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Democratic also-rans consider their futures

+ **Brady says he's through with politics,
but other candidates eye 2008 races**

BY SHAWNA GAMACHE
IDAHO STATESMAN

Democratic governor candi-
date Jerry Brady said he is fin-

ished with politics.
"I've done my best," said Brady,
70, president of the Post Co. pub-
lishing company in Idaho Falls.
"Twice is enough." He plans to

travel the state thanking sup-
porters and possibly return to
nonprofit work in the Third
World.

But the rest of Idaho's major
Democratic candidates — all of
whom lost on Nov. 7 — aren't
done with politics yet.

Election Day isn't two weeks
past, but Larry LaRocco, Larry

Grant and Jim Hansen already
have their eyes on possible con-
gressional runs in 2008. Other
candidates are looking at
statewide or smaller seats.

CONGRESS

► **Larry LaRocco:** The former
congressman who lost for lieu-
tenant governor against Gov. Jim

Risch, is considering a possible
bid for U.S. Sen. Larry Craig's seat
in two years.

If Craig doesn't run again,
LaRocco thinks he has a shot.
LaRocco, who raised \$800,000 in
his 1994 congressional re-election
campaign, said fundraising is
much easier for a congressional
race than for lieutenant governor.

That will help him get his mes-
sage out, he said.

"I'm not discouraged one bit,"
LaRocco said. "Except for the out-
come, it was a great experience."

Meantime, LaRocco will con-
tinue his work as president of
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SEE DEMOCRATS ON MAIN 2

seven wonders
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day 1: salmon river country

**Downtown
living is
coming
to Eagle**



Katherine Jones / Idaho Statesman

The solitude of Ship Island Lake and stunning vistas of the Bighorn Crags are the rewards for those who are determined to get there. Deep in the heart of the 2.2 million-acre Idaho wonder, the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness, the crags are a series of jagged summits that cradle more than a dozen clearwater lakes.

Heart of Idaho beats in the Salmon River wilds

The Salmon River and “the Frank,” as the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness is affectionately called, epitomize everything that Idahoans love to boast about: our water, our mountains, our wildlife, our people.

The Salmon River moves as if somehow, it has a heart and soul, as its flows range from calm, still and reflective to the raging rapids that gave it the “River of No Return” moniker.

Magnificent mountains and canyons of the Church wilderness teem with wildlife — soaring eagles, howling wolves; bighorn sheep, white-tailed deer, elk, bobcats, cougars, coyotes, rattlesnakes, bears and more. The wilderness has been called “the Serengeti of North America” for its concentrations of large animals.

This vast, wild country has a tale to tell.

It’s a story best told by its people, from past to present, from its native Lemhi Shoshone Indians — Tukudika, or the Sheepeaters — to resident research biologists. From frontiersman “Cougar” Dave to today’s outdoor enthusiasts. Through their stories, this land comes alive.

Jeanne Huff

Photos and stories on Main 4-5 ■ Online photo gallery at idahostatesman.com ■ Poster available

Developers plan condos, apartments but chafe at city regulations

BY KATY MOELLER
IDAHO STATESMAN

It’s never difficult for Mark Butler and Shawn Nickel to rent the apartment above their downtown Eagle offices.

An hour after a sign is posted in the window of SLN Planning Inc. on North Second Street, the calls start coming in.

“We usually get 15 calls the first day,” said Butler, a former Eagle city planner who is now president of Land Consultants, Inc.

Second-floor residences above commercial spaces in Eagle’s downtown are rare. In fact, there’s only one — the apartment above SLN Planning.

Butler and others, including M&H Development of Eagle, are working to bring more second-floor — and possibly third-floor — residences to Eagle’s downtown, which radiates outward from the corner of Eagle Road and Old State Street.

“There’s a sense of pride that you’re bringing something to downtown that’s not here,” Butler said.

There’s also some frustration among developers, who say that the city’s height restriction, parking space requirements and fees for removing trees for development can make downtown projects difficult.

Butler said the city fees for removing about 10 trees on one downtown property could mount up to as much as \$150,000. The fees go to the city’s tree fund.

City officials say they are open to the idea of raising the maximum height for downtown buildings — to a point. The concern has been that tall buildings would block the view of the Foothills.

Currently, the maximum allowable height for buildings in Eagle’s downtown core is 40 feet.

