

Good morning

Today's forecast:
Mostly sunny with highs in lower 50s. West winds 5 to 15 mph. Tonight partly cloudy with patchy fog. Lows 25 to 35.

Magic Valley

Snow watch
The local snowpack is in good shape, but the Upper Snake-River Valley situation is below normal headed into the final two weeks of winter.

Accountant indicted

A Ketchum accountant who lost a civil case alleging she embezzled nearly \$700,000 from meatpacking heir Tom Hornel has been indicted for grand jury and former by a Blaine County grand jury.

Mini-Cassia

Boycott targets potatoes

Some officials are warning Idaho's biggest cash crop could be an economic casualty if an anti-gay initiative goes on the state ballot.

Sports

Golden Eagles-Rebels

College of Southern Idaho battled Dixie for the Region 18's berth at the National Junior College Athletic Association finals.

Bengals-Vandals

Idaho needed a victory at Idaho State Saturday to clinch the home court advantage for the Big Sky Conference tournament.

Features

Area chefs organize

Ever thought about being a chef? Business is booming, as one local expert organizes classes and groups.

Try Mexico

World traveler Mary Becker takes readers on an armchair tour of San Jose Del Cabo and Cabo San Lucas.

Opinion

Only just begun

The proposed comprehensive plan for the city of Twin Falls contains some fine ideas, but the hardest work is yet to come, today's editorial says.

Business

Shopping in Shoshone

Expansion of a Shoshone grocery store will anchor development of a small shopping mall at the south edge of the Lincoln County seat.

Nation

Bombing probe rolls on

Federal agents analyze chemicals found in storage lockers which are believed linked to explosives used in the World Trade Center bombing.

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Destination: Ski Idaho

Would Soldier and Sun Valley be a good team?

By Craig Lincoln
Times-News writer

FAIRFIELD — Alex Sinclair bought Soldier Mountain, but he has his eyes on Smoky Dome.

Especially when he gets off Soldier Mountain's top lift, and especially on a late March day when snow lingers on the slopes falling away from Smoky Dome's ridge line.

Sinclair is a Twin-Falls commodities broker new to the ski business. But he and his partners, former Twin Falls developer David Armstrong and his wife, Dana, hope to do what few have succeeded in lately. They want to develop a new ski resort to attract skiers to Idaho.

They think they have the key in Smoky Dome. They wouldn't have bought Soldier Mountain last December if they didn't believe it.

'World-class potential'

Behind Soldier Mountain's current slopes lies a ridge that runs northward to Smoky Dome, a 10,095-foot peak. Three smaller peaks and Smoky Dome are on the ridge, all with elevations of at least 9,100 feet.

Sinclair and Armstrong had a ski-consultant firm from Salt Lake City study the area's potential.

"In his view, it offers world-class potential," Sinclair said.

The Smoky Dome area has impressive numbers: Four ski lifts could open access to 7,500 acres of skiing. (Sun Valley has a little over 3,000 acres). The vertical drop from the top of Smoky Dome to the bottom of Soldier Mountain's current lifts, 4,255 feet, would be greater than any ski area in the United States, Sinclair said.

The slopes face mostly northeast, catching early morning sun to warm up but falling into shadows before the sun gets hot enough to melt snow.

And, although nobody has measured snowfall in the area consistently, the Forest Service says that nearby Couch Summit gets 50 percent more snow than Bald Mountain, Sinclair said.

Last year, one of Soldier Mountain's driest winters, the slopes Sinclair wants to develop had snow in March.

"Even in those type of conditions," he said, "there was enough snow, especially on the higher elevations, to ski on."

Are two destination resorts best?

Sun Valley has been fighting to maintain its eroding market share. Sinclair thinks an expanded Soldier Mountain would help.

A new lodge proposed for the bottom of River Run on Bald Mountain is the latest of

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Twin Falls commodities broker Alex Sinclair, above, wants to develop a destination ski resort on the peaks behind Soldier Mountain's current slopes. Ski industry officials say two destination resorts in the same area are attractive to skiers. Helping draw skiers will be the new River Run Lodge, below, which has been approved for construction by the Sun Valley Co. at the base of Bald Mountain.

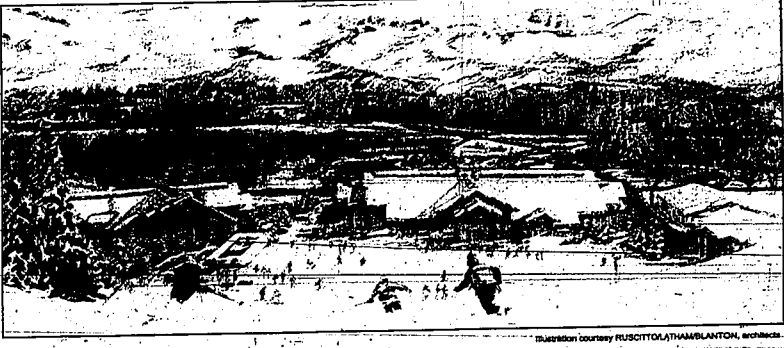


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Maverick newsman Kelker dies at 81

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Orville Augustus Kelker, a high-spirited newspaperman who rolled into Twin Falls in 1935 and never left it quite the same, died Friday. He was 81.

"Gus missed his mark," said businessman Claude Brown Jr., a friend for 40 years. "He should have been a comedian. He had a sharp mind and a quick wit."

Kelker's business card said it all: Epigrammatist, tiger-tamer, bar-empire, die-hard, revolution-fighter, assassination-plotter and revolution-starter, to name a few.

Twin Falls will be a less interesting place without Kelker, according to John Waitland, a vocational bookkeeper at the College of Southern Idaho who knew him for 24 years.

"Kiwanis meetings won't be as much

fun," he said. "Gus was a Republican, and I used to look forward to the governor coming down because he'd have a good time with Andrus."

Kelker's family didn't reveal the cause of his death, but he had suffered from heart disease. The funeral is tentatively scheduled for Friday, although the time and place haven't been announced yet.

He leaves a son, John, of Kansas City, Mo.; a daughter, Peggy, of Walnut Creek, Calif.; and four grandchildren.

Almost three decades of newspaper work, interrupted by nearly 20 years of running photo studios, made Kelker a local institution. But his antics made him a legend.

As a Civil Air Patrol instructor, he once topped the old Perrine Bridge, and another time landed a plane on a fairway at the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course and asked the club pro for a Coca-Cola.

With a notebook in one hand and a badge in the other, he spent the Great Depression as an honorary police officer and once ran for county coroner.

"I went to all the wrecks anyway, so I figured I'd make some money from it," he said in a 1991 interview.

Burdiespie's Kelker's "Front Page" reputation, was deadly serious about the business of small-town journalism.

"The early newspapers in Twin Falls were really newspapers," he wrote in 1989. "We ran all the news that was fit to print with local and area news featured. If it was questionable, we didn't print it and if the source of the news insisted that their name could not be used in connection with the story, then we told them to go take a jump into the lake...."

Kelker was the son of a railroad superintendent.

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Gus Kelker was serious about journalism, but possessed a legendary sense of humor.

Feds fear cult members not free to leave

Boston Globe

WACO, Texas — Nearing the one-week mark in a continuing standoff with a religious cult, federal authorities voiced concern Saturday that self-styled messiah David Koresh might be preventing some followers from leaving their heavily fortified compound.

Although they do not consider any of the cult members hostages, FBI special agent in charge Bob Ricks said negotiators fear that some members of the Branch Davidians "may not personally feel free to leave, despite Koresh's assurances to the contrary."

Ricks said federal officials believe they are making progress in negotiations for the surrender of Koresh and the 106 followers that

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Koresh says remain inside.

However, authorities said Saturday that Koresh had not allowed more children to leave the group's 77-acre farm and join the 21 who have been released thus far.

"Mr. Koresh has expressed concern for his personal safety and the safety of others," Ricks said. "If he is listening we want to give him and his followers our assurance that he and others inside will be treated fairly and humanely if they come out."

The standoff began last Sunday when 100 agents of the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and

Firearms staged an abortive raid on the cult's compound that left four agents and at least two cult members dead.

Federal officials have said that the bodies of an unidentifiable number of additional cult members killed during the fierce 45-minute firefight last Sunday remain inside the compound. And Saturday, Ricks said that Steve Snyder, who he identified as "an occupant in the compound," had requested that federal authorities assist in the removal of a body.

"During their news conference, officials from the FBI and the ATF said the tenor of the negotiations had changed, with Koresh less interested in discussing the release of more children and more concerned with his fate and that of his followers."

Whizzer White weighs retirement

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Justice Byron R. White, a former all-American halfback appointed to the Supreme Court by President John F. Kennedy, apparently is considering stepping down, sources close to the court said last week.

