

Good morning

Today's forecast:

Mostly sunny with highs near 35 degrees. Light southwest winds. Lows 10 to 16 degrees.

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Dispose-All in trouble?

The man who is building a garbage landfill near Burley says he must hike hauling fees in Ada County because of a "deficit situation."

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Gang word appears on wall

"Crips" is a known gang name, but graffiti with that word in it doesn't necessarily mean the gang has come to Twin Falls.

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Wood vs. Becker

A seven-year veteran of Magistrate Court announced Monday he wants voters to give him a promotion to 5th District Court.

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Bring on the Californians

A Ketchum consultant wants to woo West Coast businesses to the city parcel between the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course and Rock Creek.

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Unity key to dynasty

The Dallas Cowboys say Coach Jimmy Johnson will be back next year. If most have their way, the team will remain virtually intact.

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Duke leads college poll

A 15-point whipping by California was enough to drop UCLA out of the top spot. Next up, the Blue Devils of Duke.

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Freeway ramps upgraded with once-secret fibers used to make the stealth bomber held up in the Jan. 17 earthquake in Southern California.

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Rate hike possible

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan says it's a matter of when, not whether, the central bank will nudge interest rates higher to combat inflation.

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Marines return fire

United States Marines escorting two diplomats return fire believed from snipers on a crowded Mogadishu street, killing five Somalis.

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Clinton waffles on health alliances

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Clinton assured governors Monday he is willing to bend on the spending limits and mandatory alliances in his health reform plan.

Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole said Republicans were open to compromise, but not to "turn the system upside down."

GOP governors welcomed the president's overture, but said there was still a major disagreement over Clinton's insistence on making all employers pay for health insurance.

The governors, after a two-hour closed-door session at the White House, said Clinton told them he was flexible on how to control medical costs and on his plan to force most Americans into new, exclusive insurance purchasing alliances.

South Carolina Gov. Carroll Campbell, chairman of the National Governors Association, said Clinton made "very clear that he want to maintain employer mandates."

That's a real obstacle for Republicans," he said.

Dole, addressing hospital executives, charged the White House was "more interested in finding villains than solutions," but

Teen-age drug use rising

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Smoking and drug use among American teen-agers are increasing after a decade of decline, a study showed Monday, and its author warned that "the stage is set for a potential resurgence of cocaine and crack use."

University of Michigan researchers said they noticed a relaxing of attitudes about the dangers of drugs among

eighth-, 10th- and 12th-graders in a yearly survey.

"These attitudes and beliefs, specifically the dangers believed to be associated with the use of these drugs, play a critical role in deterring use," said Lloyd Johnston, who directed the study.

"When they begin to soften, as they did last year, an increase in use can be expected."

He said the issue of drug use "fell off

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portable, subsidies for low-income families and requiring employers to make a core benefit package available for workers to buy.

The White House initially resisted that change because it fell short of Clinton's demand for an employer mandate and universal coverage. But Democratic governors agreed to back it with the White House's blessing after the governors called it "a minimum" of what Congress should enact this year. Republicans also conceded the system should be employer-based.

Clinton will make his own pitch Tuesday to the hospital executives, who are wary of his Medicare cuts and spending limits, but support making all employers contribute toward health insurance.

Clinton has threatened to veto any bill that does not guarantee private insurance for all Americans. He did not say when the guarantee would have to kick in, and White House officials have said they are willing to discuss a phase-in longer than the 1998 deadline specified in Clinton's bill.

Vermont Gov. Howard Dean, a Democrat and vice chairman of the governors, said that if the White House is willing to

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Winter trim



MIKE BALSBURY/The Times-News

High above the ground, a sure-footed Ron Groda trims branches from an elm tree in City Park Monday afternoon. The Twin Falls resident, who works for Kelley Garden Center, said the trimming will help keep trees healthy and safe at the park.

Superintendents endorse changes in state funding

By Drew DeSilver
Times-News writer

BOISE — Local school superintendents Monday endorsed a sweeping restructuring of the way the state helps fund public schools, saying it's their best chance to resolve a pending lawsuit and put their districts on a firmer financial footing.

"I've been in this thing 20, 25 years, and this to me seems, dollar and cents, to be mighty good," Valley Superintendent Arlyn Bodily said.

Build Superintendent Gene Pyles said the negotiators who hammered out the reform proposal over the past several weeks have "come up with something that's workable."

But key legislators warned the superintendents that their proposal isn't a sure bet to sail through the Legislature, as some of them seemed to think.

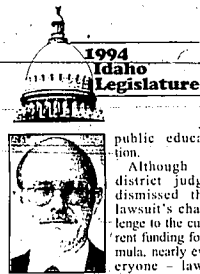
"I personally can't accept it," said House Education Chairman Ron Black, R-Twin Falls.

The reform proposal would require using all of an expected \$95.5 million boost in state public-school spending to smooth out inequities between districts. That would leave no money for high technology grants, school counselors, gifted and talented programs and other specific programs championed by either legislators or Gov. Cecil Andrus.

Many lawmakers, including Black, are reluctant to give schools so much new money without specific directions on how to spend at least part of it.

Top school administrators were briefed on the proposed changes in the school-funding formula at the annual meeting of the Idaho School Superintendents' Association.

Negotiators representing some of the 40-odd districts using the state over the adequacy of its school support program put together the formula revision, at the invitation of a special legislative committee studying the "thoroughness" of Idaho



Black

public education. Although a district judge dismissed the lawsuit's challenge to the current funding formula, nearly everyone — lawmakers, state officials and

school districts — agrees that the formula is unfair and needs to be changed.

For years, however, reform has been stymied by battles between large and small districts, urban and rural districts, and property-rich and property-poor districts.

The new proposal allows those battles by using the entire \$95.5 million in new money to ease its impact. Most districts — with property-rich Blaine County the notable exception — would receive more money under the current proposal, unlike previous ones.

In fact, the draft legislation to change the formula says the changes won't go into effect unless the Legislature increases the public-school budget by at least \$95.5 million, to \$63.5 million.

The Legislature's Republican leaders have publicly committed to that \$95.5 million boost, the same amount recommended by a coalition of teachers, administrators and school boards. Andrus wants a \$107.3 million boost, for a total of \$63.5 million.

But House Speaker Mike Simpson, R-Blackfoot, said the new formula would be a "tough sell" to lawmakers. It addresses an issue that no longer is part of the lawsuit

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Investigation of Whitton moves into courtroom

By Liz Wright
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Cassia County Prosecutor Steven Bywater plans to hold a courtroom inquiry into a possible fraud involving Mayor W.F. "Bill" Whitton and some of his newspaper's advertising clients.

Bywater has been conducting an investigation for three weeks to decide whether to prosecute Whitton and the advertisers on criminal charges of fraud or theft. The investigation involves possible double-billing of manufacturers for advertising in Whitton's monthly newspaper, Farm Times.

Bywater said he lacks enough evidence to press charges, but he hopes to gain more information by questioning Whitton, Whitton's employees and Farm Times advertisers



Whitton

move slowly. Many of the half-dozen advertisers Bywater wants to subpoena are located out-of-state. Also, Bywater said it might be difficult to get some of Whitton's advertisers to cooperate if they already have reconciled with

ers under oath.

To do that, he plans a "magistrate's inquiry" — a closed-door process somewhat similar to a grand jury hearing, but with a magistrate judge rather than a jury of citizens hearing the testimony.

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At that time, the attorney general's office gave local authorities evidence suggesting that Whitton might also be involved in

fraudulent billing for co-op advertising. Co-op advertising involves national manufacturers sharing advertising costs with local dealers.

Investigators have said a co-op scam might involve a newspaper preparing two different invoices for an ad. One invoice might list the fee at \$500, while the other might list it at \$900. The local advertiser could pay the smaller amount but bill the manufacturer at the higher rate.

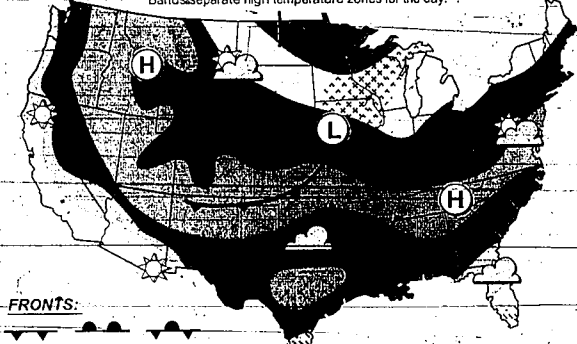
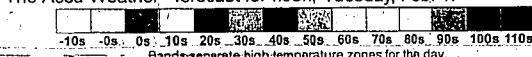
Whitton could not be reached for comment. But his lawyer, Jim Jones of Boise, said Whitton would have nothing to gain from that kind of double-billing.

Bywater, however, said he could prosecute Whitton even if Whitton didn't gain directly. Bywater said he will file for an inquiry by the end of next week.

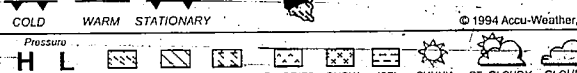
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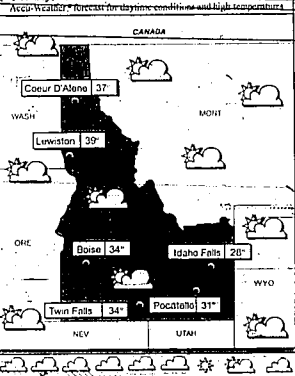
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Seattle 49 27
Spokane 32 23
Washington 40 29

Twin Falls

Max Min Pcp
Albuquerque 47 30
Albany 47 30
Boston 24 11
Chicago 13 2
Dallas 37 29
Denver 28 0
Des Moines 10 11
Detroit 20 10
Honolulu 79 59
Houston 54 33
Indianapolis 22 14
Kansas City 24 1
Las Vegas 68 32
Los Angeles 71 50
Memphis 33 29
Miami Beach 78 69
Milwaukee 11 3
Minneapolis 2 25
New Orleans 52 39
New York 30 18
Oklahoma City 27 10
Omaha 17 8
Phoenix 61 41
Pittsburgh 28 12
Portland, Me. 21 3
Portland, Ore. 54 27
Reno 42 19
St. Louis 21 11
Salt Lake City 31 19
San Francisco 60 46

Idaho

Max Min Pcp
Boise 34 17
Burley 30 8
Fairfield 21 20
Gooding 30 8
Hagerman 35 10
Idaho Falls 27 1
Jerome 29 10
Lowiston 40 21
Malad 30 5
Matta 34 1
McCall 27 1
Pocatello 27 1
Salmon 20 4
Stanley 20 29
Sun Valley 23 8

Forecast

Twin Falls, Burley, Rupert, Jerome and Gooding:
Today mostly sunny. Highs near 35. Southwest winds 5 to 10 mph. Tonight clear. Lows 10 to 15. Wednesday sunny. Highs 35 to 40.
Camas Prairie and Wood River Valley:
Today mostly sunny. Highs near 30. Tonight clear. Lows 15 below zero to near zero. Wednesday sunny. Highs near 30.

Extended forecast: Southern Idaho - Thursday through Saturday dry with areas of late night and morning fog and low clouds in the valleys. Slowly moderating temperatures. Lows 10 to 20. Highs in the mid-20s to the mid-30s east and mid-30s to the mid-40s west.

Northern Utah and Nevada:
Utah - Today partly cloudy. Highs in the mid-30s. Tonight and Wednesday fair. Lows in the mid-20s. Highs 35 to 40.
Elko County - Today mostly sunny. Highs mid-20s to

mid-30s east and the upper 30s to mid-40s west. Tonight fair skies. Cold with lows from around 10 below zero to the mid-20s. Wednesday mostly sunny. Highs in the 30s east and the 40s west.

Weather summary

The National Weather Service provided the following synopsis of Idaho weather:

What started as a sunny, cold day over Idaho became mostly cloudy by early Monday afternoon at most locations as a low pressure system tracked across southern Canada near Montana. At 3 p.m., skies were mostly cloudy to cloudy. Winds were light to calm, with highest speed recorded in Idaho Falls at 12 mph.

Temperatures were mostly in the 30s from the southwest to the northern plains, mid-20s in the southeast and teens in the higher valleys of the central mountains and southeast. Many stations reported subzero readings or temperatures in single digits in the south, central and southeastern sections of Idaho.

The highest temperature in the state Monday was 41 degrees at Payette. Stanley reported the lowest at 29 degrees below zero.

Elsewhere in the nation Monday, the highest temperature was 83 degrees at Coral Springs, Fla. Houlton, Maine, reported the lowest temperature at 31 degrees below zero.

Visible planets

Morning: Jupiter
Evening: Saturn, Mercury

Upper Midwest, New England shiver anew; snow hits Texas

The Associated Press

Temperatures plummeted to record lows Monday in the Upper Midwest as a new surge of cold arctic air pushed southward, and locally heavy snow fell in the Texas Panhandle.

Sub-zero temperatures were common overnight from the Great Basin and the Rockies across the northern Plains and the Great Lakes, as well as in northern New England. Lows were in the 20s and 30s below zero from the upper Mississippi Valley to northern New England.

Record lows were 30 below zero at La Crosse, Wis.; 25 below at Alpena, Mich.; 25 below at Minneapolis-St. Paul; 24 below at Marquette, Mich.; 23 below at Houghton Lake, Mich.; 21 below at Dubuque, Iowa; 20 below at Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and 10 below at Rochester, Minn., the National Weather Service said.

In northeastern Minnesota, the town of Floodwood reported a low of 38 below. Temperatures fell to the freezing point as far south as the Gulf Coast States, including 32 at Baton Rouge, La.; 30 at Mobile, Ala., and 31 at Pensacola, Fla., the National Weather Service said.

During the afternoon, temperatures across the upper Mississippi Valley and northern New England ranged from the single digits below zero to the single digits above. Elsewhere, 40s and 50s were common along the Gulf Coast and temperatures at or above 70 were confined to the southern tip of Florida.

Snow fell across parts of New Mexico and Texas as a weak weather system moved across the Rockies.

Single-digit temperatures and more than a foot of snow shut down parts of the Texas Panhandle during the morning in that state's first big snowstorm of the season. Fifteen inches of snow nearly paralyzed Silverton, residents said.

Another weather system was moving southeastward out of Canada into the northern Rockies. Snow fell over parts of Montana and headed into Wyoming. An advisory for snow and blowing snow was posted for northern Wyoming's Big Horn Mountains, where up to 10 inches of snow was possible by early today, the weather service said.

Elsewhere, a weak storm had moved from the Southeast into the Atlantic, leaving a few light showers lingering across southern Florida and a few areas of light snow or sleet from the Ohio Valley into the middle Atlantic Coast states.

Schools

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the fairness of the current funding formula while ignoring the thoroughness issue that still is contested, he said.

"The superintendents are going to have to convince the Legislature that (a) it's fairer, and (b) the quality of education is going to improve," Simpson said. "They'll have to make the case that, if we put \$95 million into the current system, thoroughness will be addressed."

The revised formula would, for the first time, create a statewide salary schedule for teachers, administrators and other school employees, along with statewide staffing ratios linked to enrollment. The goal is to raise salaries to 82 percent of the national average.

In return, nearly 90 percent of the state's total package would be earmarked for salaries and benefits. Local property taxes would pay for maintenance, textbooks, supplies and other expenses - including pay and benefits above the state minimums.

Buhl Superintendent Pyles said having the state pick up the bulk of compensation costs would make it easier for his district to raise additional money locally.

"It's far easier to go out and convince your community to raise money for textbooks or computers or whatever than for teacher salaries," he said.

Twin Falls Superintendent Terrell Donich, the only Magic Valley superintendent to withhold support for the agreement, said he needs more questions answered before he can sign on.

The proposal would mean some loss of local flexibility in deciding how to spend money. Donich said, "but I guess what you're doing is trading the flexibility for increased ability to attract the best people and keep the ones you have."

How the proposed formula would affect Magic Valley districts

School district	Total 1992-93 state support, plus benefits	Total 1992-93 state support as if proposal were in force
Blaine County	\$2,782,539	\$2,670,243
Bliss	\$669,450	\$853,031
Buhl	\$3,636,305	\$4,305,318
Camas County	\$647,390	\$758,165
Cassia County	\$12,950,392	\$15,005,147
Castleford	\$972,713	\$1,174,836
Dietrich	\$690,438	\$800,441
Filer	\$2,984,674	\$3,496,283
Glenns Ferry	\$1,628,099	\$1,877,562
Gooding	\$2,788,066	\$3,234,720
Hagerman	\$1,098,676	\$1,367,993
Hansen	\$1,041,208	\$1,190,018
Jerome	\$6,998,531	\$8,188,034
Kimberly	\$2,855,540	\$3,419,933
Minidoka County	\$12,861,116	\$14,450,119
Miraflores	\$879,131	\$1,015,628
Richfield	\$733,204	\$870,139
Shoshone	\$1,273,868	\$1,533,825
Three Creek	\$37,619	\$47,631
Twin Falls	\$15,169,442	\$18,044,011
Valley	\$1,831,222	\$2,210,527
Wendell	\$2,400,022	\$2,775,794

Note 1: The revised formula would go into effect only if the 1993-94 school appropriation is at least \$95.5 million more than the 1992-93 appropriation.

Note 2: Blaine County would not actually lose money under the proposal, because it is "floored" under state law.

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the radar screen - during the previous decade and "we may have been lulled into a false sense of security."

