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Andrus: Ida dump

Retired governor calls Batt's decision to let nuclear waste shipments enter the state 'disappointing'

The Associated Press

BOISE — Idaho is again on track to be an unwilling repository for federal nuclear waste, former Gov. Cecil Andrus warns.

Gov. Phil Batt agreed Thursday to allow eight new shipments of Navy nuclear waste, a move Andrus sees as a "deeply disappointing" setback of his crusade to keep radioactive waste out of the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory.

Andrus said the pressure he has been exerting for years on the federal government to solve its nuclear waste problems is off again.

"I'm afraid that (the federal government) has gone back to business as usual, that Idaho becomes the de facto repository,"

The Idaho National Engineering Laboratory, the eastern Idaho nuclear and research facility, is one of five Department of Energy sites under consideration by the department for 5,100 shipments of spent fuel from Navy nuclear-powered ships. They would be moved by rail from various Navy yards between now and 2035.

Batt said he had little choice but to take the eight shipments, which could begin

within six weeks. He said the Navy would "have quickly prevailed in court on grounds of national security."

The Navy has publicly agreed it does not believe Idaho should be a permanent repository for the highly radioactive spent fuel, Batt said.

"I believe that gaining the cooperation of the Navy is the first step in opening a permanent repository for spent fuel outside of Idaho," he said.

But Andrus has disputed the national security rationale for many of the Navy shipments to the INEL. The Navy insists eight shipments of spent reactor fuel from the USS Enterprise must be moved now from Newport News, Va., to make way for the refueling of another aircraft carrier, the USS Nimitz.

Other facilities are available in and near the shipyard, Andrus contends, but Sen. John Warner, R-Va., does not want the waste there.

The retired Democrat said he has no intention of continually second-guessing Batt's actions, but said, "What they're promising Governor Batt is what they've promised Idaho 30 years ago. They've never lived up to it."

'I'm afraid that (the federal government) has gone back to business as usual, that Idaho becomes the de facto repository.'

— Cecil Andrus



Idaho wildlife veterinarian Dave Hunter uses a catch stick to coax a reluctant wolf from its travel crate Saturday while releasing the animal into the Idaho wilderness. Looking on at left is biologist Mike Jimenez. Four wolves, recently released into Idaho, will have a difficult time initially surviving.

The wolves' challenge: Staying alive

The Associated Press

SALMON — When Moonstar Shadow leaped out of his metal crate and his black paws touched ground along the Salmon River over the weekend, he became radio-collared proof that gray wolves have returned to Idaho.

The trip from Canada for the juvenile animal and three others was paid by the government. Now it is the wolves' own challenge to stay alive in a rugged environment — biologically and politically.

"The best thing for them is to get out in the wild and away from people, and try and

think how they're going to make a living out in the woods," said Ed Bangs, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's point man on reviving the packs in Yellowstone National Park and Idaho's Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness.

The project called for the release of 15 wolves in each zone on a yearly basis until a viable population is created. Collecting operations continue in Alberta.

The first eight wolves placed in a Yellowstone impoundment last week were members of an established pack. The four turned loose in Idaho on Saturday are not quite adults. Bangs hopes they may form

the nucleus of a pack and start breeding.

If anything, wolves are unpredictable. "A lot of times, a wolf will find a secluded spot and just kind of recapture from being caught and held in a cage," Bangs said. Or they may burn up hundreds of miles, following each other's scent through the hills.

There is a plentiful prey base in central Idaho with elk, deer and bighorn sheep. Bangs said wolves may bring down a full-grown moose. A large animal like an elk can be just as deadly with a well-aimed kick to the predator's head.

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House panel to get first look at school budget proposal

The Associated Press

BOISE — In the second week of a legislative session one lawmaker described as "the year of the tightwad," a House committee gets its first look at a budget proposal that could give lawmakers their biggest headaches.

The House Education Committee is scheduled for preliminary discussion of the public school funding bill, and it will have its choice of measures nearly \$50 million apart.

New Republican Gov. Phil Batt called in his budget message last week for general state tax support for schools of \$664 million. That would be an increase of nearly \$44 million over the current level.

That would be the second-largest school funding increase in the last six years, but far from the \$92.5 million, 14.7-percent increase the Legislature granted last year.

Anne Fox, the new Republican state superintendent of schools, will present the Education Coalition's request for \$712 million in state money. That figure was prepared by school officials, the

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Pope John Paul draws record crowd in Manila

The Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Pope John Paul II drew his largest crowd ever on Sunday for a final Mass in the Philippines, underscoring his view that the church's future lies in Asia.

And for the first time in four decades, members of China's state-sponsored church joined a pope in prayer.

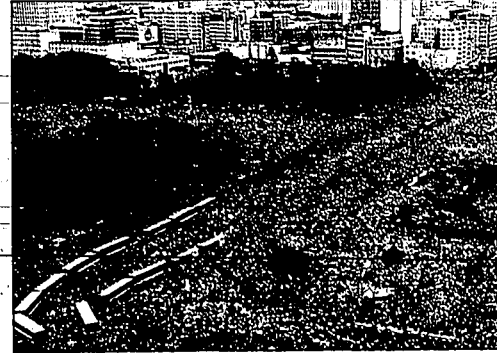
Vatican officials estimated Sunday's crowd between 2 million and 5 million, but its sheer size defied any accurate measure. People filled the huge Rizal Park, where the Mass was held, and spread for miles along wide boulevards.

The crowd clearly was larger than the 2 million people who attended the pope's final Mass in Krakow, his Polish hometown, in 1979 during his first visit to his homeland as pope.

John Paul, who arrived Thursday, leaves Monday for Papua New Guinea to continue his pilgrimage. He also will visit Australia and Sri Lanka as part of his 11-day tour.

After the Mass, the pope told Asian bishops that the Roman Catholic Church's future lies in Asia, home of two-thirds of the world's people but where only 3 percent are Christian.

"Just as in the first millennium, the cross was planted on the soil of Europe, and in the second, on that of the Americas and Africa, we can pray that in the third Christian millennium, a great harvest of faith will be reaped in this vast and vital continent," the pope said.



Part of an estimated two to five million people jam downtown Manila as they hear Mass celebrated by Pope John Paul II Sunday.

The Philippines is Asia's only predominantly Christian country, and about 85 percent of the 66 million Filipinos profess Catholicism.

Despite the enthusiasm for the pontiff here, the Vatican faces obstacles to spreading the faith to Asia's teeming millions.

U.S. airlines operating in the Pacific were alerted to a bomb threat from Muslim extremists, who U.S. and Philippine authorities said

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Weather

IDAHO Weather

Monday, January 16, 1995
An Accu-Weather forecast for daytime conditions and light temperatures

Coeur d'Alene 37°
Lewiston 37°
Boise 35°
Idaho Falls 30°
Twin Falls 40°
Pocatello 33°

Shower, Sleet, Rain, Freeze, Snow, Ice, Sunny, Pt. Cloudy, Cloudy

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Idaho Forecasts

Magic Valley

Today mostly cloudy. Scattered snow and rain showers. Highs 35 to 40. South winds 5 to 15 mph. Tonight mostly cloudy. A slight chance of snow showers. Lows in the lower 20s. Tuesday partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 30s.

Extended regional forecast

Wednesday: Mostly cloudy with scattered rain or snow showers. Lows 20 to 30. Highs 35 to 45.
Thursday and Friday: Partly cloudy and a little warmer. Lows 25 to 35. Highs 40 to 50.

Wood River Valley

Today partly cloudy. Patchy morning fog. Scattered snow showers. Highs around 30. Tonight partly cloudy. Patchy fog. A slight chance of snow showers. Lows 5 to 15. Tuesday partly cloudy. Patchy morning fog. Highs around 30°.

Treasure Valley

Today partly cloudy with patchy fog. Widely scattered snow and rain showers. Highs around 40. Light winds. Tonight and Tuesday partly cloudy. Patchy fog west of Boise. Lows in the lower 20s. Highs around 40.

Northern Nevada

Today mostly cloudy with a chance of snow showers. Highs from the upper 20s to the upper 30s. Tonight mostly cloudy. A chance of snow. Mainly cast. Lows from 5° to 20°. Tuesday partly cloudy. Highs upper 20s to upper 30s.

Northern Utah

Today mostly cloudy and colder with scattered snow showers. Highs 25-35. Tonight and Tuesday mostly cloudy with a chance of snow. Lows teens and lower 20s. Highs mid-20s to mid-30s.

Idaho weather summary

Low pressure off the northwest coast continued to bring heavy moisture across the state Sunday. Scattered rain and snow showers are expected through the first part of the week. Fog was reported at a number of stations. At 3 p.m. Sunday, winds were west to northwest near 15 mph in the southwest, while the southeast had gusts more from the south.

NATIONAL Weather

The Accu-Weather forecast for noon, Monday, Jan. 16.

FRONTS:
COLD WARM STATIONARY
Precip: H L SH SHOWERS RAIN T STORMS FLURRIES SNOW ICE SUNNY PT. CLOUDY CLOUDY

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National temperatures

	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	53	37	59
Atlanta	62	50	...
Boston	66	47	02
Chicago	64	34	...
Dallas	64	33	...
Denver	64	33	...
Des Moines	64	34	...
Detroit	39	19	...
Honolulu	80	69	11
Houston	67	36	...
Indianapolis	38	36	07
Kansas City	46	24	...
Las Vegas	57	51	...
Los Angeles	61	52	18
Memphis	42	40	...
Miami Beach	78	64	...
Milwaukee	34	31	...
Minneapolis	28	13	...
New Orleans	62	48	...
New York	59	54	01
Oklahoma City	62	28	...
Omaha	39	23	...
Pittsburgh	59	42	48
Portland, Me.	40	34	01
Portland, Ore.	47	37	...
Reno	43	32	07
St. Louis	31	28	...
Salt Lake City	35	32	91
San Francisco	56	48	06
Seattle	45	41	05
Spokane	43	30	...
Washington	65	58	41

Temperature extremes

Idaho: High, 50 degrees at Caldwell. Low, 15 degrees at Bear Lake. Nation: High, 80 degrees at Hollywood, Fla. Low, minus 9 degrees at Roscau, Minn.

For road conditions

For current road conditions, call these numbers: Twin Falls, 736-3070; Boise, 334-3731; Pocatello, 233-6726; Rigby, 735-7278; Uta, 801-261-6200; the Elko, Nev., area, 702-738-8888.

For up-to-the-minute weather information

Tune to the National Weather Service radio band at VHF-FM 162.4 or 162.55 MHz or call 423-4423.

Snow falls in Western mountains, heavy rains batter the East

The Associated Press
Heavy rain fell Sunday in the East, where flooding hit part of the Appalachians, and snow in the West closed some Wyoming highways. Parts of flood-damaged California got more rain.
By mid-afternoon, Sunday's rainfall along parts of the central and southern East Coast totaled as much as 4 inches, bringing weekend totals in some areas to more than 9 inches.
Some roads in western North Carolina remained closed by mudslides and flooding. Three Boy Scouts were killed Saturday when a footbridge collapsed as they crossed a swollen creek.
A line of strong thunderstorms pushed across eastern North Carolina and eastern Virginia, with wind gusting to 45 mph in Carteret County, N.C.
Rain also was scattered over parts of the upper Ohio Valley and lower Great Lakes.
The Northeast had another day of unseasonably mild temperatures, with Boston posting a record of 66. Wind gusting to 51 mph at Burlington, Vt.
In the West, snowfall included nearly a foot in Utah's Wasatch Mountains, with 2 to 4 inches at lower elevations in the Salt Lake City area.
Eight to 9 inches of snow fell in east-central Nevada's White Pine County, just east of Ely, and up to 6 inches of snow fell in western Wyoming.
In southwestern Wyoming, drifts and blowing snow closed a 40-mile stretch of Interstate 80 between Evanston and Fort Bridger. Some secondary roads also were closed.
Parts of California got more rain, with San Francisco collecting a record 16th consecutive day of rain. The previous record was 15 days, set in February 1936.
The storms that have given lower elevations of California heavy rain also have spread heavy snow in the Sierra Nevada, and the Kirkwood ski area reported a total of 15 feet of snow since Jan. 4.

Almanac

Idaho	Twin Falls	Yesterday	43	38	08	
Boise	Max Min Pcp	Last year	47	33	06	
Burley	41	35	27	Normal	35	18
Fairfield	35	24	02			
Gooding	m	m	...			
Hagerman	45	32	16	Month-to-date:	1-32	
Idaho Falls	m	m	...	Normal mo. to date:	6-46	
Jarvis	38	33	32	Water year to date:	6.46	
Lewiston	37	32	32	Normal year to date:	3.63	
Malad	38	32	...			
Malta	48	32	08			
McCata	m	m	...	Humidity at 8 p.m.:	85 percent	
Pocatello	37	34	17	Berometer at 8 p.m.:	29.7	
Salmoun	38	30	...			
Stanley	m	m	...			
Sun Valley	m	28	...			

Skywatch

Sunset today 5:31 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 8:04 a.m.
Lunar phase: Full Jan. 16; last quarter Jan. 23; new Jan. 30; first quarter Feb. 7.
Visible planets:
Morning, Mars, Venus, Jupiter.
Evening, Saturn, Mercury.

Proposal

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Idaho Education Association and Jerry Evans, Fox's predecessor as state superintendent.
But Fox thinks she can pare \$30 million from the coalition's proposal, and she favors a \$682 million budget — \$18 million more than the governor.
After Batt's budget presentation, some lawmakers said it will be almost impossible to fund public schools at Batt's recommended level and still meet the requirements of a new School funding formula approved last year.
The cornerstone of Batt's first budget proposal was a request for \$47.5 million in property tax cuts, and the Legislature gets its first look at that legislation on Tuesday.
It's scheduled to be presented to the House Revenue and Taxation Committee. Chairman Steve Antone, R-Rupert, said the Batt proposal will be sent to a subcommittee headed by Rep. Golden Lindford, R-Rexburg.
Batt's plan is to eliminate \$40 million in property taxes collected at the local level for school maintenance and operations, and replace it with state tax revenue.
The governor also wants the

state to put \$11 million into a fund to pay for major medical bills for indigents. That fund would be used to cover big medical bills in the future, relieving counties of the need to raise about \$7.5 million per year in property tax.
The Legislature's Joint Finance Appropriations Committee on Friday chopped \$2.25 million from state agency budgets, eliminating 104 positions which were funded but not filled. That was the first step in carrying out Batt's commitment to a leaner state government.
On Monday, the spending committee starts looking at \$31 million in supplemental funding requests. That includes \$11 million to pay 1994-95 bills that have piled up in the catastrophic care fund that was established by the Legislature but that former Democratic Gov. Cecil Andrus never allowed to be financed.
Another \$7.1 million in supplemental requests is to pay for last year's wildfire season, and \$3.4 million is to continue a child care program. The committee also will consider a bid for more than \$3.5 million to pay for keeping some inmates from the crowded state prison system in county jails.

The Department of Lands requested \$1 million to pay for environmental cleanup at the Triumph Mine site near Hailey, but Batt is recommending only \$500,000.
Early in the week, the House is scheduled to act on a resolution rejecting a 3-percent increase in base legislative pay, along with an extra \$5 per day in expenses for lawmakers who do not live in Ada County.
The House Ways and Means Committee on Friday approved the resolution, which Rep. James Sticheff, D-Sandpoint, said would save nearly \$80,000 per year in the Legislature's operating expense.
"It's expected to lose in the Senate, which would leave the pay increases in effect. They started Dec. 1 at the beginning of new legislative terms," Senate leaders say sentiment in that chamber is to approve a small increase now to avoid the need of a larger catch-up raise later.
"The salaries of Senate President Pro Tem Jerry Twigg and House Speaker Michael Simpson would go up \$450 per year. Other lawmakers would get extra base pay of \$360 plus expenses.

Pope

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were planning to attack an American aircraft to protest the pope's Asian tour.
The Mass, which took place on the church's 10th World Youth Day, marked the first time that delegates from China, including the state-sponsored Patriotic Association, had joined with the pope in prayer. China refuses to allow Catholics to accept papal supremacy.
But Japan's Kyodo News Service said all but six of the 24 Patriotic Association delegates walked out of the Mass to protest Taiwanese flags in the crowd.
Kyodo quoted delegation co-leader Shi Hong Xi as saying Filipino churchmen had promised to limit national flags to those of the Vatican and the host Philippines.
Filipino church officials, however, insisted there had been no walkout.
Vatican officials said it was the

"I personally put them (Chinese) back in the bus with the rest of the delegates at the end of the Mass," said Angie Bunuan, a Youth Day coordinator. "I stand by that statement."
During his homily, the pope told young people not to abuse drugs, alcohol and "the beautiful gift of sexuality." He also warned against following "the pervasive influence of trends and fashions publicized by the media."
"Millions of people the world over all are falling into subtle but real forms of moral slavery," the pope said.
John Paul seemed visibly moved by the size of the crowd. After mounting the podium, he stared out at the pennant-waving throng. His face seemed almost devoid of expression, his lips quivered as if he were talking to himself.
Vatican officials said it was the

largest crowd ever to gather for a papal visit.
At the end of the Mass, the pope gave special farewell messages in 13 languages: French, Spanish, Italian, German, English, Serbo-Croatian, Polish, Russian, Korean, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Japanese and Tagalog, the language of the Philippines.
Despite the sternness of the pope's message, the crowd reacted with the enthusiasm and emotional abandon of an audience at a rock concert.
Lydia Angeles, 58, said she walked six miles to get no closer than 500 yards from the altar. "Even though we won't see him, we can feel his presence," she said.
Nearly 1,000 people were treated at field clinics for dehydration and heat exhaustion. Many had camped overnight in the streets and park to catch a glimpse of the pontiff.

Wolves

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There are more dangers to Idaho's new residents, such as mountain lions and slippery mountain roads.
"I was a little nervous about the river, which is normally completely frozen over. There's some open water," Bangs said.
"The biggest threat to the gray wolf is man, who exterminated them in the West decades ago.
The rural towns circling the wilderness have mixed feelings about the wolves. Some residents welcome the return of the one missing predator in the Idaho ecosystem.

Others talk about a shoot-and-shovel solution.
Dave Hunter, state veterinarian for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, dug a bullet out of the icy ground minutes before he opened the four crates. It is evidence, that hunters can reach nearly any location in the state.
The wolves waited in their cages until the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals lifted a stay after considering legal objections from the American Farm Bureau Federation and the Mountain States Legal Foundation.
Idaho legislators met last week to

consider the state's role in managing the wolves. A day later, they pressed the Clinton administration to block the release.
Bangs said it would have been easier for two or three biologists to transport the wolves to a remote spot and set them free. But the public takes a keen interest in the species.
Idaho Fish and Game will begin daily overflights to monitor the wolves' movements. The animals' livelihood still remains Bangs' concern.
"So, now that the wolves are out, I get to worry about them," he said amid Saturday's celebration.

Idaho road report

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Department of Transportation reported wet highways across many parts of the state Sunday, with ice or snow at higher elevations. U.S. Highway 21 from Loman to Banner Summit remained closed.
Road Conditions:
U.S. 95 — Plummer-Sandpoint-Candiani border, wet; Riggins-Whitebird Hill, wet, rain; Whitebird Hill, wet, fog; Grangeville-Moscow, wet, fog; Weiser-New Meadows, dry, icy spots; Marsing-Orange line, dry.
Interstate 90 — Fourth of July Canyon, wet, rain; Lookout Pass, wet, fog.
U.S. 12 — Lewistown-Orofino, wet, fog; Orofino-Lowell, wet; Low-

ell-Loa, icy spots.
Interstate 84 — Oregon line-Boise, dry; Boise-Mountain Home, dry, wet; Mountain Home-Glenns Ferry, wet, rain; Bliss-Utah line, wet.
Idaho 55 — Icy spots.
Idaho 21 — Boise-Idaho City, dry, wet; Idaho City-Lowman, snow floor; Lowman-Banner Summit, CLOSED.
U.S. 20 — Mountain Home-Fairfield, wet, rain, snowing; Fairfield-Carey, icy spots; Arco-Idaho Falls, icy spots; Idaho Falls-Ashton, wet; Ashton-Montana line, snow floor, snowing, fog.
U.S. 26 — Idaho Falls-Wyoming line, icy spots; broken snow floor; snowing; Blackfoot-Arco, icy spots.
Idaho 51 — Wet.
U.S. 93 — Nevada line-Carey; wet;

Carey-Arco, icy spots; Arco-Salmon, icy spots, snow floor, snowing; Lost Trail Pass, icy spots, snow floor, snowing, chains advised.
Idaho 75 — Shoshone-Ketchum, wet; Galena Summit, snow floor.
Interstate 86 — Wet.
Interstate 15 — Utah line-Malad Pass, icy spots, fog; Pocatello-Idaho Falls, wet; Idaho Falls-Dubois, wet, icy spots, snowing; Monida Pass, snow floor, snowing.
U.S. 30 — McCammon-Soda Springs, wet, icy spots; fog; Soda Springs-Montpelier, wet, icy spots, snowing, drifts; Montpelier-Wyoming Line, snow floor, snowing, drifts.
U.S. 91 — Wet, icy spots.
Idaho 28 — Icy spots; snow floor, chains advised.

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Reich knocks down budget amendment

WASHINGTON (AP) — While Republicans expressed confidence Sunday that Congress would pass a constitutional amendment requiring a balanced budget, Labor Secretary Robert Reich warned that such an amendment would be a straitjacket on the government.



super-majority for "hikes" will make passage more difficult.

"I think we can get them in the House. It's a heavy-lifting job," Arney said on ABC's "This Week with David Brinkley."

"The goal of a balanced budget is not my goal," Reich said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

The government needs flexibility in its fiscal policy to respond to changing economic conditions and overcome downturns, and "I think a balanced budget amendment puts an unnecessary straitjacket on America," he said.

The Clinton administration says it supports the concept of balancing the budget, but wants that a constitutional amendment requiring the budget be balanced by 2002 would necessitate cutting about a trillion dollars from vital government programs, including education, food stamps and Medicare.

"Putting gimmicks into the constitution is dangerous economically and dangerous for our country," said Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., on CBS' "Face the Nation."

Reich

get it in the House I believe it will inspire the Senate," where opposition is stronger, Arney said.