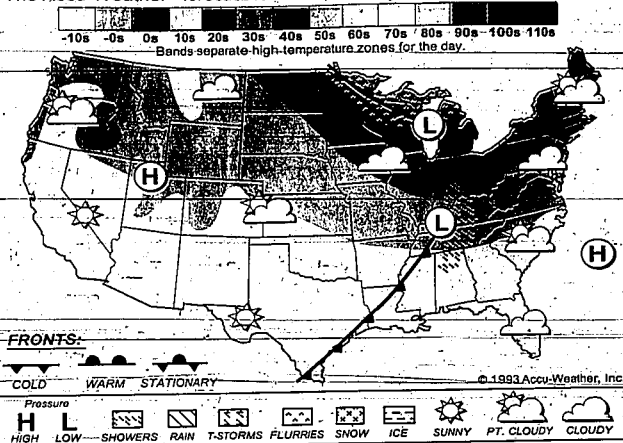
White's departure, whether it occurs this summer or later into President Clinton's term, would make a far greater difference on the court than would the resignation of the court's oldest member, Harry A. Blackmun, 84. Unlike White, who began as a liberal and ended up in the conservative nest, Blackmun over time has become a "liberal," holding many views the president has said he would be likely to look for in a nominee.

White's resignation would likely stunt the conservatism that began to

Weather

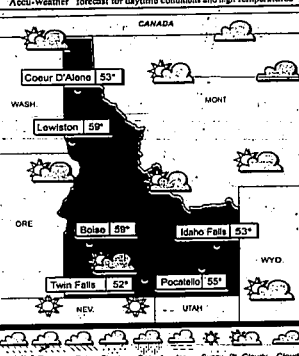
NATIONAL Weather

The Accu-Weather® forecast for noon, Sunday, March 7



IDAHO Weather

Sunday, March 7
Accu-Weather® forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures



Temperatures

Albuquerque	61-28	San Francisco	78-51
Atlanta	58-32	Seattle	81-46
Boston	41-23-39	Spokane	50-34
Chicago	48-24	Washington	47-37
Dallas	66-36		
Denver	56-39		
Des Moines	46-23		
Detroit	43-20		
Honolulu	83-68		
Houston	64-44		
Indianapolis	48-22		
Kansas City	56-29		
Las Vegas	73-50		
Los Angeles	89-59		
Memphis	60-39		
Miami Beach	70-50		
Milwaukee	48-26		
Minneapolis	40-22		
New Orleans	64-44		
New York	42-30-01		
Oklahoma City	59-32		
Omaha	43-29		
Phoenix	78-48		
Pittsburgh	39-30-03		
Portland, Me.	31-19-25		
Portland, Ore.	64-42		
Reno	63-31		
St. Louis	55-31		

Twin Falls

Max Min Pcp	
Yesterday	60-30
Last year	80-30
Normal	48-26
Sunset today	6:35 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	7:03 a.m.
Lunar phase:	First quarter
March 11; full March 8; last quarter March 14; new March 22.	

Idaho

Max Min Pcp	
Boise	41-31
Burley	40-31
Hagerman	mm mm
Idaho Falls	35-24
Lawton	60-42
McCall	mm 20
Pocatello	37-28-02
Salmon	52-31

Forecasts

Twin Falls, Burley, Rupert, Jerome and Gooding: Mostly sunny today with highs in the lower 50s and west winds 5 to 15 mph. Tonight partly cloudy with patchy fog. Lows from 25 to 35. Monday, increasing clouds with highs from 50 to 55.

Camas Prairie and Wood River Valley: Patchy morning fog then sunny today with highs in the mid-40s. Tonight partly cloudy with patchy fog. Lows from 15 to 20. Monday mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 40s.

Extended forecast: Southern Idaho - Tuesday partly cloudy. A slight chance of valley rain and mountain snow showers. Areas of night and morning fog. Lows 20s east to lower 30s west. Highs mid-40 east to mid-50s west. Wednesday increasing clouds. A slight chance of valley rain and mountain snow showers. Areas of night and morning fog. Lows 20s east to lower 30s west. Highs mostly 40s. Thursday cloudy and cooler. A chance of rain or snow showers. Lows 20s to lower 30s. Highs mid-30s to mid-40s, and mostly 40s west.

Northern Utah and Nevada: Utah - Today through Monday mostly cloudy and hazy northwest and generally fair elsewhere. Patchy night and morning fog mainly northwestern valleys. Lows mostly 15-35. Highs in the lower 40s to mid-60s.

Elko County: Sunny and mild today except areas of valley fog northeast. Highs mid-40s to mid-50s

Visible planets

Evening: Venus, Mars
Morning: Jupiter, Saturn

east-to-the 60s in the west. Tonight occasional high clouds except patchy valley fog northeast. Lows 15 to 28 east and 25 to 35 west. Monday partly cloudy. Highs 48 to 58 east and 60s west.

Weather summary

Strong high pressure dominated Idaho Saturday, with clouds covering the panhandle and mostly sunny skies dominated the central and southern mountains, the National Weather Service said.

Most valleys in the central and south were blanketed with low clouds and fog. Saturday morning winds were generally light and variable across the state.

The warmest temperature in the state Saturday was 56 degrees at Grangeville and Mullan. Bear Lake reported the coldest at 11 degrees.

Elsewhere in the nation Saturday, the highest temperature was 90 degrees at Glendale, San Gabriel and Thermal, Calif. The lowest was -2 degrees at Gunnison, Colo.

Snow lingers in Northeast; clouds shadow nation

Snow fell again in the Northeast, and skies were partly cloudy over much of the nation Saturday.

Heavy snow included almost 17 inches at Sebek Lake. 15 inches at Barnard Plantation and 12 inches at Dover-Foxcroft, all in Maine. Snow was blowing and drifting across New Hampshire during the afternoon.

Warnings for gale force winds were posted along the northern coast of New England.

Warnings for frost or freezing temperatures were posted for much of South Carolina, and frost advisories were issued for inland parts of southeastern South Carolina.

Skies over much of the United States were partly cloudy during the morning and into the afternoon, and temperatures were seasonable.

On Saturday afternoon, snowshovels remained in New England, much of New York state, a large part of Pennsylvania, and New Jersey. Snow was scattered across the central Rockies.

The low temperature for the lower 48 states Saturday morning was 2 degrees below zero at Gunnison, Colo.

Temperatures around the nation at 1 p.m. MST ranged from 16 degrees at Limestone, Maine, to 88 at Thermal, Calif.

Americans accused in 3 Somali deaths

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — Residents of the Hammer Jaididi district had just finished a day of fasting when the first shooting occurred, triggering the ensuing fire fight, involving American troops, left three people dead and two wounded.

The soldiers were accused of shooting indiscriminately in the Friday night incident and fleeing without helping the injured, including a 12-year-old boy who was hit twice in the back.

"They came to our country and said they would save us. Now they are killing us," said Abdi Hassan, a witness who took an Associated Press reporter and photographer to see the blood-stained sidewalk and pock-marked buildings.

But U.S. officials defended the patrol, saying one of their two vehicles was hit several times.

"The patrol took fire. The patrol returned fire. The patrol got the hell out of there," said Air Force Capt. Joe Davis, a U.S. military spokesman.

All shootings involving U.S. troops are routinely investigated. In another incident, a hearing is being held to determine whether a Marine should be court-martialed for shooting and wounding two teenagers after he tried to steal their sunglasses.

The shooting in the Hammer Jaididi neighborhood was the most serious in two days of sporadic violence.

On Saturday night, a U.S. Marine died of what military officials said was an "apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound," becoming the seventh American to lose his life in Operation Restore Hope.

The Marine's name was withheld pending notification of relatives, said Marine Col. Fred Peck. In a brief statement, Peck said the Marine, of Company B, 1st Battalion, 7th Regiment, based in Twenty-nine Palms, Calif., apparently shot himself at a Mogadishu soccer stadium.

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"As you can imagine, everyone's pretty shaken up over this," Marine Capt. Ralph Mills said.

Earlier in the day, military officials in Paris said two French soldiers were killed in a road accident between Mogadishu and Baidoa. They were the first Frenchmen to die in the international military intervention in Somalia.

In violence Friday, U.S. troops killed two other Somalis in separate incidents, and two children were injured — one seriously — when a hand grenade they were playing with exploded.

The Hammer Jaididi residents said the people were outside Friday evening when looters entered a nearby market and fired shots. They said the Marines, on patrol nearby, opened fire.

It was unclear who shot whom. But when the gunfire was over, 200 looters were taken to Benadir Hospital. A nurse, speaking on condition of anonymity, said three were dead on arrival. Residents said others may have died.

The official U.S. report of the incident read: "Last night, about 10:30 p.m., a two-wheel motor vehicle, a two-wheeled motorcycle, was moving east west one kilometer south of the stadium when it received six bursts of automatic fire from alleys and rooftops in the area."

"The convoy returned fire and broke contact. There were no U.S. casualties; although several Somali structures were taken to Benadir Hospital. The motivation for the attack is unknown."

Closing list includes 30 major installations

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Army, Navy and Air Force have presented Defense Secretary Les Aspin with suggestions for closing about 30 major military installations in the United States, senior Pentagon sources said Saturday.

Aspin faces a March 15 deadline for deciding whether to accept, reject or modify the list and must send it to the Independent Base Closure Commission.

That independent panel will examine the proposed closures and hear testimony about them before deciding to accept or change the list by a June 30 deadline.

After examination by President Clinton, the final list goes to Congress, which must accept or reject it as a package.

The sources, speaking on condition they not be identified by name, said the military services are still negotiating with Aspin about the suggested closures. "There are no final lists will exist until Aspin reveals it."

The Navy is expected to take the biggest hit given that it had proposed "that more than a dozen major installations be closed and another half dozen be realigned," one source said.

