailing mood: the boundless optimism and the romance of instant fortunes.

Gosh, it's exciting, America Online and Time Warner are merging. What an extravagant! Though both AOL and Time Warner trade on the New York Stock Exchange, the NASDAQ is the true epicenter of the riotous upheaval. We have become a nation of tapewatchers, hungry for news of Yahoo!, Dell or Cisco Systems. In 1999, the NASDAQ composite index rose an astounding 86 percent. In the previous three years, the increases were 40 percent (1998), 22 percent (1997) and 23 percent (1996).

The NASDAQ has existed since 1971. Over the years, it has helped many bold, new companies raise money to expand. But its latest surge must signify something larger. It must indicate that we've entered an economic wonderland, where old investment rules have been thrown out or repealed. If not, the NASDAQ explosion would be a speculative bubble, which will ultimately burst or deflate. Heresy.

One standard measure of stock values is the price-earnings ratio, or PE ratio. If a company has earnings (profits) of \$1 a share and its stock sells for \$10, then its PE ratio is 10. Between 1871 and 1996, the PE ratio for all U.S. stocks averaged about 14, according to the Wharton School's Jeremy Siegel, author of "Stocks for the Long Run."

What's the NASDAQ's PE? At year-end 1999, it was about 200, according to analyst Brian Rauscher of Morgan Stanley Dean Witter. Growth companies - with prospects for above-average increases in profits - might be expected to have above-average PE's. Under the late 1990s, the NASDAQ's PE fluctuated between 20 and 25. By 1991, it was about 40. In late 1998, it neared 100 and then doubled in the next year.



ROBERT J. SAMUELSON

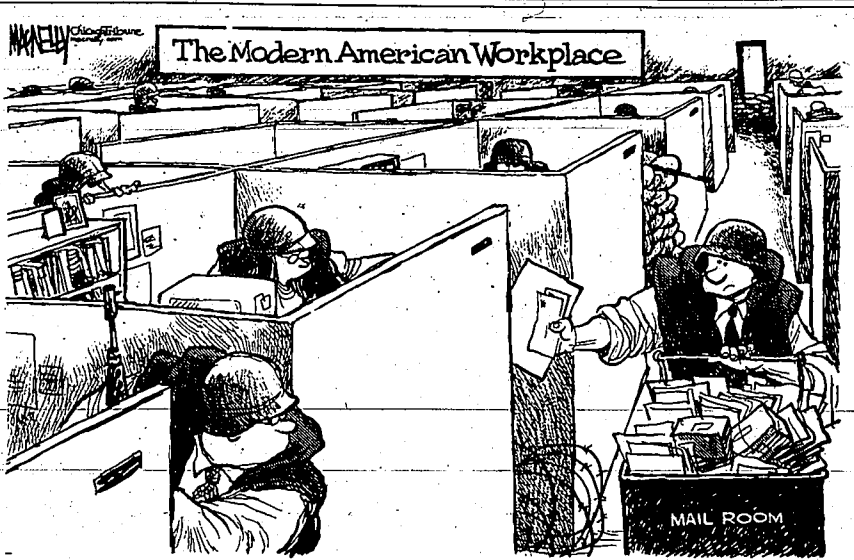
and \$25 billion. This pales against total consumer spending of more than \$6 trillion. It's even overshadowed by retail catalog sales (an estimated \$57 billion). Never mind. Today's profits must be irrelevant, because tomorrow's opportunities are so vast. Several IPOs ending in September, Yahoo! earned 21 cents a share. Its stock at year-end sold for \$433. That's a PE of 2,061. Jeff Bezos, founder of Amazon.com, was Time's Person of the Year, although his company's had cumulative losses of almost \$600 million through September. By old logic, Amazon.com can't attract customers without lavish price discounts and marketing expenses. By Internet logic, these huge losses represent "acquisition costs" that will ultimately reward Amazon.com with hordes of loyal, free-spending customers.

But who cares? "Buy and hold" is for dummies. (That's the old investment rule of buying solid stocks at reasonable prices and getting rich as companies' profits and stock prices rise.) Why hold when you can sell at a quick profit? On a typical day, investors trade about 13 million shares of Amazon.com. This is one-tenth of the company's publicly traded shares; there's a 100 percent turnover every two weeks.

The NASDAQ now represents a growing share of America's paper wealth. At year-end 1999, its capitalization - the value of the shares of all its 4,844 companies - was \$2.7 trillion. This was almost one-third of the worth of all stocks, \$15.8 trillion. At year-end 1996, NASDAQ's capitalization was a mere \$1.5 trillion, less than one-fifth of the then-\$7.3 trillion worth of all stocks. Surely, the NASDAQ's expanded wealth ought to reinforce our confidence in the economy's health.

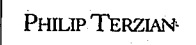
John Maynard Keynes, the famous British economist, once likened the stock market to a casino. The more stocks came to be owned by people "who do not manage and have no special knowledge... of the business in question," the more speculative the market became. Traders grow increasingly unconcerned with "what an investment is really worth to a man who buys it for keeps," but with what the market will value it at, under the influence of the market's momentum. Keynes died in 1946. Were he alive, he would inevitably be watching the NASDAQ. Doubtless, he would be so dazzled that he would reconsider and recant. Wouldn't he?

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Rocker's rude and crude - but not insane

You don't have to endorse John Rocker's would view to find his latest predicament disturbing.



PHILIP TERZIAN

Mr. Rocker is the Atlanta Braves pitcher who offended New Yorkers last fall with his derisive comments about New York, its inhabitants and, especially, its sports fans. Last month, he expanded on the theme in a magazine interview. Riding the subway to Shea Stadium, he complained, is like riding through Beirut, featuring "some kid with purple hair next to some queer with AIDS right next to some dude who just got out of jail for the fourth time next to some 20-year-old mom with four kids."

As Mr. Rocker no doubt expected they would, these remarks had the intended effect. Mayor Rudolph Giuliani exploded in fury at Mr. Rocker's "bigotry." The Atlanta City Council adopted a unanimous resolution condemning his comments, which was signed by Mayor Bill Campbell. Several baseball statemen and AIDS lobbyists have urged the Braves to fire Mr. Rocker and, if possible, ban him from the game. The team's president, Stan Kasten, called Mr. Rocker's comments "repugnant" and "unconscionable," and added that the Rocker crisis was "the most distasteful" problem he had ever encountered.

Now, Commissioner Bud Selig has weighed in. Not only are Mr. Rocker's comments "represensible" and "inexcusable," he declared, but Mr. Rocker must

undergo psychiatric examination as a first step in considering his future in baseball.

There are two things to be said about this.

The first is that, to say, Mr. Rocker's opinion of New York (which, for the record, I do not share) is held by more Americans than Commissioner Selig, Mayor Giuliani and the arbiters of opinion might suspect. Most Americans find New York City to be too big, too cacophonous and too gritty for their taste. And many New Yorkers, while charming in their way, suffer from a civic self-absorption that is matched only by San Franciscans and Washingtonians. As the famous Saul Steinberg cartoon suggested, the average New Yorker regards Manhattan as the center of the universe; people in Ohio, Tennessee and Oregon don't necessarily see it that way.

As for Mr. Rocker's depiction of the typical subway rider, it is tempting to ask this multimillionaire athlete when he last traveled on a New York subway.

Still, given a choice, most Americans would prefer that their sons arrive at the breakfast table in a Boy Scout uniform, rather than purple hair. And most Americans, bigoted or not, would just as soon avoid sitting next to ex-offenders on the train. Even President Clinton laments the spectacle of "children having children," the polite phrase for teenage moms of multiple babies. And while "queer" is a term used only by professors of

English, gay activists and people who deplore gay activists, it is fair to assume that if some people are uncomfortable sitting beside a sneezing passenger, others are likely to be disconcerted in the presence of AIDS.

In a rational world, Mayor Giuliani would have laughed at invited him for a tour. Mr. Kasten might have taken his player aside and told him to be more polite about the World Series champions and their fans: Bad for business, you know. But we live in an age where tolerance is more valued than social standards, and diversity really means uniformity of thought. So while we are free to condemn, say, fundamentalist Christians for their adherence to principles, we are forbidden to speak critically of criminals or punks with purple hair.

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forbidden to speak critically of criminals or punks with purple hair.

Moreover, those who decline to get with the program are not just ornery or repellent, but "dis-turbed," in Commissioner Selig's word. We who shrink in horror from tales of electroshock therapy and prefrontal lobotomies now recommend treatment for unpopular opinions. Just as we have decided that the energy of little boys is unnatural, and requires living on Ritalin, we have concluded that only mental illness can explain nonconformity. Americans should be worried when psychiatry is invoked to encourage errant citizens to think correct thoughts.

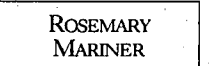
And why isn't anyone defending Beirut?

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Adm. Zumwalt's passing: He steered Navy on a course to the future

Adm. Elmo Zumwalt, laid to rest this week at the Naval Academy, changed my life and that of untold others forever in late 1972. More importantly, he changed the Nation - hence the nation - for the better.

As part of a concerted effort to adjust to the end of conscription and to major societal changes, Adm. Zumwalt, then chief of Naval Operations, decided to open Navy pilot training to women. My mother, a World War II Navy nurse, sent me a newspaper article announcing the Navy was looking for qualified female candidates. As a 19-year-old undergraduate and pilot, I could hardly believe my eyes. I decided I wasn't going to miss this historic opportunity.



ROSEMARY MARINER

criminal conduct and generally low morale. Retention bottomed out at the Naval Academy. Curdie University's conservative campus, my joining the Navy equated to becoming a "baby killer" in the eyes of some classmates.

After reporting for officer candidate school, I began to realize how controversial Adm. Zumwalt was. Like most of my peers drawn from civilian schools, I knew nothing about Navy life, let alone service politics. The whole institution seemed stuck in a time and cultural warp.

most senior officers and respected by the most junior ones, hated by chief petty officers who were known for handling disciplinary problems with their fists, but loved by being empowered sailors.

His unambiguous leadership in improving the Navy's lousiest relations was a source of discontent among the good old white boys. The "Z-grams" - directives sent to the entire Navy from the chief himself, rather than through the admirals - that made my presence in flight training possible were the subject of open derision and were actively opposed by some serving officers. Their behavior was unprofessional, shameful and contrary to Navy tradition.

Adm. Zumwalt retired in June 1974, shortly after I earned my gold wings. A true professional,

he then refrained from "laying a hand on the ruler from the grave," he shared his opinions with serving naval leadership behind closed doors, not in the media.

It wasn't until I became a mid-level grade officer that I fully appreciated just what he had achieved and at what tremendous personal cost. Adm. Zumwalt's most significant accomplishments lay in forcing the naval aristocracy to control rampant racial discrimination while preparing the Navy to "fight" the Cold War under harsh post-Vietnam fiscal constraints and the realities of an all-volunteer force.

Years ago, I found a cartoon titled "Old Guard Bar and Grill." Sitting at the bar were two admirals crying in their beer about the caption, "If God had wanted

women at the Naval Academy, he would have made them men!" Like Adm. Zumwalt, other naval reformers have faced similar intellectually shallow opposition in their attempts to improve the lot of sailors, revolutionize shipboard gunnery, adopt the aircraft carrier and herald the nuclear fleet.

Like many wonderful but human institutions, the Navy would never have altered course toward racial equality nor revamped the fleet with the best-qualified male and female citizen-sailors under its own momentum. Adm. Zumwalt's methods,

however uncastoff, were the only way to cap off old lines and allow the Navy to steam into the future.

In my mind's eye, I see the always dignified admiral bowing up to a heavenly Old Guard Bar and taking his seat as one of history's truly great Americans and naval leaders. Cheers and thanks, Admiral.

Rosemary Mariner, a retired naval aviator, is a visiting scholar at the University of Tennessee's Center for the Study of War and Society. She wrote this commentary for *The Washington Post*.

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WORLD

Superstition slows African AIDS fight

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — AIDS killed Caroline Akinyi's parents 11 years ago, when she was 3. Yet even today, she cannot fathom a disease — let alone a sexually transmitted one — that killed her mother and father.

Instead, she believes her parents were bewitched.

Education is a cornerstone of a new \$150 million U.S. effort to combat the spread of AIDS in Africa. Yet in the continent's war against the disease, superstition and tradition often prove more influential than leaflets and television ad campaigns.

Many Kenyans believe condoms have tiny holes, rendering them ineffective, say health workers and educators in Kibera, a Nairobi slum.

Others think the lubricant added to many condoms contains HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. Their reasoning: condoms became prevalent only when



Caroline Akinyi, 14, orphaned by AIDS when she was 3 years old, studies at her school in Kibera, an vast slum on the western edge of Nairobi, recently. AIDS did. And even when condoms are viewed as an effective deterrent to infection, they may not get used.

Joblessness, compounded by Kenya's worst economic crisis in 30 years, has idled thousands of youths, leaving them penniless, bored and with few diversions. They often ignore sex-aid admonitions from the country's Protestant and Roman Catholic churches because sex is one of the few aspects of their lives they control — or think they do.

Men who migrate to Nairobi from rural Kenya in search of low-paying jobs, leaving their wives and children behind, often turn to prostitutes, who must reduce their fees if they insist their clients use condoms.

The result is a wave of AIDS spreading across Kenya that has not yet begun to crest.

Among a population estimated at 30 million people, the disease already has killed 760,000 Kenyans, according to the Ministry of Health.

Turkey delays execution of rebel leader, pending review

ANKARA, Turkey — The Turkish government Wednesday decided to put a hold on the death sentence of Kurdish rebel leader Abdullah Ocalan until a European court can review it.

Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit's government agreed to wait for the European Court of Human Rights to review Ocalan's appeal before sending it to Turkey's parliament for approval.

The government made the move after winning the support of the far-right Nationalist Action Party, which had pressed for Ocalan's hanging.

Ecevit warned that the hold on the execution can be lifted at any time.

Ecevit fears that hanging Ocalan could anger the Kurdish rebel group and revive violence in southeastern Turkey. There has been a relative lull in fighting in the mainly Kurdish southeast since Ocalan's rebels announced a cease-fire in August.



Two-bus accident kills at least 42 in southern Brazil

SAO PAULO, Brazil — A bus carrying Argentine tourists crashed head-on into another bus, tipped over and burst into flames Wednesday in southeastern Brazil, killing at least 42 people and injuring another 40, police said.

The accident happened in the early morning hours on a fog-shrouded mountain highway near the town of Pouso Redondo, 340 miles southwest of Sao Paulo in the state of Santa Catarina. "The crash was so strong that the Argentine bus exploded into a ball of fire after falling over one of its sides," Federal Highway Police officer Ivan Robson Flores said.



Rescuers pass food, water, hope to trapped miners

ORKNEY, South Africa — Rescuers managed to pass food and water through a narrow, twisting pipe Wednesday to a group of miners trapped more than a mile underground. Nine of the 15 miners trapped inside the African Rainbow Minerals gold mine in Orkney, 110 miles southwest of Johannesburg, were believed to be alive on Wednesday morning, a National Union of Mineworkers representative said. Rescue teams said at least four miners had died.

Rescue teams made voice contact late Tuesday with the miners who were trapped 1.25 miles underground by a "cave-in" on Monday.

— compiled from wire reports



Refugee children from Grozny collect firewood in the Georgian village of Dzholok, 168 miles northeast of Tbilisi, on Wednesday. Georgia has accommodated more than 5,000 Chechen refugees who fled the massive Russian onslaught.

Russia claims some progress

SHALI, Russia (AP) — Russia said its soldiers pushed farther Wednesday into the Chechen mountains, home to key rebel bases, and have retaken control of towns where rebels launched surprise attacks.

Russia also said its forces blocked a rebel attempt to break free of Grozny, the Chechen capital, which it has shelled intensively for weeks. Helicopter gunships attacked rebel positions in Grozny on Wednesday.

After facing little resistance in its months-long drive to take control of the breakaway republic, Russia was forced on the defensive in recent days by strong rebel counterattacks, but claimed to have regained its momentum on Wednesday.

Russian paratroopers took control of a mountain road leading to the rebel-held village of Shari and captured the strategic

heights nearby, blocking the rebels from getting reinforcements and supplies, the military said.

Russia also sent reinforcements to troops surrounding Vedeno, a large town deep in the mountains, and warplanes bombed rebel bases in the Vedeno area and the Argun Gorge-northwest-of-Shari—the IJAR-Tass news agency reported.

The steep mountains of southern Chechnya give rebels substantial shelter from Russian attacks, and the fighters are able to mount quick assaults and then disappear into the foggy gorges.

Rebels' guerrilla attacks inflicted severe losses on Russian forces in the 1994-96 Chechen war. Russia has tried to avoid a repeat of that disastrous conflict by advancing into the mountains and the streets of Grozny only after prolonged air

and artillery strikes.

But resurgent rebels mounted weekend attacks on Gudermes, Shali and Argun, which Russia claimed to have seized in December. Russia said it regained control of all three Wednesday. Nikolai Koshman, the Kremlin's emissary for Chechnya, visited Shali on Wednesday to tell residents that water and heat would soon be restored.

NTV television showed some residents shouting complaints at Koshman that Russian forces had killed civilians along with rebels.

Refugees from Grozny also accused Russian forces of killing civilians.

Refugee Fadiman Butiyeva said the Russians burned buildings where civilians were hiding in basements. "They make no difference — whoever is in the basement, they burn."

General may face charges in homeland

LONDON (AP) — If former Chilean dictator Gen. Augusto Pinochet escapes extradition to Spain and is allowed to go home, as now seems likely, he could face prosecution in his homeland, Chile's ambassador in London said Wednesday. Many changes have been made in Chile since the closing days of the Pinochet regime, when the dictator passed a wide-ranging law giving himself immunity from prosecution, said Ambassador Pablo Cabrera.

"The law in Chile (now) allows the people and the tribunal to strip off immunity, as has been done already with another senator for other reasons," Cabrera told BBC Radio. "We have many examples that these things are happening now in Chile." After nearly 15 months of legal wrangling, Pinochet learned Tuesday that he would be allowed to return home to Chile within weeks.

Cabrera said the decision on whether to prosecute the general at home rested with the courts, now "an independent power in Chile."

Pinochet's son, Marco Antonio, said from Chile that his father had received the news "but that the Pinochet family remained cautious because "there is nothing firm yet."

Russian space agency to send actor on Mir mission

MOSCOW — The Russian Space Agency on Wednesday said it plans to send two cosmonauts and possibly a movie actor to the Mir space station in March.

Under the agency's plan, which must be approved by the Russian Cabinet, cosmonauts Sergei Zaitsev and Alexander Kaleri are to blast off for the Mir on March 30 for a mission that would last for at least 45 days, said space agency spokesman Sergei Gorbunov.

The cosmonauts may travel to Mir with Vladimir Stekolov, an actor set to star in a movie about a cosmonaut unwilling to abandon the space station.

White gunman kills three blacks in South Africa

PRETORIA, South Africa — A white gunman boarded a bus crowded with black commuters Wednesday and, without uttering a word, killed the driver and two passengers and wounded four others before fleeing.

As police began investigating whether the shooting was racially motivated, a senior local government official was already calling it a hate crime. Mbazima Shilowa, premier of Gauteng province that encompasses Pretoria, said the "abominable attack" was "motivated by hatred."

The attack resembled those white extremists carried out against blacks before South Africa held its first all-race elections in 1994. Since the African National Congress won that historic vote, violent right-wing groups have been largely dormant.

Britain removes ban on gays in the military

LONDON (AP) — Forced to act by a European court ruling, Britain lifted its ban on gays in the military Wednesday and introduced instead a code of conduct for sexual behavior, whether soldiers be heterosexual or homosexual.

"As no primary or secondary legislation is required, with effect from today, homosexuality will no longer be a bar to service in Britain's armed forces," Defense Secretary Geoff Hoon of the governing Labor Party told the House of Commons.

Opposition Conservative Party lawmakers expressed outrage.

"This appalling decision will be greeted with dismay among ordinary soldiers in the armed forces, many of whom joined the services precisely because they wished to turn their back on some of the values of modern society," said Tory Gerald Howarth.

Hoon acknowledged opposition to gays in the military, but added that "the law is the law. We cannot choose the decisions we implement."

Under the new code of conduct, to be published next month, inappropriate sexual behavior between personnel on duty — and not a person's sexual orientation — would be a punishable offense.

The key test will be whether an individual's behavior undermines the "efficiency or operational effectiveness" of the military, Hoon said.

"Britain promised to lift the ban after the European Court of

Human Rights ruled in September in favor on four gay enlistees dismissed from the military. The judges called that a grave interference in private lives.

Personnel dismissed for being gay "can apply to rejoin the services, and actions against current military personnel will be halted.

In the future, the sexual orientation of soldiers, sailors and air force personnel will be "essentially a private matter for the individual," Hoon said.

Unlike the United States military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy, the British military had flatly banned gays.

On the need for a code, Hoon said military personnel "can choose the people they work and live with, often in difficult, cramped conditions and for sustained periods. Operational effectiveness depends on team-cohesion and the maintenance of trust and loyalty," he told lawmakers. "As a result, standards of behavior ... can be more demanding than those required by society at large."

Britain is now in line with other European countries that allow gays in uniform, with varying degrees of enthusiasm.

Policies range from the Netherlands, where gays have served openly since the 1970s, to Greece, which bars homosexual officers. In Italy, overt homosexual behavior is frowned on the military and may mean a person is exempted from the 18-month compulsory military service.

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Mandi Turner

Flier girls' basketball

On the basketball court, she's as slippery as the icy road conditions that landed her and her vehicle in a ditch Tuesday morning.

Fortunately for Flier, point guard Mandi Turner was the one who landed better than her mother's car.

Shaken but uninjured in the accident, the senior co-captain suited up the same night and led the Wildcats to a 45-25 victory over Kimberly, scoring a game-high 12 points in the process.

That sort of effort has characterized Turner's season. Through 14 games, she's averaged 15.6 points, 4.6 assists and 4.3 steals a game. Only 5-foot-6, she's also managed to grab 5.1 rebounds per contest.

"I have to have her on the floor," said Flier head coach Kim Krumm. "She's one of our best shooters ... and she runs the offense and defense for us."

The leadership role is one Turner relishes.

"I like going out there and knowing I'm the leader on the floor," Turner said.

Her success stems from a no-nonsense approach to the game and a rock-solid commitment to improving her skills. Sunday nights, for example, will find the Flier standout at the school gymnasium working through one-on-one sessions with her head coach.

