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United Way campaign hits record

By Brian Haynes
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The United Way of Magic Valley had another record fund-raising campaign. With a big push from company contributions, the organization raised \$343,000, topping last year's take by nearly 12 percent, according to an agency news release.

"Once again many organizations and hundreds of people in

Who gets what?

The United Way of Magic Valley will announce how much money each member agency will receive at a Feb. 9 meeting, which will begin at noon in the community meeting rooms at the Department of Health and Welfare in Twin Falls.

our area have demonstrated their compassion for those in need by helping fund the year-

round work of the United Way and its partner agencies," Executive Director Diane Boyd said in the release.

The United Way of Magic Valley raises money each year to help support 39 health and human-service programs run by 22 local non-profit agencies. More than 36,000 southern Idahoans benefit from the United Way, the release said.

Of the more than 45 local businesses that ran fund-raising cam-

paigns in the eight-county area, eight had more than 20 percent increases over last year's total. First Federal Savings Bank, the College of Southern Idaho and Randy Hansen Chevrolet more than doubled their amounts, the release said.

Many of the companies "really made that extra-special effort this year," Boyd said.

Among the biggest contributors were:

- Clear Springs Foods — \$23,523
- Lamb Weston — \$17,466
- Fred Meyer — \$14,483
- CST — \$11,414

"The people of the Magic Valley really are the 'U' in community," Boyd said. "Together they make a tremendous difference in the lives of many people."

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A SPIRITED ISSUE



Emily Thomas, left, and Desrae Harding are just two of the Twin Falls High School students showing their spirit by dressing in 1950s costumes. Administrators say students might have shown a bit too much school spirit last year when they formed an impromptu mosh pit at a Spirit Week-ending pep rally. Some students say they think the school should let them mosh.

Moshing rankles TFHS administrators

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Students say it's no big deal. Twin Falls High School administrators don't see it that way, so they want to put the kibosh on the mosh.

Students think they should be able to mosh at their own risk during Friday's pep assembly,

the peak of a week of activities and theme dress-up days organized to promote school spirit. Wednesday seemed far removed from high-energy, high-impact mosh dancing—it was '50s day, with a number of poodle skirts sweeping down the halls.

Aaron King, senior class president, explained a mosh pit is the result of his generation's lack of

having any dance moves.

"It's basically a bunch of hyper-teenage students bouncing into each other, because they don't have enough space," King said.

Principal Ben Allen admits it looks like fun, but he said students risk getting hurt. Mosh pits look like 200 people packed into a space made for about 20, he said. They were popular a while

back at schools and dances throughout the area but died out. Apparently fabled by older brothers and sisters, they re-emerged last year at the high school.

The student newspaper, the Bruin News, this week re-ventilated the campus mosh-pit debate.

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Poll: Americans' views of president remain mixed

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Shari Johansen says she doesn't like Bill Clinton much because "he seems like the playboy type." But when asked about the job he's done as president, she thought a minute and then said grudgingly: "I just

don't like him personally ... but I like what he's done."

The mixed feelings of the delicatessen cashier from Newport, Ore., are shared by many Americans as the president prepares to give his last State of the Union address.

Clinton's job approval ratings

slipped to almost 70 percent when news of the Monica Lewinsky scandal broke, dropped slightly after it ended and have leveled off at about 60 percent, give or take a few percentage points. People feel differently about him personally, however, and are about evenly divided on that question.

Clinton supporter Nancy Bunch, a 51-year-old homemaker from Howell, Mich., said: "I've been happy with him and I think he's done a good job, especially with the economy. His private life is totally different from what he's

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EXODUS TO ELKO

Jarbidge road protesters take show on the road

By Karen Terrell
Times-News correspondent

ELKO, Nev. — A semi truck loaded with thousands of shovels is slated to leave Kalispell, Mont., this morning en route to Elko, Nev., as a show of support for local efforts to reopen South Canyon Road near Jarbidge.

More than 5,000 shovels have been collected in Montana alone, said Jim Hurst of Eureka, Mont., the organizer of Shovels of

They're heading this way

Thousands of shovels, caravans from Montana will stop at T & B Supply, 2964 Addison Ave. B, Friday afternoon to pick up shovels bound for Elko, Nev.

Blaine Ream, manager of the Twin Falls business, said about 500 shovels had been collected by noon Wednesday, but more were coming in.

The caravan and the shovels will lead

a parade through Elko beginning at noon Saturday. The shovels will form at the east end of (and proceed west on Idaho Street to the Elko County Courthouse, where the shovels will be given to local officials and Jarbidge Rehabilitation organizers.

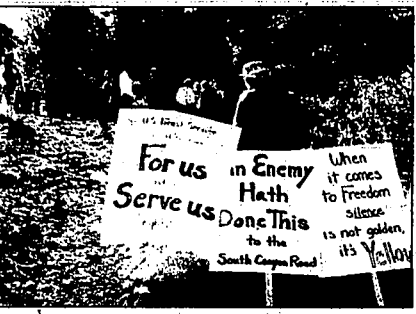
The new chief of the Humboldt-Tobago National Forest takes over. Please see page B2.

Solidarity, or SOS, a group sympathizing with local efforts to reopen the road, over objections from the U.S. Forest Service.

And the shovels will come with an entourage.

Several private vehicles and a bus loaded with members of the Eureka Veterans' of Foreign Wars will accompany the truck as

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Protesters against Forest Service policy gather Oct. 9, 1999, near Jarbidge.

THE REGION

Camas Prairie

High: 34 Low: 07
Fog early today then mostly cloudy. Partly cloudy tonight. Fog early Friday, partly cloudy, high 26.

Treasure Valley

High: 36 Low: 21
Fog early today then partly cloudy. Partly cloudy tonight. Fog early Friday, then clearing, high 30.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 33 Low: 16
Partly cloudy today and clearing tonight. Mostly sunny Friday, high 30.

Eastern Idaho

High: 29 Low: 11
Mostly cloudy today with chance of snow. Clearing tonight. Mostly sunny Friday, high 27.

Northern Idaho

High: 30 Low: 21
Fog early today then partly cloudy. Fog early Friday, then partly cloudy, high 33.

Northern Utah

High: 37 Low: 20
Partly cloudy today and clearing tonight. Mostly sunny Friday, high 38.

Northern Nevada

High: 35 Low: 18
Fog early today then partly cloudy. Partly cloudy tonight. Fog early Friday, then clearing, high 35.

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
High 34 Low: 07 Fog early, then partly cloudy. Clearing tonight.	High: 36 Low: 22 Mostly sunny.	High: 40s Low: 20s Fog early then mostly clear.	High: 40s Low: 20s Increasing clouds.	High: 40s Low: 20s Mostly cloudy, chance of rain or snow.

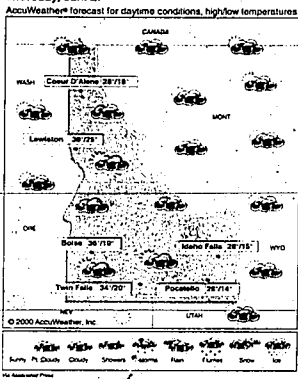
YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls	Precipitation
Yesterday 40 32	Yesterday in Twin Falls
Last year 27 21	Month to date: 1.00
Normal 37 19	Normal mo. to date: .97
	Water year to date: 1.86
	Normal year to date: 4.02

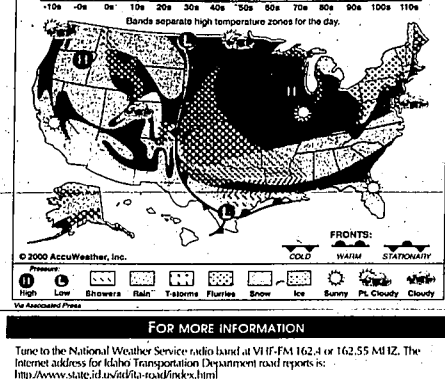
Idaho Highs/Lows

City	Max	Min	Pcp	Idaho Highs/Lows
Boise	43	32	fr	degrees at Payette
Burley	39	34	fr	Low, 19 degrees at
Coeur d'Alene	28	03	.....	Sunley.
Grangeville	m	m	.....	Nadine: High, 79 at
Hagerman	44	33	fr	Thermal, Calif. Low, -
Idaho Falls	33	20	.....	24 at Ely, Minn.
Seviston	34	01	20	
Malad	41	28	.....	Comfort factor
Malla	43	32	.....	Nwan humidity ratio:
McCall	29	25	02	Nwan barometer: 0.02
Placerville	31	18	.....
Kansas City	30	21	.....	Pollen and mold counts:
Stanley	30	19	.....	The reporting season has
Sun Valley	34	15	.....	ended for the year.

Idaho weather



National weather



UV INDEX

Index: 0 (minimal)
Burn time: 60 minutes

ROAD INFORMATION

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SKYWATCH

Sunset today 5:45 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:56 a.m.
Lunar phase: Last quarter, Jan. 28; new, Feb. 5; first quarter, Feb. 12; full, Feb. 19.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Tune to the National Weather Service radio band at VHF-FM 162.4 or 162.55 MHz. The Internet address for Idaho Transportation Department road reports is: <http://www.state.idaho.gov/roads/roads.html>

ACROSS THE NATION

Idaho: Mid-afternoon skies were cloudy over most of Idaho with a few areas reporting partly to mostly sunny conditions. Snow flurries were reported at McCall in central Idaho and snow at Muller Pass in the north 3 p.m.

Elsewhere: Snow swept across the Plains on Wednesday, forcing dozens of Oklahoma schools to close in anticipation of slick roads and an accumulation of several inches.

In the Northeast, meanwhile, many government offices were closed for a second day as light snow continued falling.

Moist air that produced heavy rain along the West Coast earlier in the week flowed onto the Plains on Wednesday. The moisture combined with cold air to produce snow from the Dakotas across Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and Arkansas.

The National Weather Service posted a winter storm watch for much of Oklahoma and said 6 to 8 inches of snow could accumulate by the time it starts falling Thursday. Several schools closed for the day and numerous traffic accidents clogged roads in the state.

- The Associated Press

The Nation

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	63	49	.....
Albany	33	21	.....
Atlanta	33	21	.....
Boston	30	27	08
Chicago	20	17	.....
Dallas	40	37	sn
Denver	39	22	01
Detroit	21	4	.....
Houston	17	8	.....
Los Angeles	62	51	.....
Los Angeles	62	51	.....
Miami Beach	68	52	.....
Milwaukee	45	9	.....
Minneapolis	16	-3	.....
New Orleans	21	12	.....
New York	32	24	06
Oklahoma City	28	28	25
Omaha	27	4	.....
Phoenix	60	62	.....
Portland, Ore.	12	27	12
Portland, Ore.	48	37	04
Richmond	47	33	01
St. Louis	28	13	.....
San Francisco	56	49	07
Seattle	44	37	09
Spokane	33	22	01
Washington	43	28	.....
Yuma	73	60	.....

Canadian Cities

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Calgary	36	0
Montreal	21	0
Toronto	21	0
Vancouver	41	36

Mood

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doing in Washington."

But she fears his problems will hurt Vice President Al Gore's bid to succeed Clinton, "because Clinton has been with him through all the ups and downs."

"Recent polls have indicated that most Americans think Gore has personal integrity, yet an earlier poll of voter attitudes by the Pew Research Center offered troubling signs for the vice president. Some voters, notably social conservative Democrats, held Gore's close association with Clinton against him. In the Democratic leaner caucuses Monday night, Gore and Bill Bradley split the vote of a 44 percent of the voters who view Clinton unfavorably, exit polls indicate.

Presidential scholar Charles Jones suggested the tension for Americans in balancing attitudes about the personal and professional Clinton may be at the heart of the political phenomenon commonly referred to as "Clinton fatigue."

"What Clinton did was to successfully present us with a bull of a dilemma," said Jones, a professor at the University of Wisconsin. "When people came around and asked, 'Should we get rid of this guy?', people heard it as, 'Are you for good times, or are you concerned about what he's done?'"

The majority response to keep the status quo "was almost a hedonistic answer," he said, and now many people find it "kind of embarrassing."

Clinton poll

Here are some recent polls about opinions of President Clinton. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Clinton is handling his job as president?

65% approve
2% don't know or refused to answer
33% disapprove

What is your opinion of Bill Clinton favorable or unfavorable?

47% favorable
7% don't know or refused to answer
46% unfavorable

Apart from whether you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Clinton is handling his job as president, what do you think of Clinton as a person? Do you approve or disapprove of Clinton as a person?

31% approve
5% don't know or refused to answer
64% disapprove

CNN/USA Today-Gallup

Candidates get testy as key primary nears

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — Bill Bradley attacked Al Gore in unusually personal terms Wednesday night, questioning his commitment to abortion rights and likening his tactics to Richard Nixon. "If you're going to talk about a higher standard you're going to hold live by them," the vice president rebuffed in campaign debate.

Gore criticized former Sen. Bradley for voting for spending cuts in 1981, and said, "I just don't see how you can vote for Ronald Reagan's budget cuts and then campaign like Robert Kennedy."

Bradley shot back instantly, saying that reminds me of the story about Richard Nixon, the kind of politician who would chop down a tree, then stand on the stump and give a speech about conservation.

The 60-minute debate marked an abrupt change in campaign tactics by Bradley, whom aides said in advance was poised to carry the fight to the vice president for the first time in their battle for the Democratic presidential nomination.

In the Republican side, George W. Bush and John McCain stepped gingerly around the abortion issue during their debate, the Texas governor saying the GOP "must be big enough to welcome" dissenting views, and the Arizona senator declining to repeat earlier comments suggesting he would permit his own child to end a pregnancy.

Gary Bauer offered an unambiguous counterpoint: "abortion on demand will be over in my administration," he said as the GOP presidential contenders met in their final debate before New Hampshire's primary.

Shovels

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It makes it way tough Montana, Idaho and into Nevada, Hurst said. A large number of people wanted to make the trek to voice their concern about federal public lands policy, and to show support for Elko County officials' battle over the Jarbidge Road.

The caravan will stop at shovel collection points in Idaho Falls and Twin Falls Friday, and continue on to Wells, Nev., where it will stop for the night.

Saturday morning the group will travel to Elko, where a parade and shovel presentation ceremony is planned.

As Hurst prepared for the first leg of the trip to Elko, he said his SOS idea, launched in late December, has taken on a life of its own.

Originally, Hurst estimated 10,000 shovels would be delivered to Elko, but now he said he has "no idea" what to expect.

Calls of support, and pledges to donate shovels, have come from all over the United States. The phone calls, Hurst said, "indicate there are some real problems with the use of public lands."

The caravan has taken on sort of an impromptu approach.

Stops are planned today in Kalispell, Missoula and Deer Lodge, Mont., and perhaps Dillon, Mont.

"Arrangements will be made to pull off the freeway at Dillon if the media is interested," SOS said in a written media advisory Wednesday.

Saturday's parade is expected to draw more than 200 vehicles, in addition to the entourage from Montana, said John Ellison, the parade chairman. Some of the vehicles will be loaded with shovels while others will simply be driven by supporters.

"Snowmobilers and off-road vehicle owners from throughout the West are expected to take part in the parade, Ellison said.

The parade will begin at noon and travel west on Idaho Street. It will stop between Eighth and Ninth streets so those wishing to walk the remainder of the route can join in. Elko County commissioners and organizers of the Jarbidge Rebellion will be on hand at the courthouse to receive the shovels from Hurst and other supporters.

Like Hurst, Ellison said he is receiving a large number of telephone calls each day from people supporting reopening the road. Federal and state environmental officials have said habitat from the road could harm silt for rare bull trout, protected under the federal Endangered Species Act.

Calls have come in from Australia and Canada, and an Alaska radio talk show, said Ellison, who is expecting to see well more than 10,000 shovels delivered to the courthouse Saturday.

Is Mars lander waking up?

Los Angeles Times

Leaders of the Mars Polar Lander mission said Wednesday they are "cautiously optimistic" that their errant craft — declared officially lost only last week — is still alive and trying to contact Earth.

On Friday, project managers received a phone call from a persevering Stanford University radio astronomer who detected faint signals coming from Mars on a deep space antenna.

"The data had an appealing arc to it," said Ivan Lincout, a senior researcher at Stanford's Space Telecommunications and Radio Science Laboratory who found the signals last week.

"I was blown away," said Sam W. Thurman, the flight operations manager for the mission. "Imagine coming back from the funeral of a dear friend and getting a phone call saying... he's not dead after all."

Thurman's team began sending new commands to Mars Wednesday. But Thurman and Lincout said it would be several days before they could analyze if the antenna data and determine if the signals from the missing lander are present within the data.

Mosh

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Students say they realize mosh pits — made popular by rock concerts — can grow violent.

But King said the ones at school are more like "wannabe" mosh pits.

Senior Emily Sterling, 17, said she understands the administration's point, but she also sees why students want to mosh. Last year a loose pit formed at homecoming, and students basically stuck to dancing.

"I like it. I had a lot of fun. You just need to be careful about how rough you're being," she said.

During the 1999 spirit week assembly when the drum corps played, Sterling said students in the pit were running and pushing.

"Tom clothing resulted and a girl hurt her knee, said King, who broke it up by making his way to the drum corps to stop the beat that fueled the moshing.

Kristen Garmand, a senior, said people fell on her but that it didn't bother her — she came through unscathed. Students who don't want to mosh should stay out of the pit, she said.

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WILD CARD: ACE OF HEARTS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26 NUMBERS

5 FAST
2 15 18 20 23

NATION

Not so fast: States demand young drivers train longer than in the past

WORCESTER, Mass. (AP) - Annie Hennigan is behind the wheel of the family car. Dad right next to her with pointers. A bit of gas now, slow it down here. The 16-year-old is learning more than how to drive. She is learning patience.

Not just patience behind the wheel, but patience to wait for the day she can drive like an adult. Unlike her older brother and sister before her, she has to wait at least six months longer for that right. So do other teenagers in half the country.

Shaken by high numbers of the youngest drivers, the nation is embracing a new approach to putting teenagers on the road. The goal: Slow the transition from back seat to driver's seat, and give teen-agers more time to learn, to mature.