Kasich told CBS that Republicans should make it "excruciatingly difficult" to raise taxes. "The future of this republic is at stake if we don't begin to control the size and the scope of the government."

The three-fifths rule has an excellent chance of passing, Kasich said, and, "We're working passionately and tirelessly to do it."

On other issues, Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin indicated administration opposition to proposals for a flat tax because of concerns it would ease tax government revenues and force tax increases.

Arney has proposed taxing almost all Americans at the same rate of about 17 percent while ending most deductions and loopholes. House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., has proposed his own variation of the flat tax.

Arney disputed Treasury Department calculations that his plan would cause a reduction in revenues of hundreds of billions of dollars, estimating that Treasury coffers would come up about \$40 billion short the first year.

But Rubin said Arney's plan would leave the government with a \$160 billion shortfall in its fifth year.

Kasibaum said she did not support denying welfare benefits to legal immigrants, a controversial proposal included in House Republicans' welfare reform plan.

Dodd agreed, accusing the Republicans of "nativism, pitting one part of our society against another."

But Kasich said he was leaning toward support for the proposal, saying he wanted to discourage immigrants from thinking they can rely on such payments. Republicans have said they can save \$21 billion over five years by cutting the benefits.



A set of 16 trading cards that detail the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. are available at the King Center gift shop in Atlanta for \$4.95.

King heirs step up marketing of his memory

ATLANTA (AP) — With plans for an interactive museum and journeys to Graceland for marketing tips, the heirs of Martin Luther King Jr. appear eager to step up the selling of his memory.

Marketing experts and those who have had contact with the King family say the moves are driven by a desire to control how King's message is disseminated as well as by profit.

And they caution that marketing the image of one so revered carries many pitfalls and requires a great deal of delicacy.

"There are so many millions of people that respected Martin Luther King that would want some memento of what he stood for," said Kenneth L. Bernhardt, marketing department chairman at Georgia State University.

"The danger is in trivializing the person and his accomplishments," he said.

King, a Baptist minister who helped lead a national fight for blacks' civil rights in the 1960s, was assassinated April 4, 1968, in Memphis, Tenn. He would have been 66 on Sunday. The national holiday commemorating

King's birth was celebrated for the first time Jan. 20, 1986.

While the nation observes his birth-day on Monday, the Kings are moving on several fronts.

The estate recently gave the job of handling licensing requests to Atlanta-based Intellectual Properties Management.

Dexter King, King's youngest son and head of the King Center in Atlanta, has met twice with the caretakers of Elvis Presley's image. And the family has been in a well-publicized battle with the National Park Service over rival plans for a tourist attraction in Atlanta, King's hometown.

The Wall Street Journal reported last

week that King has discussed a possible motion picture, video projects and merchandising of other products with Turner Broadcasting System Inc. and Time Warner Inc.

The companies would not confirm the talks.

Dexter King and his longtime friend Phillip Jones, who heads Intellectual Properties, did not respond to requests to be interviewed for this story.

But Jack Soden, chief executive officer of Elvis Presley Enterprises Inc. in Memphis, confirmed that King had sought advice about marketing and licensing.

"There's a distinct difference in the role Martin Luther King played in society and Elvis the entertainer," Soden said.

"But the basic mechanisms of protecting, guarding and nurturing the value of the name, image and likeness are the same."

In the nearly 27 years since his death, King's words and achievements have become ingrained in the nation's culture. But while the estate charges a royalty fee for printing the text of King's speeches, the commercial aspects of his legacy have not been extensively pursued.

The gift shop at the King Center, the complex founded by his widow to promote King's philosophy of nonviolent social change, features mostly educational items: books, audiotapes of his speeches, posters, along with a modest selection of T-shirts, pins and other memorabilia. The flashiest merchandise include a plastic drinking bottle emblazoned with King's words and a set of trading cards chronicling his life.

"We don't do shot glasses, ashtrays, things like that," said Susan Stainrod, who manages the gift shop. "Even though people request it all the time."

Ms. Stainrod would not disclose sales revenue for the shop.

House Majority Leader Dick Arney, R-Texas, and House Budget Committee Chairman John Kasich, R-Ohio, both told news programs they were confident the balanced budget amendment would pass and would include a provision requiring a three-fifths majority in Congress to vote future tax increases.

But one senior Republican demurred. Sen. Nancy Landon Kassebaum of Kansas said on NBC that the balanced budget amendment "may be like the Prohibition amendment. We may have to just get it out of our system (but) Prohibition didn't stop drinking."

Kassebaum, who has opposed the amendment in the past, said the focus should instead be on making the hard choices on spending cuts.

"I'm not quite sure why ... my colleagues in the House and Senate feel we need this happiness and security blanket to give us the courage to do this," said the chairwoman of the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee. But she did not say she would vote against such an amendment.

Republicans are thought to have the two-thirds majority they need to approve the amendment, at least in the House. But they acknowledge that the provision requiring a three-fifths

Dodd says book deal threatens speakership

WASHINGTON (AP) — Newt Gingrich's failure to abandon a book deal with a company owned by communications giant Rupert Murdoch could cost him his speakership, Sen. Christopher Dodd warned Sunday.

"I strongly advise the speaker of the House to cut this deal immediately, take nothing, move away from it. His speakership is in jeopardy if he continues down the path here and more information becomes available," Dodd, D-Conn., said on CBS' "Face the Nation."

Republicans, however, rejected Democrats' criticism and their call for an outside prosecutor to investigate the deal as mere political sniping at Gingrich.

Democrats are "trying to wound Mr. Gingrich because he wants to bring a revolution to Washington," House Budget Committee Chairman John Kasich, R-Ohio, said on CBS.

It's "nothing but political hyperbole," Kasich said.

Gingrich appeared to have stilled the furor over his deal for a \$4.5 million advance from HarperCollins for two books when he announced last week that he had given up the lucrative advance. Instead, the Georgia Republican said he would take \$1 as an advance and receive royalties from the books' sales.

But the issue resurfaced with revelations that Gingrich met Murdoch on

Nov. 28, before the book deal was concluded, and that the media magnate was accompanied by the top lobbyist for his TV holdings.

Murdoch spokesman Howard Rubenstein said Saturday that the topic of a Federal Communications Commission challenge to Murdoch's ownership of the Fox TV network was mentioned in passing during the "courtesy call," although the main discussion centered around events in Congress.

Gingrich was negotiating the book deal at the time, but said he did not know Murdoch owned HarperCollins. Murdoch has said he was unaware of the negotiations.

"This doesn't pass the smell test now," said Dodd, the newly named general chairman of the Democratic National Committee. "Mr. Murdoch is not just some innocent publisher. He has significant matters before the federal government."

But House Majority Leader Dick Arney, R-Texas, said on ABC's "This Week with David Brinkley" that it was "quite clear there was no connection between the visit and the book deal."

Democrats "are harping on this book deal because they have nothing to say about public policy," Arney said. There is no need for an outside prosecutor, he said, adding "we've got business to attend to."

Democrats: We only look like we're copying GOP

New York Daily News

WASHINGTON — Democrats have a damned-if-you-do, damned-if-you-don't defense against attacks that they're "me too-ing" Republicans.

President Clinton and his fellow Democrats are getting tagged as GOP copycats as they scramble to rebound — in danger of becoming "pale carbon copies," as Sen. Ted Kennedy, D-Mass., put it.

But the president's aides defend his

"Middle Class Bill of Rights" as a rival to the GOP "Contract With America," insisting his plan for tax cuts and government reform is a stark contrast to Republican ideas.

"The defining difference is that President Clinton ... is focusing on helping people pay for the education and training they need to get good jobs in this economy," said senior adviser George Stephanopoulos.

Besides, administration aides say, Clinton's got no choice, given the tide of the November elections, even if it does

make him look like a lame imitator.

"If we didn't do it, people would say, 'Duh, they just don't get it.'" one Clinton aide said defensively.

"He's got to be responsive to the voters," added another.

In the Democrats' defense, many of the proposals they appear to be floundering to match were not Republican originals.

Clinton ran on a middle-class tax cut, welfare reform, a pledge to "reinvent government" and deficit reduction. And House Minority Leader

Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., who last week pushed a "flat tax" that looks like a Republican plan, has backed the idea since the 1980s.

Since Clinton and the Democrats failed to accomplish many of their own ideas the past two years, however, they now "look to be responding to Republicans."

"He's trying to beat us at our own game, and that's never the smart thing to do," said GOP strategist Ed Rogers, a veteran of the Reagan and Bush White Houses.

Arson suspected in blaze killing

BURBANK, Ill. (AP) — An flammable liquid splashed in the living room and basement quickly spread a fire that killed seven members of an immigrant family who had moved to this southwest Chicago suburb a year ago.

The blaze was one of four house fires around the country Saturday that killed 21 people. On Sunday, an electrical fire at a home in Missouri killed three children.

In Burbank, dogs picked up the odor of the accelerant, which has yet to be identified, Police Chief Bill Kujawa said Sunday.

"We're treating it as a multiple homicide investigation," Kujawa said.

He refused to discuss a motive or say whether there were any suspects.

The blaze started in the living room shortly after 3 a.m. Saturday and quickly spread through the split-level house.

The dead were identified as Abdulla Yafai, 62, and his six children, whose surnames were Mohamed: Qasam, 3; Gaze, 5; Hanan, 9; Zain, 13; Aneec, 14; and Mohamed, 16.

Dr. Edmund Donoghue Jr., chief medical examiner for Cook County, said the victims died from inhaling smoke and soot.

As the fire raged through the house, Yafai managed to push his wife, Fatima Ahmed, 40, out a bathroom window.

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Scouts' bodies found in Carolina flood

LENOIR, N.C. (AP) — The bodies of two Boy Scouts were found along a flooded creek Sunday, one day after they and another teen-ager were thrown into the raging water by a collapsing footbridge.

The body of the other teen-ager, also a Boy Scout, was found late Saturday. The three had been on their way to buy candy.

The weekend flooding in western North Carolina also forced dozens of people from their homes, washed out bridges and roads, caused mudslides, and downed trees and power lines.

Western North Carolina reported 4 to 7 inches of rain Saturday, and rain continued to fall Sunday, with an additional 2 inches possible, the National Weather Service said.

The teen-agers were among a troop of seven scouts and three adults from Atlanta who had been camping in the Wilson's Creek area in Caldwell County, said Dale Coffey, the county's emergency services director.

The three boys were crossing a suspension bridge on their way to buy candy at a nearby store when their weight apparently caused the bridge to dip into the creek.

The rushing water caught the bridge and broke it from its moorings, said county emergency spokesman Dave Hill.

A witness, Hoke Propst, tried to telephone for help.

"I was looking out the window and quick as they went in, I ran up the road to call 911 — and the phone was dead," Propst said.

One of the boys was found Sunday morning in shallow water about a half-mile downstream from



Rescue workers transfer the body of Jacob Wine, 14, to a rescue vehicle near Edgemont, N.C., Sunday. Wine was one of three Boy Scouts who drowned after being swept off a footbridge over flooded Wilson Creek Saturday.

the bridge, and the second was found soon after, caught in bushes an additional half-mile downstream. The other boy was found late Saturday a quarter of a mile from the bridge.

About 50 emergency workers had

searched both banks of the creek. "Between the high water and the steep terrain, it was very tough," Coffey said.

The dead were identified as Jacob Wine and Gerard Gasque, both 14, and Kevin DuVall, 15.

Also Sunday, several people in Catawba County were evacuated from their homes near the Oxford Dam, county spokeswoman Tammy Saunders said. The dam was being pumped to its capacity, but crews had opened the flood gates.

Death rate drops; heart disease rises

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP) — Even though the death rate from heart disease dropped 24.5 percent between 1982 and 1992, heart disease and stroke still caused 42.5 percent of all U.S. deaths, the American Heart Association reported Sunday.

In its annual statistical report, the association noted with alarm that the number of cases of congestive heart failure doubled during roughly the same period. Congestive heart failure occurs when the heart becomes weakened and can no longer pump out all the blood that flows into it. In 1992, the disease was responsible for 822,000 hospitalizations, up from 377,000 in 1979. It is the most frequent cause of hospitalization for people over 65.

"It is the only cardiovascular disease that is increasing in frequency and incidence," said Dr. Maria Rosa Costanzo, chairman of the association's committee on heart transplantation and a cardiologist at Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center in Chicago. "Congestive heart failure killed 39,000 Americans in 1991, and it costs the health care system about \$40 billion per year, the association said. (The report is based on the most recent figures available, most of which are from 1991 or 1992.)

The rise in heart failure has raised disturbing questions for researchers, said Dr. Suzanne Oparil, the associ-

ation's president and a professor of medicine at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

"This alarming increase in a particularly debilitating form of heart disease is a clear signal of the need for continued laboratory and clinical research into how the heart responds to various forms of injury, how it can maintain or regenerate its pumping ability, and what makes it fail in the first place," she said.

Congestive heart failure can be treated with rest, proper diet and certain drugs. But some patients with heart failure ultimately can be helped only by a heart transplant. The association attacked what it said was one of the myths of heart disease: If a heart attack doesn't kill you, you'll recover and be fine.

In fact, the association said, people who survive a heart attack have a risk of illness and death two to nine times that of the rest of the population.

About two-thirds of heart attack patients do not make a full recovery, but 88 percent of those under 65 are able to return to work.

Woman sues to stop mental-health inquiry

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — It was late at night, and Julie Ann Clark was in a bind. She had applied for a license to practice law in Virginia. Then she came to Question 20-B: "Have you within the past five years been treated or counseled for any mental, emotional or nervous disorders?"

Clark, who once was treated for depression, didn't believe her mental-health history was the state's business, so she refused to answer the question. "Counseling is a very private matter," said Clark, 38, of Springfield, Va. "It just doesn't seem to have anything to do with my ability to practice law."

The Virginia Board of Bar Examiners disagreed and refused to issue her a license. Nearly a year after Clark passed the state's bar examination, her case was headed to federal court in a battle being watched by mental-health advocates, licensing boards and professionals across the nation.

Clark's case is among the first to be heard in a wave of litigation nationwide that challenges inquiries about mental health on licensing applications for lawyers, doctors, nurses and other professionals.

The dispute is a contentious tug-of-war between licensing boards, which want as much information as possible to assess candidates, and mental-health advocates, who say that an applicant's psychological history is irrelevant.

Over the last year, the Justice Department, which is aiding Clark and has supported other professionals fighting similar battles in other states, has vigorously pursued changes in state licensing applications, arguing the mental-health questions are discriminatory.

"Asking someone if they've ever seen a psychiatrist or other mental-health provider is nobody's business," said James H. Scully Jr., deputy medical director of the American Psychiatric Association.

Aviation officials tighten security on American planes in East Asia

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal aviation officials tightened security on U.S. planes serving East Asia, imposing new security measures on carry-on items and liquids. The intensified security came after two U.S. jetliners flying over the Pacific were ordered down in bomb scares linked to protests over Pope John Paul II's Asian tour.

The FAA, on behalf of the U.S. government and as a security precaution, is screening gels, liquids and aerosols over one ounce in carry-on bags at certain airports, said Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman Liz Neblett.

She declined to specify which airports would be affected, but a statement issued by State Department late Saturday said the intensified measures were being imposed in the East Asian region.

United Airlines flight from Tokyo to Honolulu was ordered back to Japan and another from Los Angeles to Hong Kong was instructed to land in Taipei

officials in Tokyo and Taipei reported Sunday. The incidents occurred late Saturday. No bombs were found.

"We're very concerned about these threats because of the numbers of American citizens traveling," said State Department spokeswoman Phyllis Young. "We understand the additional security measures will cause travelers some inconvenience. But we believe they are necessary to ensure the maximum possible security."

Concern over the safety of American airlines flying the Pacific increased after Philippine police arrested two Arabs and seized bomb-making equipment in a Jan. 6 on an apartment near the Vatican ambassador's residence, where the pope had been staying.

"U.S. and Philippine officials said Friday that about 40 others were being sought in what is believed to be a plot by Muslim extremists against John Paul. The pope arrived in the Philippines on Thursday on the first stop of an 11-day tour.

Democrats like earnest, honest, dull Al Gore

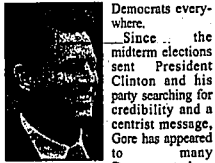
Los Angeles Times

AUSTIN, Texas — "Five point two million new jobs," the speaker droned. "Tax cuts for 12 million families." Standing straight and tall before a huge Texas state flag, Vice President Al Gore had launched once more into his fact-heavy recitation of the overlooked achievements of the Clinton administration. Not surprisingly, the audience at this recent Democratic fund-raiser was starting to drift. Even musicians in the country band that was up next plucked impatiently at their straws.

Yet if Gore's oratory is still the verbal equivalent of anesthesia, his place in the hearts of these Democrats was surprisingly high. "I'm inclined to like a dignified, seasoned fellow like this — not likely to pop off," cooed Ed Kloppe, a chin-wiskered retiree from Travis County.

Julie Cross, a family therapist from Dallas, agreed. "When Clinton's gone," she predicted, "Gore'll soar."

Such sentiments are by no means confined to Texas. A man who six years ago made such an uninspiring run for the presidential nomination that Michael S. Dukakis outflanked him even in his native South, Gore is gaining unexpected luster in the eyes of



Gore

Democrats everywhere. Since the midterm elections sent President Clinton and his party searching for credibility and a centrist message, Gore has appeared to many Democrats to be a

lower of dignity and conviction at a time when such virtues are in desperately short supply.

In one sign that they understand Gore's new aura, White House tacticians have made him the chief supporting actor in the tug-of-war with the Republicans over public attention. Despite the doubts of other aides, the government-streamlining program that Gore promoted in 1993 has risen to the top of the White House agenda, second only to Clinton's own proposal for middle-class tax subsidies.

Outside the White House, many Democrats say they believe that Gore offers new hope for the post-Clinton era, which at least some would like to see begin in 1996. "He's the one who can bring the party back from the doldrums of a tra-

umatic time," said Nathan Landow, a former chairman of the Maryland Democratic Party and a longtime Gore enthusiast.

Although he expects Gore to defer to Clinton in 1996, Landow says that "when the Democrats are looking around for somebody to lead them, it's a very short list. And I believe Al Gore leads them all."

If Gore's surging popularity in the party disturbs some Clinton loyalists,

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— Nathan Landow, former chairman of Maryland Democratic Party

he has sometimes been mocked as the president's shadow. But he has taken great pains to see that the Clintons and their allies don't see him as a threat.

In his own public appearances, he sticks strictly to the script, which often makes him sound dull to audiences — but endears him to White House aides.

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Yemen opens fire on planes

SAN'A, Yemen (AP) — Yemeni forces opened fire briefly with anti-aircraft guns Sunday when planes they believed to be Saudi Arabian entered Yemeni airspace, security sources said.

The incident over Hodeida on the Red Sea coast would be the latest flare-up in a seven-decade border dispute.

Security sources reached by telephone in Hodeida, which is about 175 miles from the Saudi border, said anti-aircraft fire sounded for several minutes after the planes flew in from the Red Sea.

The planes returned in the direction from which they came, said the sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The Yemeni and Saudi governments did not immediately comment on the episode, which could heighten tensions between the Arabian Peninsula neighbors.

Sunday's skirmish followed Yemeni claims that Saudi Arabia had massed troops at three crossing points. Both countries have accused the other of armed incursions in recent weeks.

But diplomatic sources in the Saudi capital, Riyadh, said the Yemeni charges were baseless. They claimed it was Yemen that had amassed forces along the border at the juncture with Oman, in former South Yemen.

Saudi Arabia and Yemen, the largest countries on the Arabian peninsula, have disputed their borders since the 1930s, when they fought a brief war. Relations deteriorated when Yemen backed Iraq in the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

The border dispute intensified during the past two months after Yemeni accused Saudi Arabia of building roads and military posts in what Yemen claims is its territory. It also says Saudi patrols have attacked Yemeni positions.

The Saudis insist the construction work is on their side of the border. They accuse the Yemenis of incursions and of attacking workers, killing one.

Neither Saudi Arabia nor Yemen has commented on the troop buildup. But Yemen security sources said the Saudi troops were massing in two regions about 160 miles north of San'a.

Yemen still claims three provinces that became part of Saudi Arabia in a 1934 treaty. But the border remains poorly defined, and many Yemenis want the border territory back.

Russian officers say army is falling to pieces

The Baltimore Sun

MOSCOW — The military debacle in Chechnya has forced Russians to the conclusion that their army is in serious disarray, undisciplined, poorly trained and ill-equipped.

The army's ignominious performance has exposed Russia's ultimate military secret, experienced officers and other experts say: A decay that quietly set in more than 30 years ago as severely debilitated the nation's defenses.

"The army has disintegrated," said Yuri I. Deryugin, a retired colonel and military sociologist. "The army that won World War II, that strong army, only existed until 1957. Then it gradually began to decline, so slowly that it was difficult to see."

While the United States was spending billions of dollars for powerful Cold War defenses, said Deryugin, the Soviet army it so deeply feared was beset by the same pathology eroding economic and political life.

Influence and connections began to replace intelligence and hard work in the army as in other institutions. Fulsome reports became more important than achievements.

In Chechnya, the first major military test since the failed Afghan war, the army has proven a major embarrassment to the Russian government. Small groups of Chechen rebels have held their ground while Russian soldiers absorb high casualties, destroy homes and kill civilians.

The whole world has come to know the main Russian military secret," said Lt. Gen. Alexander Lebed, who commands the 14th Army in Moldova.

"Russia no longer has an army — what it has is only military formations of boy-soldiers which are hardly capable of achieving anything."

Today's Russian army is not only poorly trained but below strength: The latest draft, conducted last fall, produced only 9 percent of the necessary recruits. About 70 percent of army divisions are at half strength; none is at more than 75 percent strength. And over a third of the soldiers failed to graduate from high school, leaving the army ill-equipped to handle modern weapons.

Russia's defense establishment for years neglected its soldiers and their training, relying instead on nuclear weapons, according to Pavel Felgenhauer, defense editor for Russia's Sevodnya newspaper.

"The truth is that the Russian army was never really as powerful as it appeared from paper comparisons between numbers of tanks and artillery pieces held by East and West," Felgenhauer wrote last week. "The Russian army was designed



A Russian army medical orderly waits with other soldiers Sunday at a Russian airbase for a helicopter to go to the combat zone in Grozny. Russian officers are saying the military disaster in Chechnya is proof the army is in serious disarray.