The hour-long workouts were Turner's idea, Krumm said, but it seems everyone has benefited.

"Early in the season, I was really frustrated with my shot because it just wasn't falling," Turner said. "But now it's all about coming together."

Turner added that she has picked up better ball-handling skills and added a more aggressive dimension to her game by competing with boys in off-season pickup games.

Off the floor, Turner said she enjoys spending time with family and friends. And when she said she hopes to pursue a college hoop career, she has yet to decide which institution she'll attend.

Casey Gambrel

Kimberly wrestling

One tear for the fallen foe who finds himself unmercifully locked in the clutches of the Cowboy.

On their own, the two boys are jacked between one ear and head caught in a vis-a-vis grip, or suddenly flung into the air.

It's only a hand or two away from a tuck, no fewer than 16 opponents have succumbed to pins this season at the hands of 140-pound Kimberly wrestler Casey Gambrel.

"I can pull a throw out of anyone," Gambrel said. "I've only gone past the first round twice this year, and I've only been taken down once."

Gambrel, a state champion last season at 135 pounds and 57-8 over the past three years, credits 12 years of judo training, an influential father, a bigger brother (Kaid, who's 12 pounds heavier but a year younger) and coach Troy Palmer as keys to his development.

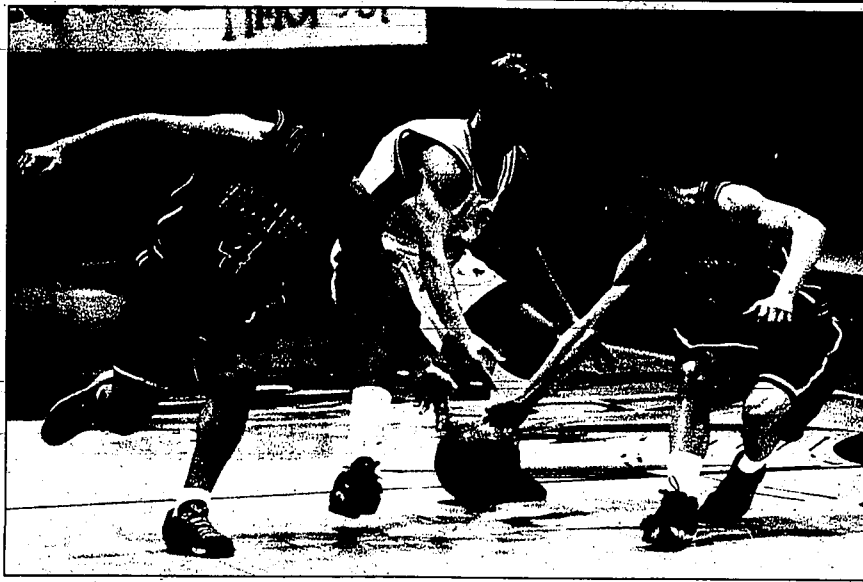
"Judo helps me with throwing and it's helped me with knowing where my body is," he said. "And with my brother, we're always scrapping but we're really close."

"They're probably the two toughest-minded wrestlers in the room," Palmer said of the Gambrels. "They wrestle and push each other, and it gets pretty intense when they're going at it."

Casey injured his neck in a match during his sophomore season, and Palmer said, before "something happened" between Gambrel's sophomore and junior year that changed him from a thrower to a state-champion wrestler.

"He just became more of a wrestler," Palmer said.

The coach added that Casey's influence extends beyond his brother. "Casey's been more of a vocal leader," Palmer said. "The younger kids really look up to him not only as a wrestler, but as a role model for life."



The Bruins' Brandon Nielsen fights Hillcrest's Josh Olson and Phil Fairbourn for the ball in Wednesday night's 75-70 loss to the Hillcrest Knights.

Hillcrest sneaks past Twin Falls

By Ryan Bevan
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Hillcrest Knights shot the lights out Wednesday, as excellent free-throw shooting down the stretch gave them a 75-70 victory and handed the Bruins their second loss in two games.

Hillcrest shot 72 percent from the field and 83 percent from the line.

"If you look at the shots they took, lots of them were uncontested," said Twin Falls coach Dan Vogt. "We gave up way too many points tonight."

The Knights opened the game with a full-court defense that resulted in four straight Twin Falls turnovers and an 8-0 run over the first two-and-a-half minutes of play. After a 20-second Bruin timeout, the home team put the pressure on Hillcrest as well, and hustled to a 9-2 spurt of their own.

The Knights lead was just one at 10-9 with 3:20 remaining in the first.

"We didn't handle the press well at all in the first quarter," Vogt said.

Midway through the second quarter, the Bruins went on a 10-1 charge to take the lead for the first and last time, 33-32.

Hillcrest ended the half with a 7-0 run of its own capped by a three-point putback by senior Darren Labrum to beat the buzzer.

"He (Labrum) shouldn't have had the putback at the end of the half," Vogt said.

Labrum shot from long range seconds earlier only to have the ball bounce right back to him off a long rebound before he connected from downtown.

Labrum's three-pointer pushed the Knight cushion back to five at the half, 39-32.

Hillcrest started the second half strong, and the Knights looked to put the Bruins away for good with an 8-2 run. But Twin Falls answered with an 8-2 run of its own to close Hillcrest's lead to four at 49-45, and the Bruins outscored Hillcrest 8-6 to end the third with the score at 57-53.

The Knights pushed their lead to 10 once again at 65-55 in the fourth, as they looked to be running away. But the Bruins again responded on a 10-3 surge that cut the Knights lead to just three, 68-65, with 3:43 remaining.

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Bobcats collect second dual win of season

By Matt Peterson
Times-News writer

JEROME — Burley broke open a close meet with six pins in seven middle-weight matches to earn its second dual meet victory of the year Wednesday, a 51-24 decision over Jerome on the Tigers' home mat.

"It was really happy with the way it went," said Burley head coach Clint Milliron, whose team entered its showdown with Jerome following a 16th place finish at last weekend's Buhl Invitational. "It was better than I expected."

After getting two forfeit wins to begin the meet, Burley enjoyed a 12-0 lead before breaking a sweat. But Jerome stormed back to tie the score at 12 with consecutive pins from Mike Dovenmuehler (125) and Troy Egbert (130). Dovenmuehler pinned Burley's Casey Huff in only 38 seconds, while Egbert needed just 1:24 to dispose of Bobcat Seth LeMessurier.

"First thing off the whistle, I shot him," said Egbert. "I went in for the pin, didn't get him, then went in again and I got him."

The 130-pound Egbert improved to 9-4 on the season.

"Troy's just one of those kids who is impressive every time out, whether he wins or loses," said Jerome assistant coach Paul Rosenberg.

Following Egbert's victory, Burley rallied for pins in six of its next seven matches. Eric Pierce, wrestling in the 135-pound division, sparked the Bobcat fire with a third-round pin of Jerome's Jeremy Kiser. Up 11-0 in the match, Pierce was whistled for an illegal hold. The violation seemed to rattle Pierce, as Kiser rallied for four additional points. But the Burley grappler regrouped and finished the match with just under a minute remaining.

Pierce's win broke a 12-1 tie and gave Burley a lead it wouldn't relinquish.

Levi Garreth followed up Pierce's pin by locking a cradle on Jerome's Jason Lamm and sticking his opponent 3:10 into their 140-pound matchup.

"I wasn't expecting to lose, but I went into the match kind of blind because I hadn't ever wrestled him," Garreth said.

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Sun Valley courts disabled ski events

By Karen Botsch
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY — The Sun Valley Olympic Committee hopes to bring as many as 17 U.S. Disabled Ski Team members to Sun Valley in March to compete in the Janss Cup.

The Janss Cup is a fund-raiser for the Sun Valley Ski Education Foundation that attracts some 200 people, including celebrities, to the Wood River Valley annually.

The appearance by the athletes would be a springboard for an ambitious slate of events at the Sun Valley Olympic Committee hopes to host in the next two years.

Among them are training camps for the U.S. Disabled Alpine, Nordic and sledge hockey teams, the 2001 Disabled Alpine Ski Championships and a celebration for Paralympic athletes and their families following the Paralympic Games in Salt Lake City in 2002.

The 35-member U.S. Disabled Ski Team, which includes monoski racer Muffy Davis of Sun Valley and three-track skier Matt Perkins of Twin Falls, has been wanting to compete at Sun Valley for several years, said Hal Hunt, a former development coach for the U.S. Disabled Ski Team who now lives in Sun Valley.

The Disabled Ski Team would like to have nationals — a full-blown six-day ski competition — in Sun Valley, as well, he added. But there are a couple of catches. Foremost, the Sun Valley Olympic Committee needs to come up with the \$13,000 it would cost to bring the athletes to Sun Valley for the upcoming Janss Cup since the U.S. Disabled Ski Team has a very limited budget.

Also, Sun Valley has not gotten FIS documentation from the International Federation of Skiing, which would enable racers to earn points for participating in ski races here.

But Hunt said he thinks residents would enjoy hosting a celebration for disabled athletes from all over the world following the 2002 Paralympics. Hosting ski racer Muffy Davis of Sun Valley and three-track skier Matt Perkins of Twin Falls, has been wanting to compete at Sun Valley for several years, said Hal Hunt, a former development coach for the U.S. Disabled Ski Team who now lives in Sun Valley.

Car crash claims Bobby Phillips

The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Charlotte Hornets guard Bobby Phillips was speeding in his Porsche after practice Wednesday when he lost control, crashed into a car and died instantly.

Stunned and tearful teammates and Hornets officials gathered at the accident scene less than a mile from the Charlotte Coliseum, where minutes earlier Phillips and the other players had been practicing for Wednesday night's game with the Chicago Bulls. The game was postponed.

Phillips, 30, was traveling at a "very high rate of speed" when he collided with a car headed toward the coliseum, police spokesman Keith Bridges said. A minivan rear-ended the other car. Two people in those vehicles were hospitalized.

Witnesses said teammate David Wesley, the Hornets' starting point guard, also may have been driving too fast in his own Porsche, according to police. Wesley's car wasn't involved in the accident, and he was questioned at the scene.

Bridges said it will be at least several days before investigators reconstruct what happened.

Tragic end for Hornets guard

Bobby Phillips of the Charlotte Hornets was killed in a car accident Wednesday after a morning practice at the team's arena near the Charlotte Coliseum in Charlotte, N.C. He played with the Cleveland Cavaliers for six seasons before signing with the Hornets.

Personal	NBA record
• Wife, Kendall, and two children.	G FG FT Reb. Ast. Pts.
• Father, Dr. Bobby Phillips, is the dean of agriculture and home economics at A&M University.	'99-00 26 154 723 25 2.8 3.6
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Career highlights
• Selected by the Milwaukee Bucks in fourth round (45th pick overall) of the 1981 NBA Draft.
• Scored 13 of his season-high 24 points (4-5 3FG) in the first quarter, adding four rebounds and three steals in a 115-111 victory over the Phoenix Suns on March 17, 1999.
• Recorded 14 points, four rebounds and four assists (45th pick overall) against the Chicago Bulls on Nov. 14, 1997.
• Named to the 1995-96 NBA All-Dolphins Second Team.
• Ranked 7th in the NBA in 1995-96 in three-point percentage (.41).
• Scored a career-high and Cavs 1995-96 season-high 43 points against the Portland Trail Blazers on Dec. 30, 1995.
• Scored the first basket at Gund Arena with a 15-foot jumper from the left side in the 1994-95 season opener against the Houston Rockets on Nov. 6, 1994.



Source: National Basketball League

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Flir Rec holds registration for hoops

FILER - The Filer Community Recreation District will hold a registration session for the Filer Youth Basketball League from 7-8:30 p.m. next Wednesday, Jan. 19, at the Filer Fire Station...

Seahawks hire Sidwell as defensive coordinator

SEATTLE - The Seattle Seahawks have hired NFL veteran coach Steve Sidwell as their new defensive coordinator...

Rocker admits he "sounded like a jerk"

MACON, Ga. - John Rocker admitted Wednesday that his racial and ethnic comments in a magazine article made him sound like "a complete jerk."

Prosecution will seek death penalty for Carruth

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - Prosecutors led no doubt they will seek the death penalty against former NFL player Rae Carruth and three other men charged with fatally shooting Carruth's pregnant girlfriend.

Jordan weighs a possible role with Wizards

WASHINGTON - Michael Jordan and the Washington Wizards have discussed the possibility of Jordan joining the franchise as head of basketball operations and perhaps eventually assuming an ownership role...

NHL won't commit to taking part at Salt Lake

NEW YORK - With issues still outstanding, the NHL isn't ready to commit to the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympics.

Hall-of-Fame pitcher Lemon dead at 79

CLEVELAND - Bob Lemon, who made the Hall of Fame for a brilliant pitching career and then managed the New York Yankees to a World Series championship, died at age 79.

Promoter: Tyson bout will proceed as planned

LONDON - The promoter of Mike Tyson's Jan. 29 fight against Julius Francis in Manchester says the bout is still on, but the former heavyweight champion might not lean if he can enter England until he gets off the Concordia on Sunday at Heathrow Airport...

Sampras advances in Colonial Classic match

MELBOURNE, Australia - Pete Sampras needed five match points before finally defeating Richard Krajicek in the Colonial Classic exhibition tennis tournament Wednesday.

LPGA launches season today in Florida

Still buoyed by a gold to mark its 50th anniversary celebration, the LPGA Tour gets down to business today when Karrie Webb sets out to repeat her record-breaking season in The Office Depot pro-am at West Palm Beach, Fla.

Receiver Westbrook will enroll at U of M

MISSOULA, Mont. - Former BYU receiver Michael Westbrook has confirmed that he will enroll in classes at the University of Montana this semester and has made a verbal commitment to join the football team.

Brewers, White Sox swap players in trade

MILWAUKEE - The Milwaukee Brewers traded pitcher Cal Eldred and infielder Jose Valentin to the Chicago White Sox on Wednesday for pitchers Jaime Navarro and John Snyder.

Ski

Continued from B1. The athletes could also deliver an economic boon to local business. "It would be a gas having 1,500 skiers and their families here," Hunt said.

The Times-News

POCATELLO - Burley hung in for two quarters and trailed 7-30 at intermission, but went cold after the break in the first 51 Region III loss to the state's second-ranked Class A-1 team Wednesday night.

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JV competition, Kimberly won 50-432 pins to 390

with a high game bowled by Athena Chisner at 156. Minico's 51 high game was Recca Gillespie, with a 167. In JV-B, Minico exacted some revenge with a 5-0 blanking. High bowler for Minico was Rochelle Jesse, who bowled a 183; Kimberly was led by Marie Cantu, with a 140. Minico also stymied the Bulldogs 5-0 in JVC competition - high bowler for Minico was Stephanie Fowler with a 185, while high for Kimberly was Athena Climer, who rolled a 148.

Kimberly next bowls at Gooding Jan. 19. Minico bowls at Buhl Friday.

Wendell 5, Buhl 0

GOODING - Paced by Cassie Larson's high game of 162, Wendell swept to a 5-0 varsity win over visiting Buhl on Wednesday with 424 total pins to 347.

High score for Buhl was Lacey Owend with 174.

In JV competition, Buhl won 5-0; in JV-B bowling, it was Buhl again, 4-1.

Wendell next bowls at Jerome on Wednesday.

Tuesday's results: Shoshone girls 62, Ketchum 36

KETCHUM - Brenna Allen's 13 points led four Shoshone players in double figures as the Indians (6-0 in conference, 12-3 overall) routed host Ketchum Community School 62-36 in an A-4 girls' Northside showdown on Tuesday.

Cutthroat Lindsey Woodcock led all scorers with 22 points.

Shoshone's Krista Pendleton added seven steals to her team-high 12 points, while teammate Amy Williams contributed seven assists.

The Indians host Dietrich on Friday.

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Hot Hands
Leading area high school girls' basketball players - Jodie, Rebecca, Jessica, and three-pointers - a Thursday game of Jan. 8 (players, game and average). Game stats are printed every through boys' every Friday.

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Player Points
A. Shoshone, Burley 191-1
K. Booni, Valley 131-2
M. Turner, Fire 143-5
T. Brandon, Wendell 131-38
J. Anderson, Gooding 143-18
M. Turner, Fire 143-5
M. Uring, Shoshone 121-13
B. Haining, Kimberly 151-30
K. Bodehaver, Minico 121-22
A. Cox, Coatsville 141-20

Rebounds
Player Rebounds
B. Haining, Kimberly 151-30
K. Bodehaver, Minico 121-22
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Assists
Player Assists
S. Burrows, Glenns Ferry 145-9
A. Williams, Shoshone 142-2
K. Turner, Fire 141-4
S. Calken, Valley 133-3
S. Votruba, Wendell 132-3
K. Fick, Canyon 120-12
C. Bivolar, Wendell 132-2
D. Davidson, Minico 122-1
A. Wilson, Burley 92-8

Steals
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S. Burrows, Glenns Ferry 145-9
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K. Booni, Valley 131-2
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C. Bodehaver, Minico 121-22
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S. Votruba, Wendell 132-3

Three-pointers
Player Three-pointers
H. Goodcoch, Burley 91-8
A. Williams, Shoshone 121-7
M. Turner, Fire 141-4
J. Royal, Canyon 120-8
M. Turner, Fire 143-5
L. Haycock, Wendell 130-7
A. Jolley, Minico 116-6
H. Jordan, TPC 110-6
Three total 0-5

*Statistics based on a minimum nine games.
*Coaches are reminded to fax updated stats to Matt Peterson (208-477-4543) before noon each Tuesday. Coaches who have missed weeks can send a season stat report to catch up.

Lakers reel in 16th straight win

MILWAUKEE (AP) - Shaquille O'Neal had 27 points and 10 rebounds as the Los Angeles Lakers extended their winning streak to 16 games, tying the second-longest in team history, by defeating Milwaukee 103-94 Wednesday night.

The win matched the Lakers' 16-game streak in 1990-91 but still left them 17 short of the NBA-record 33 games the Lakers won in 1971-72 - a streak that ended against the Bucks.

Milwaukee, which had its six-game home winning streak snapped, is the ninth team with a winning record that the Lakers have beaten during the streak.

Glenn Rice had 20 points and Kobe Bryant added 22, including three shoot-stopping dunks. Ron Harper had 16 points and seven rebounds.

Sonics 103, Nuggets 93

DENVER - Gary Payton scored 35 points and Brent Barry added 27, and the Seattle SuperSonics pulled away from the Denver Nuggets 103-93 on Wednesday night.

The Sonics, who trailed 85-84 after Denver's Keon Clark tipped in a missed shot with 8:44 remaining, outscored Denver 19-

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8 the rest of the way, including seven points by Payton and five by Barry.

Antonio McDyess had 26 points, Ron Mercer 25 and George McClooud 19 for the Nuggets.

Raptors 108, Magic 102

TORONTO - Vince Carter had 30 points and a career-high nine assists as Toronto snapped a three-game losing streak.

Muggsy Bogues had a season-high 22 points off the bench and shot 10-of-11 from the free-throw line for Toronto, which was coming off its worst outing of the season Tuesday in a 117-89 loss at Washington.

Pacers 117, Wizards 102

INDIANAPOLIS - Jalen Rose scored 25 points and Rik Smits had 19 as Indiana used runs of 15- in the third quarter and 13-3 in the fourth to pull away.

The first surge propelled Indiana to a 78-67 lead. The second, which featured four straight 3-pointers from three players, led the lead to 95-78

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in the three-game series between the teams.

Scott Fankhouser, who stopped 19 shots, lost his second straight decision.

Florida 4, New York 3

SUNRISE, Fla. - Claude Lapointe shot wide on a penalty shot with 21 seconds left and Florida held on to a victory over

with nine minutes to play.

Reggie Miller added 17 points, Austin Croshere had 15 points and 10 rebounds and Dale Davis added 12-point, 13-rebound performance.

Pistons 114, Knicks 108

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. - Lindsey Hunter, Grant Hill and Jerry Stackhouse each scored 29 points in leading Detroit over New York.

Hunter hit a career-high seven-three-point shots-for-the-surge Pistons, who have won seven of their last eight. It was the most points the Knicks have allowed in a regulation game this season.

Latrell Sprewell scored 23 for the Knicks, Allan Houston added 22 and Ewing 20.

Celtics 95, Clippers 88

BOSTON - Paul Pierce scored 22 points, including seven straight during a key run in the fourth quarter, as Boston snapped a two-game losing streak.

Pierce's seven straight points came during a 20-6 run that turned a 74-70 deficit into a 90-80 lead with 2:57 left.

Capitals won't Thrashers with quick goals

ATLANTA (AP) - Jan Bulis scored the go-ahead goal late in the first period for the Washington Capitals went on to a 5-2 victory Wednesday night over the Atlanta Thrashers.

Washington goalie Olaf Kolzig faced only 16 shots in earning the victory.

The Capitals needed only 124 to go up 3-1 on goals by Sergei Gonchar, Bulis and Mike Eagles.

Washington stopped the four power plays it faced and killed all 15 penalties against the Thrashers

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Hillcrest

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ing. A 5-2 run by the Bruins led to a game at 70 with just more than 32 seconds remaining.

But the Knights' Zach Martin made a wide-open lay-up to give Hillcrest a two-point barrier.

Twin Falls could never get over the Bruins' Ben Thompson had a chance to tie the game at the line, but saw both free throws clang hard off the back of the iron.

"I made some bad mental decisions," Vogt said. "And missed some easy shots toward the end of the game."

Phenomenal shooting down the stretch for Hillcrest sealed the victory. The Knights went 5-4-6 from the line in the final 1:43.

Twin Falls forced the Knights into 20 turnovers in a losing effort. The Bruins turned the ball 21 times and the Knights went 5-2 in conference, and hope to get back on track with a victory at No. 2 Fayetteville Friday.

"You hit peaks and valleys during the season," Vogt said. "Right now we are in that valley. Hopefully that peak is just around the corner."

Jeremy Sudik led the Bruins with 21, followed by Brandon Nielsen with 14.

The Bruins lost their second straight, falling to 6-4 overall, 4-2 in conference, and hope to get back on track with a victory at No. 2 Fayetteville Friday.

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halfline lead that grew to 22 points before Kansas State made its comeback.

"We shot 28 percent (in the second half) and K-State shot 56 percent (in the second half). We just hit the lottery right now," Williams said.

No. 8 Kansas off rival Kansas State 87-79

Wednesday night before finally escaping with an 87-79 victory over an archrival that hasn't beaten them in six years.