The study found a three or four percentage-point rise in the last year or two among students who reported any use of marijuana in the previous 12 months. In 1993, nine percent of eighth-graders smoked marijuana, 19 percent of 10th-graders and 26 percent of 12th-graders.

There has been a rise in cigarette smoking, too, after 10 years of fairly steady decline.

After falling from favor in the last 15 years, LSD use has been increasing gradually and there has been a rise in the use of inhalants like glue, nitrous oxide and aerosols.

The Michigan researchers surveyed 51,000 high school and eighth-grade youths in more than

100 schools.

Eight percent of the eighth-graders, 14 percent of 10th-graders and 19 percent of the 12th-graders said they smoked cigarettes daily - up by one to two percentage points.

Johnston said that in the past two years, the proportion of eighth-graders using marijuana has increased by half, among high schoolers, the proportion has increased by one-fifth or more.

In 1979, 60 percent of 12-graders had tried marijuana, compared with 35 percent of the class of 1993.

Among other findings:
• Sixty-seven percent of eighth-graders, 81 percent of 10th-graders and 87 percent of 12th-graders have tried alcohol.

• Fourteen percent of eighth-graders, 23 percent of 10th-graders and 28 percent of 12th-graders admitted to five or more drinks in a row in the previous two weeks.

Idaho road report

BOISE (AP) - The Idaho Department of Transportation reported mostly dry roads across the state Monday.

Road conditions:
U.S. 95 - Dry.
U.S. 12 - Lewiston-Koonkia, dry; Koonkia-Lewiston, dry; icy spots; Lowell-Lolo Pass, icy spots.

Interstate 84 - Dry.
Idaho 55 - Dry, icy spots.
Idaho 21 - Boise-Idaho City, dry; icy spots; broken snow floor.

U.S. 20 - Dry.
Idaho 26 - Dry.
U.S. 15 - Icy spots, broken snow floor.

U.S. 93 - Nevada Line-Arco, dry; Arco-Lost Trail Pass, dry; icy spots.
Idaho 75 - Shoshone-Ketchum, dry; Galena Summit, icy spots.

Interstate 86 - Dry.
Interstate 15 - Dry.
U.S. 30 - Dry.
U.S. 91 - Dry.

Idaho 28 - Dry, broken snow floor, light snow.

For current road conditions, call these numbers: Twin Falls, 736-3072; Boise, 336-6600; Pocatello, 232-1426; Idaho Falls, 527-5164; Utah 801-964-6009; the Elko, Nev., area, 702-738-8888.

Health

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give on timing and on spending limits, the Republicans need to reciprocate on universal coverage.

"They have to be willing to move on financing, and they've got to either support a tax increase or an employer mandate of some sort," said Dean, a medical doctor. He called the mandate "the most difficult issue to crack."

In other developments:
• A study in the health policy journal Health Affairs said medical costs will still climb 5 percent a year, even if Clinton and Congress can figure out how to squeeze all the waste from hospitals and other acute care. The analysis by Dr. William Schwartz of the University of Southern California and Daniel Mendelson of Lewin-VIII Inc., east coast on Clinton's goal of drastically curtailing medical inflation by the end of this decade.

• The Kaiser Family Foundation and the League of Women Voters

unveiled plans to launch a \$4.1 million television ad campaign and to sponsor 60 town meetings to "set the facts straight on health reform."

• Families USA, a liberal group advocating the Clinton plan, held news conferences in Nashville, New Orleans and Providence, R.I., to slam the rival bills sponsored by Rep. Jim Cooper, D-Tenn., Sen. John Chafee, D-La., and Sen. John Chafee, R-R.I.

• Breaux told the hospital executives, "If there's ever an issue that cries out for compromise, it's health care." Chafee said, "I certainly would not want to see the Republicans filibustering the health care bill."

• The Wyatt Co., a consulting firm, estimated in a study for the Business Council that the premiums for Clinton's plan would have to be 18 percent higher than the White House estimated: \$2,285 for individuals instead of \$1,932, and \$5,155 for a two-adult family instead of \$4,360.

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White House backs U.N. report supporting air strikes



German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, right, joined President Clinton on Monday to discuss the situation in the former Yugoslavia.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration endorsed a U.N. report Monday threatening air strikes against Bosnia while intelligence sources reported 5,000 to 10,000 Croatian troops had crossed into Bosnia.

Endorsement of the U.N. secretary-general's report gives new impetus to the threat of air strikes if the Serbs attack peacekeepers in two key towns.

In a worsening situation, U.S. intelligence estimated Croatia was pouring troops into Bosnia-Herzegovina in an apparent attempt to offset gains by the Muslim-led government's army.

An administration official, insisting on anonymity, said this could lead to U.S. moves in the United Nations to impose the tough economic sanctions on Croatia of the kind that has crippled Serbia's economy.

German Chancellor Helmut Kohl said he could not substantiate reports of Croatian troops moving across the border in large numbers. But he said if true he would disapprove "very severely and find a way to put my disapproval into practice."

The statement indicates Germany would support the United States, in seeking sanctions in the U.N. Security Council.

"At the same time, the administration continued to pursue an allied consensus as President Clinton met at the White House with Kohl. It could be part of a final concerted diplomatic effort to settle the bloody conflict in the former Yugoslav republic before military action by the NATO allies."

Kohl was tight-lipped about the session. "We talked about a number of possibilities that I wouldn't want to make public just yet," he said later at a news conference.

However, lining up with the Clinton administration, Kohl said he opposed any attempt to impose a settlement on the warring parties in Bosnia-Herzegovina. He also registered Germany's opposition to NATO intervening with ground troops.

That, he said, would result in a "blood bath" and be "more traumatic and more tragic" than the current bloodletting in the country.

Disagreeing with France's inclination

to pressure the Muslim-led Bosnian government into accepting settlement terms, the administration is sounding out Kohl, British Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd and Greek Foreign Minister Karolos Papoulias this week in hopes of forging a joint approach. Greece currently holds the presidency of the European Union.

In a letter Friday to the U.N. Security Council, Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali said he had instructed top U.N. officials to move actively with plans to open the Tuzla airport for relief supplies and to relieve Canadian units at Srebrenica with Dutch peacekeepers.

"We've endorsed that report," Secretary of State Warren Christopher said Monday. "That could lead to the use of air power if there's not an agreement."

The Clinton administration has not shied away from threatening the Serbs. But it also has not made good on Clinton's campaign pledge in 1992 to lift a ban on arms to Bosnian government forces or to silence Serb artillery.

Christopher said last week the administration was "quite prepared" to carry out NATO and U.N. military threats. He insisted the United States was not just "standing by."

Boutros-Ghali said he would leave the final decision to use air power to defend peacekeepers from Serb interference with his special representative in the Balkans, Yasushi Akashi. "Pre-emptive or punitive" air bombardment would require a further decision by the North Atlantic Council, he said in a six-page letter.

The report was delivered in response to a Jan. 11 NATO summit request that he draft contingency plans for bombing the Serbs in those two areas. Boutros-Ghali has been reluctant in the past to use force. His letter still lists as the first option that U.N. officials negotiate with the Serbs about Tuzla, in northeastern Bosnia, and Srebrenica, in eastern Bosnia.

"Those matters will play out over time," Christopher told reporters at a photo session with Foreign Minister Georgs Andrejevs of Latvia, who is on a visit here.

Governors want to balance crackdown with prevention

WASHINGTON (AP) — Governors gave their blessing Monday to the rush in Washington to crack down on crime but urged President Clinton and Congress to balance tough treatment of convicts with a healthy dose of prevention aimed at troubled children.

The call for more early intervention in schools and with single-parent families was delivered to Clinton at a two-hour White House meeting with the National Governors Association. The gathering was dominated by discussion of crime and health care reform.

"It is very important that we take both the carrot and the stick, that we not only invest in prisons but that we invest in children," said Democratic Gov. Howard Dean of Vermont. "We know that more prisons have to be built and we need to put more people behind bars. But we also know that is not going to solve the problem in the long run."

Governors emerged from the meeting saying they believed Clinton shared their goals, but were more skeptical of Congress.

"They're responding to the polls," said Kansas Gov. Joan Finney. "The governors are really trying to do what they believe is the right thing to do, rather than just react in an attempt to be re-elected."

In his opening remarks, Clinton recalled his own years as Arkansas governor and attorney general and said he wanted the governors' input because "things come up in the context of crime here in Washington which sound good here but which may or may not make sense out there on the front lines of the fight against crime."

On the prevention front, Clinton said he shared the governors' goals but did not offer many specifics. One, however, was a promise to direct community service work from the administration's national ser-

vice program toward public safety efforts this summer. Clinton said this summer's program, in which students earn credit toward college aid, would be called "a summer of safety."

During their meeting with Clinton, in comments afterward and in their winter meeting deliberations, the governors vehemently objected to some efforts in Congress that they believe will tie the hands of states trying to deal with crime and violence.

Specifically, governors of both parties complained about a prison-building provision in the Senate crime bill that would offer states rooms for overflow inmates but only if they overhauled state sentencing laws and required felons to serve 85 percent of their sentences.

"We think the states are in a better position to determine their sentencing procedures than the federal government," said Illinois Gov. Jim Edgar, a Republican.

The Senate crime bill must be reconciled with whatever emerges from the House, and there is a move afoot among Democrats, supported by some in the administration, to offer direct prison-building grants to states instead of constructing new federal facilities.

Governors said they would prefer that approach, and agreed with Clinton's request that they name a committee of governors to consult with the White House and Congress as the crime debate continues.

Governors from both parties said a federal anti-crime effort was welcome and specifically endorsed proposals for 100,000 new police officers and a federal provision calling for life without parole for three-time violent offenders. Most also said they would support Clinton's calls for a virtual ban on handgun possession by juveniles and a ban on most assault weapons.

Clinton feels cloistered, leaves without press pool

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton feels cloistered in the White House and sometimes leaves without waiting for reporters to be notified, he told reporters Monday.

But Clinton said it hasn't happened often and the press usually catches up with him.

Clinton and his spokeswoman both denied that he routinely slips out of the White House without reporters.

"He has accepted — without embracing — the notion that he doesn't leave the White House without taking the (press) pool," said White

House press secretary Dee Dee Myers. Clinton was asked about a Time magazine report, that said he left the White House six times last year without Secret Service protection.

"I don't think so," Clinton said. "Once I went running when the press had gone home but I think they found me before it was over," Clinton said. "And then when I was home for my mother's funeral, you know, I went out in the town there, I went to my old high school. But the press found me."

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Study: High iron level spurs cancer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Even a little too much iron in men's diets could increase their risk of cancer, a new study suggests.

Iron is an essential nutrient found mainly in red meat and fortified grains. Too little can cause medical problems, from anemia to retardation. But the new research indicates that supplementing diets with iron, whether in pills or fortified foods, may not be in everyone's best interest either.

The largest study to date, to be published today in the International Journal of Cancer, shows a risk of cancer in men beginning to rise when the amount of iron in their bodies is 10 percent higher than average.

"There is such a thing as too much of a good thing," said study author Dr. Marc Miccozzi, director of

the National Museum of Health and Medicine in Washington.

The study was published alongside one from Finland that found the same phenomenon there. Smaller studies have had similar findings, raising the question of whether American public health policy, with its emphasis on fortified foods and vitamins, should be re-examined.

"Iron fortification was instituted with a lot of good intentions but maybe not with complete information," said Dr. Katherine McGlynn, an iron expert at the Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia. However, she said more studies are needed "that really nail the coffin down to say we've got to stop" supplementing.

It's much too early to say supplements should be stopped, said Abe Parvanta, a nutritionist with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"Whether high intakes of iron over a lifetime can potentially affect health, the research is not definitive," he said.

Iron deficiency is mainly a problem of the poor and malnourished. About 20 percent of American children living in poverty are at risk for it. And, until recently, it had been recommended that pregnant women be given iron pills whether they had iron deficiencies or not.

It has been known that high iron overdoses can be dangerous, too. About 2 percent of Americans have a genetic flaw that doesn't allow them to properly process the heavy metal, and they can rapidly accumulate so much of it they die.

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Report blasts China's human rights record

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department will issue a mostly negative report on China's human rights record today, a senior administration official said as a decision neared on renewing Beijing's low-tariff access to U.S. markets.

The government's annual report on human rights will note that the Chinese made a few strides in 1993 — releasing some political prisoners, for example — but it will be quite critical overall, the official said Monday.

Progress made since the beginning of the year will not be reflected in the 1993 report, but it probably will be noted when State Department officials testify about the report before Congress on Tuesday.

U.S. officials, eager to keep the pressure on Beijing, have repeatedly stressed that China's steps so far have been insufficient to meet the human rights conditions laid out by President Clinton as a condition for renewing China's most-favored-nation trade status.

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Briefly

Democrat campaigns for Ohio seat

SOUTH EUCLID, Ohio — Democrat Joel Hyatt began his U.S. Senate campaign Monday, undaunted that he could be hurt by the movie "Philadelphia," which has brought attention to his firm's firing of an AIDS-infected lawyer.

Hyatt is seeking to replace his father-in-law, Democratic Sen. Howard Metzger, who is retiring this year.

His campaign has been trying to fend off possible political damage from the movie, a fictional portrayal of an AIDS-discrimination case. The film starring Tom Hanks and Denzel Washington was inspired by dozens of cases, including one involving Hyatt's firm, the film's publicist said.

Hyatt has since apologized for his firm's insensitivity. He now works with AIDS charities and gay-rights organizations, and says he probably understands the issues better than most.

IRA-party politician enters the U.S.

NEW YORK — After years of being banned from the United States, the political leader of the Irish Republican Army flew to New York on Monday to attend a peace conference.

Organizers called the visit a "historic breakthrough." Gerry Adams, leader of Sinn Féin, the political wing of the IRA, was given a two-day visa for today's conference, which will focus on the Joint Declaration signed in December by the British and Irish governments.

A visa for Adams was blocked at least eight times over the last two decades because of British objections and U.S. policy requiring a special waiver for leaders of organizations known or suspected of supporting terrorism.

This time he won put after lengthy deliberations involving President Clinton and Secretary of State Warren Christopher.

Van-truck crash kills 7 in Michigan

HOWELL, Mich. — A Laotian-immigrant family of five and two family friends were killed in a head-on collision involving their van and a tractor-trailer rig.

"I heard a big crash and this truck skidded by in flames," said Susan Neubacher, who lives near the site of the wreck outside Howell. "There was debris all along the street. Nothing was left of the van but its back end."

All seven people in the van were dead at the scene Sunday, said county Medical Examiner Dr. Beverly Anderson. The driver of the truck wasn't hurt.

Among those killed were Boumy Chanthavong, 45; his wife, Songka, 42; their daughters, Kai, 17, and Lai, 14; and Songka's mother, Pong, 61. The Chanthavongs immigrated from Laos in 1980 and lived in Pontiac for six years.

Teacher dies from shooting at school

SEATTLE — A teacher was found lying in the school hallway Monday morning with a gunshot wound to the back, authorities said. He later died.

Neal Summers, 51, was shot around 7:20 a.m. MST as he entered or was about to enter Whitman Middle School, police spokesman Sean O'Donnell said. Other employees found him in a school hallway near a door, O'Donnell said.

There were no eyewitnesses to the shooting, and the motive wasn't known, O'Donnell said.

Countdown for shuttle flight begins

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — NASA began the countdown Monday for the first U.S. shuttle flight with a Russian cosmonaut, a seasoned spaceman who will share orbital duties with an older yet less experienced American crew.

Sergei Krikalev, 35, smiled broadly as Discovery's pilot praised him as "a man of many talents."

"We're going to keep him busy on this flight," pilot Kenneth Reighler Jr. promised after arriving at Kennedy Space Center with the rest of the six-member crew.

The eight-day science mission, due to begin Thursday morning, will be only the second time Americans and Russians have flown together in space. The first was the 1975 Apollo-Soyuz docking.

New stadium, museum earn awards

WASHINGTON — The Baltimore baseball stadium and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum are winners of awards for architecture, the American Institute of Architects announced Monday.

Oriole Park at Camden Yards was designed by Hellmuth, Obata & Kassabaum of Kansas City. The Holocaust Museum, which was dedicated in 1993, was designed by Pei Cobb Freed & Partners.

The 1994 Honor Awards will be announced today at the AIA's Accent on Architecture gala.

Compiled from wire reports

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Annual Report of The Executive Officer For The Year 1993

For Idaho and the Magic Valley, these are indeed exciting times. The record numbers of people moving to this area from California and other parts of the country have prompted long time residents to remark, "we have been discovered," and "here they come." In the residential real estate market, while city and county officials are trying to plan and manage for this ongoing growth, homebuilders and realtors are building and selling homes at a record pace: 1993 homes sales in Twin Falls and Jerome counties alone totalled 1,025, a record in the 90 year history of the tract. Activity in Minidoka and Cassia counties generated similar success.

I am proud to say that First Federal Savings Bank has participated vigorously in this activity. Our loan staff originated 774 real estate loans during 1993, totalling \$43,281,000, a record in the 78 year history of the bank. This volume included conventional, FHA, VA, IHA and construction loans. In addition, we originated 1,157 consumer loans totalling \$12,008,000; another record. These loans are for a variety of purposes such as home improvement, debt consolidation, education, vacation, and automobile purchase. Like our home loans they are made entirely to current or soon-to-be Magic Valley residents.

Our commercial loan department, opened in 1992, participated in this record gain as well. Organizations of commercial loans during 1993 totalled \$6,574,000, a remarkable growth in that area. We are pleased with the service this department is providing to the businesses in the Magic Valley. It has enabled First Federal to reinvest its depositors' funds in yet another way to stimulate the health and well-being of Magic Valley's residents.