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Kelker

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and grew up in Pocatello. After a year at the University of Idaho's South Branch, now Idaho State University, he went off to the big city, where he earned a degree in journalism from the University of Chicago.

The loves of his life were photography, airplanes, history and his wife, Betty, whom he married in 1940. She died in 1985.

The first resident of Twin Falls to learn that the United States was at war with Japan — he turned on the United Press teletype in the old Idaho Evening News office on a Sunday afternoon while addressing his Christmas cards. "Kelker earned an Army commission and spent the war training pilots."

Kelker later opened a photo studio and operated it, from his downtown store and from his home, until he joined the Times-News in the 1960s as features editor and farm writer. He retired as executive editor in 1974.

After stints as assistant airport manager in Twin Falls and as editor of a Boise-based business weekly, Kelker served as press secretary for George Hansen and ran his Boise and Twin Falls fields offices.

In retirement, he indulged his passion for Idaho's past, touring the state to give lectures on a Silver City board and on Idaho and serving on the boards of the Twin Falls County and Idaho historical societies.

Journalism, he believed, was nothing more than history in progress. "It should be remembered that it is the little day-by-day activities and events of individual citizens that terminate into a great part of the history of a community," he wrote.

With Kelker, those little events were never, ever dull.

"I'll never forget covering that council meeting when Joe Koehler was mayor," he recalled a few years ago. "Some guy got so mad that he started pounding the table with his fist. He stormed out in the middle of the meeting and slammed the door behind him."

"The only trouble was, he had gone into the closet."

Idaho road report

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Department of Transportation reported mostly clear highways across most of the state Saturday, with some ice snow at higher elevations and fog in south-central Idaho.

Road conditions:
U.S. 95 — Plummer-Cannadian border, wet; Riggins-Whitebird Hill, wet; White-Highway, dry; Grangeville-Moscow, dry; Weiser-New Meadows, dry, icy spots; fog; Marsing-Oregon line, wet, fog.

Interstate 90 — Fourth of July Canyon, wet; Lovick Pass, wet, U.S. 12 — Lewiston-Kooskia, dry; Kootsika-Lois Pass, wet.

Interstate 84 — Oregon line-Glenns Ferry-Blaiss-Utah line, dry, fog. Idaho 55 — Horseshoe Bend-Donnell, dry; Dinnelly-New Meadows, icy spots, fog.

Interstate 21 — Boise-Lowman, wet, falling rocks; Lowman-Banner Summit, icy spots.

U.S. 20 — Mountain Home-Fairfield, wet, fog; Fairley-Cary, dry; Arco-Ashion, dry; Ashion-Montana line, icy spots.

U.S. 26 — Idaho Falls-Wyoming line, dry, icy spots, broken snow floor. Blackfoot-Arco, wet. Idaho 51 — Dry, fog.

U.S. 93 — Nevada line-Twin Falls, dry, fog; Twin Falls-Arco, dry; Arco-Blackfoot, icy spots; Lewiston-Fair Pass, icy spots, snow floor, snow slides.

Idaho 75 — Shoshone-Ketchum, dry; Christmas cards, dry, icy spots. Interstate 86 — Wet.

Interstate 15 — Utah line-Pocatello, wet; Malad Pass, dry; Pocatello-Idaho Falls, wet; Idaho Falls-Dubois, dry; Monida Pass, icy spots.

U.S. 30 — McCammon-Soda line, dry, wet; Soda Springs-Wyoming line, dry.

U.S. 91 — Dry, icy spots. Idaho 28 — Dry, icy spots.

For current road conditions, call these numbers: Twin Falls, 736-3060; Boise, 336-6600; Pocatello, 232-1426; Idaho Falls, 522-5141; Utah 801-964-6000; the Elko, Nev., area, 702-738-8888.

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White

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 grow in 1969, when Warren E. Burger replaced Chief Justice Earl Warren. The court's conservative penchant flowered in the 1980s and early 1990s as Presidents Ronald Reagan and George Bush named five justices and elevated William H. Rehnquist to chief in 1986.

White, 75, has said that since he came in with a Democratic administration, it would be fitting to retire under a Democratic administration. He has been on the court 31 years, still four years short of William O. Douglas's 35 1/2-year record.

People close to White say they believe he is weighing whether to retire at the end of this term, around July 1. White has not yet hired law clerks for the next term, for which work begins this summer.

"This is very late (to hire clerks), and it would be consistent with him not to wait to step down until he was out of energy," Stanford University law professor Tom Campbell said of White — still a strong, physically imposing man who exercises regularly and is notorious for a vice-grip handshake. Campbell, a former Republican congressman from California, was a law clerk to White in the 1977 term.

Campbell and other scholars say White's resignation would impede the power of the hard-line conservative camp, made up of Rehnquist, Antonin Scalia, Clarence Thomas and, most of the time, White, and diminish its ability to enlist the moderate conservatives.

Justice White may be the only Democrat appointed justice left

About Justice Byron White

The Washington Post

Justice Byron White, who was born in Fort Collins, Colo., was nicknamed "Whizzer" because of his athletic ability.

He was an all-American hallback at the University of Colorado but he also excelled in academics. He was a Rhodes scholar and alternately studied law at Yale University and played professional football.

President Kennedy met White in England in 1959 when White was a Rhodes scholar at Oxford. During World War II, White served as a Navy intelligence officer in the South Pacific and wrote the official report of the sinking of Kennedy's boat, the PT-109.

After Kennedy was elected president, he made White deputy attorney general. In 1962, when a court vacancy opened, White was Kennedy's choice for the high court.

on the court, but he is a card-carrying member of the conservative bloc," said University of Virginia law professor A.E. Dick Howard.

"Even if Clinton's appointment is moderately liberal, he or she would be a big change."

White is solidly against abortion rights. Clinton has said his nominee would not be.

"White is sympathetic to government involvement with religious institutions and prayer in public schools, favoring a 'low wall' of separation between church and state.

White wrote the court's 1986 opinion upholding a law against sodomy and saying the Constitution does not protect homosexual conduct. Clinton presumably would nominate a justice who shares his

support for homosexual rights.

White generally opposes affirmative action, is especially tough on criminal defendants and tends to come down on the side of Congress in most disputes pitting the federal government against states or against an individual's assertion of rights.

All that could change with a liberal appointee.

Recent terms court rulings on the most controversial social issues of the day have been unpredictable and marked by shifting alliances. In that environment, any new justice can play an important role.

White has at times settled into the middle, becoming a critical fifth vote.

In the early 1970s, when the court was split between four justices appointed by President Richard M. Nixon and four Warren court holdovers, White was a swing vote.

Soap writer dies; 2nd loss for show

NEW YORK (AP) — Douglas Marland, an Emmy-winning writer for "As the World Turns," died Saturday in Norwalk, Conn., of complications from surgery performed earlier in the week, the program's publicist announced. He was 58.

Marland, a former actor, began his daytime serial writing career as an associate writer for "Another World," where he won an Emmy for his work during the 1974-75 season.

He later became head writer on "The Doctors," "General Hospital" and "The Guiding Light." He won his second and third Emmys in 1980-81 and 1981-82 while working on "The Guiding Light."

He toured in "Gypsy," wrote a cable television serial and co-created the serial "Loving" before becoming principal writer of "As the World Turns" in 1985.

Last month, an actor on "As the World Turns," Michael Morrison, died from a drug and alcohol overdose.

Janet G. Storm, the show's spokeswoman in New York, said in a statement that Marland's funeral services will be private. A memorial service will be held later in New York City.

Arizona ag director tours flood-stricken farm areas

YUMA, Ariz. (AP) — Damage in Arizona's flood-ravaged farm areas could total \$150 million to \$200 million, according to the state's agriculture director who toured the region on Saturday.

Agriculture Director Keith Kelly met with farmers, produce shippers and bankers to discuss a recovery plan and said his estimate excludes the investment in trying to protect Yuma County's infrastructure or rebuilding damaged transportation and irrigation systems.

The section of southwest Arizona produces more than \$100 million worth of lettuce a year and accounts for three-quarters of the nation's winter crop.

Kelly said a recent study by Arizona State University and University of Arizona researchers concluded that farming, ranching and associated agribusiness generated about 10 percent of Arizona's economy.

He said \$7 million to \$10 million in crops had to be abandoned in flooded fields in Yuma County, including future crops that can't be grown because of the flooding.

crop losses could reach \$60 million by year's end, he said.

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Skiing

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 a series of developments by Sun Valley Co.

The resort has installed more than \$10 million of snow-making equipment. It built a new lodge at the base of Warm Springs. It is building another at the top of Seattle Ridge on the mountain.

Sun Valley, however, is fighting another problem it can't do anything about.

Many other destination resorts are in areas that offer skiers a smorgasbord of ski hill options. Salt Lake City, for example, has almost 10 resorts to choose from. Colorado's mountains offer similar choices, and choices draw skiers.

"I think that's a hard and fast truth," said President Michael Berry of the National Ski Areas Association. "There's a synergy. If you can put together a couple of resorts with a similar product, they are more likely to succeed."

Sinclair and Armstrong aren't aiming at Sun Valley's customers with their proposal. What they hope is that an expanded Soldier Mountain would also help Bald Mountain, a lonely-hill a long way from a big airport.

"It isn't that we have to take away from Sun Valley to make it," Sinclair said. "We have to take away from Utah and Colorado."