"That second half was as poor as we've played all year," Kansas coach Roy Williams said.

"But if you just dwell on that, you're not giving K-State credit, and they deserve credit."

The Jayhawks (13-2, 2-0 Big 12) shot just 25 percent in the second half after hitting almost 57 percent to take an 18-point

SPORTS

No. 1 Cincinnati Bearcats roll over Tulane 72-59

Continued from B1

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Kenyon Martin scored a career-high 27 points as No. 1 Cincinnati rallied to beat Tulane 72-59 on Wednesday night.

"I told the team, 'I'm not losing again,'" Martin said. "There is no way we're not going back out there and win."

Martin made sure he was right, scoring 15 of his points in the second half while grabbing 13 rebounds for his 20th career double-double, his third straight and fifth of the season.

Cincinnati (15-1, 4-0 Conference USA) used a full-court pressing defense in the second half to come back from a nine-point halftime deficit.

Fete Miekkel had 18 points for Cincinnati and Steve Logan added 12.

Dylan Osean and Sterling Davis led Tulane (10-4, 0-3) with 14 points apiece.

No. 6 Duke 82, Georgia Tech 57
DURHAM, N.C. — Shane Battier shook off a poor shooting first half to score 19 points as he used a late run to beat Georgia Tech.

The Blue Devils (12-2, 3-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) won their 12th straight overall and 25th straight regular-season conference game. Duke also extended its home winning streak to 43 games, placing six players in double figures.

NCAA top 25

No. 10 Florida 82, No. 24 LSU 57
GAINESVILLE, Fla. Freshman Justin Hamilton scored 14 points Wednesday to help Florida overcome foul trouble and illness to beat LSU (13-2, 1-2).

No. 15 Texas 78, Texas A&M 51
COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Ivan Wagner and William Clay each scored 16 points and ignited sluggish Texas in the second half. Texas A&M (4-9, 0-2) hit only 17 percent from the field in the first half.

No. 19 Tulsa 75, Creighton 67
OMAHA, Neb. — Tony Heard scored 19 points and Greg Harrington added 15 as Tulsa held off Creighton.

Brandon Kurtz added 12 and David Shelton had 10 for the Golden Hurricane (15-1), who recovered after Creighton's early charge in the second half to win its eighth straight game.

Marquette 69, No. 21 DePaul 60
ROSEMONT, Ill. — Cordell Henry scored 21 points, including two key 3-pointers in the first 7:07, as Marquette got off to a fast start.

It was Marquette's first road victory over a ranked team in three seasons.

Purdue 69, No. 22 Illinois 66
CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Brian Cardinal scored 21 points and Mike Robinson had 11 of his 12 in the ninth straight win for Purdue to its third straight win in Illinois and they are now 8-0 against their home state university.

No. 23 Temple 78, Fordham 61
NEW YORK — Mark Karcher scored 20 points and Pepe Sanchez had 12 assists as Temple won its third straight game with those two back in the lineup.

The Owls (9-3, 3-0 Atlantic 10) beat the Rams (7-8, 0-3) for the 10th consecutive time, a streak that dates to 1981.

UAB 56, No. 25 Louisville 50
BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Myron Ransom tied his career high with 22 points and UAB extended Louisville's road woes.

Wednesday night Louisville (10-4, 2-1 Conference USA), which had won five straight, has yet to win a game this season on an opponent's home floor. The Cardinals also lost at Virginia Commonwealth, to Xavier in the Great Alaska Shootout and at Kentucky.



Cincinnati's Kenyon Martin lays up a shot Wednesday as Tulane forward Trello Galloway defends, during the first half in New Orleans.

Of the three matches, Nicholls provided the most action. Tied 7-7 with Jerome's Alma Buhler entering the third round, Nicholls came out strong, scoring three quick points to take a 10-7 lead before stretching Buhler out with a reverse half Nelson for the win.

"He got tired and I didn't," said Nicholls, who earlier this year wrestled in the 189-pound class, but wrestled in Wednesday at 170.

Another Burley wrestler's upped the weight class since the season began, something Pierce said has helped the team become more competitive.

"I think our team is really coming on," Pierce said. "Earlier in the year, the way we were wrestling was pretty slick."

In the 215-pound division, Jerome picked up its most convincing win of the night as Dusty Hutchings defeated Andrew Cotton in only 30 seconds. Burley's Jason VanBuskirk then defeated Kenny McCoy 5-0 in the heavyweight class to take the night's only decision victory. VanBuskirk's win put the final touches on the 24 final.

With the win, Burley improved to 2-3 in dual meet competition. The Bobcat varsity will next wrestle at Mountain Home Tuesday. In losing, Jerome remains winless at 0-4. The Tigers will not have their first weekend at the Madison Tournament.

Burley 51, Jerome 24

By AP Staff

SCORES AND STATS

BASKETBALL

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

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IN THE BLEACHERS

By Steve Moore
THAT'S A DUMB QUESTION, NEXT!!
I HATE INTERVIEWING THIS COACH AFTER A LOSS.

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YOUR SPORTS

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CASTLEFORD CHAMPS



The Castleford Junior High football team wrapped up its fifth consecutive winning season recently at 7-0, extending its unbeaten streak to 33 games. Players pictured include: (front) Pete Welch, Hernan Hernandez, Drake Strickler, Kobi Bower and Jared Dahl. In the second row are: Jesse Peterson, Cory Goerman, Luis Hernandez, Justin Moore, Tyler Mills, Kevin Bernier, Jason Leverich and Floyd Wheeler. In the back are: coach Shawn Scott, Robert Comer, Jordan Kunkel, Wesley Rodgers, Kelgan Cothran, Tim Hill, Forrest Thompson, Evan Nolevanko, Cory Tervey, Matt Reinhold, Seth Black and Aaron Means.

Vierstra takes mounted shooting world title

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. - Ten-year-old Cassie Vierstra of Twin Falls captured the Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association world title in Arizona recently, winning five of six stages.

At the same top-level competition, former two-time national and current CMSA Idaho state champion Tony Jardine, also of Twin Falls, placed fourth in the men's division.

Vierstra's title came on the heels of the Idaho state crown she earned earlier in the season. Cowboy mounted shooting is a



Cassie Vierstra

sport requiring precision riding between horse and rider as contestants compete with two single-action revolvers typical of those used in the Old West.

At the Arizona event, qualifiers galloped at breakneck speeds dressed in authentic frontier-style attire and shot at balloon targets with blanks made of hand-packed corn meal.

Vierstra and Jardine placed at the elite competition only after a strenuous three-day competition, where tens of thousands of dollars in sponsored merchandise was awarded to the winners.

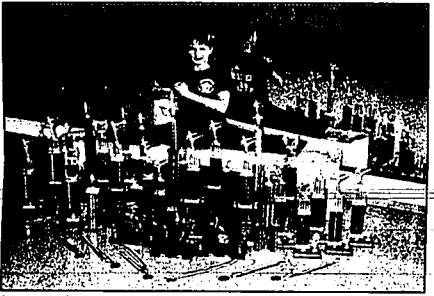
Vierstra is the daughter of Mike and Susan Vierstra and an outstanding student at Filer Elementary School. She has won numerous rodeo awards, and has had the honor of representing Idaho at the Miss Lil' Bit Rodeo Idaho.

Blanc rises from student to champ

JEROME - Keith Blanc's passion for martial arts began at age 7. Since he began competing in 1996, he has quickly amassed some 36 trophies or medals in sparring, empty-hand forms and weapons forms - 15 first-place, 12 second-place, eight third-place and one fourth-place honors to be exact.

Blanc's studies began in 1995 in Wun Hop Kuen Do, and he never looked back. Now, besides attending classes himself, the 12-year-old dynamo also assists in junior classes.

"He's a great asset to the instructor," said his instructor at Jerome Martial Art Academy, Dale Shropshire. "Keith has developed into one of the top students in the school, not only in fighting, but in forms and weapons."



Jerome martial arts student Keith Blanc has earned 36 trophies or medals since he began competing in 1996.

Blanc was recognized as the school's most outstanding competitor in 1997, when he collected 16 trophies attending seven different tournaments.

Still, he remains humble.

"I don't work as hard training in Wun Hop Kuen Do just to go to tournaments and win trophies."

When asked if he was enough trophies yet, Blanc smiled.

"I want to win 108," he said. "My instructor's instructor, Sigung Bill Owens of Oakland, Calif., won 107 trophies during his

competitive years as a nationally rated champion. I want to win one more than he did." Thinking some more, Blanc changed his mind.

"I may be a better mark at 110, just in case Sigung isn't quite finished competing yet."

YOUR SCORES AND STATS

GYMNASTICS

Club Cup 2000

SANDY (Ch. 1) - 1st place in the Grand Prix Cup, 1st place in the Olympic Games in California, and 1st place in the Grand Prix Cup in Idaho. Also 1st place in the Grand Prix Cup in Idaho.

Individual scores

Brooklyn Adams, Age 10: 9.750, vault 10.0, bars 9.750, beam 9.750, floor 9.750, all-around 9.750.

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VOLEYBALL

League Standings

Twin Falls - Winner of the 1998 season in a tournament in Jerome, Idaho.

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Sorenson hits his first 700 series and events just keep on rolling

Rod Sorenson of Twin Falls rolled his way to the first 700 series of his bowling career recently.

After bowling for 37 years, that 700 just always seemed to be out of reach. But on the City Mixed League, his games of 258, 234 and 222 totaled up to a 714.

Great job, Rod!

In other news:

The junior bowlers are back and bowling. Their leagues took a little rest over the holidays and are now starting back. It is never too late to start those juniors.

At the Bowldrome, high schoolers bowl on Mondays and junior high bowlers bowl on Wednesdays. Bowlers age 12 and younger form two leagues on Thursdays and Saturdays handling all age groups. Weekday leagues start at 3:45 p.m., and Saturday leagues begin at 9:30 a.m. Call 733-0369 for more information.

Rupert Bowl junior leagues bowl on Mondays, Tuesdays and Saturdays. Call 436-3604 for more information.



LET'S GO BOWLING

Thelma Tucker

Skeet Donaldson, who bowls at Mountain Sun Lanes, Shoshone, has bowled on the Magic Valley Ladies Travel League for 25 of her 45 years of bowling. She bowls on two other leagues and carries a 162 average. Her high game has been a 233 and 612 is her highest series.

She thinks the most exciting event in her bowling career was when she made Gutter Gussie. Why does she like travel league? "One on one is more fun."

Joann Driscoll, Jerome, has bowled 14 years on the travel league and feels the format "works real well." She currently carries a 165 average. A 500 game and 640 series are the highest she's

rolled during her 30-year bowling career. What were the most exciting events for her? "Bowling a 280 game and bowling a National Tournament-for-the-first-time," she said.

Ladies, Jan. 20 is just about here, and that's the date for closing entries for this year's City Tournament. The tournament starts Jan. 29 at the Bowldrome. This year's tournament has been set up for handicap and scratch divisions in each event. It is no longer necessary to bowl singles and doubles back-to-back.

You can bowl singles one day and doubles another. Also, \$750 has been added to the prize fund. So don't miss the fun. Each lady bowling in the tournament who rolls her first 200 game will receive a special YZK 200 pin.

Thelma Tucker writes a weekly bowling column for The Times-News. Contact her by phone at 733-4357, by email at tucker@maglink.com or by fax at (208) 733-3197.

TFHS swim team ends '99 season with banquet

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls High School swim team completed its 1999 season with a banquet on Jan. 4.

The high school team, coached by Karen McCarthy and Tim Carroll, consisted of ninth-through-12th-graders who swam from 5:30 a.m. five days a week September through November.

The team's latest season was quite irregular, due to the construction of the cover for the city pool. Many days, team members swam without lights and heat. While the pool was closed completely, the team worked out in the high school gym.



Coach Ann Gam's girls' basketball team recently won first place in the Burley Lions Junior Jazz Basketball Tournament. Sonetta Nava won the tournament's sportsmanship award. Pictured back (-): coach Ann Gam, Sonetta Nava, Jayne Lyons, Jessica Kan, Jessica Hope, Emily Miller, front (-) Jessica Brice, Marisa Tilley, Karlee Knopp, Mickel Bakor and Brooklyn Draper.

Through all the construction, swimmers competed in four meets across southern Idaho. In November, the team traveled to Boise to the state meet, where swimmers competed against teams from all over the state, and the local boys ended up 10th place overall.

Individuals placing in their events included: Jake Carroll, sixth in the 200 IM at 2:10.77, and fourth in the 100 breast at 1:04.97. Ben Haney, sixth in the 200 IM at 2:21.36, and eighth in the 100 back at 1:01.47. Tyrrell Muus, 15th in the 50 free at 24.78; and Casey Tucker, eighth in the 500 free at 5:21.51, and 13th in the 200 free at 2:00.55.

TRACKING THE LOCALS

Leah Moore Wendell (Buhl HS) MCMINNVILLE, Ore. - Former Buhl High School standout basketball player Leah Moore scored 13 points to lead the Linfield College Wildcats to a

94-72 win over Pacific last week. Moore, a freshman guard, also played a key role in a 76-55 win over George Fox. Moore scored one bucket of a trio of three-pointers that gave the Wildcats the lead for good in the second half.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Stock plunge crimps education plans

The Associated Press and The Times-News

LEWISTON—Foundation funding for a Magic Valley technical program will remain intact, but other Idaho school programs aren't as fortunate.

Plunging Albertson's Inc. stock prices means the company's educational foundation, which has been pumping millions of dollars annually into Idaho schools, won't be able to finance some projects that had been in the works, most notably a professional-technical academy for high school students in the Lewiston area.

That includes the Magic Valley area's professional-technical academy, the Advanced Regional Technical Education Coalition. ARTEC received a three year, \$4.8 million grant from the foundation in March 1999.

Leaders of projects that will not be financed will be notified, Larter said. She didn't have information yet, she said, about other projects that would be affected.

new commitments by the foundation.

"All of our current and multi-year signed commitments will be kept, but we won't be able to go on and accept the proposals at this point," Larter said. "It will affect all of our programs because it affects our budget."

more than a year but "when you stop and think about how much money the Albertson Foundation has given to the schools in Idaho, the fact that they're going through a little bit of a downer here, we still ought to thank them."

Financial commitments already made by the foundation will continue, said Chris Larter, spokeswoman for the Boise-based J.A. & Kathryn Albertson Foundation.

Earlier this week, just hours after Lewiston-area school district superintendents signed a \$10 million grant proposal for submission to the foundation, they were notified the cash would not be available.

The value of the stock in the endowment plunged from \$1.2 billion in 1998 to less than \$600 million at the end of last year.

Armstrong said that despite the public support, it was unlikely the academy could be financed without the Albertson money.

"I've had a hard time not crying all day," Prairie School Superintendent Stan Kress, one of the organizers of the consortium, said earlier this week. "With what I know right now, I'm extremely disappointed, but people can't give you money they don't have."

"This requires such a blast of money to buy the equipment and get the people on board that are certified in industry standards," he said. "My guess is it's almost impossible at this point to move on and do something else."

Latter said plunging Albertson's Inc. stock prices — down over 50 percent from last year in the wake of its \$8.3 billion purchase of American Stores — have checked

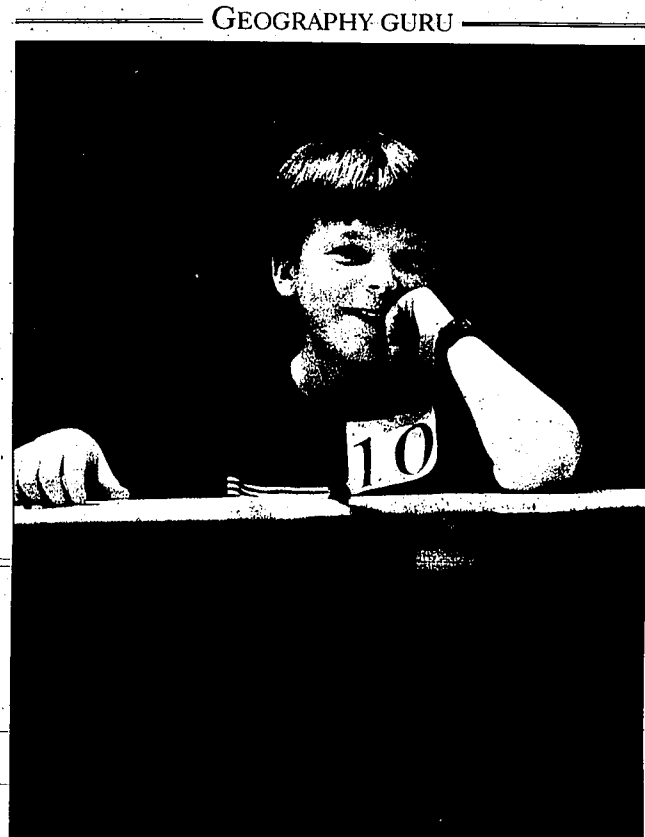
Most recently, the foundation gave Idaho schools \$56.5 million for computers, teacher training, reading materials and other education programs.

Dark skies ahead

Hailey might cap urban glow

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY — A group of Hailey residents want to turn the lights down, blacking out light pollution and ending light trespass — that is, unwanted light shining onto other property.



Luke Brown breaks out into a big smile Wednesday upon hearing he is the winner of the geography bee at Vera C. O'Leary Junior High School. Brown beat 23 other class champions in the competition and may now have a chance to represent the school in the statewide geography bee.

A dozen Hailey residents want to adopt a Dark Sky ordinance similar to the one Ketchum adopted last June. The citizens hope to have Dr. Stephen Pauley, who got the ball rolling in Ketchum, present a brief slide show explaining the concept at the Feb. 13 meeting of Hailey's planning and zoning commission.

"It's a quality of life issue," said Hailey attorney Adam King. "I live in the north end of Hailey where there are a lot of extremely bright lights. It robs us of part of the atmosphere that comes with living in the mountains and that is seeing the bright stars at night. A lot of these bright lights are unnecessary."

But more may be at stake than seeing the myriad of stars that are splashed across the Wood River Valley's canopy every night.

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Righting errors of the past

Refunds may be coming to Bellevue folks

By Michael Journe
Times-News writer

BELLEVUE — Some Bellevue residents may have a refund coming their way due to errors that were made in calculating flood risk for their homes.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency incorrectly rezoned Bellevue as part of a 100-year flood event zone in March 1997 which resulted in higher flood insurance and mortgage premiums. But through the efforts of U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Blackfoot, and some Bellevue residents, FEMA discovered its error and re-categorized Bellevue into the 500-year flood event zone.

"I'm not sure if it was a typo or what," said Blaine County Commissioner Steve Cusick. Please see REFUNDS, Page C3

Flood facts

• FEMA will mail a letter to residents whose property's flood zone status was incorrectly designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Agency may be eligible for insurance and mortgage premium refunds. To apply for a refund residents must obtain a copy of FEMA's letter of explanation available at Bellevue City Hall and the Blaine County Courthouse and send it to their insurance or mortgage company. Refunds depend on premium payment timetables.

Officials schedules grand opening for its city pool

TWIN FALLS — The newly covered Twin Falls City Pool will have its grand opening Friday.

The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce will have a ribbon cutting ceremony to officially open the pool, which was made a year round facility thanks to a new covering.

The ceremony starts at 4 p.m. Tuesday at the pool and ends at 9 p.m. There will also be kayaking demonstrations, clowns on hand for the kids and for groups of six or more, half-priced admission.

For more information, call Gretchen at the pool at 734-2336.

Ketchum developer goes back to drawing board

KETCHUM — The developer of a new mega-hotel went back to the drawing board this week following a meeting with the Ketchum Planning and Zoning Commission.

Ketchum planners told the Lewis Co., a Seattle-based developer, that the proposed hotel was too tall for too long. Planners also told the Lewis Co. that the hotel was too urban for Ketchum.

The next step is up to the applicant, Ketchum planner Tony Canfield.

The Lewis Co. wants to build a 139,000-square-foot hotel on the site of the existing 58-room Clarion Inn at the corner of Main and Sixth streets. The four-story hotel would replace other buildings as well.

Preliminary plans featured up to 250 rooms, retail areas, meeting rooms, a restaurant, 140 underground parking spaces, offices and employee housing.

Planners say the hotel would be more than double the size of the Colonnade.

Compiled from staff reports

Versatile Wood River Valley musician dies

SUN VALLEY (AP) — Long-time Wood River Valley musician Jimmie Limes died of an aneurysm. He was 72.

Most recently, Limes played with the Jimmie Limes Quartet, which could be seen regularly at the Sun Valley Jazz Festival.

Lloyd Ulyate, a trombonist and well-known Los Angeles studio musician, revealed to Sun Valley to mourn the loss of

Limes, who died Monday. Ulyate met Limes in 1959, and they were close friends ever since.

"It's kind of the end of an era," Ulyate said. "Sun Valley is just different."

Limes, born in Los Angeles in 1927, began his lifelong love of music at the age of 10 when he acquired his first trumpet.

As a teen-ager, he formed a

Dixieland band that entertained World War II servicemen at the famous Hollywood Canteen, frequented by movie stars. Bette Davis, Edgar Bergen, Susan Hayward and Gary Cooper.

He joined the U.S. Navy in 1945 and served as a musician and bugler in Guam. After his discharge and a year attending college, he began a short-lived career

playing professional baseball for the Chicago Cubs "C" League farm team in Visalia, Calif., but was soon released.

In addition to his wife Lee, a Seattle resident, Limes has five children, including daughter Lynn, son-in-law Hal, grandson Harrison Leadlay and mother Peggy Rose. He was preceded in death by a son, a sister and his father.

U S West moves to break away from regulation

BURLEY — If U S West is deregulated, some Burley, Heyburn and Declo residents may switch phone companies and Project Mutual Telephone could face stronger competition.

U S West has applied for deregulation in the Burley area, as permitted by a three-year-old state law that allows a legal monopoly to become deregulated if it can prove sufficient competition for local services exists in a particular area.

The law does not affect prohibition of U S West's interstate, long-distance service, which is regulated by federal law.

It will be the first attempt by a telephone company to remove regulation since the law was enacted. Burley is the test ground because of several competitive wireless services in the area and because of the strong competition Project Mutual Telephone has proved itself to be, said Mike Reynoldson, a spokesman for U S West in Boise.