While First Federal originated loans in record numbers, our loan underwriting continues to be sound. During 1993, First Federal had no foreclosures, allowing our foreclosed properties to remain at zero. We have also had no collection problems from our commercial loan activity, and our consumer loan repossessions are minimal.

Profits for 1993 were \$3,125,000, a 47% increase over 1992. After taxes, this resulted in an addition to net worth of \$2,224,000. First Federal's net worth now stands at \$13,942,000, or 7.41% of assets, nearly two and one-half times the federal requirements. The return on assets for 1993 was 1.19% and return on equity was 18.98%.

The installation of our new computer equipment was completed in 1993 to better serve First Federal's customers and assure that they have state-of-the-art technology. Technology is very important in the financial services industry, but without dedicated and capable people to run it, it is pointless. I am proud to say that First Federal's personnel have proven their worth this past year in adjusting to change so that our customers might be better served.

What do we feel 1994 will bring? Our loan staff and branch managers have submitted goals for the year predicting loan volumes comparable to 1993's production. We feel that people are still moving to the Magic Valley and the residential real estate activity will continue to be strong. The only item that we see to affect this activity is an upturn in interest rates, and we do not see that happening in any significant degree to affect mortgage rates.

The Board and management of First Federal are grateful for the successes of 1993. We are pleased that to many of the area's residents still feel that it is important to do business with a locally based financial institution having a proven history of reinvestment in the Magic Valley. Still, our Board has no plans to rest on past successes and merely observe the growth of the area. We are intent on being active participants. We are also intent on responding to the wishes of our customers in providing the services they expect. In that regard, within one month, First Federal will begin offering home equity lines of credit for qualified homeowners.

Our Directors, Officers, and Staff appreciate the confidence you, the depositors, have placed in us and we sincerely hope that you will continue to count on First Federal to fulfill your financial needs.

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After the Annual Closing of Business - December 31, 1993

ASSETS:		12/31/93	12/31/92
Mortgage Loans and Other Liens on Real Estate		93,578,000	70,190,000
Mortgage-Related Securities		22,990,000	42,214,000
All Other Loans		19,706,000	17,754,000
Real Estate Owned and in Judgment		0	0
Other Repossessed Assets		0	15,000
Cash on Hand and in Banks		1,699,000	2,021,000
Investments and Securities		42,737,000	45,608,000
Fixed Assets Less Depreciation		5,590,000	4,900,000
Deferred Charges and Other Assets		1,946,000	2,856,000
Total Assets		\$188,246,000	\$185,608,000

LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH:

	12/31/93	12/31/92
Deposit Accounts	168,240,000	170,813,000
Advances from Federal Home Loan Bank	0	0
Other Borrowed Money	2,108,000	1,136,000
Loans in Process	1,591,000	
Other Liabilities	2,365,000	1,941,000
Total Liabilities	174,304,000	173,890,000
Retained Earnings	13,942,000	11,718,000
Total Liabilities and Retained Earnings	\$188,246,000	\$185,608,000

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Futuristic highways may not include quake-vulnerable concrete

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Some day, Californians may no longer have to worry about massive concrete bridges crumbling underneath their cars or crushing them during earthquakes.

The proof lies below three normal-looking highway ramps, just north of Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles, researchers say. Two years ago, the ramps were upgraded to survive quakes — not with concrete or steel, but with the same lightweight, once-secret fibers used to make the stealth bomber.

And when the earth shook Jan. 17, the ramps held.

"What we have are the beginnings of an entirely new type of material for the civil construction industry," said Frieder Seible, a University of California structural engineer.

"Soon it won't be just steel, concrete and timber anymore."

But some skeptics say Seible's defense-conversion dream is still years off.

So-called composite materials must prove they are durable and cost-effective before governments can routinely use them to build bridges, they say.

"They've shown they can work in the lab. But now we must see how they perform in the field," said Mohsen Sultani, a California Department of Transportation bridge engineer. "Safety must be our primary concern."

Seible, his colleagues and a con-



Engineering professor Gilbert Hegemier, left, details how once-secret materials, such as those used in the road structure at right, can be used to make Los Angeles' highway system less likely to crumble during an earthquake.

sultium-of-private-companies are working to prove what's safe.

Last year, they won a \$10 million federal defense-conversion grant to build the world's first bridge made entirely of composites. Construction on the 450-foot-long San Diego span, over Interstate 5, will start in three years.

Sometime in the next two years, UC researchers will replace a concrete roadbed on an Interstate 80 bridge in Northern California's Sierra Nevada range with a section of composites, strong enough to carry trucks but light enough that

Seible's two elementary-school children can hoist a chunk big enough to fill a supermarket cart.

The new roadway will make the bridge weigh less. It will better resist snow and road salt.

"Every spring they have big potholes there, and every year they spend money to fix them," Seible said. "We're going to change that."

But it is California's destructive quakes, not potholes, that have given composites their biggest boost.

Initially, after the 1989 Loma Prieta quake in San Francisco, highway officials wrapped steel jackets

around thousands of bridge support columns. During quakes, those columns are violently pushed side-to-side. Steel keeps them from crumbling.

All but one of the eight bridges that collapsed during January's magnitude-6.6 Los Angeles quake were on a waiting list for the steel retrofit. Bridges that had already received the steel upgrade remained standing.

And so did the experiment in which the California transportation department had allowed a San Diego company, Hexcel Fyfe, to wrap composite materials, rather than

steel, around 15 support columns in 1992.

The day after the quake, owner and engineer Edward Fyfe inspected those columns just north of downtown Los Angeles, 20 miles from the quake's epicenter. "We took pictures," he said. "There was no damage."

Fyfe's company weaves fibers of glass and Kevlar — the material in bulletproof vests — into a flexible material that feels like cloth. When that material is dipped into an epoxy resin, essentially a strong glue, it becomes a hard shell.

Fyfe and some UC researchers believe that if Caltrans approved composites for seismic retrofitting now, the upgrades could be done more quickly and cheaply, by creating more competition with the companies that provide steel jackets.

But officials want to make sure the composites can withstand rain, heat or sun over long periods before giving that approval, Sultani said.

Other companies are also clamoring to get into the market, each with a unique composite, some patented, which complicates Caltrans' attempts to set generic standards.

Cost is another factor. Composites can cost up to \$150 a pound, compared with 50 cents a pound for concrete. But supporters say they require less labor and are quicker, easier and less costly in the long run.

For now, without further highway tests in sight, Hexcel Fyfe is strengthening damaged columns in several parking garages in the Los Angeles area, including one underneath a Beverly Hills hotel.

But Fyfe dreams of bigger things. So does researcher Seible.

"Right now I'd be happy with just a few bridges. But the possibilities are great," Seible said.

Will California ever have a whole freeway made of composites?

"That may not be entirely worth the cost," Seible chuckles. "Gravel will always have its uses."

Quake tensions leave residents sleepless in L.A.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — New York may be the city that never sleeps.

Post-quake Los Angeles has become the city that can't.

Some jolted out of a sound slumber by the magnitude-6.6 quake haven't had a good night's sleep since 4:31 a.m. on Jan. 17, besieged by worry and middle-of-the-night aftershocks.

"I haven't been able to sleep, I guess, because I'm still nervous," said Carolyn Greer, 42, whose home near the epicenter was damaged.

"I think subconsciously, I'm listening for an aftershock because I want to get up and run to my kids," she said.

A magnitude-5.0 aftershock at 3:20 a.m. Saturday didn't help.

"Occasionally, I sleep all night, but I think it's because there's only so much the body can take," Mrs. Greer said.

Her husband and 10-year-old son, Robert Jr., haven't had any trouble getting to sleep. But 6-year-old daughter, Brittany, can only nod off in her parents' bed.

Mrs. Greer and husband Robert, 54, have tried to put Brittany in her own bed. Every time, she complains she can't sleep alone and they capitulate.

"The earthquake has affected her. She feels safe sleeping in the bed with

me and my husband. She's a big baby, though," Mrs. Greer said.

Mrs. Greer and Brittany aren't alone.

Dr. Winston Alt of the Sleep Disorder Center at the University of California, Los Angeles, said many are having trouble sleeping.

"With a higher level of general anxiety, people are going to have a rougher time sleeping," Alt said. "With each aftershock, there is a reliving of that traumatic moment at 4:31 in the morning."

Psychologist Chaytor Mason, a professor at the University of Southern California, said children

can be particularly vulnerable.

"If they have night fears, you tie down with them and reassure them that you are there," Mason said.

One business is trying to capitalize on the search for safe sleep.

Michael Calka, general manager of the Brass Bed Factory in Van Nuys, is marketing a 900-pound steel "earthquake bed," equipped with a canopy.

"We came up with the idea ... to make a bed that would survive the roof caving in. This is it," Calka said.

Inventor Gary Waagenaar said interest has been high, but no sales have been rung up yet. The price tag is \$2,000.

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Another scrap of history seems doomed to vanish

Brick by brick, girder by girder, branch by branch, Twin Falls' quirky heritage is being carted away.

The latest example is the old Boone House, The 76-year-old lava and brick structure on the Magic Valley Mall grounds went begging at a last-chance auction Saturday afternoon.

On the National Register of Historic Places since 1980, it needed a benefactor with a strong back and a fat wallet in order to avoid the wrecker's ball. It didn't find one, and as a result it will probably be gone by early spring.

That's progress, but that's also a shame.

The grace notes that distinguish a community from a mere collection of developments have always been an essential part of life in the Magic Valley. The town and Nebraskans and Utahns who upped stakes 90 years ago and settled in the great Idaho outback put particular stock in creating the hallmarks of historic.

They planted their poplar trees, built a singing bridge, and laid their town out at a diagonal so that everyone's front window would get a little sunshine some time during the day.

Afterthoughts, really — insignificant in the scheme of things. Nobody ever got higher band prices for living near a city

that wasn't antiseptic and soulless.

But to say you were from Twin Falls was to see the light of recognition in a stranger's eyes. Oh, yeah. Twin. I've been there. Do they still have those big trees as you're coming into town?

They do, but the few that remain are dying. When they're gone, the northern end of Twin Falls will be pretty much indistinguishable from any other concrete oasis in the West.

Some communities, faced with that prospect, have created privately funded historical trusts to buy and preserve property and landmarks worth saving. It may be time for Twin Falls to consider doing the same.

Before the turn of the next century, many of the remaining first-generation buildings will be in jeopardy, and most of the rest will survive only in the shadow of development that neither knows nor cares about what came before.

That attitude was a luxury that, for most of our history, we could afford. Twin Falls was always a work in progress; half-built, half-imagined, made up as we went along.

A spirit of improvisation gave us the community we have today. If we're not careful, that same spirit may take it away.

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Letters

Land Board, reconsider decision

To members of the Land Board:

We urge you to reconsider your decision to allow the Idaho Watershed Project to bid upon the state school sections with the intent of re-moving the land from economic production. It is our opinion that your decision is bad for the economy, bad for state revenues and bad for the environment.

While the auction may generate a higher initial purchase price for the lease, the ensuing loss of economic production will overwhelm any advantage to the schools. The multiplier effect of local dollar transactions, so salubrious when positive, is vicious in reverse. For every dollar not sold, the local community will suffer. Wages will not be paid, supplies will not be purchased, jobs will be lost, families will move on. The schools and churches will stand empty.

To what purpose do the citizens of Idaho owe this blood-letting? Surely not environmental protection, for the most Neanderthals among us recognize that school sections do not stand alone but are embedded within much larger ecosystems and must be managed as a whole. It is to this end that the government agencies, users and affected interests have spent long and tedious hours struggling to a consensus that honors all of the stakeholders.

No, the plan by the Idaho Watershed Project is bomb-throwing, pure and simple — a mean-spirited, in-your-face attack on rural Idaho that is the envy of all liberal humanists, so important in a democracy.

PETER JANS

Chairman, Grazing Advisory Board,
Shoshone District Bureau of Land Management
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Fish, Game fed animals too late

OK, Idaho Fish and Game, you now know who I am because I spoke at the emergency hunters' meeting held at O'Leary Junior High School on Jan. 8. Put another year in my coffin and my name in your computer so I'll never cause a big game permit again, but here goes anyway.

I seriously doubt that most of us hunters hold you personally responsible for either the drought or the severe winter conditions of 1992-93. However, we do hold you responsible for not feeding the animals until they were too decimated by the winter weather to have it help them. And we are not accepting your "educated" evaluation that these animals entered the winter in such a condition that feeding wouldn't have helped them anyway. Oh yeah?

I don't think we are accepting your explanation that too many animals gathered in one area for feeding heightens the possibility of disease outbreak because of the close proximity of the animals. I would contend that healthy, well-fed animals would be less susceptible to devastating disease and death than animals weakened to the point of starvation.

Fish and Game continues to look for poachers who shoot game and leave it to rot. Definitely commendable. However, hasn't Fish and Game done the same thing in the past? Hasn't it contributed to big game deaths through refusal to feed in a timely manner, thus contributing to a greater number of unused, rotting carcasses? So who's more wrong? Both cases of animal

death are caused through lack of compassion, foresight and intelligence.

I have a theory I would like all hunters to consider. How do we know that the animals supposedly destroyed by poachers are actually destroyed by poachers? Sometimes it seems strange to me that, even with the rewards offered, the "poacher" is never caught. Could there be an effort afoot to present the big, bad bogyman as the enemy by leaving "evidence" of his evil in order to divert attention from someone or something else?

LINDA LEE
Hansen

Age of 'sociological law' upon us

We are seeing a rapid loss of remaining freedoms in our nations.

Lawsuits are being prepared to hinder and close any and all organizations that are out of step with the current philosophy of our administration.

Courts create laws on the basis of what seems acceptable for the good of society at a given time, which is a radical departure from the idea that the written Constitution is the basis for the legal organization of our society.

Our traditional religions, private education and charitable institutions depend on certain fundamental political concepts; one of the basic concepts is that the government is limited in its power and authority.

Now we have public policy that forces us to accept, support and promote urban behaviors which we regard as harmful.

We are living in an age of "sociological law" (ruled by the courts). I wonder if we can next.

LOUISE MEYER

Buhl

Rockchucks are vicious animals

This letter is in answer to Ms. Carolyn Wolter of Buhl regarding Mr. David Hockender's column on Jan. 20.

Ms. Wolter is under the impression that the rockchucks of our region are "defenseless, harmless animals." She is correct on only one account — that rockchucks are animals. I wonder if she has been within 5 feet of a "defenseless" rockchuck with the animal's huge teeth that can kill other animals. These animals are vicious — even the babies are vicious. They will attack when any animal or person is near. Then they will go underground into the rocks so no one can get to them. I wonder if she has ever lost a cat or dog to a rockchuck.

As to "harmless" and doubting that killing rockchucks "feeds the family," I wonder if she has ever lost hundreds of acres of alfalfa or beans to rockchucks. I would say that losing the alfalfa and beans, both vital cash crops for this valley, is taking food from the families.

I think we all need to be careful when we hunt and why we hunt. I have been involved in Jerome County farming all my life — and my father and grandfather before me. (Grandpa Isaac Helms came to Hazelton in 1910.) If we hadn't controlled the rockchucks, we could not have survived. I know that when we have killed the rockchucks, they do not "suffer." If we don't rid them from around our farms, we will suffer.

LINDA HELMS
Jerome

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Letters

District misuses public funds

Have you heard of the IDEA conference? Twin Falls' assistant superintendent attended one last year.

IDEA stands for the Institute for Development of Educational Activities. Its seminars teach administrators and teachers how to diffuse and discredit parental involvement from the "narrow-minded, bigoted, Christian right" in school-reform efforts.

More than 200 participants came from all over Canada and the United States to Denver last May for an IDEA conference entitled: "Responding Democratically to Religious Agendas: Right Wing Pressure Groups and School Reform."

At the conference, presenters vilified concerned parents as "censors," a "national threat on par with Hitler," dedicated to the "destruction of the current educational system in our country."

Our assistant superintendent sent a recent board how to discredit input from the Christian right.

Under the guise of continuing education, without taxpayer knowledge or consent, the \$397 registration fee and all travel expenses were paid for by you, the unsuspecting taxpayer.

What business does the Twin Falls School District have using taxpayer funds to limit the legal political influence of a particular segment of its own citizenry?

District employees have been threatened with the loss of their jobs should certain sensitive information become public knowledge. Despite repeated requests for financial accountability and public audits, gross misuse of public funds continues. This situation is but a tip of the iceberg.

Our Constitution guarantees the right to petition our government (Bill of Rights, Amendment 1). I should think this would include any elected school board official. Considering the fact that our school administrators are hired (by the school board) and not elected by district patrons, the proper person(s) to demand accountability would be a school board member.

Our School Board members are: Dave Sore, 736-0815 (his term expires in May); Dave Sommer, 734-2282; Steve Tolman, 734-2022; Calvin Lamborn, 733-3632; and Vera Redman, 734-6311.

KATHY THOMSEN
Twin Falls

Anti-ODDM argument elitist

I logged my newspaper on Jan. 22 only to learn that as an educator in the Twin Falls School District, what I do every weekday is "untested at best and un-American at worst." Imagine my surprise.

I have been a teacher for almost 12 years; this is my fourth in Twin Falls. I have tried to keep an open mind about the Outcomes-Driven Developmental Model while still remembering that the test of any theory is its effect on how well the children under my care learn. ODDM has not let me down, though I must admit that I have not changed much about the way I teach every day.