SEE EAGLE ON MAIN 3

Albertson College to receive \$5 million grant

The Evergreen grant will be used to launch a \$17 million fundraising campaign to renovate science facilities

STATESMAN STAFF

J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation has awarded Albertson College of Idaho in Caldwell a \$5 million per year Evergreen grant, plus an additional one-time \$5 million grant to launch a \$17 million fundraising campaign to renovate the school's science facility.

The goal of both grants, according to university spokeswoman Beth Zborowski, is to support initiatives to help the college look more like a U.S. News & World Report Top 100 National Liberal Arts College.

The \$5 million Evergreen grant replaces the final installment in a three-year, \$17 million grant Albertson College received from the foundation in 2005. ACI already has received \$12 million of that previous grant.

The new grant will be funded continually on a three-year cycle. Should the funding ever be canceled, the university will have a three-year warning, Zborowski said.

The grants have been used to invest in various departments such as biology, business and education, she said. Funding also is used in recruitment and scholarships and to give profes-

sors resources and enhance salaries.

ACI used some of the grant to expand the Albertson Heritage Scholarship — a full-tuition scholarship for students with outstanding high school records who also rank in top one percent of the ACT or SAT pool, said Zborowski.

The profile of this year's freshmen was again the best in the state, with 40 percent ranking in the top 10 percent of their high school graduating class.

The top quarter of the freshman class was in the top 7 percent of the national ACT/SAT pool and had a high school grade-point average of 4.0 or better.

ACI president Bob Hoover said the grant "gives the college the financial

stability to focus on long-term priorities" that will keep educational standards high.

The Boone Science Hall was constructed in 1967 and is nearly 80,000 square feet. The fundraising campaign will remodel and update the building's infrastructure, classroom technology and laboratory spaces and equipment, said Zborowski.

"We believe with more national recognition and an increased focus on distinctive areas such as science education, ACI will continue to attract the best and brightest students from Idaho and elsewhere and give them the kind of experience which will lead them to remain and contribute to this state," said ACI Trustee Kenneth C. Howell.

BOISE COUNTY

Boise man dies Saturday in motorcycle crash

A Boise man was killed in a motorcycle wreck Saturday night in Boise County, Idaho State Police reported.

Timothy Perry, 43, was heading west on Pearl Road just after 5 p.m. near the top of Horseshoe Bend Hill west of Idaho 55 when his Honda motorcycle veered off the road, police said.

Perry overcorrected and was thrown from his motorcycle, police said. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

CALDWELL

Thieves taking copper, aluminum and electricity

Thieves have targeted copper, aluminum, electricity and gasoline in five separate thefts recently in Caldwell, according to Sandy Brooks of Caldwell Police Department's crime analysis.

In October, motor parts made of copper were stolen from a recreational vehicle. About 300 pounds of copper wire were taken in a separate incident. And a Caldwell police officer responded to a vandalism complaint in progress midday on the overpass near Interstate 84's North 10th Avenue exit. The officer discovered that suspects removed sections of the aluminum handrail with a hacksaw.

During the first weekend of November, one resident discovered gasoline had been siphoned from a vehicle parked in a driveway overnight.

A week later at another residence, a resident reported an extension cord was plugged into their house and strung across the yard to another residence without permission.

Officers hope to make residents aware and encourage them to keep an eye on their property.

HAILEY

Former airport security guard sentenced to 6 months in jail

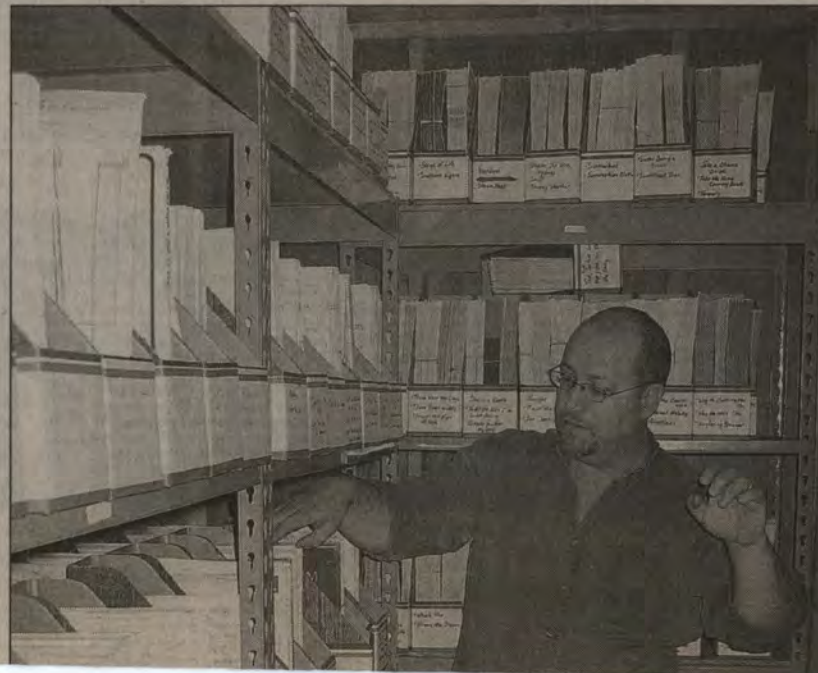
A former federal Transportation Security Administration airport guard was led away from 5th District Court in Hailey in handcuffs after being sentenced to six months in jail for misdemeanor child enticement.