"Project Mutual has done a fantastic job of building a network and offering a competitive service," Reynoldson said. With the monthly cost of residential service being 67 cents higher than that of Project Mutual Telephone, U S West wants the opportunity to compete on

"more of a level playing field," he said.

"We're following up on what we believe was the intent of the Idaho Legislature," Reynoldson said.

The opponents of U S West's application, namely the staff of the state's Public Utilities Commission, and the telephone consumer group Idahoans for a Competitive Edge in Telecommunications, don't disagree with the law itself. Their contention is that Project Mutual Telephone hasn't yet achieved adequate saturation for U S West to be brought to equal ground.

"U S West has simply not met the requirements of the statute," said Joe Cusick, telecommunications supervisor with the Public Utilities Commission in Boise.

While Project Mutual Telephone does provide service to 30 percent of the people located in U S West's exchange area, Cusick said he does not believe that qualifies as adequate competition.

Cusick will also argue at a hearing scheduled today before the Public Utilities Commission that U S West has been given regulatory freedom in the Burley area that it just hasn't used, he said.

After reviewing testimony from all sides, it could take the commission a month to render a decision, possibly sooner if

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MAGIC VALLEY WEST

Attorney dismisses significance of missing Olympic leaders' minutes

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - An attorney has criticized the not safeguarding minutes of meetings of leaders of Salt Lake City's Olympic bid...

The newspaper bidders needed time to organize after the bid. The time period is considered crucial to Salt Lake City's bid for the 2002 Winter Games...

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and trips may have been made. The bid is the subject of an ongoing federal investigation that has already resulted in two indictments.

been described as the "missing minutes" and the acknowledgment that some records were destroyed have raised questions with at least one trustee, Lillian Taylor.

Taylor said she planned to ask why Ray, Quinney & Nebeker continues to work for SLOC.

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Amber Rai Cheney

Amber Rai Cheney, 16, of Twin Falls, passed away Monday, January 10, 2000, at the Alton Regional Medical Center in Boise...

World War II. After her war, Bud taught at Oregon State University before returning to Idaho with his family. He and Debbie raised their girls in Twin Falls...

She was preceded in death by her brother, Harry Burhans. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, January 14, 2000, in the Buhl Third Ward on Fair Street in Buhl, Idaho...

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Bud is survived by one daughter, Jill Hausner of Bend, Oregon; his five grandchildren, Kim Robbins of Redmond, Oregon, Paul Wilson of Hagerman, Idaho, G.T. Hausner of Buhl, Idaho, Erin Hausner of San Diego, California, and Sloan Haney of Portland, Oregon...

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G.T. Hud Newcomb

Gerard T. Hud Newcomb died Saturday, January 8, 2000, at natural causes at the Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital. He was 83 years old.

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SERVICES

Marvin W. Zimmers, of Buhl, memorial services at 1 p.m. Saturday at the First Presbyterian Church, 516 Main St. in Buhl (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

Cherrilyn Severe, of Oakley, services at 11 a.m. today at the Oakley LDS Stake Center. Friends may call from 10 to 10:45 a.m. prior to services today at the church (Payne Mortuary in Burley).

Marjorie Tweed Eldredge, of Phoenix, Ariz., formerly of Shoshone and Carey, memorial services at 4 p.m. Jan. 17, at the Shoshone Baptist Church (Demaray's Funeral Chapel in Shoshone).

DEATH NOTICES

James Terra - KETCHUM - James Terra, 73, died Monday, Jan. 10, 2000, at the Wood River Medical Center in Sun Valley. Memorial services will be at noon Saturday, Jan. 15, 2000, at the Jehovah's Witnesses Kingdom Hall in Hailey. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14, 2000, at the Wood River Chapel in Hailey.

Charles Underwood - TWIN FALLS - Charles Underwood, 70, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2000, at the Veteran's Regional Medical Center in Boise. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14, 2000, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls. Arrangements are under the direction of Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

HOSPITALS

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER. Some names are omitted at patients' request. Admitted: John Wiggins of Castleford. Dismissed: Ruby Hoobler of Twin Falls; of Kimberly, Betty Sept of Buhl.

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Kimberly swears in new mayor

By Margaret Jones Times-News correspondent. KIMBERLY - City Clerk Kim Martin administered the oath of office on Tuesday to Mayor Jim Sorenson and council members Lee McKinlay and Darren Belin. Sorenson announced appointments to city offices. Ted Wasco was named street commissioner; Darren Belin, water, sewer and fire; George Plew, public works; Pat Berningham, police chief; Burt Duran, fire chief; Mike Burr, accountant; and Bill Hoffield, legal counsel.

Rob Wright, public works; Pat Berningham, police chief; Burt Duran, fire chief; Mike Burr, accountant; and Bill Hoffield, legal counsel. George Plew was elected by his fellow council members to be keeper of the gavel. In other business Tuesday, Wright told the council that work will begin Friday on the storage building at the maintenance yard. McKinlay announced a change in library hours effective Feb. 1. The library will be open from 1 to 6 p.m. Monday and Thursday and from 3 to 8 p.m. Tuesday. She said the quiet display will remain on display through the end of the month.

The council approved the purchase of tools for city trucks and presented plaques to Dave Overacre for his service on the council and to Belin for his service on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Times-News correspondent Margaret Jones can be reached in Kimberly at 423-5430.

Hazelton council talks trash hauling

By Julie Pence Times-News correspondent. HAZELTON - Garbage, how to haul it and how much to charge to haul it, was discussed at the Hazelton City Council's meeting Tuesday. The council is aware that the garbage truck purchased six years ago is wearing out, but how to replace it presents three possibilities. City maintenance supervisor Gary Taylor said a new truck would cost about \$108,000. Mayor Ervid VanSickle said that high an expense would have to be presented to voters. Taylor also said a reasonably good used truck might be purchased for about \$20,000, though finding one of that high might be a problem. Councilman Wade Johnson was put in charge of looking for a used garbage truck. The council also discussed hiring PSI Waste Systems Inc. to haul trash. Taylor said PSI would haul garbage for homeowners for slightly more than what they now pay, but the company would expect to negotiate with businesses for payment. He said a small business would probably be charged around \$35 a month, while Hazelton is hauling that garbage for around \$12 per month. "I remember when we bought the last truck, that one before we getting downright dangerous," VanSickle said. "We need to get this taken care of before that happens again." In other business Tuesday, Council members Wade Johnson and Emmett Kent were sworn in. The council voted to advertise a proposed nuisance code in the newspaper so it could be adopted. City Engineer Brian Smith informed the council about a groundwater contaminant study being initiated by Brockway Engineering of Twin Falls. The council agreed to go along with the study contingent on how much it would cost and as long as surrounding communities helped pay for the study.

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Lincoln planners to review subdivision

By Mickey Brown Times-News correspondent. SHOSHONE - The Lincoln County Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7 p.m. tonight, upstairs in the county courthouse. The hearing is on five pieces of property, election of a new board chairman, discussion of Shoshone's city area of impact and changes to the Confined Animal Feeding Operations ordinance and on the agenda.

The five applications to be heard include: A proposed subdivision by Jay Edwards to split 25 acres into four parcels, three five-acre and one eight-acre lots, at 13 Four Mile Road, north of Shoshone. A rezoning request from Kenneth and Joan Hall to change property located one mile north of Shoshone, on the west side of Idaho Highway 75, to commercial for a possible RV park and storage units. A conditional-use permit for Terry and Connie King, 1325-N 1250 E, Richfield, to increase their dairy herd from the present 150 head to 2,500 head by the end of year 2005. A conditional-use permit for Katherine G. Peterson to place a manufactured home on five acres at 495 N. 375 W., Shoshone. A subdivision request for Ken W. Hall to split 60 acres into three 20-acre parcels located one-half mile west of Highway 75 on 520 road, Shoshone.

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School board discusses intersection

By Aimee Wilson Times-News correspondent. GOODING - The School Board on Tuesday heard praise for the performance of Tami Becker who counsels first- through sixth-graders referred to her by their teachers. Becker was described as someone who goes beyond the call of duty. In other action Tuesday, the board discussed a car accident that occurred Monday at the intersection of 1800 West and Seventh Avenue. The district has written letters to the Idaho Transportation Department requesting that the two-way stop be made into a four-way stop. Other School Board business: Gooding High School Maintenance Superintendent Dan Hedlund reported that last week's building inspection turned up just one problem - a missing board on the bleachers. The senior trip was canceled due to lack of participation. Teachers Gordon Olson and Ward Toone voiced interest in developing a basic math test for seniors. Following the open meeting, the board called a closed session to discuss its rejection of a \$137,500 offer for the Framm property located on Main Street in Gooding.

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Burley residents voice concerns about zoning changes

By Ruth Streever
Times-News writer

BURLEY - The Burley Planning and Zoning Committee listened Wednesday night to residents concerned about the future of their neighborhood.

The Planning and Zoning Committee has drawn up a proposal to zone Burley's west impact area where the committee believes Burley is most likely to experience the most growth. That area is located between 100 West and 200 West and between 200 South and the Snake River.

When the land was initially included in Burley's impact area, an interim zoning ordinance made it residential "to main-

tain the status quo" said City Attorney Randy Stone.

But the proposed map divides the one-mile area into various zones - some that allow no residential development and some that are more industrial than others. While existing use is protected, zoning would prevent certain activities, and in some cases housing, from locating in a particular zone.

Resident Angela Heiner said she's concerned because she doesn't plan to live in her trailer forever. But because her 10-acre lot is located in an area proposed to be zoned commercial, neither she nor her children would be able to build a home. She requested the zoning board to exempt her from the zoning change.

Dick Whiting, another area resident, talked strongly about what he felt to be taxation without representation, when "the city controls me but I vote for the county."

Zoning the impact area, however, prevents a "hodgepodge" of residential, commercial and industrial units that are not compatible with one another, Stone said. Stone said Boise Cascade, built in the 1950s, is an example of poor planning because it was built in the middle of a residential area.

Zoning addresses the future, the day when the area won't be used as farmland anymore, and the city has to decide now what it wants the area to be used for, Stone said.

Some residents said they wanted to be able to decide for themselves what to do with their property and said the area should be left as it was with minimal regulations.

"It's like the least restrictions of anything," said resident Glen Larson. But then there is "the other side of the spectrum," Stone said, where zoning would protect existing residences and businesses from industries that may have an adverse effect on the environment.

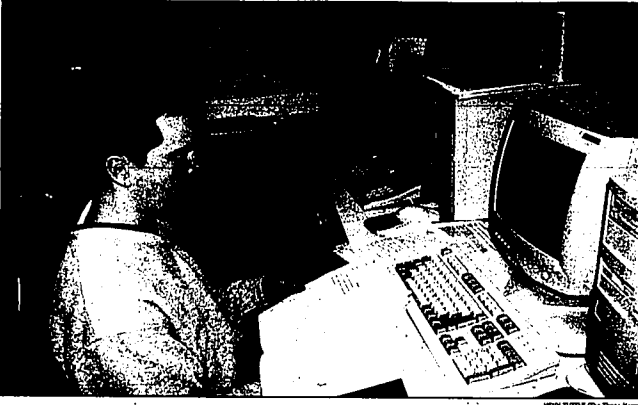
"You wanted freedom to do whatever you wanted with your land, now your neighbor gets the freedom to do whatever he wants with it," Stone said. Those who wanted to bring their busi-

ness to town could apply to have the zoning changed to commercial, some said.

But consideration has to be taken for the businesses and industries that would locate elsewhere if there were too many hoops to jump through, Stone said. In a competitive world, "if they have to put up with public hearings and public input," they're going to go somewhere else, he said.

The proposed zoning will eventually go before the City Council, which will hold another public hearing before the zoning is approved.

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Carl Ferguson, a sophomore at Raft River High School, works on the project he will present today at the Regional Leadership Conference at Minico High School.

Students to display business skills

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News writer

RUPERT - A conference today at Minico High School is helping to prepare business leaders of the future. About 200 students from the eastern half of Magic Valley will participate in the Regional Leadership Conference, competing in more than 40 different categories, including accounting, public speaking, parliamentary procedure, computer, graphic, speech and interview skills, said Steve Aston, a Minico High School business teacher.

Students such as Carl Ferguson of Raft River High School will make presentations before a panel of judges made up of local business people. Ferguson will make a 10-minute oral presentation on his plans for a computer repair business. He will tell the judges what he would charge for services, such as repairing a hard drive. Ferguson said he's been working on computers at home and in class to gain repair skills. In his presentation, Ferguson will explain just how he would

handle different kinds of computer problems. He said if a potential customer called him with a computer problem, he would find out if the customer recently deleted or added a program which has been known to cause problems. Not all computers are fast enough to handle some of the new games and software and he would advise the customer to bring the computer to him for an upgrade or in some cases, to purchase a newer computer.

Ferguson said preparing his project taught him a lot about computers. He said he's learned a lot in his business computer class at Raft River but he still has a lot more to learn. "I'm hoping to learn a lot more," he said. Winners of today's competition will compete in the statewide competition in March, said Connie Stelly, a Raft River High School business teacher. Students have been working before school, after school and during their lunch periods to prepare charts, illustrations and other items that accompany their projects, Stelly said.

Aston said the competition gives students a chance to take what they've learned in the classroom and apply it to real life.

"This gets them to extend themselves a little more," he said. "It's terrific for the kids. It connects the classroom with the real world."

For instance, to demonstrate interview skills, a student would create an organizational chart for a business, choose a department and a position and then apply for that job. The student would write a cover letter, prepare a resume and employment application just as though he or she were applying for a real job. "We bring in interviewers who actually ask them questions about the job," Aston said. "The competition gives students a chance to see what life is really like in today's workplace." "They have to pay attention to detail as is required in the business world," Aston said.

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Environmentalists urge logging halt

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) - Former tree-dweller Julia "Butterfly" Hill and dozens of other environmentalists demanded an immediate halt Wednesday to old-growth logging - a move authorities said would affect half of California's private forests and more than \$30 billion worth of timber.

Hill, part of a Northern California environmental coalition, said current law allows the cutting of ancient trees, including redwoods, under loopholes and exemptions abused by harvesters. The group filed an emergency petition with the state Board of Forestry calling for an immediate halt. "This is all about protecting the trees, including the one I lived in, which was more than 1,000 years old," Hill, 25, said during a crowded hearing two blocks from the Capitol. Her group later rallied on the Capitol steps.

Refunds

Continued from C1. Missioner Maryann Mix. "Apparently they had erroneous information and plugged it into a computer model that computes the potential for a flood."

FEMA had based its information on a flood situation in 1963. A Chinook wind - an unusually warm wind from the south - blew in rain that melted the snow base in the Wood River Valley artificially raising the level of the

Hill lived for two years on a tarp-covered platform high up in the redwood 250 miles north of San Francisco. She climbed down last month after the Pacific Lumber Co., owners of the grove, spared the trees from logging.

To order an immediate, across-the-board halt, the nine-member Board of Forestry would have to decide that old-growth harvesting represents a major public emergency - an unlikely finding. Under the law, an emergency means a direct threat to "public peace, health and safety or general welfare."

Environmentalists contend old-growth logging has precipitated - just such an emergency because of its environmental impact.

"That is not the administration's view," said Stan Young, a spokesman for Resources Secretary Mary Nichols, Gov. Gray Davis' top environmental adviser.

But Young and other administration officials said the government opposes "cutting down trees without getting an environmental review." The state will develop a "consensus-based" inventory of California's old-growth timber to come up with a plan to help protect critical habitats, they said. In part, the inventory will determine which trees should be considered old-growth.

There are several exemptions to the rules governing timber harvesting that allow the cutting of trees that otherwise might be protected. The most significant of the nine exemptions allows the logging of "dead, dying or diseased" timber. Category environmentalists contend is too broad.

"Any old growth is 'dead, dying or diseased' by definition," said Paul Mason of the Environmental Protection Information Center of Garberville.

cost up to \$800 a year. Simpson had been working with FEMA for six months to file the rezoning order after residents complained to him during a visit last summer.

"I am pleased this situation has been rectified," Simpson said in a news release. "The data FEMA used wasn't accurate or current. I appreciate FEMA's willingness to look into this issue and revise the flood plain."

Cattle rustling returns to L.A.: Police probe theft of 60 head

LOS ANGELES (AP) - In the car-clogged suburban San Fernando Valley, an old breed of criminal has made a comeback: the cattle rustler.

Detectives investigated the theft of 60 head of cattle last week. Thieves on horseback rounded up and drove the cattle away from the Hansen Dam Equestrian Center in Lake View Terrace, about 20 miles north of downtown Los Angeles.

"This is a first. This is stuff they do in Wyoming or Montana. This is a weird deal," said Los Angeles Police Detective Charles Uribe, who heads the burglary unit at Foothill Division.

Cocoman an equestrian center operator Eddie Milligan said that immediately after discovering the theft, he and his ranch hands found some 37 cattle scattered over the mountainside and the Big Tujunga Wash.

As Tuesday, however, 20 of the cattle - worth about \$800 each - were still missing.

"There ain't no hide or hair of them," Milligan said.

He believes his young rodeo-cattler were stolen sometime between 5 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 1 and 4 a.m. Sunday - perhaps while he was watching "City Slickers," a movie about a group of urbanites who spend two weeks on a western cattle drive.

Milligan was awakened about 6 a.m. Jan. 2 by a ranch worker who told him that four corals had been emptied, and it wasn't just a case of escaped cattle.

"There has to be somebody rustling them," he said. "They opened up their corals and drove them out. Some of them had to be on horseback. They must have seen several miles up the canyon."

On Tuesday, Milligan sent about a dozen ranch workers on horseback to search the rugged hills and valleys. And he placed a \$10,000 bounty on information



Shown here in Lake View Terrace, Calif., Tuesday, Eddie Milligan stands among some of the stolen cattle he has recovered in nearby canyons and by the river. Los Angeles Police detectives investigated the theft of 60 head of cattle after thieves on horseback rounded up and drove the cattle away from the Hansen Dam Equestrian Center New Year's Eve.

leading to the arrest and conviction of the rustlers.

"This is grand theft and we're not fooling with it. We don't want it happening again," Milligan said.

Milligan, who has operated the ranch for a decade, said the crooked wranglers were highly organized and obviously experienced.

"Ever try to load up a bunch of wild cows? It ain't easy," Milligan said.

The cattle are used for special events and rodeos and eventually are marketed to the slaughterhouses, Milligan said.

Each had red tags on their ears and some of them were branded, detectives said. Most were a few years old, weighing about 800 pounds.

Detectives planned to show nearby residents photographs of cattle from the same herd. They also plan to call packinghouses that might have purchased the bovines.

The LAPD's cargo-theft unit was alerted to watch for cattle on big rigs traveling within California or state to state, said Detective George Morales of the Foothill Division.

Officer Julian Almaraz, who took the theft report, said many people own horses in that area, but cattle are more rare.

"People all know each other over there. Somebody may say something about somebody having new livestock," Almaraz said.

Almaraz said that before the owner rounded up the 37 cattle, officers were called onto Foothill Boulevard to herd them off the roadway about 4 a.m. Sunday.

"It was really a traffic hazard," he said. Occasionally, a few horses get stolen in the more rural sections of the Northeast Valley, Almaraz said, but the number in this theft was something else.

"Twenty steers - that's a lot of animals to take," he said.

Court: Utah allows claims for pain, suffering

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - The Utah Supreme Court has ruled state law allows plaintiffs to sue in small claims court for pain and suffering and it suggested the Legislature might want to change that.

The court said Tuesday that such suits may be filed in small claims as long as the amount sought does not exceed \$5,000.

Defense lawyers fear the decision could open the floodgates for personal injury attorneys to file cases in small claims courts where evidence-gathering is generally weaker and juries are prohibited.

The high court, too, was concerned with whether the speedy forum of a small claims venue was suited to hear the complex questions of liability, damages and expert testimony often involved in personal injury actions.

The court urged the Legislature to rewrite the statute that defines the jurisdiction of small claims courts.

In a 4-1 ruling involving an automobile accident case, the

court said current state law does not limit what kind of case a small claims court can hear as long as it involves a money dispute, the amount is \$5,000 or less and the action arose within the court's geographical jurisdiction.

However, Justice Leonard H. Russon said in his dissent that the Legislature clearly intended to limit the court's authority to cases in which damages could be easily calculated, such as contract disputes.

The panel agreed with Russon in sentiment.

CSI makes first aid courses available to the public

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho Emergency Medical Technician program offers monthly cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid courses to the public.

EMT instructor Dennis Patterson will teach a CPR course for certification re-certification from 5 to 9 p.m. Jan. 20. The cost for the non-credit, one-evening course is \$25.

Patterson also teaches monthly CPR and first aid courses. The next class is scheduled from 5 to 10 p.m. Jan. 27. The cost of the one-evening, combined course is \$40.

Students must register prior to the start of the course. For more information, call Patterson at 733-9554, Ext. 2173.

Phones

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Continued from C1. statewide outdoor lighting laws. Ontario, Canada, has established a dark sky reserve. The New Hampshire legislature is drawing up legislation concerning "light trespass," said Texas Gov. George Bush Jr. recently signed a law regulating outdoor lighting.

Hailey Planning and Zoning Commission member Jan Edel-

stein said a dark sky ordinance could be an important step to preserving quality of life in the growing community of Hailey.

If the commission decides that's the case, it would draft an ordinance detailing specifics, she said. "It would likely be an 'easy fix' ordinance, directing simple changes such as fitting yard lights with aluminum sleeves so light does

not spill into the neighbors' yard.

"Some people resent local government telling them what to do. But I'm not aware of any significant drawbacks to the proposal," she said. "A lot of it is education."

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Tree trimmer leaves family legacy

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — He was an invincible man of the streets. Troubled in social confines. A dropout. A tree-trimmer by trade, a dreamer at heart.

But to his common-law wife and four children, this was Jon Feter Steven Sikelianos.

"Fisherman, boat builder; lover of animals, seer of ghosts, pocket knife collector, cigarette lighter thief, eater of unpaid-for peaches at Landmark, oatmeal maker, good cook, teller of dog stories ... hand-carved cane-maker, singer of many children's songs."

Lonely, but loved, the grandson of one of Greece's most famous poets died Jan. 6 on the floor of a cheap motel room. He spent his childhood as a nomad and the last two years of his life in shelters and on the streets. He was 54.

"If there's something going on after this life, he'll be so much more comfortable in that environment," his wife, Patricia Sikelianos, says. "It's this physical plane here that was so difficult for him."

Sikelianos left his family with strong memories of a free spirit, whose "tools of choice were the guitar and piano," though he also played "banjo and chain-saw."