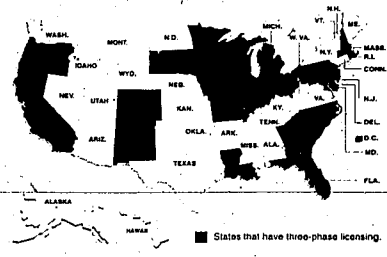
In half the nation, driving privileges now come in three phases, with each step bringing more responsibility.

Only if teen-age drivers pass the first two steps, without tickets or crashes do they get full privileges.

Now Annie must wait at least

Slowing teen drivers

Some states are enacting graduated licensing laws for teen-age drivers. The laws, which require supervision and limit driving at night, are an attempt to reduce accident rates among teens. Here is a look at which states have passed the new laws.



Sources: Insurance Institute for Highway Safety; American Automobile Association AP

six more months. Not much time in the eyes of her father, Bob. But for Annie, who would like to drive teammates to next summer's softball games, it is a huge

chunk of high school life. "It's been - '16... Yeah, I can drive. Freedom." But now it's kind of like freedom but not freedom," she says.

Feds act to ease surge in oil prices

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Energy Department will delay deliveries to its emergency oil reserve in hopes of easing the recent surge in fuel prices and will closely monitor heating oil markets, Secretary Bill Richardson said Wednesday.

The administration has been under pressure to act as oil prices have edged close to \$30 a barrel from a low of less than \$12 a barrel a year ago. Also, heating oil and diesel fuel prices have risen sharply.

The department will renegotiate contracts to postpone delivery on 5 million barrels of oil for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve in Louisiana and Texas, he said.

"Given today's market conditions, it simply makes sense," Richardson said.

The action is intended to put more oil into the market and ease prices.

But many economists question whether it would have much impact.

The move came a day after Richardson ruled out releasing oil already in the emergency reserve to influence the oil markets, saying the reserve should be used to deal with supply emergencies and should not be used to manipulate the markets. No withdrawal from the reserve is planned, officials said.

The government is in the process of accepting 28 million barrels of oil as a "royalty-in-kind" payment from producers drilling on government land. About 10 million barrels have been delivered, but delivery of the next 5 million barrels will be postponed, Richardson said.

"The companies have indicated a willingness to discuss putting additional oil into the SPR (later) if we postpone delivery dates," he said.

N.C. attempts to dig itself out of rare blizzard

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) - Four months after Hurricane Floyd's devastating floodwaters, North Carolina struggled Wednesday with the aftermath of a "white hurricane" - a record 2-foot snowfall in a part of the country that doesn't have much experience with blizzards.

The snowstorm left thousands of people stuck in cold, dark homes and paralyzed Raleigh and other communities.

"I've never seen it like this. Our fire trucks couldn't go anywhere. Our ambulances couldn't go anywhere," said Rick Harris, emergency management coordinator in rural Montgomery County, outside Charlotte.

Floyd drenched eastern North Carolina with 20 inches of rain Sept. 16 and caused at least 51 deaths in the worst flooding in state history. More than 100,000 people, accompanied by ice and winds, knocked down trees and plunged homes and businesses into darkness.

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Foundation: Jefferson likely fathered slave's children

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP) - More than a year after a DNA test suggested that Thomas Jefferson may have had a son by his slave Sally Hemings, the foundation that owns Jefferson's home acknowledged that he probably was the father of one, if not all six, of her children.

The Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation released its findings Wednesday in response to an October 1998 DNA test that concluded a Jefferson male likely fathered Hemings' youngest son, Eston.

Scholars have been divided over the issue.

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Contra dance comes to area

BUHL - Contra dancing, a social activity long popular in New England, comes to the Magic Valley with a dance set Saturday at the Eighth Street Center.

The event will take place from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Saturday at 200 N. Eighth St. in Buhl. Suggested donation is \$5 and all ages are welcome. Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Twin Falls is the dance sponsor. Profits from the event will benefit South Central Head Start's parenting education programs.

The dance will feature music by Strings Attached, the well-known area bluegrass band that has performed everywhere from the National Oldtime Fiddlers Contest in Weiser to the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center in Baker City, Ore., organizers say. Band members include Jonni Stippich on fiddle, Mike McCarthy on banjo, Elmer Wilkins on upright bass and Jon Jacobson on mandolin.

David Quinley will serve as caller.

Monthly contra dances in Hailey have drawn enthusiastic crowds for several years and dance groups are also active in Pocatello, Moscow and Boise, sponsors say.

Contra dancing possibly got its name because the dancers are opposite one another, as in the Virginia-Reel-Quinley-says dancers line up in a "longway set" and are assigned numbers, usually one or two.

"The number one couples dance with the number two couple next to them," he explains.



Strings Attached will perform at a contra dance Saturday in Buhl.

Want more information?

For more information, call Margaret Sjostrom at 934-0979.

"When they are finished dancing the assigned calls, the number ones will have progressed down the set while the number twos have progressed up the set. In this way, every couple gets to dance with all the other couples in the set."

"There are no lessons required," Quinley adds. "All of the dances are taught at the dance and the dance does not start until all of the couples are comfortable with the dance movements." Quinley says that although most dancers are in their 30s, 40s or 50s, older and younger people enjoy the events, too. Children as young as age 9 can usually learn the dances.

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THANK YOU LETTERS

Care center residents show joy for gifts, care

On behalf of the residents and staff at SunBridge Care and Rehabilitation for Twin Falls, I would like to thank the many people and businesses in the Magic Valley who participated in programs for or donated presents to our facility during the holiday season. We could see the joy and excitement of the season in so many faces because of the time and effort each of you put forth.

A special thanks to Kim Somrek and the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center staff for sponsoring the Gifts of Love program. We also appreciated the time spent with our residents by members of the Christian Motorcycle congregation.

We truly appreciate all of the special things that you did and invite you to visit throughout the year!

LORI BENTZLER
Administrator
SunBridge Care and Rehab
Twin Falls

appreciate the opportunity to showcase our local talent. We wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

KELLY DALUIO
Program Director
Buhl Arts Council
Buhl

Contributors know what Christmas spirit means

We wish to thank the following businesses for their generosity with our "Save the Day Santa" program:

Jackson Food Store, Ketchum; Sinker stations at 177 W. Kimberly Road, 800 W. Shoshone, 2253 Addison Ave.; Sinker Station, Jerome; Only \$1 stores, Twin Falls and Jerome; and Grocery Outlet, Twin Falls.

These businesses donated their time to sell Santa Circles to their patrons. Grocery Outlet chose Red Cross as one of the organizations to receive funds from points given to customers who shopped there.

The generosity shown by these businesses and their customers helped people burned out of their homes and led to helping in the future. These businesses and their patrons truly know the meaning of Christmas.

Thanks again.
KAREN R. LANGLEY
Executive Director
Sawtooth Chapter
American Red Cross
Twin Falls

Musical group stands out with sold out performance

On behalf of the Buhl Arts Council, we would like to express our most sincere thanks to The Standards for their outstanding performance at 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Jan. 15. Both shows were sold out, and at the second performance, there were 15 guests willing to stand in order to see their "favorite band."

The Standards were a pleasure to work with, and we really

Contributors donate to ski day success

The staff at Malad Gorge State Park would like to thank

all of those who participated in Cross Country Free Ski Day on Jan. 8 at Magic Mountain Ski Resort. We also would like to thank all of the sponsors who donated their time and equipment to make it all possible.

Magic Mountain Ski Resort, Sawtooth National Forest, High Desert Nordic Association, Mix 103 Radio in Jerome, Kat Kountry Radio in Burley, Adventure Outfitters in Twin Falls, Elevation Sports in Twin Falls, Outdoor Adventure Program at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Chris Miller, Shiloh Jax and Andy Tennant.

JACK YARBROUGH
Hagerman

Dancers appreciate art on group member

To Kellee Gaston and Pat Marantonio:

We thank you for the professional and fun performance at the 85th birthday. It was very well written, interesting and appreciated by the Top Hat Tappers.

LIZ REMER
Twin Falls

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Murtaugh recognizes Red Ribbon Week

MURTAUGH - Murtaugh Schools celebrates Red Ribbon Week with a mural, red clothing days, a T-shirt design contest and a community night concert. The week's theme is "Like Me-Drug Free" with activities promoting a substance-free lifestyle. The kick-off was Monday and included middle school and high school assemblies presented by students from the College of Southern Idaho student government. Elementary students will design a mural entitled "Help Stomp Out Substance Abuse," with each student's footprint stamped onto the mural and students will be given red ribbons to wear.

Students are encouraged to wear red clothing this week.

Red socks day was Tuesday; red shirt day on Wednesday; red shorts/pants/sweats day is today and red hat/red hair ribbon day will be on Friday.

Elementary students will decorate the school fence with red ribbon, spelling the week's theme, "Like Me-Drug Free" and middle school and high school assemblies were held Wednesday, featuring Brent Cunningham, an addiction counselor at Spiritwalker Counseling Center.

The fifth-grade DARE graduation was held Wednesday in the school cafeteria, followed by a free community concert by The Standards.

Physical fitness field trip to the

Burley Racquetball Club for high school students.

Winners of a T-shirt design contest for students are:

Grades kindergarten through second-grade, Kenzie Kaster, Cori Anderson and Rudy Cabral; grades 3-5 are Chelsea Capps, Nathan Cantu and Victor Correa; and grades 6-8 are Yesenia Gutierrez, Drue Tolman and Jeni Perkins.

Red Ribbon Week was planned by the Murtaugh Safe and Drug Free Schools Task Force, including Mayor Ravis Turner, Jennifer Crystal, DeAnn Bell, Vonnice Adams, Sue Hepworth, Gary Birch, Sandy Seever, Heather Spencer, Penny Pattee and Greg Griggs.

Magic Valley Fly Fishers host national speaker

TWIN FALLS - Jim Teeny will be the guest speaker at the Magic Valley Fly Fishers annual banquet at 5 p.m. Feb. 5 at the Turf Club on Falls Avenue in Twin Falls.

Teeny's presentation, entitled, "Trout, Salmon and Steelhead," will discuss his experiences as a fly fisherman. He has been fly fishing since age 12 and originated the Teeny nymph fly pattern in May 1962, organizers say. The Teeny Nymph Company was started July 1, 1971 and Teeny lives and operates his business in Gresham, Ore.

Teeny has won 10 International Game Fish Association Fly Rod world records and done programs for "The Fishing Hole" with

Want more info?

For more information, call Les Reitz at 733-5180 or Ardele Hanson at 734-9031.

Jerry McKinnis, "Fly Fishin' the West" with Larry Schoenborn and his television series, "Fly Fishing with Jim Teeny" run for six years in Tacoma, Wash., organizers say.

In 1983, Teeny designed the revolutionary T-Series sink tip fly line, changing the way many people fish for steelhead, salmon, and many other big game fish, organizers say. The doors open at 5 p.m. for the no host bar, games, raffles

and auctions. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m.

Banquet tickets are \$60 a couple and \$35 per person and the price includes dinner, door prize tickets, raffle tickets and a year's subscription to the club's newsletter. "Best buy" tickets are also available at \$90 a couple and \$45 a person.

Tickets must be purchased in advance and must be reserved and paid for by Thursday. Reservations can be mailed to: Tim Coiner, 1120 South View Dr., Twin Falls, Idaho 83301.

Teeny will also conduct a fly-tying seminar and demonstration on Feb. 5 in Rooms 276-277 at the Taylor Building at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

CSI still takes registrations for San Francisco trip

TWIN FALLS - Bus seats are still available for the College of Southern Idaho's participation in Department's 31st annual Cultural Field Trip to San Francisco.

The bus will leave Twin Falls on Jan. 16 and start back from San Francisco the following Tuesday.

The \$340 cost per student covers transportation, accommodations, museum admissions and tickets to this year's two special performances - a concert by the Czech Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Vladimir Ashkenazy and a stage play entitled, "2 Pianos, 4 Hands" by Ted Dikstein and Richard Greenblatt. The trip is open to CSI students and non-students. Students taking the trip may earn two credits.

Final trip registration is due by 7 p.m. Monday at the LaVar Steel Art Complex on the CSI campus.

For more information, call Art Department Chair Mike Green at 733-9554, Ext. 2630.

15th annual gun show sets up in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS - The 15th annual gun show sponsored by the Lewis Clark Traders, a Lewiston business, will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Weston Plaza Convention Center at 1350 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls.

Admission is \$4 per person. For more information, call 746-5555.

Magic Valley New Neighbors Luncheon meet

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley New Neighbors Monthly

luncheon will be held at 11:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Jade Restaurant at 1719 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Luncheon cost is \$10 and coordinators ask that reservations are made by Friday.

People new to the Magic Valley are invited to attend. For more information or to make reservations, call Paulette at 733-0651.

Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club announces results

GOODING - The Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club announced the results of its Jan. 21 match at the Gooding City Hall.

Winners of the north-south match were Don and Lorna Bard in first place, Max Thompson and Riley Burton taking second and Jodi Faulkner and Louise Smith taking third.

Placing in the east-west match were Adelaide Gerard and Joan Berrochua in first, Doris Oakley and Bonnie Aspartite in second, and Bev Read and Jeanne McCombs taking third.

Bridge players are invited to join, with matches at 1 p.m. Fridays at the Gooding City Hall. Refreshments will be served.

If the public is invited to attend and there is no cost to participate. Participants will receive a free Promo Mew card.

For more information, call

Haffner's Cards and Comics at 733-0016.

Buttons 'N Bows plans event for dance class

JEROME - The Buttons 'N Bows square dance group is having an event for the dance class at 7 p.m. Monday at the American Legion Hall at Jerome.

Organizers will provide sandwiches and guests are asked to bring dessert or a salad. The meal will be served at 7 p.m. with a group dance to follow. New and experienced dancers are invited to attend.

For more information, call 324-3080.

West Magic Rec Club hosts Winterfest Fun Days

WEST MAGIC LAKE - West Magic Lake Recreation Club presents the 2000 Winterfest Fun Days, beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday and Sunday at West Magic Lake.

Fun Days events include supervised family snowmobiling on the airstrip, indoor games and trophies and cash prizes for all games and events. Food and drink will also be available. The public is invited to attend.

For more information, call the West Magic Lake Recreation Club at 487-1202.

Speech, debate judging clinics set at high school

TWIN FALLS - Training clinics for prospective high school speech and debate judges will be held at 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Wednesday at Twin Falls High School.

The speech clinic, conducted by Judi Frederickson, Jerome High School speech coach, will begin at 6 p.m. and the debate clinic, conducted by Earl Squires, Twin Falls High School

speech and debate coach, will be at 7:30 p.m.

Anyone interested in judging high school speech and debate is encouraged to attend.

For more information, call Judi Frederickson at 324-9137, Earl Squires at 733-6551 or the Idaho High School Activities Association at 375-7027.

Bloodmobile plans stop at War Memorial Hall

GOODING - The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be taking blood donations from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday at the War Memorial Hall in Gooding.

To make a donation, people

must be at least 17-years-old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in general good health.

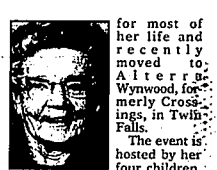
For more information or to make an appointment, call 934-5409.

Open house honors woman's 80th birthday

BURLEY - Wanda Loveland Stalker will be honored for her 80th birthday at an open house on Saturday.

Friends and relatives are invited to call from 4-6 p.m. in the Mediterranean Room at Price's Cafe, 2444 Overland Ave. in Burley.

Stalker had resided in Burley



Wanda Stalker

for most of her life and recently moved to Alterra Wynwood, formerly Crossings in Twin Falls. The event is hosted by her four children, Glen (Lois) Loveland of Heyburn; Barbara (AJ) Bowen of Orem, Utah; Marsha (Russell) Melvin of Warner Robbins, Georgia; and Karen (Paul) Couch of Jerome. The family requests no gifts.

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EDITORIAL

Kenny Brunner deserved the second chance that CSI gave

In case you missed it, a story in The Times-News' Jan. 16 sports section is worth retelling. It was the story of Kenny Brunner, a talented basketball player who is leading the College of Southern Idaho on the court.

Brunner had his share of trouble, much of it undeserved, before he got a chance to rehabilitate his career at CSI. For one reason or another, he was washed out of two big-time college basketball programs. He was accused of robbery and attempted murder, charges which eventually were dropped.

Even so, he spent four months awaiting trial in a Los Angeles jail.

When he got out of jail, he knew his dream of playing in the pros was in jeopardy. That's when he was offered a chance to clean up his act at CSI. He took that chance, and he appears to be back on the road to success. (He was briefly suspended from the team last week, but that was a matter of team discipline, not a run-in with the law.)

Brunner appears to know that second chances don't come easily in life - so he's making the most of his. It's an oft-told tale. Over the years, other talented athletes who were on nodding terms with trouble have come to CSI. Most have played their hearts out, have kept their noses clean and have gone on to bigger schools with high-profile basketball programs.

CSI doesn't have a copyright on that story. Junior colleges across the coun-

try have long been way stations for student athletes hoping to play their way into the big time.

The only blemish on this story, and it's a minor one, is CSI's recruiting policy.

CSI officials say they try to follow a State Board of Education rule which prohibits Idaho's four-year colleges from recruiting an athlete who has been convicted of a felony. That rule, it should be noted, would not have prevented any Idaho school from recruiting Brunner.

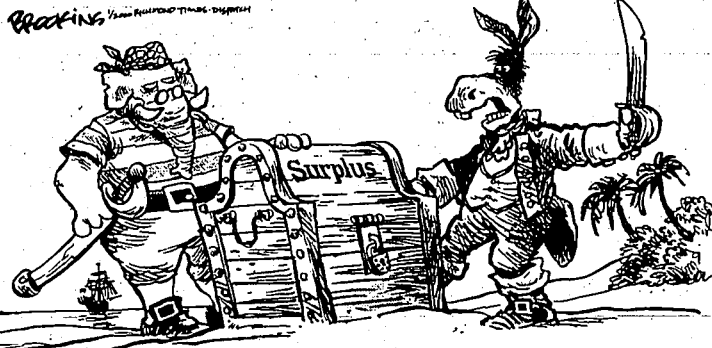
But it's worth noting that the rule does not apply to junior colleges. Consequently, CSI has no written policy on the matter.