It's a risky plan.

"The industry itself is not growing, not bringing in a lot of new skiers every year," Sun Valley Assistant General Manager Chuck Webb said. "There tends to be a lot of competition for those people."

Still, a little dip into the Utah and Colorado market could make a big difference. A 1987 Boise State University study estimated that Utah and Colorado's drew 11.7 million skier visits during the 1985-86 ski season.

If a new Soldier Mountain enticed 1 percent of those skiers to Idaho, it would mean another 117,000 skier visits, about equivalent to Grand Targhee's business.

Having two resorts in one area does attract skiers, Sun Valley-Ketchum Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Wendy Jaquet said. On a marketing trip to promote Sun Valley in Europe last year, "people would say, 'You only have one mountain?'" she said.

Development isn't easy
 So what if Sinclair and Armstrong

prove that their vision is a potentially profitable one? It still takes a lot of money, time and hurdling over environmental obstacles to get a new ski resort up and running.

Dennis Taggart, founding partner of Valbois Inc., has been working for more than a decade on that company's proposed development near Cascade Reservoir. His is a rockier road, because Valbois would be a completely new development, not an expansion of a current resort.

"There are some differences," Taggart said. "The differences are probably significant, but there are some major similarities."

Soldier Mountain would have to gain approval for its plans from the Forest Service, recreation specialist Terry Fletcher said. And it probably would have to complete an environmental impact statement.

The Forest Service also is concerned that too many destination resorts will be built on its land, Fletcher said, and a lot have been proposed.

"The dilemma is how to make the decision on who gets the opportunity," Fletcher said. "It's apparent that if we said 'yes' to everyone who

comes in, we'll end up with some bankrupt orphan."

In fact, the Intermountain Region of the Forest Service, which includes the Sawtooth National Forest, isn't approving new ski areas until it understands better how to choose which areas are most likely to succeed, Fletcher said.

Sinclair expects to spend at least \$225,000 to study the business potential and possible environmental impact of the development. That will take at least two years, he said.

Valbois has spent more than \$15 million in its 10 years of work and hasn't broken ground. The permit process alone cost at least \$4 million, Taggart said.

Even if it's extraordinarily difficult to get a new ski area going, Berry of the National Ski Areas Association says that people like Sinclair and Armstrong think the industry.

"It was the dreamer who created the great resorts in the United States," he said. "It takes extraordinary courage to combine the ability to dream and the ability to put it in place."

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Two law enforcement officers patrol a country road near the Branch Davidian compound Saturday morning.

Armed sect members pray, wait while officers outside only wait

WACO, Texas (AP) — Somewhere in the cluster of sand-colored buildings known as Mount Carmel, perhaps in the underground firing range or the chapel, members of the Branch Davidian sect are probably in prayer, guns by their sides. They wait, as does the army of federal agents staking out the surrounding countryside, for David Koresh to have his private conversation with God that will decide their lives.

Those familiar with the religious sect paint a grim picture of what is likely happening within the fortified walls of the besieged compound one week after an attempted raid by federal agents left at least seven people dead. They describe a deadening routine of little food and sleep marked by the rant of Bible lessons that reinforce a shared vision of the Apocalypse. That vision of earthly destruction followed by heavenly paradise keeps the group united behind Koresh, a charismatic self-proclaimed prophet and rock musician who changed his name from Vernon Howell. "I think they're having quite intensive Bible studies, because I know that when Vernon's stressed out, he usually has Bible studies," said Marc Breault, a three-year member of the Branch Davidians who left the sect in 1989. Breault, 29, a computer analyst and programmer now living near Melbourne, Australia, has become an outspoken crusader against Koresh and the sect. But he was once a devotee who recruited new members

in California and Texas. A key, he said, in capturing and holding members was Koresh's near-symptomatic ability to call up passage after passage from the Bible for hours at a time. "He'll read a verse and then expand on it — which can be anything from 10 seconds to three hours on a verse," Breault said from Australia. From there, Koresh might jump to another verse, and then another. Breault remembers study sessions lasting as long as 16 hours. Rick Ross, a Phoenix-based cult deprogrammer who has worked with former Branch Davidians and their families, said the long Bible studies are key to the control Koresh exerts over his followers. "He has been mentally drilling them for this for a long time, how he, the Lamb, would be persecuted and how they all would be persecuted," Ross said in a telephone interview. "There has been a crisis mental in this compound for a long time."

Officials say they think life within the compound has returned to something resembling the sect's normal routine. Women care for the children and do housekeeping chores; men work on never-ending construction projects ordered by Koresh. Koresh is known to be monitoring television and radio reports of the siege; federal authorities have directed their comments to him during several news conferences. It is not known if Koresh's followers also listen in. "We have no idea how he is handling information," said FBI agent

Bob Ricks. "We do know he is the leader and we believe he will give information for the people he deems necessary." Ross, whose latest client left the sect after seven years, doubts Koresh would let members of his flock stray from sight for long. "He has always been concerned with control. Now you're talking about a situation where he has to run a tight ship. I suspect he has cleared out an area, maybe in one of the underground rooms or the chapel, to gather them together." People familiar with the compound say it is run like an Army camp. A Corvallis, Ore., musician, who would identify himself only as John, said he spent two weeks at Mount Carmel late last year. He described a paramilitary setup with a mess hall, gymnasium, segregated sleeping quarters and an underground warren that included storage rooms, a weapons vault and a firing range. Concrete tunnels join the buildings. Breault described a highly structured prayer schedule. Besides twice-daily prayer sessions, there was daily target practice and military-style exercises. Men had an obstacle course; women would run in formation, signifying "Marian-style" cadence taken from Bible verses.

"They all look great delight in composing these things," he said. Children get their education inside the compound. Joyce Sparks, with the state Child Protective Services office, described the children released by the sect as "sharp and very well educated."

Tipoff source puzzles command

WACO, Texas (AP) — Less than an hour after members of the Branch Davidian cult were observed going about their usual routine last Sunday morning, they formed a fighting force that turned back 100 armed federal agents. Authorities are still trying to figure out how they did it. Officials with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, whose agents were trying to execute search and arrest warrants, have said they believe the sect may be dissolving. "What we may find over time was that it was an accumulation of evidence" that signaled cultists something was wrong, said Jack Killoran, a spokesman for the firearms bureau. The heavily armed cult already had armed patrols of the 77-acre compound, which is dominated by a switchtower. But there are a variety of explanations for what might have put the cult on alert: A visitor, known to cult members as Robert Gonzalez, left 45 minutes before federal agents moved in shortly before 10 o'clock. Cult

members say they were already suspicious of him. The cult received a mysterious phone call before the raid. Television reporters showed up near the compound in unmarked vehicles about an hour before the assault team struck. A newspaper series was published that weekend about the cult's arms buildup and its polygamist leader's unusual tributes. On the day of the raid, the Waco Tribune-Herald asked in an editorial what authorities were going to do about the group.

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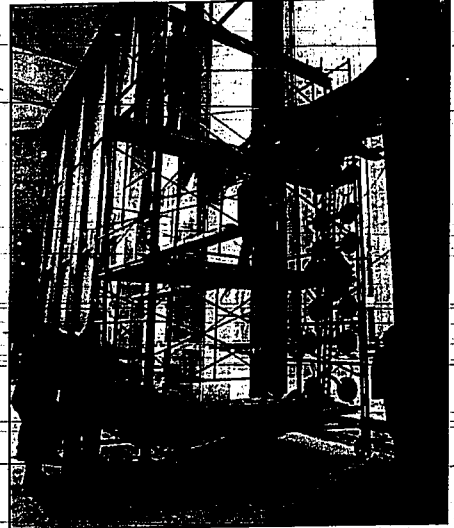
Agents analyze chemicals, open dragnet for bombing suspects

NEW YORK (AP) — Bomb-making materials found in a self-storage warehouse in New Jersey were analyzed for clues Saturday as investigators put out a dragnet for possible accomplices in the bombing of the World Trade Center. Published reports said the locker was rented to Mohammed Salameh, 25, an illegal Jordanian immigrant who was charged Thursday with taking part in the Feb. 26 bombing that killed five people and injured more than 1,000. More potential bomb parts were found in an apartment near the locker, a newspaper said. FBI officials would neither confirm nor deny the reports.

Law enforcers said they are seeking other suspects in the bombing. A van seen several times at the warehouse in Jersey City, N.J., was described by witnesses as "very similar" to the one rented by Salameh and used to carry the bomb, a federal law enforcement source said. But authorities don't know if it was the same van, the source added. The source also said witnesses saw more than one person going from the van into the warehouse.

The government of Jordan on Saturday identified Salameh as a 25-year-old Palestinian with a Jordanian passport. A government statement said he was born in the village of Bezzian near Nablus in the Israeli-occupied West Bank. It said he had no criminal record in Jordan. At the Trade Center, investigators were focusing on finding the body of a missing worker. Workers were installing columns to brace the area so investigators could get to the heart of the cavern created when the bomb smashed several floors of a garage. Port Authority First Deputy Director Anthony Shorris said tenants should be back in the center's twin 110-story towers by April 1. The evidence seized at the warehouse Friday included 100 pounds of sulfuric, urea and nitric acids, which could be used to make explosives, and was being studied at Fort Dix, N.J., law enforcement sources said. One question was whether they were the same chemicals used in the bombing. "The FBI is still leaning toward a witch's brew" of ingredients in the bomb, said the law enforcement source. Once investigators conclude what ingredients were used, "they can follow the trail."