Tank commander says orders were unclear

NAZRAN, Russia (AP) — Russia's bungled attempt to seize the presidential palace in Grozny on New Year's Eve was undertaken without clear orders and no planning, according to a Russian tank commander captured by the Chechens.

The tank commander's comments highlighted the inefficiency of an army that appears unprepared for combat. They were also in line with earlier reports of confusion in Russia's assault on Chechnya.

Generals have ignored commands, troops have balked at being sent into a "meat grinder" and it is unclear who's in control. Even orders by Boris Yeltsin, the commander in chief, to halt air raids have gone unheeded. Lt. Col. Yuri Klapshev was at the head of a column of 25 armored personnel carriers and tanks with what he said were only vague orders to secure the presidential palace, the television center and the railroad station.

"The orders were very unclear, there was no planning," he said in an interview Saturday night, following his release Friday. He wore a dirty black tank commander's jacket, and

his greasy black hair was flicked back.

"Several times our commander went to a radio car where he screamed for orders, but no clear answer came was ever given from headquarters," he added.

Klapshev's unit managed to get as far as the railroad station, where he said they were encircled by Chechen fighters. Almost the entire column was wiped out by rocket-propelled grenades and anti-tank rockets. "I don't know how many dead bodies I lost," he said. "How can I describe when a rocket hits your vehicle, when a tank round lands three meters (yards) away from you?"

As darkness fell, Klapshev and his men tried to break back to Russian lines in their three remaining armored cars and a tank, the lights switched off and 30 men ejected to each vehicle.

"We made it to the suburbs when the tank at the head of the column was knocked out. My own armored car was hit — everyone inside was torched," he said.

Klapshev and about 75 of his men were surrounded by Chechen fighters

who were under constant Russian artillery fire.

"The walls and ceilings shook all day, all night," said the 39-year-old commander of the 131st Motorized Infantry Brigade from Maikop, in southern Russia.

He said the prisoners were not deliberately beaten, but some angry Chechen fighters "kicked and punched us when we were moved around the building."

After a debriefing by Col. Aslan Maskhadov, chief of the Chechen armed forces, Maskhadov sent Klapshev to negotiate a cease-fire with Russian commander Maj. Gen. Ivan Babichev and arrange to remove the dead and wounded.

In several meetings, Klapshev took back the same uncompromising answer from Babichev: "Lay down your arms and surrender or face the consequences."

Klapshev said Maskhadov released him to "tell the world what you saw." But he said a more likely reason was the problem of feeding the prisoners.

to fight a nuclear war, and therefore it doesn't meet with much success in conventional fighting." The decline only recently became clear for all to see, thanks to the general liberalization of society. For the first time, Deryugin said, officers and

infantrymen can discuss shortcomings openly.

A 19-year-old soldier named Alexei deserted last week as he

was about to be sent to Chechnya. After a year in the army, he feared he didn't know how to defend himself.

"I only used a Kalashnikov once," he said, "and I never managed to hit the target."

Sasha Belov, 18, a tall, black-haired youth, is back from the front for now, lying in an Interior Ministry hospital outside of Moscow where he is being treated for rotting skin on his feet and legs.

"Of course we didn't know how to behave in battle," he said. "We were only taken to the target range twice."

He was sent to Chechnya seven months after he was drafted. His group had five armored personnel carriers, only two of which worked.

"Everything depended on commands from Moscow," he said, "and in Moscow they were wearing holes in their trousers" — meaning they were sitting out the seats of their pants by wearing out their chairs.

On a snowy day last week, Col. Mikhail Moskolets sat in a car outside a Moscow army post and talked about the military's fissuring and crumbling. Officers and soldiers going in and out of this military installation showed little hesitation at chatting with a foreigner, giving their names and talking openly.

Moskolets, 35, has been in the Army 18 years. "Every year I have watched the training get worse," he said. "On paper the regulations and requirements have gotten stricter, but that's only on paper."

"No one wants to go into the army now," the colonel said. "They know it's a bad life with low pay" — about \$3 a month for privates, less than a prison inmate gets.

Moskolets earns \$128 a month as head of an elite communications group. He has a variety of other jobs that provide his real income. He works at a bank and as a security guard. He builds cottages in the countryside. In between, he uses his car as a taxi, picking up fares in Moscow. Those jobs produce twice as much income as his salary from the army.

"It's evident you can't concentrate on your military work when you have to worry about other jobs," he said.

Most of Moskolets' contemporaries have left the military, he said. He has stayed on, bound by tradition and nostalgia. He is one of a line of officers in his family, a line stretching back to a great-grandfather.

But Moskolets' driving ambition is to make sure his only son, now 6, never has to serve in the army. The colonel's father created the unit the colonel now commands. "I'm presiding over the end of it," he said. "It makes me very sad."

U.S. rights envoy visits China, reports no progress for release

BEIJING (AP) — The top U.S. envoy for human rights appealed for the release of Wei Jingsheng, China's most famous dissident, but had no progress to report Sunday in Wei's case or others following talks with Chinese officials.

John Shattuck, the assistant secretary of state for human rights, said he told Chinese officials that the human rights situation in China has not improved over the past year.

No progress has been made in freedom of speech, association and religion, Shattuck told reporters after 2½ days of talks with Vice Foreign Minister Liu Huaqing and other officials.

While there were "plenty of disagreements," the talks showed that human rights remains an important part of U.S. relations with China, he said.

cited concerned legal reforms, including a new law giving Chinese citizens the right to sue officials and collect damages.

Shattuck said he appealed for the release of prisoners held for speaking their views, including Wei, detained without charge since last spring.

Shattuck also asked for the release of Wei's assistant, Tong Yi, who was sentenced without trial in December to 2½ years of hard labor in detention.

About a dozen dissidents are known to have been sentenced to labor camps in recent months. Chinese police have the right to sentence suspects to labor camps without court proceedings.

Wei, a leader in a 1979 democracy movement, served most of a 15-year prison sentence and was released in the fall of 1993. He resumed speaking out for democratic change and told reporters

about a meeting with Shattuck last spring.

Wei disappeared shortly after that meeting. He was arrested several days after telling foreign reporters about Wei's arrest.

Shattuck also protested China's practice of rounding up and detaining dissidents at the time of foreign visits "solely for the purpose of preventing them from exercising freedom of speech and association."

Dissidents in Beijing reported being followed by police beginning Friday.

Chinese authorities detained 15 dissidents last March, when Shattuck and Secretary of State Warren Christopher visited China. This round of talks was Shattuck's first in Beijing since then.

Shattuck said he also raised religious and cultural restrictions in Tibet and other rights abuses.

New year brings little hope for peace

MOUNT JAHORINA, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — The first few days of the Orthodox New Year brought no happiness and hope for peace for most Bosnian Serbs. But for some it was a time of celebration.

Spasoje, a Bosnian Serb soldier on patrol in knee-high snow and sub-freezing temperatures, snorted when asked about the party going on just a few miles up the road inside a warm and cozy ski resort.

"Are they celebrating?" asked Spasoje, pointing to the Hotel Bistrica. "Why didn't they come to visit us here and bring some food?"

His words expressed the outrage of fellow soldiers and ordinary people who have suffered through almost three years of war while some prosper

They assume that anyone with money in the middle of their misery is a war profiteer.

"They are all just filling their pockets and celebrating," commented Spasoje, who did not want to give his full name.

It was noon Saturday, New Year's Day for the Orthodox. Hotel guests were waking up after a night of revelry and gathering in the lounge for morning coffee.

Well-dressed, relaxed and happy, they laughed as if front lines weren't just 12 miles to the west of this mountain near Sarajevo, once a venue of the 1984 Winter Olympics, now held by Bosnian Serbs.

"We had great a time," said Radoslav Milinkovic, one of 350 people

gathered over the weekend at the hotel for the celebrations.

The menu for the occasion included cold appetizers, meats and vegetables, cakes, wine and champagne. Famous folk singers from neighboring Serbia were on hand for entertainment.

Part of the festivities was a lottery, with tickets costing \$40 each — a little more than what the average front-line soldier earns in a month. The prize was a week at a Montenegrin seaside resort in summer.

"We just want to live normally for a while and forget about the war," explained hotel manager Dragan Pekovic, claiming the profit would be given to soldiers on the front lines or to charity.

Charles suspends tattling valet

LONDON (AP) — Now it's Prince Charles' valet who could be in royal trouble.

Buckingham Palace suspended Ken Stronach, whose tales about Camilla Parker Bowles sneaking into Charles' bedroom covered six pages of the nation's top-selling Sunday newspaper. A Buckingham Palace spokesman said only that Stronach was suspended pending an official inquiry and consultations with police about "security implications."

The News of the World quoted Stronach as saying that Charles neutralized the security system in his bedroom when Mrs. Parker Bowles, his intimate friend of many years, spent weekends at his country residence.

The system emits beams that trigger an alarm if anyone enters the room after Charles retires, Stronach said.

"There have been intruders before," Stronach was quoted as saying, but it is something to do, but he's blind to everything where the lady is concerned."

Mrs. Parker Bowles, 47, announced last week that she is divorcing, generating speculation that Charles, 46, may one day marry the woman reputed to be the love of his life.

She has been staying with friends since the announcement that her 21-year marriage to Andrew Parker Bowles, 55, a retired brigadier, was over.

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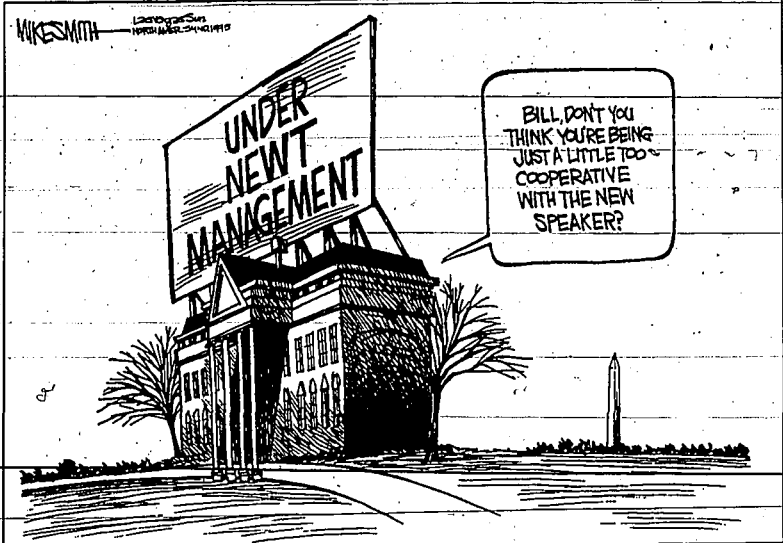
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Clinton should ride Republicans' tide

Memo to: Bill Clinton
From: A Nonmember of Your 1996 Campaign Team

James P. Pinkerton

Re: Getting Re-Elected
There's bad news and good news for you as 1995 begins. The bad news: The country has rejected what your party stands for. The good news: Since nobody knows exactly what you stand for, you still have enough wiggle room to eke out a victory next year. Here's what you do: Sign almost everything the Republicans put in front of you.

amendment, with more than half even supporting a capital gains tax cut!
Let's face it: The historic mission of the Democratic Party in the 20th Century — to use bureaucratic government to help the working class become the middle class — has been accomplished.

Mr. President, your advisers are telling you to adopt a "contrast strategy" with the Republicans. That's the wrong plan for you. You won in 1992 by fuzzing up the differences between yourself and George Bush. That year, Bush was the tax-increaser, you were the tax-cutter.

The new challenges are to keep the middle class afloat in the global economy and to lift up the underclass — and bureaucracy is a terrible tool for either of those missions. Some smart Democrat will figure out a new deal for your party. But you don't have time for that.

In the 1994 elections, you clarified your differences with the Republicans — and look what happened. America enjoyed peace and prosperity; yet the Democrats still got clobbered. Now what does that tell you about the "contrast strategy?"

The dire straits of Democrats today are comparable to those faced by the GOP in the '50s. The country was liberal back then, but the Republican president, Dwight Eisenhower, served two terms. How? He accommodated reality. His credo was "Modern Republicanism," or pastel liberalism. Conservative Republicans were outraged; Barry Goldwater called it "Time Store Day." But how many presidential elections did he win?

It's not your fault that the country has shifted to the right; your goal is to make sure you don't drown in that conservative tide. Look at the headline in The Washington Post last week: "Public Agrees With Goals of the GOP." A poll in the accompanying article found that eight in 10 Americans support a balanced-budget

The bottom line is that when the ideological tide is against you, you're better off going with the flow. Even after the disastrous 1958 midterm elections nearly wiped out the Republicans, Ike could have won a third term in 1960 (though the 22nd Amendment barred him from trying).

Heck, Richard Nixon ran that year as a "rite-too" Republican in the Ike mode, and he only lost by 106,000 votes out of 70 million ballots cast.

Obviously, you don't want to announce that you're going to capitulate to the Republicans — so capitulate quietly. Let noisy liberals, like Labor Secretary Robert Reich and Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., skirmish with the GOP.

Meanwhile, you stay above the fray and look for openings. For example, make the Republicans squirm by asking how they can balance the budget while cutting taxes, raising defense spending and quarantining Social Security.

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Reader comment
Jon Marvel

The Legislature chooses to protect public lands ranchers from free-market competition for valuable public resources, it is only perpetuating a system of welfare government which is now in the process of being dismantled in Washington, D.C., and should have thought, in Boise, Idaho who are not public lands ranchers be denied the right to lease school endowment lands? And why should we have to forego additional funding for the public school endowment funds which would be gained by fair competition for these leases?

The challenges *The Times-News* to look beyond the bromides provided by public lands ranching agents and become a leader in reporting the true condition of school lands and waters as well as the economic realities of public lands ranching.

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The whole idea of creating an absolute preference for ranchers on Idaho school lands contradicts every tenet of the Republican majority in the Legislature as well as our new governor. When legislation to protect public lands ranchers from competition is debated in Boise this winter, citizens might ask their legislators why billions are spent protection from fair play in the free market.

One might conclude from *The Times-News* article that if accountability and enforcement of welfare rules is being assured for AFDC recipients, then the same degree of accountability ought to be required of public lands ranchers.

Of course, even if such special-interest legislation should pass, it will still face the test of the Idaho Constitution, where the interests of the school children of Idaho remain protected and equal protection of the law for all citizens of Idaho are still guaranteed.

Jon Marvel, a Halley architect, heads the Idaho Watersheds Project.

Letter

County crash is Democrat failure

Well, what you don't know! (Re: John Walker of Rupert, Dec. 12.)

Obviously, you crowed too quick about California's richest county filing for bankruptcy and blaming it on Republicans instead of Democrat David Cron, county treasurer since 1970.

Your message was all sour grapes and hog-wash! The antagonism of thinking only Democrats can run the nation was proven wrong when voters turned the political landscape upside down. When you think you are the "cock of the walk," someone else might be having chicken or dinner.

The real message was against big government, the liberal dictators that had control of power for 40 years and the Clintons.

Big government starves the successful and feeds the failures. The liberals departed from the constitutional system, letting it too big, too intrusive and they tumbled. The ousted can sit back and enjoy their millions in pensions they racked off from the taxpayers. The Clintons will be like dead fish wrapped in newspaper.

The liberals routinely borrowed from dedicated funds. In 1992, the federal debt to such accounts exceeded \$1 trillion — the largest being

\$400 billion from the Social Security fund — which was reported as where they got money for their pay raises. Some have recently confessed they got not in a bidding war with Reagan over who could produce a bigger tax cut in 1981 and ended up with \$2.6 trillion added to the debt.

Stop blowing smoke and spreading fog about Reaganomics and get the facts. First, remember the Carter years of long gas lines, inflation at 13.4 percent and interest at 21 percent. During Reagan's term, we had 96 months of economic growth and the longest peacetime in history. Interest rates came down. The rich paid 46 percent of the taxes, the stock market nearly tripled, and we were able to finance a military build-up that brought the Soviet empire to its knees.

According to the Congressional Budget Office, the top 1 percent of the rich paid 25 percent of all federal income taxes in 1990, a 40 percent increase over 1980. The bottom 60 percent paid 11 percent in 1990, 20 percent less than in 1980.

Reagan will go down in history as our best president, the Clintons the worst, and he showed it with his two dead ducks — one each for him and Hillary.

ILA BURGESS
Jerome

Letters

Debate focuses on government

I gazed into my crystal ball and see a Micron the size of a kilometer spread across the pristine valley of a new Eden.

Micron Technology is coming to the Magic Valley and locating near the Hansen-Eden interchange ... or haven't you heard? And Scrooge asked, "Oh spirit, are these portents of what will be or what might be?"

The hood-brotherhood gurus desperately want to move here, and they ask but one question: Do you want us? Will you worship our small crystalline wafer whose network of faith is spanning a global web with the rapidity of a holy firestorm?

Think of it! A tiny backyard village in a small backwater state the heart of the most powerful, modern, new-age crystal-growing entity in the entire world. Such an honor. Kneel in awe; they savor cometh.

Make no mistake. "It" will radically alter the magic of Magic Valley. Jobs, trickle-down industry, retail, land development, mega bucks, drugs, crime, congestion, taxes. You get the whole enchilada, no pickin' and choosin' allowed.

You can't stop progress. So many want to — hunkering down in the bunker waiting for the second coming, wistfully bemoaning the loss of the buzzing flies around what was once a manger, fomenting against the newness that, not having as yet absorbed the last new change.

So many others drooling over opportunities: profits, adventures and conglomerates yet to be consummated.

The mountains surrounding Lake Cleveland yawn. Ho hum, they lazily, softly whisper.

Truth is, not Twin but Butte or Burley's.

gonna deal with it. Not so big a deal, really — a 15 percent increase spread over five years. The early settlers heretobore weren't so wimpy.

The real question is, how much will you allow/mandate your governments to sacrifice on your behalf to obtain this holy-grail of cold fusion? In dollars for sure, but also in arms, legs, hearts and souls.

Will you commune with me, the crystalline wafer asks? The mountains yawn, for the answer is blowing in your wind.

PHIL AUTH
Berger

Micron would help young people

This is a letter in support of Micron coming to Twin Falls as I believe this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to have a very solid and clean industry for our young people.

The young people of this community do not have an opportunity to earn a decent wage with good health and retirement benefits, and I think Micron would offer both. A large majority of the people of the Magic Valley are working for peanuts, with very little in the way of any type of benefits and not much hope of ever achieving a decent standard of living.

Yes, Micron would bring thousands of new people and the associated problems of population increase, but it also will bring thousands of new jobs and new hope for the residents of this community who deserve a better standard of living.

I keep reading about the complaint that we will not be able to handle the influx of the new people and the infrastructure problems. Whatever happens to the pioneer spirit of the Western people that I

have heard so much about? If we can't handle a growth of a couple of thousand people over a period of four to five years, then we might as well settle back into our rocking chairs and let the rest of the world go by. I believe we have some people in the Magic Valley that have already settled into their chairs, and they could care less about the welfare of the young people of the valley.

Yes, Micron will bring in some associated growing problems — a need for new housing, additional schools, added police and fire protection and other facility requirements. It will also add a new tax base from both its building site and from the new property owners who build in the Magic Valley to help pay for these new expenses.

Micron will also bring a new level of excitement to the valley that will recharge the entire area and give new hope to thousands of local people who are looking for a better life. The College of Southern Idaho graduates hundreds of students each year and, for the most part, these students usually have to leave the area for a good-paying job. Micron could change that.

I commend the chamber of commerce members (well, most of them anyway) for their positive approach to bringing Micron to the Magic Valley and for their concern for the future of our young people. I would like to commend the City Council for its willingness to examine the possibility of bringing Micron to the Magic Valley. I believe the \$41,000 for the TUB study will be money well spent and will give us some valuable information for the future.

DAVID PERKINS
Twin Falls

BY GARRY TRUDEAU





A firefighter marks fatality locations inside the Northridge Meadows Apartments on Jan. 17, 1994, in Los Angeles after Southern California's largest earthquake struck the area. The 'DB' on the wall stands for 'dead body.' Overall, 61 people were killed in the quake which buckled freeways and caused \$20 billion in damage.

The nightmares remain

For some, life will never be the same following the big quake

LOS ANGELES (AP) — In Pat Mekinski's recurring dream, she is in a building, any building, when the shaking starts. And then she is buried alive.

Twelve months and more than 250 miles from the epicenter of Southern California's worst earthquake, and still she has this dream. Awake, she will not ride an elevator. She will not drive on an interstate highway. And she will never return here, where she and her husband, Tony, managed the Northridge Meadows Apartments.

In the Northridge quake, which killed 61 people, buckled freeways and caused \$20 billion in damage, there was no greater site of death and destruction than that 164-unit complex.

Sixteen tenants, including a 14-year-old boy, died when the second floor became the first and the sign out front promising "luxury resort living" became a cruel joke.

In the year since last Jan. 17, the Mekinskis have seen nearly every point on the spectrum of human behavior: looting, greed, fear, sacrifice and good. It is an experience they will never get over.

Nine months ago, they fled to booming Las Vegas, with hundreds of other fed-up Californians. Tony would have stayed. Pat refused.

In Vegas, bad luck followed like a shadow. Within weeks of arriving, Pat, 47, fell in a casino restaurant and broke her wrist. She hasn't been able to work since. Their car was stolen. Their new apartment complex caught fire. Tony was in an auto accident.

Still, it is better than California. To Pat, anyway. Tony, 51, is the opposite of his wife — stoic, not a talker about things he can't change. "We survived," he said recently, seated in a Vegas casino. "We have the dog."

The Mekinskis left their native Baltimore and headed to California in 1974. They became the managers at Northridge Meadows 10 years later. They were conscientious caretakers, the kind who would change an elderly



Tony and Pat Mekinski fled to Las Vegas following last year's Northridge earthquake which destroyed the 164-unit apartment complex which they managed.

resident's light bulb, the kind who took sick tenants to the hospital.

"That's the kind of family we were," Tony said.

Even now, they can mull off apartment numbers and the residents who matched. Especially the ones who died when the earth heaved at 4:31 a.m.

No. 105, Cecilia and David Pressman, both 72. No. 123, Darla Enos, 42, whose husband survived. "He was drinking a cup of coffee. She was in the bedroom," Tony said.