Store rents sheet music, costumes

BY SANDRA FORESTER
IDAHO STATESMAN

Nampa's Majors & Minors musical group ended its 35-year run of gala performances in 2005, but its massive collections of sheet music and costumes live on through the Character Depot, a business started by a former member to preserve the collection and serve local actors, singers and dancers.

"We all thought it was an awesome thing that we could contribute even more to the public," longtime Majors



& Minors member Sylvia Pool said of the music and costume donation.

Majors & Minors, made up of 20 to 60 community residents each year, presented one or two musical reviews each year, featuring 30 musical numbers per show. Members sewed all the costumes, Pool said.

"I really miss that," she said.

In 2005, group leaders decided to call it quits because of the rise of many other local musical groups and activities that competed for audiences and group members, Pool said.

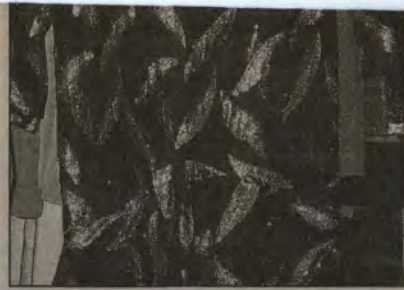
Majors & Minors created an endowment fund for operations of the Nampa Civic Center's auditorium with the balance of its accounts and donated its grand piano to the center. The music and costumes were given to Jeff and Gaye Young, who launched the Character Depot.

Jeff Young said the collection is a treasure for community groups that need bulk items for shows.

"It has most benefited the schools," he said.

Last school year, the Nampa High School Dance Team used about 20 of the group's black jackets with white trim. And Nampa Christian High, Skyview High, Idaho Arts Charter School and varied church and community groups have used the tuxes, gowns, military uniforms, sequined shirts or sparkling jackets in green, yellow, black and pink.

The crowning jewel of the Majors & Minors legacy may be multiple copies of hundreds of choral arrangements from "Monster Mash" to "The Way We



This black-and-silver sequined number is part of the Majors & Minor collection at Nampa's Character Depot.

Were." The collection includes medleys of music by Weird Al Yankovic, Josh Groben and Frank Sinatra.

"There is some wonderful music — "Phantom of the Opera," "100 Years of Broadway," Pool said. "Even today, it's hard to find a good choral arrangement."

The music collection also includes solos, such as original arrangements of Bob Hope classics, Young said.

Alumni of Majors & Minors can borrow the music for free with a deposit and rent the costumes at a discount, he said. School groups also receive discounts.

Young said the donation of music and costumes allowed him to start the business he had been dreaming of since about 2003.

"It was basically the shot in the arm that we needed to get going," he said. "They could have donated the costumes and music to a number of groups, but they thought that it was



Photos by Sandra Forester / Idaho Statesman

Jeff Young, co-owner of the Character Depot, pulls out the "Monster Mash" choral arrangement from the Majors & Minors sheet music collection. The collection includes hundreds of arrangements with multiple copies suitable for choirs and large groups.

About Majors & Minors

Majors & Minors was born out of a benefit concert more than 35 years ago that raised money to buy new choir robes for St. Paul's Catholic Church, longtime chorus member Sylvia Pool said. Participants had so much fun that they decided to make a musical review an annual event, she said. The group raised thousands of dollars for the Nampa Civic Center's theater and its proposed expansion to start next year.

The group's collections of costumes and music arrangements now reside at the Character Depot, a business that opened last year at 411 Caldwell Blvd. For more information, call 467-5777.

important that they be made available for the general public to use."

To offer story ideas or comments, contact reporter Sandra Forester at 377-6464 or sforester@idahostatesman.com

Judge Robert J. Elgee refused to allow Robert J. Harrison Jr. to remain out of jail while he appeals his sentence.