It should. What it has now is an honor system. That works only if the coaches honor it, as the current coaches appear to be doing. It won't work if a future coach recruits athletes with real court problems.

Again, none of this is the case with Kenny Brunner, or with first-year CSI basketball coach Derek Zeck. And Brunner is not why CSI should tighten up its policy. Instead, the college should tighten up its policy because it is the right thing to do. It's also a good way to head off trouble later.

CSI should formalize its commitment to recruit players who will excel on the court, will work in the classroom, and will be a credit to the community - as Kenny Brunner is trying to do. No one should be shooting for a lesser standard.

Over the years, the College of Southern Idaho has helped many troubled athletes to rehabilitate their careers.



"GIVE SOME BACK TO THEM WHAT WE TOOK IT FROM?... ARE YE SHIP-WRECKED?... THINK WHAT THAT WOULD DO TO OUR IMAGE!..."

The rest of the story on the hog farm

This is in response to Ron Achs. I understand through his Jan. 23 letter that there remains significant problems with the hog farm. There are clear signs that he is taking a high-handed approach toward the individuals involved in this debate, and as a consequence, I have to wonder about his true intentions toward the citizens of Cassia county.

Singling out and criticizing individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the community for years. These men have established successful farms and ranches that have contributed to the county's development. They are active in local government and church and are involved with other issues regarding the county. These men should be entitled to express their concerns without becoming subject to personal indictment by Mr. Achs.

Bashing these individuals about treatment of employees is unacceptable. I guarantee that those individuals who presently work for them or have worked for them would have nothing but positive remarks regarding their time under their employ. These individuals run family businesses that provide health-care pensions and comparable salaries to other employees in Cassia County. These small businesses have endured and stood the test of time.

I was very shocked about the comment regarding Hispanic workers. These individuals treat all their employees equally without harassment based on gender, race, color, religion, national origin, age or disability.

Pointing out and putting down our elected officials: Speaker Newport, Sen. Darrington, and Rep. Kemmons. These men are honest, hard-working individuals who care about this great state, county and the people in it. Making negative comments about their roles is inappropriate, stating, "Perhaps you, the citizens of Cassia County, should take inventory of your fortunes and empower new and meaningful leadership." This tells the citizens they are unable to elect competent officials - there is nothing further from the truth. The constitutional and democratic right to vote has been exercised by the people of Cassia County, and the fact that all these men have been consistently re-elected certainly indicates the will of the citizens to be represented. By criticizing them, Achs is criticizing the voting decisions of the citizens of Cassia County.

Making comments about D.L. Evans Bank, stating that they have "no financial rating with Standard & Poor or Moody's Investor Service." I am not sure about the point Mr. Achs is trying to make. Perhaps he is trying to ascertain that there is less chance of bankruptcy for his venture than with other agricultural projects as he will be funded via this Industrial Revenue Bond scheme.

Not all businesses in this community have access to cheap funding by way of the state government. Indeed, D.L. Evans generally is the only option for family-run and small businesses in this county. D.L. Evans is an institution that has been in this community for years and has helped people start up and continue to run their businesses. Putting the insti-

READER COMMENT

Tena Allen-Heward

Just because he was in law enforcement does not make him any better than anyone else who would have committed the same crime. What happened to "we are all created equal"? It seems, though, if you have a badge, you get put on a pedestal for committing the worst crime there is, taking a life. I sure wouldn't trust him around children. What would he get if this happened the next time?

Not all of the people in the system are bad. I believe that, and maybe there are even those who agree.

How the judge and Thrush can look at themselves in the mirror knowing what they have done will be a question no one will ever have the answer to, but we will always wonder.

We all have times in our lives where we are tired or had a bad day and lost our temper, but we didn't take an innocent life because of it.

DEB JONES
Jerome

Parents: Do your jobs

In regard to the letters concerning school uniforms and such, I have to disagree. It is not the school's or government's job to decide what our children wear. What happened to the meaning of being a parent? We as parents need to take on the responsibility of the way our children dress, behave and for their out-

tation down is putting down those who work there and those who choose to do business there, and its criticisms of the bank are pointless and destructive.

The letter that Mr. Achs wrote to the editor regarding a certain family's feedlot that has no waste-management system, the families live on the land Mr. Achs is talking about. Would Mr. Achs be so confident in his "state-of-the-art" waste-management system to move his entire family onto his hog farm and have them there seven days a week, 365 days a year? As has been scientifically proven, the amount of hog waste that would accumulate from his proposed hog farm is vast compared to a cattle ranch.

The letter that Mr. Achs wrote to the editor and the citizens of Cassia county takes a very negative tone. It shows that he has to single out individuals and criticize their way of life to get his point across. Patronizing and putting down others is no way to gain friends and influence people (though I am sure he is not in the business to be popular). He feels increasingly pressured by the overwhelming public opinion against the proposed hog farm. Why else would he take this approach to argue his case?

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Tena Allen-Heward lives in St. George, Utah. She is a former resident of the Raft River area.

LETTERS

look on life. No, I am not suggesting we can control everything they do and say, but we should be paying attention to what they do and what they are becoming.

Class barriers will not disappear with wearing of a uniform. Students will still know their classmates are rich, middle class or poor. Parents need to show their children that we can all learn from each other, and being different is a part of life which can show you a whole new world.

As for individuality not having a place in school, that is something you cannot remove by the clothes you wear. Individuality is made up by the person you are on the inside, the outside and something to be proud of; just accept others as well.

Teachers, please keep trying to relate to your students that may be the only way to reach some of them. Understanding often brings respect and friendship. The blame for the lack of authority and respect in the classroom cannot be laid at the teacher's door, there are things that need to be taught at home and carried over into school.

As parents, we need to open our eyes a little wider and see what's going on with our children. What are their opinions, values and dreams? Sometimes in our busy world, it's hard to appreciate the best things in life - each other.

KENNI LITTLEFAIR
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LETTERS

More stupid Democrat tricks

Mr. Olson, Chisholm and Ms. Stoddard, I want to wish that the stupid Bill Clinton lies sure are rubbing off on all Democrats.

We farmed at Tuttle for 25 years, with a small dairy and feed lot. Fed around 100 or so calves every year and milked 50 to 70 head of cows and could never make enough money to have to pay income taxes or Social Security taxes.

In 1965, I wrote to then-President Johnson to complain about farm prices. I received a letter from one of his people, a woman named Bess Myrson, and she informed me that America was committed to low food prices and if we wanted to stay in farming business, we had to get big and bigger or get out.

So stop blaming Republicans for large dairies if you want cheap food. Most small farmers had to get a paying job or get out. Or get big. We tried to get bigger, but the Democrat Jimmy Carter gave us 19 percent interest so our farm loans got out of reach and we sold out. Went to several good jobs and ended up paying enough Social Security and retirement to be able to retire that we could not have had on a small farm.

I will soon be 66, and Mr. Olson, you now want to close up all the wilderness roads so if I want to see it, I have to walk to the mountains. Now that I have time and money to drive there and pay for that walk, I say, "thanks a lot!" Sounds like a stupid Democrat trick to me. Gee, what generation are you saving this beautiful state for? Not seniors - I guess old people have no say in your democratic process!

Also, why move four dams on the

Snake River? Because I read in this paper that every state that has salmon were down the same percentage points, so how is removing four dams on the Snake River going to help fish runs in California, Oregon, Alaska and Washington? If salmon are down in all the states in the West the same percent, then it has to be something in common like the ocean.

Democrats have got to learn that lying has got to stop. What happened to the party of choice? Was that choice only for mothers so they could choose to kill their young? Now we know why the cop only got six months because killing children is OK with the party of choice - the Democratic Party.

EMMA ROBINSON
Hagerman

Ken Shew was a solid example

Ken Shew lived in Twin Falls since 1951 and was a solid baseboard of kindness, patriotism and community service. His physical body died Jan. 13. May light perpetual shine upon his soul, and the positive "ripples in the pond" effect that his life had upon his family and this community will continue forever.

My hunch about this "triple-edge sword" (mind, body and soul) situation is that God is up to something very powerful, miraculous and spiritual.

My hope and prayer for my family, my friends and this community is that we will draw closer to our relationship with God and allow him to work his spiritual yeast throughout the bread of our lives and that we will join the ripple effect that my dad was a part of, with God's grace.

JAMES D. SHEW
Gilbert, Ariz.

Innocent life was taken

When I was growing up, I was taught to follow the Ten Commandments. The fifth commandment is "Thou shalt not kill." There is no commandment, "Thou shalt not have sex," but the system seems to believe it's all right to break the fifth commandment.

I am a mother of a son who received 15 years for a crime he is innocent of. I could not even begin to imagine how Halley's mother feels after this so-called "protector of the people," someone she trusted with her daughter, receives six month's probation for taking her little girl away from her.

What my son was accused of, these people made the choice to say, "Yes, this is what I want to do," this is a decision they made together. Halley sure didn't get to make that decision. I don't think she chose not to be able to grow up.

There is so much violence in the world, but for it to be all right for a person of the law enforcement to be able to take an innocent little girl's life because "he was tired or had a bad day" is beyond me. What type of example is this setting for the younger generation? Will they grow up to believe it's all right to take a life? Will they believe because the law enforcement can get away with it, why can't we? They are supposed to protect, not take away innocent lives.

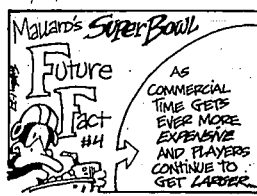
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IDAHO/WEST

Lawmaker's widow pushes bill

BOISE - Rep. Jerry Stoicheff plans to push ahead with her late husband's bill to limit student fees and tuition hikes to 3 percent per year.

And Democratic Sen. Marguerite McLaughlin of Orofino will co-sponsor the measure with the widow of Sandpoint Rep. Jim Stoicheff, who died of heart failure last month. "It does place more of a burden on the state and legislators," Stoicheff said of the fee cap.

"Since we have a surplus of funds, it is time for the state to step up to the plate," she said Tuesday as House Democrats outlined their agenda for higher education. "It is time to let more of our Idaho youth be able to afford to go to college."

Student fees at the state's universities and colleges have increased 8 percent per year for the past five years, Stoicheff said, while state support has risen at less than half that rate.

Pocatello's millennium party not very lucrative

POCATELLO - The city's millennium celebrations have not brought in enough money to cover the costs, but the volunteer in charge of putting them on guarantees everyone will be paid.

"Everybody will be paid. I will personally see to that," said Vicky Mainzer, who organized the New Year's Eve party at Holt Arena and the "The Lively Story of Pocatello" musical.

City Administrative Assistant Anne Nichols said \$48,303 in donations and ticket sales had been registered as of Tuesday and \$29,490 had been paid out. But \$15,000 is still owed for renting Holt Arena and the city must also repay a \$6,000 loan from the Greater Pocatello Chamber of Commerce.

Hundreds turn out to protest draft permit

LEWISTON - Pottlatch Corp. employees have turned out in force to protest the temperature standard suggested for the com-

West in brief



pany's wastewater discharge from the local wood pulp mill into the Snake River.

About 1,500 people packed Warrior Gym Tuesday at Lewis-Clark State College, where the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency took public comment on the draft pollution discharge permit.

Strict temperature standards in the permit may require Pottlatch to spend \$25 million on a refrigeration plant to cool its wastewater from 92 to 68 degrees.

Community near hog farm has high rates of illnesses

SALT LAKE CITY - Milford has had higher rates of diarrhea and respiratory illnesses than Utah in general and two similar-size communities, Parowan and Panguitch, a state Department of Health study found.

The report by the state's Bureau of Epidemiology was for the period between 1992 and 1998.

Although the higher rate of disease predates Circle Four Farms' giant hog operation near Milford, critics of the operation claimed that the report support to their suspicion that air or water pollution from the facility is affecting residents' health. Craig Nichols, state epidemiologist, said too little is known to blame anyone. The challenge now is to carefully track medical cases in the Milford area and try to figure out what is causing the

increased rates of those diseases, he said.

Senators propose advisory sales tax hike for schools

BOISE - Two Republican senators on Wednesday called for an advisory vote this November on raising the state's 5 percent sales tax with the extra cash financing public school buildings.

Senate Education Chairman Gary Schroeder of Moscow and Sen. Moon Wheeler of American Falls offered the personal bill as another way of heading off a trial this spring on school district claims that the state has failed to meet its constitutional responsibility to provide Idaho students a safe place conducive to learning.

The advisory vote, similar to one held in 1998 on retention of term limits, would only provide lawmakers a gauge of public sentiment toward a sales tax hike. It would still be up to the Legislature in the 2001 session or after that to actually vote to raise the tax.

The proposal is an alternative to Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's plan to finance health and safety improvements in schools - estimated at as much as \$50 million statewide - with bonds that would be repaid by the school districts. But the state would pay the interest, marking the first direct state aid for school buildings.

-Compiled from wire reports

Chief justice calls for incentives for judges

BOISE (AP) - The state must make it worth judges' while if Idaho's court system is to continue dealing with more cases, helping more children and doing more about drugs, Chief Justice Linda Copple Trout told lawmakers.

In her annual State of the Judiciary address to the Legislature, Trout called for approval of "our modest request for a salary increase," a plan to sweeten judges' retirement benefits and a fair pay rate for the part-time work of retired judges. "It is an investment for the future to attract and retain the very brightest minds and the most experienced attorneys and judges to handle the increasing caseloads," Trout said.

But House Appropriations Chairman Robert Geddes of Preston said improving judicial pay and benefits might be affect-

ed by last year's Idaho Supreme Court decision upholding U.S. Forest Service water rights claims in three wilderness areas and one national recreation area.

The 3-2 ruling, based on what many consider a misinterpretation of the federal Wilderness Act, sparked a firestorm of criticism from water users, legislators, the congressional delegation and Gov.

Dirk Kempthorne. The high court agreed to reconsider, and oral arguments are scheduled on Valentine's Day.

"I would hate to think that things like that are contingent on a court opinion," said Geddes, co-chairman of the budget-setting Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee that will review the judiciary's spending request.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Defendant in drug case pleads guilty

TWIN FALLS - A defendant in the Blazing Lighters drug paraphernalia case joined his co-defendant Wednesday by pleading guilty before trial.

Russell Campos, 22, entered his plea as his trial was to start. In exchange for his plea, the prosecution reduced his charge to possession of drug paraphernalia, a misdemeanor.

Campos had been charged with possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to deliver, a felony.

District Judge Roger Burdick fined Campos \$1,000 and sentenced him to one year in jail, which will run concurrently with his prison sentence on another drug conviction.

On Tuesday, Curtis Allan Trowbridge, 19, pleaded guilty to possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to deliver.

In exchange for the guilty plea, a charge of delivering drug paraphernalia was dropped.

Trowbridge will be sentenced March 13.

The two were first charged in November 1998 after an undercover operation at the store by Twin Falls police.

The case was dismissed once by a judge at preliminary hearing, but it held up the second time around before a different judge.

Mini-Cassia sugar factory wins 1999 safety award

PAUL - The Amalgamated Sugar Co.'s Mini-Cassia factory won the company's 1999 Corporate Safety Award.

The award is given every year to the Amalgamated factory with the best safety record.

Of the company's four factories the Mini-Cassia factory has the lowest incident rate and lowest worker's compensation costs per man hour.

For their efforts in obtaining this award employees at the Mini-Cassia factory will receive safety awards and a barbecue sometime this summer.

Russell Morgan, the company's district safety manager, said he is looking forward to another good year in the safety program.

City Council to discuss long-term planning issues

TWIN FALLS - The City Council has scheduled a special meeting today to discuss planning issues.

The council will meet with Balforet and Associates to discuss planning issues.

Balforet is a consultant hired by the city to work on its Second Century Plan, designed to create a blueprint for the city as it grows.

The meeting is scheduled for 4 to 6 p.m. at Twin Falls City Hall.

Cross-country ski tour set for Saturday in Ketchum

KETCHUM - The 13th annual Ski the Rails cross-country ski tour will take place on Saturday.

The free affair begins at 10 a.m. Skiers may start at Second Avenue in Ketchum and ski south along the Wood River Bike Path towards Halley. Or they may begin at East Fork Road and ski north to Ketchum.

Historical signs will be posted along the way and brochures will be given out detailing the history of the area.

A shuttle bus will be available from 9:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. to take skiers to and from posted locations.

Drinks and snacks will be provided at four aid stations along the way. A hot lunch of chicken or veggie enchiladas will be available for \$8 at the Brewery. Brewery beer will also be available for \$2.

The event, which draws about 300 men, women, kids and dogs each year, is a celebration of the trails, according to Blaine County Recreation District Director Mary Ann Crawford.

For information, call the Blaine County Recreation District at 788-2117.

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More stories
from the Magic Valley region

Forecasters expect fog to creep back

By Rachel Denny
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - You can expect the weather to be more like Seattle's over the weekend and into next week.

The fog that left with the ringing in of the New Year will be back for a short reprise. And for people with respiratory problems, it's not a welcome reprise.

Today and Friday, patches of fog will engulf the Magic Valley. By Saturday extensive fog will cover the area, said Jack Messick, a meteorologist for the

National Weather Service in Pocatello.

It shouldn't hang on as long as the fog that struck shortly after Christmas. The unusual foggy conditions should dissipate by Monday or Tuesday, Messick said.

Fog is more common in the winter, but the length and severity of this year's fog is unusual, Messick said.

Throughout the winter, frequent storms stir up the atmosphere, but this year, the storms just haven't been as frequent.

"It is more common this time of year, but it usually lasts a couple of days after a

snowstorm and then gets broken up," Messick said. "We don't get these long stretches like we've had this winter very often."

People with chronic respiratory illnesses such as asthma might need to be a little more careful while they're outside, or try to stay indoors.

That's especially true for people who have suffered from complications from foggy weather in the past, pulmonologist Dr. Ron Fullmer said.