To my best knowledge at this point, ODDM only asks us (as teachers) to know exactly what we are trying to teach the children, to work together so that we may rise to the level of the best among us and to never give up on a child. In return, we learn to

teach more effectively, have patience with others' ideas, and see the children become more self-directed learners because they gain confidence in their own ability to learn well. Isn't this what we've been doing all along, with just a few points clarified?

In the article on Jan. 22, Phil Gerrish charged that ODDM's ultimate agenda "reeks of socialism." To support that idea, Sue Loois explained that "high-achieving students have to wait for their slower classmates to achieve mastery." That statement alone makes me wonder how much time she has actually spent in a classroom — since in an ODDM-based classroom, children who learn slower are expected to master the basic concepts while children who learn faster are required to extend their learning with another teacher or through more self-directed projects.

Be that as it may, this whole anti-ODDM argument reeks of elitism, and what was Nazi Germany about anyway? Would you prefer that we teach only to the best and fastest learner in the classroom and let the other 29 students catch the crumbs as well as they can before we move on? Maybe we should just recreate the caste system. Would that be more American?

Children learn at different rates. We are teaching human beings, and there are never easy answers. But please re-examine your premises when you oppose ODDM, because the "slower" students should be thrown out. We are working to find a way to successfully reach every student in the district.

JENNIFER THOMPSON
Twin Falls

Criticism stings devotees

This letter is directed to the "avid Bruin fan" that sent an anonymous letter to the band director and the pep band of Twin Falls High School.

For those of you that have no idea about the letter, I'll let you in on it. The night of Jan. 22, the director shared an "anonymous" letter with the pep band. In this letter, this "avid Bruin fan" stated that the pep band should dress the same and sit in sections. I agree to some extent. Pep band members should at least all wear white shirts and should be somewhat in sections.

What really bit was when this "fan" said the band didn't play good — only loud; it "sucked" (as they stated), and if nothing could be done, then the director should find a new job.

As a member of the pep band, I was a little more than angered by this letter.

First of all, for someone who says we don't play good — only loud, that right there is reason enough to keep your identity hidden. Some of us have been playing for seven or more years. We spent time learning to know our instrument and music inside and out. For someone to criticize as bitter as that makes all those years and all that time seem like a waste. In fact, you're invited to play in the pep band at the next home game to see how easy it all is.

Thanks to this "fan," the pep band is no longer required, it is now extra credit. Which means not as many people will bless the pep band with their presence. This "fan" is either a bored retiree that lives in a condo and watches reruns of "Wheel of Fortune" and "Jeopardy" or they're a little, rich "golden child" that likes to play chicken because

they can't sign their name. Or, it's probably an educated fool with nothing better to do.

We are all known as "band nerds" and that's why lot of the band members don't wear their band shirts and are embarrassed to say, "Yeah, I'm in the band."

It's a shame some schools are smaller and underprivileged, yet will have more pride in themselves and their school than you could ever hope to have.

JAMIE LEE
Twin Falls

House Bill 600 backward?

I see by the paper that House Bill 600 provides that owners of certain animals over age 18 months shall not be allowed to run at large ... Does this mean that I must be confined to the yard at all times or on a leash when I'm away from home? I sure hope this one doesn't pass.

On a more serious note, I agree with Julie Fanslow. There definitely is a shortage of affordable housing for the "average Twin Falls wage-earner."

PAT-BEVERCOMBE
Twin Falls

It's time to punish criminals

On Jan. 20, New Plymouth Police Officer Wade Feldner was shot and killed in the line of duty by a worthless young punk and two accomplices. The trigger man is 14 years old.

Moral outrage has accelerated from zero to 60 in five days. But unless conservative citizens man the gas pumps, it will just be a matter of time until the outrage runs out of fuel and sputters to a stop, along with justice.

However, it is interesting now to speculate on the reaction and response of public officials, celebrities and other local worthies. Please allow me to do so.

Of course, the American Civil Liberties Union will blame it on guns. Maria Salazar will blame the crime on property. Dan Popkey will blame it on the Republican Party. Larry Echohawk will blame it on smoking. Lindy Hill will blame it on a lack of school funding and Larry LaRocco will blame it on Ronald Reagan.

The Idaho Attorneys for Criminal Justice will blame the killing on a lack of sensitivity training of law enforcement personnel. They will blame Officer Feldner and seek to have his memorial service overturned.

The killer of Feldner will plead temporary insanity while his mother blames the "system." His confederates in the crime will blame the school district.

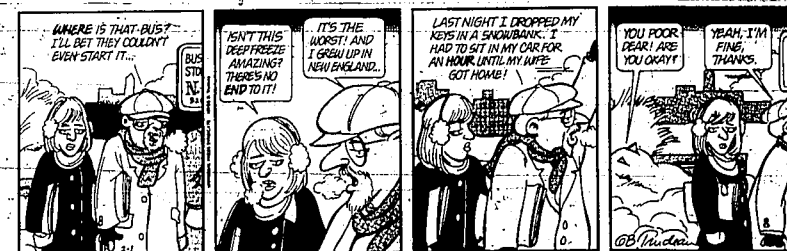
Union teachers will blame the report card grading system, school counselors will blame "poor self-esteem," the Idaho Education Association will ask for more money, and the National Education Association will ask for more counselors.

Amnesty International will host a candle-light vigil. Gov. Andrus will establish another Blue Ribbon Commission and the Idaho Supreme Court will kick back and relax. They will all be dead or retired long before the appeals process runs its course.

For 30 years, punishment, as an effective means of discipline and order, has been dumped on. As a result, we now have a society that is being dumped on.

JACK LINTELMANN
Mountain Home

Doonesbury



BY GARRY TRUDEAU

Briefly

Victim's family attends S. Africa trial

CAPE TOWN, South Africa — The sister of Amy Biehl stood face-to-face Monday with one of the young black radicals accused of stoning and stabbing the white American student to death.

Mongezi Mangina looked Biehl's sister Molly straight in the eye and grinned as she or was he laughing at me?" Molly Biehl said later. "I feel sorry for them. I hope that by looking at me somehow they could realize that they've stopped a life, killed a very good person."

Amy Biehl, 26, a Fulbright scholar from Newport Beach, Calif., was slain Aug. 25 after driving friends home to Guguletu, a black township outside Cape Town.

Best-selling French author dies at 81

PARIS — Novelist Pierre Boulle, whose best-selling books "Bridge on the River Kwai" and "Planet of the Apes" became world famous motion pictures, has died at age 81.

Boulle died Sunday night, his associates said Monday. No cause of death was released.

Born Feb. 20, 1912, in Avignon, Boulle (pronounced Bobl) obtained an engineering degree at the Ecole Supérieure d'Electricité and went to work at a rubber plantation in Malaysia.

In 1939, Boulle joined the French army in Indochina and later the French Resistance in Malaysia before he was captured by the Japanese. His experience as a forced laborer before his escape in 1944 led him to write numerous books.

Bosnian Serbs announce mobilization

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — Bosnian Serbs announced a new callup of men and women Monday to prepare for more fighting, reflecting their failure to force Bosnia's Muslim-led government to accept defeat.

While the extent of mobilization could not be determined, it seemed to stem from the stubborn resistance of increasingly aggressive Bosnian government troops and fears the West might intervene on behalf of the Muslims.

"The Muslims don't want peace because of the support they're getting from Washington and other centers of power," the speaker of the Bosnian Serb assembly, Momcilo Krajisnik, told a local radio station.

N. Korea objects to Patriot missiles

TOKYO — North Korea warned Monday it may nullify promises to accept some nuclear inspections unless the United States drops plans to put Patriot anti-missile batteries in South Korea.

That would mean renewing its withdrawal from an international treaty designed to limit the spread of nuclear weapons, North Korea said.

The resistance of North Korea's hard-line Communist government to nuclear inspections has increased suspicions it is trying to develop atomic weapons. The North Koreans deny doing so, saying their nuclear program has only peaceful purposes.

Crimean separatist clinches office

SIMFEROPOL, Ukraine — Savoring a landslide victory in Crimea's presidential election, separatist Yuri Meshkov vowed Monday to call a referendum on independence from Ukraine.

The referendum, a prelude to reuniting someday with Russia, could sharpen ethnic tensions on the strategic peninsula and provoke bitter conflict with Ukrainian authorities.

Meshkov won Sunday's runoff election with 73 percent of the vote, according to preliminary results released Monday. Nikolai Bagrov, who wanted the lush resort region to remain part of Ukraine, got 23 percent. Slightly more than 75 percent of the Crimea's 1.4 million voters went to the polls.

PLO, Israel reported near agreement

JERUSALEM — Cabinet ministers predicted a breakthrough in Israeli-PLO talks on Monday as Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin reviewed a draft of an agreement drawn up in Switzerland.

"There is a breakthrough, in that the engines will be started and the first stage will be on," Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer told reporters after a Cabinet meeting.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and PLO Chief Yasser Arafat met in the Swiss ski resort of Davos to take up sensitive issues that have prevented implementation of the accord signed Sept. 13.

The agreement promised an initial stage of self-rule for the Palestinians in the Gaza Strip and in Jericho on the West Bank. But talks bogged down over the size of Jericho, the securing of settlements in the Gaza Strip and the control of the borders between Jordan and Jericho, and Egypt and Gaza.

Compiled from wire reports

Marines say they opened fire against snipers

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — In the worst shooting involving American troops in three months, U.S. Marines opened fire in a street crowded with Somalis waiting for free food Monday.

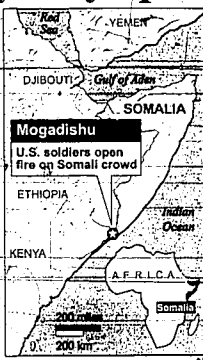
At least five people died and many were wounded.

A U.S. spokesman said the 22 Marines shot in self-defense after their five-vehicle convoy, which was carrying two American diplomats, was fired on by at least two Somali snipers.

Somali witnesses said no one shot at the Americans. They said they felt the Marines fired because they thought hundreds of Somalis standing in a street outside a food distribution center were trying to stop the convoy.

The commander of Bangladeshi soldiers guarding a nearby traffic circle said his men did not see any snipers when the Marines opened fire with machine guns, but he could not rule out that shots were fired at the Americans. Journalists at a nearby hotel heard one or two gunshots at a moment before heavy weapons fire.

Dozens of Somalis ran through the area shouting anti-American slogans and carrying the dead and wounded away on wheelbarrows. A dozen Saudi Arabian soldiers were handing out food at the center when the shooting occurred, but none was injured.



U.S. soldiers open fire on Somali crowd

U.S. officials said the shooting involved three Humvees and two cars carrying two unidentified American diplomats to a meeting to discuss the violence with representatives of warlord Mohamed Farrah Aidid's coalition. The meeting was canceled after the shooting.

Stevenson McVaine, an American diplomat who was not involved in the shooting, said the Marines acted in self-defense. They reported they were fired on around 11 a.m. by at least two gunmen, one from the bush and another from outside a building, he said.

The Marines said they thought their return fire hit two gunmen. McVaine said. No American was injured, but one of the Humvees was struck by two bullets and another by one shot, he said.

"I wouldn't use the word ambush," he said. "I don't know if it was an organized effort. But it certainly was an attack. And it certainly was alarming."

The shooting occurred near a traffic circle that 150 Bangladeshi soldiers guard from fortified positions atop two buildings.

"The first fire that attracted our attention was American fire," said Maj. K.G. Haider, the Bangladeshi unit's commander. He conceded his men might not have seen any snipers, but he also stressed that he believed the Marines fired "indiscriminately toward the crowd."

In Washington, D.C., White House Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers said she had no comment. "We're still looking, trying to deter-

mine" what happened, she said. About 5,000 American servicemen are in Somalia, including a U.S. Navy task force offshore, as part of the U.N. peacekeeping force. The Americans are in the process of withdrawing to meet a March 31 deadline set by President Clinton after 18 U.S. Army soldiers died in a battle with Somali gunmen Oct. 3.

At least 32 Americans have been killed since a U.S.-led multinational force landed Dec. 9, 1992, to protect relief supplies in Somalia, where 350,000 people had died over the previous year from famine and clan warfare.

Clan elders recently reached a peace agreement in Mogadishu, and thousands of people marched across its treacherous cease-fire line in support of the accord. But militias are rearming and taking control of bases abandoned by U.N. forces.

United Nations officials said an investigation had been begun and hoped the incident would not set back the elders' peace accord.

Moments after Monday's shooting, dozens of Somalis were shouting "Americans! Americans! See what they did!" picked up wounded and dead, put them on wheelbarrows and rolled them away.

Journalists report captive ex-official in good shape

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A former governor seized at the start of a rebellion in southern Mexico is dirty, unshaven and blindfolded, but apparently has not been otherwise abused, according to a report published Monday.

"They have treated me well, very well," said Absalon Castellanos, who was seized from his ranch on Jan. 2, the second day of a rebellion by poor Mayan Indian farmers in Chiapas, Mexico's southernmost state.

Three Spanish reporters visited Castellanos on Thursday after waiting for five days at a rebel camp in the remote Lacandon jungle of Chiapas. A text of the interview was published Monday by the Mexico City daily La Jornada.

The former army general refused to criticize either the rebels or the government, and said he couldn't believe claims of human rights violations by the army.

In a recent communique, the rebels of the Zapatista National Liberation Front said Castellanos had been tried

and found guilty of killing and mistreating Indians as state governor from 1982 until 1988.

But they said the sentence of life at hard labor among Mexico's poor had been commuted and they offered to

trade him for rebels and civilians held by the government. The government has offered an amnesty to all suspected rebels and has released some, but there has been no word on when Castellanos might be freed.

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Senate GOP sets in motion showdown with Andrus, Democrats

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Senate's Republican majority Monday approved the first phase of over \$11 million in state payment of indigent medical bills, refusing to extend Medicaid benefits to the working poor.

The expected decision by the GOP, which will be ratified later this week by the House Republican majority, set in motion a showdown with Democratic Gov. Cecil Andrus.

The governor has promised to veto the so-called Catastrophic Health Care support if it is unaccompanied by his Medically Needy program.

"We know what the game is," Democrat Margaret McLaughlin of Orofino told her colleagues. "We know what's going to happen."



The Democrats failed on a 22-12 party-line vote to force consideration of the two programs in one bill, Republican Jerry Thorne of Nampa was absent.

Seven of the Democrats then joined the Republicans in approving the Catastrophic Health Care Fund appropriation. But Democrats have indicated for the first 10 days that all 12 will

stick together to uphold the Andrus veto, at least at this stage of the debate.

Monday's vote was just the latest in the running battle between Andrus and the GOP over a 1991 deal in which Andrus agreed to state takeover of the Catastrophic Health Care Fund costs and the GOP agreed to launch the Medically Needy program.

But both Andrus and some Republican lawmakers have indicated a willingness to find a compromise that could end the increasingly personal and political dispute.

With the 1991 deal, the governor approved the initial allocation for catastrophic medical bills. The Legislature in turn authorized spending \$1 million in state money matched

by \$2 million in federal money to lay the groundwork for operating the Medically Needy program.

Since then, however, the GOP majority has reneged on the deal by refusing to appropriate the money for the Medically Needy benefit extension. Andrus has responded by repeatedly vetoing the multimillion-dollar Republican appropriation for catastrophic health care bills.

Now the Catastrophic Health Care Fund is broke, three lawsuits have been filed by medical providers against counties to force payment and the pressure is intensifying to resolve the impasse.

Both sides maintain their approaches will provide serious property tax relief.

Without state intervention, the catastrophic health care bills — those over \$10,000 in any individual case — would be picked up again by property owners. That total is estimated at \$4.5 million through June and \$6.7 million during the following 12 months. County taxpayers still cover costs up to \$10,000.

As public dissatisfaction over the property tax rises, and the prospect of voter approval of the One Percent Initiative property tax cap increases, Republicans maintain there is no choice but to provide the Catastrophic Health Care Fund relief.

But Democrats, echoing Andrus, contend there is no reason for the GOP to refuse to live up to both parts of the 1991 deal — especially since

state operation of both programs is already part of the law.

In addition, they point out that the Medically Needy Program will be financed 71 percent by the federal government and will cover bills within the \$10,000 range that county property owners must still finance.

The scaled-back Andrus program will cost about \$1.6 million in general tax money during its first full year. It would give subsidized health benefits to some 3,000 children, 50 pregnant women and 1,000 single parents or guardians not poor enough to qualify now.

But to earn the coverage the families must first spend a specific amount of their own money on their health bills.

Education board backs funding change measure

BOISE (AP) — The state Board of Education has thrown its support behind legislation intended to significantly increase the amount of cash available each year for construction on college campuses.

In a Monday conference call, the board endorsed the measure that would triple the existing sources of money for higher education and other public building construction for an escalating share of all general tax expenditures.

That share begins at 2 percent — about \$22 million — this summer and increases to 3 percent in mid-1996 — about \$53 million.

Currently about \$20 million is pumped into the fund each year, primarily from the \$10 surcharge on each income tax return and half of the State Lottery profits.

In years when huge cash surpluses are generated, that amount is doubled and sometimes tripled.

Martin Peterson, lobbyist for the University of Idaho, said a blue ribbon panel on financing chose the change because it felt the revenue the Permanent Building Fund receives is not enough to finance the higher education building needs.

"By making the swap, they felt they could end up with (school build-

ing funds) growth the same as the general fund," he said.