Harrison was found guilty in September of enticing a 10-year-old elementary student into his car in Ketchum on April 10. The same jury that convicted him of the misdemeanor count acquitted him of felony second-degree kidnapping.

The boy was released unharmed, and Kevin Cassidy, Harrison's public defender, argued his client never had any sinister intent.

Before his arrest, Harrison was a security guard for the TSA at Friedman Memorial Airport in Hailey.

Statesman staff

Correction

Steve Bly, a member of the panel that selected the Seven Wonders of Idaho, is a travel photographer who was named Photographer of the Year in 2001 and 2002 by the Society of American Travel Writers. His photographs have graced more than 200 covers of magazines and other publications, including National Geographic's Traveler and Adventurer magazines. He works for a number of clients internationally and is represented by five international picture agencies, including Getty Images, the largest in the world. Bly has traveled extensively through Idaho and has run and photographed the Middle Fork of the Salmon River more than 20 times. His latest book, published in 2001, is entitled "Idaho Wild and Beautiful."

He and his wife, Pam, live near the Greenbelt on the Boise River. Information published on Main 4 of Sunday's Idaho Statesman was incorrect.

Having a fear of heights makes living in Idaho a bit treacherous

Everybody's afraid of something.

For some, it's enclosed spaces. For others it can be anything from the dark to flying to hunting with the vice president.

My phobia is heights. Flying doesn't bother me, but high bridges, tall buildings and mountain roads can grip me with an irrational fear bordering on hysteria.

So where do I end up spending my life? Idaho — the Northwest's answer to Bolivia.

Last month, a Statesman photographer and I spent two days in a small town ringed by



tim woodward

viewed in the town was an elderly gentleman who, when the interview was over, suggested driving us to something called "the meadow." He said it would make a nice photo. There was no reason to believe it would be anything but a pleasant drive in

slopes steep enough that I was sweating and trying hard to concentrate on the pattern of the car's upholstery. The valley was falling away at an alarming rate, and our driver seemed oblivious to what struck me as way more than enough speed for a narrow mountain road with dizzying dropoffs.

Nothing remotely like a meadow — or for that matter a guard rail — was anywhere in sight.

"How much farther is it?" I asked.

"About a mile and a half."

"A mile and a half?"

didn't slow down a bit. Every few hundred yards, a heart-stopping ridge offered sickening views of the town far below. Above us were more mountains, more switchbacks.

"Maybe you'd better stop and let me out," I suggested. "I have this thing about heights. You go on without me. Take the pictures and pick me up on your way back."

"Fear of heights, eh? Well, don't worry. It's not much farther now."

He obviously didn't understand. By this point I couldn't

"How much farther is 'not much farther?'" I asked, sure the meadow from hell had to be around the next bend.

"About a mile and a half," he said again, this time with a sadistic grin. "A mile and a half straight up."

I liked this witty new friend. He was a breath of mountain air. I considered strangling him, but then I might have had to drive back down myself.

And my fingernails were too deeply embedded in his upholstery. We were careening over a relatively flat stretch of snow-

n't you stop?"

"I figure we might as well go on up to the summit. You can see seven peaks from up there."

We could, too, or would have if some of them hadn't been lost in clouds. One of the peaks we could see was aptly named after one of the Alps.

On a shoulder of the summit was a surprising sight: a cross decorated with plastic flowers.

Our leadfooted driver speculated that it was somebody's idea of a joke, but given his sense of humor I doubted that.

I think it was the final resting place for someone who died of



frank church river of no return wilderness

seven wonders
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STORY BY JEANNE HUFF

PHOTOGRAPHS BY KATHERINE JONES

To get to the Taylor Ranch Field Research Station in the heart of the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness, you can hike or horseback for several days through some of the more remote and uninhabited country in the continental United States.

Or you can spend 35 minutes on a wilderness plane ride with Walt Smith.

The 29-year-old is a pilot for Arnold Aviation in Cascade, one of several such companies that serve the Frank. Ray and Carol Arnold started Arnold Aviation in 1972. At first, it was a part-time gig, but in 1975 they got the "mail call" business and went full time.

The couple chucked their jobs teaching in Cascade. Ray took to the skies. Carol took reservations and grocery orders.

They do it year-round. These days, they fill 35 to 40 weekly grocery lists in the summer, when it's "way more" busy, and deliver mail and people — friends, relatives, campers and hikers — to about 21 airstrips scattered throughout the wilderness. Then there are the hunters.