"If it's just straight fog and not smog or inversion with increased pollution, fog by

itself isn't likely to cause complications with lung disease," Fullmer said. "But when it's cold and damp many asthmatics have problems."

By wearing a scarf or other covering on the lower part of the face, the warm air a person exhales is trapped near the mouth, and that can ease breathing. Breathing through the nose, rather than the mouth, will also help prevent an asthma attack, Fullmer said.

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Defense lawyers Bill Manning, left, and James Annett, right, flank Dr. Charles Suits, a Burley doctor facing a drug possession charge. Suits' trial began Wednesday at the Cassia County courthouse.

Suits trial gets under way

By Ruth Stroeter
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Prosecutors and a Burley doctor have two different stories about the events of Dec. 31, 1998 - the day prosecutors say Dr. Charles Wesley Suits was given 1.5 grams of methamphetamine by an undercover agent in exchange for a prescription for the painkiller Vicodin.

In the first day of Suits' long-awaited drug possession trial, the prosecution argued the case "is one of simple possession of methamphetamine" while the defense maintains Suits is the victim of a set-up.

The first day of the trial, which resumes at 9 a.m. today, also centered on a key police informant.

In his opening statements, deputy prosecutor Howard Smyser introduced Kathy Gann, the informant who led investigators to make the arrest, as a woman who had helped because she had violated probation, and didn't want to leave her children to be sent into a drug rehabilitation program.

Defense attorney James Annett, however, threw doubt over Gann's reliability as an informant. Before she was brought into an investigation of Suits in

Opening day centers on informant, taped conversations with the doctor

November 1998, she was already acting as an informant, part of a probation sentence in connection with two counts of forgery. She violated that probation in November, 1998 - by taking methamphetamine.

Annett said, and as a result, she entered into another informant arrangement with the county.

When a search of Gann's home turned up Vicodin, Gann did not initially tell officials she had gotten the drug from Suits, but said she had stolen it, Annett said.

Smyser also read aloud the official transcript of recordings from surveillance equipment that recorded conversations with Suits in his office and in the parking lot of the Cassia Regional Medical Center, the scene of the transaction. In the transcript, Gann referred to a

man named "Scott" who could get some "crank" in exchange for a Vicodin prescription.

The tapes indicate a meeting with "Scott" - actually Idaho State Police narcotics officer - was to take place in the parking lot.

The tapes also indicate a relationship between Suits and Gann, which was still ongoing when the transaction took place.

While questioning Gann's credibility, Annett also pointed to Suits' stature and position.

Annett introduced Suits as a published doctor who served Burley for 12 years, and had an "impeccable" record until Dec. 31, 1998.

Annett said Suits and Gann had had a relationship for Suits hired Suits to care for his children.

But it was while Suits was separated from his wife, and the relationship with Gann ended after the Suits reunited to work their marriage out, Annett said.

From then on Suits and Gann had a strictly physician-patient relationship, Annett said, with Suits encouraging Gann to seek drug rehabilitation.

At the heart of the defense strategy is the focus on barely audible recordings of the interactions among Gann, Ward and Suits, tapes obtained from surveillance equipment placed on Gann. The defense maintains the tapes have been altered, spliced and rearranged or otherwise falsified because the conversations do not occur as Suits remembers them.

In Ward's testimony later Wednesday afternoon, he said several factors make recordings hard to understand, including clothes rubbing against the microphone, the distance between people, and background noise.

Suits maintains Gann led him to believe she was arranging a meeting with a man who wanted a prescription for back pains. Suits says the conversations as

Filling the gap

New candidate wants to run for commissioner

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A former U.S. Air Force staff sergeant has thrown his name in the hat as a candidate for a soon-to-be-open \$33,776-a-year Twin Falls County commissioner's job.

Richard L. Martin Jr., 33, of Buhl, submitted his resume to local GOP leadership Wednesday. Martin is vying for Commissioner Carl Reed's District One job.

Longtime GOP activist Gary Grindstaff, 59, also submitted his resume earlier this week.

Grindstaff is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and the Air Force police academy in Texas.

Martin accepted a job at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center as a biomedical equipment technician recently - a job frozen by the hospital.

While he was at the hospital, he thought it would be a good idea to apply for the county position.

"I've always had a long-term interest in the welfare of our country and I feel I can offer some expertise to keep this a nice county," he said.

Reed, 56, resigned from the commission Monday, saying he would be leaving for a regional sales business in Halley. Friday will be his final day on the job.

Grindstaff, a Buhl-area farmer, is the GOP's former Twin Falls County Chairman and its current regional chairman. He is also a member of the party's state executive committee.

A longtime local environmental activist said Tuesday that he was also interested in Reed's job.

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Local officials discuss events, plan for future

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce will plans tomorrow Magic Valley party and plans today with event planners and officials.

The session is designed to be a chance for local leaders to get together and think about the future of community events.

"All the chamber is trying to do is act as a facilitator," said Kent Just, the chamber's executive vice president. "If there is a way we can make things better, then we'll try."

The annual Western Days celebration has been struggling over the years, Just said, but not from a lack of fun-lovers.

Attendance at the early June event at City Park has grown recently, but volunteer help seems to be a problem.

"(Western Days planners) said, 'Boy, we could sure use

some help,' and we said that this was a good chance to come up with some more ideas for that and other events," Just said.

Dennis Bowyer, superintendent of Twin Falls' City Parks and Recreation Department, said Western Days will be a main topic of conversation.

"My concern is that because Western Days has gotten so large, has it outgrown City Park?" Bowyer said. "We'll probably talk about spreading it out to other sites around the city."

Today's meeting is the first of its kind in Twin Falls, Just said.

"We think it is time to have a wide-open discussion about what it is we do as a community to have community fun, to raise funds for important projects," he said. "Are some of our efforts out of date, do we need to rethink strategies, are there new ways of presenting events,

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

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School considers block scheduling

port, he said.

District Superintendent Terrell Donich recommended Robert Stuart hold an open house for parents to explain the proposal before the School Board makes its decision.

One thing to communicate clearly to parents, Donich said, is that O'Leary's change reduced from nine to five the number of days students could miss school.

Ainsworth and Ted Poppewell, Oregon Trail Elementary School principal, kicked off a several-month series of presentations by Twin Falls School District principals Wednesday, designed to update the board on school goals.

In other news from Robert Stuart, the school has added 10 minutes to the beginning of the school day for silent reading and practice tests similar to standardized tests students take each fall.

"When we looked at student achievement, we decided to target reading," teacher Marty Grindstaff said.

At Oregon Trail, Poppewell

praised staff efforts to boost student achievement. He credited a clearly-defined, schoolwide curriculum and an initial focus on math.

"Students started being successful and that led to more success," he said.

Students scored in the 17th percentile in math on the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills.

In the fall of 1999 they reached the 81st percentile. This year's reading scores improved from the 27th percentile in 1994 to the 65th in 1999. The 50th percentile is the national average.

"I don't know how to portray to you the excitement at our school," Poppewell told board members.

Some areas still need improvement, such as sixth-grade reading scores that were in the 47th percentile, he said.

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

New forest boss has high hopes road dispute can be resolved soon

RENO, Nev. (AP) — The man who soon will be the big dog in a controversy epitomizing Western rural frustrations over federal control of public lands is hopeful that a resolution can be reached.

Bob Vaught will be the government's point man in a feisty dispute that features a threatened fish, a remote dirt road in rural Elko County and local defiance of the U.S. Forest Service when he assumes his new job next month as supervisor of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest.

"I don't know what's reasonable and what isn't," Vaught said in a telephone interview this week.

"My intent is to put a lot of energy in both trying to understand the issue, to make progress on the issue and improve relationships."

Vaught is wrapping up his duties as supervisor of Colville National Forest in Washington. He starts his new job as head of the largest national forest in the lower 48 states on Feb. 14.

He replaces Gloria Flora, who cited harassment, intimidation

and verbal abuse against Forest Service employees in announcing her resignation in November.

"I certainly understand it's going to take some work," Vaught said. "The future begins

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— Bob Vaught, next supervisor of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest

now and tomorrow is a new day.

Vaught is no stranger to Nevada, having worked in Elko County from 1984-87 at the Mountain City Ranger District on the Humboldt forest. He served three years after that as ranger of the Loyaliste Austin District in central Nevada.

"It was a very positive experience for me," he said. "I enjoyed

my time in Nevada, I enjoyed the people."

While Vaught makes arrangements for his move to Nevada, Forest Service adversaries in Elko County are anticipating the arrival of thousands of shovels donated by sympathizers from around the West.

The shovels have become a symbol for activists' efforts to rebuild the washed-out South Canyon Road beside the Jarbidge River — home to the southernmost population of the threatened bull trout.

The Forest Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service contend the road can't be reconstructed without jeopardizing bull-trout habitat.

Elko County officials and others refute Forest Service jurisdiction over the road, arguing it existed before the Humboldt National Forest was created nearly a century ago.

The so-called "shovel brigade" was born in October, when dissent leaders organized a citizen work party to rebuild the road with picks and shovels.

Officials pledge better communication with legislators, announce new director

BOISE (AP) — The state Fish and Game Commission started patching up political relations Wednesday by pledging honest communication with the Legislature and announcing the selection of a former Minnesota natural resources chief as permanent game director after 11 months with an interim administrator.

Alex Irby of Orofino, Marcus Gibbs of Grace and Don Clower of Meridian were interviewed at a confirmation hearing before the Senate Resources and Environment Committee. The meeting ran long so Roy Moulton of Driggs will be quizzed Friday. The committee could vote on the foursome Monday, with full Senate confirmation by week's end.

Lawmakers later were told by the commissioners that the new Idaho director is Rodney W. Sando, 58, who works with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and until early last year was Minnesota's director of the Department of Natural Resources.

Steve Mealey was fired from the post last March and Jerry Mallett has served as interim director since then.



Bruce McCloskey, 47, current director of the Colorado Division of Wildlife, was the other remaining finalist. Pat Graham, director of Montana's Fish, Wildlife and Parks Department, dropped out of contention earlier this month.

The commission was created in 1938 by public initiative as an independent panel to preserve fish and wildlife for sportsmen. But in firing director Mealey, they angered lawmakers who rejected a sportsmen's fee increase to avoid severe program reductions.

Since then, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne appointed the four new commissioners, who have served since last summer. The Legislature is considering a \$4.4 million fee hike this session.

"I hear more political science these days than biological science," said Irby, the resource manager for Konkolville Lumber Co. "There hasn't been much communication between the com-

mission and the Legislature."

Gibbs, a seedling potato farmer, said his role in forging an agreement in the use of Bear River water shows he can compromise.

"The Legislature should oversee the agency budget. We need to remove as much conflict as we can. But disagreement is what this building is all about," he said of the Statehouse.

Clower admitted he was a gadfly pushing for the independence of the commission from political influence. He led the successful defeat of an initiative limiting bear-hunting methods and headed up the regional Idaho Wildlife Council.

"Some of the rhetoric I used was terribly wrong," he said. "You get more accomplished with consensus building."

The four commissioners will not be able to dodge controversial issues in the days ahead. Irby and Gibbs said they believed the governor's office should be involved in designated or potential endangered species.

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TWIN FALLS

Adelia 'Dee' Van Eaton Graybill
Adelia "Dee" Van Eaton Graybill, 73, returned to her Heavenly Father on Tuesday, January 25, 2000, after a long heroic battle with heart disease.

Dee was born on February 20, 1927, in Declo, Idaho, to John D. Lawrence and a son, Larry (Judy) Baxter, and granddaughter, Hillary, all of Twin Falls; sisters, Jonell Doval of Higgins, Texas, and Shirley Chapman of Kerville, Texas; a brother, Jim (Mildred) Brock of Horseshoe Bend, Idaho; a special brother, Glen Brock of Spacelito, Idaho, who she raised after the death of her parents in 1946; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A private family burial will take place Friday, January 28, 2000, at the Filer Cemetery, under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel. A public memorial service will take place at 2 p.m. Friday at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, with Father Brian Thom officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be given to the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation (attn: Mrs. Rosemary Gardner, P.O. Box 2231, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303, or to the charity of the donor's choice.

JEROME
her garden.

She is survived by her husband, Lawrence (a son, Larry (Judy) Baxter, and granddaughter, Hillary, all of Twin Falls; sisters, Jonell Doval of Higgins, Texas, and Shirley Chapman of Kerville, Texas; a brother, Jim (Mildred) Brock of Horseshoe Bend, Idaho; a special brother, Glen Brock of Spacelito, Idaho, who she raised after the death of her parents in 1946; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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Peggy Anna Emerson Ward
Peggy Anna Emerson Ward, 61, of Jerome, went to be with the Lord on Monday, January 24, 2000, at her home, after a courageous battle with cancer.

She was born February 13, 1938, in Jerome, the daughter of George and Leona Delphine Emerson. Peggy attended schools in Jerome, and graduated from Jerome High School in 1956. In 1957, she married Warren Ward of Jerome. They had one daughter, Sherri, who was born in 1960. She spent their married lives in Jerome.

Peggy was special to all who knew her. The lights of her life were her family, especially Warren, Sherri and her grandchildren, Mandi and Tyler. Peggy loved to cook, especially pies and Christmas candies. She was an excellent seamstress and loved to share her knowledge with her daughter and grandchildren. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Jerome.

Peggy is survived by her husband, Warren; a daughter, Sherri (Roger) Powell of Jerome; two grandchildren, Mandi and Tyler, both of Jerome; and two brothers, Lee (Betty) Emerson and Ron (Janice) Emerson, both of Jerome.

She was preceded in death by her parents. She will be greatly missed by all those whose lives she touched, who are all better because she was here.

Funeral services will be conducted 11 a.m. Friday, January 28, 2000, at the Jerome First Presbyterian Church in Jerome, with the Rev. Robert Siebe officiating.

Mary Louise Baxter
Mary Louise Baxter, 72, passed away suddenly on January 23, 2000, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

She was born on November 13, 1927, in Brady, Texas, to Roy Virgil and Hazel Mae Thornton Brock. Following his discharge on February 23, 1944, in Brady, while Lawrence was in the service, they lived in Colorado and Texas. Following his discharge, they moved to his hometown of Challis, Idaho. In 1954, they moved to Filer, where they have since resided. Lou loved canning, fishing, baking, cooking and preserving the many fruits and vegetables from

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ing. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Thursdays at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Memorial donations may be made to the Peggy Ward Memorial, in care of D.L. Evans Bank, Alaska.

Beverly Luavens Smith
Beverly Luavens Burgess Smith, 69, of Jerome, died Monday January 24, 2000, while visiting at her daughter's home in Fairbanks, Alaska.

Beverly was born February 14, 1930, in Jerome, the daughter of Kenneth and Naomi Langer Luavens. She attended Jerome Catholic, graduating from Jerome High School in 1948. She received her elementary teaching certificate from Idaho State College, and taught school in Las Vegas, Roseburg, Ore., Jerome, Wasilla and Palmer, Alaska. She worked as a substitute teacher in Bliss, Wendell and Jerome, following her retirement. Beverly married Douglas Burgess on August 25, 1957, in Jerome, and he preceded her in death in 1989. She later married Fred R. Smith of Gooding in 1972. She and Fred resided in Alaska, Gardiner, Washington and Portland, Oregon, before returning to Jerome in February of 1999. He preceded her in death on August 15, 1999.

Beverly loved teaching, and was an avid reader of historical and biographical literature. She had a brilliant mind, and was a great conversationalist. She also loved the outdoors, especially skiing, camping, and fishing in Idaho and Alaska. She had a love of life and communicated this joy to all who knew her. She was a devoted mother, who loved her family deeply, and will be greatly missed.

Survivors include her children, Scott (Debbie) Burgess of Mt. Home, Mark (Valerie) Burgess of Anchorage and Kim (Terry) Vrabec of Fairbanks; her stepchildren, Macdonald Burgess, Ruth Mosby and David (Donna) Smith, all of Washington state, and a stepdaughter-in-law, Nancy McMillan, also of Washington. Beverly is survived also by a brother, Dr. Tim (Nancy) Lavens of Calgary, Alberta, Canada; three sisters, Betty (Byrd) Smith of Cordova, AK, Jackie (Donzell) Larson and Karen James, all of Jerome; 11 grandchildren, and 11 step-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services for Beverly Luavens Burgess Smith will be conducted 11 a.m. Saturday, January 29, 2000, at the Jerome Presbyterian Church, with Pastor Robert Siebe and Pastor Mark Siebe officiating. Burial will follow in the Jerome Cemetery. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Friday at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

The family suggest memorials to the Jerome Senior Citizens Center.

Mary Ellen Archer
TWIN FALLS — Mary Ellen Archer, 75, of Twin Falls, and formerly of Jerome, died Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2000, at Sunrise Care Center in Twin Falls.

Funeral services are planned for 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 31, 2000, at the Jerome First Church of God. Arrangements are under the direction of the Hove-Robertson

Funeral Chapel in Jerome. A full obituary will follow at a later date.

Wayne I. Molsee
FILER — Wayne I. Molsee, 83, of Filer, died Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2000, at SunBridge Care and Rehabilitation Center in Twin Falls. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by

Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

R. Beryl Lemmon of Kula, Hawaii, and formerly of Twin Falls, memorial service at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Wailuku Chapel on Maui. A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Jan. 31 at the First Presbyterian Church in Cozad, Neb.

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DEATH NOTICES

Robert I. Hughes of Mountain Home; services at 6 p.m. Saturday at Summers Funeral Home, McClurtay Chapel, in Mountain Home.

James S. Keel Jr. of Burley, graveside services at 11 a.m. Friday at the old Twin Falls Cemetery. A viewing and memorial is from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St. in Rupert.

Audrey M. Price of Twin Falls, graveside services at 2 p.m. today at Twin Falls Cemetery. Friends may call from 3-8 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Phyllis Cooper of Raft River, services at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Paradise LDS First Ward Chapel, in Paradise, Utah. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Friday at Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main Street in Burley, and at the church from 11 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., prior to the funeral Saturday.

Frank L. Glauner of Hagerman, viewing from 2-5 p.m. today at Demary's Gooding Chapel, with graveside services at 2 p.m. Friday at the Hagerman Cemetery.