The sources said the amount of chemicals found indicated other bombings might have been planned. But a source close to the investigation told New York Newsday: "We don't know if this was left off or something that had been tried at one time and found unsatisfactory." A second search of an apartment less than a mile from the locker turned up electronic components that could be used to make detonators.



Using large suction cups, workers replace large glass windows inside the second floor of the World Trade Center.

Displaced workers adjust to their new surroundings

NEW YORK (AP) — Some have moved to the Midwest, others only a few blocks. Wherever they are, thousands of workers displaced by the World Trade Center bombing are having to adjust to new surroundings, new commutes and new views. "I usually look down at the Empire State Building. Now I'm looking up at some trees and high tension lines," groused Alfred Dell-Bow, a bank president who switched from a 103rd-floor office to a low-rise in Piscataway, N.J. He brightened. "Oh, there are two of our employees having a snowball fight."

In the week since a basement car bomb closed the twin 110-story towers, about 20,000 people have gone back to work in the Trade Center complex. But an estimated 35,000 people have lost their jobs temporarily or moved 100 offices just a few blocks away or as far as Denver and Chicago. Some have been taken in by a client, a supplier or a corporate good Samaritan. For most, computer connections and phone lines have been less troubling than the sudden separation from subway and deli. But New Yorkers can cope. So they organized car pools; they shared space; they ordered take-out. Commuting has been the refugees' biggest pain. Dell-Bow, president of the Home Loan Bank of New York, used to take the subway to work. For the past week, he's gone by subway to Pennsylvania Station, train to Edison, N.J., and shuttle bus to his temporary office. "A little more complicated, and a lot longer," he said. The new office, he conceded, makes up in safety what it lacks in vistas. "If I had to, I could go out my window and get out of here more pleasantly than I did" on Feb. 26 when he was forced to walk down 1,300 feet of smoky stairs. "And we don't have any underground parking."

But what about lunch? Before, Greg Storey of the New York Shipping Association could choose from among dozens of restaurants. Now, the association is back on the waterfront in a one-story cinder block structure at Port Newark. "Definitely a different atmosphere," said Storey.

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Refrain from deeper defense cuts, Nunn warns

President defends job money

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton used his Saturday radio address to push his plan for \$160 billion in new federal spending, citing the country's "uneven" economic recovery as evidence of the need for new job-creating programs.

Clinton said his "national investment strategy" was designed to put money into programs that will strengthen the country's economic base, "promote education and self-reliance and create 8 million jobs over the next four years."

"Every investment we make is paid for dollar-for-dollar by spending cuts in existing programs," Clinton said in his weekly radio address from the Oval Office. "Every investment is designed to make us smarter, safer and more secure, now and in the long term."

The president also restated his intention to make regulatory changes that will make it easier for small- and medium-sized businesses to invest, enabling them to "expand, grow and create jobs again." He said the new credit rules would be released next week.

Clinton had no other public events on his weekend schedule and planned to use the time to rest and catch up on items in his "in-box," aides said.

The president's economic plan includes a blend of budget cuts, tax increases and new spending initiatives. It is designed to reduce the deficit by \$322 billion over four years while channeling \$160 billion into areas such as construction projects, education and children's programs, job training and apprenticeship efforts, and health initiatives.

WASHINGTON — President Clinton's plan to slash defense spending by \$123.9 billion over five years ran into its first serious resistance in Congress Friday.

Conservatives led by Senate Armed Services Committee chairman Sam Nunn, D-Ga., warned that the cuts have gone far enough.

In a carefully worded floor speech, Nunn suggested that the cuts that Clinton has proposed should be viewed as a maximum. And he warned the administration and other lawmakers not to seek any further reductions either to finance domestic programs or cut the deficit further.

Nunn also served notice that if other savings Clinton is projecting in his economic plan do not materialize, he will expect the administration to protect remaining Pentagon programs rather than seek extra defense cuts to meet its targets.

His remarks, intended to lay down a marker in the coming battle over the defense budget, were quickly endorsed by other congressional conservatives, who have begun to criticize the administration for going too far in slashing defense spending.

Sen. James Exon, D-Nebr., another member of the Armed Services Committee, said in a floor speech he

was "concerned that the Clinton administration has gone too far, too quickly," and urged the White House to provide more details before asking lawmakers to vote.

At a meeting of the House Armed Services Committee last week, Rep. Gillespie V. "Sonny" Montgomery, D-Miss., warned that "We're bringing down the military much too fast, and we're putting people out of jobs." Others on the panel echoed his views.

And Rep. John P. Murtha, D-Pa., chairman of the House defense appropriations subcommittee, said Thursday that the defense budget reduction Clinton is proposing "concerns us because it's a much bigger cut than we anticipated."

"I do not believe we could mount a Desert Storm operation if we keep going the way we're going," Murtha said in an interview with the Los Angeles Times. "We're going to have a hollow force if we are not careful."

The increasingly vocal resistance suggests that the president may have more difficulty than he expected pushing through his defense cuts, which were announced by the Pentagon last month. Nunn said he had voiced his concerns privately to Clinton and top administration officials.

Clinton said during the 1992 presidential campaign that if he were elected, he would slash defense spending by some \$60 billion from the Bush plan for the period between fiscal 1993 and 1997.

Instead, his new proposal calls for \$123.9 billion in cuts — \$60 billion in reductions from last year's actual Pentagon spending levels and some \$63.9 billion in added "savings" ranging from a freeze on military pay to lower assumptions for the expected inflation rate.

The emerging debate comes at a critical time in the budget process. House and Senate budget committees are scheduled to begin work this month, crafting a congressional budget resolution that effectively will set the limits on defense spending for fiscal 1994, which begins Oct. 1.

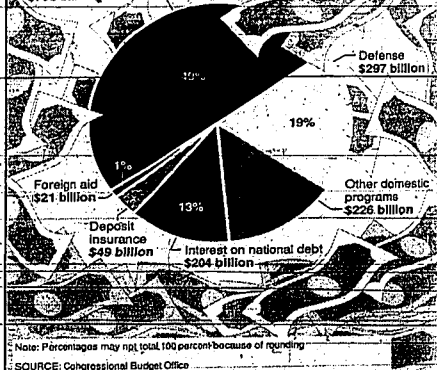
The Pentagon so far has disclosed only the overall figures for the defense budget that it is recommending, with details not expected until the White House approves the figures sometime this month.

Nunn commented on Friday that many of the extra spending cuts Clinton has proposed reflect uncertain assumptions that may not turn out as expected.

Clinton has projected some \$27 billion in savings, by predicting a lower inflation rate.

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Ask Alaskans if they think the pain is even-handed

WASHINGTON (AP) — While the administration says its economic package doesn't hit any part of the country harder than another, trying to tell that to the people of Alaska, Hawaii and Maine.

They rank at the bottom of one survey on the impact of Clinton's program.

On the other hand, the president's home state of Arkansas along with Ohio, Alabama, Tennessee, Indiana and Kentucky come out on top, enjoying projected growth benefits far ahead of the national average.

Regional Financial Associates, an economic forecasting firm in West Chester, Pa., produced a 50-state assessment of Clinton's economic package, taking into account such factors as per capita income of a state, the number of jobs in manufacturing industries, the number of jobs in defense and the amount of electricity produced from oil-fired generators.

A new tax on minerals recovered from new lands "threatens to wipe

out the mining industry in my state and throughout the West," said Alaska Sen. Ted Stevens in the Republican response to Clinton's weekly radio address Saturday.

The states that do the best tend to be in the South and Midwest. They have lower per capita incomes and thus "escape as big a hit from the higher taxes on the wealthy while also benefiting from Clinton's proposal to expand the earned income tax credit for the working poor."

In addition, the states that come out as winners depend less on defense spending, have a larger share of manufacturing industries that would benefit from Clinton's proposed investment tax credit and get less electricity from oil that is taxed at higher rates under Clinton's energy proposal.

The states that are hurt tend to have higher incomes, a heavy reliance on defense industries, get more of their electricity from oil-fired generators and have less heavy manufacturing.

The states of Maine, Hawaii and Alaska feature many of these characteristics and under the estimates by Regional Financial Associates they will suffer economic growth that is 0.3 percentage point lower on average from 1993 through 1997 than it otherwise would have been — because of the adverse impact of Clinton's program.

The District of Columbia, with its large percentage of federal employees, gets hit even harder, suffering an annual reduction in growth of 0.4 percentage point below what it otherwise would have been.

By contrast, the states at the top will enjoy economic growth from 1993 through 1997 that is on average 0.3 percentage point higher per year than it otherwise would have been because of the beneficial effects of Clinton's program.

Shown these results, White House

Budget Director Leon Panetta said no special effort had been made to get Clinton's home state of Arkansas into the top tier group. But he said the economic impacts did reflect conscious decisions on the part of the administration to help poorer people who did not benefit as much from the Republican policies of the 1980s.

"States that generally have populations that are poorer than the rest of the country benefit because of the nature of the program," Panetta said.