Ted Crumley, who headed the blue ribbon panel, said the scheme would take higher education "out of this stop-and-go funding." Traditionally, the colleges have received little in the way of construction support during cash-tight years, which until recently have far outnumbered the years with large surpluses.

But the major problem with the scheme is that it includes no mechanism to raise the additional cash the board wants to pump into the state Permanent Building Fund, and lawmakers have been leery of increasing the state's annual spending commitments from the general treasury without assurance that the extra money will be there.

The board rejected legislation authorizing the Idaho school superintendent or the state Board of Education to waive any state board rule or statute that a local school board may feel would interfere with its operations.

"I quivered when the suggestion was made that the superintendent or the state board could put aside provisions of the law," said Jerry Evans, state superintendent of public instruction and state board member.

Otter seeks 3rd term, backs Batt for governor

BOISE (AP) — Republican Lt. Gov. Butch Otter launched his campaign for a third four-year term Monday saying he hopes voters will forgive him for a drunken driving conviction last year.

"It's going to make a difference. I just hope it doesn't make enough of a difference so I don't get another opportunity to serve as lieutenant governor," he told a Boise news conference on the Statehouse steps. "I apologize for that and I'm sorry it happened."

"If there were any one thing in my life that I could change, that would be it," he said. "I'm not going to run from it but it's never going to happen again."

Otter, in his eighth year as the lieutenant governor, jumped into what's now a three-way race for the GOP nomination in the May 24 primary election.

The others are former state legislator Dean Hargenson of Coeur d'Alene and Dr. Dean Sorensen, a Boise plastic surgeon and former lawmaker. State Sen. John Peavoy of Carey is the only announced Democratic candidate.

Otter said he heard some of his opponents plan to spend up to \$250,000 to capture the GOP nomination. It's a part-time job paying \$20,000 per year.

He said he plans to spend \$58,000 on the campaign.

Otter said he hopes his good friend, Phil Batt, captures the Republican governor nomination. Batt is in a four-way race for the nomination.

"I hope to be serving under a



Otter

He said he wanted to "re-establish my credentials" for a possible governor campaign in four or eight years.

Otter said it was a history-making announcement of sorts. He's acting governor because Gov. Cecil Andrus is out of the state. Otter said it's the first time in state history that a governor has announced for lieutenant governor.

Otter is married to Gay Simplot Otter, daughter of Idaho industrialist Jack Simplot, but the couple separated last year. He also was an executive with the Simplot financial empire for 29 years until he left one year ago.

Otter said it became a matter of "move up or move out" and it was a mutual decision to leave.

He pushed a program of privatizing state operations as much as possible. As an example, he said there's no reason for governmental agencies to own equipment such as snow plows. He said government agencies own \$280 million in equipment in Idaho, and could cut 80 percent of that cost by leasing from private owners as needed.

Legislative log

The Associated Press

Sent To Governor
HB541 (Simpson) — Allows counties to set aside 5 percent of the county justice fund as a general reserve appropriation.

Legislative Action Completed
HP3 (Donard Jones, Sutton) — Proclamation honoring New Plymouth police officer Ronald Wade Feldner, killed in the line of duty on Jan. 20.

Introduced In House
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HRS (Newsom, Sticheff) — Filing compensation for assistant secretary of House Education Committee at \$7.96 per hour.

HB114 (Doug Jones) — Proposed constitutional amendment to provide for separate board of higher education and board of public education.

HB628 (Hansen) — Requires Tax Commission to prepare annual report on sales tax exemptions for evaluation of benefits provided by the exemptions.

Introduced In Senate

SB119 (Judiciary and Rules) — Requires fiscal impact notes on legislation to estimate costs for three years.

SB1351 (Judiciary and Rules) — Allows drunken drivers under mandatory jail sentences to be assigned to work details.

SB1382 (Judiciary and Rules) — Increases from \$4 to \$6 the fee added to fines for certain violations to finance police training.

SB1353 (Judiciary and Rules) — Eliminates the statute of limitation for suing for damages resulting from abuse of a child under 16 or criminal prosecution of the abuser.

SB1354 (Resources and Environment) — Creates a nonresident taxidermist license.

SB1355 (Judiciary and Rules) — Sets up a fee structure to provide worker's compensation coverage for community service workers.

SB1356 (Resources and Environment) — Revamps the duties of the Forest, Range and Wildlife Policy Analysis Group.

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Magic Valley

Around the valley

Grindstaff joins county commissioner race

BUHL — Buhl former and Twin Falls County Fair Board Chairman Gary Grindstaff officially announced his candidacy for county commissioner Monday.



Grindstaff

Grindstaff, a Republican, is running for the seat to be vacated by County Commissioner Norma Blass. Blass announced in January that she would not seek re-election.

Blass represents the western sections of Twin Falls County, including Buhl, Filer and Castelford. Within the city of Twin Falls, her district runs west from Washington Street North and north from Addison Avenue West.

County Commissioner Jim Fraley is also up for re-election this November, but he has not announced his intentions yet.

Grindstaff is the first to announce his candidacy for the May 24 primary elections.

Twin Falls council considers Alpheus Creek resolution

TWIN FALLS — The City Council will hold a special meeting today to consider a resolution establishing financial and legal responsibility for the city's new groundwater source at Alpheus Creek.

The city must have a \$5 million insurance policy to comply with a special-use permit granted by Jerome County in January.

That permit allows the city to change its pipelines at Alpheus Creek from a surface water source to a groundwater source to comply with new federal regulations.

The special meeting begins at 4 p.m. at City Hall and is open to the public.

Pilot lands plane in field after experiencing engine trouble

TWIN FALLS — A single-engine Cessna airplane traveling from Blackfoot to Twin Falls landed in a field three miles east of the airport Sunday afternoon with no injuries or damage.

The plane experienced engine trouble and came down shortly after 4 p.m.

A spokesman at the Federal Aviation Administration tower at Twin Falls-Sun Valley Regional Airport identified the pilot as Ralph Flores of Bountiful, Utah.

The plane had run out of gas.

The plane was flying again Monday, using a county road near the field as a runway to take off.

Wendell Legion sets District Oratory Contest tonight

WENDELL — The Wendell American Legion will host the District Oratory Contest for high school students tonight at 7 p.m.

The Legion Hall is at 610 West Main St. The public is invited.

Commander Vernon Mason said the annual contest leads toward a \$22,000 scholarship for the national winner.

Jerome commissioners deny special-use permit appeal

JEROME — Timing, they say, is everything.

Former Jerome County Zoning Administrator Glenn Elwell learned that Monday when the county commissioners denied his appeal of a zoning decision, in part, because he had not opposed the decision in any of the earlier public hearings on the matter.

Elwell wanted to appeal the granting of a special-use permit for the city of Twin Falls to change its water source at Alpheus Creek from a surface water source to a groundwater source.

But the commissioners agreed with Twin Falls City Attorney Fritz Wonderlich, who argued that Elwell lacked the legal standing to make such an appeal.

Elwell did not present testimony at any of the hearings on the water permit, nor did he represent an "affected person," Wonderlich said.

It was not able to make it to the hearings. That's my fault," Elwell said.

Twin Falls' new water system must be operational by June 1, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

Twin Falls Fire Department celebrates Lee's retirement

TWIN FALLS — The fire department will throw a retirement party for a 30-year veteran today.

The party for Monte Lee will begin at 1:30 p.m. at Station No. 1, 345 Second Ave. E.

Compiled from staff reports

Garbage hauler considers bankruptcy

By Liz Wright
Times-News writer

BURLEY — "Bankruptcy" is under consideration by the company that is building a garbage landfill on Burley Butte, according to a letter signed by Doug Lomow, president of Dispose-All Inc.

The Jan. 27 letter to Ada County commissioners says that Dispose-All must boost its customers' garbage-hauling rates in that county today. Monday, the commissioners threatened to sue the company, to block the rate increase.

Two weeks ago commissioners rejected

Lomow's request to raise the rates by 34.1 percent. They instead voted to sell Lomow's contract to the lowest bidder after it expires in February 1995.

Commissioner Vernon Bisterfeldt said in a news release Monday that Lomow violated the company's contract to haul Ada County trash when Lomow announced rate increases in letters to his customers last week.

In his letter to commissioners, Lomow calls the rejection of the rate increase "irresponsible." He said inflation, new taxes, loss of Ada County customers to haulers who have contracts with growing cities, and his company's "deficit situation," are forcing him to increase

the rates without the county's approval.

Lomow added in the letter that the commissioners' rejection of the rate increase has forced his company "to review our financial options, including those under Federal Bankruptcy Law."

The Ada County battle is only the latest controversy involving Lomow.

In recent months six businesses have filed \$215,539 in liens against Dispose-All in Cassia County court, threatening to put the Burley Butte landfill up for sale unless they are paid for landfill construction work.

Several weeks ago Lomow's trash-hauling competitors in the Magic Valley asked

Cassia County commissioners to consider an ordinance to prevent Lomow from using "unfair" tactics and low waste-hauling rates to gain customers for his private landfill near Burley Butte.

In August, Cassia County attempted to stop construction on the landfill with a lawsuit against Dispose-All. The company has filed a countersuit. Cassia County commissioners claim that Lomow must apply for a special-use zoning permit and provide proof of financial stability. Lomow has said his finances are none of the county's business. Lomow could not be reached for comment Monday.

Ketchum developer wants to market business park

By Sean L. McCarthy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A Ketchum consultant and banker says he can develop 18.5 acres of city property north of Victory Avenue better than anyone else.

Jim Goldmann wants to woo West Coast businesses to the city parcel between the municipal golf course and Rock Creek Canyon. On Monday, he proposed an exclusive marketing agreement between the city and his Ketchum-based Rock Creek Park Limited Co.

The proposal came with the approval of City Economic Development Director Dave McAlindin. The city's Urban Renewal Agency advertised a request for development proposals on the property last year, McAlindin said.

Developing a small business park on that property "goes hand in hand" with the proposed rejuvenation of the city's downtown and warehouse districts in Old Town, McAlindin told the City Council.

"This would be the cornerstone of the southwestern part of urban renewal," he said. Having a private developer market the land allows the city to avoid competing with local real estate agents or the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, he said.

Businesses that might relocate to the Victory Street location would include "software

companies, computer companies, food processors, sporting goods manufacturers, and 'back office' processing divisions for banks, credit card companies and insurance companies," according to Goldmann's proposal.

Goldmann and McAlindin will meet with the Urban Renewal Agency Feb. 7, McAlindin said.

The council also met jointly with the county commissioners to discuss financing options for a new airport terminal at Fossil Field.

Rick Skinner, the city's bond counsel, suggested that the council and the commissioners consider financing the \$2.5 million terminal through "certificates of participation."

The certificates are a means of borrowing money, much like municipal bonds. Unlike bonds, however, they do not need voter approval.

Instead, the city and county would have to prove in court that a new terminal is an "ordinary and necessary" expense under the Idaho Constitution, Skinner said.

Airport Manager Ron Madsen said that previous building inspections have found several code violations in the existing terminal. The terminal also does not comply with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act, Madsen said.

The certificates would be paid off over several years with federal grant money and airport fees charged to airline passengers.



MIKE SALSBERG/The Times-News

Gang-like graffiti surrounds the stairway to the Winepress Christian Fellowship at the Campus Commons shopping center in Twin Falls.

Vandals scrawl gang-like graffiti at church, stores

By Mick Normington
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A local church and stores were emblazoned with gang-like graffiti over the weekend.

"I really have no idea if we were targeted or if our stairway is just a good place to hide," said Pastor Ted Mangini of the Winepress Christian Fellowship.

His church is in the basement of the Campus Commons shopping center, which is located in a residential area at Filer Avenue West and Fillmore Street.

The word "Crips" and various initials were spray painted on the back of the shopping center.

Although "Crips" is a nationally known gang name, police chief Paul Du Fresno said the graffiti doesn't necessarily mean the Crips have come to Twin Falls.

"We have someone who wrote Crips on the wall of the Campus Commons," he said. "But I can't say for sure we have any Crips in the community."

Du Fresno said gang-like graffiti has occasionally appeared for years in Twin Falls.

"It's unfortunately a popular form of vandalism. And unfortunately it's a way for people to affiliate themselves with the popular national gangs," he said.

Mangini said in the past the church has had a problem with local kids smoking and littering behind the shopping center, but nothing like this.

Ken Davis, owner of The Fishbowl pet store, immediately painted over the graffiti on Monday.

"This is something new for me," Davis said. "I have no idea what all those words mean. I guess they're marking their territory."

"There ought to be a law that no one under 18 can buy spray paint," he said. "I can't believe that kids are going to be painting all over town in Twin Falls, Idaho. I would expect this in Los Angeles but not here."

Davis said his store has been in that location for 16 years and never suffered vandalism like this.

"This has to be stopped right now," he said.

Wood seeks judge position

By Phil Sahn
Times-News writer

SHOSHONE — Magistrate Barry Wood announced Monday that he will run in the May primary for the 5th District Court judge position now held by Philip Becker.

"I feel it's necessary to run to give the voters a choice in the event somebody else runs. The reason I'm running, at this point, is because I'm qualified, and because the (Idaho) Supreme Court has had me doing these kinds of cases," Wood said in an interview Monday.

Wood has served on the 5th Magistrate Court bench in Shoshone for more than seven years. The Supreme Court also has appointed him to serve as a judge in a number of District Court cases when other judges were unable to serve.

Wood also has served as a prosecuting attorney and public defender, as well as running a private law practice for more than 10 years, according to a news release.

In July, Wood filed papers with the Ida-

ho secretary of state to run for the district judge position in Jerome and Gooding counties. Monday, he pointed to several surveys among lawyers giving him high marks as a magistrate.

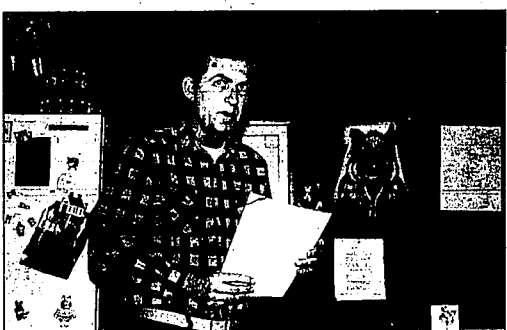
He declined to speak about Becker's well-publicized alcohol problem, including being arrested on a charge of drunken driving in 1991 and being suspended from the bench for three months.

"No one else has announced at this point, and I feel it would be inappropriate to comment about anyone else," Wood said.

However, Wood said, when the state Supreme Court suspended Becker in April 1992, the decision to challenge Becker was made.

"I knew at that time that me or somebody else would run for the seat," Wood said.

The state Judicial Council had recommended Becker be removed from office. Monday evening, Becker said he was not ready to announce whether he would seek re-election.



EARL LAMASTER/The Times-News

Former policeman Ralph DuBols displays a notice of dismissal from the Filer City Council.

Police department fires man for living too far from Filer

By Earl Lamaster
Times-News correspondent

FILER — A police officer was recently dismissed by the Filer Police Department because he does not live within a mile of city limits.

Ralph DuBols, 48, lives in Buhl. City policy requires all Filer police and maintenance department-workers to reside within one mile of town.

"This is required because of the continuous nature of the city's needs for immediate availability for trained personnel in emergency situations," the policy says.

DuBols was hired June 16, 1991, and has been trying to locate a home that would meet his and the city's requirements ever since.

Then, Filer already had a housing shortage, DuBols said the situation has only gotten worse since.

"When I first came to Filer, I had to live in a duplex in Twin Falls that was sold out from under me. So I found a small place five miles north (of Filer)," he said.

The City Council allowed him to live outside the one-mile boundary and keep his job so long as he continued to search for a residence that conformed to the policy.

"Even at that time the City Council acknowledged there was a real bad housing shortage in Filer, and they told me they could overlook the policy until something opened up in the city," he said.

On Sept. 7, 1993, the Filer City Council voted to set a deadline of Jan. 1, 1994, for DuBols' compliance with the residency requirement. At that time, the council told DuBols that if he could not meet the resi-

dency requirement by Jan. 1, his employment would be terminated.

City Councilman Jack Hart said the council did consider the housing shortage when it decided to terminate DuBols on Jan. 4.

"He has had two years to find a place, and he still hasn't got one. I don't think he was trying very hard," Hart said.

Hart points out that DuBols recently married a woman who owns a home in Buhl. "He got married, and his wife has a home in Buhl, so I think he wanted to live there," he said.

Hart said he knew of a number of empty homes made available to DuBols, but DuBols would claim that they were not satisfactory houses for him and his new family of five, including three teen-age children.

DuBols said, "One of these houses was just too small for my family, another house needed to be completely rewired and replumbed."

"(City Council) expected me to move into a place where my teen-age sons would have to share a small bedroom, and if you've ever had teen-agers you know that just doesn't work," DuBols said.

"I believe I had been making an honest effort to locate a place within the town of Filer," DuBols said. "But there just isn't anything there."

Since the firing, DuBols has been unable to find work in the area. "When you are my age," he said, "it isn't easy to find work in law enforcement."

On the same evening the City Council fired DuBols, a new police officer was sworn in.

At the time, officer Mike Orban was also not in compliance with the residency requirement, Hart said. However, he has since located a home in Filer for his family of three.

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Mini-Cassia/Idaho

Publisher ranks Idaho 12th safest state

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Louisiana is the country's "Most Dangerous State" according to a ranking of states based on key crime statistics compiled by a Kansas publishing company.

At the opposite end of the scale, Vermont was found to be the safest of the 50 states, according to "Crime State Rankings 1994," a 459-page book published this weekend by Morgan Quitno Corp. of Lawrence.