"Last year we took 250 hunters in and out of the Frank," Ray says.

It's a big place, yes, he says, "and it's a lot bigger on foot." Flying a small plane into the wilderness can be daunting. "There's a saying about flying: 'It's better to be on the ground wishing you were in the air than being in the air wishing you were on the ground.'"

Pilot Smith spirals the circa-1977 single-engine Cessna 206 ("made a month after I was born") down a steep, narrow canyon.



Above: Wolf B2, left, sprints toward freedom in the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness in 1995. (U.S. Fish and Wildlife photo); Taylor Ranch, center, is on the alluvial fan of Pioneer Creek, surrounded by the Salmon River Mountains. Rush Creek Point is to the right. Jim and Holly Akenson, at right, are teachers and caretakers of the Taylor Ranch Field Station.

The 2.3 million acres of the Frank are set aside to be wild, a place where "infinite" and "infinitesimal" are terms to be grappled with.

Today, none of Smith's passengers use the "sick sacks" but they find the fluorescent orange earplugs useful. It's a loud, short, and at times, white-knuckled plane ride. Air currents whistle through canyons, bubble up over mountains and buffet the small plane, which holds a maximum of five passengers. Smith deftly maneuvers the plane through a dizzying turn, a stomach-lurching roller-coaster dive, and into a sudden landing. The plane, with nose-down tricycle landing gear, bumps to a stop at the end of the remote airstrip at the Taylor Ranch research station.

The 65-acre Taylor Ranch lies between the Middle Fork of the Salmon River and Big and Monumental creeks, 36 miles from the nearest road. It was once an outfitter's ranch owned by

Jess and Dorothy Taylor. They sold it to the University of Idaho in 1969 as an educational and research facility. Now, through grant and intern programs, lucky U of I students, including at least 19 this year, get to spend summers here.

MEET THE AKENSONS

Jim and Holly Akenson do multiple jobs as managers, research biologists, teachers and mentors for students. This is their second stint. They were here from 1982 to 1991 and returned in 1998. They and their students conduct research on wolves and bighorn sheep. They document bobcat, bear, cougar, fish and

SEE WONDER ON MAIN 5

About the wonder

NAME: The Salmon River and the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness.

SIZE: The Salmon is 425 miles long and the longest completely free-flowing river in the lower 48 states. The wilderness, comprising 2.3 million acres or more than 12,000 square miles, is the largest contiguous wilderness area in the lower 48 states.

DEPTH: The Salmon River Gorge is more than 6,000 feet deep and is the second-deepest canyon in the nation.

HEIGHT: Mountain ranges in the Frank include the Salmon River Mountains and the Bighorn Crags. At least one of the Crags is more than 10,000 feet in elevation.

HOW THE SALMON RIVER GOT NICKNAMED "RIVER OF NO RETURN"

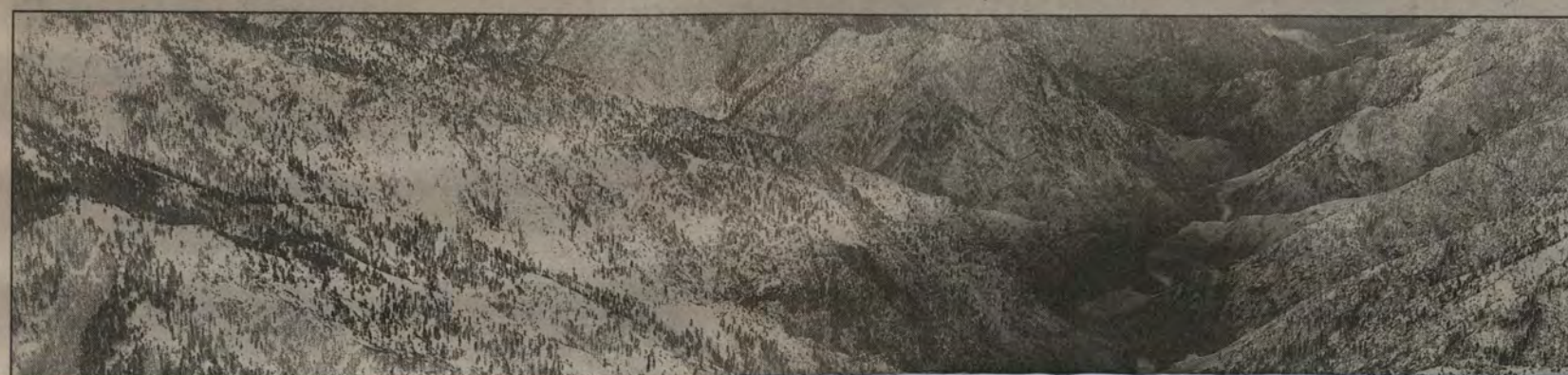
There is no written indication that explorers Lewis and Clark ever called the river by the nickname. Author Pat Cary Peek attributes the name to a 1935 National Geographic expedition. Some say it was Capt. Harry Guleky of Salmon who dubbed it the River of No Return. In the early 1900s, he would load equipment for miners and homesteaders on big, flat-bottomed boats to make deliveries all the way to Riggins. At the end of his journey, he'd tear the boats apart and sell the lumber because he couldn't go back up the river. He'd then hop a stagecoach to Salmon and do it all over again. Some believe the name came from the 1954 Marilyn Monroe movie "River of No Return," which was actually filmed in Canada. Idahoan Bethine Church says the river — and the Frank Church wilderness area — got the name logically: "It's one of those things that happens from use."