No. 102, the Englers, Sharon and Phil, who did everything together and died the same way. They were just a few years from early retirement. Crushed in their bed, they died holding hands.

Tony now works as the maintenance supervisor of a large apartment complex. It's not the same as managing

your own, but he has adjusted. It's been harder for Pat, who spent weeks in a cast-up to her shoulder, unable to even dress herself.

Every Southern California aftershock leaves her sleepless. "Always, just in the back of her mind, is the memory of what it was like to wake in blackness with the house pitching."

"I screamed, 'Earthquake!'" she recalled. Then, the Mekinskis shot straight up in the air.

That's when Pat got hysterical. Tony, true to his nature, bounced quietly in bed. "When I looked up and saw our wall tear like newspaper, I thought, 'Well, maybe I better get up,'" he said.

Nothing was where it was supposed to be. "I could smell gas," Pat said. "Babies were crying. Everybody was screaming."

She escaped their third-floor apartment via the sliding glass terrace door. She climbed down a boat ladder hoisted by a tenant. This is what the Mekinskis carried: their beloved Pekingese, Nicky; a few papers; her mother's wedding ring, and the clothes on their backs.

Dawn rose like thunder. The first floor was gone, crushed into the subterranean parking garage.

They had nothing. "I remember looking at my toothbrush — one given to him by a shelter worker — and thinking 'This is all mine. I don't have to share it with anyone.' That's how crazy you get when you lose everything," Tony said.

When they moved east in March, they had salvaged a few more items from the shattered apartment — mostly clothes. They arrived in Vegas with no jobs, no place to live and no furniture.

They replaced a few things, but they don't think much any more of personal possessions.

And as bad as things have been, they still live by their own creed.

"As long as we're happening, the rest of it will happen," Tony said. "The secret to us is staying together. As long as we're together, that's all that matters."



Relief workers examine the Northridge Meadows Apartments soon after the earthquake struck, heavily damaging the complex in Los Angeles, Jan. 17, 1994. The quake, which registered 6.6 on the Richter Scale, killed 16 people in the building.

Northridge quake relief totals

The Associated Press

The Northridge quake is the most expensive natural disaster in U.S. history, with some 669,042 people registering for state and federal assistance. The previous high was 1989's Hurricane Hugo, when registrations totalled 303,000.

Here are some of the major federal and state aid figures for the quake, according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency:

- Temporary housing program: 531,234 applied, 397,822 assisted, \$1,138,064,000 disbursed.
- Individual and family grants: 282,954 referrals, 191,482 assisted, \$181,944,842 awarded.

- Disaster unemployment assistance: 8,772 claims, 4,586 paid, \$7,099,737 awarded.
- Crisis counseling: \$35 million.
- Total funds allocated: \$2,521,917,983.
- Separate from FEMA and state funds are Small Business Administration loans made available at reduced interest rates to earthquake victims:
- SBA loan applications received: 228,727.
- Number approved: 115,206.
- Total amount of approved loans: \$3.7 billion.
- Number of applications still being processed: 1,800.

Northridge temblor provides costly lesson to Southern California

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Northridge earthquake woke Los Angeles up to the disturbing discovery that an otherwise moderate temblor could shake a steel-frame building so badly that its joints crack.

"The strong ground motion is the real story," said Jim Mori, the seismologist who heads the U.S. Geological Survey office in Pasadena. "We really began to see for the first time how buildings, bridges, lifelines behave in an earthquake. There's a lot of evidence that the ground shakes harder than we might expect."

The quake that struck in the weeks of Jan. 17, 1994, is giving scientists a case study in urban Los Angeles temblors, something seen only a few times in the last six decades.

By exploring links between geology and ground shaking, scientists hope to locate the areas most vulnerable to life and property losses.



Southern California's largest earthquake destroyed this four-story parking structure.

They're still marveling at the surprisingly powerful motions from last

year's quake, which at magnitude 6.7 is considered moderate by geological standards.

"Northridge is a wakeup call," said John A. "Trailer" Martin, a structural engineer who has been opening up walls to hunt for joint damage at a cost of \$1,500 to \$2,000 per weld.

The failure of modern, steel-frame buildings leaves engineers "pretty high and dry," Martin said.

Without a proven alternative design, it's hard to advise building owners, especially when the cost of replacing broken joints can run to a prohibitive \$4 million or \$5 million, he said.

It was Martin who recommended that the Olympic Center, a West Los Angeles commercial building, be vacated months after the quake because its joints were too compromised to withstand further shaking. Repairs will make the building functional again, he said.

In the year since the earth slipped some 11 miles below the San

Fernando Valley, seismologists have learned more about buried faults, or those that never come to the earth's surface.

They now warn that ruptures on such faults pose a potentially greater threat to Los Angeles than the feared "Big One" on the mighty San Andreas.

In a paper published in the Jan. 13 issue of the journal Science, James F. Dolan of the Southern California Earthquake Center argues that Los Angeles is in store for additional Northridge-sized quakes, or even larger ones, to release unrelieved stress in the earth.

He found so much strain has built up that 17 Northridge-sized quakes should have occurred since 1800 — yet there have been only two.

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I challenge The Times-News to look beyond the bromides provided by public lands ranching agencies and become a leader in reporting the true condition of school lands and waters as well as the economic realities of public lands ranching.

In the Jan. 8 issue, I was struck by the constant between The Times-News' support for legislative action to prevent the Idaho Watersheds Project from acquiring state school land leases and an article on Page B-1 which discussed legislative enforcement of regulations affecting welfare recipients in the Magic Valley. If we accept one arbitrary definition of welfare as government-funded protection or relief, then public lands ranchers throughout Idaho are just as much welfare recipients as those receiving Aid to Families with Dependent Children. One major difference between the two groups is that at least AFDC recipients have to show real need before they are accepted onto the welfare rolls.

One might conclude from The Times-News article that if accountability and enforcement of welfare rules is being assured for AFDC recipients, then the same degree of accountability ought to be required of public lands ranchers.

The citizens of Idaho understand that when

Reader comment
Jon Marvel

the Legislature chooses to protect public lands ranchers from free-market competition for valuable public resources, it is only perpetuating a welfare government which is now in the process of being dismantled in Washington, D.C., and one would have thought, in Boise. Why should the 99.8 percent of the people of Idaho who are not public lands ranchers be denied the right to lease school endowment lands? And why should we have to forego additional funding for the public school endowment funds which would be gained by fair competition for these leases?

The whole idea of creating an absolute preference for ranchers on Idaho school lands contradicts every tenet of the Republican majority in the Legislature as well as our new governor. When legislation to protect public lands ranchers from competition is debated in Boise this winter, citizens might ask their legislators why billionaires need protection from fair play in the free market.

Of course, even if such special-interest legislation should pass, it will still be the test of the Idaho Constitution, where the interests of the school children of Idaho remain protected and equal protection of the law for all citizens of Idaho are still guaranteed.

Jon Marvel, a Halley architect, heads the Idaho Watersheds Project.

Letter

County crash is Democrat fault

Well, what do you not know! (Re: John Walker of Rupert, Dec. 12).

Obviously, you crowd too quick about California's richest county filing for bankruptcy and blaming it on Republicans instead of Democrat David Citron, county treasurer since 1970.

Your message was all sour grapes and hogwash! The arrogance of thinking only Democrats can run the nation was proven wrong when voters turned the political landscape upside down. When you think you are the "cock of the walk," someone else might be having chicken for dinner.

The real message was against big government, the liberal dictators that had control of power for 40 years and the Clintons.

Big government starves the successful and feeds the failures. The liberals departed from the constitutional system, letting it get too big, too intrusive and they tumbled. The customer can't be asked to enjoy their millions in pensions they raked off from the taxpayers. The Clintons will be like dead fish wrapped in newspaper.

The liberals routinely borrowed from dedicated funds. In 1992, the federal debt to such accounts exceeded \$1 trillion — the largest being

\$400 billion from the Social Security fund which was reported as where they got money for their pension plans. Some have recently confessed they got in a bidding war with Reagan over who could produce a bigger tax cut in 1981 and ended up with \$2.6 trillion added to the debt.

Stop blowing smoke and spreading fog about Reaganomics and get the facts. First, remember the Carter years of long gas lines, inflation at 13.4 percent and interest at 21 percent. During Reagan's term, we had 96 months of economic growth and the longest peacetime in history. Interest rates came down. The rich paid 46 percent of the taxes, the stock market nearly tripled, and we were able to finance the military build-up that brought the Soviet empire to its knees.

Reagan will go down in history as our best president; the Clintons the worst; and he showed it with his two dead ducks — one each for him and Hillary.

ILA BURGESS
Jerome



Clinton should ride Republicans' tide

Memo to: Bill Clinton
From: A Nonmember of Your 1996 Campaign Team
Re: Getting Re-Elected

There's bad news and good news for you as 1995 begins. The bad news: The country has rejected what your party stands for. The good news: Since nobody knows exactly what you stand for, you still have enough wiggle room to eke out a victory next year. Here's what you do: Sign almost everything the Republicans put in front of you.

Mr. President, your advisers are telling you to adopt a "contrast strategy" with the Republicans. That's the wrong plan for you. You won in 1992 by fuzzing up the differences between yourself and George Bush. That year, Bush was the tax-increaser, you were the tax-cutter.

Remember: In the 1994 elections, you clarified your differences with the Republicans — and look what happened. America enjoyed peace and prosperity; yet the Democrats still got clobbered. Now what does that tell you about the "contrast strategy"?

It's not your fault that the country has shifted to the right; your goal is to make sure you don't drown in that conservative tide. Look at the headline in The Washington Post last week: "Public Agrees With Goals of the GOP." A poll in the accompanying article found that eight in 10 Americans support a balanced-budget

James P. Pinkerton

amendment, with more than half even supporting a capital-gains tax cut!

Let's face it: The historic mission of the Democratic Party in the 20th Century — to use bureaucratic government to help the working class become the middle class — has been accomplished.

The new challenges are to keep the middle class afloat in the global economy and to lift up the underclass — and bureaucracy is a terrible tool for either of those missions. Some smart Democrats will figure out a new deal for your party. But you don't have time for that.

The dire straits of Democrats today are comparable to those faced by the GOP in the '50s. The country was liberal back then, but the Republican president, Dwight Eisenhower, served two terms. How did Eisenhower's reality. His credo was "Modern Republicanism," or pastel liberalism. Conservative Republicans were outraged; Barry Goldwater called it "Dim Sum New Deal." But how many presidential elections did he win?

The bottom line is that when the ideological tide is against you, you'd be better off going with the flow. Even after the disastrous 1988 midterm elections nearly wiped out the Republicans, Ike could have won a third term in 1960 (though the 22nd Amendment barred him from trying).

Heck, Richard Nixon ran that year as a "me-too" Republican in the Ike mode, and he only lost by 100,000 votes out of 70 million ballots cast. Obviously, you don't want to announce that you're going to capitulate to the Republicans — so capitate quietly. Let noisy liberals, like Labor Secretary Robert Reich and Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., skirmish with the GOP.

Meanwhile, you stay above the fray and look for openings. For example, make the Republicans squirm by asking how they can balance the budget while cutting taxes, raising defense spending and quarantining Social Security.

And here's the best news: Since presidents can't veto constitutional amendments, nobody'll blame you for the fallout from a balanced-budget amendment.

You should adopt the same "get along, get along" strategy on welfare reform, term limits, Regal reform and the rest of the Contract With America. The country wants that stuff — that's why the Republicans wrote it! If you follow this advice, hard-core Democrats will be enraged and you'll likely get a primary challenge.

But if you win re-election, you'll be in better shape for the general election. Indeed, you'll be able to say: "You wanted a less-government agenda? You got it. So re-elect the team that brought it to you!"

James P. Pinkerton is a columnist for Newsday.

Letters

Debate focuses on government

I gaze into my crystal ball and see a Micron the size of a kilometer spread across the pristine valley of a new Eden.

Micron Technology is coming to the Magic Valley and locating near the Hansen-Eden interchange — or haven't you heard? And Scrooge asked, "Oh spirit, are these portents of what will be or what might be?"

The hood-bushrobed gurus desperately want to move here, and they ask but one question: Do you want us? Will you worship our small crystalline wafer whose network of faith is spawning a global web with the rapidity of a holy firestorm?

Think of it! A tiny backwater village in a small backwater state the heart of the most powerful, modern, new-age crystal-growing entity in the entire world! Such an honor!

Make no mistake. "It" will radically alter the magic of Magic Valley. Jobs, trickle-down industry, retail, land development, mega buses, drugs, crime, congestion, taxes. You get the whole enchilada, no pickin' and choosin' allowed.

You can't stop progress. So many want to — hunkering down in the bunker waiting for the second coming, wishfully bemoaning the loss of the buzzing flies around what was once a manger, fomenting against the newest change, not having as yet absorbed the last newest change.

So many others drooling over opportunities, profits, adventures and conglomerates yet to be contemplated.

The mountains surrounding Lake Cleveland yawn. Ho hum, they lazily, softly whisper.

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gonna deal with it. Not so big a deal, really — a 15 percent increase spread over five years. The early settlers herabouts weren't so wimpy?

The real question is, how much will you allow/mandate your governments to sacrifice on your behalf to obtain this holy grail of cold fusion? In dollars for sure, but also in arms, legs, hearts and souls.

Will you commune with me, the crystalline wafer asks? The mountains yawn, for the answer is blowing in your wind.

PHIL ALUTH
Berger

Micron would help young people

This is a letter in support of Micron coming to Twin Falls as I believe this is a unique and clean industry for our young people.

The young people of this community do not have an opportunity to earn a decent wage with good health and retirement benefits, and I think Micron would offer both. A large majority of the people of the Magic Valley are working for peanuts, with very little in the way of any type of benefits and not much hope of ever achieving a decent standard of living.

Yes, Micron would bring thousands of new people and the associated problems of population increase, but it also will bring thousands of new jobs and new hope for the residents of this community who deserve a better standard of living.

I will not be able to handle the influx of the new people and the infrastructure problems. Whatever happened to the pioneer spirit of the Western people that I

have heard so much about? If we can't handle a growth of a couple of thousand people over a period of four or five years, then we might as well settle back into our rocking chairs and let the rest of the world go by. I believe we have some people in the Magic Valley that have already settled into their chairs, and they could care less about the welfare of the young people of the valley.

Yes, Micron will bring in some associated growing problems — a need for new housing, additional schools, added police and fire protection and other facility requirements. It will also add a new tax base from both its building site and from the new property owners who build in the Magic Valley to help pay for these new expenses.

Micron will also bring a new level of excitement to the valley that will recharge the entire area and give new hope to thousands of local people who are looking for a better life. The College of Southern Idaho graduates hundreds of students each year and, for the most part, these students usually have to leave the area for a good-paying job. Micron could change that.

I commend the chamber of commerce members (well, most of them anyway) for their positive approach to bringing Micron to the Magic Valley and for their concern for the future of our young people. I also would like to commend the City Council for its willingness to examine the possibility of bringing Micron to the Magic Valley. I believe the \$41,000 for the JUB study will be money well spent and will give us some valuable information for the future.

DAVID PERKINS
Twin Falls

Doonesbury



BY GARRY TRUDEAU



A firefighter marks fatality locations inside the Northridge Meadows Apartments on Jan. 17, 1994, in Los Angeles after Southern California's largest earthquake struck the area. The 'DB' on the wall stands for 'dead body.' Overall, 61 people were killed in the quake which buckled freeways and caused \$20 billion in damage. AP photo

The nightmares remain

For some, life will never be the same following the big quake

LOS ANGELES (AP) — In Pat Mekinski's recurring dream, she is in a building, any building, when the shaking starts. And then she is buried alive.

Twelve months and more than 250 miles from the epicenter of Southern California's worst earthquake, and still she has this dream. Awake, she will not ride an elevator. She will not drive on an interstate highway. And she will never return here, where she and her husband, Tony, managed the Northridge Meadows Apartments.

In the Northridge quake, which killed 61 people, buckled freeways and caused \$20 billion in damage, there was no greater site of death and destruction than that 164-unit complex. Sixteen tenants, including a 14-year-old boy, died, when the second floor became the first and the sign out front promising "luxury resort living" became a cruel joke.

In the year since last Jan. 17, the Mekinskis have seen nearly every point on the spectrum of human behavior, looting, greed, fear, sacrifice and good. It is an experience they will never get over.

Nine months ago, they fled to booming Las Vegas, with hundreds of other fed-up Californians. Tony would have stayed. Pat refused.

In Vegas, bad luck followed like a shadow. Within weeks of arriving, Pat, 47, fell in a casino restaurant and broke her wrist. She hasn't been able to work since. Their car was stolen. Their new apartment complex caught fire. Tony was in an auto accident.

Still, it is better than California. To Pat, anyway. Tony, 51, is the opposite of his wife — stoic, not a talker about things he can't change. "We survived," he said recently, seated in a Vegas casino. "We leave the dog."

The Mekinskis left their native Baltimore and headed to California in 1974. They became the managers at Northridge Meadows 10 years later. They were conscientious caretakers, the kind who would change an elderly



Tony and Pat Mekinski fled to Las Vegas following last year's Northridge earthquake which destroyed the 164-unit apartment complex which they managed. AP photo

resident's light bulb, the kind who took sick tenants to the hospital.

"That's the kind of family we were," Tony said.

Even now, they can rattle off apartment numbers and the residents who matched. Especially the ones who died when the earth heaved at 4:31 a.m.

No. 105, Cecilia and David Pressman, both 72. No. 123, Darla Enos, 42, whose husband survived. "He was drinking a cup of coffee. She was in the bedroom," Tony said.

No. 102, the Englers, Sharon and Phil, who did everything together and died the same way. They were just a few years from early retirement. Crushed in their bed, they died holding hands.

Tony now works as the maintenance supervisor of a large apartment complex. It's not the same as managing

your own, but he has adjusted. It's been harder for Pat, who spent weeks in a cast-up to her shoulder, unable to even dress herself.

Every Southern California aftershock leaves her sleepless. Always, just in the back of her mind, is the memory of what it was like to wake in blackness with the house pitching. "I screamed, 'Earthquake!'" she recalled. Then, the Mekinskis shot straight up in the air.

That's when Pat got hysterical. Tony, true to his nature, bounced quietly in bed. "When I looked up and saw our wall tear like newspaper, I thought, 'Well, maybe I better get up,'" he said.

Nothing was where it was supposed to be. "I could smell gas," Pat said. "Babies were crying. Everybody was screaming."

She escaped their third-floor apartment via the sliding glass terrace door. She climbed down a boat ladder hoisted by a tenant. This is what the Mekinskis carried: their beloved Pekinges, Nicky, a few papers, her mother's wedding ring, and the clothes on their backs.

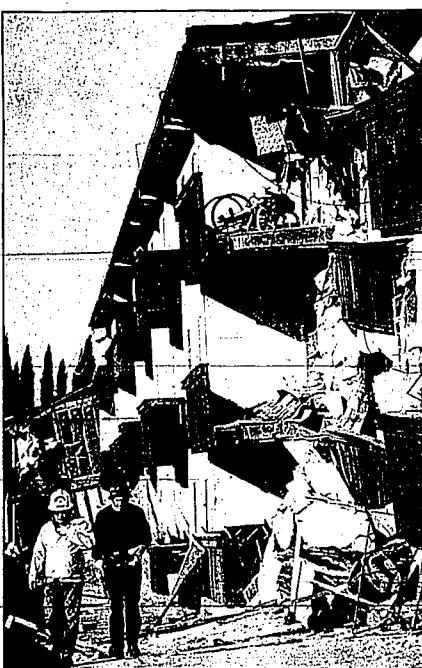
Dawn rose like thunder. The first floor was gone, crushed into the subterranean parking garage.

They had nothing. "I remember looking at my toothbrush" — one given to him by a shelter worker — and thinking "This is all mine. I don't have to share it with anyone." That's how crazy you get when you lose everything," Tony said.

When they moved east in March, they had salvaged a few more items from the shattered apartment — mostly clothes. They arrived in Vegas with no jobs, no place to live and no furniture. They've replaced a few things, but they don't think much any more of personal possessions.

And as bad as things have been, they still live by their own creed.

"As long as we're happening, the rest of it will happen," Tony said. "The secret to us is staying together. As long as we're together, that's all that matters."



Relief workers examine the Northridge Meadows Apartments soon after the earthquake struck, heavily damaging the complex in Los Angeles, Jan. 17, 1994. The quake, which registered 6.6 on the Richter Scale, killed 16 people in the building. AP photo

Northridge quake relief totals

The Associated Press

The Northridge quake is the most expensive natural disaster in U.S. history, with some 669,042 people registering for state and federal assistance. The previous high was 1989's Hurricane Hugo, when registrations totalled 303,000.

Here are some of the major federal and state aid figures for the quake, according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency: Temporary housing program: 531,234 applied, 397,822 assigned, \$1,138,064,000 disbursed. Individual and family grants: 282,954 referrals, 191,482 assisted, \$181,944,842 awarded.

Disaster unemployment assistance: 8,772 claims, 4,586 paid, \$7,099,737 awarded.

Crisis counseling: \$35 million.

Total funds allocated: \$2,521,917,983.

Separate from FEMA and state funds are Small Business Administration loans made available at reduced interest rates to earthquake victims:

SBA loan applications received: 228,727.

Number approved: 115,206.

Total amount of approved loans: \$3.7 billion.

Number of applications still being processed: 1,800.

Northridge temblor provides costly lesson to Southern California

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Northridge earthquake woke Los Angeles up to the disturbing discovery that an otherwise moderate temblor could shake a steel-framed building so badly that its joints crack.

"The strong ground motion is the real story," said Jim Mori, the seismologist who heads the U.S. Geological Survey office in Pasadena. "We really began to see for the first time how buildings, bridges, lifelines behave in an earthquake. There's a lot of evidence that the ground shakes harder than we might expect."

The quake that struck in the wee hours of Jan. 17, 1994, is giving scientists a case study in urban Los Angeles temblors, something seen only a few times in the last six decades.

By exploring links between geology and ground shaking, scientists hope to locate the areas most vulnerable to life and property losses.



Southern California's largest earthquake destroyed this four-story parking structure. They're still marveling at the surprisingly powerful motions from last

year's quake, which at magnitude 6.7 is considered moderate by geological standards.