Maryland was ranked the second most dangerous state, followed by Texas, Illinois and Florida. Rounding out the top 10 were California, Nevada, New York, Arizona and South Carolina. Maine followed Vermont as the state considered safest, and Idaho was ranked as the 12th safest. Following Maine at that end of the list were Iowa, North Dakota, West Virginia, New Hampshire, Nebraska, South Dakota, Kentucky, Montana and

Louisiana ranked most dangerous state

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Here is a list of the 50 U.S. states ranked from the most dangerous to the safest according to "Crime State Rankings 1994," a 459-page book published this weekend by Morgan Quitno Corp. of Lawrence.

1. Louisiana
2. Maryland
3. Texas
4. Illinois
5. Florida
6. California
7. Nevada
8. New York

9. Arizona
10. South Carolina
11. Georgia
12. Michigan
13. New Mexico
14. Missouri
15. Kansas
16. Alabama
17. New Jersey
18. Oklahoma
19. Tennessee
20. Colorado
21. Delaware
22. North Carolina
23. Ohio
24. Alaska
25. Indiana
26. Washington
27. Oregon
28. Hawaii
29. Massachusetts

30. Arkansas
31. Connecticut
32. Mississippi
33. Wisconsin
34. Minnesota
35. Utah
36. Rhode Island
37. Pennsylvania
38. Virginia
39. Idaho
40. Wyoming
41. Montana
42. Kentucky
43. South Dakota
44. Nebraska
45. New Hampshire
46. West Virginia
47. North Dakota
48. Iowa
49. Maine
50. Vermont

Wyoming.

Scott Morgan, president of the publishing company, said the rankings are based on 16 factors,

including overall state crime rates, juvenile crime statistics, crime clearances, police protection and expenditures and the change in

crime rates over the past five years.

In all, Louisiana ranked No. 1 in two of the 16 categories — its murder rate of 17.4 per 100,000 residents, and its prisoner incarceration rate. The state had 478 people in state prison per 100,000 residents, compared to the national average of 303 per 100,000.

Louisiana was second in one category, fifth in three, seventh in one, eighth in three, 12th in two, 15th in one, and 22nd, 26th and 33rd in the other three.

"I realize that this distinction is not a flattering one for the beautiful Bayou State," Morgan said. "Certainly, you will find pockets of safe and dangerous areas in any state."

"However, when taken as a whole, the facts speak for themselves," he said. "Louisiana has the highest murder rate in the country and ranks high in violent crime and overall crime in general."

Train stop



An Eastern Idaho Railroad train glides into Rupert Monday with help from Engineer John Smith, left, Conductor Wayne Daberkow, front, and brakeman Curt Peay.

Train loaded with spent nuclear fuel travels through Wyoming

LARAMIE, Wyo. (AP) — A train loaded with spent nuclear fuel from a U.S. Navy shipyard in Virginia passed through Wyoming on Monday bound for the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory according to an environmental group.

But state officials could not confirm the report from Greenpeace and officials with Union Pacific declined to comment.

Greenpeace, in a news release, said the shipment left the Newport News Naval Shipyard in Virginia on Jan. 25 and reached the Wyoming border early Monday morning.

The shipment allegedly consisted of four casks of spent nuclear fuel and was being taken to the INEL near Idaho Falls for temporary storage under a court-sanctioned agreement between Idaho Gov. Cecil Andrus and the Department of Energy.

Man pleads guilty to lewd conduct

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Longtime Twin Falls martial arts teacher Eugene Duane Starr Sr. pleaded guilty Monday to two counts of lewd and lascivious conduct with two girls under the age of 16.

Starr, 45, 325 Locust St., admitted to the crimes before U.S. District Judge Roger Burdick, quietly saying "guilty" when Burdick asked him how he pleaded.

Starr originally claimed he was innocent.

The charges stated Starr had molested two girls, with one of the incidents taking place in 1987 and the other one as late as last September.

He was charged with the crimes last fall.

Starr will be sentenced after Burdick receives a pre-sentence report from the office of Probation and Parole.

Kraft workers receive awards for attendance

The Times-News

RUPERT — Several employees at Kraft in Rupert were recently recognized for perfect attendance during 1993. At a celebration dinner, 29 employees were awarded recognition certificates and gift certificates to area businesses.

Throughout the year, 56 employees were recognized for achieving at least 12 months of continuous perfect attendance.

Of particular note were the eight employees who have achieved 10 or more years of continuous attendance: Jennie Schow, 10 years; Diane Stapleman, 11 years; LeRoy Popplewell, 11 years; Ray Bronson, 11 years; Brad Cotton, 12 years; Lonny Amen, 12 years; David Puckett, 12 years; and Art Zamora, 12 years.

How Gem legislators voted this past week

States News Service

WASHINGTON — Here are the votes of Idaho's senators and representatives on legislation this past week.

The Senate approved by a 62-38 margin an amendment to the State Department Authorization bill that urges President Clinton to lift the 28-year-old trade embargo against Vietnam.

Senators Larry Craig and Dirk Kempthorne, both Republicans, voted against the amendment and in favor of maintaining the embargo.

There were no votes in the House of Representatives.

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Thanksgiving dinner on paper plates no picnic for mom

DEAR ABBY: I know exactly how "Holiday Visitor" felt, and I disagree with your answer. ("Holiday Visitor" and her husband went to visit their daughter for Thanksgiving, and the mother was terribly upset to find the table set with paper plates and paper napkins, knowing that her daughter had plenty of fine china and lovely silverware.)

She said she thought it was "tacky" — and you said, "...life epitome of tackiness is criticizing the hostess who fed you."

Abby, my husband and I went to our married son's home for Thanksgiving dinner, and I nearly had a heart attack when I saw the table set with paper plates, no tablecloth, and the food served in plastic bowls!

They are quite well-to-do, have a nice set of china, an electric dishwasher, and a 17-year-old dishwasher to help.

I say, if people want to eat from paper plates, they should have a picnic.

DEAR BEEN THERE: Here's a letter from another "mom" with a different view of using paper plates for a holiday dinner.

DEAR ABBY: In response to the mother who was against that her daughter served Thanksgiving dinner on paper plates:

Oh, that we had nothing more serious to worry about than the kind of plates we ate from!

Our family of 14 married children and grandchildren were home with us for nine days at Christmas. Not only were paper plates used, we had plastic forks, spoons and serving bowls.

After everyone had finished eating, my son-in-law went around the table with a large plastic trash bag, and everyone tossed the paper plates and plastic "sil-



Dear Abby
Abigail
VanBuren

veryware" in the trash bag.

I am sure that everyone there wondered if that would be their last Christmas dinner with the entire family.

I have had two mastectomies in the last six months, and only God knows what's next. People should pay attention to the things that are really important in life, and count their blessings.

MOM
IN MURRYSVILLE, PA.
DEAR MOM: Thanks for a gentle reminder: We can all use it from time to time.

DEAR ABBY: Maybe you can settle this between me and my fiancé. He proposed to me, and I accepted. Then he gave me the same engagement ring he had given to another girl. She had returned it after their engagement was broken two years ago. I didn't know him then, and I would not have known it was a second-hand ring if he hadn't told me.

DEAR ABBY: I feel funny wearing that ring, knowing its history. His whole family knows, and I'm too embarrassed to tell anyone.

It's a beautiful one-carat diamond in a platinum setting. What is your advice? I really love him, but this bothers me.

FEELING HURT
IN BRIDGEPORT, CONN.
DEAR FEELING HURT: Tell your fiancé exactly what you have told me. Then, suggest that he take the ring to the jeweler from whom he bought it and ask that the diamond be used in an entirely different setting.

CSI series designed to help people avoid probate perils

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — If you're dealing with wills, you'd better know the way.

Twin Falls attorney Dennis Voorhees will teach a series of non-credit classes this winter at the College of Southern Idaho on wills, revocable living trusts and being the executor of an estate.

"You can take an effective hand in planning and avoid what Dickens wrote about ('In Bleak House,' the classic 1854 novel about 19th-century Britain's never-ending probate process)," Voorhees said. "The idea is to bring together history and popular culture and put life and meaning into it."

The first class, on being the executor of an estate, will start Tuesday and run through Feb. 15. Students will learn the duties of an executor, the stages of the probate process, organizational and execution strategies, and relationships among lawyers involved in settling an estate. It's intended for anyone who is expecting to undertake the responsibilities of probating an estate.

Cost of the three sessions is \$15. The second class, on making a will, is scheduled for today through March 1. It will teach the essential components of a well-written will, when and whether a codicil is needed, how to choose a responsible executor, and the details of trust provisions.

The two-session class will cost \$10.

The final class, on revocable living trusts, is scheduled for March 22 through March 29. It's designed to teach how living trusts can be used to avoid the probate process, and how to decide for whom a living trust is appropriate.

All three classes will be held in Room 115 of the Shields Building from 7 to 9 p.m. You can register any time before the class and at the records office of the Taylor Administration Building. Hours are 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday.

For further information, call 733-9554, extension 270 or 272.

Weddings

Hansen-Zundel

LAUREL, Mont. — Kristen Hansen of Twin Falls and Scott A. Zundel of Laurel, Mont., were married Nov. 6 at the First Congregational Church in Laurel with 150 guests in attendance.

Officiating was Marc DeConti. The bride is the daughter of Charles and Elaine Hansen of Twin Falls and parents of the bridegroom are Harold and Cheryl Zundel of Laurel.

Kris Haskell, friend of the bride, served as the bride's maid of honor. Bridesmaids included Beverly Wheeler and Rhonda Miller of Billings, Mont., friends of the bride.

Rob Zundel served as best man and Justin Klebe was groomsmen.

Following the ceremony, a dinner and reception was held with 200 guests in attendance in Park City, Mont.

The bride is a graduate of Twin



Kristen and Scott Zundel

Falls High School and Ricks College. She is a supervisor at Sutton's Sports Wear.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Laurel High School and the College of Southern Idaho. He is employed by UPS.

The newlyweds honeymooned in Red Lodge, Mont.

Hospital offers stress workshop

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The Canyon View Hospital and Counseling Center has planned a community education workshop series.

"Stress Management and Relaxation Training" is set for 7 p.m.

Tuesdays, Feb. 8 to March 8, at the Counseling Center, 122 Third Ave. N. Participants should attend all four sessions. Cost for the series is \$75 per person or \$125 per couple. For more information or to register, call 734-6760 or 1-800-667-8000.

Protect your home against winter

Newsday

It is indeed a winter wonderland. All over the land people are wondering: When will it end?

The snow that Mother Nature keeps dumping on many parts of the United States is leaving more and more people with frizzled nerves as they try to cope with weather-related hassles.

But people aren't all that stressed out. The lingering snow and ice can cause damaging stresses on homes, too.

Even with preparation, a house can succumb to the forces of a rough winter. Following are areas susceptible to winter woes and tips on correcting them.

1. **ROOFS:** The primary effect of ice and snow buildup on roofs is direct gravity load, says Joseph Schmitt of Schmitt Engineering on New York's Long Island. Fortunately, many building codes have seen to it that roofs can take the recent loads, plus some.

However, roofs on older homes and cottages may be underbuilt and vulnerable to failure or sagging. They should be examined by a licensed structural engineer if damage does occur.

Newer roofs are not immune from trouble. There's no better way to determine if potential problems exist than lingering snow or ice. Both will quickly herald any leaks as they melt. If water spots appear, get the roof inspected and repaired.

Another problem that afflicts both old and new roofs is ice dams. These are formed when ice snow is melted by the heat from inside the house and refreezes along the unheated eaves at the bottom of the roof. As they melt, the dams can tear off gutters or force water under shingles, causing leaks even in sound roofs.

2. **TREES:** That big oak tree may be a tower of majesty in summer, but it can turn into a towering menace when it loads up with wet snow or ice. Weak branches can snap off and cause damage to lawns, plantings and residents. Even small trees and shrubs weighed down by ice or snow and whipped

around by winter winds no longer look so benign. It's best to prune branches that hang over the roof and to keep tree branches from touching the house.

3. **GUTTERS AND LEADERS:** Clogged gutters may be useful for creating those pretty icicles that give your house a fairy-tale look, but come the thaw, you may find yourself in a horror story.

With no place else to go, melting ice and snow will just cascade over the edge and around the foundation. And if snow or ice loads have separated gutters from the house, that cascading could occur over the inside edge of the gutter and down the side of the house, where the water will find and fill gaping seams over windows and doors or in the siding.

These pretty icicles, by the way, may very well turn into dangerous projectiles.

4. **WINDOWS AND DOORS:** Broken glass requires an obvious solution. What may not be so obvious is the damage that can occur around a window or door. Water dripping into uncaulked seams can freeze and separate trim and siding from a house. Constant exposure to water causes mildew and mold to form on inside walls — and that's the good news. At worst, water eventually will cause framing and sheathing to rot and undermine the structural integrity of a house. Fortunately, there's more good news: The fix is simple. Caulk the seams with a silicone caulk when things dry out.

5. **SIDING:** Siding is the first and foremost defense against the elements. Unfortunately, winter doesn't discriminate against a particular kind. If it gets a weakness, snow and ice will exploit it and break down even seemingly sturdy brick.

The primary damage to siding comes from freeze/thaw cycles in open seams and cracks. Again, the solution is fairly simple. Caulk seams where one material meets another (where brick meets wood, for instance), seams where one section of siding butts up against another and where siding butts up against a roof and window frames.

Small cracks in siding can be filled with caulk. Sections of siding with large cracks and splits should be replaced. However, a generous applica-

tion of caulk will provide a temporary repair until warmer weather arrives.

Brick, whether it be a veneer or solid surface, is susceptible to a different kind of damage from freeze/thaw cycles. When water gets into faulty mortar joints and begins to expand as it freezes, it could pop the mortar out of the joint, weakening the bond. The repair for this problem is called tuck pointing (or pointing or repointing) and entails chiseling out the weakened mortar down to where it is still solid and pushing fresh mortar into the joint. Again, caulk will provide an adequate fix until the pointing can be done in warmer weather.

6. **DRIVEWAYS:** The destructive forces that freeze/thaw cycles exert on concrete work the same way on asphalt driveways. You can wait until spring to repair winter damage, but if you want to stent the tide of destruction, repair holes and cracks as soon as weather permits.

7. **WALKS AND PATIOS:** Concrete can last for ages under the right conditions, but dump some ice on it and it can wimp out in no time. Water that seeps into porous or cracked concrete or brick and freezes puts enough pressure on walks and patios to crack them further, making them even more vulnerable to further freeze/thaw damage. Damaged areas should be repaired to prevent water from seeping in a generous application of a sealer will further help to repel water absorption.

8. **PLUMBING AND UTILITY LINES:** Pipes exposed to outside air and wind or those left unprotected in crawl spaces should be wrapped in insulation or heat-conducting electrical tape to prevent freezing. If a particular faucet tends to freeze more quickly, let the water run for a time each day to prevent any ice buildup. If a pipe should burst, call a plumber immediately, since there may be more damage than you can handle. Remember also to leave thermostats turned on, even at lower levels — when you are a way from home. That will help maintain heat to keep most pipes free of ice. Have a neighbor check your house and run the water occasionally if you plan to be away for a while.

Phrases pun-slingers have groan to love

Chicago Tribune

All but lost in the holiday was the story of a Chicago art dealer who was transporting some valuable paintings to customers when his truck shot off the Michigan Avenue bridge and fell into the Chicago River.

Questioned later by police, the dealer observed philosophically, "I hated Toulouse-Lautrec, but that's the way the Van Goghs and the

story came to light, as such stories do each year at this time, thanks to John S. Crosbie, chairman of the International Save the Pun Foundation and publisher of the foundation's monthly newsletter, the Pundit.

The foundation battles illiteracy by, for example, asking Pundit readers, "How can you use a lighthouse, a rose trellis, a windstorm and a dune to construct a tasteful image?"

Readers thus rendered more literate would reply, "How about a beacon, lighthouse and sand ridge?"

The story of the unfortunate art dealer was deemed by Crosbie as one of the 10 best-stressed puns of 1993. Here are the nine others:

Many people assume that Earl Grey tea got its name by being a favorite of that English earl. In truth, the name originated in a small town in Wales named Earl Grey, where the citizens were getting concerned about the ability of their mayor to continue in office. She was first elected in 1972, and she had run unopposed in every election since. When her age began to hinder her from getting elected, her constituents observed, "The Earl Grey mayor, she ain't what she used to be."

After a Southern gentleman moved from Atlanta to a New Jersey suburb, a fellow passenger on a commuter train asked how he liked it in the country. "It was difficult at first," he replied, "but it's a lot prettier since I got myself a paramour." The passenger was astonished. "A paramour?" he said. "Does your wife know?"

"Sure," said the Southerner. "She doesn't care how I cut the grass."

When a young woman driving along the highway attempted to light a cigarette, her sleeve caught fire. She was able to stop the car and get

out, but in her panic she just stood there flailing her arm helplessly. A state patrol officer saw her, stopped her and gave her a ticket. "What's this for?" the injured woman cried as she blew out the flames. "Brandishing a firearm," the officer explained.

A herring that for many years swam along with a friendly whale appeared one day without its companion. Asked where the whale was, the herring replied, "How would I know? The whale's blubber's kipper!"

Two men who had been shipwrecked for weeks were now starving. One finally said, "Let's go over to the bacon tree and get some bacon." The first man, winced, strode off toward the tree to prove his friend wrong. But he soon came running back, his body covered with arrows. "You were right," he panted. "That was a ham bush."