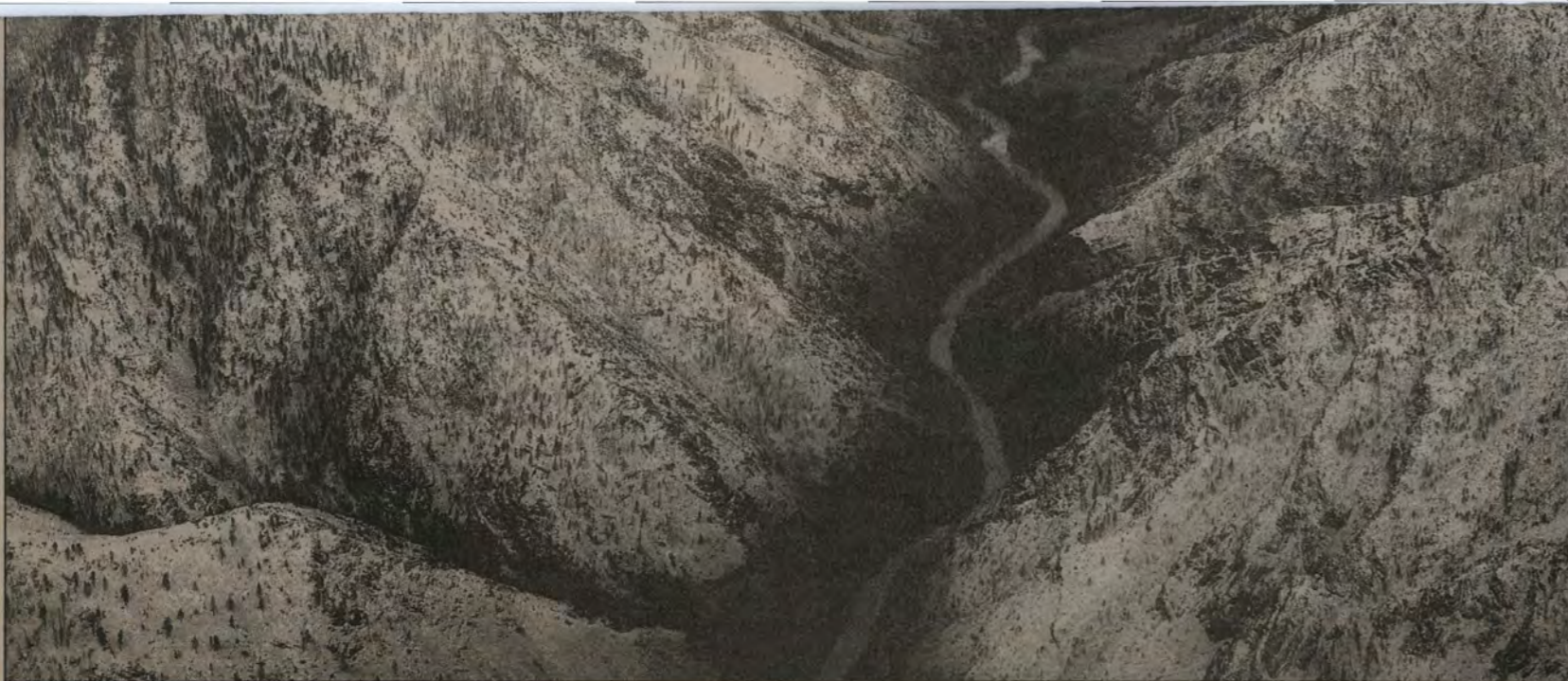
HOW TO GET THERE:

> **Car:** You won't get very far. Thirty-two Forest Service roads lead to 66 trailheads.