"Northridge is a wakeup call," said John A. "Tuller" Martin, a structural engineer who has been opening up walls to hunt for joint damage at a cost of \$1,500 to \$2,000 per weld.

The failure of modern, steel-frame buildings leaves engineers "pretty high and dry," Martin said.

Without a proven alternative design, it's hard to advise building owners, especially when the cost of replacing broken joints can run to a prohibitive \$4 million or \$5 million, he said.

It was Martin who recommended that the Olympic Center, a West Los Angeles commercial building, be vacated months after the quake because its joints were too compromised to withstand further shaking.

Repairs will make the building functional again, he said.

In the year since the earth slipped some 11 miles below the San

Fernando Valley, seismologists have learned more about buried faults, or those that never come to the earth's surface.

They now warn that ruptures on such faults pose a potentially greater threat to Los Angeles than the feared "Big One" on the mighty San Andreas.

In a paper published in the Jan. 13 issue of the journal Science, James F. Dolan of the Southern California Earthquake Center argues that Los Angeles is in store for additional Northridge-sized quakes, or even larger ones, to release unrelieved stress in the earth.

He found so much strain has built up that 17 Northridge-sized quakes should have occurred since 1800 — yet there have been only two.

Alternatively, the area's six major fault systems could generate one 7.2 to 7.6 magnitude quake every 140 years to release the same stress, but there hasn't been such a large occurrence in 210 years.

Money

401(k) pay frozen to pay for GATT

Chicago Tribune

Those savvy enough and well-paid enough to contribute the maximum to company 401(k) savings plans will have to curb their zeal this year and save only the amount they put away last year.

A measure tied to the world-trade pact reached under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade freezes at \$9,240 the maximum annual contribution allowed by workers to 401(k) plans. That's the same limit as last year.

Previously, the government had allowed the limit on contributions to rise at the cost-of-living rates raised by other government programs.

The measure linked to the GATT legislation is intended to help pay for provisions of the pact, which aims to stimulate trade by reducing tariffs. The contribution cap is intended to raise revenue by reducing, as salaries rise, the portion of a worker's income that can be sheltered from taxes.

Company 401(k) plans, which allow employees to deposit savings for retirement before their dollars are taxed, are increasingly popular among employers and employees. But the frozen limit is likely to affect only the heartiest of savers, and most likely only the most highly paid.

In 1993 the limit on contributions was \$8,994, which rose to the now-frozen level of \$9,240 in 1994, said Carol Bielenza, a manager at Ernst & Young.

Someone would have to earn \$92,400 a year to reach the cap with a contribution of 10 percent of income.

Many highly paid employees already are restricted as to how much they can contribute to 401(k) plans because of company rules or complex fairness tests governing the plans.

But the GATT legislation will carry its effect into years beyond 1995, Bielenza said.

With news so good, why do we feel to bad?

Chicago Tribune

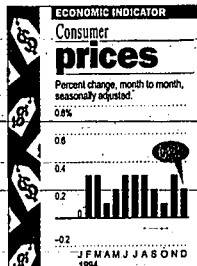
The good-news merchants at the Labor Department were at it, again Wednesday, this time delivering word that inflation, the great globler of purchasing power, spent a fourth consecutive year in near-hibernation.

The benign 2.7 percent rise in consumer prices in 1994, which economists say is expected to follow a similar path this year, caps the best four-year inflationary period this country has seen since the early days of Lyndon Johnson's presidency in the mid-1960s.

It comes in the wake of unusually robust numbers on wholesale prices, unemployment, job creation, exports and overtime at the nation's factories, with some of the best figures reported in years and — in some cases — decades.

So why, as the saying goes, do we feel so lousy when conditions are so good? Because the numbers — at least the ones that make an almost daily appearance in newspaper business pages and television graphics — don't tell the whole story.

They don't lie, but they also don't begin to explain the schizophrenic nature of an economy in transition, an economy that features



seemingly profitable companies sacking thousands of workers.

They are also behind the discomfort Americans feel in a superficially booming economy. While the new Republican Congress and President Clinton try to outmaneuver each other in the tax-cut sweepstakes, the underlying uncertainty in the economy, suggesting government — even a tax-cutting one — cannot provide what voters want: economic security.

The real trouble is in terms of the perceived confidence in the recovery stems more from some of the

tough problems persisting on the job front. Layoffs are still continuing under the guise of restructuring," said Stephen Roach, senior economist at Morgan Stanley & Co. in New York.

"More significantly, the survivors of restructuring are working harder and longer than ever and under the threat that if they don't deliver they could be the next victims of restructuring."

While economists engage in the daily conjecture about the timing and amount of the next interest rate bump from the Federal Reserve Board, most Americans with a less lofty view of the numbers search for some practical explanations in this era of economic contradictions.

"I wish some of the Fed officials who think the economy is too strong would come back to St. Louis and meet some of the families and workers who are barely making ends meet," House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., said this week.

The laws of physics dictate that for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction. This applies, as well, to the economy as the most salaried workers made in 1994 — well-paid — but eaten up by the hike in the cost of living.

In constant earning dollars,

Americans have been either losing ground or barely breaking even since January, 1987, according to government figures. These are the numbers that give the annual inflation report meaning.

"When others are wise and lucky — as America has been for much of its history — an implicit social compact knits together business success, rising living standards and pro-business politics," Labor Secretary Robert Reich said in a speech last fall.

"But the erosion of the old middle class poses a threat to the bargain that has paid off so well for so many American citizens — and American companies. As most Americans work harder for less, and the American dream recedes, the much-wanted competitiveness of the American economy seems like a cruel hoax."

Evidence of the deterioration of economic security is documented in a report to be released Thursday by the Bureau of the Census. Titled "Dynamics of Economic Well-Being: Labor Force and Income, 1990 to 1992," the report shows that men between the ages of 25 and 54 who left full-time employment and found new full-time jobs during that period saw their average earnings decline 20 percent.

Not only did they find jobs with lower compensation, the report states that it took them longer to find those new jobs.

The decline in real income from 1989 to 1991 was 5.1 percent, far worse than the 1.9 percent drop during the recession of 1980 to 1982 and the 1.6 percent drop in 1969-70, the report said. The oil price-induced recession of 1972-75 resulted in a higher income decline — 5.7 percent — but the recovery was followed by a period of generally higher wage hikes, allowing workers to recover some lost ground, although the higher earnings were accompanied by higher inflation.

Although the Census Bureau report covered the period of an economic downturn, four straight years of modest inflation have contributed to a further stagnation of earnings power, despite the trappings of an economic recovery.

"That's the real puzzle of the current economy," said Jared Bernstein, labor economist with the Washington-based Economic Policy Institute. "The rewards from economic growth continue to be inequitably distributed, such that the majority of American families are running as fast as they can just to keep up."



AP/Bob Bianchini

Employers ban computer games at office

The Associated Press

The state of Virginia recently suffered a high-tech headache that is striking many employers these days: computer games.

The cure turned out to be a few taps on the delete key.

When some workers complained about colleagues loafing at their keyboards playing computer solitaire, the state banned games and ordered removal of those that come with new Windows software.

As with free pencils and private telephone calls, some bosses say help yourself when it comes to computer games in the workplace. Others just say no.

Sears, Roebuck and Co. banned games nearly three years ago, mainly to save disk space, a company spokesman said.

Others fear computer viruses and lawsuits over copyright infringement

if workers copy their own games onto office machines. But the reason employers cited most often for banning games was that it looks bad to customers.

A week after installing new computer software in June 1993, Boston-based Garber Travel Service yanked the games and banned all external software.

"All it took was one guy playing games, and a missed phone call or something. Someone saw him playing solitaire and so the volcano erupted," said Rock Blanco, who is in charge of technology for Garber, an international travel agency with 458 employees. Blanco said the company never worried about computer games consuming work time. He estimated that far more time is lost on smoking breaks.

Nowhere is the need to look industrious taken more seriously than government. Kentucky's

Office of Management and Budget adopted a policy last May barring its 1,700 employees from playing — or even having — computer games at work. Similar policies exist in West Virginia and Pennsylvania. "We're sitting here in public offices, open to the public, and I would not want to have to explain" someone at play, said Dalene McCann, co-author of the no-games policy.

Now Virginia's state workforce of 110,000 people can't play games on its 103,000 computers. Melissa Herring Dieke, deputy press secretary for Gov. George Allen, said the ban ordered a month ago by Allen's chief of staff was a response to "dozens of calls" from upset workers tattling on their colleagues.

The games quarry literally comes with the technology. Windows, Microsoft's popular software for operating computers,

comes with solitaire and Minesweeper, in which the user finds bombs on a grid.

Windows has included games since 1987, and objections are rare, said Brent Ethington, product manager for Windows at Microsoft in Redmond, Wash. Removing the games is easy; instructions come with the software. "For the majority of customers we talk to, it's not an issue," Ethington said.

Still, a suspicion lingers that computer games pose a distracting menace. In a survey last year by SBT Accounting Systems of San Rafael, Calif., 6,000 computer users reported wasting an average of 5.1 hours a week on computers. Maybe five percent of that — 15.3 minutes — was playing games during work hours, said David Harris, head of sales and marketing at SBT, a software publisher and management consulting firm.

Little impact seen from seed firm sale

LEWISTON (AP) — The acquisition of Stegner Grain and Seed Co. by Japanese-owned Columbia Grain Inc. of Portland, Ore., is expected to have little immediate impact on the north central Idaho grain industry.

But the sheer size of Columbia and its parent company, Marubeni Corp. of Tokyo, will cause many to keep a watchful eye.

Columbia is one of the eight leading grain exporting firms operating along the Pacific Northwest coast. It ships to 30 export destinations on five continents, Jonathan F. Schluster, executive vice president of the Pacific Northwest Grain and Feed Association at Portland, said.

The two companies announced Monday that Columbia will acquire a majority interest in the Stegner family operation; and that the three Stegner brothers, David, Joseph and Paul, will remain involved.

The price was not disclosed, but it includes Stegner's barge-loading elevator at the Port of Willama near Clarkston, a seed processing plant at Pullman, Wash., merchandising office at Great Falls, Mont., six dry pea, lentil and seed processing plants and country grain elevators at Grangeville, Fenn, Kamiah and Craigmont, plus the former Nezperce Storage holdings purchased last month by Stegner.

Those include grain elevators at Nezperce, Cottonwood, Big Butte and Russell Ridge.

Columbia already has an office at Colfax and has had a barge-loading elevator at Central Ferry since 1978. Marubeni acquired Columbia in 1978.

Columbia, with both its own assets and those of Marubeni to draw from, could exercise some clout locally by paying farmers more and making up the loss on the export end.

Japan is the No. 1 cash market for Pacific Northwest grain, so it should come as no surprise that Japanese companies are getting involved in origination.

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Magic Valley

Around the valley

Offices observe Martin Luther King Day today

TWIN FALLS - Today is Martin Luther King Day - a holiday for federal and state employees.

Rest offices will be closed Jan. 16, with normal delivery on Saturday.

Federal, state, and county offices will be closed, but city offices will remain open.

All banks throughout the Magic Valley will be closed.

The Twin Falls Public Library will be open for regular hours from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Emergency police, fires and ambulance services will be available, as will regular trash collection.

Law and insurance offices will remain open.

Magic Valley Mall will be open for regular hours Monday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Grocery stores will remain open on Monday. Albertson's will be open from 7 a.m. to midnight. Wares and Smith's will be open 24 hours a day.

Councilman opposes yearly automatic \$20 pay raises

TWIN FALLS - City Councilman Chris Talkingan says the council shouldn't have automatic yearly pay raises.

An ordinance passed in 1993 bumps the monthly salary of each council member by \$20 at the beginning of each calendar year. The council will consider an amended ordinance today fixing the mayor's monthly salary at \$870 and a council member's monthly salary at \$620. Each council member also would receive \$410 per month in health benefits.

The council also will take another look today at new canyon-rim laws, as well as a resolution to begin judicial validation of a regional "enhanced" 911 system. The council will meet at 4 p.m., then again at 6 p.m., at City Hall.

Medical center shows good health after annual audit

TWIN FALLS - With total assets of about \$60.5 million, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's annual audit of the 1993-94 fiscal year which ended Sept. 30 shows the medical center is in good shape.

The medical center's board will hear an audit report from Deloitte & Touche partner Paul Child at its 7 p.m. meeting tonight in the medical center's doctors' meeting room.

After the 1992-93 fiscal year, the medical center's total assets were about \$58.4 million and its equity was about \$17.8 million. The equity of the hospital after this last fiscal year was about \$20.4 million.

The medical center's total revenues were about \$42 million last fiscal year compared with about \$41.5 million the previous fiscal year; total revenues were about the same both years at about \$40.4 million.

Also at the board meeting, members will receive an update on contract negotiations with Quorum Health Resources Inc., the medical center's management company, and the \$2.5 million renovation of the medical center's maternity department.

The development of the proposed physician-hospital organization also will be discussed.

Habitat for Humanity sets annual board meeting

TWIN FALLS - Habitat for Humanity of the Magic Valley will hold its annual board meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension at 210 Bluff Lakes Boulevard N.

New board members and officers will be elected.

Idaho transportation office sports automated system

TWIN FALLS - A new automated system implemented Oct. 3 for noncommercial license plate registration connects the Idaho Transportation Department's Registration Services section to all county offices throughout the state.

The new system consolidates 23 separate license plate programs into one, has individual record reprint capabilities, and cuts printing time by 75 percent.

To complete this system, new hardware, color terminals, and high-speed printing equipment were installed in county offices. The equipment was upgraded in the district offices and registration forms are also new this year, according to Registration Services Manager Herb Kinney.

The new system is the product of a four-and-a-half-year effort by IDT to meet the demands of a growing population, the capabilities of advancing technology, and the requirements of new registration laws. Equipment costs for the new system were \$600,000.

Compiled from staff and reports

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'The Triad' arms seniors against cons

By Mychel Matthews Goodman
Times-News correspondent

KIMBERLY - A local senior citizen was convinced by a wandering handyman that his rain gutters needed cleaning.

"By the way," the handyman told the elderly man after he had finished his work, "you have a soft spot in your roof, and it really needs fixed or it's going to cave in."

Alarmed, the elderly man asked the handyman to fix the roof.

The handyman then nailed a 2-by-4 to the roof - and charged the elderly man \$500.

It's just part of many senior citizens' nature to trust strangers, said Kimberly, police Chief Pat Birmingham.

But that nature can be dangerous, he said. Because of their trusting nature, many seniors are easy targets for such con artists.

But teach that senior about the wily ways of the con, and the con won't have a target.

"It's so simple, we should have thought of it before," said Sgt. Bill McDaniel, a fraud investigator with the Twin Falls Sheriff's Department.

Actually, the idea had been conceived several years ago.

A program called "The Triad" - founded by members of the American Association of Retired Persons, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, and the National Sheriff's Association - has been successfully raising the awareness of crimes against seniors across the nation, since 1988.

Now every law-enforcement agency in Twin Falls County has pledged its support to the program, to battle crimes against seniors by teaching them how to avoid becoming victims.

"These scam artists are smart," McDaniel said. "They're experts at building trust and preying on people's vulnerabilities."

The program is not unlike the Neighborhood Watch and Crime Stoppers programs already in effect, McDaniel said, but with a focus on the elderly.

Seniors need to know how to spot a scam, McDaniel said. They need to know how to say no. And they need to know how to report a crime.

Not surprising, about 75% of such crimes go unreported, he said.

"A lot of times when a senior becomes a victim, they're scared. They don't know what to do," Birmingham said. "Many times they're embarrassed."

But the Triad - Symbolic of the police and sheriff's departments uniting with senior citizen groups - is out to change that.

"It's really the seniors helping the seniors," said Sheriff Wayne Tousley, with law enforcement providing the tools.

An advisory committee is now being formed - for young and old alike, Chairwoman Rosemary Evans said.

"I think we're going to see a lot of Baby Boomers that really want to be involved in this," Evans said. "They have parents that they are concerned about."

Anyone interested in volunteering can reach Evans at 736-4713 or 1-800-488-5731.

Glenns Ferry Ambulance Service gets clean bill of health from state

By Kristi Madison
Times-News correspondent

GLENN'S FERRY - Contrary to residents' complaints, the Glenns Ferry Ambulance Service is operating effectively and according to regulations, according to a state inspector.

"The investigation failed to find any collaborative evidence in support of the complaints. The facts directly opposed the complaints," Andrew Edgar concluded at the end of an unannounced eight-day investigation.

Edgar is a state of Idaho Emergency Medical Services regional consultant. His report is on file at city hall and the ambulance office.

Edgar disproved allegations of untrained drivers, slow response time, improper staffing,

inadequate supplies and poorly maintained vehicles.

Many of the complaints referred to problems that existed before the hiring of current Director Marla Spence, who is reorganizing the service.

"The Elmore County Ambulance Service began reorganization with the hiring of a new director ... on Oct. 24, 1994," Edgar wrote.

"Prior to that event, the service operated without policy and procedures, infection control policy, adequate staffing in Glenns Ferry, preventive maintenance or daily operational guidelines."

All of these problems, raised by residents, were the result of previous administrations and have been or are being corrected, he wrote.

To improve the public image of the service, the ambulance staff recently invited residents

to tour the facility and observe demonstrations during an open house.

"This is the first time we've done this, to show what has been done, but I'd like to see it happen again," Spence said.

Advanced EMTs performed CPR and trauma demonstrations for the approximately 20 people who attended. Ambulances were opened for public observation, as well.

"We're basically an open house every day," said D.J. Chest, Elmore County training officer and coordinator. "This is a small community, and we'd like to see the new supervisors get to know the people personally."

Chest told residents that supervisors perform blood pressure checks as necessary and often make house calls to perform minor medical services or assistance free of charge, as a public service.

Crowd pleaser



It's not the Snake River Canyon, but Tanner Wray's 'Jump' attracts the attention of cousins, Justin Anderson and Asla Brooks. The three junior daredevils were taking turns on the bike at a relative's home in Filer on Saturday.

Jerome mulls sewage plant decision

By Anna Pierson
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - The mayor and City Council this week interviewed two companies interested in operating the sewage water treatment plant.

Officials from Operations Management International Inc. and Professional Services Group Inc. made presentations.

The city has not officially decided to use a private contractor to operate the sewage plant, but held the interviews to prepare for a decision on the matter.

Councilman Elza Hall said four options remain on the table. The city could:

- Accept a full contract bid that would involve a company like the two interviewed.
- Hire a contract manager without staff.
- Hire a new manager and retain control with the city.
- Maintain the existing operational staff.

While the decision has not been made, some changes in management are likely to occur because both Operations Management International Inc. and Professional Services Group presented poor to moderate ratings of the city's plant in their on-site evaluations.

Employee safety and plant efficiency were listed as the major problem. Exposed wires, poor ventilation, and no fall prevention measures jeopardize staff safety and are a liability for the city.

Both companies said that the resources available in a company are significantly greater than if the city contracted with just a manager.

Wayne Heinemann, proposed project manager for Operations Management International Inc., said that the cost of

A look at sewage proposals

Jerome City Council is considering proposals from two companies to operate the city's sewage treatment plant. A look at the proposals:

Operations Management International Inc.	Professional Services Group Inc.
• 5-year contract	• 5- or 10-year contract
• Annual savings to the city - \$34,000	• Annual savings to the city - \$12,500
• Project Manager: Wayne Heinemann	• Project Manager: Charles Fenton
• Will retain current Jerome employees at equal or better pay, plus benefits and bonuses.	• Will retain current Jerome employees with equal or better pay, plus benefits including sick leave and vacation carry-over.
• Priorities: value, safety, efficiency, preparation for the future, personnel relations and community relations.	• Priorities: reduce costs, satisfy regulations, safety, and minimize change for current employees.

hiring outside consultants to do the work that a company could do internally would offset any costs saved by hiring a manager alone.

"To obtain a manager with experience comparable to one that you would receive as part of a total company package would cost the city at least 50% more than the current manager is paid," Heinemann said.

Both companies have extensive experience in operating treatment plants. They have staff that track environmental regulations and experts that can assist in writing permits. Internal training programs are also offered by both companies.

Operations Management International Inc. is offering a five-year contract guar-

anteed to save the city \$34,000 annually. Twin Falls city's sewage treatment plant has been operated by Operations Management International Inc. since 1985.

Professional Services Group Inc. proposed either a five- or ten-year contract that would cut at least \$12,500 from the city's annual treatment plant budget.

The decision to accept a private contractor or to retain operations by the city is on the agenda for the next council meeting on Tuesday. If the city chooses to accept a full contract bid, negotiations with one of the companies will likely begin soon.

An official announcement of the new management plan is expected at the Feb. 7 council meeting.

Officers not strangers to shooting site

By Julie M. McKinnon
Times-News writer

BUHL - Police officers were no strangers to 213 14th Ave. N., where 31-year-old Olivia Jimenez was charged Saturday with murdering her 38-year-old husband, Feliciano Garcia Beltran.

"We had been out there on previous domestic incidents," said Buhl Police Department Officer Stephen Kissik on Sunday. "They've been living within Buhl for at least six months."

"They were married as far as we know," said Kissik, adding that the couple has an 8-year-old daughter.

Jimenez was charged with second-degree murder following the 4 p.m. Saturday incident and is in Twin Falls County Jail, Kissik said. She probably will be arraigned on the charge Tuesday since county courts are closed today in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Kissik said.

Jimenez has had protection orders against Beltran, but police will have to check Tuesday when the courts are open to see if in effect, he said. Kissik said he does not think Jimenez had a current protection order against Beltran.

As far as police can tell, Jimenez and Beltran currently were living at the same address, he said.

A Sunday morning autopsy on Beltran's body showed he was shot once in the chest with a mini-14, a small version of an M-16 rifle, said Twin Falls County Coroner Gene Turley.

Beltran died instantly, Turley said. Kissik said Buhl Police Cpl. Jonny Johnson

Please see STRANGERS/B2

Gooding finds extra low bond bid for school

By Terrell Williams
Times-News correspondent

GOODING - A lower than expected bid on bonds this week will save the Gooding school district about \$600,000 over the next 20 years.