Kathryn Topholm of Twin Falls, funeral mass at 11 a.m. Friday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Ely. Viewing at 2 p.m. today at Mountain Vista Chapel in Ely.

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Relay planners hope for more M-C support

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News writer

HEYBURN - The goal of the 2000 Mini-Cassia American Cancer Society Relay for Life is to raise \$100,000 for the fight against cancer.

The 18-hour event, which will be held beginning at 5:30 p.m. on June 9 on the Rupert Square, is being planned. A kickoff rally was held Wednesday. Event organizers are hoping for more participation from Burley, Declo, Oakley and elsewhere in Mini-Cassia to help meet the goal.

Last year - the first time the event was held in Rupert - the organization hoped to raise \$20,000, but took in more than \$68,000.

"This was raised in a struggling economy," said Alice Schenk, who spoke at the rally about what the event meant to her.

During the event she pushed her father around the square in a wheelchair. He had been diag-



Tracy Haskin gets the Mini-Cassia American Cancer Society Relay for Life committee charged up for this year's event. The group has started organizing for the June event. Haskin is the chairman of the committee.

nosed with bone cancer, but had survived.

"It was the only year he was able to participate," Schenk said. "He died recently at the age of 71. 'We believe we'll see my dad again in heaven,' she said. 'The survivors who have graduated to heaven are cheering us on.'

The American Cancer Society is dedicated to eliminating cancer through research and advocacy, said Gail Gallegos, who is on the relay committee.

"We all have a story about why

we are here," Gallegos said. "In the last two years I have lost two dear friends to cancer."

But Gallegos' husband is alive because of treatments and research.

"That was something I thought happened to other people," she said.

She has joined with other relay participants because she wants to fight for a cure for cancer.

The American Cancer Society funds cutting-edge research, she said. Thirty of those researchers

have won the Nobel prize.

Relay For Life brings the community together, said Tracy Haskin, chairman of the committee.

"Those who were there last year saw how our community came together for 18 hours," she said. "It is a community that takes up the fight."

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Hundreds turn out to honor the late governor Samuelson

SANDPOINT (AP) - Two former governors joined Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and hundreds of family and friends to honor their predecessor, Don Samuelson, who was buried Wednesday in the Idaho Panhandle.

"No one was a better spokesman for conservative fiscal views of the state. I think we could use a lot more of those views today," former Gov. Phil Batt said during services at the First Lutheran Church in Sandpoint. "The state has lost a great statesman in Don Samuelson."

Ten uniformed Idaho State Police troopers flanked the flag-draped coffin as it was taken from the chapel.

A Navy veteran was honored with a 21 gun volley as taps were played.

With Kempthorne looking on, Samuelson's widow, Ruby, was presented with the American flag that flew at half-staff at the Capitol last week after his death.

"He was a citizen statesman in the classic sense," Kempthorne said. "He ran the state like it was his own business. In Don Samuelson you had honesty and integrity."

Friends, also including former Gov. John Evans, and family recalled the former Republican chief executive's love of the outdoors, concern for people and his nearly 64-year marriage.

Planners

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are there some things we do so well that they need never be changed?"

The meeting is open to those who would like to attend, but it's geared more towards local officials and event planners.

"We're not going to keep anybody out of the meeting," Just said.

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Bill Chisholm, also of Buhl, said he was interested in what he said would be a long-shot bid for the job.

Chisholm said he would likely run for the seat as an independent or Democrat.

Reed is a Republican, and her

replacement legally must also be a Republican, living in the western part of Twin Falls County.

The county's Republican central committee will select three nominees. Gov. Dirk Kempthorne will choose a commissioner to serve out the final year of Reed's term.

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they are heard do not make that clear.

For example, Annest said, a portion of the conversation is missing in which Suits told Gann he would not give a prescription without first examining a patient.

Ward testified, however, that upon meeting Suits in the hospital parking lot, Suits made no inquiries whatsoever about Ward's health, nor did he conduct any kind of physical examination. Suits only asked Ward for his name, while Suits filled out his prescription, Ward said.

Annest also said that in no place on the tapes did Suits ask to buy or make any drug transactions. If the jury listens closely to the tapes, Annest said, nothing will show that Suits "affirmatively and actively solicited the drugs."

Both the defense and the prosecution will present testimony by their own experts, who either reject or affirm the tapes' validity.

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Crowd shouts down fish managers at hearing

YAKIMA, Wash. (AP) - An often hostile and sometimes profane crowd jeered and heckled federal fish managers at a public hearing Wednesday night on proposed protection rules for 14 populations of Pacific salmon and steelhead.

The National Marine Fisheries Service has advertised the proposals as an innovative approach to fish conservation that will give state and local governments with their own NMFS-approved management plans a chance to avoid

federal regulation under the Endangered Species Act.

The same proposals include prohibitions against harming, killing or harassing protected fish with maximum penalties of a year in jail and a \$50,000 fine.

The rules have been criticized as a far-reaching power grab by the fisheries service that endangers the property and water rights and livelihoods of many in river-dependent Eastern Washington.

The rules, expected to be adopted later this year, will apply

to watersheds and rivers in an area covering 159,000 square miles in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and California.

Wednesday night's meeting here, one of 15 scheduled in the four affected states, drew 400 people. A Washington State Farm Bureau protest rally prior to the meeting attracted about 175 people, carrying signs with such slogans as "Liberty and justice for salmon. What about humans?"

Opponents of the so-called

4(d)rules, from an authorizing section of the Endangered Species Act, accused the government of failing to consider the effects of its actions on people.

As NMFS fish managers Kate Vandemoer and Rob Jones outlined the proposals, they were repeatedly shouted down with obscenities, boos and insults.

"This is not about salmon. It's about government control," said Steve Appel, a Palouse wheat farmer and president of the Farm Bureau.

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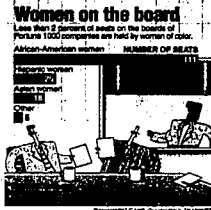
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BIZFACTS

Women on the board

Less than 2 percent of seats on the boards of Fortune 1000 companies are held by women of color. African-American women are the least represented.

Intergold Corp. (OTC Bulletin Board: IGGC) said Wednesday its wholly owned subsidiary, International Gold Corp., has received the results from the audit of sample assays and leach testing from the company's Blackhawk Property in Lincoln County.

IGC engaged Strathcona Mineral Services Limited to review data including a site visit to the property. Strathcona analyzed both core samples from previous drilling and surface samples collected by Strathcona using assaying and extractive leach procedures, Intergold said.

Strathcona said two laboratories could not find gold above the minimum detection limits in the samples, and concluded that based on the samples provided, gold and silver are not present in economic quantities in the rhyolite lavas on the property.

The methods utilized included fire assaying, neutron activation assaying, and cyanide and thiourea leaching for gold. The tests were performed on splits of core material from which AuRiC Metallurgical Laboratories LLC had previously reported some of the highest gold results to Intergold from some of the more than 800 assays AuRiC performed for the company, Intergold said.

But Intergold said it also engaged Mineral Science Limited of London and CSMA Consultants Ltd. of Cornwall, England, to perform testing. Splits of the same samples provided to Strathcona were provided to Mineral Science, whose results confirm and reiterate the negative Strathcona findings which are gold values below the detection limits, Intergold said.

As the latest independent assessment regarding the Lincoln County property do not support the AuRiC claims, Intergold said, Intergold will suspend indefinitely further exploration of its Blackhawk claims.

Intergold said it has been informed that certain of its shareholders are commencing a shareholder lawsuit. It urged shareholders to call company President Gary Powers at (888) 848-7377.

Foot Locker firm doesn't know FT store status

TWIN FALLS — The parent company of the Foot Locker sports clothing chain said Wednesday it doesn't know whether the Foot Locker store in the Magic Valley Mall's one targeted for closure.

New York-based Venetian Group Inc. had said Tuesday it plans to shut 355 underperforming stores and lay off 3,700 workers, or about 30 percent of its staff. The stores to close include 123 Foot Locker, Foot Locker and Kids Foot Locker locations.

A Venetian spokeswoman Wednesday said the company will close a number of stores in the United States and Canada, but at this time it can't say which stores it what cities will close, or how many workers will be affected in particular areas.

Business After Hours, ribbon cutting set for TF

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce has two special events planned for this week.

Today, a Business After Hours social event will run from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Muggers Brewpub in Old Towne, featuring food, door prizes and networking.

The chamber also plans a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 10:30 a.m. Friday at AAA Travel, 1445 Fillmore St., No. 1100, in Twin Falls.

Compiled from staff reports



Fourth-generation store owner Phil Arnold sells hardware to Marie Eacker of Kimberly Wednesday. Eacker said her family members have been customers at Arnold's Inc. since it opened in 1935.

A place of many memories

Well-known Kimberly hardware store will close doors after 85 years

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

KIMBERLY — During cold Kimberly winters decades ago, the Arnold's hardware store on Main Street was just the place for young Lloyd Shewmaker.

The main attraction for the boy? The large grate blowing air from the coal-fired furnace in the store's basement. Two or three people could stand on the grate, the Kimberly native recalled Wednesday.

"Man, it was warm and nice," said Shewmaker, about to turn 82 years old.

During its 85 years, Arnold's Inc. has been just the place for cattlemen needing calf nipples, firemen with broken-handled shovels and locals whose furnaces broke in the dark of night.

But more...

Fourth-generation owner Phil Arnold, 50, is running liquidation sales and said he'll close up shop when enough merchandise is gone, probably within a couple of months.

About two-thirds of his reason for quitting is the depressed farm economy. The other culprit is the fact that most Kimberly residents these days work in Twin Falls.

In the mid-1960s, Arnold said, the store had about four times the business it does now, because more people had jobs in Kimberly. Arnold's still has good, loyal customers "but there just isn't enough of them," he said, thanking the people who traded with his family all those years.

He has loved his lot in life, he said, but he can't deplete his retirement savings further to keep the store going. Arnold isn't sure what he'll do next — perhaps apply at the Home Depot store set to open in Twin Falls this spring.

When his own store closes, he'll probably stop recharging fire extinguishers, but he'll keep on replacing handles in shovels, picks, axes and the like for clients such as nurseries and farmers.

It will be the last remnant of his family's legacy of meeting the many needs of an agricultural community.

Arnold's grandfather, Wesley Marion Arnold, and great-grandfather, Eli Massey Arnold, opened the hardware store in 1915 in a wood-frame building down the street from where the current store stands. In those days, the two men sold horse-drawn wagons, harnesses and plows.

During the Great Depression, when the store carried groceries, the men would buy folks' eggs and give them tokens to exchange for merchandise. In the '50s, the family sold major appliances and was a big dealer of paint.

In the old days, Arnold's kept Kimberly going by extending credit all year until the crops came in.

Phil Arnold's father, John Wesley Arnold, as a 12-year-old used to fetch ice in Twin Falls and bring it to Kimberly cus-



This solid hardwood wheelbarrow with a metal wheel is one of the unique or old-style items that helped Arnold's stand out from other modern hardware stores.

tomers. When Wesley Arnold died in 1963, John Arnold took over the store, with an expertise in electric fences.

Shewmaker knew Phil Arnold's dad and grandpa and admires the whole family.

"They are good people. They've always been good citizens ... very well respected citizens," he said.

"And they could fix stuff," Shewmaker added. "They were handy people to have in town."

Phil Arnold tells about the day his dad was waiting on a female customer when her husband came in with a pistol and shot at the woman. The bullet broke her glass bracelet but didn't hurt her. John Arnold jumped on the man and wrestled him down until a cop arrived.

"Had some wild times through the years, too," said Phil Arnold, who started running the store in about 1985.

"As business got better we

moved into a bigger building ... in 1935," he said. In 1945, the business transferred to its current building, which was bigger yet. All three locations were on the west side of Kimberly's Main Street.

During the past 20 years, the general hardware store defined a niche by recharging fire extinguishers, selling and repairing hydraulic hoses and installing shovel handles — a service utilized by many Magic Valley fire departments. In recent years, Kimberly Nurseries, Kimberly Seed International, local bean warehouses and longtime farm families have numbered among the store's best clientele.

Under the store's high metal ceiling, a few relics of unusual merchandise remain. But most of the antiques, such as vintage fire extinguishers, already were sold on the Internet to people all over the country, Phil Arnold said.

The liquidation sale has drawn a rush of customers.

Shewmaker said his son just bought a couple of hundred dollars' worth of neat stuff he doesn't need, including out-of-date horse equipment from the store's older inventory.

Shewmaker's farming and ranching family has shopped at Arnold's over the years for fencing tools, shovels, harnesses and horse collars. The store had a good collection of chains and leather goods, too, he added, and at one time it sold clothing and dry goods along with the sythes, rifles, hunting knives, boots, bridles and straps.

"They had just about everything you could ever think of," Shewmaker said. "I hate to see them close ... but that seems to be the sign of the times."

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Towns, county may get grants

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

JEROME — Seven Magic Valley applicants are among 21 rural Idaho communities to compete for more than \$4.5 million in federal money this year to build public facility and housing projects, sewer and water systems and emergency medical stations.

Con Paulos of Jerome and the other members of the Idaho Economic Advisory Council, which reviewed 28 requests, announced the finalists Wednesday.

Each finalist now may submit full applications to be reviewed by Idaho Department of Commerce staff and the council. Final recommendations will go to the desk of Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, who will award the money later this spring.

Jerome County is one finalist, competing for a \$148,000 economic-development grant for road improvements necessary for expansion of Roth Dairy and creation of new jobs.

Jerome County's previous request for money to reconstruct 1.6 miles of road was turned down in October in favor of Lewiston's \$500,000 project to pre-water sewer, streets, curbs and gutters to an office and technology park.

The 800 East road linking Si-Ellen Farms — known locally as Roth Dairy — and the surrounding agricultural area to Idaho Highway 25 has had a boost in the number of employees' vehicles and trucks carrying commodities and products, in addition to normal highway traffic, Jerome County Commissioner Roy Prescott said in July when the county started its bid for an economic-development grant.

The local highway district has upgrades in its long-term plan, but with the intense traffic that road "is not soon enough for the road."

"It's just not holding up at all. Time is of an essence for us," Prescott said last summer.

Adding a thick, paved surface and straightening bumps and curves will allow Roth Dairy to expand, creating as many as 15 new jobs for the area economy with potential for more jobs later, he said. The dairy already is one of the county's largest.

Money pledged from creamery, cheese-making, pharmaceutical, biological and feed supply businesses, plus some from the highway district, would pay the project costs beyond the requested \$148,000 grant, Prescott said last summer.

These Magic Valley projects are among the finalists invited to compete for Idaho Community Development Block Grants for

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Trade group urges self-regulation for payday lenders

Association pushes 10-point proposal

Knight Ridder News Service

DETROIT — A trade association is pushing for standards to regulate payday loans — a fast-growing type of short-term lending.

The Community Financial Services Association of America in Washington, D.C., has unveiled a policy intended to create a level playing field for the industry. The organization formed last year to establish guidelines for the payday-advance industry.

"The CFSA and its members wanted to establish a baseline for consumers to use as a guideline for comparison," said James Zaniello, CFSA executive director. "The message we want to get out there is that there is a responsible way" to use payday advances.

So the organization is requiring its 37 members, which operate nearly 6,000 payday-advance

locations across the nation to adhere to 10 practices addressing consumer rights, truthful advertising and federal disclosure. Payday-advance companies that are in compliance will receive a "best practices" decal.

Members not in compliance would face review and possible disciplinary action and expulsion from the association.

"This is a very serious initiative for this association," Zaniello said. "We fully expect all of the companies to ideally be compliant by April 30 and no later than June 30."

Payday-advance places make short-term loans of \$100 to \$300 to consumers for a fee of \$2 to \$25, usually to tide borrowers over until their next paycheck.

Critics contend the industry takes advantage of consumers who can't afford to pay the high fees and that, once consumers take out a payday loan, it's difficult to break the cycle.

According to CFSA, the typical customer is 35, and has an annual household income of \$33,187, a job and a checking account.

The latter two are required to obtain a payday advance.

Payday advances work on the same premise as asking a friend not to deposit a check until there is enough money in the bank. Customers write a check to a payday-advance service and get a small loan in exchange. That personal check is held for a short time, typically 15 days, before it is deposited. Or a customer can pay back a loan during that time and get the check back.

Enforcement of CFSA's guidelines will come on three fronts, Zaniello said: the organization policing members, members policing members and consumers policing members.

Idaho credit counseling service warns consumers to use payday loans cautiously

The Times-News

BOISE — You might want to think twice about quick cash, an Idaho group says.

"Payday loans are advertised as solutions for people with short-term money problems and are on the increase," said Timothy Barrett, education director of Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Idaho Inc., a nonprofit, community-service organization. "But for many people, these loans should not be used at all."

Payday loans are offered at an estimated 5,000 to 6,000 stores nationwide and are basically paycheck advances, Barrett said. The average loan is for \$200.

How it works: The borrower writes a postdated check for the amount of the loan plus a fee and, in return, gets the loan amount in cash immediately. The lender agrees to wait until the borrower gets paid to deposit his

or her check.

Payday loans — also known as cash advances, check loans and payroll advance loans — are convenient but expensive. To borrow \$200 for two weeks, you could be charged \$38 or more, an annual percentage rate of 500 percent, the counseling service said.

Before getting a payday loan, the organization advises, check out your options. If you have a credit card, it might be cheaper to charge your unexpected expense. Another option is to ask for additional time from your original lender.

"Many lenders will work with you if you contact them sooner than later. If you are going to be delinquent on your car payment, call your automobile finance company. If you are going to be late on your rent, discuss the situation with your landlord before seeking a payday loan," the counseling service said.

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Bumble Bee Seafoods feels FTC's sting

Newsday

Hear the one about a cents-off coupon with hidden conditions, the one that drew a complaint from a New York City consumer that helped spur a federal investigation?

The Federal Trade Commission announced this month that it has agreed to settle its charges that Bumble Bee Seafoods Inc. had misled consumers with that coupon. The proposal is subject to public comment and a final commission vote.