His obituary offers this description: "Koala-like, coaimondilike, Kodjak bearlike, gorilla-like, Jon could often be found raiding the refrigerator in the middle of the night, or snapping his toes reading one of his hand-carved pocket-book books on the porch, despite taped-together glasses and a column of ash building on the end of his cigarette."

Sikelianos was born in Long Island, N.Y., son of Gladys and Marion Sikelianos and grandson of Angelos Sikelianos, a poet from an aristocratic family known for his writings about the lost unity of life.

Jon Sikelianos and his siblings



Jon Sikelianos pauses under a tree in Chama, N.M., during the mid-1990s in this file photo provided by his family. Sikelianos, grandson of a famed Greek poet, died homeless in an Albuquerque motel room last week.

lived in places as diverse as Cape Cod and Lausanne, Switzerland, with "Bohemian spirits" who couldn't settle down.

The family "traveled in this Jeep across the country between New York and California for years, trying to figure out where they wanted to land," Patricia Sikelianos says.

Sikelianos never found the perfect home, though he lived many years in Santa Barbara, Calif., and Albuquerque.

In Santa Barbara, Sikelianos trimmed trees, fathered two chil-

dren, and eventually met Patricia, with whom he lived in a trailer in the mountains near the city.

When Santa Barbara lost its charm, they hooked their trailer to a truck and with three children in tow headed for Pagosa Springs, Colo.

That didn't last either. "We had some land on a river and sat up there for a while and tried to figure out where we wanted to be and figured out there wasn't enough going on," Patricia Sikelianos says. "We figured we could go to Santa Fe or

Albuquerque. But Santa Fe was so much like Santa Barbara when it came to the poor people are being pushed out."

So in 1984, Jon, Patricia and son Zeke moved to Albuquerque, where Sikelianos' older children, Eleni and Joe, went back to their mothers in Santa Barbara.

"Over the course of his life, Jon had many plans, which included: becoming a book-seller, collecting precious wood to build guitars and violins, becoming an expert frog-catcher and chronicling all the creeks he'd ever known," his obituary says.

Sikelianos trimmed trees for many years in Albuquerque, had another daughter, Fouti, but couldn't maintain the relationship with Patricia. They split a couple of years ago.

He spent the last two years of his life on and off the streets, and in and out of shelters and cheap hotels.

"He was drinking and had a lot of physical problems. He had gotten mugged and beaten in the head with a crowbar," Patricia Sikelianos says.

Sikelianos' body was found Jan. 6 by a motel manager. The state Office of the Medical Investigator was awaiting toxicology results and hospital records before determining a cause of death.

His wanderlust runs deep in daughter Eleni Sikelianos, 34, a poet who spent months camping from Egypt to Kenya about 12 years ago. She soon will travel from her New York City home to Greece, where she'll be an artist-in-residence on a Fulbright fellowship, writing and studying family history.

She says she often thinks about her father, grateful for the respect for literature and music he instilled in his children, and understanding of how difficult it was for him "to fit into a standard social pattern."

Agencies: Saving salmon will take some sacrifice

REXBURG (AP) — Members of state and federal agencies, environmentalists and industry representatives agree they are in for tough going to help endangered wild salmon recover without hurting Idahoans whose livelihoods depend on the Snake River.

But they are at least finding some common ground. But where to go from there continues to elude any consensus.

"Everybody agreed that there needs to be some leadership in the state to lead the salmon recovery effort forward," said Dale Swenson, executive director of the Fremont-Madison Irrigation District.

"We're stuck on either flow augmentation or dam breaching."

On Wednesday afternoon, agriculture and labor leaders gave Gov. Dirk Kempthorne petitions bearing 80,000 signatures of people from Idaho, Washington and Oregon who oppose both flow augmentation — flushing more Idaho water down the Snake River to expedite fish migration — and breaching the four lower Snake River dams in eastern Washington.

"There is not one solution to the recovery of salmon. It will be a combination" of actions involving harvest, habitat, hatcheries and hydropower generation," Kempthorne said. He argued that a fifth "H" — for the human element — should be added to the mix.

Dam breaching and increased water flows, the governor said, "are not the solution. I'm intent on finding a solution that will be politically, economically and biologically acceptable."

Copies of the petitions will also be presented to President-Clinton, Vice President Al Gore, the Army Corps of Engineers and the other governors in the region, and Kempthorne said he would like to contact the Idaho residents who signed their names.

Federal fish managers are still evaluating the next step in restoring endangered salmon runs. They have already missed last September's deadline for action.

Earlier this week, citizens, government officials and technical experts who had met in Rexburg agreed to ask Kempthorne to endorse a unified state position on salmon recovery.

At the same time, they agreed that the current release of 427,000 acre-feet-of-water from Brownlee Dam in western Idaho is an acceptable interim policy.

John Hoehne, Sen. Michael Crapo's chief of staff, warned that the responsibility for releasing water to help endangered fish, as the National Marine Fisheries Service has suggested, could fall more heavily on Idaho than other states because Idaho has fewer presidential electoral votes.

Reducing available water supplies on the Snake River and its tributaries could significantly affect farmers, ranchers and power generators among other interests.

"During drought years, there is already a feeling that there's not enough water," Jan Brown of the Henry's Fork Watershed Council said, but "all of the options that are being considered require some water from Idaho."

Avalanche kills two near Park City

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Two backcountry skiers were killed after being caught in an avalanche near The Canyons resort north of Park City.

A spokeswoman at the resort said the couple was reported missing Tuesday night. The bodies were found Wednesday in a brushy area near the resort, said Kim Peterson. They were buried in "deep snow," Ms. Peterson said.

The victims' names have not yet been released, but the Summit County Sheriff's office said earlier Wednesday that officers were looking for a 47-year-

old man and a 41-year-old woman.

The Utah medical examiner was working to positively identify them, and police were notifying relatives.

The two were reported missing after they failed to pick up their child from a day care center, Ms. Peterson said. Authorities found their car in the parking lot of The Canyons resort.

Ms. Peterson said the area where the bodies were found, at the base of a slide, was outside the resort's boundaries.

She said avalanche danger was extremely high in the area. Sharp

changes in temperatures may have made the snowpack unstable, she said.

The bodies were found shortly after 1:30 p.m. at the base of Square Top, a peak in the Wasatch Range.

Avalanche deaths are infrequent in the Wasatch Range but not unknown. During the winter of 1998-99 two snowboarders were killed near Manti. At least two snowmobilers also were killed.

The Forest Service's Utah Avalanche Forecast Center said Wednesday the area is in a "significant avalanche cycle."

Government to release results of carbon dating on Kennewick Man

YAKIMA, Wash. (AP) — The U.S. Department of the Interior today will release results of radiocarbon-dating on Kennewick Man, along with its decision on whether to classify the human remains as Native American under federal law.

Whatever the government's conclusions, the results are likely to be disputed in this contentious case involving one of the oldest and most complete skeletons found in North America.

The lawyer for eight prominent anthropologists who have sued for the right to study the bones argues that the government has incorrectly interpreted the federal statute that defines how remains are classified as Native American.

And last month, a respected researcher said he declined to conduct radiocarbon-dating on the skeleton for fear the government would use the results selectively to bolster its position in the 3.5-year legal fight over custody of the bones.

National Park Service chief archaeologist Francis McManamon will make public the latest carbon-dating test results, providing an estimate of Kennewick Man's age, at the Burke Museum in Seattle, where the remains are stored.

A coalition of five Northwest Indian tribes, which claims Kennewick Man as an ancestor and seeks the return of the bones for reburial without study,



A clay model of the head of Kennewick Man is shown at Columbia Basin College in Richland, Wash.

objected to the radiocarbon tests as a desecration. The process requires the destruction of a small amount of bone.

The collection of 350 bones known as Kennewick Man was found in the shallows of the Columbia River in 1996. Initial carbon-dating indicated Kennewick Man was about 9,200 years old.

Typically, the government has classified bones over 500 years old as Native American, citing the 1990 federal Native American Graves Protection

and Repatriation Act.

"Our position is that this interpretation is not consistent with the law," Alan L. Schneider, a Portland, Ore., lawyer representing the plaintiff anthropologists, said Wednesday.

The statute says a skeleton like this is Native American only if it can be shown to be related to a present-day tribe or culture.

"That's the big thing that's been dividing us from the government for the last three years. How do you interpret the statute?"

The Interior Department also has a March 24 deadline in U.S. District Court in Portland to say whether the bones could be culturally affiliated with any modern-day tribe.

The government also is supposed to decide by that date if it will allow the anthropologists to study the bones. If not, trial would likely resume.

The anthropologists have been pressing in court for DNA testing as the most effective means of determining Kennewick Man's origins, which is a key factor in determining who gets custody of the bones.

"Since Congress decided that ancient skeletons like this will be Native American only if they can be shown to be related to modern Native Americans, then it's essential to look to all of the relevant evidence, including DNA analysis," Schneider said.

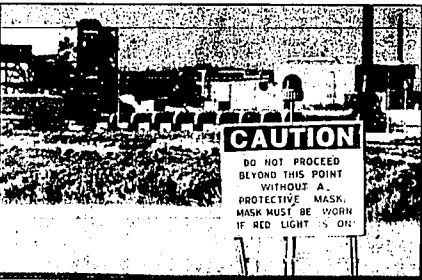
Fearing contamination, scrap business halts processing of nerve gas shells

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Denver scrap metal business has halted processing of spent chemical weapons shells after a former official at the Army's chemical weapons incinerator said the shells could be contaminated with a deadly nerve agent.

"We feel there is probably not a problem with them, but we will not process any more until we have certification there isn't a problem," said Michael Yourtz, vice president and general manager of the Du-Wald Steel Corp.

Yourtz said his company received shipments of 105mm shell casings from the Tooele Chemical Agent Disposal Facility in Utah between 1997 and last November. The shells had been drained of sarin — the deadly nerve agent used in a 1995 Tokyo subway attack — and then heated in a furnace to burn off any sarin residue.

Gary Harris, the former permit coordinator at the Utah plant, told reporters Tuesday that incinerator officials feared the furnace could not burn off all sarin residue from the shells eventually sent to the Denver processor. Harris, who resigned from the incinerator at the end of 1996, also said plant officials had been told by Utah state regulators to win approval of an



A sign warns people of danger at the Army's chemical weapons incinerator in Tooele, Utah. In this 1998 file photo, former permit coordinator Gary Harris, the fifth official at the Tooele Chemical Agent Disposal Facility to criticize the plant, plans to speak at a news conference Tuesday alleging safety and environmental problems there.

operating permit.

"The incineration process itself should not be going on," Harris said. "It is inherently dangerous. It does not destroy the (nerve) agent."

Harris said officials with the Army and the private contractor running the incinerator threat-

ened to fire him if he told state regulators or the public about the safety problems, which he said could allow sarin to escape into the environment.

Officials with the Army and EG&G Defense Systems Inc., the contractor that runs the plant, say the incinerator is safe.

they likely show up first in bays. Kidd Island Bay has been an area of concern but appears to be improving, Harvey said, adding more research is needed for Blue Creek, Squaw and Wolf Lodge bays.

The largest phosphorus source is the Page wastewater treatment plant in the Silver Valley. The plant, which is larger than either of Boise's two operations, is primitive technology, Harvey said.

Clarity of Lake Coeur d'Alene water improves

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Lake Coeur d'Alene water quality is improving, although the experts monitoring the waterway lack definitive reasons for the change.

Water clarity and zinc concentration took a turn for the better between 1995 and 1999, said Geoff Harvey, the Idaho Division of Environmental Quality's Coeur d'Alene Basin coordinator.

How much of that occurred naturally and how much stems

from pollution control efforts has yet to be determined, he said.

Dissolved oxygen and phosphorus levels are within acceptable limits, according to the study conducted since the lake management plan was developed five years ago.

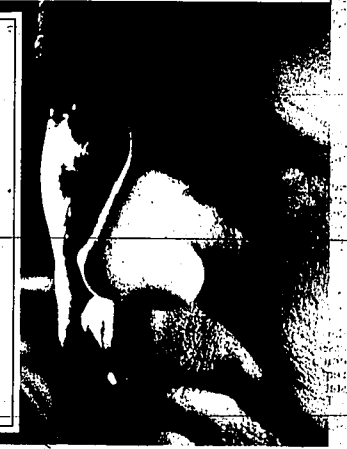
When the phosphorus level is too high, it can trigger explosive algae growth, which in turn depletes the lake of oxygen for fish. If phosphorus problems occur,

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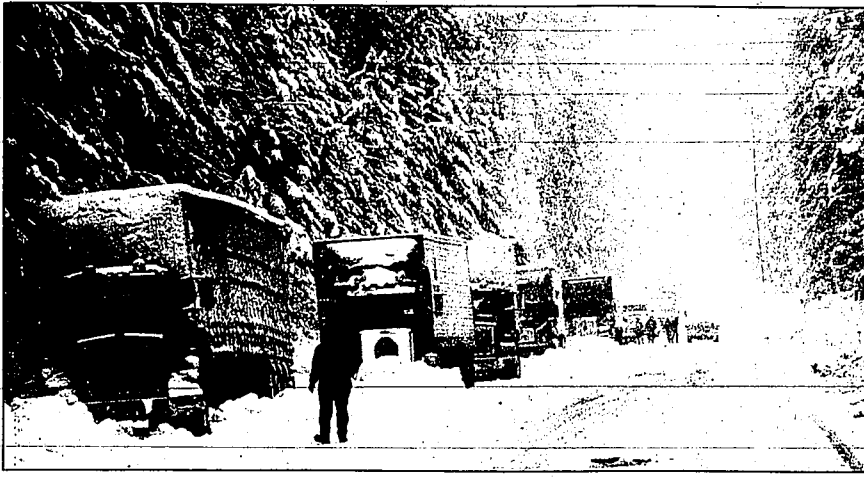
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THE LONG HAUL

Developers should get shot at land; board says



Trucks wait for snow to be cleared on the Santiam Pass near Bend, Ore., Tuesday afternoon after a snow slide at Hogg Rock closed the pass Monday. Crews working around the clock to clear the snow opened the pass Wednesday.

BOISE (AP) - Private developers should have the chance to use contaminated land being cleaned up as part of the Bunker Hill Superfund site in the Silver Valley, the state Land Board says.

The panel of Idaho leaders voted Tuesday in favor of land leases and other measures to attract developers to the Superfund site polluted by heavy metals from a century of mining.

State officials hope to lease the land for building anything from a golf course to homes. The plan now goes to the Legislature.

"Now that the environmental fix is being completed, it is time to begin the economic development fix," said Charles Moss, state Bunker Hill Superfund project director, told the board.

Idaho is expected to receive 1,900 acres held by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency following the cleanup of the mining and smelting complex. About 1,600 acres can be developed.

An Idaho law allows former Superfund land that passes into state ownership to be sold, with the proceeds going to the Bunker Hill trust for cleanup and monitoring.

Moss presented legislation to the Land Board, expanding that law to allow leases as well as sales. The project would be immune from Idaho's surplus property laws, which would require the land to be sold to the highest bidder.

"The bottom line is there is a need for some unique incentives that can be presented to some unique entrepreneurial risk-taker," Moss said. "What we're short of is prospects."

The central impoundment area of the Superfund site is included in the 1,900-acre total, but cannot be developed. It will be capped with a plastic membrane that cannot safely be pierced, so building foundations and other underground work are out of the question.

The center will have soil and grass on top of it, and could end up as a golf course, playing field or park. The smelter complex cannot be developed.

Rob Hanson, state Division of Environmental Quality Bunker Hill coordinator, said much of the land can be developed.

"They're pretty simple requirements. If you dig up contaminated stuff, you have to make sure it doesn't run off or get tracked out," he said.

Moss said the state seeks proposals that produce jobs and expand the local property tax base; improve public services or make land trades to promote economic development; or add new recreational opportunities.

Kellogg might move ballfields onto some of the land, allowing property now used for sports to be developed.

The state will accept ownership of the land from the EPA only on the conditions that it is clean and the federal agency will fix any additional problems:

Commission rejects parole for cop killer

BOISE (AP) - A convicted cop killer with a history of escape and links to at least two other murders has been denied parole. Officials said the Commission on Pardons and Parole believed that Melvin Cox, 60, would likely kill again if he was ever released from prison. Although in most cases a new date some years in the future is usually set to again consider parole, the commission did not do that for Cox.

Cox, who has been hoisted in

the maximum-security prison, has already served 28 years of a life sentence for the first-degree murder of Lewiston Police Officer Ralph Russell in June 1970. He had escaped in April from a Tennessee jail, where he was being held in connection with an armed robbery.

Cox had been traveling with another man, Jesse Jones, and authorities said the pair allegedly killed a bartender during a burglary in Portland before killing

Russell in Lewiston. They also were accused of killing a man in Omak, Wash., during the two months they continued to elude police after the Russell murder before they were captured back in Tennessee.

Officials said a police officer in Illinois was also wounded by the pair during the crime spree and that some of their victims had been tortured before being killed. Russell was shot at least four times, once in the head.

The officer's body was found in an alley. Officials said papers identifying Jones and possibly Cox were found under Russell's body.

After becoming eligible for parole in 1981, prison officials said Cox tried to escape and was shot during the unsuccessful attempt. The last actions against him as an inmate were a series of reprimands in 1994 although he had at least eight disciplinary reports, including one involving a weapon, before that.

Teenager runs for Pocatello School Board

POCATELLO (AP) - Eighteen-year-old Kris Knight is not only talking politics - he is plunging in by becoming the youngest applicant for a seat on the Pocatello School Board.

"We were talking about it in government class, about what was required, and I decided to do it," said Knight, a Pocatello High School senior. "There are no younger people on the board, and their choices affect the young."

Knight is among five citizens seeking to fill the trustee position in Zone 3. He listed personal experience he believes would be helpful to the board.

He has some immediate questions and concerns he would like to share with other board members if he replaces Maxine Croshaw, a veteran board member recalled in a special December election.

Having worked as a cleaning service employee, Knight wonders if he was necessary to hire a private contractor to clean the district's three high schools.

Other concerns cited by Knight include favoritism toward certain high schools and alleged recruiting of athletes from one school to another.

Knight understands the board makes policy for the district,



Pocatello high school senior Kris Knight, 18, is one of the candidates for the Pocatello School Board. Knight is among five residents seeking to fill the trustee position in Zone 3.

approves budgets and makes other financial decisions. "I'm only one person, and

there are five seats. Four adults can still outvote me, but I can offer them different opin-

ions, a different perspective on what's happening," Knight said.

Micron creates foundation to benefit schools, charities

BOISE (AP) - Micron Technology has pledged continued support for the communities where it operates, announcing the formation of a foundation to advance science and technology education and support civic and charitable institutions.

"We realize that quality education and strong communities are critical to the success of individuals, companies and our society," Micron Technology President Steve Appleton said. "The foundation reaffirms Micron's commitment to education and the communities in which Micron has a presence."

The Micron Technology Foundation will hold \$20 million in assets and disburse at least 5 percent annually as federally required to maintain nonprofit status. The foundation, being directed by Shon-LaVoy, manager of corporate contributions for Micron, will begin operating in

April, Jones said, and "the primary objective will be for education and charitable causes."

The three foundation targets will be southwestern Idaho, where Micron is headquartered; the Salt Lake City area, where it has a moth-

balled plant, and Richardson, Texas, location of Texas Instruments, which Micron acquired in 1998.

Bank gives grants to Idaho programs

BOISE (AP) - U.S. Bank awarded innovative education grants to programs throughout Idaho, including programs in technology, finance, the arts and other areas.

Tuesday's announcement completed the bank's 1999 corporate giving program, bringing to \$2 million its total yearlong investment in Idaho communities through charitable gifts, sponsorship and community development partnerships.

"By focusing on our customers and our communities, businesses like U.S. Bank play a vital role in making Idaho such a great place," said Jim Stamey, president of U.S. Bank Idaho. "We take our role in the community very seriously and are proud of

the contributions we are able to make."

Recipients of U.S. Bank grants for the fourth quarter of 1999 include the Idaho Council on Economic Education, the Ririe Middle School Space Mobile and the Idaho Commission on the Arts.

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Examiner says deputies did not cause death of Utah man

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - The medical examiner has concluded that a man who died after he was hogtied by three Weber County deputies succumbed to a heart condition aggravated by the strain of his arrest, a lawyer for man's family says.

The family of Glen Lutz was critical of the finding and remains convinced he would not have died after the Oct. 16 arrest had he not been hogtied.

"This was a perfectly healthy man one moment and a man about to die the next," said Lutz family attorney Lon DeLand. He said he had not seen the report but had discussed it Tuesday with assistant Utah Medical Examiner Maureen Frikke, who conducted the autopsy. "The only

intervening event is the arrest."

DeLand said the report concludes Lutz had a bad heart and "was about to have a heart attack" when Deputy Steve Haney pulled over his vehicle for crossing the center line.

DeLand said that conflicts with reports he received from doctors who monitored Lutz's condition during his monthlong coma. Lutz died Nov. 12.

"He has had regular medical checkups, and he has never had any indication of a problem," DeLand said. "In the comatose period they ran an incredible number of checks and they found no such evidence."

State law prevents Frikke from publicly commenting on her report.

Water systems fail to test for germs

EASTPORT (AP) - Two Panhandle drinking water systems violated state environmental regulations by failing to routinely monitor water for coliform bacteria last fall.

State environmental regulators also said the Eastport Border Station in Boundary County and the Strelaine Park in Kootenai County failed to notify customers

that sampling was not done.

But the Division of Environmental Quality said it was not aware of any coliform bacteria contamination problems or reports of any illness. Officials said routine testing is intended to spot any contamination quickly so the public can be notified and take steps to avoid the contamination.