School officials opened bids this week for the \$6,085 million bond issue to build a new elementary/middle school. Low bidder was A.G. Edwards, a broker working through First Security Bank in Gooding; Edwards bid 6.18 percent, which Kilmer said is excellent for the district.

"We are really pleased. We thought it would be higher," he said. "The difference between 6.18 percent and the anticipated 6.5 percent is about \$30,000 a year in interest over the (20-year) life of the bonds. Small percentage points really make a difference. It's surprising."

Kilmer said the district will have the money in the bank by Feb. 1. Investors who want to buy the bonds can do so through First Security, he said, predicting that the bonds will be snatched up in a hurry.

"They said they'll be first in a week or two because this is the first municipal bond sale in Idaho this year," Kilmer explained. "That may be one of the reasons the price is down—There's good for us."

Interest gained on bonds is free of state or federal taxes, he said, which is the equivalent of about a nine percent interest rate. He added that the depend rate investors receive will increase on the length of time they have the bonds, but the overall average is 6.18 percent.

"I'm not trying to push these bonds, but it is a good buy for somebody," Kilmer said.

Meanwhile, plans for the new school building are about 50 percent completed. Architects, school officials and the citizens' building committee will meet to work on the plans at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the district office. The public is welcome.

"This is a good time to make any changes," Kilmer said.

In other business at the trustee meeting this week:

The School Board approved a trip to Reno, Nev., for the high school music department, directed by Tony Randall. For the second year, Gooding students will go to Reno for the Northwest Music Festival in April to attend concerts and enter competitions with other bands from several states.

High School Principal Dennis Osman was honored as one of the four finalists for the title of best secondary principal in Idaho. Osman was nominated for the contest by Kilmer and by retired Buhl superintendent Gene Piles. Osman came to Gooding from Buhl two years ago. Students at Gooding supported Osman by writing letters of praise and the principal was interviewed by contest judges.

"(Osman) has very good discipline in a firm but very friendly way," Kilmer said. "If you've ever met him, he's a big man and he comes across real strong, but the kids really like him. He has a very good personality. The kids respect him. He's fair."

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Briefly

Interstate gets new look this summer

TWIN FALLS - About eight miles of westbound Interstate 84 from the U.S. 93 interchange to the Idaho-50 interchange will be reconstructed this summer, according to the Idaho Transportation Department.

It will be reconstructed with a four-foot rock and asphalt and another foot of new concrete pavement as a part of this \$7.08 million project because of improper water drainage and cracking.

Motorists are reminded to use caution when driving through the work zone.

KMVT will broadcast 'Voyager'

TWIN FALLS - Ralox Trainers, "Voyager" has landed.

"Twin Falls" KMVT-TV has signed a contract with United Paramount network to air the fourth entry in Gene Roddenberry's long-running "Star Trek" space opera, programming director George Brown announced Friday.

The two-hour pilot of the syndicated series will be shown on Saturday, Jan. 21, at 5 p.m. Other first-run episodes will air at 6 p.m. on Saturdays after that.

"We were able to come to an agreement with Paramount for a nine-month contract," Brown said. "Next fall, we'll take a look at the other Paramount programming."

KMVT-TV already broadcasts the first-run "Star Trek: Deep Space 9" on Saturdays at 10:35 p.m. and re-runs of "Star Trek: The Next Generation" weekdays at 8 p.m.

"Voyager" is the cornerstone of the new United Paramount network. Some 94 stations nationwide, mostly independents, will broadcast the pilot episode on Monday.

Compiled from staff reports

How Idaho lawmakers voted

Senate	Craig	Kempthorne
1) BILL: CAMPAIGN The Senate Tuesday voted 64-35 to kill an amendment that would have barred candidates from converting campaign funds for personal use. A "yes" vote favors killing the amendment.	Yes	Yes
2) BILL: PAY CUTS The Senate by a 61-38 vote Wednesday killed an amendment that would have forced lawmakers to include their own salaries in any across-the-board federal budget cuts. A "yes" vote favors killing the amendment.	Yes	Yes
3) BILL: COVERAGE The Senate passed Wednesday by a 98-1 margin (S, 2) the Congressional Coverage Act. The bill would force Congress to comply with previous labor laws from which it had previously been exempted. Supporters said the bill would make Congress live under the rules it imposes on the rest of the nation. The House passed a similar bill last week.	Yes	Yes

Bars connected to cocaine ring face sanctions

SPOKANE (AP) - Ten bars that federal authorities say were involved in a major cocaine ring may face state sanctions, a state liquor-control official said.

State Liquor Control Board officials are reviewing FBI files to determine whether to suspend or revoke the bars' licenses, Robert Stamper, the head of the state's Spokane office, said Friday.

Cocaine sales were either arranged or carried out at the bars, according to U.S. District Court records and extensive testimony in the case.

Two dozen people have been arrested since August in connection with the cocaine ring, dubbed "Operation Doughboy" by federal investigators. Since then, most suspects have pleaded guilty and agreed to answer investigators' questions in exchange for lighter sentences.

To suspend or revoke a state liquor license, authorities must prove that an establishment's owners or managers were aware of the drug dealing.

Many probably were unaware the cocaine deals had occurred at their businesses, Stamper said.

Federal authorities say many of the deals occurred in restrooms or parking lots.

Agents have identified four bars or lounges where management may have been aware of drug trafficking, Stamper said.

One such bar is Flaherty's, Stamper said. He refused to identify the other three businesses.

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This week at CSI

The following is a schedule of meetings and events that will take place this week at the College of Southern Idaho.

TODAY
College closed for Martin Luther King Day.

TUESDAY
Spring semester begins.
Counseling, Financial Aid and Registrar's offices will be open until 7 p.m.
South Central Private Industry Council meets at noon in Desert 113.
Alcohol and Drug Awareness Program meets at 1 p.m. in Desert 113.
CSI Board of Trustees meets at 5:30 p.m. in Taylor Building board room.
Military testing will be held at 6 p.m. in Shields 201.
Volunteers in tax assistance training will be held from 6 to 9:30 p.m. in Aspen 108.
Opening reception for new art exhibitions at Herrett Gallery and Sunspot Gallery from 7 to 9 p.m. in Herrett Center.

WEDNESDAY
People for Pets will meet at 7 p.m. in Shields 109.

THURSDAY
Magic Valley Leadership Class meets at 8 a.m. in Desert 113.
Volunteers in tax assistance training will be held from 6 to 9:30 p.m. in Aspen 108.

FRIDAY
Twin Falls Canal Co. annual information meeting will be held at 8:30 a.m. in Aspen 108.

SATURDAY
Military testing will be held at 10 a.m. in Shields 201.
Twin Falls Firefighters-NFL charity basketball game will be held at 4 p.m. in gymnasium.
CSI boxing smoker will be held at 8 p.m. in Expo Center.

Death notice

Flora M. Schroeder
Schroeder, 67, of Twin Falls, died late Saturday, Jan. 14, 1995, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Services are pending under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

Hospitals

CASSIA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
Admitted
Shirley Hawkins and Princes Villagomez, both of Burley; Dorothy Schoolcraft of Rupert and Amber Thompson of Heyburn.

Released
Pauline Baker, Rendi Durfee and Tina Payne, all of Burley; Janet Bean and Talor Stauffer, both of Heyburn; Alene Bond of Albion; and Jennifer McLean, Cathy Smith and Diana Viveros, all of Rupert.

Births
A baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lance Thompson of Heyburn.

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
Some names are omitted at patients' request.

Admitted
Verna Carpenter of Twin Falls.

Released
Holly Bean of Burley, Nichole Haney of Twin Falls and Irma Nevezar of Buhl.

For obituary rate information, call 733-0931, extension 278

Obituaries



George L. Moody
GOODING - George Lorenzo Moody, Sr., 86, a Gooding resident, died Sunday, Jan. 15, 1995 at the Gooding County Memorial Hospital. George was born July 21, 1908, on the Thorn Creek Ranch, north east of Gooding, the son of Marquis and Hannah Moody. He married Leta Pearl Lanning on Nov. 1, 1930, in Gooding.

He worked with the Gooding & Smith Sheep Company and was a miner for one year. He then ranched for 37 years in the Gooding area before retiring and moving into Gooding in 1970.

In his youth, George was very active with the Boy Scouts, and he was a member of the Gooding Riding Club, the Gooding Grange No. 138, the Northside Gem and Hobby Club, and the American Federation of Mineralogical Society.

George is survived by his wife Leta of Gooding; two sons, George Moody Jr. of Gooding and Albert Moody of Boise; four daughters, Norma Burnum of Canby, Ore. and Shirley Sabala, Leona Gooding and Janet Ochner, all of Gooding; 17 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Carl; one sister, Maude; and one granddaughter.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 18, 1995, at Demaray's Gooding Chapel by the Rev. Andrew Morris. Burial will follow at the Elmwood Cemetery. Friends may call at the Chapel from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday.

The family suggests that contributions be made to Mountain States Tumor Institute, 151 East Bannock St., Boise, Idaho 83702.

Gerald Carey
TWIN FALLS - Gerald Clayton Carey, 82, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Jan. 13, 1995, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

He was born April 12, 1932, in Salt Lake City, Utah, the son of Maurice M. and Frankie Carey. He was educated in Utah and entered into the service and served during the Korean War. Following his discharge, he went to work for the railroad where he worked until the retirement in 1952 he was married to LuAnn Hulse at Pocatello. They moved to Santa Clara, Calif. in 1977. They moved to Twin Falls in 1990.

He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans and the American Legion.

He is survived by his wife LuAnn Carey of Twin Falls; three daughters, Virginia Howells of Salt Lake City, Lydia Hammond of Pocatello and Roxanne M. Davidson of Chehalis, Wash.; two sons, Thomas Carey of Pocatello and Kevin Carey of Twin Falls; a brother, Frank S. Carey of Twin Falls; and nine grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a daughter and three brothers.

Funeral services will be held Monday, Jan. 16, 1995, at 10 a.m. at Reynolds Funeral Chapel. Burial, with military rites, will be at Twin Falls Cemetery under the direction of area veterans and auxiliaries.

On the agenda

Following is a list of governmental meetings that are scheduled this week in the Magic Valley. This list is compiled from advance schedules. The Times-News suggests that you confirm the information by calling the appropriate clerk's office before attending.

TODAY
Hansen School Board, 7 p.m., high school.
Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Board, 7 p.m., hospital board room.
Twin Falls City Council, 4 p.m., City Hall.

TUESDAY
Burley City Council, 8 p.m., City Hall.
Castleford School Board, 7 p.m., high school.
College of Southern Idaho Board of Trustees, 5:30 p.m., board room, Taylor Administration Building.
Filer School Board, 7 p.m., elementary school library.
Gooding City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
Hagerman City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
Jerome City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
Jerome County Commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.
Ketchum City Council, 6:30 p.m., City Hall.
Minidoka County School Board, 7:30 p.m., call the central office for meeting place.
Rupert City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
Twin Falls County Commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.
Twin Falls School Board, 7 p.m., school district's office.

WEDNESDAY
Blaine County Hospital Board, 7:30 p.m., hospital conference room.
E-911 Regional Board meeting, 7 p.m., in the basement at Land, Title and Escrow Inc., 237 N. Lincoln, Jerome.
Minidoka County Commission and Zoning Commission, 8 p.m., courthouse.
South Central District Health Department Board, 2 p.m., 324 Second St. E., Twin Falls.
Twin Falls County Commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

THURSDAY
Gooding County Memorial Hospital Board, 7 p.m., conference room.
Kimberly School Board, 7 p.m., Kimberly High School.
San Valley City Council, 3:30 p.m., City Hall.
Twin Falls County Commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

FRIDAY
Twin Falls County Commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

THE FAMILY OF E. GLENN BRIGHT

Expresses our heartfelt thanks to all of those who extended their thoughtful, concern and help during the time of Glenn's death and our time of sorrow.

To all those who served at the funeral services, sent flowers and cards, brought food, furnished housing and dinner or made memorial contributions.

WE THANK ALL OF YOU

Marcia & Larry Bright, Denise & Jay VanHousen, Lavear & Marjean Thornock

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"Chapel by the Park"
TWIN FALLS - KIMBERLY
733-6600

Funeral Home
Funeral Services

Idaho/West

Conservation group wants to stop listing

MOSCOW (AP) — In an unusual reversal of roles, the Idaho Conservation League wants the state to work out a way to prevent bull trout from being listed as a federally protected endangered species.

But the timber sale-dependent Idaho Department of Lands figures an endangered species listing might be better than agreeing to a rigorous recovery blueprint.

Environmental groups asked the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to list the bull trout as endangered species more than a year ago. The native fish is considered an indicator of water quality and is rapidly declining in the region, they say.

Last June, the Fish and Wildlife Service agreed the listing was warranted. But the agency said there are several other endangered species in greater need of federal protection. That will have to be reviewed again next June with a possible decision to grant the bull trout federal protection.

Some environmental groups have sued to force the listing. Both former Gov. Cecil Andrus and new Gov. Phil Batt asked the Fish and Wildlife Service to make sure that does not happen.

So the federal agency, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, and Idaho Division of Environmental Quality worked out a plan to bring back the fish. The state Fish and Game Commission will vote on the plan Thursday.

"I think the chances for success are greater if we don't have the federal government say, 'You will do this or you will do that,'" said Larry McLeod of the Idaho Conservation League's Moscow office.

He wants changes to the plan he contends is too weak and has no enforcement mechanism. However, McLeod said, "we need to work together to solve the problem locally."

Man living in Boise shelter diagnosed with tuberculosis

BOISE (AP) — A man with active tuberculosis is in a Boise-area hospital, and officials say he may have exposed up to nine other people to the respiratory disease.

Health authorities say the general public is at "very little" risk of infection, and there is no need for the general public to be tested at this time. Tuberculosis can produce serious health problems, but is usually not fatal and responds well to antibiotics.

Officials will not release the name of the man. They say he lived at the Boise Rescue Mission homeless shelter.

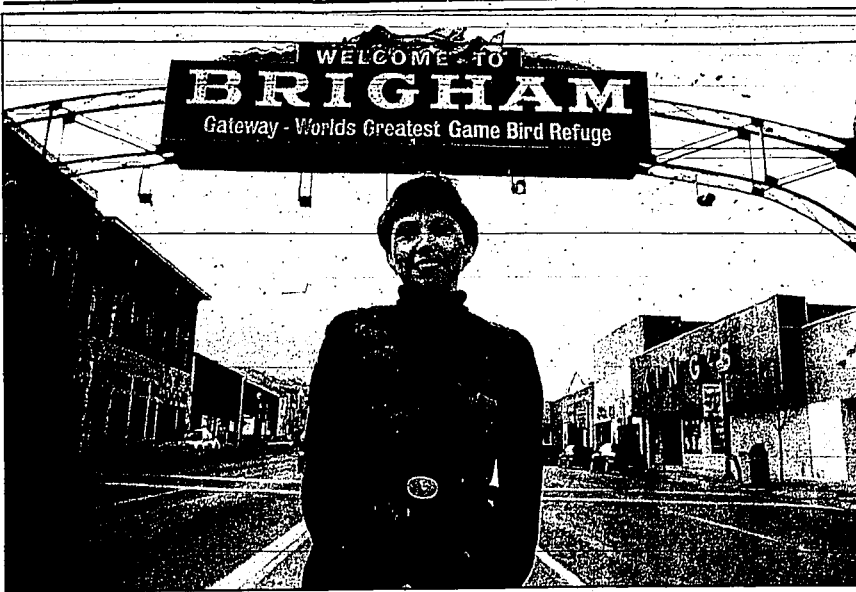
The man, who is medically indigent, was admitted to a hospital about a week ago after other people noticed he was extremely ill. The hospital immediately notified the Central District Health Department. Officials will not say what hospital the man went to.

Officials tested more than 50 people who came into contact with the man, and nine tested positive. A positive test result does not mean someone has active tuberculosis, it only means they were exposed to it sometime in their life.

About 15 cases per year are reported in Idaho.

Tuberculosis killed many people in the United States and Europe earlier this century, but antibiotics brought it under control.

The number of TB cases began increasing in the 1980s, particularly among homeless people and AIDS victims.



Shelley Walker, the new manager of the Brigham City Main Street project, has been asked to help spruce up Main Street in town.

Woman works to save piece of history

BRIGHAM CITY, Utah (AP) — If we saved the American bison, surely we can rescue the American main street, Shelley Walker says.

She's launching her own preservation campaign for Brigham City's main drag, and her most potent weapon is the city's storied past.

"What we've asked the downtown merchants to do is uncover their treasures," Walker said. "What's great is we don't have to create it, it's already there."

Walker helped restore historic homes in Brigham City for many years, and she has long known that the place is brimming with symbols and artifacts of a bygone era. So when she took over a pilot program for National Main Street Center, Walker knew she finally could tell people what an asset Brigham City's history could be.

"So many times people visit here and tell me, 'This reminds me of when I was young,'" Walker said. "People are longing for that ... hometown feeling."

And that's pretty close to what the center is shooting for — creating downtowns that will draw people back from malls and shopping centers, Walker said.

Started in 1980 by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the National Main Street Center has worked to revive old neighborhoods and main streets in 35 states and 850 communities.

According to the center, its efforts have helped create thousands of jobs and \$2.9 billion in investment.

Walker said the center wanted to start preservation programs in Utah, and Brigham City was selected because of its higher number of historic structures. After Salt Lake City, Brigham City probably boasts the most landmarks in the state, she said.

As program manager for the Main Street program, Walker's job is to teach downtown business leaders how the old buildings can draw customers.

"We can enlighten merchants and tell them, 'This is what your building looked like in the '20s and '30s,'" Walker said.

Many old buildings just now being revealed after being boarded up or ignored in the '60s and '70s, she said.

This coincided with the mass defection of shoppers to malls, which nearly

blew Main Street stores off the map, Walker said.

"Main Streets are almost a lost commodity," she said.

But city leaders have discovered that a strong Main Street can feed the rest of a town, Walker said.

Box Elder Economic Development director Tim Solomon applauds hers and others' efforts.

"Any downtown area that isn't revitalized reflects very badly (to) clients who are thinking of coming into a community," Solomon said.

Kim and Ann Jeppson say they've profited from people's hunger for a quick trip to a much slower past. They own the 74-year-old Idle Isle Restaurant on Main Street. It has a soda fountain, a grandfather clock, sculptured wood, soft background music and deep booths, along with daily specials.

It all reminds customers that lunch used to be a time for long conversations and friendly banter, Ann Jeppson said.

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Ogden student refuses to attend school

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — Ben Lomond High School student Nick Hicks has decided to stay home from school rather than comply with a dress code prohibiting coats in class.

"I won't put my coat in my locker because I don't want my locker broken into or my coat stolen. Plus, I get cold in class, and in between classes, I have to walk outside," Hicks said.

The 14-year-old Hicks already has missed a week of school, and his mother has signed him up for home study.

The ninth-grader made the deci-

sion to stay home after teachers told him he could not wear his Chicago Bears jacket in class. A dress code adopted at the beginning of the school year prohibits students from wearing any heavy winter coat in the classroom.

Assistant Principal Jon Webb said it is a safety issue. Students can smuggle in guns or weapons in the pockets of heavy jackets, he said, adding that certain coat styles and brands also are affiliated with gangs.

Hicks' mother, Nancy, disagrees with Webb's reasoning.

"I'm sick of 'gang-related,'" she said. "My son has been a big fan of

the Chicago Bears since he's 4 or 5 years old. It is not one bit gang-related to him or me."

Since the policy went into effect, only about three of the 1,400 students at Ben Lomond have had a compliance problem, Webb said.

The other two students went home, came back with parents, and resolved the situation.

"Nick is the only one that has decided not to come back," he said.

"That is their decision, it was not a decision made by the school. The school would prefer to have Nick in school with us and comply with the basic guidelines."

Police officers obey man's plea to be shot

GARDEN CITY (AP) — When a Garden City man asked police officers to shoot him, they did.

At 12:24 a.m. Saturday, Garden City police were called to a disturbance. They were confronted by Richard Sanders, 30, who was wielding a knife and said he would kill himself.

As officers evacuated people from the home, Sanders threatened them with the knife and said, "shoot me!" according to a police report.

Sgt. Dan Hess fired a low-impact 12-gauge round, similar to a bean bag, intended to stun targets.

Police arrested him for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon against an officer.

Sanders was taken to St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center where he was treated for minor injuries. He was being held for a psychological evaluation.

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“ We do got character. ”

— Dallas Cowboys safety James Washington on the attributes of his team

Briefly

Jockey released from hospital after surgery

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. — Jockey Julie Krone was released from the hospital Sunday after having a pin surgically inserted in her left pinky, which she broke in her second major spill in 17 months. “The cast is scheduled to be removed in three weeks and then she’ll be able to get on horses,” Krone’s agent, Larry Cooper, said Sunday.

Two pins were inserted near the knuckle of the finger Saturday at Memorial Hospital to heal the hairline fracture. Her hand was put in a hard cast.

Krone was getting over her first spill when she was tossed from her mount at Gulfstream Park on Friday. Krone is the only female jockey to win a Triple Crown race, riding Colonial Affair in the 1993 Belmont Stakes.

On Aug. 30, 1993, she was in a near-fatal spill at Saratoga. She resumed racing last May, required further surgery on her ankle in November and returned to the saddle Jan. 4 at Gulfstream. Before Friday’s spill, she was the track’s top jockey with 10 wins in 40 mounts.

Lubick considering switch from Colorado St. to Miami

FORT COLLINS, Colo. — Assistant football coaches at Colorado State found themselves in an awkward position this weekend when they escorted a group of 20 recruits around campus.

For now, it’s not clear whether head coach Sonny Lubick will go to Miami or stay in Fort Collins. A decision is expected later this week.

Lubick reportedly has been shortlisted for the vacant coaching position at Miami following coach Dennis Erickson’s jump to the Seattle Seahawks.

“It’s a difficult time to deal with,” said assistant coach Larry Kerr. “We’ve been honest with the recruits. Sonny is the most honest guy going in. In the long run it’s going to benefit rather than hurt.”

On Feb. 1, Colorado State hopes to sign between 15 and 19 recruits. But commitments are lagging.

“I think every kid wants to know who the coach is going to be,” Kerr said. “No coaching staff is naive enough to think the head coach isn’t important to a recruit.”

Lubick said Colorado State could have a good recruiting year despite all the uncertainty.