Back in 1998, the San Diego-based Bumble Bee had a national promotion that offered consumers 75 cents off their next purchase of solid white tuna. That's what the label on the can said - in big print, relative to what can be squeezed on any can of tuna: "75cents OFF," adding in smaller print, "NEXT PURCHASE."

Perhaps a tight fit was the problem. You can only put so much on the side of a can of tuna. So Bumble Bee went on to say: "DETAILS INSIDE LABEL."

The promotion wasn't a case of conditions presented in tiny print, or scrolled at record

Agency settles with company over coupon with hidden conditions

speeds across a TV screen. No, the FTC complaint said, you had to buy the tuna, remove the label, read the coupon on the reverse side of the label, see that you had to buy five cans in your next purchase to qualify. Shoppers might have inferred otherwise, the FTC argued.

It was reasonable for consumers to have thought that they had to buy just one can in their next purchase, said Donald D'Amato, an FTC lawyer who works in a regional office of the FTC in Manhattan.

Of course, a consumer could have ripped off the label and read the terms on the coupon right in the store.

Imagine explaining that one to a store manager.

The problem for the FTC wasn't simply that the disclosure couldn't be read but that it led to what the agency considered a false conclusion. A New York City consumer was a major impetus for the FTC investigation, D'Amato said. That consumer, Peter Scher, said he recalled shopping, seeing the cents-off

offer, and deciding the promotion made Bumble Bee a better deal than lower-priced competitors. He wouldn't have bought Bumble Bee if not for that offer, he said.

When he removed the label and saw that he had to buy five more cans, not one - diluting the company's value - he was so upset he complained to the FTC. It was a matter of principle, said Scher, a travel agency owner.

As is standard in such settlements, Bumble Bee did not admit any wrongdoing. Still, what was the company thinking? A lawyer for Bumble Bee referred me to the company's parent, International Home Foods Inc. in Parsippany, N.J., and a spokeswoman, Ellen Cuzio, declined to comment.

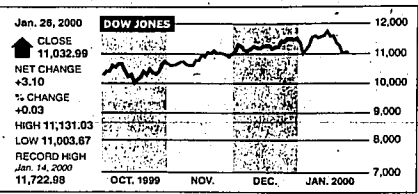
For Jonathan Bernstein, director of the FTC's Bureau of Consumer Protection, bringing a complaint against Bumble Bee was no-brainer.

"They should have known better," he said. The agreement is approved by the FTC, Bumble Bee and

offer consumers 75 cents-off coupons, but buying just one more can still wouldn't do. Consumers would have to buy two cans or "multi-packs" of its Solid White Albacore Tuna to qualify. More than 7.5 million coupons would be distributed on pads to be displayed at retailers. The coupons would have to explain the terms clearly and have an expiration date of at least six months after distribution.

Do the math and you might think Bumble Bee could be spending millions. Don't count on it. While the agreement sets no ceiling on the company's costs, D'Amato said that many more coupons typically are distributed than are redeemed.

In fact, the agreement sets a minimum of \$200,000 that the company must spend on redeeming the coupons and paying for the costs of carrying out the promotion. If Bumble Bee doesn't reach that threshold, the company would pay the difference to the U.S. Treasury. Bernstein said the proposed agreement also would carry prohibitions against repeating the practices alleged, and future violations could lead to more severe regulatory actions.



Stocks close mostly lower amid interest-rate worries

NEW YORK (AP) - Stock prices closed mostly lower Wednesday as cautious investors, fearing a pending interest rate hike, pulled out of the market despite strong corporate earnings. The technology-heavy NASDAQ composite index fell sharply, losing 97.50 to close at 4,069.91. The Dow Jones industrial average, which closed last week at a record high of 11,331.03, fell 11.22 to 11,320.87.

The Standard & Poor's 500 fell 5.94 to 1,404.09. "We saw a fairly big decline in the technology sector. It had been showing signs of cracking, and it really kind of came unglued today," said Ricky Harrington, a technical analyst with Wachovia Securities in Charlotte, N.C.

That sales may be off this quarter. Investors promptly punished the company, driving the stock down nearly 14 percent.

And software maker and network storage company EMC Corp. fell despite reporting fourth-quarter earnings of 34 cents a share, excluding a one-time charge related to an acquisition. The figure beat Wall Street analysts' estimates of 31 cents a share but the company reported lower-than-expected revenues for an important segment of its business, causing anyting investors could latch on to one way or the other," said Paul McInroy, a trader at Brown Brothers Harriman in New York.

Market watchers said congressional testimony by Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan gave investors confidence that the direction Fed policy makers are likely to take when they meet to discuss interest rates next week.

Investors were cautious in anticipation of Greenspan's testimony, which might have given them an indication of where interest rates are going. But he didn't say anything investors could latch on to one way or the other," said Paul McInroy, a trader at Brown Brothers Harriman in New York.

Schwarzenegger ends association with Planet Hollywood

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) - Arnold Schwarzenegger said this week he is ending his association with Planet Hollywood International.

As an investor, the actor was the public face of the troubled restaurant chain, along with fellow box-office heavyweights

Bruce Willis of Hollywood, Demi Moore and Sylvester Stallone. Schwarzenegger said he still retains his interest in the Orlando-based company.

"It was lots of fun and very challenging to come up with and develop the celebrity restaurant concept on an inter-

national level," he said in a statement. "For Jonathan Bernstein, director of the FTC's Bureau of Consumer Protection, bringing a complaint against Bumble Bee was no-brainer."

The company last week emerged from federal bankruptcy court. The company closed

nine poorly performing restaurants throughout the country just before entering bankruptcy three months ago.

CEO Robert Earl said last week he plans to announce next month a new set of celebrity investors who will appeal to the youth market.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table of New York Stock Exchange data including NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ indices, and a list of individual stocks with their prices and changes.

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Table of 525 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, including company names, prices, and changes.

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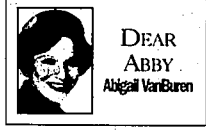
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Woman told dad she loved him before he died

DEAR ABBY: Over the years you have printed many letters about the importance of telling the people you care about that you love them.

About four years ago, I took heed. When talking to my dad, with whom I was very close, I closed with, "I love you, Daddy." He seemed surprised, and then responded, "I love you, too, honey." From then on, every time I ended a conversation with my dad, we had the same exchange.

My dad went to sleep in his home last Nov. 26 and didn't wake up. I want you to know how grateful I am that you woke me up. You have no idea how comforting it is to know the last words we said to each other were those of love. Thank you, Abby, for waking me up before it was too late.



DEAR ABBY
Abby Cadabby

when he got my son's letter. He had done dozens of small jobs gratis at the church and was usually thanked with a word - but that was the only time he ever got a letter of thanks.

Our son is now chairman of the department of religious studies at a large university. He certainly learned the importance of a written note.

-PAUL A. MILLER,
WICHITA, KAN.

it be donated. What do you think?

-THE OFFICE GANG

DEAR OFFICE GANG: I agree with you. Once a gift is given, it belongs to the recipient to do with as he or she pleases. Regardless of how gently it was done, for a boss to "encourage" the employees to forgo the gift and make a donation was still arm-twisting. I'm all for charity - but not when it's done in that manner.

DEAR BONNIE: Please accept my deepest sympathy for the loss of your beloved father. I may have given you the message, but you had to be receptive and ready to hear it and take action.

It takes only a moment to say,

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DEAR ABBY: In response to "Sensitive Nossie in Garden Grove, Calif.," who complained because his seatmate on a plane wore too much perfume, I would like to share some advice my older sister gave me when I was a teen-ager.

I'm not sure who said it originally, but here's the quote: "A scent is not to be announced, but to be discovered." It's a guideline I use to this day when I apply my perfume.

-DIANE IN OMAHA

DEAR DIANE: I agree 100 percent with that philosophy. And it applies to men as well as women.

Wednesday's Puzzle Solver

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Salmon sport some sensitive sniffers

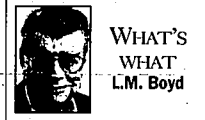
In 1840, a scientist named Louis Agassiz advanced his theory that the earth had experienced an ice age. All the other scientists said he was nuts. He wasn't.

Q. The 10 most used letters in English are E, T, A, O, N, R, I, S, H and D, in that order. What are the 10 least used?

A. Likewise in order: Z, Q, J, X, K, V, B, W, Y.

Q. Scientists have proved it's the smell of the water that guides a salmon back to its birthplace to spawn. So a salmon with a head cold won't make it home, right?

A. All I know is that fish is remarkably sensitive. It detects home stream water even diluted by one part to several million.



WHAT'S WHAT
L.M. Boyd

It's said one of three things can happen after a presidential election: 1. The winner can elevate the presidency. 2. The presidency can elevate the winner. 3. Neither of the above.

You and I may grind our teeth when tense. Rats don't. They grind their teeth when relaxed, but stop when tense.

Don't allow yourself to get pushed around, Aries

IF JANUARY 27 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are a humanitarian, will fight if cause is right. Aries, Libra persons play significant roles in your life and could have these letters, initials in names - I and R. You travel to achieve goal, you often inconvenience yourself in order to help others. Social activities accelerate this year. You could be madly in love during May. During February you'll be involved with trip in connection with relative.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Emphasis on proposals, business, career, marriage. Go slow, don't be bullied into making snap decision. Taurus, Scorpio individuals tell you how to live.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Be receptive to variety of concepts. Individual who tells you how to live your life should be politely ignored. Aries, Gemini persons play roles.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20):

HOROSCOPE

Sydney Omar

You are investigative reporter today. Provide information, answer questions. Libra confides "I'm physically drawn to you." Respond with smile, tea and sympathy.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Avoid fooling yourself. Perceive relationship in realistic manner. Pisces individual involved, lives in another land. You will get together in not too distant future.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Nothing happens halfway - you are in all the way. Involvement is serious, know it, respond accordingly.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Look beyond the immediate,

strive for universal appeal. Help others to understand how people live in other countries. You could be successful spokesperson for unique group.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Make fresh start, permit yourself to love and be loved. Emotional bruise is healing, you are ready for different relationship. Leo plays dramatic role.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Focus on direction, meditation, ambition, marriage. Argument at home settled if you are diplomat. Extend peace offering, don't permit pride to bar happiness.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your kind of day! Element: of timing, luck ride with you. Communicate with relative in

another land; journey will be planned. Gemini is in picture.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You're on solid ground. Those who claim otherwise are talking through their hats. Rebuilding process underway, property increases in value.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Take notes, write your dreams. You are vital, dynamic, sensual - you'll be told so by attractive member of opposite sex. Sagittarius promotes unique project.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Attention revolves around beauty, flowers, music, promotion of harmony at home. If single, you soon will have torrid affair. If married, you rediscover mate.

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NORTH 01-27-A
 ♠ 9 7 4 3
 ♥ 10 10 10
 ♦ 10
 ♣ 10 9 6 5 4

WEST 01-27-B
 ♠ J 8 6
 ♥ 10
 ♦ Q J 9 7 6 4
 ♣ K 7 2

EAST 01-27-C
 ♠ K 10 5
 ♥ 9 5 4
 ♦ A 8 5 3 2
 ♣ 8 3

SOUTH 01-27-D
 ♠ A Q 2
 ♥ A K Q J 7 6
 ♦ K
 ♣ A Q J

Vulnerable: Both
 Dealer: South

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1♥ Pass 1NT Pass
 2♥ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Diamond queen

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds:
 ♠ J 8 6
 ♥ 10
 ♦ Q J 9 7 6 4
 ♣ K 7 2

North South
 1♥ INT
 2♥

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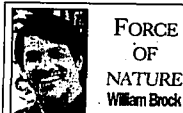
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It's a fine day for a nightmare

The biggest challenge of my outdoor career is fast approaching. It's not paddling the North Fork of the Fayette, or climbing the North Face of the Eiger. No, I'm getting married.

I've been down the Amazon River, climbed the highest mountain in Borneo, bicycled across Europe, hunted wild pigs in Australia, and been a canoe guide in South Africa. But I've never tied the nuptial bond before. So I have some catching up to do.

I'm excited about it, but I have a deep premonition that my future outdoor adventures could be eclipsed by, er, more domestic undertakings. Intuitively, I feel I could be wielding paintbrushes and pruning shears as often as kayak paddles and carabiners.



FORCE OF NATURE
William Brock

My domestic associate grew up in a family that did a lot of canoeing and camping, so she appreciates the outdoor life. We did a fair bit of mountain biking, hiking and paddling last year and have plans for more. In my book, that's encouraging.

On the other hand, my better half is a card-carrying member of the Home Improvement Party. She has big plans for her little house, and I suspect I may be dragged into service. Wallpaper stripping, gutter cleaning and yard work are emerging as new investment opportunities for my time.

For the record, I want to reiterate my enthusiasm for getting married. But every merger presents logistical problems.

For starters, I have to find room for four bicycles, three canoes, two kayaks and a sailboat at her house. She has a kayak and three bikes of her own. So every object, unfortunately, they are all inanimate objects—which means they won't complain.

The same can't be said of my cats, her dog, and she-who-is-allergic-to-cats.

My cats, her dog, and Mate have been in my life longer than my bride has, so I'm frantic to find a compromise that will allow me to keep all three. So far, my domestic associate has been extremely tolerant of my cats, but they live in sinus hell since they took up residence in her basement.

Murt is behaving pretty well, but my yearling Siamese, Mate, is a total ingrate. He growls, hisses, spits and swears at the dog, Abby. For her part, Abby is respectful and keeps her distance. It's a little embarrassing, because the dog behaves like Mother Theresa while my cat treats her like a war criminal.

Blending our two families is an issue, but I'm heartened by occasional flashes of compatibility. By the time we solve the cat-allergy dilemma, I think we'll have the problem licked.

This homeowner business, on the other hand, is a whole 'nuther story. I've never owned a house, so I found myself in an unaccustomed position Monday night—in the bathroom, paintbrush in hand.

I set up a fan for ventilation but needed a screwdriver to adjust it. Still clutching my paintbrush, I plopped down the basement steps and waded straight into Homeowner Hell.

A drain was clogged and stunk water stood a couple of inches deep in the basement. My cats, stranded on their jungle gym, looked like cattle marooned on the roof of a flooded farmhouse.

A wave of revulsion swept through me. I wanted my mommy, or a journeyman plumber, or anybody else who could make the dirty go away. It was a low moment, but the water subsided after a while. There was no lasting damage.

In literary circles, this is known as "foreshadowing." It's an omen I can't ignore.

With rare exceptions, I know what I'm doing in the outdoors. Down there in the basement, with the drain gurgling ominously, I felt like a bleating sheep tied to a snake during a lion hunt.

I'm told it gets worse before it gets better.

Outdoors Editor William Brock has a lot to learn about life's priorities.

When temperatures plunge and cabin fever hits, why not...



Dressed for success, Twin Falls resident Roger Golden works the Big Wood River in winter conditions.

Cast away winter boredom

By James J. Krunich
Times-News correspondent

Winter fishing provides a welcome excuse to get outside and escape cabin fever, but anglers must be extra cautious.

Comfort and safety, in conjunction with catching a few fish, are the primary concerns. These basic goals can be attained with a little common sense and preparation.

For starters, be sure to dress warmly. Many people dress for winter fishing just as they would dress for cross-country skiing. That is, they dress too lightly. Consider that very little physical exertion is needed while fishing, so minimal body heat is produced. Also consider that an angler is often standing in cold, ankle-to-calf deep water for long

periods of time. Thus, wearing several layers of clothing is mandatory, not just optional.

Would-be winter anglers should know that cold, wet hands are uncomfortable and can prevent an angler from tying knots or casting efficiently. Solve the problem by bringing two pairs of gloves. Make sure they are wool gloves, or fast-wicking synthetics that retain heat when wet.

Also consider how to keep your hands as dry as possible. A good trick is to pack a towel in your vest. After releasing a fish, dry your hands with the towel

before slipping them back into your gloves.

Anglers' hands also get cold from ice that forms in the guides of their rod. Instead of taking off your gloves and removing the ice with your fingers, it's usually warmer and easier to dunk the rod in the water. The water temperature is higher than 32 degrees, so the ice will dissolve in a moment or two. If ice forms immediately after removing the rod from the water, then it's too cold for productive fishing and time to head home.

Now consider a scenario that goes beyond comfort and becomes a life-threatening situa-

tion. Taking an accidental nose dive into a cold, winter stream could lead to hypothermia and, possibly, death.

Accidents do happen, so be prepared. Wading boots with felt-covered bottoms will provide a good grip on water-covered rocks. Remember that these same boots can spell trouble when an angler steps ashore and the felt-covered soles ice up. At that point, the boots will grip dry rocks or smooth timber as well as a wet bar of soap—so beware!

The solution is simple. Try stomping to dislodge ice crystals from the felt. Another preventa-

tive measure is to use a wading staff during winter fishing. The staff adds another "leg" and provides significantly more stability, whether walking on a snow-covered bank or standing in an icy stream.

Here are a few other precautions to keep in mind when winter fishing:

- Bring a Thermos of warm liquid to keep your body core warm, and throw in some snacks to provide a little energy.
- Always keep an extra change of clothing in your vehicle in case an unscheduled swim occurs. Also keep a sleeping bag or some blankets handy.
- Tuck away an extra set of keys for your vehicle. If your keys fall into the river, how can you get back into your car to get those dry clothes?

Revealed at last! A few key secrets of ice fishing

By Tom Lackey
The Associated Press

HELENA, Mont. — The Gunslinger has the secret.

"It's all in the wrist," he said. "It's the gunslinger move."

He swiveled his wrist impressively at his hip and brought his .44-caliber index finger smartly to bear on the Tenderfoot's mid-section. Then again.

He made the Tenderfoot practice the move in the kitchen, sitting on a chair.

"Just a couple of inches. You want it just a couple of inches above the bottom."

That's the motion necessary to be a highly successful ice fisherman. It jiggles your bait up and down somewhere far, far below the ice where, legend has it, many large fish will be irresistibly drawn to commit suicide on your hook.

He would show me the thrill of ice fishing, the Gunslinger promised.

"It's great," he said. "You'll love it."