> **Plane:** There are several aviation companies serving airstrips in the wilderness area, some of which predate the wilderness designation.

> **Boats:** Jet boats are allowed on the Main Salmon. Small airplanes and int boats are





The Middle Fork of the Salmon River is one of the premier, pristine whitewater rivers in the world. The Middle Fork flows 100 miles from its headwaters in the Sawtooth Valley into the heart of Idaho and the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness.

What the experts say



Rozina George

Rozina is a member of the Lemhi Shoshoni tribe and the great-great-great-niece of Sacajawea.

'The Salmon River country is our homeland. In our language, we're known as "the salmon eaters." The Salmon River country is our identity. It's who we are.'



Private inholdings like the University of Idaho's Taylor Ranch were grandfathered in to the wilderness. "Our role here is to live with the environment rather than to impact it," says caretaker and teacher Holly Akenson. She feeds livestock with hay grown on the ranch and harvested by mule team.

grandfathered in by the Wilderness Act of 1964.

> **Other:** Horseback or foot. There are 296 miles of maintained trails. About 1.5 million acres remain trail-free.

Wildlife: At least 370 species of wildlife have been identified in the Frank.

History: The Salmon River Canyon has some of Idaho's oldest known rocks, dating to 1.5 billion years ago.

IF YOU VISIT: Respect the rules: Pack it in, pack it out. That includes all trash. Leave everything intact. Look all you want, but don't disturb historical artifacts, rocks and native plants. Minimize campfire impacts. Make small campfires, where permitted and make sure they are completely out and ashes scattered. Respect wildlife. Remember, this is their home, not yours. Never feed the animals. Respect others. Even though you're out in the wilderness, this is not a place to use your outside voice (unless there's danger).

The **Salmon River** flows northeast past the town of Salmon, where it is joined by the Lemhi River, then flows northwest and joins the Snake River just south of the Idaho-Oregon-Washington border.

The **Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness** encompasses the Middle Fork of the Salmon River and borders much of the Main Salmon River. It's connected to the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness to the north, and the Gospel Hump Wilderness to the northwest. The city of Salmon is one of the best jumping-off points to the Frank.

KEY PLACES:

> **Salmon** for fishing, hunting, river trips, pack trips, mountain tours. Don't miss The Sacajawea Interpretive, Cultural and Educational Center, a 71-acre park dedicated to the commemoration of Sacajawea, her people and the Lewis and Clark expedition.

> **Riggins** for fishing, rafting, hiking, backpacking, horseback riding, pack trips, camping, hang-gliding, paragliding and mountain bike riding. Take a 28-mile trip up the Main Salmon River Road and stop at Ruby Rapids — there are garnets in the roadbanks.

> **Shoup**, established in 1881, was once a thriving gold mining town. It still survives as a remote outpost (population 4) servicing tourists.

Sources: Wilderness.net, nps.gov, Kent Fuellenbach, public affairs officer, Salmon-Challis National Forest, SalmonChamber.com

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ENVIRONMENT AT HOME

Be thankful for your environment, and show it

Buy food that uses little packaging and turkeys and potatoes that are grown nearby so it takes less gas to get to your table

BY JOE KOLMAN
SPECIAL TO IDAHO STATESMAN

This week, when many of us sit down around the big bird, a lot of us will try to think of something for which we are thankful. Friends and family probably rank pretty high, as does good health. But what about being thankful that each breath of air we take is relatively clean? How about a round of applause for tap water devoid of fecal matter? And

is there any way to be grateful enough for opportunity to take a quiet walk in the woods? It's mind-boggling to realize how much our environment has changed since that first Thanksgiving. We have roads and cars, planes and spaceships. We dam rivers and burn coal. We log forests and pave wetlands. Plastics and other products devised in science labs are mainstays of everyday life. All of those things have merit.