“We’re going to get the recruits we’re going to get whether I’m here or not,” said Lubick, who led the Rams to their first Western Athletic Conference championship this year.

“My situation might affect a couple kids. Talking to the Miami coaches, they have about eight high-profile guys who are ready to jump ship on them.”

Among recruits still considering Colorado State are Eaglecrest running back Damian Brown and Air Academy’s DeRen Lattimer.

“Sonny said he was staying but then I see all this stuff and it got me to thinking,” Brown said. “I want to make the best choice for myself and I think it’s going to come down to Washington or CSU.”

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High school boy’s basketball
Rimrock at Glenns Ferry, 9 p.m.
Shoshone at Hagerman, 8:30 p.m.

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49ers face Chargers

Fast start propels Niners past Super Bowl champs

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Steve Young and the San Francisco 49ers swaggered back to the Super Bowl on Sunday, ending Dallas’ quest to become the first team to win the NFL’s marquee game three straight times.

Eric Davis’ 44-yard interception return, one of three early Dallas turnovers, sent the Niners on a 21-0 rampage in the first 7½ minutes of the game en route to a 38-28 win over the Cowboys.

And Young erased the label of a quarterback who “can’t win the big one” by throwing for two touchdowns and running for another at a waterlogged Candlestick Park, demonstrating the new attitude with a robust end zone spike after his 3-yard, third-quarter TD on a quarterback draw.

In fact, that typifies the “in your face” attitude the Niners will take in Miami, where they have opened as 17½-point favorites over San Diego in the Super Bowl and hope to become the first team ever to win five Super Bowls.

The Chargers beat Pittsburgh 17-13 in the AFC title game earlier in the day. San Francisco, ready to try to extend the NFC’s 10-game winning streak in Super Bowls, routed the Chargers 32-15 in San Diego on Dec. 11.

The Niners, who lost this game two straight years to Dallas, will be led by Young, a two-time NFL MVP who in this game finally got out from under the shadow of Joe Montana. It was Montana who led San Francisco to four Super Bowl wins, two of them while Young sat on the bench behind him.

But these are new 49ers with a defense rebuilt to beat Dallas, using some innovative financial maneuvering under the NFL’s salary cap. Many of the defensive players, led by Deion Sanders, reflect the combative attitude that was apparent an hour before the game when the running backs from both teams engaged in short scuffle in the north end zone.

The fracas apparently stemmed from the kind of trash-talking frowned upon during the reign of Montana. “Joe Cool.”

It continued early when the defense forced three of the five turnovers they got from the Cowboys to take a three-touchdown lead. Three times Dallas got to within 10 points, but Young twice retaliated by bringing the 49ers back, including a 28-yard TD pass to Jerry Rice with eight seconds left in the half that took away whatever momentum the Cowboys had regained.

In fact, the way the 49ers won negated the pre-game boast of coach Barry Switzer, who took over this year after the falling out between Jimmy Johnson and owner Jerry Jones. He had downgraded San Francisco’s 21-14 win earlier this year “because they got three interceptions and we that won’t let

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Young takes center stage in NFC victory

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — With each touchdown, the ghost of Joe Montana receded further into history. With each pass and each quarterback draw, he exercised the hex Dallas had seemed to have over his 49ers.

Steve Young brought San Francisco within one victory of the validation he’s been seeking. To have that chance, San Francisco needed to get past Dallas —

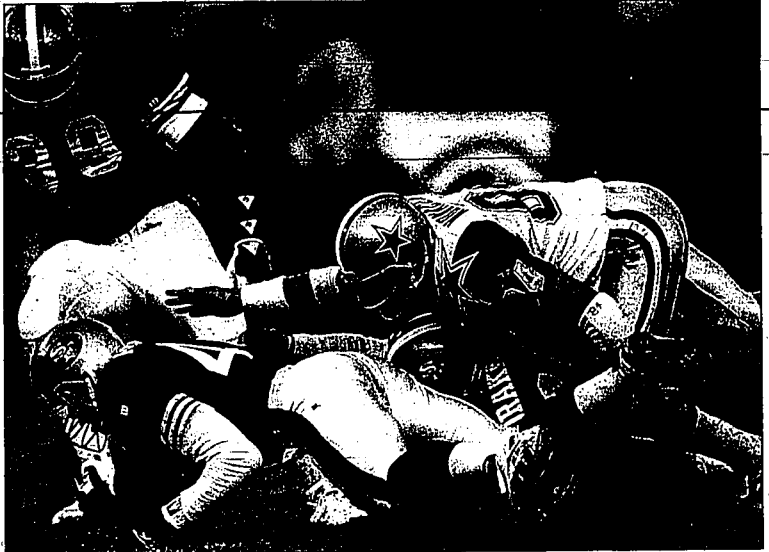
the team that had defeated Young’s 49ers in the NFC title game in each of the past two seasons.

Young responded with a 13-for-29 passing day and added 47 more yards on the ground, helping the Dallas defense off balance all day.

After Eric Davis gave the 49ers an early lead with an interception return for a touchdown, Please see YOUNG/B6



A San Francisco 49ers fan cheers his team on to their NFC championship over the Dallas Cowboys Sunday. Below, Tim McDonald of the 49ers dives for a fumbled ball along with teammate Tyrone Drakeford as Jay Novacek of the Dallas Cowboys trails during the game.



AP photo

San Diego upends Pittsburgh, 17-13

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — The San Diego Chargers found a way to get past Pittsburgh’s new Steel Curtain — they went over it — and charged into their first Super Bowl.

Dominated nearly all game by the Steelers’ blitz and unable to convert on third downs, the Chargers won by beating the blitz on a third-down, 43-yard touchdown pass from Stan Humphries to Tony Martin with 5:13 remaining. That dramatic play gave San Diego a 17-13 victory for the AFC championship, denying Pittsburgh a fifth trip to the Super Bowl.

The Chargers withstood a last-gasp Steelers’ drive that carried to San Diego’s 3-yard line. Linebacker Dennis Gibson twice knocked down passes in the end zone — the last one on fourth down — preserving the Chargers’ biggest NFL victory.

A franchise that won the AFL title in 1963 gets the chance for its first NFL crown on Jan. 29 at Miami. The Chargers will face either Dallas or San Francisco, both winners of four Super Bowls.

After Gibson’s gems, several Chargers whipped out Terrible Towels to begin their celebrations. Meanwhile, the Three Rivers Stadium record crowd of 61,543 that came expecting to relive the 1970s, fell silent and began filing out.

It was the second sensational comeback for the Chargers. Last week, they trailed Miami 21-6 and rallied to

win 22-21. This time, despite going 1-for-8 at one point on third downs and rarely giving Humphries enough protection, they struck for two big plays to turn a blitz.

The first came on a blown coverage during a blitz by Pittsburgh, leaving Alfred Pupunua wide open down the right sideline for a 43-yard TD.

The second, with two linebackers rushing, came against single coverage by Tim McKeyer, who won two Super Bowls with the 49ers. Humphries threw the ball high and deep and Jefferson grabbed it beyond the desperate reach of McKeyer.

After the game, McKeyer, bent over and wobbly, needed help to walk off the field.

Meanwhile, Chargers linebacker Junior Seau, a star all day on defense, embraced Steelers quarterback Neil O’Donnell.

After the Steelers took a 13-3 lead on Gary Anderson’s second field goal, a 23-yarder early in the third quarter, San Diego finally broke through on Pupunua’s score.

Amazingly, despite being thoroughly outplayed, San Diego still was in the game. The Chargers had completed one pass to a wide receiver, yet were in striking distance because of Steelers mistakes, particularly holding penalties deep in San Diego territory.

Then Humphries, who was severely outplayed by his O’Donnell, took them 80 yards to victory — and the Super Bowl, a place virtually nobody

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Colbert accurately claims Senior Tournament of Champions

The Associated Press

DORADO, Puerto Rico — Out of the sand, between the two palm trees, over the greenside bunker, next to the cups.

Sound impossible? Not for Jim Colbert. Colbert made a remarkable recovery from a bunker on the third hole of a playoff, then made a 3-foot putt to beat Jim Albus in the Senior Tournament of Champions on Sunday.

“That was a special shot,” said Colbert, who made the winning putt after Albus missed a birdie try from 10 feet.

“I could have either cut it into the wind or tried to bend it. Neither option was too appealing, especially with bunkers on both sides of the green.”

Colbert elected to play a draw and his 6-iron shot

split the trees, cleared the greenside bunker by 5 feet and rolled within three feet of the cup.

“Jim hit a heck of a shot at 18,” Albus said. “It leaves me a little empty inside, but it’s hard to complain. I played well.”

Colbert and Albus had finished 54 holes on the 6,740-yard Hyatt Dorado Beach East course with 7-under-par 209 totals. They played No. 18, No. 17 and then No. 18 again in the playoff.

Albus missed birdie putts inside 12 feet on the first two playoff holes, then watched his final effort roll over the right lip of the cup.

“The last one was the same time I had an hour earlier at 18,” he said. “I thought it was in when I hit it, but it hung out there.”

Colbert, who earned \$148,000, had 17 pars and one birdie in closing with a 71.

Coe-Jones win crystal clear in LPGA T of C

The Associated Press

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. — When the round was finally over, and the crystal trophy that goes to the winner of the LPGA Tournament of Champions was in her hands, Dawn Coe-Jones relaxed and smiled.

And smiled. And smiled. “I’m in shock,” she said Sunday. “You won’t be able to get this silly grin off my face for a few days.”

Coe-Jones withstood rainy weather and an elite field of 38 other champions from the past two seasons to win by six shots, with Beth Daniel the distant runner-up. Coe-Jones’ closing

69 gave her a 72-hole total of 7-under-par 281 on the North-South course at Grand Cypress.

Daniel, who shot a 71 for a 287 total, was the only other player to finish under par. Pat Bradley (68) and Betsy King (72) followed at par 288, one stroke ahead of Helen Alfredsson (72).

Coe-Jones began the day with a three-shot lead over Liselotte Neumann, who fell from contention when she bogeyed the fourth and sixth holes. The leader made the turn at 2-under for the day and birdied No. 11 to maintain a five-shot lead over Daniel and King.

Scores and stats

Sports on TV/Radio			
Event	Station	Time	
College women's basketball, Tennessee at Connecticut	ESPN/Channel 13	11:00 a.m.	
College men's basketball, Georgetown vs Connecticut	ESPN/Channel 13	5:30 p.m.	
College men's basketball, Oklahoma at Oklahoma State	ESPN/Channel 13	7:30 p.m.	
College men's basketball, UNLV at New Mexico State	ESPN/Channel 13	10:30 p.m.	

Football

NFL playoffs			
Game	Time	TV	Radio
Green Bay Packers at Cleveland Browns	7:30 p.m.	ESPN	WISN-TV
Chicago Bears at New York Jets	8:00 p.m.	ESPN	WISN-TV
San Francisco 49ers at Pittsburgh Steelers	8:00 p.m.	ESPN	WISN-TV
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NFL summaries

Team	Score	Opponent
Green Bay Packers	27-10	Cleveland Browns
Chicago Bears	24-10	New York Jets
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Basketball

High school standings

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Idaho Falls	8	9	600
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Transactions

Player	From	To
John Elway	Denver Broncos	Denver Broncos
Terrell Davis	Denver Broncos	Denver Broncos
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Golf

Player	Score	Opponent
John Elway	72	Denver Broncos
Terrell Davis	75	Denver Broncos
Walter Williams	78	Denver Broncos
John Elway	81	Denver Broncos
Terrell Davis	84	Denver Broncos
Walter Williams	87	Denver Broncos

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Running	Women's skiing	Ski jumping	
Men's north Marathon Tucson, Ariz. Jan. 16-22	World Cup Marathon Ampezzo, Italy Jan. 21	World Cup Sapporo, Japan Jan. 21-22	

Morse hits 4-under for Hawaiian win

HONOLULU (AP) — John Morse, who put me in good position to knock the second shots close to the hole. But I really can't explain it. Maybe last year I was just trying to shoot it.

And now he's moving up. "This was a big win, a big win," said Morse. "This puts me in the Masters and the Mercedes Championships and it's also a big step towards the PGA."

In capturing the first prize of \$216,000, Morse had to hold off six challengers, including Duffy Waldorf and Tom Lehman, who finished tied for second at 272.

"My equipment helped a lot," he said. "I'm hitting longer with the driver, which put me in good position to knock the second shots close to the hole. But I really can't explain it. Maybe last year I was just trying to shoot it."

Celtic surge lifts Boston over Kings

BOSTON (AP) — Dee Brown's buzzer-beating layup capped an eight-point surge and lifted the Boston Celtics to a 98-97 victory over the Sacramento Kings on Sunday night.

The defeat kept the Kings winless at Boston Garden since 1978.

Sacramento took a 97-90 lead with 1:31 left on two free throws by Brian Grant, who had 12 rebounds and a season-high 25 points. David Wesley and Dino Radja each made two free throws for Boston to make it a three-point game with 58.7 seconds left.

It stayed that way until just nine seconds remained, when Wesley squared up for a 3-point attempt from the right of the key. It was fouled by Spud Webb, giving him three free throws and a chance to tie it.

Wesley hit the first two but missed the third, and the rebound was tipped out of bounds by Webb with 6.2 seconds left and the Kings leading 97-96.

Brown took the inbound pass, circled around to the free-throw line and drove to the basket before laying it off the glass for his only points of the second half.

Dominique Wilkins had 22 points for Boston and Eric Motross had 14 points and 13 rebounds. Webb had 18 points and Olden Polynic 12 points and 12 rebounds for Sacramento, which has not won consecutive road games all season.

The Kings took an 81-76 lead be-

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NBA basketball

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Vanderbilt women spoil Georgia's perfect streak; Florida upsets 'Bama

ATHENS, Ga. (AP) — Despite the score, it wasn't a sure thing until the final minutes.

Led by Na'Sheema Hillman, who scored 17 of her 21 points in the second half, No. 10 Vanderbilt outscored No. 8 Georgia in the final 4:23 and knocked the Lady Bulldogs from the undefeated ranks with a 65-52 Southeastern Conference victory Sunday.

Neither team led by more than six points until the final Vandy scoring run.

"We played good defense, we rebounded the ball well and executed our offense when we had to in the second half," said Vanderbilt coach Jim Foster. "This was a great win for us against a top-notch, very athletic team in Georgia."

With a win, Georgia (12-1 overall, 2-1 SEC) could have equalled its best start ever.

The Keshia Frett and Saudia Roundtree each had 18 points for Georgia, which shot a season-low 27 percent from the field.

Georgia led for much of the first half, tying leading by as many as four points. Vanderbilt, however, led 27-25 at halftime on Kelly Dougherty's layup with 14 seconds left before an interception.

Vanderbilt (4-4, 3-2) never lost its lead in the second half before pulling away late.

No. 18 Florida 97, No. 11 Alabama 88.

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — With standout forward Merlakia Jones under heavy coverage and Alabama's Niesha Johnson hitting almost every shot she took, Florida coach Carol Ross knew she needed a new offensive weapon.

Enter Sha'neha Milton.

The sophomore center scored a career-high 32 points and grabbed

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Broncos, Bengals score big wins Tomba refuses to fall from World top

The Associated Press

Boise State, defending Big-Sky Conference champions, picked up two road wins this week in opening conference play.

"This is a huge, weekend-a-tremendous weekend," said Boise State head coach Bobby Dye. It was only the Bronco's fourth Big Sky road sweep in seven years.

The Broncos came back from a 37-33 half-time deficit to defeat in-state rival Idaho 79-74 Saturday night.

Boise State took the lead for good when J.D. Hulcein hit a jump shot with 14:15 remaining to put the Broncos (11-2, 2-0) ahead 49-47.

Boise State hit seven of eight free throws in the final 34 seconds to preserve the victory.

Idaho (5-8, 0-2) used an 11-3 run at the end of the first half to go into halftime with a 4-point lead.

Boise State played just seven plays in the game because of injuries. Starting guard Damon Archibald hurt a knee Friday at Eastern Washington and did not play Saturday.

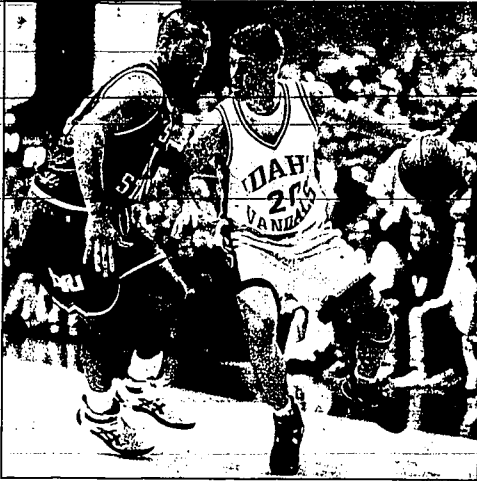
Comebacks were the rule for all four conference victors Saturday night.

Idaho State overcame a first-half deficit to defeat Eastern Washington 84-65.

The Eagles (3-9, 0-2) jumped to an early 15-6 lead and increased its advantage to 13 points when Joshua Lewis scored on a free throw with 6:02 remaining in the first half.

Idaho State (11-9, 2-0) then outscored Eastern Washington 15-2 in a 4-minute span to tie the game 31-31 with 2:04 remaining in the half.

The Bengals took over in the second half, opening play with a 9-5 scoring



AP photo

University of Idaho's Ben Johnson drives around Boise State's Phil Roodman in the first half of their game Saturday.

Johnson kid hit two huge three lay shots. That's what you want your senior to do.

Northern Arizona overcame a 19-point deficit in the second half and pulled away in overtime with an 84-77 win over Montana State.

The Lumberjacks (5-8, 2-0) got out well in the second half and did what we needed to do. We knew the home team would make a run at us, and they did. We couldn't get it stopped. The

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KITZBUHEL, Austria (AP) — isn't that Alberto Tomba is tired of winning. But as long as he continues, little will change afterward.

"Always the same press conference," the Italian superstar wrote on the board at the media center Sunday after winning his sixth straight World Cup slalom race this season. "Can we make something new this time?"

Why?

Tomba, who beat Slovenian Jure Kosir by .82 seconds, has won eight races this season and 41 in his career. Dating to the end of last season, his run of slalom victories is eight.

Overall, Tomba's eighth victory this season moved him third

place on the World-Cup career list with 41. He trails the retired Ingemar Stenmark (86) and Marc Girardelli (44).

Girardelli of Luxembourg won the combined event based on the results of the downhill and the slalom.

Tomba won nine times in both 1987-88 and 1991-92 — when he took Olympic gold medals. But he is delighted about this season.

"In 1988, everything came easy ... " he said. "But 1992 was a better year. It was technically the best. I only skied out once."

"But this season for sure is far more meaningful."

In his first giant slalom of the season, he ran conservatively and was

22nd before not moving up to fourth with the best second run.

He injured a rib during a slalom victory at Sestriere, Italy, and had to withdraw from another giant slalom last month at Val d'Isere, France. He has not lost since.

Tomba had the best time on both runs for a total of 1 minute 37.26 seconds. He had a 49.32-second first run to lead by .06 seconds over Kosir before extending his margin with a second run of 47.94.

Known as "La Bomba" for his flamboyant style on and off the course, Tomba was aware of his audience. "I wanted to win because there were a lot of Italian fans here," he said. "I wanted to give them a present."

San Diego

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Typically, the Steelers had the ball for 37:13. Unusually, they didn't take full advantage of the possession differential.

The Steelers nearly gave the ball away after stopping San Diego's second drive. Rod Woodson muffed Bryan Wagner's punt near midfield, but the ball was touched out of bounds by several players, giving the Steelers the ball at their 49.

Two plays later, the team that led the NFL with only 17 turnovers got it away. Foster was hit by Chris Mims and lost the ball, which Darren Covington pounced on at the Chargers' 41.

But Pittsburgh's defense barely budged. Means ran for 18 yards on three plays, and a sack by rookie Brentson Buckner forced a punt.

Once again, the Steelers' undaunted attack kept the clock moving. Once again, a mistake killed the drive; which went for their 12 to the Chargers' 27. Duval Love was caught holding, and Pittsburgh punted.

Yet another error cost Pittsburgh 46 yards. After Means ran for 17 and the Chargers completed their first pass —

with 6:08 left in the half — for 15 more yards, Humphries went deep for Shawn Jefferson. He practically was tackled at the 2 by Deon Figures. The interference call set up San Diego for the tying touchdown, but it never came.

Just as in the opening half of their 22-21 victory over Miami last weekend, the Chargers struggled when close to the end zone. Means was slammed back three times, twice by inside-linebacker Leon Kirkland, and San Diego settled for a 20-yard field goal by John Carley, the league's leading scorer.

Back came O'Donnell with completions of 19 yards to Ernie Mills and 14 to Andre Hastings on third downs. An 18-yarder to Mills, again on third down, got the ball to the 12 before — what else? — a holding penalty on Leon Seary stymied the march.

Anderson's 39-yard field goal made it 10-3 at the half, not a very big margin considering Pittsburgh had the ball for more than 22 minutes.

The Steelers outgained the Chargers 229 yards to 46 in the first half, and ran as many plays as the Chargers had yards.

Niners

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Well, it happened again. It happened early and late, despite the fact that Emmitt Smith, leading with a pulled left hamstring, lasted until 10:28 was left in the game, when he pulled his right hamstring. He had 74 yards in 20 carries with two touchdowns when he left.

Young's statistics weren't great — he completed only 13-of-29 passes for 155 yards. But he ran 10 times for 47 yards, and moved the 49ers when he had to.

The Cowboys had the better stats — Michael Irvin caught 12 passes for 192 yards, a Dallas playoff record. Aikman was 30-of-53 for 380 yards and was intercepted three times, two by Davis and a third by Sanders.

On the third play from scrimmage, Davis, the forgotten comeback once the Niners signed Sanders, slid in front of Irvin on a slant, grabbed the ball and took it 44 yards untouched to the end zone. There he was unopposed by virtually the entire San Francisco team.

On the next series, Davis knocked the ball loose from Irvin after a recep-

tion and Tim McDonald recovered. That led to a 29-yard TD pass from Young to Ricky Walters.