The Gunslinger and his friends, Rod and Dixie, revealed many other closely kept ice fishing secrets that January day, too. But the innermost secret to successful ice fishing was somehow more believable coming from Dixie, who was outfitting everybody.

"Luck," she said.

Ice fishing requires good company, the kind of friends you don't have to talk to. Dogs, for instance. The dogs that day were Chugger, a 120-pound Chesapeake retriever who

chased a tennis ball; Lugnut, a 12-pound Jack Russell terrier who bullied Chugger and chased an eagle; and Bailey, a border collie cross too polite to ask why we were there.

Canyon Ferry Lake has exciting species like trout, walleye and northern pike, not to mention snake-like ling, so our target of the day, of course, was perch.

There apparently is no reason to catch perch. They aren't very big, they don't fight the hook, and they are very difficult to clean and fillet, the Gunslinger said. They don't have much taste, either, he added.

Perfect said the Tenderfoot. To catch the perch, you need bait. The preferred delicacy is maggots, squirming blowfly larvae that you must brood with your body heat, to keep them from freezing before you can dress them.

Can't wait, said the Tenderfoot.

For some reason, there's no limit on how many perch you can catch.

"Sometimes we get bucketsful," the Gunslinger said proudly. "Then we wind up cleaning them for hours."

The Tenderfoot caught one that day. And a sucker. The sucker fought harder, so the Tenderfoot put him back.

Apparently the very best perch fishing is before dawn, requiring serious ice fisherfolk to begin preparing roughly around midnight. That's because numerous layers of clothing are required to sustain life through several hours of standing on frozen water peer-

ing at your icehole and jiggling your bait.

Ice fishers are easy targets for cheap humor, and someone should put a stop to it. But it's their own fault.

All the clothing makes ice fisherpeople look like cartoon characters, barely able to move, but almost impossible to topple over. Because of all the padding, there is no documented case of an ice fisherperson ever being injured by a fall.

You start the adventure by making holes in the ice with an ice auger, hand-powered. It looks like an old-fashioned carpenter's drill, but about 5 feet tall. You press down on the top with one hand and crank the handle with the other hand, and the point of the drill suddenly slides away, making you do a comical dance on the ice to entertain your companions.

The secret is to keep it straight up and down, "Rod confided.

Aha. Much better. That way the auger stayed in place while the Tenderfoot cranked. And cranked and cranked and cranked.

The other secret of the ice auger is it should go clockwise, the way a left-handed person would do it. All successful ice fisherpersons are left-handed.

If the first hole doesn't produce, you drill another. And another, and another. So do all your friends, and all the other ice fisherpeople who crowd in if they see you're catching fish. All ice fishermen and fisherwomen have powerful arms and many friends.



Dixie Fleming of East Helena, Mont., and her border collie, Bailey, chill out on Canyon Ferry lake, near Helena.

The secret of a successful hole apparently is the standard mantra: "I have a really good feeling about this hole."

Another Secret Revealed: and the Tenderfoot drilled approximately 400 holes that day.

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OUTDOORS

Descent into history

Free diver goes to 531 feet on a single breath of air

By Tom Meade
The Providence Journal

On a single breath of air, freediver Francisco "Pipin" Ferreras of Miami descended to 531 feet, or 162 meters - a world record off the coast of Cozumel, Mexico, last week.

"I have dedicated my whole life to understanding the aquatic potential that exists in every human being," Ferreras said in a telephone conversation afterwards. "This brings me that much closer... Now I'm preparing myself to get down to 200 meters."

It took Ferreras about two minutes to make the descent with a 90-pound sled. When he reached maximum depth, he inflated an air bag to soar back to the surface in just over a minute.

He completed the record dive Jan. 18, on his 38th birthday.

Two days earlier, a dive to 535 feet (163 meters) was disqualified because Ferreras lost consciousness about 6 feet from the surface. On his record attempt, the Cuban-American diver is accompanied by a support team of more than two dozen scuba divers, posted along his descent and ascent routes.

"Tuesday, everything was the same physically (as Sunday), but mentally, I was 10 times more prepared," he said.

The 6-foot-3, 210-pound diver begins his diving days with a meditation regimen he says he learned in Kammandu, combined with deep-breathing exercises. The meditation, he said, "is the art of stabilizing the energy and the power that is inside of you with the energy that is in the atmosphere and your surroundings."

The day of the record dive, Ferreras recalled, "I started meditating at 7 or 7:30 in the morning... It focuses my mind on the dive and doesn't allow the intellectual part of the brain to go in a different direction."

Like most ultra-divers, Ferreras wears no mask because of the tremendous pressure he encounters at depth. For the record dive, he wore a standard wet suit and carbon-fiber Attack fins by Mares, the Italian firm which sponsored the event.

The entire dive took 3 minutes and 12 seconds, shattering the previous record of 492 feet, or 150 meters, set by Italian freediver Umberto Pelizzari. The depth was verified by instruments, accurate to within 10 centimeters, that Ferreras wore on his back.

When he got back to shore, the diver was greeted by a mariachi band singing the Mexican version of "Happy Birthday," and

the mayor of Cozumel presented him with a cake.

Ferreras and Pelizzari have been swapping control of the record since 1991 when Ferreras descended to 116 meters. As of Thursday afternoon, Ferreras had not heard from Pelizzari, but the record holder said he expected the Italian to take a shot at establishing a new no-limits record.

In the 1998 book *Freediver* by Terry Maas and Rhode Island freediver David Sipperly, Ferreras said he would retire when he reached 500 feet.

Now he is saying he will retire after descending to 200 meters, or 623 feet. He said the information he collects in his quest for greater depths will give science an edge in learning more about humankind's "aquatic potential." "I believe," said Ferreras, "that intellectually, we are closer to marine mammals than monkeys."

"We all came from the water. Inside our brains is a genetic memory" that kicks in to protect us underwater.

How deep can a human dive on a single breath?

"Nobody knows," Ferreras said. "If I knew 10 years ago what I know now (about the human response to extreme depths), we'd be talking about going to 250 meters instead of 200."

HUNGRY?



'Whopper', a half-ton Kodiak bear, stands and opens his mouth on a command from his trainer Ruth LaBarge Monday at Wildlife Safari in Winston, Ore. He and six other bears will be at the safari from Memorial Day to Labor Day as part of an educational program about bears.

Top flycasters square off

By Tom Meade
The Providence Journal

PROVIDENCE, R.I. - On stream, Ed Lombardo is as focused as a kingfisher. That single-minded intensity will be tested this summer as the Greenfield angler competes in the fly-fishing portion of ESPN's Great Outdoor Games.

"This is big," says Lombardo, sitting at the Soopy's Diner in North Kingstown. "It's going to be different than anything I've ever done."

Lombardo is one of 12 fly fishers from around the country selected by ESPN last week to compete in its "Olympic style" event for outdoor sports, July 20-23, in Lake Placid, N.Y. More than 200 competitors will vie for nearly \$300,000 in prize money for 20 events within four categories: fishing, timber events, sporting, dogs and target sports.

Dustin Sahlmann, organizer of the fly-fishing competition, said the event is two fly events, one combining literature and accuracy in casting a fly, the other a fly-fishing contest on the West Branch of the Ausable River near Lake Placid.

Rules require each of the 12 fly fishers to use a 9-foot fly rod with

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a 5-weight line - standard trout-fishing outfit - for the distance and accuracy casting contest. And therein lies the real test of the anglers. The next day, the 12 anglers will try to catch the largest fish. The Ausable's west branch is known for its large brown trout. Each angler will have a 1/2-mile stretch of river, chosen by draw, to fish for three hours with the option to change flies at any time.

In July, the Ausable's trout probably will be feeding on "trio" and callibaetis mayflies, almost microscopically-small aquatic insects, as well as land-based bugs such as ants, crickets and grasshoppers, Sahlmann said.

Lombardo says he has never fished the Ausable, but he plans to scout the river this spring. He has fished extensively throughout New England and, for the last 17 years, much of Montana.

Among his rivals in the Great Outdoor Games will be professional fishing guide from Florida, Brian O'Keefe, a fishing photographer from Oregon, and Doug Swisher, a casting instructor and co-author of *Fly Fishing Strategy* and *Selective Trout*, standard reference books for fly-fishing fans.

Lombardo, 50, works for the state Department of Labor and Training. He was one of the founders of a fly-fishing school, and he still conducts fly-fishing seminars for professional groups and outdoor shows. Each summer, he assembles a group of Rhode Islanders who travel to the Yellowstone and Big Horn regions of Montana to fish for trout. At home, Lombardo fishes for trout on the Wood River and for striped bass, weakfish, and bluefish in Narragansett Bay.

On most of his Montana trips, and every Opening Day of trout season in Rhode Island, Lombardo was accompanied by his long-time friend, Ed McLaughlin, 65, died last week. "Nothing will be the same without him," Lombardo said this week. "I'll carry something of his with me" during the Great Outdoor Games.

Deer hunter relinquishes record

By Eric Sharp
Knight Ridder News Service

DETROIT - Canadian farmer Milo Hanson tried to come up with a reasonable explanation as to why Traverse City hunter Rimpola signed a legal agreement that he no longer would claim to have killed the world-record whitetail deer.

"I don't know why he would sign that agreement unless the deer is a fake," Hanson, the real record-holder, said earlier this month.

By signing the agreement, Rimpola staved off a threatened lawsuit by Hanson and his partner, Arkansas businessman John

Butler, who say their earnings from Hanson's record buck have been compromised by Rimpola's unsubstantiated claim.

It was Nov. 13, 1998, when Rimpola killed in Grand Traverse County what he later said was a deer that scored 216 5/8 on the Boone & Crockett scale, three inches bigger than the Boone & Crockett-record whitetail Hanson killed in Saskatchewan five years earlier.

A reporter for Rimpola's hometown paper, the Traverse City Record Eagle, and I were the first to report it a few days later, and when hunters around the country learned of the claim

through those newspapers' Internet web sites, the explosion of interest was incredible.

And therein lies the real root of Rimpola's problem: He just never realized how big this thing was going to be.

Rimpola dumbfounded the hunting world by announcing that he was angry at B&C and wasn't going to enter the deer in the books. During the ensuing months, he also claimed that four scorers flew into the state to measure the deer secretly, then dropped that claim and had it scored by three Michigan measurers, who said it indeed surpassed Hanson's record.

It's time to debunk one stubborn ice fishing myth: Ice fishers-fellows do not keep the maggots warm by holding them in their mouths. They keep the maggots in plastic pill bottles in their pockets, just like ordinary people.

An insider's tip: Be sure the snap-on cap is on the bottle really really tight before you put it back in your pocket.

Small fry lands monster trout

By Dave Stregge
The Orange County Register

SANTA ANA, Calif. - The fish was caught the old-fashioned way. A red-and-white bobber floated on the surface, a night-crawler squirmed from a hook and leader below it.

No trout jigs, Kastmasters or Power Bait, just a good-old-fashioned bobber and crawler.

At the other end was Jeremy Bruckelner, 7, who was fishing with his mother's boyfriend, Richard Wolf of North Highlands, at Lake Natoma near Folsom outside Sacramento.

Little Jeremy was trying out a new fishing-rod and reel with 8-pound test, a 6-pound leader and a 10-pound desire to catch a bigger fish than Richard.

What happened next became headline news, even being broadcast by a local TV station in Southern California.

The bobber dipped under the water and Jeremy was soon fighting one of the biggest rainbow trout ever caught in the state. After a 20-minute battle and a little help from Richard, Jeremy was the proud owner of a 23-pound rainbow.

The rare catch measured 31.5 inches in length with a 23-inch girth. It was fat, but it wasn't a record. The state record for a rainbow is 27.4 pounds, which was actually a steelhead caught in the Smith River. State records list steelhead with rainbow trout.

The biggest known rainbow caught in Southern California

was a 23.1-pounder-landed at Santa Ana River Lakes in December 1996. That fish was raised to that size and planted by Mr. Lassen Trout Farm.

Jeremy's fish originated in a hatchery, too, evidenced by dorsal and ventral fin erosion. But his fish grew to its obese proportions from a half-pound, or at least that is what Department of Fish and Game officials suspect.

"More than likely it was a stocked, normal-size fish," said Dave Lentz, DFG fishery biologist in charge of the wild-trout program. "I don't know what the stocked records show and if they were any broodstock in there or not."

Bruce Barngrover, DFG senior hatchery supervisor for the region, said neither fingerlings nor broodstock are planted in the lake or up stream in the American River, only half-pounders.

"To my knowledge, this grew up in there," Barngrover said. "How is this possible? It is better understood when you learn the ecology of Lake Natoma."

The narrow, 500-acre lake is the afterbay to Folsom Lake and is known for its football-sized rainbow trout ranging from 8 to 12 pounds. Like these bigger trout, Jeremy's fish probably spent a lot of time in the tailwaters below Folsom Dam where food is abundant.

"There's a lot of forage fish or baitfish that get caught up in the release valve of the dam and shoot out into the river below and it's like a constant smorgas-

bord coming at you 24 hours a day," said Lentz, the fishery biologist. "The area is rich with baitfish coming out of the lake that are stunned or killed. So that's how a fish can get that big."

"It's a really unusual circumstance. Most rainbow trout don't get good at eating other fish."

The lake offers constant water temperatures and conditions conducive for year-round growth. The coolest water is where the outflow of Folsom Lake is and that area is mostly inaccessible to anglers because of the steep gorge and deep water.

Ice

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Multiple holes weaken the ice around you. The Gunglinsger wears ice-grabbers around his neck - two fist-sized dowels with sharpened screws in one end to stab into the ice if he breaks through.

"It's the only way you're going to be able to pull yourself out of the water," he explained.

Ice fishing also requires other highly specialized equipment. The rods are only about 18 inches long, since there is little casting room to reach your hole. A rod holder lets you set the rod down, tip in the air, while you drill more holes. The holder, with two slender arms outstretched, also assures that a maggot can't yank the rig through the hole while you're trying to get all that clothing moving.

The most ingenious item was

the Gunglinsger's ice house, "a three-holer." It unfolds from a small bag that becomes part of the plywood floor, and lightweight plastic pipe forms the framework for the tarpaulin walls and roof.

Cutouts in the floor allow three people to fish from inside, comfortably sheltered from wind and snow and any vice of the great outdoors.

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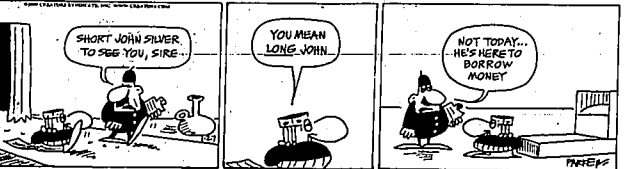
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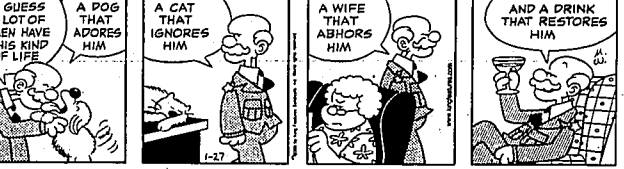
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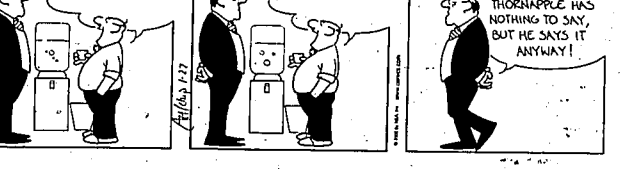
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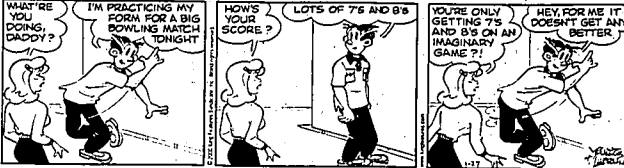
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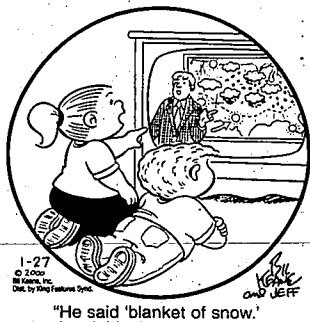


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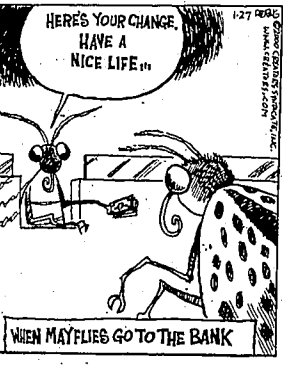


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RISING High School Sports STARS

Cory Golcochea

Wood River wrestling

Wood River's junior standout went through a growth spurt last summer and fell, tacking 19 pounds onto his formerly 152-pound frame.

The 170-pounder's starting quarterback, school shortstop and state wrestling champion from last year, used his new physique to the Breakfast of Champions.

"I've just been eating my Wheaties, I guess," he said.

Tom Golcochea, Wood River wrestling coach, said his son's size, strength and quickness make him a handful for any opponent.

And the added bulk hasn't hampered his mat skills. Known as "Cradling" Cory for his mastery of the inside, outside and standing cradle holds, Golcochea's season record stands at 14-0 with 10 pins.

"I hadn't planned to go up to (171)," Golcochea said. "I was thinking 160's and then it just came along after football season."

A freakish incident at the recent Buhl Invitational could've haunted the young grappler for the rest of the year. While holding Wendell's Will Ringling in a waist-lock, he was testing him to the ground, Ringling tried to avoid the slam, inadvertently catching his neck at an awkward angle.

Ringling suffered two broken vertebrae that were quickly fused at St. Luke's Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center, but has no apparent paralysis and is 100 percent on the road to a full recovery, said Wendell athletic director Jack Lambert.

As for Golcochea, the avid outdoorsman and honor roll student with a 3.90 GPA is leaning toward wrestling with tacklers rather than guards after high school.

So don't expect to see "The Cradler" facing "The Rock" or "Mankind" in any future World Wrestling Federation broadcasts.

"Heck no, that's not me," he said.

—Kevin Hall

Anna Cox

Shoshone girls' basketball

The first time the Shoshone girls' basketball team played for a state title, Anna Cox was one of its managers.