But Panetta insisted that the Clinton program succeeded at mitigating the adverse effects of the higher taxes and spending cuts aimed at trimming the deficit. He noted that the administration selected an energy tax based on the heat content of fuels that would spread the cost better than other options such as just taxing gasoline or imported oil.

"To make any economic plan work, it has got to be fair and balanced," Panetta said in an interview with The Associated Press. "You have to spread the cost of deficit reduction as much as possible so that no one region takes a bigger hit than others."

The analysis by Regional Financial Associates was prepared by economists Mark Zamli and Paul Clinton program good marks for minimizing the regional disparities.

"While 0.3 percentage point per year in extra growth is not trivial, the changes under Ronald Reagan had much greater regional impacts than this program," Getman said.

He said that under Reagan, high-income states, particularly in the Northeast and California, came out as big winners because of the sharp cuts in top tax rates.

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Hardest work lies ahead on city comprehensive plan

City comprehensive plans are like diets. You swear that this time it will be different. You'll stick to the plan, remember your goal, never cheat.

But then - well, you know how it is. Before long, another diet plan has failed.

In city halls all across America, beautifully bound volumes representing thousands of meetings and millions of dollars in consultant fees gather dust like so many discarded diet books.

The people who wrote them meant well. But once the plans' wonderful ideas were on paper, putting them into action turned into a lot of bother.

When dreams gave way to reality, city councils took the paths of least political resistance. Subdivisions were built atop proposed traffic routes, prospective park sites were paved.

Within a few years, yesterday's gleaming goals had become moot. The comprehensive plan that was put on display for Twin Falls residents Thursday has a chance to do better. A chance, but not a guarantee.

City officials, citizen volunteers and hired consultants have put in a lot of hard work on the proposed plan. But the hardest work is yet to come: making sure the final draft really matches the community's desires, and then making sure its objectives really are pursued in years to come.

Some of those objectives are truly exciting ideas, and some are just common sense. Here are some examples of both:

Regional cooperation with Twin Falls and Jerome counties in managing development outside the city - particularly along the city's aesthetically crucial north entrance. The road from Interstate 84 to the Perrine Bridge is in Jerome County, but development along the way will be visitors' first impression of Twin Falls. Equally important, traffic congestion there would hinder travel to and from Twin Falls.

A CSI District, encouraging emergence of a "technology park" in which businesses could locate close to the College of Southern Idaho and capitalize on its resources.

An eastern beltway, extending Hankins Road (3200 East) from Potline Road all the way to Orchard Drive, thereby connecting southern industrial areas with the freeway.

Easing Blue Lakes Boulevard traffic. This will surely be the most controversial part of the plan, but a key one.

Alternate routes between the Perrine Bridge and downtown should have been established decades ago - when the land for them was not covered with houses. That didn't happen, and now none of the options is pretty.

Widening and extending Fillmore and Locust streets would probably be the best choice for traffic flow, but it would be the worst for quality of life. It directly contradicts another policy in the plan, calling for protection of residential neighborhoods.

Expect fireworks before this discussion is finished.

A trail network for hikers and pedestrians, incorporating a string of parks along the Snake River and Roek Creek canyons. These canyons are precious and unique resources that have too long been taken for granted.

The plan is far from finished. Over the next few weeks it will be inked with to incorporate ideas offered by citizens. (Watch for announcements about a public hearing.)

Now is the chance to citizens to make sure their own visions for Twin Falls' future are taken into account. Once that's done, the bigger task will fall to city leaders. The current City Council and councils elected in years to come must keep their eyes focused on the goals the community sets this year. They must make every decision with those goals in mind.

Otherwise, the plan will be worth no more than last year's failed diet.



ODDM ensures top-notch education

The Twin Falls School District has committed to move toward outcome-based education. This action is the result of community input to our Long Range Planning Committee three years ago.

"We are in the process of implementing outcome-based education in this district through the process known as the Outcomes-Driven Development Model. We hope this will allow the district to accomplish what it is being asked to do, 'provide a quality education to every child.'"

In reaching the decision to utilize ODDM in this district, we have gone to great lengths as a district to assure ourselves that this is the best means to accomplish our goal. We have sent teams to numerous locations where outcome-based education is being implemented through ODDM.

We also know that ODDM is the only process for outcome-based education validated by the United States Department of Education.

We can also assure you that every member of this School Board has a child in this school system and, as parents, none of us would do anything to jeopardize the education of our children, let alone any other child in this district.

Rep. Ron Black stated in a recent letter to the board that his office has been flooded with calls complaining about the attitude of the school district officials and the way we responded to inquiries regarding the ODDM process. I can tell you that as a district, and we individually as board members, have not been "flooded" with calls complaining about ODDM.

In fact, we have had four inquiries concerning the process of the adoption and implementation of ODDM. One of those calls was from Rep. Mark Stubbs, two from patrons and one from a teacher. Only two of these same individuals showed up at a board meeting to express their concerns. We have had schools host special meetings in the evenings where parents can come and ask questions concerning this process.

We do not deal with or give validity to any anonymous inquiries or concerns.

We as a board have expressed to our administration and teachers, on more than one occasion, that they should feel comfortable to approach any board member to discuss any issue at any time. The invitation to communicate has been extended, has been utilized by some, and remains in effect.

Yet Rep. Black and others continue to infer that there is such an intimidation factor in this district that employees of the district are afraid

Reader comment

Steven K. Tolman

Comments welcome

The Twin Falls School District will hold a meeting on the Outcomes-Driven Development Model at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the O'Leary Junior High School auditorium. The public is welcome.

To speak their minds, I would not think it necessary to remind Rep. Black, as a member of the Idaho Legislature, of the statutory protection afforded to certified personnel employed by any school district within this state.

One of the philosophies of ODDM is that everyone has a voice to be heard. At the school level, all teachers are to be involved in decision making so that the school is run on a consensus basis. However, in order for this to work, everyone must use their voice.

This process actually empowers teachers and provides them with more input into the operation of their schools. There is a core team established at every school which provides a means of communication which has never before existed at each school. Our teachers are encouraged to utilize this system and, once again, the majority of our teachers have done so.

Rep. Black has said he is embarrassed at the way the district has responded to requests for informational meetings. Who has requested an informational meeting? No one has appeared before the board and asked that informational meetings be held for this purpose. The only discussion concerning a public informational meeting came through Rep. Black when he purportedly stated that if the district did not have a public information meeting, he would come down and have one for us.

We have an open forum at every board meeting where anyone can address the board on any issue; two individuals have used that opportunity to oppose ODDM. We have placed two unit-ODDM individuals on our Executive Curriculum Committee, where the outcomes for offered courses are determined.

This can hardly be argued as the actions of a district that is attempting to suppress or hide information from its students and patrons. In an attempt to again allow patrons of this

district to gain information concerning ODDM and outcome-based education, we have scheduled a public meeting for 7 p.m. Tuesday at the O'Leary Junior High School auditorium. It is our intent to provide as much information as possible to all those who attend.

As we as a district believe we have earned the respect of this community. We have gone to great lengths to provide information to civic groups and individuals who request information from our district and we encourage their interest in the educational process.

If any interested individuals have been offended by the action or statements of any district personnel, we offer our apologies. This district embraces the ODDM concept to "treat people, their beliefs, and their ideas with respect."

I can assure you that every member of the School Board knows who elected them to their position and each of us take the responsibility very seriously. Frankly, we are concerned that Rep. Black's remarks impugn the integrity of this board.

We are surprised and dismayed that rather than visit directly with us about his concerns, Rep. Black has chosen to communicate via the media. Up until his March 2 letter, he neither communicated with nor requested information from the board.

We are all hopeful that we can maintain an amicable relationship with all of our legislators from this area. I am sure that we all share an equal concern about education for our children.

We have noticed in Rep. Black's campaign literature he has personally expressed support for educational reform. He has specifically stated, "Changes should focus on increasing the knowledge level of our graduates through an outcome-based performance system. A new look must be taken at the way we teach, the quality and format of the material, and the methods and timing used to evaluate performance."

This is specifically what we are attempting to accomplish here in Twin Falls.

Steven K. Tolman is a Twin Falls lawyer and chairman of the Twin Falls School Board. This article is adapted from a letter he wrote, last week, responding to a letter from state Rep. Ron Black, R-Twin Falls, chairman of the House Education Committee. Black's letter questioned the planned format of Tuesday night's hearing and suggested that "there appears to be no serious intent to help educate the public about the ODDM process."

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We all must condemn rape as a weapon of war

Several months ago I started reading, with horror, the stories of the systematic rape of Muslim women and children in Bosnia-Herzegovina. They brought me back some 15 years to the mid-1970s when, before getting into politics, I worked as an assistant district attorney in Queens County, N.Y., handling sex-abuse cases.

Victim after victim whom I had helped get through our criminal-justice system came to mind.

The 6-year-old who was so savagely raped that she required two weeks in the hospital for vaginal repair.

The girl in her parochial-school uniform whose family had to be restrained from attacking the defendant.

The young woman who was in such shock even weeks later, that she couldn't look at me during our interview and found difficulty relating the facts.

The 30-year-old woman who would not leave her home to come to our office because she was ashamed to face her neighbors.

But, as difficult as it was for those victims, this situation is worse. The victims in Queens were picked randomly; these were picked because of religion and ethnicity.

My victims were raped at the whim of the attacker. There is evidence these victims were raped at the order of military power and political leaders.