But as we have changed our environment in those large ways, it's become more important to do what we can to preserve what we have. For example, the United Nations reports that more than a billion people worldwide lack clean water. That dirty water kills 1.8 million kids under the age of 5 every year. That is more than AIDS, malaria, war or car accidents, according to the UN. The average American uses 40 gallons of water a day. Many folks agree that water in Idaho and the rest of the West will become more scarce and valuable. So cutting down even just a bit - fixing leaky

faucets, not washing the driveway - can help a lot. In the spirit of the holiday and doing little things that matter, here are a few more tips from the group Environmental Defense. Buy food that uses the least amount of packaging and look for packaging that contains recycled, post-consumer content. Turkeys and potatoes grown close to home require less gasoline to get to your table. Look for meat and poultry items raised without the routine use of antibiotics. This can help preserve the effectiveness of important medicines by not contributing to the growing problem

of antibiotic resistance, which is caused in part by the overuse of antibiotics in agriculture. Don't use disposable utensils, plates, napkins or tablecloths during the holiday weekend. Recycle beverage containers and aluminum foil. If you are a holiday guest, consider carpooling, taking the bus, or walking to your destination. If there are a lot of leftovers after Thanksgiving dinner, use this holiday as an opportunity to start composting food waste, and consider donating extra food to a shelter. For leftovers, choose reusable food containers that can

save resources all year long. Do you have an idea or tip for our weekly Environment at Home column? Let us know. Send an e-mail to Local@idahoStatesman.com with subject line "Enviro at Home."

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Read how businesses are becoming environmentally friendly in the Environment at Work column in Business.

EAGLE

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"I don't want the building structures to be the focal point of the city," said Mayor Nancy Merrill, adding she also doesn't want to see the canyon effect created by tall buildings placed side-by-side along city streets. "Three stories is the absolute highest I would go." Butler has submitted an application to the city to construct a two-story, Italianate brick building on East Idaho Street. It would have three second-floor residences above three commercial spaces. M&H Development has put on hold for now its plans to add second- or third-floor residences to the old Orville Jackson's drug-store building - they wanted to go a few feet higher than the city's maximum allowable height - but it is moving ahead on plans for two mixed-use two-story buildings on Idaho Street. "We just think there's a market for it," said Greg Hall, a partner in M&H Development. "If an attorney wants to live up above his office, he can do it. I just think there's a use for it." These buildings could usher in the next phase of Eagle's development of downtown, adding to the new mix of housing that's sprouted up in the past two years within walking distance of downtown shops and restaurants. Proponents say condos or apartments in the downtown core would promote living, working



Developers Mark Butler and MaryFrances Agrusa submitted an application to the city to develop a mixed-use building in downtown Eagle that would sport several apartments above commercial space. Butler and a different partner already have the only similar building in Eagle, and they say there's plenty of demand for downtown residential development.

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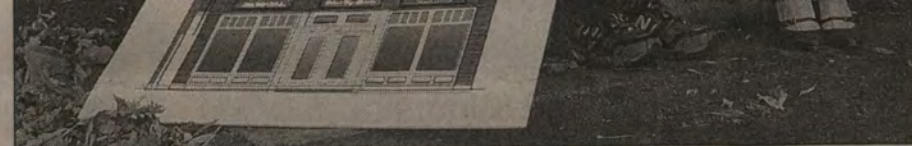
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a lifestyle option that relies less on driving.

Also touted are the benefits to downtown businesses, which would presumably see an increase in customer traffic.

"I think people do want to live downtown," Eagle Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Teri Bath said, pointing to the success of new residential developments near downtown.

The two popular new developments near the downtown are Paddy Row, 24 Irish-themed townhouses off Second Street, and Winding Creek, a mixed-use development on the north side of



Old State Street. Winding Creek will have 58 bungalows and 44 condos when completed.

A chamber subcommittee is gathering information from prop-

erty and business owners, developers and the general public about how they want to see downtown developed. More than 40 people turned out for a meet-

ing at City Hall last week.

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List of closings on Thanksgiving

Here's a list of what will be open and closed for Thanksgiving weekend:

► All schools in the Boise, Meridian, Caldwell and Melba school districts will have early release Wednesday and will be closed Thursday and Friday. All schools in the Kuna, Nampa, Vallivue and Middleton School districts will be closed Wednesday through Friday. Vallivue schools will be closed Monday, Nov. 27 for inservice.

► Boise State University will be closed today through Friday. Administrative offices will be closed Thursday and Friday

► City, county, state and federal offices will be closed Thursday. The cities of Meridian, Kuna, Garden City, Eagle, Star, and Nampa will be closed Thursday and Friday.

► ValleyRide city buses will not be in operation.

► Post offices will be closed, and only Express Mail will be delivered Thursday.

► Boise Towne Square mall and Boise Outlet Mall are closed Thursday

► All state liquor stores are closed Thursday.

► Most supermarkets are open Thursday. The Boise Co-op is closed.

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