Five years have passed, but in some respects she's never left that position. But now the 5-foot-10 senior co-captain fills the lane instead of the water jug. Through 20 games, she's averaged 12.5 points and 7.3 rebounds.

She's also one of the major reasons the Indians blew through their A-4 Northside schedule with a flawless 10-0 record.

"During the last part of the season," said Shoshone head coach Tim Chapman, "she's been by far our best player."

In the Indians' final five games, Cox has averaged 16.2 points and 9.8 rebounds a game. And with the district tournament underway, her timing could not have been more perfect.

"It's my senior season and I want to go all-out," Cox said, adding that the team's success this season has stemmed not from strong individual performances, but from better team chemistry.

Take Cox and fellow post Monica Uhrig. The two have combined for an average of 26.5 points and 16.2 rebounds an outing. The 6-3 Uhrig has a defensive 90 percent of the time. "Her biggest asset on defense is quickness. ... She's quicker than heck."



—Matt Peterson

Crucial road trip awaits new-look CSI

Golden Eagles face challenge in games against Dixie, Snow

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Two very different teams playing two very different brands of basketball.

That's the message coming out of the College of Southern Idaho men's and women's camps as they gear up for what is arguably the biggest road-trip-of-the-season: Dixie and Snow colleges. "No doubt about it, this is a

huge weekend for us," said men's head coach Derek Zeck.

The weekend is sure to have ramifications in both the men's and women's Scenic West Athletic Conference standings.

Against the Rebels, who feature forward Caroline Heaton (12.7 ppg., 8.4 rpg.), women's coach Joel Bate said keeping Heaton off the offensive glass is a key.

"She's a load inside," he said. "But Dixie's a very balanced team. But we're real different now at this point than we lost to them (62-57, Dec. 11). We're attacking zones better and really like our preparation in how we're going down there."

The No. 16 Badgers, with their sweep of Salt Lake and Utah Valley, are tied with the two Utah schools at 7-2 atop the men's standings. The 17th-ranked Badger women have equaled the men's record, and have clawed their way to the top of the SWAC heap.

(Snow) is playing real confident fight now," Bate said. "They're going to come in knowing they let one slip away from them before Christmas."

That one slip-up was a 74-71 loss to the Golden Eagles on Dec. 10. The Badgers feature a trio of laser-sighted three-point aces in



guards Nicole Paul (15.2 ppg.), Casey Cooke (14.1 ppg.) and Declo's Anna Bateman (3.29 steals).

"If we can just take care of the basketball against the press, and control the press, then we match up real well with them," Bate said.

Zeck also likes his matchups over the weekend. In the two teams' first clash in December, Snow eked out a 94-93 upset over an injured and inexperienced CSI squad shooting an amazing 60 percent to CSI's 42.

"That's not going to happen again," Zeck said.

Against the Rebels, who played without all-everything guard Maurice Baker, the Golden Eagles cruised to a 104-73 win last month. But Baker, who lit the Bruins up for 35 points and 16 rebounds in Dixie's double-overtime 95-91 win on Saturday, isn't Dixie's only weapon. Forward Vance Lawhorn more than made up for Baker's absence against CSI with his own double-double of 29 points and 10 rebounds.

Zeck promised some new defensive looks for the weekend. "I think we match up with them pretty well," he said. "I'm Please see CSI, Page D5

NORTHSIDE TOURNAMENT

Dietrich, Shoshone head to showdown

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

SHOSHONE — Host Shoshone High School is defending girls' Class A-4 state champion Dietrich Blue Devils will face in Saturday's winner's bracket game of the Northside Conference Basketball Tournament.

Each team won in the tournament's second round Wednesday, and is guaranteed a spot at the Feb. 9-11 District 4 Tournament.

The Indians (18-3) were paced by the 20 points and eight rebounds of 6-foot-3 post Monica Uhrig as they blasted the Camas County Lady Musers 46-36.

With the loss, Camas County (10-10) faces Richfield in a loser-out game on Friday.

On the other side of the bracket, the upstart Lady Blue Devils (15-6) won their second game in as many nights, upsetting the Carey Panthers 47-40.

In tonight's loser-out games, Ketchum plays Carey at 6 p.m., with Richfield and Camas County meet at 7:30.

Dietrich 47, Carey 40

The rubber match between Dietrich and Carey saw the Lady Blue Devils pull away with a 16-8 fourth quarter as Brandi McCowan led all scorers with 16 points and teammate Rashell Astle poured in 14 points.

Up by one going into the fourth, Carey (13-4) came up empty on its first three trips down the floor while Dietrich bolted out on a 6-2 run to grab the 37-34 lead with 5:21 to go.

After a long three-pointer by Astle and a bucket by Carey got it to 40-36, a Colleen VanTassel miss of the front end of a one-and-one saw Astle speed through the lane for the errant ball and subsequent lay-up for the 42-36 lead.

Down the stretch, the Panthers

were forced to foul as Dietrich played smooth ball control through several Carey full-court presses. The Lady Blue Devils capitalized at the line, connecting on 4-of-7 in the final 1:51.

"We just wanted to win," said Dietrich head coach Gene Shaw. "We knew we had a real good chance to beat them and it was important to hit our free throws down the stretch because it was anybody's game."

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Shoshone 46, Camas County 36

The tall tag team of Uhrig and Anna Cox combined for 31 points and 16 rebounds as the Indians (18-3) shot down the Camas County Lady Musers.

"We needed this win," Uhrig said. "We have a good inside game. Anna and I work really well together and we have an (equal) good outside game. So if they're doubling up on us, I know our (guards) can make it."

For Indians head coach Tim Chapman, the bread-and-butter of Cox and Uhrig on the inside combined with the leadership of senior point guard Amy Williams and deadly range of junior Jennifer Ross made all the difference.

"Our guards do a great job of getting the ball inside," he said. "And our posts did a good job of pinning and getting open."

The Indians stifled Camas County into an unofficial 37 percent shooting on 14-of-38 from the floor.

Sarah Vouch led the Lady Musers (10-10) with 12 points. Besides the anemic shooting, Camas County hurt itself with a

McMillen, and Adam Paxton, all scored pins. Skaggs pinned Mike Dovenmuhler in 53 seconds, while Paxton pinned Tyler Thiesen in a quick 34 seconds.

In the 140-pound weight class, McMillen used a double chicken-wing to pin Jason Lamm of Jerome 30 seconds into the second period. McMillen improved to 28-0 on the year and has lofty goals for regionals and the state tournament.

"I hope I can win state this year," said McMillen. "The competition is tough, but I always



Shoshone's Anna Cox shoots over Camas County's Annika Backstrom Wednesday night at the Northside Conference basketball tournament at Shoshone High School. The Indians beat the Musers 46-36.

9:25 dry spell that enabled Shoshone to take a 26-13 lead into the half.

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SPORTS

Jazz fall at home to upstart Grizzlies

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Shareef Abdur-Rahim scored 30 points and Mike Bibby added 28, leading the Vancouver Grizzlies to their first-ever victory over the Utah Jazz, 116-99 Wednesday night.

The Grizzlies entered the game 0-17 against Utah, making the Jazz the only Midwest Division foe they had never beaten in the franchise's five-year history.

Vancouver caught the Jazz at the right time, two nights after Utah beat the Los Angeles Lakers in double-overtime and one night before a two-game road trip to Portland and Minnesota.

Utah's 165 home record made the win all the more impressive. It

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was the most points the Jazz had allowed at home since Phoenix scored 122 in April, 1997, but Utah won that game.

When Abdur-Rahim and Bibby weren't nailing jumpers, Michael Dickerson was sinking the Jazz's hopes from the three-point line. Dickerson finished with 18 points and went 4-of-6 from three-point range.

The game was tied 26-26 at the end of the first quarter before Abdur-Rahim led a second-quarter charge.

His breakaway dunk with 1:50 remaining in the half energized

the Grizzlies and helped Vancouver take a 45-43 lead at the break. Vancouver continued to pour it on in the second half and finished at 57 percent (45-of-79) from the field.

Before Wednesday's loss, the Jazz had won three straight and 11 of 13.

Bucks 112, Kings 104

MILWAUKEE — Ray Allen had 22 points and Sam Cassell added 20 points and 13 assists as Milwaukee outgunned Sacramento 112-104 Wednesday night in a matchup of two of the NBA's top three offensive teams.

Chris Webber was ejected in the third quarter for cursing ref-

eree Bill Spooner after a series of calls went against the Kings. His outburst came near the end of a 24-7 Bucks run spanning the second and third quarters that put the game away.

Magic 111, Celtics 89

ORLANDO, Fla. — Tariq Abdul-Wahad scored 19 points to lead four starters in double figures and Orlando shot 60 percent to win its third straight.

Raptors 120, Wizards 105

TORONTO — Vince Carter survived a hard foul from Juwan Howard and scored 26 points on his 23rd birthday as Toronto beat Washington 120-105 Wednesday night.

SCORES AND STATS

BASKETBALL

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Men's college basketball

Nevada at Idaho, 7:05 p.m.

Wrestling

Oakley and Filer at Kimberly Girls' basketball

Burley at Hillcrest Filer at Gooding Kimberly at Wood River

Blackfoot at Jerome M.V. Conference Tournament No. 6 Hansen at No. 4 Castledorf, 7 p.m. No. 6 Oakley at No. 3 Hagerman, 7 p.m.

Boys' basketball

Shoshone at Bliss Wood River at Camas County at Ketchum Carey at Richfield Glens Ferry at Wendell Twin Falls Christian at ISDB

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Idaho State vs. Washington State at Boise, 11:30 a.m. Oregon vs. Oregon State at Eugene, 11:30 a.m. Utah vs. Utah State at Logan, 11:30 a.m.

Arizona vs. Arizona State at Tempe, 11:30 a.m. California vs. Stanford at Berkeley, 11:30 a.m. Colorado vs. Colorado State at Fort Collins, 11:30 a.m.

Florida vs. Florida State at Tallahassee, 11:30 a.m. Georgia vs. Georgia Tech at Atlanta, 11:30 a.m. Iowa vs. Iowa State at Ames, 11:30 a.m.

Michigan vs. Michigan State at East Lansing, 11:30 a.m. Minnesota vs. Minnesota State at Mankato, 11:30 a.m. Missouri vs. Missouri State at Springfield, 11:30 a.m.

North Carolina vs. Wake Forest at Raleigh, 11:30 a.m. Oklahoma vs. Oklahoma State at Stillwater, 11:30 a.m. South Carolina vs. Clemson at Clemson, 11:30 a.m.

Texas vs. Texas Tech at Lubbock, 11:30 a.m. Virginia Tech vs. Wake Forest at Raleigh, 11:30 a.m. Washington vs. Washington State at Pullman, 11:30 a.m.

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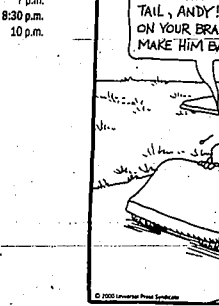
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IN THE BLEACHERS

By Steve Moore



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NEW PCA tour schedule: Jan. 28-29: National Championships (Twin Falls); Jan. 30-31: Super Bowl (Portland); Feb. 1-2: Big West Conference (Astoria); Feb. 3-4: Big West Conference (Astoria); Feb. 5-6: Big West Conference (Astoria); Feb. 7-8: Big West Conference (Astoria); Feb. 9-10: Big West Conference (Astoria); Feb. 11-12: Big West Conference (Astoria); Feb. 13-14: Big West Conference (Astoria); Feb. 15-16: Big West Conference (Astoria); Feb. 17-18: Big West Conference (Astoria); Feb. 19-20: Big West Conference (Astoria); Feb. 21-22: Big West Conference (Astoria); Feb. 23-24: Big West Conference (Astoria); Feb. 25-26: Big West Conference (Astoria); Feb. 27-28: Big West Conference (Astoria); Feb. 29-30: Big West Conference (Astoria); Mar. 1-2: Big West Conference (Astoria); Mar. 3-4: Big West Conference (Astoria); Mar. 5-6: Big West Conference (Astoria); Mar. 7-8: Big West Conference (Astoria); Mar. 9-10: Big West Conference (Astoria); Mar. 11-12: Big West Conference (Astoria); Mar. 13-14: Big West Conference (Astoria); 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TENNIS

Australian Open

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Rudi Tomljanovic of the U.S. defeated Andrei Medvedev of Russia 6-4, 6-3, 6-4 to win the men's singles title.

Tomljanovic, 27, of the U.S. defeated Medvedev, 26, of Russia in a three-set match that lasted 2 hours and 15 minutes.

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High School

Boys' basketball: Boise State vs. Idaho State at Boise, 7:05 p.m.

Girls' basketball: Boise State vs. Idaho State at Boise, 7:05 p.m.

GOLF

PGA Tour Schedule: The first round of the PGA Tour is scheduled for Thursday, January 27, at the Waste Management Phoenix Open in Phoenix, Ariz.

Womens and sporting events through February 10.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Hamblin, Sanderson shine in tourney

TEMECULA, Calif. — Recording a 72 Wednesday, Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course professional Mike Hamblin sits seven strokes off the leading pace of Idaho Falls golfer John Graham headed into today's final round of the 2000 Rocky Mountain PGA Temecula Challenge.

Tommy Sanderson of Sun Valley added a 72 to his first-78 to lead the senior division, while John Weekes of Twin Falls fired an 81 to sit 13 back. Rob Ellis of Twin Falls cracked an opening-round 83, but scored a better 76 on Wednesday.

The Muni squad of Hamblin, Corky Federico, Todd Jones and Alan Stutzman fired a team 124 for third place in the team standings.

Record falls as N. Arizona tames Bengals

POCATELLO — Dan McClintock scored 18 points to lead Northern Arizona to a 67-50 victory over Idaho State Wednesday night. NAU's Ross Land set a Big Sky record for three-pointers when he connected on his 26th with 8:37 left in the first half. He was 3-of-8 from three-point range for the night, making his career-record 265. The previous record of 263 was set last year by Montana State's Danny Sprinkle.

District Hoop Shoot Is Saturday in Gooding

GOODING — The district Elks Hoop Shoot will take place at Gooding Middle School (145 7th Ave. W.) on Saturday, with registration at 10 a.m. and competition at 10:30. Winners advance to the state contest in Boise Feb. 12. From there, top-shooters go on to regionals in Portland, Ore. Participants Saturday should bring a birth certificate and a pair of suitable shoes. Lunch and an awards ceremony will follow the shoot at the school cafeteria. For more information, contact Jim Hollifield at 934-8226.

MVSA needs assistant soccer coach

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Youth Soccer Association's Rapids soccer program for girls needs a female assistant coach to complete an all-women's coaching staff. Prospective assistants must have played competitive soccer. Contact George Kotch at 733-9406 or Vince Gibson at 735-0176 for more details.

Idaho Falls gets minor league hockey rights

BOZEMAN, Mont. — Officials of the eight-team America West Hockey League have unanimously approved a franchise for Idaho Falls. The Elmore Sports Group will ultimately own a majority of the team. The group also owns the Idaho Falls Padres, a rookie-league baseball team, and eight other franchises, including three other hockey teams. The ownership group must now produce concrete plans for an arena capable of holding 4,000 fans within the next year.

Dallas defensive coordinator named coach

IRVING, Texas — Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones made defensive coordinator Dave Campo the head coach of one of the most high-profile teams in sports Wednesday. Campo, 52, is the fifth coach the Cowboys have had and, like the other four, he's a first-time NFL head coach. Chan Gundy, though, is the only one who didn't win a Super Bowl. Campo was given a five-year contract worth \$800,000 to \$1 million per season.

Hasek has first practice since injury

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Sabres goalie Dominik Hasek practiced with his team Wednesday for the first time since October — a sign that he's preparing to take to the ice again soon. Hasek has been out with a groin injury since the Sabres' Oct. 27 game against Tampa Bay. On Wednesday, he skated for about 25 minutes of the team's hour-long practice.

No snow, so women's ski races canceled

SALT LAKE CITY — Next month's women's World Cup speed races, slated for Feb. 10-12 on the mountain where the Olympics are to be held in two years, were canceled Wednesday for lack of snow. Alan Ashley, the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Team's vice president for athletics, said International Skiing Federation officials made the decision after skiing the course at Snowbasin.

Rams' Warner collects another NFL honor

ATLANTA — Kurt Warner's improbable run to the Super Bowl with the St. Louis Rams earned another honor Wednesday. Warner won Player of the Year ahead of five other finalists, including teammate and running back Marshall Faulk, quarterback Peyton Manning, running back Edgerrin James, receiver Marvin Harrison and running back Stephen Davis.

Tennis great Don Budge dies at 84

SCRANTON, Penn. — Don Budge, who swept all four major tennis tournaments in 1938 to become the sport's first "Grand Slam" winner, died Wednesday of cardiac arrest. He was 84. Budge was injured in a car accident in northeastern Pennsylvania on Dec. 14 when he lost control and drove off the road. He was hospitalized in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., until Jan. 8, when he was transferred to a nursing facility near his home in Dingmans Ferry.

Mountain West considers bowl options

DENVER — The Mountain West Conference may try adding to its bowl collection. After seeing Wyoming left out of the postseason last year, Mountain West officials are considering pursuing a third bowl commitment in 2000, league commissioner Craig Thompson said Wednesday. Compiled from staff and wire reports.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL: Boston Red Sox signed Tim Lincecum to a one-year contract worth \$1.5 million. Cleveland Indians signed Travis Hafner to a one-year contract worth \$1.5 million. Los Angeles Dodgers signed Matt Kemp to a one-year contract worth \$1.5 million. New York Yankees signed J. J. Redick to a one-year contract worth \$1.5 million. Philadelphia Phillies signed Ryan Howard to a one-year contract worth \$1.5 million. St. Louis Cardinals signed Scott Lincecum to a one-year contract worth \$1.5 million. Tampa Bay Rays signed Matt Kemp to a one-year contract worth \$1.5 million. Texas Rangers signed J. J. Redick to a one-year contract worth \$1.5 million. Washington Nationals signed Ryan Howard to a one-year contract worth \$1.5 million.

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