My victims had been assaulted once by an assailant. Report after report from Bosnia-Herzegovina tell us that there were women held prisoner, raped repeatedly over weeks and months, and were gang raped.

My victims received immediate medical attention; these victims did not.

My victims had access to a safe medical procedure to terminate a pregnancy if it occurred as a result of rape. These victims were not safe, and had no choice.

And probably the most significant difference is that the Queens rapists were before the courts, charged with a crime and were going to be punished.

Rape has accompanied war throughout

Geraldine A. Ferraro

history of humankind. But rape as a result of war is abhorrent. Rape is a weapon of war is barbaric.

Some people consider it an unfortunate by-product of conflict. Well, it is unfortunate, but it is no by-product. It is a crime. It is an act of violence against women, and it is particularly egregious in the current circumstances, because it is being used as a deliberate strategy of war.

That's why the resolution passed by consensus by the Human Rights Commission of the United Nations in Geneva last week is so important.

Because it, by name, defines rape as a war crime.

Because it decries its use as a weapon of war by Serbian forces for ethnic cleansing.

Because it demands that all member states work with the United Nations to end the practice.

Because it calls upon the United Nations to bring the perpetrators to justice.

Because it endorses the establishment of an international tribunal to try the criminals.

Because it calls for medical and psychological assistance for the victims.

And because it sends a message to all the victims in the struggle in the former Yugoslavia, but particularly the women and children of Bosnia-Herzegovina whose tragic experiences dominate the reports, the assurance that the world cares and the world demands that their attackers be brought to justice.

And that's good. But equally important is the fact that the world community is standing together in support of human rights for women.

Former Congresswoman Geraldine A. Ferraro is a member of the U.S. delegation to the U.N. Human Rights Commission and a former Democratic candidate for vice president. She wrote this article for the New York newspaper Newsday.

Chicago case could be learning experience

Later this month in Chicago an emancipation may begin.

A judge will decide whether to hear a suit brought by some inner-city parents and children, charging that the state is failing to fulfill its education duty. The suit seeks an empowering remedy - vouchers, with a value of the pro rata share of state funds allotted to the children's education. The vouchers would be redeemable at public or private schools.

Without judicial activism of the sort advocated by the Institute for Justice, a Washington group of young libertarian lawyers. Their civil rights suit for their Chicago clients charges that the children are being denied a benefit guaranteed by Illinois' constitution, and that the parents are being denied a liberty ("essential influence, control or choice over their children's education") implicitly guaranteed by the



George F. Will

U.S. Constitution.

Illinois' constitution asserts: "The state shall provide for an efficient system of high quality public educational institutions and services." No one can seriously say that is being done for Chicago's inner city students, 80 percent of whom are black or Hispanic.

The average graduation rate in Chicago's public schools is 43.7 percent, 43 percentage points below the statewide average. Less than one of every three Chicago public high schools has a graduation rate above 50 percent. About 70 percent of public school students score below the national norm in

standardized tests of basic skills, and substantially below state-wide averages. Thirty-eight of the 64 high schools have ACT college admission test scores in the bottom one-per cent; one-per cent of the nation.

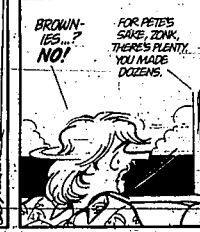
Chicago's bureaucratized system expends \$5,548 per pupil, about 570 more than the state-wide average, but only 56 percent of the total budget goes for classroom instruction. The parents' brief notes that private schools provide better cognitive results at less per-pupil expense "in the same neighborhoods as the city's worst public schools" and "draw from the same student population," and have "extensive parental involvement."

The suit's "parental liberty" claim goes like this. Children are subject to compulsory school attendance laws. Parents are subject

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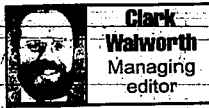
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Opinion

Believe what you read, but don't always believe what you see

Never mind the old saying... (Idaho Sen. Larry Craig proved that recently, when he caught NBC News red-handed. Craig went on the Senate floor to chastise the network for its phony footage of a clear-cut forest and dead fish.)



Clark Wamworth Managing Editor

Some media critics are concerned because the magazine shows emphasize compelling visual images at the expense of factual reporting.

Meanwhile, pseudo-reality programs such as "911" re-enact true stories for the camera, and ordinary people stage pitfalls for "America's Funniest Home Videos."

Some viewers may have trouble discerning what's real and what's not these days. The NBC incidents suggest some TV producers have trouble too.

But what about newspapers? I'll admit that we face competitive pressures too. And we're not immune to errors, misjudgments and even ethical lapses.



Photo illustration by MARK RICHARDSON

Managing Editor Clark Wamworth works out, but doesn't take steroids.

Andy Arenz, chief photographer at The Times-News, says there are plenty of temptations to do blenders in the "chewing gum jungle" to retrieve it and you didn't get back in time to give the big boop on your tuba at the end of the number.



Photo illustration by MARK RICHARDSON

crossing the ethical boundary.

Some newspaper photographers commonly ask people to pose for portraits and mug shots. And occasionally, for a hard-to-illustrate topic such as child abuse, a photographer will use models or silhouettes to create a "photo illustration."

of course. Our photographers commonly ask people to pose for portraits and mug shots.

But Andy is confident that readers understand the difference between a portrait and a candid action shot.

And photo illustrations are always plainly labeled as such.

Modern technology creates new temptations for photo-graphers. Nowadays all our photos are processed electronically. Computers give Mark Richardson, our ace photo technician, enormous power to alter photographs.

He demonstrated his skill on the accompanying picture of "Conan the Editor," just what he had put some of that hair on top of my head. The Conan picture shows how easily Mark could doctor news photos, if he wanted. But he doesn't.

By now you may wonder: If NBC News would take an explosion, and if fancy computers can alter photographs, why should I believe anything I see in the paper?

It's a tough question. I have two answers. First, I have a duty to you; sooner or later we'd get caught, the way NBC did.

Letters

Unhealthy self-interest?

A few weeks ago, I read with interest Mr. E.L. Williams' supercilious and inane protestations in support of the Health and Welfare facility. It's too bad he did not share with your readers the nature of his self-interest.

It would seem that the Health and Welfare Department has become nothing more than a political pork-barrel, and recent personnel changes at the top would tend to support that conclusion. Considering Mr. Williams' close ties to that bureaucracy, one might conclude that his views are purely politically motivated.

Like cancer, a bureaucracy's most significant feature is that it grows, geometrically, larger whether or not it needs exist.

Bureaucracies, historically, never produce, seldom serve and, by their very nature, feed on our economy and the taxpayer.

Will

Continued from A6 to compulsory taxation for public schools, to which children are assigned primarily by residence. The parents in this suit, like most Chicago school parents, lack the resources to move in search of better public schools.

So, given the stark inadequacies of the U.S. Supreme Court has invalidated state action that reasonably interferes with the liberty of parents -- to direct the upbringing and education of children.

The court has also held that "providing public schools ranks at the very apex of the function of the state." But what recourse have poor inner city parents when the provision constitutes an educational caste system that stunts the life chances of their children? In the words of the court, a 1954 school desegregation decision, when a state undertakes to provide public education, it "is a right which must be available to all on equal terms."

would seem paradoxical, unless one considers that, on average, the gross monthly income of a Health and Welfare employee reportedly about double the average monthly income of a non-governmental Idaho worker. Also, the benefit package of a Health and Welfare employee is beyond the reach of many, if not most, Idaho workers in the private sector.

Therefore, it would seem that the term, "Health and Welfare," refers to the health and welfare of that department's own employees. As with most bureaucracies, they primarily serve themselves.

Crump - Crump bellyaching!

To Steve Crump: You sure have your article in The Times-News named right, "Don't Ask Me." After a person reads a few of your articles and listens to you cry and bellyache about things that have happened to you or you can't do very good, I'm sure you don't have people beating a path to your door seeking advice.

It's a good thing you get paid for being a crybaby; for it is only because of you know how to do. Just last Sunday (Feb. 27), all you did was cry because some kid accidentally bumped you and knocked the

mouthpiece from your tuba and you had to crawl under the bleachers in the "chewing gum jungle" to retrieve it and you didn't get back in time to give the big boop on your tuba at the end of the number. My, my, poor little Steve, still crying after 40 years. I'll bet that is the way you have been at your life.

The article that really ticked me off and got me riled up was on Feb. 20 about bowlers. There is no way I could ever fit into your category of "jocks," but I would feel damn good to be there. I didn't get started bowling until I was past 50, but I like the game and I have worked at it until I am a 175-80 bowler. I don't cry and bellyache because other people were better than me; I went to work and improved my game and am still improving.

The term "jock" you used riles me more than just a little. I personally know quite a few of these guys here in southern Idaho, and I don't call them "jocks." I call them Jerry Miller, Shane Ward, Gary Chapel and friends, for that is what they are.

This is just a very few of the ones right here in Twin Falls and not one of these guys would look down their nose at a low-average bowler but if asked would be glad to give a few pointers and help one with their game. But coming from you, I can see it is just bellyaching else for you to cry and bellyache about. I'm sure anyone who has achieved anything worthwhile has, at one time, felt like quitting but they didn't go crying or

complaining and belittling other people who had succeeded. They pulled themselves up by their bootstraps and went ahead to finish what they had started.