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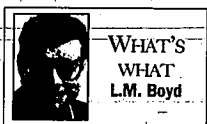
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New York harbor pollution reaches record levels

Early farmers in Kentucky and Tennessee revolutionized their local economies with a simple discovery about transportation: A pack mule can carry four bushels of corn, raw, or 24 bushels of corn, shelled. ... Q. Who was the ancient scholar who committed suicide by voluntary starvation? A. Erastosthenes. Born in 276 BC at Cyrene, Libya. Educated in Athens, Greece. Died about 194

BC at Alexandria, Egypt. He was going blind. Even back then, many realized the earth was a globe. He was the first known to have calculated its circumference. ... Q. How many of the Impressionist painters were fully recognized in their own time? A. Only one - Claude Monet, 1840-1926. ... Announcement to all within earshot: that the middle of the piano keyboard is not middle "C." When told you're wrong, smile smugly



WHAT'S WHAT L.M. Boyd ... and say, No, it's the crack between "E" and "F" above middle "C." This should do something for your popularity. ... Our Language man surmises "gross ignorance" is 144 times

worse than ordinary ignorance, yes? Two out of five Muscovites are too fat. That's not my claim. Russian statisticians say so. I've seen pictures. Way too fat. ... Never can tell what the cleaning dredgers are going to scoop out of New York City's harbor. For example, they've come up with a dead giraffe. ... After her one and only mating flight, a young queen ant goes underground to lay an egg a hour for 10 years.

Capricorn: Go to the living room, search the couch cushions

IF JANUARY 13 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are courageous, independent, could have left home early in order to be on your own. Taurus, Leo, Scorpio persons play important roles in your life, could have these letters, initials in their names - D, M, V. During this year you'll receive proposals - business, career, marriage. ... ARIES (March 21-April 19): You're a remarkable comeback. Those who thought you were down for the count will be dining on crow. You are back and powerful. Capricorn plays role. ... TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You're on the way - don't stop now. Predict your future and make it come true. Aries plays major role, deserves added recognition. Mission is completed. ... GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Make fresh start, obtain vital information from Aries, Taurus messages. Stress originality, daring, pioneering spirit. Do take chance on romance. Leo involved. ... CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your kind of day. Food and love-people realize you are more than a good cook. Scorpio admits, "You've got me under your spell." Check housing development. ... LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Diversify, explore and discover. You win favor of those who previously were neutral. Luck, timing ride with you. This could be the start of a winning streak. ... VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Check details, look for subtle nuances. Lunar position emphasizes the hidden, the occult. Secret vote puts you over the top. Taurus plays significant role. ... LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Be ready for discovery based on written material. In speaking, be careful with words - people tend to take you literally. Virgo, Sagittarius persons featured. ... SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Emphasis on change of residence, marital status. Control tendency to act on impulse. Give equal weight - a bit of restraint goes a long way in your favor. ... SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

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claims you as main squeeze. Gain universal view, see picture in its entirety. ... PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Put aside preconceived notions - be open-minded, dynamic, independent. Imprint style, make fresh start in new direction. Leo, Aquarius persons play fascinating roles.

Wednesday's Puzzle Solver ... YAP SOP SALVAGE ... GUE ALL NORIEGUA ... STALIN BREAK ... ETIQUETA EN ARIA ... LACKS CUR ON ARRIL ... SLEETTER BADGES ... APPLAULT SEABIRDS ... LEASE BIE ORIEL ... PASIT POLKA EDNA ... GULLER PAIS EDIE ... ARABIAN EN LUG ... DURANTE GAT EYE ... SETTIETTES QINO RIED ... 31 Confined 52 Bad habit 35 Work units 53 Wedding token 38 In this manner 54 Rice coverage 41 Of state 55 Drink counter 42 Uses an oar 56 Uncoch club 44 Entertain 57 Caps on the Atlantic 49 Light touch 58 Price ceiling 51 Blackthorn 59 Baseball stat.

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For Pete's sake, cover your mouth when you sneeze

DEAR ABBY: Because the season of colds and flu is upon us, I'd like to share with you a verse I think can be credited to the late Ish K. Bibble, a comedian on the "Key Kayser: College of Musical Kumbaya," a popular radio program in the '40s: "I sneezed a sneeze into the air, 'T fell to earth I knew not where: 'But you should have seen the looks on those 'In whose vicinity I sneezed!"

DEAR ABBY Alkiza VanBuren ... couple and should split the cost of their wedding 50-50. She should think twice about marrying this fellow.

DEAR HATES: You're welcome. No one wants to be sneezed upon - and colds and flu germs are nothing to be sneezed at. My experts tell me that the hands are the most frequent spreaders of disease. Cold germs can be picked up by touching doorknobs, elevator buttons or telephones that were first handled by infected individuals. When the hand is used to touch the mouth or nose, or to scratch an itchy forehead, cold is transferred to the next "victim." The most effective way to avoid cold and flu germs is to frequently wash one's hands in warm, soapy water.

Write to Abby ... Everybody has a problem. What's yours? Get it off your chest by writing to Dear Abby. P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069. For a personal reply, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

DEAR ALICE: That depends on how you look at it. From my perspective, not only will your granddaughter pay for her schooling, but for it and pay for it. He should be ashamed of himself for attempting to place the entire financial burden on her shoulders. He and your granddaughter are a

QUALITY SHOP AUCTION SATURDAY, JANUARY 15, 2000 LOCATED: Located from the north west corner of Buhl (Jacksons Corner), 3 miles west, 1 north, 1 west, 3/4 north of Twin Falls, Idaho (U.S. Highway 30).

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LARGER SHOP EQUIPMENT Powermax 800 Max Therm plasma cutting system • Atlas 6" metal lathe with 32" bed • Dewalt 12" radial arm saw • Lindt single phase arc welder • Miller wire feed welder, model XMT304, with leads and mounted on small rubber tired cart • ETeEe Plus Air electric metal cutter. • 220-35 amp with leads • Milwaukee portable band saw with 5 1/2" table • Sifer, vacuum cleaner on cart, 220 amp • Columbia 3/4 hp drill press • Three metal welding tables (2' 4" x 4', 1' 4" x 8', Campbell Hausfeld portable air compressor • Bonanza parts washer with electric pump, wash bin and stand • Rem Line stack-on mechanics tool chest • Three homemade shop metal shelves with four shelves • Four metal 64 hole chain bins • Approximately 100 shop and auto • Pair of red plastic type wedding shields, 6' x 4' • Four metal tub type saw horses • Norco 5 ton floor jack

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SMALLER SHOP TOOLS & MISCELLANEOUS Makita 3/8" electric drill • Hydraulic hose crimper with dies • Hand barrel oil pump • Hydraulic 20 ton jack • Lots of different sizes of hand tools and sockets • Two 5" bench vises • Dayton 3/4" impact wrench • 3/4", 5/8", 3/8" and 1/4" tube benders • Craftsman 1/2" impact wrench • 220-35 amp with leads • Milwaukee portable band saw with 5 1/2" table • Sifer, vacuum cleaner on cart, 220 amp • Columbia 3/4 hp drill press • Three metal welding tables (2' 4" x 4', 1' 4" x 8', Campbell Hausfeld portable air compressor • Bonanza parts washer with electric pump, wash bin and stand • Rem Line stack-on mechanics tool chest • Three homemade shop metal shelves with four shelves • Four metal 64 hole chain bins • Approximately 100 shop and auto • Pair of red plastic type wedding shields, 6' x 4' • Four metal tub type saw horses • Norco 5 ton floor jack

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In A No-Man's Land Between North and South, You Didn't Fight for the Blue or the Gray You Fought for Your Friends and Your Family!

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DENZEL WASHINGTON THE HURRICANE FRIDAY AT THE TWIN CINEMA 12

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CHRISTMAS STORY



PEGGY THOMAS and class present the Christmas play, 'In A Little Stable' to the parents and families who are taking part in the English as a Second Language Family Literacy program at Poppelwell Elementary School in Buhl. Members who participated are Abby Castillo Jose Murillo, Brenda and Janet Murillo, Sandra Garibaldi, Leticia Arredondo, Lisbet Murillo, David Tinoco, Jasmin Arredondo, Anal Brizuela, Danieel Soria, Roman Stepanov, Juan Murillo, Perla Tinoco, Margarita Madrid, Breanna Castillo, Oscar Tinoco, Roberto Garibaldi and Jose Brizuela. Pedro Tinoco was the narrator.

THANK YOU LETTERS

Driver appreciates officers who return stolen car

I would like to express my thanks to the city of Twin Falls for all the help and assistance in recovering my vehicle which was stolen a few months ago. I would also like to thank my friends and family for all of their support over the weeks. And a big thank you to Sheriff Wayne Tousey, Det. Fustus, Cpl. Barnhill and anyone else I may have forgotten.

AARON WASHBURN
Twin Falls

Marine Corps Toys For Tots Program exceeds goal

The Marine Corps Toys For Tots Program was a huge success this year. The goal set was not only met but was exceeded to support the local organizations that needed the help of the Toys For Tots Program. Toys For Tots was able to donate two gifts to every child with a grand total of 2,492 toys, helping 1,246 needy children in our local and surrounding communities.

We would like to put out a special thank you to Fred Meyer,

Twin Falls County Fairgrounds (Filer), Magic Valley Mall, Brico of Idaho, FAX 55 and the Twin Falls Missionaries for their tremendous support. We would also like to thank our local community for their generous donations and all who helped in every effort from collecting to wrapping gifts. Without everyone's support, this program would not have been so successful!

BRIAN OLSEN
Local Coordinator
Magic Valley Marine Corps League
Marine Corps Toys For Tots Foundation
Twin Falls

Business' extra effort makes friend of visitor

While on the way from my home in Chico (northern California) to Twin Falls to visit family the day before New Year's Eve, I experienced problems with my automobile. Upon arrival in town late that afternoon, I called the service department of Gary's Westland (Buick), explained that we would be in Twin Falls only for the weekend, and asked for help. I was given

an appointment for early Friday morning. After working most of the day, they found that a permanent repair might take several days, but they could make a temporary "fix" until I could get back to my home. Most extraordinary was that there was no charge for the diagnosis and repair!

My thanks and public recognition should go to Ron Stone, service consultant, and to Gary's Westland for their quick response, honest service and courtesy. If they were located in Chico, I would be a dedicated customer and supporter.

KENNETH EDSON
Chico, Calif.

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

- Organizations thanking contributors or supporters.
 - Individuals thanking public agencies and businesses for extraordinary service.
- If you would like to purchase a classified ad to express gratitude of a personal rather than public nature, call The Times-News Customer Service department at 733-0931, Ext. 270.

FIVE GENERATIONS



Verna Hawkes, seated, who will turn 94 years-old on March 16, is one of five generations in her family. Hawkes holds her great-great-granddaughter Jalden Bauer, who is 18-months old, with daughter Faye H. Dixon, granddaughter Denise Bean and great-granddaughter Danielle Bauer.

Photo courtesy of Hawkes family

CSI offers college-level ESL

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho is offering college-level English as a Second Language program.

ESL classes are two or three credit hours and will be conducted in the spring and fall of 2000. Classes include:

- ESL Vocabulary Development, a course designed to give ESL students the opportunity to round out their vocabulary in preparation for academic study.
- ESL Grammar 1 includes a review of grammatical terminology, basic word order, irregular verbs, auxiliary verbs, present tenses, other verb uses and the passive voice. Participation in language lab is required.
- ESL Grammar 2 includes basic structures, verb tenses, modal auxiliaries; nouns and modifiers, sentence types and problems, adjective clauses, adverb clauses and related structures showing contrast. Participation in language lab is required.
- ESL Grammar 3 is the third

Want more info?

For more information, call the College of Southern Idaho at 733-9554.

course in the ESL grammar sequence, featuring review of basic elements of English grammar. Noun clauses, infinitives and gerunds, factual and imaginative conditional sequences, participial phrases and related structures will be covered. Participation in language lab is required.

ESL Listening and Speaking is the first of two listening/speaking courses in the academic ESL program. The course assists students in practicing correct English pronunciation and learning academic listening skills.

ESL Reading and Writing 1 helps students develop reading skills, including basic comprehension, skimming and scanning, identifying topic sentences and

main ideas. ESL Reading and Writing 2 helps students perfect and extend basic reading skills in preparation for dealing with sophisticated academic materials.

ESL Listening and Speaking for College Purposes is the second of two listening and speaking courses in the academic ESL program. The course helps students polish their pronunciation of English, further the development of academic listening skills and give students an opportunity to practice oral presentation skills. Participation in language lab is required.

Students with placement test scores that indicate they do not need the entire college-level ESL program are placed in courses they do need. If test scores indicate the students do not need ESL classes, students can register for mainstream college courses according to recommendations of an assessment.

Racing pigeon club announces results show

TWIN FALLS - The 1999 Idaho State Pigeon Show featured more than 300 birds from Idaho, Utah and Nevada, with Larry Christensen and John Cordova from the Salt Lake City area as judges.

Marc Baisch directed the show. Sponsors for the event included Cactus Petes, Globe Seed and Feed, Depot Grill, Land-O-Lakes Feeds, Sav-Mor Drug, Christen Book Store, First Federal Savings Bank, artist Kay Mitchell, Southside Bean Co., Albertson's, Johnny's Photo Shop, Burkes Tractor, Rick Post Lofa and the Idaho Lottery. The main event fund-raiser

included John Boyle auctioning off several birds with proceeds to help new flyers and youth participate in pigeon racing.

Salvador Rodriguez of Ogden, Utah, won the show.

The annual awards-banquet for the Gem State Racing Pigeon Club will be held at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 21 the Mandarin House Restaurant at 705 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls.

For more information, call Loyd Bakewell at 733-2246 or Rick Post at 423-4377.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Area residents earn spots on LCSC honor roll

Area residents have been named to the 1999 fall semester honor roll at Lewis-Clark State College, located in Lewiston.

Danielle Thompson of Bliss made the President's List, earning between a 3.75 to 4.00 grade point average.

Naomi Richards of Filer, Amy Sturtevant of Ketchum, Flor Mancias of Rupert and Lauren Wright of Wendell, all made the Dean's List, earning between a 3.25-3.749 grade point average.

Students must complete at least 14 credit hours of graded classes during the fall semester to qualify for the honor roll.

Oregon State adds area students to honor roll

Oregon State University in Corvallis, Ore., announced names of students who made the fall 1999 term scholastic honor roll.

A total of 405 students earned a 4.0 grade point average, with another 1,966 earning a 3.5 or better grade-point average. Students must carry at least 12 graded credit hours during the term to make the honor roll.

Burley students earning a 3.5 grade point average or better include Nathan N. Kirk and Richard L. Collinger; Charity Kessler of Declo; and Scott E. Randolph of Filer.

We want your news



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If it's news to you, we want to hear about it.

- Community meetings.
- Celebrations.
- Social events.
- Problems.
- Individual achievements.

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For the Thursday page: noon Monday
For the Saturday page: noon Tuesday
For the Sunday page: noon Wednesday

Residents collect funds to benefit Burley family

BURLEY - A bank account has been established to accept donations for the family of a Burley youngster injured in an accident.

Edgar Simental, a 10-year-old Burley resident, is waiting to undergo back surgery and recovering from surgery on a broken leg in intensive care at an El Paso, Texas hospital, family friend Dora Ramirez says.

The boy is paralyzed from the neck down from injuries received in the Jan. 3 auto accident that claimed the life of his father, Eucario Simental, Ramirez says.

His mother, Lorenza Simental, and sisters, Melissa, 6, and Cindy, 8, escaped with minor injuries. They are staying with relatives in El Paso to be close to Edgar, Ramirez says.

"Lorenza is overwhelmed by the outpouring from the community," Ramirez says. "She says she and other members of the community are working to find assistance to cover medical costs and living expenses."

Donations can be made at any First Security Bank branch. For

more information, call Ramirez at 678-0348, Olivia Castro at 677-2510 or First Security Bank at 800-574-4200.

Woman celebrates 80th birthday with open house

TWIN FALLS - Edna Bruffey Dutton will celebrate her 80th birthday with an open house at 2 p.m. Saturday at Alterra Waywood, formerly Crossings, at 1367 Locust St. N. in Twin Falls.

The event is hosted by her family. Dutton requests no gifts.

Fire department roasts hot dogs Saturday at Paul park

PAUL - The West End Fire Department will furnish everything necessary for the annual hot dog roast at noon on Saturday in the Paul City Park.

Idaho Writers League meets Saturday at noon

TWIN FALLS - The Idaho Writers League will meet from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday at Idaho Joe's Restaurant in the Lynwood Mall in Twin Falls.

Critiques will be offered and there will be information for the year 2000 writing contests. All writers are welcome.

For more information, call 324-7694 or write to helms@northrim.net.

Honor band selects Twin Falls resident for lineup

TWIN FALLS - Billy Mogenson, son of Bill and Lori Mogenson, twin Falls, is one of three Idahoans selected to perform with The Sound of America Honor Band and Chorus, a national performing organization.

He is seeking financial support for the band tour.

Mogenson, a valedictorian, has performed as a bass clarinetist with the Twin Falls High School Band, the College of Southern Idaho Wind Ensemble, the CSI Symphonic Band and CSI Pep Band, the District Honor Band and won the State Solo Contest for the past two years, his family says.

He is one of three bass clarinetists chosen nationally for the Sound of America Honor Band and Chorus. He will join other musicians

chosen from nearly every state when The Sound of America Honor Band and Chorus begins its 2000 European Concert Tour this July, the family says.

Students who qualify for membership are responsible for all costs involved with the trip, estimated at \$5,000, Mogenson says.

People can make a tax-deductible contribution to Billy Mogenson/Sound of America, 746 College Dr., Twin Falls ID 83301.

Mini-Cassia Chamber cancels teleconference

BURLEY - Today's Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce teleconference with legislators has been canceled due to the death of Senate President Pro Tem Jerry Twigg.

A teleconference will be rescheduled. For more information, call 679-4793.

CSI center offers advising assistance for students

BURLEY - The College of Southern Idaho Mini-Cassia Center has scheduled assistance for students at the center, 1600 Park Ave.

Shanna Legault, nurse advisor, will be available from noon to 4 p.m. today at the center. "A regular counselor is available from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday at the center.

Two financial aid workshops are set for 1:30 p.m. and again at

6:30 p.m. today. The free workshops are designed to help parents and students fill out financial aid forms. For more information, call 678-1400.

The Times-News would like to profile your organization. Send your information along with your name, a photo and your phone number to Pat Marcantonio, Community Editor, P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83301.

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Proposed national forest fees upset Montana outfitters

BOZEMAN, Mont. (AP) - The U.S. Forest Service has proposed a new fee for so-called special-use permits, but outfitters - among the most common applicants - fear the \$400 or so they would pay would just be the start.

Forest Service does not now recover enough of the cost of reviewing and processing permits. The permits are required for commercial uses or exclusive use of the national forest for ski resorts, access roads to private inholdings, powerlines, and radio towers among others.

Nationwide, there are 74,000 special use permits, according to Gordon Scofield, a lands specialist with the Forest Service regional headquarters in Missoula. He said the proposed fee would not affect existing permit holders until they renew the permit, apply for changes in it or sell their land or business.

Heinz insisted that outfitting, at least, pays its share. Outfitters pay 3 percent of their gross revenue from guiding clients on national forests, plus fees for reserved campsites and for grazing, plus work to maintain trails and trailheads. He pays nearly \$10,000 a year. He complained that there is no cap on the amount permit holders could eventually be forced to pay.

Runaway teens will face fines

BEAVER, Utah (AP) - Eight teenage boys who escaped from a youth wilderness camp and caused a four-day search last month have been placed on probation and ordered to pay fines and restitution.

The boys were each ordered to pay \$2,778 in restitution to help defray search expenses and were ordered to write letters of apology to their counselors and the agencies involved in the search.

The boys, who had been placed in the RedCliff Ascent wilderness program by their parents, were camping in southern Utah with counselors Sunshine Fuller and Kirk Stock. On Dec. 4 they beat Stock, tied up both counselors and fled into the desert with whatever supplies they could find.

The group split up, leading searchers across Beaver and Iron counties. The last two fugitives were discovered in Dec. 8 after one flagged down a Union Pacific train about 30 miles west of Cedar City.

Two of the cases were handled last week and 5th District Judge Joseph E. Jackson told the other six boys Tuesday that the restitution amount could increase if other costs are determined.

The eight boys pleaded guilty or no contest to various charges of robbery and aggravated assault.

Christian Von Kreisler, 16, of Austin, Texas, was fined \$3,700 and was referred to his parents.

Jason Strubbe, 16, Silverton, Oregon, was fined \$3,700. He is home on \$10,000 bail in Oregon and receiving counseling.

Todd Dresser, 16, of Philadelphia, was fined \$7,030 with \$2,000 stayed until he is 18 years old.

Brad Schoendorf, 16, of Chicago, was fined \$3,700. He has been sent to the Rocky Mountain Academy in Boulder, Idaho.

Shane McAvilla, 14, of New York, was fined \$7,030 with \$2,000 deferred. Roy Arredondo, 16, of Connecticut, was fined \$7,030 with \$2,000 deferred. Arredondo admitted in court last month to hitting Stock over the head with a digging tool.

Jordan Blechman, 17, of New York, was fined \$3,700. Michael DeLusso, 15, New York, who appeared in court last week, was fined \$3,700.

Utah county orders landowner to reopen road

Route offers access to recreation area

ST. GEORGE, Utah (AP) - Despite the threats of a lawsuit, Washington County commissioners have ordered a road from Silver Reef to the Red Cliffs Recreation Area be reopened.

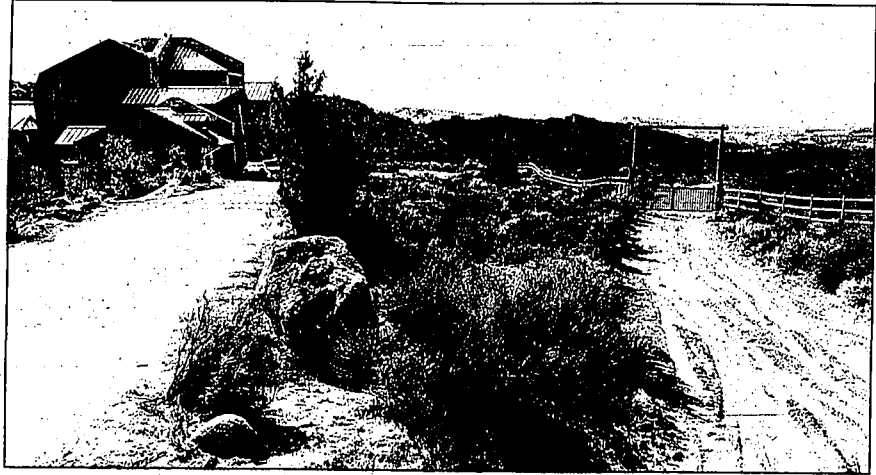
The public had been cut off from using the road when Gary Crocker purchased 80 acres of property surrounding it and built gates to shut the public out.

Once a pioneer road, the public has used it in recent years to access the canyons above Crocker's home.