A woman in London was walking in the park with her house guest, a member of a Roman Catholic religious order, when one of the city's many pigeons dropped its calling card on the visitor while flying overhead. "Oh, I'm terribly sorry," the embarrassed Londoner said to her guest. "Not to worry," the good-humored sister replied as she dabbed with her handkerchief at the drooping on her habit. "It's quite obvious that that pigeon was on a non-stop flight."

There once was a man who first came to the United States smuggled ashore in a basket of soiled linen, from which he escaped only after the linen had been washed. This, of course, made him the first laundered immigrant.

A man who joined an orchestra on a cruise ship was having difficulty keeping the time with the rest of the band. Finally the captain said: "Either you learn to keep time or I'll throw you overboard, it's up to you: Sync or swim!"

A manufacturer of factory whistles wanted to sell his product to quarries that had no adequate way of advising workers to start or stop work. But when the manufacturer test-marketed some special tooling whistles at the quarry, the shrill sound caused a great rock slide. It then tested the whistle at other quarries but got the same results, thus proving that there are too sides to every quarry.

Action Agency distributes foodstuffs starting today

The Times-News

Feb. 11 (only), at the Eden Senior Center, Eden.

The South Central Community Action Agency will distribute butter, fruit cocktail, vegetarian beans and pork for February, starting today.

Following is the list of dates and times participants may receive U.S. Department of Agriculture commodities through the areas. Commodities will not be distributed after the dates below.

TWIN FALLS COUNTY

From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday at the South Central Community Action Agency, 713 Shoshone St. S. (across from the agency office), Twin Falls.

From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday at the Buhl Senior Center, 1010 Main, Buhl.

JEROME COUNTY

From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday (only), at the National Guard Armory at the fairgrounds west of Jerome.

From 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday,

Feb. 11 (only), at the Eden Senior Center, Eden.

GOODING COUNTY

From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (closed noon to 12:30 p.m.) Wednesday (only), at the Gooding Senior Citizens Organization, 308 Senior Ave., Gooding.

From 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday (only) at the Hagerman Valley Senior Center, 140 Lake St., Hagerman.

BLAINE COUNTY

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9 (only), at the Blaine County Courthouse, Hailey.

LINCOLN COUNTY

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday (only), at the Golden Years Senior Center, 218 N. Rail St., Shoshone.

CAMAS COUNTY

From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday (only), at the Camas County Sheriff's Office on West Willow Street, Fairfield.

MINI-CASSIA COUNTIES

From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday at the Burley Community Action Agency, 1038 Overland, Burley.

Adolescent therapy groups meet

The Times-News

mon difficulties and pursue personal growth.

TWIN FALLS — Adolescent therapy groups, sponsored by the Canyon View Hospital and Counseling Center, meet from 4 to 5 p.m. Wednesdays at the Counseling Center, 122 Third Ave. N.

The sessions are facilitated by Director Eric F. Jones, MS, MFT.

The groups are significant in helping teenagers overcome emotional, family or drug and alcohol problems. They provide an opportunity to work with counselors and other teens to learn and start using problem-solving, decision-making, communicating, coping and other skills.

Within supportive group environment, participants have the opportunity to solve individual and com-

For more information, call Jones at 733-4768 or Pete Snyder at 734-6760.

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Rekindle spark in relationship

The Times-News

on men at the Feb. 23 session.

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho Stepfanning Group has planned February as a month for lovers. "Relationship Month" is for couples who wish to reconnect and rekindle the spark in their relationships.

The group meets at 7 p.m. Wednesdays at the CSI Center for New Directions. Any adult in a relationship with a non-biological child is invited. Couples are encouraged to attend.

On Feb. 9, the topic "You and Yours" will show how each individual is responsible for his or her self-creation. The topic on Feb. 16, "Intimacy and Insecurity of a Relationship," will explore the emotional shackles placed

on men at the Feb. 23 session. Upcoming topics include "How to be an Informed Consumer of Your Attorney," "Fathers for Equal Rights" and "The Wicked Stepmother Syndrome."

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Business

Say goodbye to low rates

Fed hopes to head off inflation with interest hike

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan put the country on notice Monday that the central bank would "at some point" begin pushing interest rates higher in order to keep inflationary pressures from getting out of control.

While the Fed chairman left vague the timing of such a rate increase, he gave a strong indication in congressional testimony that rate hikes could come at any time.

He said the issue of when to raise interest rates would be discussed by the Fed's top policy-making committee, the Federal Open Market Committee, when it meets this Thursday and Friday.

While raising interest rates has the effect of slowing borrowing and economic activity, Greenspan sought to assure members of the Joint Economic Committee that the Fed's actions would not be an effort to end the current recovery.

"Such an action would not be taken in order to cut off or limit the economic expansion, but rather to sustain and enhance it," Greenspan said in his testimony.

In addition, President Clinton said "there's no evidence that inflation is coming back." But he said he hoped, if the Fed did raise short-

term rates, that market-set long-term rates such as those on mortgages would stay low.

"I hope that the stock market won't take an adverse view (of higher short-term rates) because we've still got good strong growth in this economy," Clinton said.

Increasing interest rates are something the central bank has not done since the spring of 1989. As the country slumped into a recession and then endured a painfully long and weak recovery period, the central bank moved to cut interest rates to their lowest levels in three decades.

But Greenspan signaled Monday that this period was coming to an end.

He said that short-term interest rates were at "abnormally low" levels currently and he said that the central bank must avoid the mistakes of the past when policy-makers waited too long to respond to inflationary pressures.

Greenspan said that while there were no current visible signs of growing inflationary pressure, policy-makers could not afford to be complacent.

"By the time inflation pressures are evident, many imbalances that are costly to rectify have already developed, and only harsh monetary therapy can restore the financial stability necessary to sustain growth," he said.



AP photo

Alan Greenspan of the Federal Reserve told members of Congress on Monday that the central bank will push interest rates higher "at some point" to help keep inflation in check. The Fed's top policy committee meets at the end of this week to determine when exactly the rates will be increased.

"This situation regrettably has arisen too often in the past," Greenspan told the committee. Rep. David Obey, chairman of the Joint Economic Committee, urged Greenspan not to move too quickly to raise rates.

"Given the limited number of indicators that inflation is around the corner and given the uneven nature of the recovery, I hope that time can be delayed for a few months at any rate," he said.

In answering questions, Greenspan did not go any further to indicate the timing of a rate hike, but he did say he believed the recovery, after a shaky start, was on a better footing currently.

Stocks soar amid rosy reports

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Dow Jones industrial average and other major market indexes soared to record highs again Monday amid strong, in share prices, overseas and general optimism about the economy.

The sharp advance was led by stocks of cyclical companies that benefit most from an expanding economy such as autos, heavy machinery and mining.

The Dow set its third consecutive record, rising 32.93 points to 3,978.36, eclipsing its previous high of 3,945.43 set on Friday.

Advancing issues outnumbered declines by about 2 to 1 on the New York Stock Exchange.

Volume on the floor of the Big Board came to 322.81 million shares as of 4 p.m., up from 312.38 million in the previous session. January was the busiest month on record for the exchange, with total share volume of about 6.6 billion. October 1987, the month of the Black Monday market crash, was previously the busiest, with 6.1 billion shares changing hands.

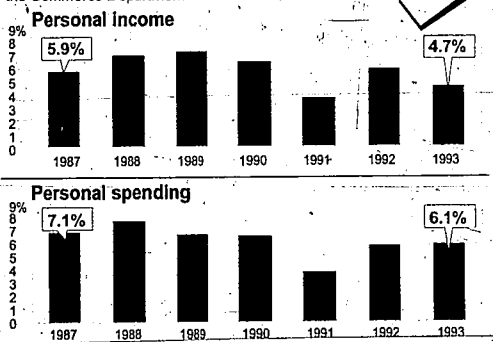
In Tokyo, the 225-stock Nikkei Stock Average surged 7.9 percent to a three-month high after the weekend approval of political reform plans by Japan's Parliament. Investors there were basking in approval will clear the way for new efforts to bolster Japan's ailing economy.

In London, the Financial Times-Stock Exchange 100-share index rose 1.3 percent, while stocks jumped 2.1 percent in Frankfurt and 0.9 percent in Paris. There was also a general mood of optimism following Friday's good report on gross domestic product for last year's fourth quarter, analysts said.

Word that GDP grew 5.9 percent in the final three months of 1993 pushed the Dow and other major indicators to record highs

Personal income and spending

The yearly increases in personal income and consumer spending as compiled by the Commerce Department.



Source: Commerce Department

AP/Wm. J. Castello

on Friday. Blue-chip stocks and other indicators also set records on Thursday.

So-called cyclical stocks rose sharply. General Motors jumped 2 to 6 1/4, Deere jumped 2 1/2 to 80 1/4 and Scott Paper rose 1 1/4 to 46 1/4.

Monday's reading on the economy had little impact on stocks, analysts said. The Commerce Department reported Americans' personal income rose 0.6 percent in December, private economists had expected a 0.5 percent rise.

The Standard & Poor's index of 500 stocks rose 2.91 to 481.61, passing its previous high of 478.70 set on Friday. The NYSE's composite index rose 1.69 points to 267.11, passing its previous mark of 265.42, also set on Friday.

The Nasdaq index rose 3.94 to a record 800.47, eclipsing the last record high of 796.53 reached similarly on Friday. At the American Stock Exchange, the market value index rose 2.46 to 485.68, passing its previous high of 484.81 set on Jan. 20.

Regulators order halt to certain S&L mergers

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Federal regulators imposed a moratorium Monday on mergers in which the stock of depositor-owned savings and loan institutions will be sold to the public.

The Office of Thrift Supervision said it called a temporary halt to the deals to protect depositors and prevent insiders from receiving windfall profits when the institutions are acquired by commercial banks.

Monday's action affects only stock conversions of mutual, or depositor-owned, S&Ls that merge with other companies.

Standard conversions in which the mutuals on their own offer stock to the public are not affected.

The Office of Thrift Supervision said it is reviewing the rules for standard conversions also, but meanwhile will continue to process applications for them.

Acting OTS director Jonathan Fiechert said he hopes the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. will adopt a similar moratorium promptly for S&Ls that it regulates. The FDIC and OTS share responsibility for regulating the savings industry.

Fiechert said the OTS moratorium will remain in effect until the agency drafts rules to protect depositors.

The conversion issue was the subject of a House Banking subcommittee hearing Wednesday in which lawmakers expressed concern that some insiders are getting rich in the deals.

Acting FDIC Chairman Andrew Hove joined Fiechert in promising closer scrutiny.

Mutual S&Ls have some \$250 billion in assets, about one fourth of the nation's savings and loan industry.

Last year, 112 mutual S&Ls converted to publicly owned stock — including 29 that were bought by banks, industry groups reported.

T-bill rates hit highest point since Jan. 10

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Interest rates on short-term Treasury securities rose in Monday's auction.

The Treasury Department sold \$12.6 billion in three-month bills at an average discount rate of 2.99 percent, up from 2.96 percent last week. Another \$12.6 billion was

sold in six-month bills at an average discount rate of 3.16 percent, up from 3.14 percent last week.

The three-month bill rate was the highest since they sold for 3.02 percent on Jan. 10. The six-month bill rate was the highest since they averaged 3.18 percent, also on Jan. 10.

The new discount rates understate the actual return to investors — 3.06 percent for

three-month bills with a \$10,000 bill selling for \$9,924.40 and 3.26 percent for a six-month bill selling for \$9,840.20.

In a separate report, the Federal Reserve said Monday that the average yield for one-year Treasury bills, the most popular index for making changes in adjustable rate mortgages, was unchanged at 3.51 percent last week.

National health care ID: Medical history on plastic

The Associated Press

President Clinton holds all the cards in the administration's campaign to give each American a uniform health insurance identifier.

His health reform agenda, which is bound to spawn a medical bureaucracy into the next century, includes an obscure but important detail: the need for factories that can churn out plastic "Health Security" cards guaranteeing access to care.

The card, which will resemble a credit card, is likely to become a staple of every wallet, as common as a Social Security card and driver's license. But who makes the card, and what type of information it conveys, aren't clear yet.

The information question is particularly important because of the sensitive nature of personal medical histories and the potential for abuse by thieves, counterfeiters and other con artists.

The health card will provide access to databases that not only contain a person's height and weight, but records of medications, substance abuse, mental health and family histories.

"Still, the uncertainty about the cards hasn't deterred an intense competition for this potentially lucrative government work. The battle lines have been drawn between producers of the magnetic-stripe card, which is the format for credit cards and automated banking cards, and two newer technologies — the smart card and optical card.

The stripe card is the least expensive, costing 50 cents to \$1.50 each and holding the equivalent of a few lines of type. Data is stored on magnetic tape on one side.

The smart card contains a silicon chip that's read with a computer, and will hold three to four pages of typewritten data. Popular in Europe, the card's U.S. use largely has been limited to military bases or colleges.

Smart cards cost about \$1.50 each but can cost much more. A Wyoming food-aid program, for example, paid \$10.34 apiece for smart cards.

The harder-to-find optical cards cost about \$4 each and are similar to smart cards, except they're read with expensive lasers. Optical cards hold the most information of any card. Just one, for example, can hold three texts of John Grisham's "The Pelican Brief."

The Clinton "Health Security" blueprint says the card will be a magnetic-stripe card that contains a personal identification number and the name of an individual's health plan.

That doesn't mean the smart card has been eliminated from consideration. Smart-card manufacturers have lobbied a Congressional lobbyist.

Moreover, the administration has shown interest in smart cards. A member of Clinton's health task force inquired about a plan

to issue smart cards for health insurance in North Dakota, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming and Nevada, said Tom Singer, research director at the Western Governor's Association.

Vice President Al Gore, the administration's lead proponent of the computerized information age, has said the smart card is the best way to deliver government benefits.

The International Card Manufacturers Association, which represents stripe- and smart-card makers, is neutral on which card should be used, Association President Robert Blum said.

But under his other hat, as president of stripe-card maker Colorado Elasticcard Inc., he said magnetic-stripe cards will be adequate.

"The job would have to be broken up among a number of manufacturers, and it would take them awhile," he said in a telephone interview from Littleton, Colo. "I certainly couldn't do it alone."

"If a magnetic-stripe card is used, a doctor's office or hospital would obtain an account number from the card to tap into a computer medical

file over a telephone line. The Clinton book said access to records will be limited to health professionals "who have a legitimate need to see them."

Makers of the newer cards say the security of such a network is vulnerable to abuse and telephone-line disruptions.

"That system will be breached. No doubt about that," said Stephen Price-Francis, North American marketing manager for Canon Inc.'s optical cards.

"What if a company doesn't want to hire someone with AIDS? All they have to do is look at what medications that person has taken, and they will know right away," said Jani Sayles-Falls, executive director of the Smart Card Industry Association.

A security consultant to stripe-card makers said the claim that smart cards are safer than stripe cards is nonsense. He said the smart card can be copied easily.

The simple, low-cost smart card is based on simple algorithms that can be broken by any hacker," said Denise Jeffreys, president of XTEC Inc. of Miami. Jeffreys also acknowledged that many stripe cards can be compromised "with equipment you can buy at any Radio Shack."

Patients with smart or optical cards would carry their medical file stories. But losing the card could mean rebuilding your story.

In Oklahoma City, smart cards are already sold as portable file cabinets for medical information. Eight pharmacies last year began selling the \$10-a-year Medicaid smart card.

Seven hospitals and an ambulance fleet installed Medicaid readers so they can quickly obtain information such as histories of heart trouble or epilepsy, doctors' phone numbers and names of relatives.

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Full line of mechanic shop equipment. Call 734-5913.

Lumber rack, full size. GM. 733-2888.

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We grow it, now we need you. 12-1/2 lb. 5 lb. Kabocha squash, organically grown. \$5 ea.; any quantity, tree samples. 733-0381.

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Complete satellite system, Houston Texas, 2000. Call 734-5913.

Super Nintendo, 2 controllers, 3 games, \$110; Sega Game Gear, 1 game, \$100. 733-3769.

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Grandchildren a horse. Not old, gentle, also registered full-blooded Arab brood mare. No white or white markings. Wanted: Hydraulic pipe bender. Call 326-5638.

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Wanted: Old or new duck & goose decoys for restaurant use. Surgeon not & reel for young fisherman. Whooshies old or new for young hunter. Call 733-3444 after 5pm.

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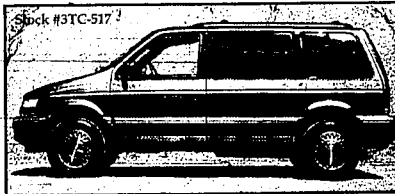


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Briefly

Injuries keep Cowboys, Bills out of Pro Bowl

HONOLULU — Running back Emmitt Smith, quarterback Troy Aikman and cornerback Thomas Everett of the champion Dallas Cowboys were among five players who will not play in the Pro Bowl because of injuries sustained in the Super Bowl.

The league also announced Monday defensive end Bruce Smith and receiver Andre Reed of the Buffalo Bills also will miss the game next Sunday.

Emmitt Smith, the Super Bowl MVP, will not play in because of lingering effects from shoulder and lower back injuries. Aikman has a shoulder injury and Everett a knee injury. The Bills' Smith has a shoulder injury; Reed has a bruised thigh.

Jimmy Connors mixes tennis with golf during busy week

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Jimmy Connors will shuttle back and forth this week between the San Jose Open tennis tournament and the A.T.T. Pebble Beach Pro-Am golf tournament.