Quit bellyaching and crying and feeling sorry for yourself and maybe you will grow up yet. GEORGE W. WARD Filer

Another view on gays

The Bible-humping tirades against homosexuals (and abortion) are classic sleight-of-hand having your cake and eating it too. Out of one side of their mouth, polishing off a ham sandwich; they say Jesus superceded the law of Moses. We just have the two of Jesus, or perhaps the Big 10.

Out of the other side of their mouth, with a spot of pizza, they say a large portion of the sex occurring violates Moses' law, all the while careful to ignore/obscure the words Christ is to relay when he shows "Moses spoke unadvisedly with his lips" (Psalm): "For if you'd know what this means, I will have mercy and not sacrifice, you would not have condemned the guiltless" (New Testament): "I will not punish your sons, daughters, spouses for adultery" (Hosea 4:14); "Whatsoever the spirit has joined together, let not man put apart" (Matthew 19:6); etc., etc., Rape, murder, suicide, abuse and injustice are foul and despicable. The story of Sodom and Gomorrah, as rendered, apparently indicates a planned gang-rape, which this also include injurious assault. This is a different scenario than the case at hand with

amendments: Should we strip the rights of those caught by the bedroom police?

Speaking of Sodom, modern rape in prison for trifling offenses, compared to the scars they bring out, and just looks the other way instead of limiting the punishment to incarceration.

Right-to-Life: We'd all like to see a real commitment and program for enhancing the quality of life, a real stand against all needless suffering and loss of life. Perhaps a specific program for those moms not abhorring co-parenting aid network, mommy-break system (time off), basic necessities assurance, scholarship funds...

Right to life? I was going to be considered a felon if I refused complicity in the killing of a Vietnamese people. Who amended "Thou shalt not kill"? Christians'

answer. God chose not the prophets nor Jesus for this revelation; he went to the top. Paul says it's OK to obey local government! Now it's uh...fishy, OK, right?

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Puppy has happy home

Thank you, Dr. Boswell. A few years ago, you took in a homeless and hungry puppy. This little dog needed help and you and the nice lady that found her and brought her to you gave her a new life. Rosie is now a loved member of our family and we owe this to you.

We hope you will be taken care of as well as you have been taking care of our animals. Thank you, Dr. Boswell, for your compassion. BOB AND ROBY BYBEE Twin Falls

displace any statutes, or to disturb bureaucratic discretion reasonably exercised." Rather, "the obligation is not how the defendants intend to fulfill their duties -- but instead whether they have fulfilled" them.

Does the Illinois constitution's language constitute an educational "guarantee"? That language says "state shall provide..." The Illinois Supreme Court has held that "in construing statutory provisions... the word 'shall' is regarded as indicative of a mandatory legislative intent." Why would that not be true of constitutional provisions as well?

Both Illinois and federal courts have exercised judicial review regarding, for example, whether public schools have provided, as required by law, "appropriate" education for disabled pupils. Therefore, the brief argues, courts can decide whether Illinois clearly is not providing "an efficient system of high quality" education. And the voucher response is within the court's remedial powers because it is analogous to the practice of ordering public payment of tuition for disabled pupils at private schools when public schools are unable to

fulfill their obligations to such pupils.

The Institute has a similar suit on behalf of some residents of South-Central-Los Angeles. In that city's unified school district fewer than 5 percent of schools report scores for ninth graders above the 50th percentile nationwide in standardized tests.

At two of the high schools attended by plaintiffs, scores rank in the bottom 1 or 2 percent in any, I can math and reading tests. The 1990 dropout rate in Los Angeles public high schools (40.9

percent) was twice the statewide rate.

The graduation rate for inner-city private schools nationwide is about 97 percent. As in Chicago, the issue is: Can a state entirely evade judicial review of whether it is performing constitutional duties?

A particularly pertinent question, given that about half the Chicago public school teachers with school-age children send them to private schools.

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138 fliers still missing from secret spy flights

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Throughout the past year, reports have been trickling out of the State and Defense departments about Americans lost years ago on secret Cold War spy-plane flights over the Soviet Union.

Now information about incidents both nations kept secret for a generation is coming in a flood. Russian President Boris Yeltsin began the public discussion by saying last summer that 12 Americans shot down on previously unacknowledged spy missions in the 1950s were taken prisoner. Intelligence experts said at the time that the number of Americans unaccounted for from that period was probably closer to 50.

A few months later three independent investigators — James D. Sander, Mark A. Sauter and R. Cort Kirkwood — published "Soldiers of Misfortune," a book that documented several previously secret incidents in which U.S. planes vanished on spy missions, with no word on the fate of their crews.

In January, the Senate Select Committee on POW-MIA Affairs put the number of Americans still unaccounted for in such incidents at 133, based on information from the Defense Department.

Now two news organizations say the number is 138, citing information from formerly classified documents stored at the National Archives.

The number is likely to grow as the Pentagon's Jack Fryer-Russia commences its examination of the archives of the former Soviet Union, Pentagon officials said. With Russian cooperation, Task Force Russia has been combing prison records and other documents in the former Soviet Union seeking information about Americans held there during the Cold War.

According to coordinated reports Thursday night on ABC's Prime Time Live and in the forthcoming edition of U.S. News and World Report, at least 24 men were killed on 31 aerial spy missions between 1950 and 1970, and 138 remain unaccounted for.

The Defense Department lists 133 whose fate is unknown from 13 "aircraft incidents," a Pentagon official said. "Soldiers of Misfortune" said "more than 100 American lives and 20 U.S. airplanes have been lost in action during similar peacetime reconnaissance operations since 1945."

Until recently, neither Washington nor Moscow had ever acknowledged the spy flights or the shootdowns, except for the highly publicized

downing in 1960 of Francis Gary Powers in his high-altitude U-2 plane. Now, "we admit it, the Russians admit it, the planes went down," a well-informed official said.

Nothing in advance summaries of the latest news reports indicated any of the Americans are still alive. Yeltsin told the Senate committee in a letter delivered last June that "today there are no American citizens forcibly held on the territory of Russia," but indicated some Americans who found their way there during one conflict or another are living as private citizens.

Alan Plak, then a deputy assistant secretary of defense, told the Senate committee late last year that U.S. investigators had focused on 10 shoot-downs between 1950 and 1965 whose crew members remain unaccounted for. He said it was possible that some of those men survived long enough to be taken prisoner and that "second-hand evidence" indicated some had been captives but "we lack conclusive evidence."

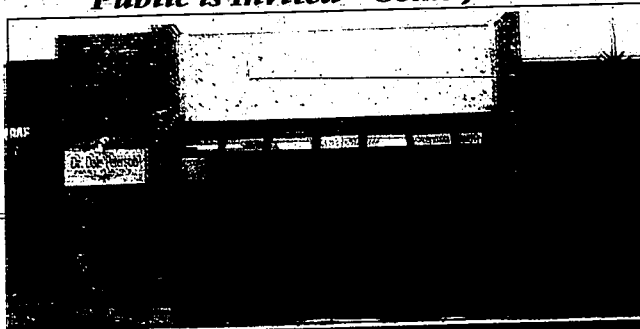
According to U.S. News and Prime Time Live, which worked together on the story, the U.S. spy flights — not in high-altitude U-2s but in conventional aircraft — deliberately flew into Soviet airspace "to determine the location and capabilities of coastal air defenses."

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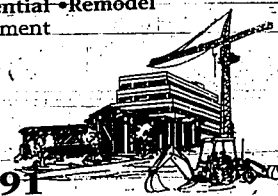
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Dole • US#1 **Bananas.... 3 lbs/\$1.79** SAVE 40¢

Sweet Juicy Fresh Pink **Grapefruit.... 6/\$1.48** SAVE 40¢

10 lb. US#1 Idaho Russet **Potatoes..... 99¢** SAVE 70¢

Choice Juicy • California **Navel Oranges..... 4 lbs/\$1.36** SAVE 36¢

NEW CROP! Red or White **Potatoes.... 4 lbs/\$1.56** SAVE 56¢

8-oz. Package **Snow White Mushrooms.... 89¢** SAVE 30¢

BAKERY ITEMS

Fresh • Assorted **Donuts..... \$2.59** SAVE 40¢

Fresh Baked • Delicious **Squaw Bread.... \$1.49** SAVE 40¢

Fresh Baked • 8" **Apple Pies.... \$2.19** SAVE 60¢

GROCERY ITEMS

Falconhurst • 1 Gallon **2% Milk..... \$1.78** SAVE 65¢

12 Pak., 12 oz., Bottles Regular or Light **Coors Beer..... \$5.59** SAVE 90¢

Whole Sun • 12 oz. Regular or Pulp **Orange Juice.. 69¢** SAVE 60¢

Banquet • 6.5-12 oz. Assorted Regular **Dinners..... 89¢** SAVE 40¢

4-Roll • Soft N' Gentle **Bath Tissue.... 69¢** SAVE 30¢

Western Family • Jumbo **Fresh Eggs..... 69¢** SAVE 19¢

12 Pak., 12 oz., Cans **Pepsi Products... \$3.89** SAVE 40¢

Starkist • 6.5 oz. Can **Tuna..... 2/\$1.58** SAVE 58¢

Blue Bonnet • 1 lb. **Margarine..... 2/\$1.38** SAVE 38¢