John Palmer, representing Crocker, asked county officials Monday to find an alternative route into the canyons. "It may take a court of law to make the decision," Palmer said. "It doesn't end the matter just because the county declares a county road."

Under Utah law the road must remain open if the county can prove there was 10 years of continuous use by the public before the forest service took it over in 1905, said Barbara Helle, with the office of special counsel for environmental and public lands issues.

After taking a field trip to the site and reviewing documents back to the late 1800s, commissioners concluded "the road



A county road, right, passed the driveway of Gary Crocker's home in southern Utah. Crocker closed the road when he bought 80 acres and built a gate at the fence. It should stay open and all gates and obstructions (should) come down," Commissioner Jim Eardley said. "This is to put everyone on notice that we're not going to back away from these road issues. We'll fight the fights that come."

Army engineers like looks of altered Legacy Highway route

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - An Army Corps of Engineers official has spoken approvingly of the compromise Legacy Highway route proposed in southern Davis County.

The state's compromise proposal would move the alignment farther out of the Great Salt Lake marshes and into cities' growing space.

The compromise alignment - destroying 118 acres of wetlands instead of 155 - is a vast improvement, said Brooks Carter, chief regulator for the corps in Utah. The corps regulates wetlands. "It looks like there is enough mitigation being proposed ... to

make up for the losses due to the highway project," Carter said. "From a corps perspective, it looks like it will be adequate."

Carter was quoted in a copy-right story in The Salt Lake Tribune. However, he said the agency is waiting for the state's final environmental study.

"I'm more optimistic," Gov. Mike Leavitt, the highway's principal proponent, said Tuesday. "We're all hopeful."

If the corps does grant a permit under the federal Clean Water Act, the Environmental Protection Agency still could veto the permit and block the 12-mile freeway from Salt Lake City

to Farmington. A year ago, EPA regional officials said they would oppose the project - the largest-ever highway intrusion into wetlands in the six-state Western region - unless the state could prove mass transit and smarter development patterns were not practical alternatives.

Carter said his discussions with the EPA suggest the agency's opposition may be softening since the state offered a compromise last fall. During a December meeting with UDOT, EPA regional officials indicated at least some of their issues had been addressed, he said.

"It didn't seem like they had as

many problems as they have in the past, but that's just me reading tea leaves," Carter said. Officially, though, the EPA has not had a change of heart.

"Nothing's changed," said EPA regional wetlands coordinator Dave Ruiter. "They've proposed a less-damaging alternative than their original alternative. We haven't seen the real outcome of that. There are still questions about the need (for a highway)."

EPA is waiting on a revised traffic analysis from UDOT to justify that need. The federal agency challenged the state's figures last year. UDOT expects new projections from a traffic

consultant this month. Eventually, Leavitt wants the four-lane freeway to extend 120 miles from Brigham City to Nephi as an alternative to Interstate 15.

The Sierra Club, one of the highway's foes, remains confident the proposal cannot meet the Clean Water Act's requirements that it be the "least-damaging, practicable alternative."

Jury finds USU student guilty of raping in dorm

FARMINGTON, Utah (AP) - After a three-week prosecution that cost Cache County \$152,000, a jury found Stacy Nelson-Waggoner guilty of sexually assaulting a woman in his dorm room in 1996.

It is the second time the former Utah State University student has been convicted for a string of rapes and attempted rapes. He faces three additional rape trials and one attempted rape trial. But the cost of prosecuting this case has left the status of the others uncertain.

"We have to consider resources of the county," said Cache County Attorney Scott Wyatt. "We can only afford to do so much. In fact, the driving factor behind most plea bargains is financial resources."

The jury Tuesday found Nelson-Waggoner guilty on one count of aggravated sexual assault, a first-degree felony. The charge carries a sentence of five-years-to-life in prison.

Nelson-Waggoner was acquitted in a February 1998 rape trial but convicted in a second trial in April that year.

That conviction is under appeal before the Utah Supreme Court.

"Our goal the whole time has been to get one conviction that will stand," Wyatt said. "We didn't feel comfortable about the first conviction (which is under appeal). We're expecting an appeal on this one. So we will wait and see what issues are raised, visit with the victims and then decide what to do."

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Counting our days in dogs

Huns, chukars and a blustery day

By Ben Collins
Times-News correspondent



Her ears blowing in the wind, 'Annie' stands guard over two Hungarian partridges and a chukar shot by writer-hunter Ben Collins.

HANSEN - Even though the December winds were howling, cabin fever had gotten the best of me. Unable to contain the foolish notion the brutal winds would soon subside, I gathered up my 20-gauge side-by-side shotgun, donned my hunting garb, loaded up my pointer, Annie, and headed for "Hun country."

As my pickup climbed out of the valley and into the South Hills, I gave the unrelenting wind a little credit for at least partially drying out the muddy access road. I drove to one of my favorite partridge-hunting caverns, then pulled off the road near the receding snow line.

From there, I headed off on foot, following Annie into a gale-

rise turning with the wind would be nearly impossible to track, aim and shoot at before it was out of range.

The test of man, gun and dog against these elements came sooner than I expected. I had walked barely 200 yards when I spotted the statue-like profile of my dog amidst some lava rock and sage. Sure enough, Annie was locked on point!

I circled behind her and leaned into the fierce wind to flush the covey, hoping that I could react fast enough to get a shot. The Huns had other ideas. They evidently felt more secure on the ground and didn't flush until I was unknowingly in the midst of the covey.

Instantaneously, I was surrounded by a dozen or so airborne Huns all going the same direction - with the wind. I responded with a futile attempt

to twist around, single out a bird and fire.

The drama unfolded in the flap of a wing, and I ruffled nary a feather as the covey rocketed over a ridge and out of sight. My errant shots and the ludicrousness of the scenario made me burst out in laughter. Undaunted, Annie and I continued the search for more birds along the canyon rim. "We were rewarded by several more covey rises and several more "gone with the wind" misses. However, we persevered and ended up with three birds in the bag - two Huns and a chukar.

Even under the worst conditions, a day in the field with man's best friend can help one shake off the winter doldrums - especially if he is able to contend with the elements often present in a late-season upland bird hunt.



Surfers zoom shoreward near Seal Rock off Ocean Beach, San Francisco in this 1995 file photo. This section of coastline became a national monument Tuesday.

A new monument on the rocks

Feds set aside ragged coastline

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO - Jutting out of the gray-green Pacific, Seal Rock at sunset is a windswept beauty, stark and silent beneath a blushing sky.

California's coastal scenery has long been considered monumental. Tuesday, President Clinton declared it a monument.

"I think it's great," says Sara Wan, chairman of the California Coastal Commission. "It's not just one rock. It's the whole idea that what's out there needs to be protected. We are at a very critical juncture in this state's history and, I suspect, the rest of the country, where our population is expanding and we have huge pressures on the use of the land."

"If we don't set aside things today, it's going to be gone tomorrow."

California's offshore boulders became rocks of renown when Clinton used his powers under the 1906 Antiquities Act to create the California Coastal National Monument, one of three new monuments he designated Tuesday.

The other two new monuments are in Arizona, where some have complained local interests are being ignored.

California officials, on the

National parks

President Clinton declared three new national monuments and the expansion of another Tuesday. He acted under the Antiquities Act, passed in 1906 to protect federal lands.

other hand, liked the idea of safeguarding their sentinels of the sea. "They are magnificent, they really are," said state Resources Secretary Mary Nichols. "Most people, when they first hear that we're protecting rocks, think this is maybe a little over the edge, but the fact is when you look at the coast of California it is dotted with these wonderful outcroppings of rocks."

The California Coastal National Monument covers all the islands, rocks and exposed reefs the federal government already owns along the 840-mile coastline, within 12 miles of shore. Privately owned land is not included. The land in question is now managed by the state Fish and Game Department for the federal Bureau of Land Management.

Becoming a monument doesn't make much material difference to California's rocks, which already are protected by the state and the BLM, are basically inaccessible and boast mainly a

rich crop of bird droppings

But Nichols and Wan say the designation is important because it makes the protection permanent.

"You have no way of knowing what will happen," says Wan. "We hear of new schemes all the time," agrees Nichols. "People are wonderfully inventive in coming up with schemes to utilize our natural resources for economic purposes."

The monument status comes after legislation to designate the rocks as wilderness stalled in Congress.

Frustrated, bill sponsor U.S. Rep. Sam Farr, D-Carmel, took Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt to the coast to show him, "This is the stuff we need to protect," said Farr's chief of staff, Rochelle Dornatt.

It was on Babbitt's recommendation that Clinton declared the coastal rocks to be a monument Tuesday. Clinton also expanded the Pinnacles National Monument south of San Jose,

another subject of Farr legislation.

In Arizona, Clinton named as monuments a 1,500-square-mile desert area known as the Grand Canyon-Parashant and Agua Fria, 71,000 acres encompassing two mesas filled with Indian ruins, petroglyphs and other prehistoric treasures north of Phoenix.

California's rocks have no such amenities, but they do offer staging posts where seal lions and threatened sea otters can breed and forage. They also serve as feeding and nesting habitat for an estimated 200,000 sea birds, including endangered brown pelicans and the California least tern.

And, they are a feast for the eye.

As night falls in San Francisco, the granite base of Seal Rock is skirted by a flounce of foam, swirling like an antebellum beauty's petticoats. Tucked into its craggy folds, gray and white gulls stand motionless, seeking respite from the whistling wind.

It is a scene repeated along coastal California, from bustling waterfronts to the lonely grandeur of barren outposts.

"It's part of the beauty of the coast. There's no question, it's part of the ruggedness," says Wan. "I think the most important part of California, why you remember it and why you think about it, is because a lot of it isn't destroyed."

Ideas that changed the outdoors

By Eric Shep
The Detroit Free Press

DETROIT - Rapala lures - in all their shapes, sizes and colors - are one of the 20th Century's top innovations in fishing.

My grandmother, Agnes Campbell, a wonderful woman who died 10 years ago at the age of 95, was born when the first airplane was nine years in the future and lived to see men land on the moon.

She reveled in such technological marvels as television, which let her sit in her living room in Glasgow, Scotland, and exercise her lively mind with the antics of people around the world. At least until she got bored and jabbed the off button on the remote with a muttered, "Awa-ha-ha-ha-ha-ha."

Thinking of her and her clicker turned my mind in a slightly different direction and raised a question: What are the most important technological advances of the past century for outdoors people?

The choices are highly personal and colored by our individual interests.

Here's my list, which obviously is influenced by my age of 56. The most interesting thing as I look it over again is how most have come since World War II.

Spinning reel

Developed by the French, spinning reels opened fishing to the casual masses by ending the horrible bird's-nest backlashes that were the fate of the inept who tried to handle bait-casting reels. They also made possible the use of far lighter lines and lures.

Compound bow

I went to a compound bow with great reluctance after an arthritic shoulder drastically degraded my accuracy with a trusty recurve. Although rehabilitative therapy has made it possible for me to return to a long bow, I must admit the recurve opened bow hunting to thousands of people who simply don't have the time or the opportunity for the practice that stick bows demand.

Carbon fiber

Whether you're a skier, a boater, an angler, a hunter, a snowshoer or anyone else who wants his equipment strong and light, you'll probably try to get something made from these high-tech plastics. And given the advances of the past couple of

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Ice climbers take on nastiest slopes

The Associated Press

PROVO, Utah - They don't really trust the ice, but they trust themselves.

And the brisk, cloudy afternoon was the perfect companion for some participants in what looked like the world's scariest sport.

near Bridal Veil Falls were peppered with climbers Friday, but at this time of year there are always at least a few people trying to defy gravity and other natural laws.

Bridal Veil's formation is known as the "Stairway to Heaven" for its steep, step-like arrangement. It's a powerful draw for lovers of the risky sport.

The six cars in the Nunn's Park parking lot had license plates from New York, Florida, California and Utah - because the Stairway is known throughout the country as being one of the more reliable and regular ice formations anywhere.

Dustin Lyons, 18, of Orem, has climbed ice for two years and



Lisa Schlauch reaches the top of the 'Stairway to Heaven' ice fall Friday in Provo Canyon, Utah.

The sky-blue ice formations

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Sam Cook is a thoughtful old tracker who has seen the wind. When he's not padding a canoe or hunting with his dogs, he's found writing outdoors stories for the Duluth News-Tribune in Duluth, Minn.

OUTDOORS

Deer ratios indicate there will be a good hunting season next fall

POCATELLO (AP) — Nearly a decade after southeastern Idaho deer were decimated by a harsh winter, the herds are healthy and holding their own.

The results from the first of two surveys taken each year show the proportion of bucks to does is about 18 per 100, about

the same as the same time in 1999 and suggesting populations should fare well through a normal hunting season.

Fawn counts are a good population indicator and generally range between 60 and 80 fawns per 100 does. Seventy fawns would suggest population growth,

while this year's ratio — 61 to 100 does — suggests a slight rise in numbers.

Fish and Game biologist Carl Anderson said the lack of dramatic fluctuation in deer numbers this year is a good sign. "They appear to me to be in balance with their habitat," he said.

Ideas

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decades, it shouldn't be long before carbon fiber replaces steel in things like gun barrels.

Synthetic fleece

If you come from a cold climate, you have undoubtedly admired the fantastic qualities of these fibers. They're as warm as the sheepskins from which they get their names and have the added quality of retaining that warmth when wet. Some of them are even waterproof.

Rapala lures

What do you say about a lure that will catch everything from marlin to bluegills? My tackle boxes contain various Rapalas that range from 1 to 10 inches.

The little Finnish guy who started carving these lures out of wood 60 years ago never dreamed they'd become the standard by which everything else is judged.

Monofilament line

It's amazingly strong, extremely light, almost neutrally buoyant, and even has a bit of stretch to cushion a hard strike. I suppose the beauty of this can only really be understood by those of us who put up with the cotton and linen lines of 50 years ago; the difference is the same as between a Model A Ford and a new Lincoln.

With monofilament we can cast farther, put more line on a reel, and take bigger fish on lighter tackle.

Floating fly line

As someone who remembers when fly line had to be wound on special racks to dry after each day's fishing, and then carefully treated with floatants

that didn't work very well, I'm a true fan of the modern synthetic floating fly lines with buoyant cores and very smooth skins that cast like a dream. As for sinking fly lines, stuff them wherever you like. Fly fishing is something that's supposed to be done in the upper few inches of water. If you have to dredge the bottom, that's what spinning gear is for.

Modern bicycle

The upright safety bike not only put millions of Americans on wheels, it and not the automobile was the initial impetus for paving the nation's roads and streets. Cars could plow through the mud, but the League of American Wheelmen was so powerful in the first decades of the century, when bicycles were as big a phenomenon as computers are today, that their political clout was even greater than car manufacturers'.

Surprisingly little has changed in cycling over the past 60 or 70 years. Components and tires have improved, gear levers have moved from the handlebars to the frame tubes and back to the handlebars, and new materials introduced. But the changes have been variations on a theme, and a racing bike from the 1930s in the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry could beat a brand-new road bike if the rider was strong enough.

Outdoor motors

Ole Evinrude probably had no idea what he was starting when he turned out his first one-cylinder, one-horsepower model 95 years ago. But Evinrude's motor was cheap enough and good enough that it opened boating to a new strata of participants, and,

just as important, it allowed mechanical power to be transported to many small lakes where there was no place to launch an inboard boat.

Really warm boots

Some of my earliest memories of hunting and winter sports as a kid center on freezing feet. No longer—Now we can buy boots like my Red Bull boundaries that keep even my thermally challenged toes cozy down past 50-below (to be truthful, the coldest I've used them in is minus-43). Some of you might not think warm toes is a biggie. That tells me you've never been in a situation where you no longer can feel your feet.

Gore-Tex

Crawling through six inches of cold, soggy mud while trying to jumpshoot some ducks a few months ago made me think of this one. Despite the mud and sitting exposed in a daylong rain, I stayed bone-dry inside thanks to this new material. That's as watertight as a duck's behind, as the saying goes. Gore-Tex has some competitors these days, which is all to the good and simply gives us users more choices and cheaper prices.

You might notice that there are no modern electronics, like GPS and Loran and fish-finders. That's because I'm not sure they are all that beneficial. Coming up with something like GPS, which allows people who can't read a map or chart to find their way around a forest or lake, doesn't seem to benefit them or their sports.

And there are no guns on the list. That's largely because you can find firearms from 1880 that are as accurate and efficient as most of the guns made today.

Geese adapt to human presence

**By Karl Lielis
The Gazette (Colorado Springs)**

I walked around Prospect Lake last week, as I often do, as I have for years, being careful now of where I stepped.

The ducks were in, mallards and wigons mostly, and as the sun was setting, outlined against the fullest, brightest moon in more than a century, majestic flights of Canada geese came in from the south and east, circling, setting giant wings, then settling onto a patch of open water among the sheets of ice.

"Hey, man, you don't see that every day, do you?" a young man sitting on a picnic table, the only other person at the lake this chilly late afternoon, noted, a certain sense of wonderment in his voice.

No, you don't. The geese were wild, moved down from the

north, not the handful of sick, lame and lazy that hang around the lake all year.

Their very honking hinted of the aurora borealis, the mid-night sun, or other images of the exotic far north, of the very essence of wilderness. But also of the golf course, the park, the cemetery and the sod farm, where they no doubt had grazed a good part of the day.

Not entirely wild, not entirely domesticated, on the eve of a new millennium, the winter flock of Prospect Lake offers one look at the future of wildlife as the state undergoes a time of unprecedented growth, development and explosion of the human population.

While some species of wildlife have suffered from the encroachment of civilization, the geese have adapted remarkably well. In fact, much of the Front

Range flock can be traced to efforts over the years by the Colorado Division of Wildlife to establish resident populations in the greater Denver/Fort Collins/Greeley region and in South Park.

Such geese have thrived. Multiplied. They've attracted migrants to winter in their midst. Overflow from the northern Front Range has moved south to the Pikes Peak region, and some of the South Park flock is known to take a short hop east, not south, for the winter.

Most return north or to South Park in the spring, but some stragglers invariably stay behind. The local resident flock continues to grow.

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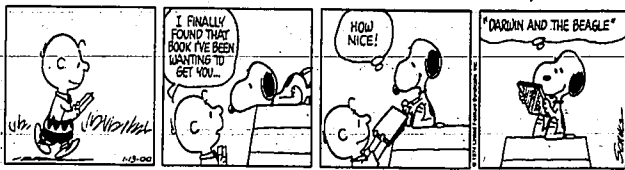
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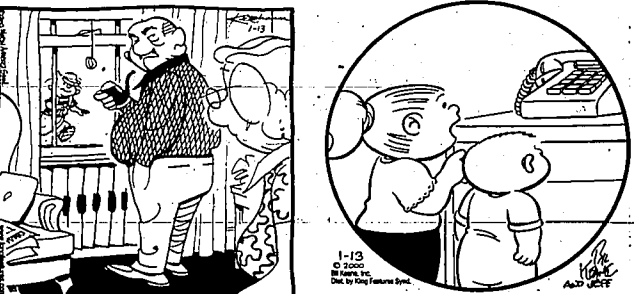


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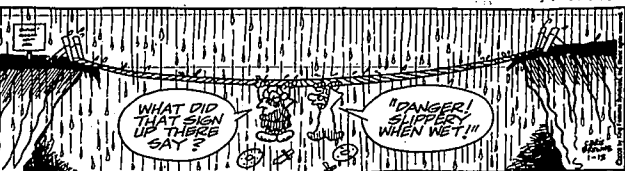
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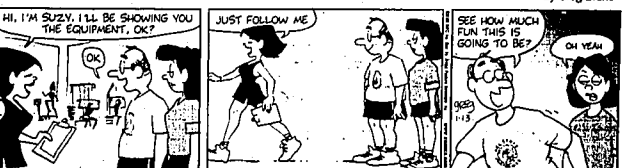
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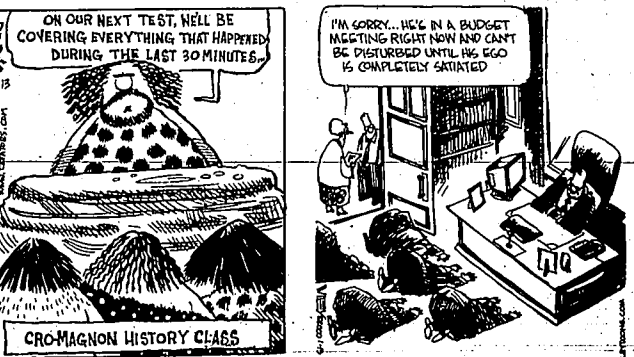


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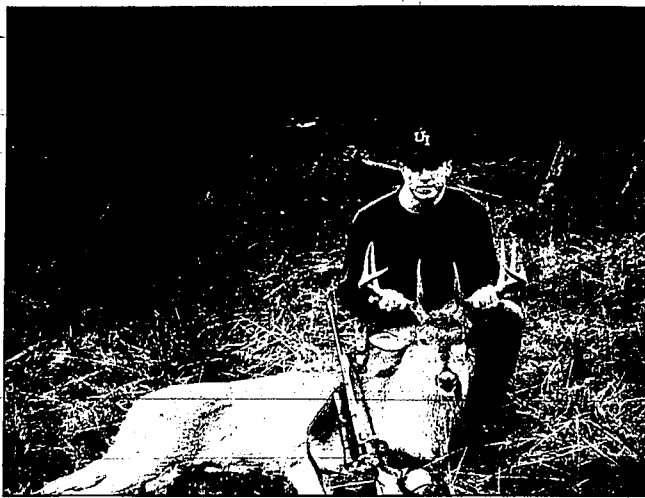
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OUTDOORS

HEFTY WHITETAIL



Trenton Wright of Twin Falls shows off a five-point whitetail buck that he shot near Elk River in northern Idaho on Nov. 30 - which was the last day of the season. The whitetail weighed more than 200 pounds and had a 19.1/2-inch inside spread on the horns. Wright, 22, is a graduate of Filer High School and a senior at the University of Idaho. He took the big buck with a single shot from his 30.06.

State seeks comments on sheep program

BURLEY - Anyone with an opinion on a proposal to reintroduce bighorn sheep to the Jim Sage Mountains of Cassia County can speak their mind at public hearing on Tuesday.

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game hearing will begin at 7 p.m. in the Cassin II room at the Burley Best Western Inn. It is open to the general public and testimony will be taken from anyone who wants to speak.