"I think it's going to be a pretty good week if I'm still standing," Connors, 41, told the San Francisco Examiner. "I've always wanted to play in the A.T.T. Golf in no way affects my tennis. I should have time to put my feet up."

On Sunday, Connors played a practice round at Pebble Beach's Spyglass Hill and was to team with John Lloyd in a doubles match Monday night in San Jose, about 65 miles to the northeast. On Tuesday, he'll meet Alex O'Brien in a first-round singles match.

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Today

Prep boys' basketball:
Buhl at Mountain Home, 7:30 p.m.
Valley at Filer, 6 p.m.
Murrough at Castledale, 6 p.m.
Oakley at Hagerman, 7:30 p.m.
Hansen at Raft River, 6 p.m.
Bliss at Carey, 6 p.m.
Richfield at Shoshone, 6 p.m.
Prep girls' basketball:
Dist. 4, Class A-2 Tournament, Buhl Middle School, 7:30 p.m.
Dist. 4, Class A-3 Tournament, Wendell
Valley-Declo loser vs Kimberly-Filer loser, 7 p.m.
Prep wrestling:
Filer and Oakley at Gooding
Kimberly at Wood River

Sports on TV

5:30 p.m. — Channel 13, college basketball, Michigan at Purdue
7:30 p.m. — Channel 25, boxing, Brewer vs. Trice (middleweight)
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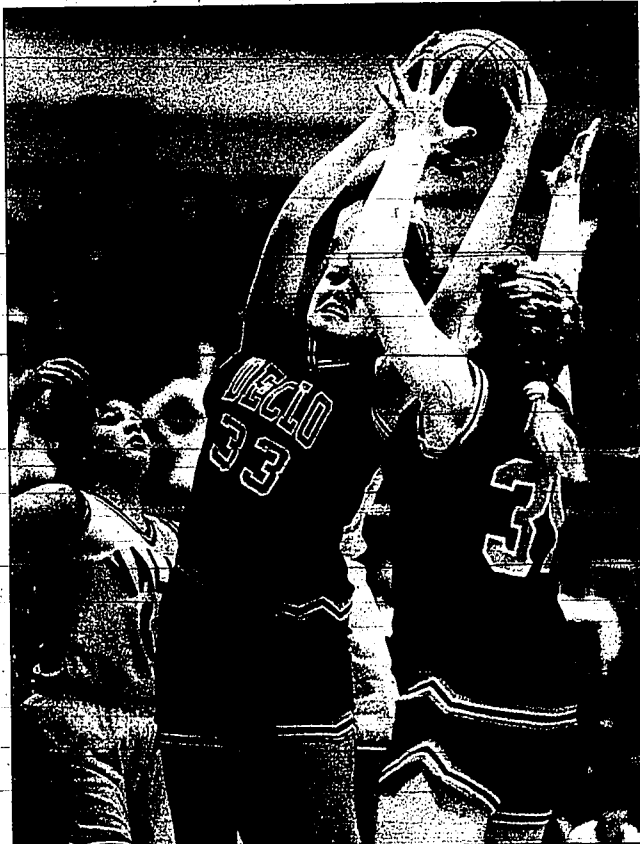
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Declo players Kae Darrington and Janil Stimpson, right, come down with a rebound Monday night against Valley.

Kimberly beats Filer, 57-41

By Mike Maller
Times-News sports editor

WENDELL — Kimberly's third-quarter surge got the Bulldogs by Filer 57-41 Monday night and into Wednesday's championship game of the Class A-3 District 4 tournament.

The Bulldogs now are guaranteed a playoff for a berth at the state tournament and can win an outright bid with a victory Wednesday or in an if-needed game Thursday.

Valley eliminated Declo 64-58 in the first game Monday. The Vikings play Filer in a loser-out game at 7 p.m. today to decide who faces Kimberly Wednesday.

The district champion advances to state at Lewiston

Feb. 10-12. The second place team plays a District 3 opponent in Mountain Home Saturday for a date at state.

Laura McKinlay's 3-point basket with 34 seconds left in the second quarter broke a 16-all tie. Kimberly then scored the first six points of the second half for a 25-16 lead.

The Wildcats never again got closer than five points and spent most of the rest of the game about 10 back.

"We showed a lot of poise," said Kimberly Coach John Miller. "The kids were very patient, didn't hurry their shots. And we played consistent defense in the second half."

Kimberly put away the decision with a 9-0 run for a

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Hornets edge Pirates for Southside title

By Maria Stafford
Times-News writer

MURTAUGH — By only a hair did Oakley uphold its position as top seed in Dist. 4, Class A-4 Southside sub-district girls' basketball, defeating Hagerman 37-36 Monday.

Both met Northside sub-district foes on Wednesday. Hagerman plays second place Dietrich at 6 p.m. and Oakley takes on No. 1 Shoshone at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Shoshone-Oakley winner automatically qualifies for the state tournament, scheduled Feb. 10-12 at Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston.

The loser returns on Thursday to

face the game one winner with the victor also qualifying for the state event. Thursday's loser came boost the Dist. 4 aggregation to three with a win against their Boise area counterpart at Mountain Home on Feb. 5.

A game that looked like Oakley had it in the bag turned into a fight for survival in the fourth quarter.

Oakley outscored, out-defended, and out-rebounded Hagerman in the first three quarters, with Catherine Hale sinking three 3-pointers for a total of 12 points. Erica Cranney followed with 10 points to lead the team.

Then nothing. "We tried real hard to lose," said

Neal Wyatt, Co-Coach for Oakley. "They quit running offense and I don't know why."

"Hagerman put the pressure on and we tried to sit on the ball."

The Pirates came alive in the fourth putting 13 points on the board and displaying an unyielding one-on-one defense that put an abrupt halt to Hornet field goals.

"Diana Eichelberger led the Hornets with 12 points. Followed by Shelly War with 7.

Boxing: 2:20 35:37
Hagerman 7:13 21:30
Oakley D. Cranney 7:13 37:37
Lloyd's Totals 27 7:10 17:37
Hagerman's Totals 5:20 2:20 3:30
Went 2, Barrington 2, Barnes 2, Lammorn 0 Totals 26:7 45:17 36

Point goals Hale 3, D. Cranney, Eichelberger

Super Bowl champs hope to keep team together

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Jimmy Johnson said Monday he expects to be back with Super Bowl champion Dallas next season, and not with the expansion Jacksonville Jaguars.

Emmitt Smith will certainly be back with the Cowboys. He just wants his offensive linemen to be there, too.

Johnson and Smith, the MVP of Dallas' 30-13 win over Buffalo in Sunday's Super Bowl, were up early the day after, both in reasonably good shape.

While the Bills were preparing to return home after becoming the first team in any sport to lose four straight championship games, the Cowboys were reaping the rewards in exposure after their second straight win.

Smith appeared on ABC's "Good Morning America" and Johnson was ready to postpone his island vacation for a day to tape David Letterman's late-night talk show on CBS.

But they also had to deal with the normal postgame question: Now that you've won two straight Super Bowls,

what do you do for an encore?

"I don't have any thoughts right now that I'll do anything else," said Johnson, who has had a stormy relationship with owner Jerry Jones.

"But I'm not 100 percent committed to anything. The closest is that it's about 100 percent that I'll get on a plane and go to New York to do Letterman."

Johnson, who has never stayed in any head coaching job longer than five years, has just finished the fifth year of a 10-year contract with Jones.

Although he grew up in Texas, Johnson's years at the University of

Miami gave him a fondness for Florida and he's been courted by the expansion Jaguars as part owner, general manager and coach.

Jones has reportedly said he won't let Johnson out of his contract. Commissioner Paul Tagliabue, asked Monday if Johnson would be allowed out of the contract if the move was upward, replied, "I'd have to look again at our rules on that."

But for now, all is well with the Cowboys, at least until Feb. 18, when the free-agent signing period starts.

Four of Dallas' offensive linemen are free agents — guards Nate Newton and Kevin Gogan, center Mark Stepnoski and guard John Giese, a former starter who took over at center when Stepnoski was hurt. Middle linebacker Ken Norton, defensive end Jim Jeffcoat and kicker Eddie Murray also are free agents.

That concerned Smith, who edged out safety James Washington for the MVP award by rushing for 132 yards, 61 of them on the 64-yard drive for the go-ahead touchdown in the third period. Smith, the first running back to be MVP in both the regular season and Super Bowl, was himself a holdout for the first two games of the season, both Dallas losses.

"Those guys produced a three-time rushing leader," Smith said of his offensive line. "They give Troy Aikman time to throw. We want them back."

But he added: "Jerry's gonna do what Jerry's gonna do."

Smith said he would not go to the Pro Bowl so that his right shoulder, separated in the final regular-season game, would have time to heal. He said he would wait about six weeks to give doctors time to decide if surgery is needed.

He also restated his suggestion that Washington be at least the co-MVP.

The backup safety, who started only because the Cowboys used a nickel defense to counter Buffalo's three wide receivers, returned a fumble 46 yards for a touchdown, intercepted a pass to set up another TD and forced a fumble that led to a field goal.

"When you're talking about James Washington, you're talking about a guy who had the best game of his life in the biggest game you could play," Smith said.



Super Bowl MVP Emmitt Smith hopes to see his offensive line return with him next season.

Bills ponder the future after record Super Bowl loss

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Good enough to "win" four straight conference championships but not good enough to win it all, the Buffalo Bills must now find the missing components that will end their four-year streak as also-rans.

It won't be a case of addition by subtraction, general manager John Butler and coach Marv Levy said. There will be no wholesale movement of players, even though the Bills lost their fourth straight Super Bowl on Sunday — 30-13 to Dallas.

"We'll evaluate, but we're not going to break up the Bills," Levy said Monday before the team departed for Buffalo. "That would be an overreaction."

Most immediately, the Bills must decide what to do with their free agents.

Two starters in the defensive backfield, cornerback Nate Odomes and free safety Mark Kelso, are in the group of players who could be signed by other teams, as are offensive line starters Howard Ballard and John Davis.

Two other special teams standouts — Steve Tasker and punter Chris Mohr — are also free

agents along with offensive guard Jim Ritcher and linebacker Richard Harvey.

The Bills could protect two of those players by naming them either a franchise or transition player, which would allow the Bills to match any offer to retain the player's services.

But that is not foolproof. Buffalo named tackle Will Wolford a transition player last year, but lost him when the Indianapolis Colts came up with an ingenious contract the Bills couldn't match.

For that reason, Butler said he's not sure the franchise or transition designation "is worth the paper it's written on."

Three other Bills — defensive end Phil Hansen and safeties Matt Darby and Kurt Schuler — are restricted free agents. The Bills could match any offer they received and would be compensated with draft picks if those players left.

Don't look for Buffalo to dip into the free

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agent pool. The Bills are already very close to the projected \$34 million salary cap the NFL is imposing next season.

"The likelihood of free agency is slim for us," Butler said.

More likely, the Bills will try to add talent through the draft. The Bills will draft next-to-last in the first round this year, but they are hopeful the league will give them an extra, high draft pick as compensation for Wolford's loss.

Free agency, and the freedom of movement it gives players, may force Buffalo away from its traditional approach of making draft choices sit and watch for a season or two.

"With the situation the way it is right now, rookies are probably going to play a lot

faster," Butler said. "We have some young kids coming that we feel are pretty good football players. A lot of them are going to get their chance to perform in a more significant role."

Butler listed two priorities — offensive line and defensive backfield — when asked about where the Bills would be looking to improve.

"When a team starts to go downhill pretty fast, it maybe happens on the offensive line and maybe we need to get some youngsters there to get ready," he said.

"I think that's going to be one of our (priorities)," he said, noting that center Kent Hull is 32, Richter is 35 and facing shoulder surgery and Davis is 28 and facing knee surgery. "It's time to get some youngsters in the fold."

Butler said the added emphasis on the passing game is also on his mind.

"In this league, you better have every defensive back you can get," he said. "You see so many three- and four-wideout sets and everybody throws so well that half your time is spent in nickel and dime. That's how Dallas played the whole game last night."

Winter Games' high prices frost Olympic visitors

LILLEHAMMER, Norway (AP) — Visitors to the 1994 Winter Olympic city are already complaining about high prices, and many assume the locals are fleeing the tourists.

Even before the main crush of visitors arrive for the Feb. 12-27 Games, prices in Lillehammer are so stiff that a German newspaper said they could give "polar bears cold feet."

For Norwegians, who hope that the Olympics will stimulate tourism, these are the normal prices in one of the world's most expensive countries.

"The wrong picture is being presented of prices in the Olympic region," said Jan Erik Halvorsen of the Norwegian Competition Authority.

"Our studies have shown that places have not yet raised their prices in connection with the Olympics."

Glasses of beer have sold for \$8 and a cup of coffee can run \$3, according to a government price survey. At the Olympic press center, vending machine offers cans of cola for \$2 each.

And that's not to mention the price of accommodations or a meal at a restaurant, where a plain burger can cost \$8.60.

Despite horror stories, the national competition authority insists that costs are no worse than Norwegians are used to paying.

At least not yet.

Norwegians consider it normal to pay \$5.33 for a beer in a pub, \$3.30 a gallon for gasoline, \$1.10 for a newspaper, \$17 for a pizza or \$5.67 for a pack of cigarettes.

According to the competition authority's Jan. 18 survey of 152 businesses in the Olympic region, prices were stable. It said the average price for a half-liter of beer, about a pint, averaged \$5.20, ranging from \$3.85 to \$8.

A cup of coffee cost anywhere from 66 cents to \$3.

But some wonder where the government went shopping, with at least one hotel demanding \$600 a night for rooms during the Olympics, and houses that have rented for about \$53,000 for the Olympic period.

"Prices are too high," said Gerhard Heiberg, president of the Lillehammer Olympic Organizing Committee.

"These people are cutting off the branch they are sitting on."

LOOC is charging the news media nearly \$130 a night per room in eight-room apartments — a total that is more per night than the apartments would probably fetch per month outside the Olympic season.

LOOC says the two cannot be compared, because the reporters are being given hotel standard service.

The government has threatened to impose price controls if Lillehammer prices run amok during the Games. Norway is spending about \$1 billion, not counting roads and related projects, on the Olympics, and wants a payback in increased tourism.

"The Olympics last 16 days, but Norway has to survive after the Games with tourism in the area," said Minister of Administration Nils Totland. "If the prices change from current levels, control systems will have to be evaluated."

The National Competition Authority said it would keep tabs on its Olympic Price Index, and could react instantly with price controls.

Sometimes local business people have cracked down on their own. When a local restaurant demanded payment two weeks in advance for meals during the Olympic period, other Lillehammer businesses helped press it into dropping the demand.

A downtown Lillehammer motel, Gjestebu, was offering beds for \$60 a night in a room for eight people, a relative bargain.

Officials say Norwegian ski course is safe

LILLEHAMMER, Norway (AP) — The crash that killed Austrian skier Ulrike Maier is unlikely to prompt any new safety measures for the Winter Olympics, officials said Monday.

Lillehammer organizers and international ski officials said the Olympic women's downhill course is safe and requires no alterations for the Feb. 12-27 Games.

"We think we have done the job as well as it can be done," race manager Svein Mundal said about safety at the Kvitfjell ski run north of Lillehammer. "We are not planning any changes but we will sharpen our eyes" for hazards.

Maier, 26, a two-time world champion and the mother of a 4-year-old girl, was killed in a crash during Saturday's World Cup downhill race in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany.

Mundal, who is in charge of the Lillehammer downhill and super-G races, said Maier's death has increased focus on security at the Kvitfjell course.

"We wouldn't run the race here if we did not think it was safe," he said. "We have been working for three years to make it safe. We have nets on both sides the whole way."

In Switzerland, Gianfranco Kasper, general secretary of the international ski federation (FIS), said little could be done to prevent similar tragedies at the Olympics.

"We have no concrete leads on what could be improved," he said. "There is no absolute security. It's like a crosswalk on a street."

Mundal said he was not planning changes in the length or route of the course, but that officials were double checking for unprotected objects, such as the timing station Maier apparently slammed into when she fell.

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There are five timing stations, and those near the fall zone are protected by double padding, so a skier would be slowed down by a primary mat before hitting any object.

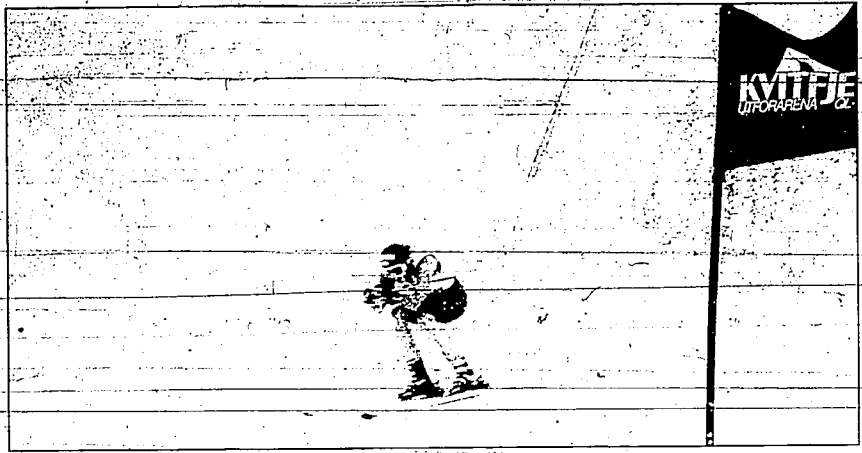
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