For more information, call Randy Smith at 324-4359 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on weekdays.

Snowmobile club states events this weekend

PINE - The Idaho Snow Riders snowmobile club has three events planned for this weekend:

- The club will hold its general

Outdoors in brief

meeting at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Pine School.

- The second Groomer Benefit Dance of the season begins at 8 p.m. Saturday at the Pine Resort, with Hired Hand providing the music. Door prizes will be given away and an auction and raffle will be held during the evening. Auction items are needed and may be dropped off at the resort before Saturday, or brought to the dance.

- The Lyle Potthast Memorial Fun Day will be held Sunday. This year's event features a group ride, with the location to be announced pending weather and trail conditions. Those interested should meet at 11 a.m. at Featherville.

In other news, Fun Valley Weekend will be held Feb. 18-20. Participants are encouraged to register early. Anyone interested in helping with the event should call John Pine at 653-2192.

All Idaho Snow Rider events are open to the public.

Program offers exercise, fun for people and dogs

TWIN FALLS - How would you like to exercise your dog and also have fun in the snow? A skijoring group is being organized for those people who want to glide and ride over the beautiful trails of southern Idaho. For more information about skijoring with dogs, contact Carolyn Baird at 733-2058, or e-mail at cbaird@micron.net.

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Ice

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rock for a few more. Lyons said Bridal Veil Falls itself rarely freezes completely, but the spray to the right and the famous "Stairway" around the corner come in thick and early.

Lyons also said the spot is popular because it's always in the shade, making the ice there colder and more reliable. "You can usually tell beforehand if you want to get on a piece of ice," Lyons said. "You can look at it, feel it, even tap the stuff near the bottom of a climb to test."

Every piece of ice has different qualities, affected by things like thickness, temperature and position on the mountain.

Lyons said ice climbing is definitely not a sport for everybody, but for those who dare, the draw is inexorable.

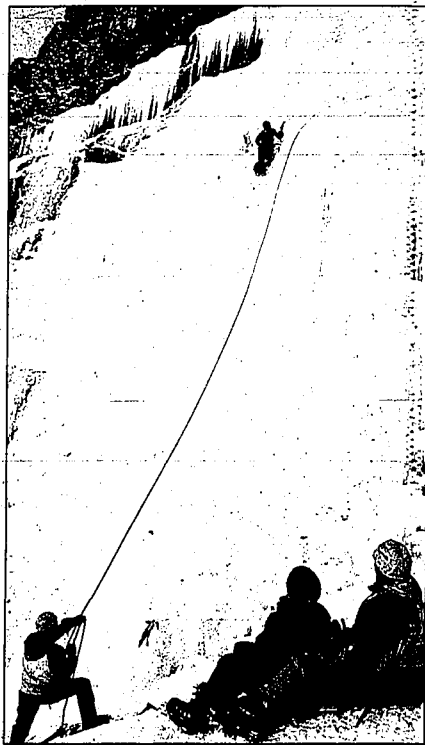
"I don't know why I do it," he said. "The feeling is so great of being up high and climbing under your own power. And it's exciting and very challenging. It's safe when you know what you're doing, but there's always that hint of danger."

Lyons said his own climbs are a two-way exercise in trust. "You've got to trust the ice and your judgment in the ice but also that you'll be strong enough to handle it, when you'll know what to do when the time is right."

Lyons said his days on the ice began with rock climbing and that ice is just "something to do in the winter when you can't climb rock."

For a typical day out on the ice, Lyons said he takes ice tools, usually double-ended axes and crampons, the sharp, spiky units that fit onto mountaineering boots. Then come his harness, ropes, carabiners and ice screws - which anchor the ropes into the ice - plenty of cold-weather gear and always a helmet.

Lyons said rock climbing is really the best preparation for ice climbing, because it gets climbers used to heights, ropes and hanging off of cliffs. He also spends time mountaineering, learning how to work with ice axes and crampons and even



Ice climber Kelly Beck, lower left, steadies his friend Kevin Crowl during an ascent earlier this month of 'Stairway to Heaven,' a frozen waterfall in Utah's Provo Canyon.

winter camping to acclimate to the cold. "It's a really good idea to learn how not to stab yourself in the leg with crampons," Lyons said.

REI lists most popular fantasy camp-mates

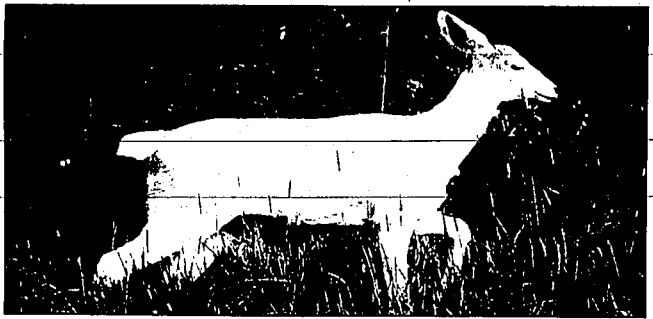
By Deb Acord
The Gazette (Colorado Springs)

Who would you most like to take with you on a camping trip? REI.com asked its customers that question a few months ago, and more than 3,000 responded.

Fantasy camp-mates who came out on top: Harrison Ford and Sandra Bullock. We're guessing people aren't thinking so much about camping as they are gawking.

Others who fared well, more predictably, included naturalist John Muir, "The Thin Red Line" author and climber Jon Krakauer, climber Alex Lowe (who died recently in an avalanche), and President Teddy Roosevelt, along with noted outdoorswoman Pamela Anderson Lee.

ALBINO WONDER



This albino doe has become something of a celebrity with many residents of Marcola, Ore., a small town northeast of Eugene.

Seafaring lore favors female fish for first catch

By Karl Lelis
The Gazette (Colorado Springs)

Anglers take note: If you haven't fished in the new year, make sure your first fish of the season is a female.

If so, according to one of the seafaring superstitions compiled by Randy Steele, editor in chief of Boating magazine in the December issue, you'll have a good season.

If the fish happens to be a trout, it could also have a place in your first aid kit. According to the same folksy wisdom, placing a trout's head into a whooping cough victim's mouth will cure the ailment. The preferred cure,

however, is to place a live flounder onto the victim's chest. The patient is cured as the fish dies.

Going boating soon? Better keep the faith. Better yet, keep it far from your boat. According to seafaring lore, words that should never be spoken at sea include egg, knife, minister and church. Having a clergyman aboard - in fact, just having him stand anywhere near the boat - is courting certain disaster.

On the other hand, you should say your prayers if you find a sewing pin aboard. It can cause your hull to leak, your lines to break or your nets to rip open. While you're at it, make sure

you never drop a mop or bucket overboard. That's said to be a very, very unlucky proposition. Similarly, never cut your fingernails while underway.

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

St. Benedicts urges sponsorship transfer

JEROME - St. Benedicts Family Medical Center announced Wednesday its corporate board has recommended to the Idaho Corporation of Benedictine Sisters that the sponsorship of the Jerome hospital be transferred to the Benedictine Health System headquartered in Minnesota.

The hospital's corporate board also requested that Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise be the tertiary hospital of choice.

The Idaho Corporation of Benedictine Sisters will decide on the recommendation by the end of January, the Jerome hospital said.

Public TV broadcast targets digital age

TWIN FALLS - Idaho Public Television's "Dialogue" airing at 8:30 p.m. today examines whether Idaho's adults and children are prepared for the digital age.

Host Marcia Franklin is joined in the Boise studio by David Bolt, the producer of a new PBS series called "Digital Divide." The series examines the consequences for people without the necessary training or access to current technology needed for the job market, IPTV said.

Bolt also will address the gap between rural- and urban-area access to digital technology. From the Moscow studio, Kristi Reenebohn-Frann, a teacher in Pullman, Wash., who is profiled in the program, describes some of the innovative teaching methods she uses to help her students learn more about technology.

Franklin and her guests will take calls from viewers on a toll-free line: 1-800-973-9800. There are no call-ins at the 5:30 p.m. Sunday repeat.

Rite-Aid shares plunge on financial report delay

NEW YORK - Shares of Rite Aid Corp., the third-biggest U.S. drugstore chain, posted yet another steep decline Wednesday after the company said it will delay reporting earnings while previous results are audited.

Shares of the troubled Camp Hill, Pa., based company with Twin Falls and Burley stores fell \$2.625, or 24.71 percent, to \$8 in midday trade on the New York Stock Exchange.

The stock has already fallen about 83 percent in the past year as Rite Aid twice warned it would restate three years of results and its chairman and accounting firm resigned.

Rite Aid announced late Tuesday that lenders representing about \$3 billion of debt agreed to allow it to defer earnings reports to July 11 while its new management team and Deloitte & Touche, its auditors, complete a review of the company's results from fiscal 1997 through the second quarter of fiscal 2000.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

A not-so-fearful forecast



Steering K. Jensen, president and chief executive officer of First Security Investment Management, tells a Twin Falls crowd Wednesday that following five years of extraordinary returns in the stock market, he expects 2000 to produce another year of double-digit percentage growth in stock values.

Bank's leaders predict slower growth

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Idaho's economic growth will ease modestly from last year's levels but, after a string of bad years, farmers might finally see a small positive income, a trio of bank executives told a Twin Falls gathering Wednesday.

Also among their predictions: In 2000, inflation will rise by 2.5 to 3 percent. Corporate profits should remain healthy. The Federal Reserve will raise interest rates twice during the year. And stock values will continue another year of double-digit percentage gains.

The 32nd annual First Security Economic Outlook Symposium arrived in town on the 10th anniversary of First Security's buyout of Twin Falls Bank & Trust's five branches, said Curtis Eaton, First Security's area president. Today, the bank has assets of \$23.3 billion and is weathering storms in its proposed merger with Zions Bancorporation.

Three of Eaton's colleagues addressed an audience of about 100 people.

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First Security Bank's Idaho economic forecast

	1998	1999 (preliminary)	2000 (forecast)
Population	1,230,923	1,251,700	1,270,700
% change	1.7%	1.7%	1.5%
Net In-migration	10,415	10,575	9,000
Personal income (in millions)	\$25,901	\$27,560	\$29,075
% change	5.1%	6.4%	5.5%
Nonagricultural employment	521,600	537,250	550,680
% change	2.5%	3.0%	2.5%
Unemployment rate	5.0%	4.9%	5.0%
Single-family building permits	8,803	8,715	8,200
% change	18.1%	-1.0%	-5.9%
Total construction value (in millions)	\$1,881	\$1,994	\$1,900
% change	8.4%	6.0%	-4.7%
Taxable retail sales (in millions)	\$9,254	\$9,948	\$10,645
% change	7.4%	7.5%	7.0%
Total automobile unit sales	157,567	154,400	154,000
% change	1.5%	-2.0%	-0.3%

Source: First Security Corporation economics department

Retirees fight U S West merger deal in Minnesota

Knight Ridder News Service

SAINT PAUL, Minn. - U S West retirees want Minnesota state regulators to block the company's proposed \$45 billion merger with Qwest Communications International Inc. because of a pension fund dispute.

In comments filed last week, the Northwestern Bell U S West Retirees Association said the company - which also provides local phone service in the Magic Valley - has "misused" ratepayer money by building up a \$33 billion surplus. The association wants the Minnesota Public Utilities

Commission to put the extra money in a separate fund that would provide regular cost-of-living increases for retirees.

"The commission should ensure that money collected for a specific purpose - pensions - be spent for that purpose," said Arnie Albrecht, who is organizing local efforts.

Denver-based U S West, which has until Tuesday to file its response with the PUC, said the pension funds are already protected by federal and contract law.

"The pension itself will not be affected by the merger," said Scott Brenner, director of public relations. Please see MERGER, Page E3

Hagerman could be better place for business

By Gina Mulder
Times-News correspondent

HAGERMAN - It was a good first step toward economic development and thriving local businesses.

Nearly 50 people this week braved wind, snow and slush to lend their voices to the first Hagerman Revitalization Committee meeting.

The purpose was to brainstorm about what could be done to enhance and rejuvenate Hagerman and its surrounding community. Comments ranged from the extravagant, such as pocket parks with waterfalls, to the simple, such as sweeping gutters and planting flowers.

"We had a great turnout, and the overall response was very positive," said Connie Herbert, who co-chairs the committee with Tina Bolduc. "We saw some new faces in the crowd, and we now have several good ideas as to where we might start. It was a great way to get the process going."

Herbert said the 18-member committee is an outgrowth of the city's ProAction Committee, the chamber of commerce and the Gem Community - organizations that at one time or another, addressed the prospects of community revitalization.

Bolduc said the group's main thrust is to work with and enhance the community's existing resources, to make the area a place where businesses thrive and people want to raise families.

"We hope that economic development and growth are a secondary benefit in what we're trying to do here," Bolduc said. "But, we're not just focusing on that. We're just exploring avenues that might enhance what Hagerman already has to offer - what can we do and how to fund any efforts we target."

That's where Carleen Herring, with Region IV Development in Twin Falls, comes in. Herring has been retained by the committee to facilitate planning and eventually help implement projects.

Once a project has been approved, Herring will help the committee secure funding such as grants.

But for now, Herring's job will be to get community and committee members to look into the future: What do they want Hagerman to look like in five or even 15 years down the road? "When you start talking about streetscape and those kind of improvements, people usually think of big, shady trees," Herring said. "People need to remember this isn't going to happen overnight."

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Food giants fight against biotech food labels

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON - From cake mix to Spam, the Grocery Manufacturers of America keeps the goods of its members displayed behind glass at its Georgetown headquarters...

Gene Grabowski spends 75 percent of his time combating anti-genetic engineering efforts by consumer groups and environmental activists. Grabowski brings a pugacious tone to his task, fitting for a cousin of football coach Jim Grabowski...

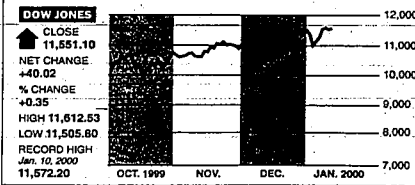
Trade Organization talks in Seattle and to hearings sponsored by the Food and Drug Administration that concluded last month. The food industry had feared, he said, that the demonstrations might be even more effective than they were.

At the World Trade Organization, the message of anti-biotech protesters got lost amid the cacophony of broader environmental and worker protests, the industry thinking goes and nothing emerged at the FDA sessions to prompt the government to change its rules about labeling - so far, anyway.

anchored by advertising campaigns by St. Louis' Monsanto Co.

A broad campaign could be risky, if mishandled, and expensive - in the tens of millions of dollars. Those who have viewed some of Monsanto's prospective ads, featuring farmers and scientists speaking eagerly of biotechnology's promise, say they are effective.

But some of Monsanto's image-building efforts have backfired, as recently as last month. At an FDA hearing in Washington, a public relations company hired by the company paid people to stage a pro-biotech protest and wave signs that read, "Biotech equals jobs."



Stocks are mixed as Yahoo! drags Internet sector lower

NEW YORK (AP) - Blue-chip industrial stocks once again stole the spotlight from flashier technology shares Wednesday, pushing higher as investors shied away from the slumping Internet sector.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 4.02 to close at 11,551.10. The Dow lost some ground late in the session and failed to top Monday's closing record of 11,572.20.

Broader stock indicators were lower. The Nasdaq composite index fell 71.17 to 3,850.02, and the Standard & Poor's 500 fell 6.31 to 1,432.25.

Yahoo! had a decline in Internet stocks. Shares of the Internet search engine fell 39 1/16 to 357 9/16 a day after the company posted a better-than-expected profit report. Yahoo! said last Tuesday it earned 10 cents per share in the fourth quarter, above Wall Street's prediction of 15 cents per share.

But company officials warned in a conference call that Yahoo!'s strong revenue growth is not sustainable. Several Wall Street analysts stepped in to

defend the stock, but investors sold shares nonetheless.

America Online fell 3 7/8 to 60 1/8 as investors continued to fret about the company's growth potential once it merges with Time Warner. AOL shares have fallen 19 percent since the company announced its bold move to acquire the more traditional media company.

Microsoft fell 3 9/16 to 105 13/16. Just before the close of Wall Street's regular session, The Associated Press reported that government lawyers involved in Microsoft's antitrust case want the company to break itself into three parts to dilute its competitive advantage.

With technology stocks slipping, investors once again sought out relative bargains in the industrial and consumer goods sectors. After lagging behind the high-flying Nasdaq in the second half of 1999, the Dow Jones industrials have outstripped other market measures so far this year.

On Wednesday, Merck rose 1 7/16 to 74 7/16, and McDonald's rose 1 3/4 to 42 3/4.

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WASHINGTON: Spencer F. Eccles, chairman and chief executive of First Security Corp.; Sterling K. Jensen, president and chief executive of First Security Investment Management; and Kelly K. Matthews, First Security's chief economist.

Matthews, who said he was impressed by the prosperity evident along Twin Falls streets, said 2000 could be more like 1998 in Idaho than the notably improved 1999.

Larger employment gains in construction and services, along with increases in personal income and surprisingly stronger net migration, contributed to the improved 1999 growth, he said. With nearly full employment, consumer confidence is solid.

The 2002 Winter Olympics in neighboring Utah will provide

winter tourism growth for Idaho, but increased optimism in the high-tech, memory-chip industry is an important plus for Micron and other Idaho companies.

Though agricultural commodity prices appear to have hit rock bottom, improvement in crop prices may be painfully slow. The beef cycle, however, is now in its fourth year of herd liquidation, and cattle inventories should reach cyclical lows in 2000, Matthews said. Beef prices in 2000 can possibly hold near the current \$70 average level.

Improvement in the wheat picture is harder to see in the future, he said.

When Eccles a year ago forecast national trends, he underestimated the momentum of the U.S. economy. This time around he predicted business conditions in 2000 will remain

highly favorable. "But the strong, technology-driven U.S. performance - or the 'Wall Street economy' - in 1999 differed noticeably from business conditions experience by individual companies on Main Street, Eccles said. For small- to mid-market companies, 1999 meant an intensely competitive marketplace, rising costs, little or no pricing power, below-target sales and revenue gains, and pressure on profit margins will narrow."

"The economy's current stellar performance is not sustainable," Eccles warned. "With costs, including wages, rising in the corporate sector, either prices will rise or profit margins will narrow."

Rest assured, however, that the U.S. consumer remains happy and tenacious, he said.

Official government statistics do not come close to capturing the surging significance of small

and midsize businesses," Jensen said. Technology has replaced capital and labor needs so radically as to enable new ways of doing business.

"Cooperation among firms, made possible by digital communications as well as a new ethos among entrepreneurs, are tying customers and suppliers together and reducing vast layers of infrastructure and costs," he said.

Meanwhile, he said, global markets - growing faster than domestic ones - intensify cost-cutting pressure, thereby creating wealth "for society at large."

"Economic growth is actually propping costs lower," Jensen said.

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ShopKo directors OK common stock purchase

GREEN BAY, Wis. - ShopKo Stores Inc., which has a Twin Falls store, said Wednesday its directors have authorized common stock to repurchase up to \$20 million of the company's common stock.

Purchases will be made from time to time in open market, privately negotiated or other transactions, the company (NYSE: SKO) said. No time limit was placed on the repurchase program.

Repurchased shares will be used for stock-based employee benefit plans and other corporate purposes.

Bank announces increase in earnings

SEATTLE - Washington Federal Inc. (Nasdaq: WFSL), parent of Washington Federal Savings and Bank branches in Jerome and Twin Falls, this week announced an increase in diluted earnings per share for its first quarter ended Dec. 31 of 51 cents per share, or \$27.4 million, compared with 50 cents per share, or \$28.3 million a year earlier.

The quarter produced an annualized return on average assets of 1.77 percent and on stockholders' equity of 14.72 percent, the company said. As of Dec. 31, Washington Federal's net worth was \$716 million or 11.5 percent of total assets. Customer deposits increased \$48 million during the quarter at an

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annualized rate of 6 percent. Washington Federal said its earnings and capital ratios continue near the top in the nation for all types of financial institutions.

"We are quite pleased with the Company's results for the quarter, especially considering the difficult interest rate environment in which we are operating during the recent past," said Guy C. Pinkerton, chairman and chief executive officer. "We intend to continue to focus our efforts on growth and ahead, primarily through increased loan production and geographic expansion."

Aqua Vie signs on with Howard Stern Show

KETCHUM - Aqua Vie Beverage Corp. (OTC Bulletin Board: AVBC) this week confirmed it has committed to an initial 10-week flight of radio commercials on "The Howard Stern Show."

The commercials will begin the week of Jan. 31, to coincide with regional retail availability of Aqua Vie's all-natural Hydrotone Associated Food Stores locations throughout the New York metropolitan area, the Ketchum-based company said.

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Merger

Continued from E1 policy-Minnesota for U S West, adding that the fund is protected by contract law and federal law covering private pension and benefits funds.

The Minnesota PUC is expected to debate the U S West merger at its next meeting, tentatively Feb. 15. The retirees association claims U S West plans to use the surplus pension money for current and former Qwest employees "who never provided service to Minnesota and who were never intended beneficiaries of rates paid by Minnesotans."

It also said U S West has already announced a likely cutback in post-retirement benefits. "Thousands of Minnesota citizens who loyally worked for Northwestern Bell and U S West are in danger of being denied the Federal Communications Commission's pension plan increases and security to which they are entitled," according to the group's petition.

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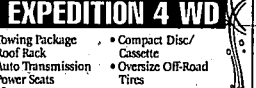
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| ♥ K 10 8 | |
| ♦ A Q 7 | |
| ♣ 6 4 3 | |
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| EAST | |
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| ♥ Q 3 | |
| ♦ K 6 4 3 | |
| ♣ A J 10 | |
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| WEST | |
| ♠ 8 7 4 | |
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| ♦ A J 9 8 | |
| ♣ 9 7 5 | |
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| SOUTH | |
| ♠ A 9 7 6 5 | |
| ♥ 5 2 | |
| ♦ K Q 8 2 | |
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Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: South

The bidding:

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| South | West | North | East |
| 1♥ | Pass | 1♠ | Pass |
| 2♥ | Pass | 3♥ | Pass |
| 4♥ | Pass | Pass | Pass |

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South holds:

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| ♠ K 10 9 2 |
| ♥ Q 3 |
| ♦ K 6 4 3 |
| ♣ A J 10 |

North holds:

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| ♠ | ♥ | ♦ | ♣ |
| 1♥ | 1♠ | 1♦ | 1♣ |
| 2♥ | 3♥ | 3♦ | 3♣ |

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