Then, on the ensuing kickoff, Adam Walker knocked the ball loose from Kevin Williams and kicker Doug Brien fell on it in the 53. Six plays later, rookie William Floyd took it in from a yard away and it was 21-0 before the first quarter was half over.

But Dallas didn't quit.

On the next series, on a third-and-23 from the San Francisco 44, Aikman found Irvin in stride on the goal line to cut it to 21-7. And the Cowboys seemed set to score on their next possession when they inexplicably ran a draw, on third-and-10 from the 49ers' 12. Smith gained only 2 yards and Chris Boniol hooked his field-goal try.

Brien hit from 34 yards to make 24-7 with 5:54 left in the second quarter, but Dallas came back with another quick drive, 63 yards in eight plays capped by Smith's 4-yard TD run.

That set up two crucial series.

Dallas, on its own 16 with 59 seconds to go in the half, elected to throw three times and John Jett's 23-yard

Young

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Young made it 14-0 with just 4:19 gone when he faked a handoff, pumped down the middle and floated it pass the right side to Ricky Walters — who high stepped down the sideline for a 29-yard score.

Young struck again with just 13 seconds left before halftime. He hit Jerry Rice in stride in the left

corner of the end zone for a 28-yard-scoring pass, that made it 31-0.

He also hurt the Cowboys on the ground. His 9-yard drive in the first quarter set up a 1-yard scoring drive by William Floyd. In the third quarter, Young ran in from the 3, stretching over the goal line for the Niners' final touchdown.

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It's always bargain time with year-round sales

Today's demanding consumer has rewritten the retail calendar

The Associated Press

Attention shoppers: This year's big January white sale is also being held in April, June and October. And a few months in between.

Specials on tools and yard equipment can be found throughout the year, not just around Father's Day.

There's no longer room for strict tradition in the retail industry. Fierce competition and changing demographics have forced stores to hold down prices year-round rather than on certain dates, as they did in the past.

It's a bit of Americana lost, perhaps, but a pleasant gain for today's frugal consumer and a trend likely to continue through 1995 and beyond.

"I remember when I was younger, my mother giving me advice to buy all my household stuff during the white sale," said Sandra Shaber, an economist at Wefa Group, an economic forecasting concern. "People would go out and buy bedspreads and sheets every January — even if they didn't need them — because they were on sale."

"Now ... it's a continuous white sale. That goes for most other merchandise."

Special promotions and clearance sales have been around for decades, but the frequency at which we're seeing them now started in the late 1980s, when the recession began to hit. When consumers began to pare back their spending, stores were saddled with merchandise they couldn't sell.

Stores began to mark-down-heavily, and consumers figured out they could buy the goods they wanted at better prices if they waited a while. They could even force prices to drop, simply by not buying.

Moreover, the rapid expansion of the retail business in the '80s meant there were many more stores competing for the same customers. The store with the lower prices usually won.

Today's two-income families have grown accustomed to buying marked-down merchandise, yet they don't have time to wait for periodic sales. Often there's no need to.

Popular discounters like Wal-Mart and Kmart, specialty shops like Bed, Bath & Beyond, and home-shopping television networks are drawing more middle-income shoppers. "As long as the quality is there, there's no longer a stigma attached to shopping at a lower-priced discounter," said Karen Sack, a retail analyst for Standard & Poor's Corp. "In the '90s, you're probably seeing more everyday lower prices."

To be sure, giant retailers like Sears and J.C. Penney acknowledge they're holding more sales today than they did 10 years ago.

Some key seasons in the retailing calendar

January-February — Sales on holiday merchandise continue thru mid-January. Some resort and cruise wear goes on sale. January white sales, Valentine's Day and President's Day sales. Early spring clothes come out in mid- to late January, while winter clearance sales continue.

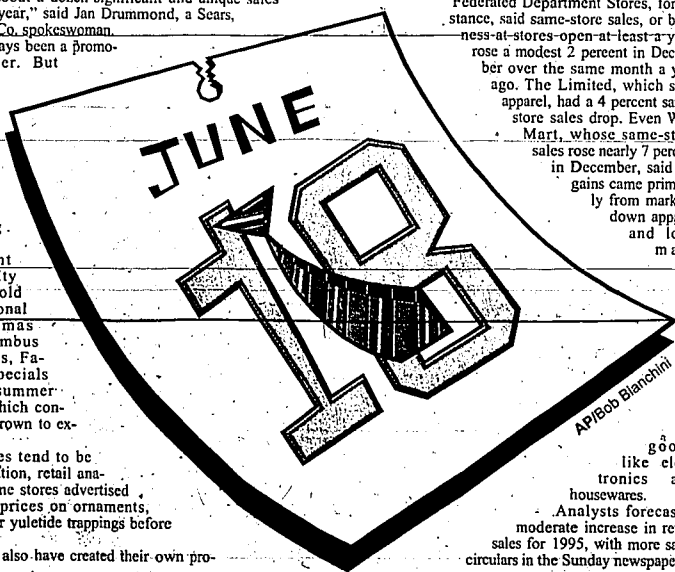
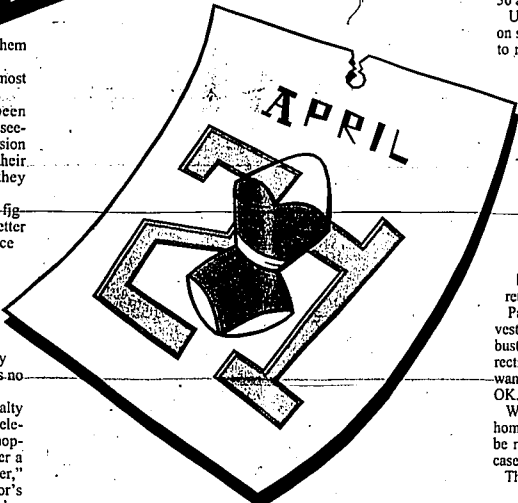
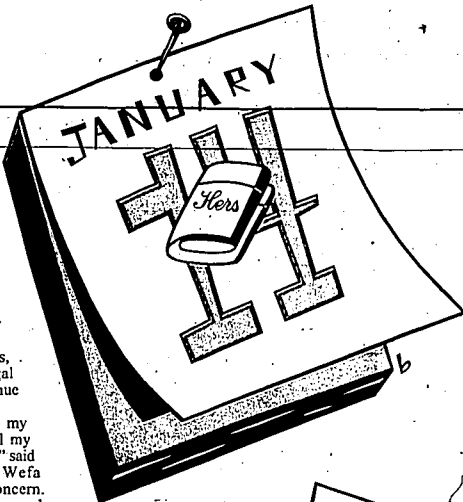
March-April — Late spring clothes come out in March. First markdowns on spring apparel are taken in early March, while leftover winter merchandise is on clearance racks. By mid-April, early summer fashions are out while Easter fashions are on sale. Pre-season sales on air conditioners.

May-June — Tools, yard equipment, Mother's Day, Father's Day promotions, Memorial Day sales.

July-August — Summer clearance and July 4 sales. Early fall fashions arrive. Stores hold back-to-school promotions.

September-October — Liquidation of late summer, early fall fashions. Labor Day and Columbus Day sales. Early holiday sales by October. Winter fashions come out.

November-December — Resort, cruise wear comes out. Pre-Christmas markdowns, Veteran's Day and day after Thanksgiving sales. More markdowns may be taken, depending on how strong retailers' business is.



motional "holidays," marking things like corporate anniversaries or semiannual inventory sales, along with early bird specials or one-day sales.

At Penney's, "there's virtually some sales promotion every week," said spokesman Hank Russman. "The thought ... is to build customer traffic, an urgency that this is the time to shop. But it isn't the situation where all the pillow cases are on sale, for example."

"There are certain items in our store that never go on sale. We sell an enormous amount of merchandise, most at regular price."

Still, industry analysts say "regular price" these days often means lower markups from the wholesale level, or the cost of the merchandise to the retailer.

"Retailers are much more willing to accept a lower initial markup," said Janet J. Mangano, a retail analyst with Burnham Securities Inc. "That often means lower profit margins."

Retailers are reluctant to discuss markup policy of sales schedules. But analysts say the current initial markup on apparel, for instance, is at least 10 percentage points lower than it was about 10 years ago. It's even lower on super-market products, generally in low single-digit territory today, they say.

Today the average markup on apparel ranges from between 40 and 60 percent at department stores and between 30 and 40 percent at discounters, analysts say.

Unlike most other merchandise, clothing generally goes on sale about four to eight weeks after it reaches the racks to make room for new styles and seasons, which change far more rapidly than weather warrants, retail experts say.

By the end of the season, the marked-down price could approach the wholesale price, although the selection will seem skimpy and picked-through.

Part of the problem with the apparel industry is that the aging baby boomers, who comprise a huge chunk of the nation's population, are far less fashion-minded, analysts say.

"Ten years ago, we measured status according to what we wore. Today, it's the landscaping of the home, number of bedrooms, day care centers or piano lessons for the kids," explained Thomas J. Tashjian, a retail analyst with First Manhattan Co.

Pam Stubing, an industry watcher from Moody's Investors Service, agreed, noting also the lack of any blockbuster fashions in recent years. "Women are not taking direction (from the apparel industry) as they once did. They want to do their own thing. Any length-of (dress) hem is OK."

While clothing sales have softened, sales of things like home electronics and fine jewelry — items considered to be more of an investment — have soared. Such was the case during the most recent holiday season.

The retail industry finished 1994 on a mixed note, with the bargain-hunting holiday shopper once again calling the shots.

Federated Department Stores, for instance, said same-store sales, or business-at-stores-open-at-least-a-year, rose a modest 2 percent in December over the same month a year ago. The Limited, which sells apparel, had a 4 percent same-store sales drop. Even Wal-Mart, whose same-store sales rose nearly 7 percent in December, said the gains came primarily from marked-down apparel and low-marg

"We have about a dozen significant and unique sales events every year," said Jan Drummond, a Sears, Roebuck and Co. spokeswoman.

"We've always been a promotional retailer. But what we've been seeing is a lot more promotional events from other retailers. We believe the trend is having more sales."

Department and specialty stores still hold the traditional post-Christmas sales, Columbus Day blowouts, Father's Day specials and July summer clearances, which consumers have grown to expect.

But the sales tend to be longer in duration, retail analysts say. (Some stores advertised post-holiday prices on ornaments, cards and other yuletide trappings before Christmas.)

Many stores also have created their own pro-

gin goods like electronics and housewares. Analysts forecast a moderate increase in retail sales for 1995, with more sales circulars in the Sunday newspapers.

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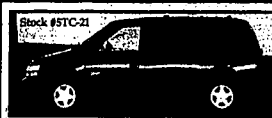
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Get real, get motivated, but most of all, get going on the long-delayed resolution

By Cathy Walworth
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Why is making a New Year's resolution to become healthier so hard to do? Why can't folks get off their steadily expanding backsides?

There's your answer right there: A new year's resolution. Geez, a year's worth of promise is a lot. Before you crawl back to the couch, exhaused from the mere thought of it all, make a plan.

Why should you start? Got a little weight to lose, maybe? Never mind what you're going to be doing the 12th of Never. Talk realistically to yourself about today's beginning. This resolution begins with today.

Stick-to-it tips — D2

Get out a sheet of paper and the calendar. List what you want to change (less time on the couch, replacing the jelly doughnuts with bagels, cutting down on smoking, etc.) Then list the reasons why you should keep your commitment.

Be specific. Write down how much you now eat, drink or smoke. If you don't know where you are, how will you get where you're going?

After you take inventory, decide how much change you can reasonably handle. You'll avoid pitfalls if you find good substitutes for the old bad habits. New Choices magazine suggests that you take a shower instead of having your 9 p.m. bowl of ice cream.

Choose a time when you want to do these things. In ink, write in your calendar, "10 a.m.: Walk around block with Fred during coffee break."

Just as you "pay yourself first," by putting aside a little something in savings, schedule yourself first and let the day fill in around you. You deserve it. You're important.

Set goals. What do you want to accomplish? Got 20 pounds to lose? Set a sub-goal

'Keep your plan simple. You may get bored and give up if you get all tangled up in rigid training schedules and charts.'

— George J. Pfeiffer, Vitality Magazine

thousand miles must begin with a single step," Chinese philosopher Lao-tzu said. He must have made New Year's resolutions, too.

Scheduling helps you stick with your program. If your new regimen fits easily into your day, you're more likely to continue. Be realistic about what you can do and when you can do it, wrote George J. Pfeiffer in January's Vitality Magazine.

"Keep your plan simple," Pfeiffer said. "You may get bored and give up if you get all tangled up in rigid training schedules and charts."

Make sure your goals are reasonable and measurable, he said. After admitting, "I still believe in weightlifting, but now the mere thought of going to the gym gives me an overpowering urge to lie down," Robert MacKenzie, a reporter for KTVU-TV in San Francisco, has adopted a new aim of moderation.

"No signing myself up for nutri-macro fruit-and-bean diets and no long-term contracts at health clubs," MacKenzie wrote. "Easy does it. That's because when we get real, we admit that diets don't work."

"Why? Because they get tired of diet food; go back to their old eating habits; and bloaty; here come de fudge. What seems to

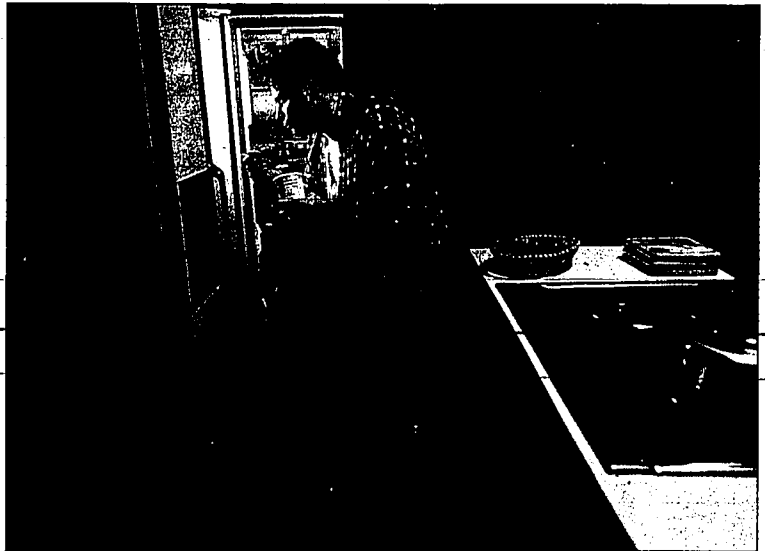


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Starting on the road to weight loss may mean replacing fattening habits, like late-night refrigerator raids, with healthier routines.

work is slow, incremental changes in long-term eating habits together with double daily exercise.

Do something you can do easily, Pfeiffer suggests.

"Don't take up running just because everyone in your neighborhood does it," Pfeiffer said. If you've got a bum knee, you're not going to stick with a running program, he said. Try walking a treadmill in the basement instead.

Drag out the calendar again. Make semi-annual or quarterly resolutions.

Reaffirm your resolution to be healthier on your birthday or your kid's birthday. Think of every day as New Year's Day.

Enthusiasm is often short-lived. Temptation sends siren calls through thinning resolve. Pfeiffer says to pick up where you left off when that happens.

"Don't berate yourself and don't try to make up for what you've missed in one marathon session — just get back into your regular routine," he said.

Vitality also warns that people eat for comfort when they're hungry, angry, lonely or life. Be prepared. Have a plan for the next time your boss yells at you, the car breaks down, the baby kept you up all night or whatever.

Instead of cruising the fridge, you could be reading the kids a story or taking a bubble bath.

After all that hard work, you deserve to reward yourself. Buy yourself a new pair of walking shoes or a new bottle of aftershave. Treat yourself to a half-hour in the spa by candlelight. Dream about how good you're going to look and feel a year from now.

Heck, sit on the couch.

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Discovering the universe's missing pieces

I know you probably have a lot on your mind already, but you should be aware that 90 percent of the universe is missing.

At least that's what astronomers are claiming. I personally wouldn't know. My only exposure to the universe was an astronomy course I took in my sophomore year at Haverford College (motto: "We Never Heard of You, Either"), and the only astronomical principle I learned was that, because of the rotation of the Earth about its axis, astronomy class started way too early in the morning to actually attend in person.



Dave Barry Humor

I needed to sleep late in college because I usually stayed up very late working with my roommates, Rob Stavits, Bob Stern and Ken Stover, on important academic projects such as ordering pizza or assembling the legendary Two-Man Submarine. This was a miniature submarine that we obtained by sending \$9.95 away to a company that advertised in Marvel comics. It came in a small, lightweight, very flat box, but when we assembled all the parts, we had an actual working two-man submarine in every possible respect except that (1) The two men could not be in it simultaneously, and (2) being constructed entirely of cardboard, it was not ideally suited for the underwater environment.

But it was perfect for the dormitory environment. We used it to impress women. On Friday nights, we'd spray plenty of Right Guard brand deodorant in our armpits, then go over to Bryn Mawr College, pick up our hot dates and bring them back to our dormitory room, which was romantically illuminated by an orange flashing light that was originally part of a traffic barricade. The theory was that our dates would take one look at this flashing light reflecting off of the Two-Man Submarine and be driven wild with sexual desire. For reasons that are still not clear, this never happened. Maybe we didn't use enough Right Guard.

But the point is, what with one academic activity or another, I failed to learn much about the universe, or anything else, which is why I went into the field of journalism. We journalists make it a point to know very little about an extremely wide variety of topics; this is how we stay objective. We are also extremely impressed with scientists, and we will, frankly, print just about any wacky thing they tell us, especially if it involves outer space.

For example, we're always printing stories about "black holes," even though nobody here in journalism (and we travel extensively) has ever actually seen a black hole, which is this alleged object that sucks everything into itself and never lets anything back out, like a vending machine, or Sen. Ted Kennedy. We journalists LOVE astounding astronomical things like that. If an astronomer announced that he had detected, in a distant galaxy, by squinting really hard through their telescopes, a harmonica

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Looking good

Skiing borrows its look from high and low places

The Baltimore Sun

Let's face it, skiing is a glamour sport, and assorted jet-setters, stars and royals who normally shun cameras tend to grant photo opportunities when they're having fun in the snow. They know the look has tremendous appeal. That appeal works just as well for the working stiff who may only steal a day trip or a weekend or two at a nearby resort.

Because good skiing is defined by cold weather, clothes for the slopes must provide warmth, and that practical quality is what drives the most significant changes in fashion. The rest is window dressing.

New developments in fabric technology, which allow for lightness and durability in the wide range of microfibers, have expanded styling possibilities. That is why there is no one dominant trend in the skiwear cycle.

Susan McCoy, fashion editor for Ski magazine,



AP photo

Snowboarding has given rise to baggier winter gear.

This two-piece set is made of DuPont Supplex nylon, which is wind- and water-resistant.

who follows the trends on the slopes and the industry, says snow style now borrows from high fashion and the streets. "The biggest influence in snow wear now is coming from the snowboarding set, who borrowed ideas from MTV, thrift stores and street style," she says, "and it's that oversized quality

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Getting rid of that extra weight is only just a start

Knight-Ridder News Service

The holidays are over and, suddenly, that stuffed feeling isn't satisfying. It's scary.

But don't dash off to that diet program yet.

It's time for a serious, national gut-check. Americans are losing the battle of the bulge.

Despite spending a whopping \$33 billion annually on diet drinks, diet books, diet meals and weight-loss programs, the country faces a growing "epidemic of obesity," according to a study by the Institute of Medicine. It says that some 33.4 percent of Americans age 20 to 74 were overweight in 1991 — up from 25.4 percent in 1980.

And while more than 44 million Americans are trying to lose weight, the majority can't keep it off more than a couple of years.

To boost our odds in the "fat fight," the institute released, "Weighting The Options," a report detailing how people can match their own weight challenge to the right approach: do-it-yourself, diet services, clinical or surgical weight-reduction programs.

We need to quit chasing quick fixes and unrealistically skinny ideals, according to the report's panel of nutrition, behavior and exercise experts. We need to choose programs that take a "long-term approach to weight management, provide instruction in healthful eating, increasing activity, and improving self-esteem."

They urge people to chuck the notion that pobellics and thunder thighs are a cosmetic embarrassment, and

see obesity for what it is: a "chronic, degenerative disease" that kills people young and costs Americans \$70 billion annually for weight-related illnesses such as heart disease, diabetes and high blood pressure.

"It's not about looks or fitting into a size 8," says Sabine Schenck, a health educator with the "Lighten Up For Life" program at O'Connor Hospital in San Jose, Calif. "It's about having a long, good-quality life."

What, you were expecting a magic chocolate shake?

The study's authors helpfully underscore the obvious: Keeping excess weight off is a "lifelong struggle" against a complex foe that combines genetic, cultural and psychological forces.

But, they stress, a pragmatic approach to weight management can have big health rewards. Losing as little as 10 to 15 percent of body weight can reduce the health hazards

of obesity.

"Some people really want to lose down to some ideal weight that they weighed years ago and that probably is just not attainable for most people," says Dr. Stewart Agras, director of the eating-disorders clinic at Stanford University Medical Center.

"But a 5 or 10 percent weight loss probably is very attainable for most people and it's easier to maintain," he says. More important, relatively small amounts of weight loss may lead to important health benefits, such as lowered blood pressure and lowered cholesterol levels.

"The message is, only lose that

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Health notes

UNHEALTHY CONCERNS: Job insecurity can be hazardous to your health. An Ohio State University survey of a Midwestern auto plant found that workers who feared for their job security over an extended period suffered the most instances of chest pains, colds, headaches and other physical symptoms.

SCALED-DOWN THEORY: If you're looking for a feminist icon, forget the Amazon Molly. The exclusively female Amazonian species of fish, previously thought to reproduce without male help, does need males after all, says a study in the journal Nature. The Amazon Molly relies on the sperm of males of related species to trigger reproduction. This was not thought to contribute genetic material, but Nature reports: "Now and then, small amounts of male genetic material get through ... which may introduce just enough sex into the austere lives of the Molly to keep them genetically healthy."

REPELS VAMPIRES, TOO: Also from Nature comes a report suggesting that you have a Caesar salad and a couple of brewskis first before your next swim in leech-infested waters. Leeches love blood, but they hate beer and garlic. Norwegian researchers report in the journal Nature. Leeches placed on skin smeared with garlic died. Those leeches which came into contact with beer, not

surprisingly, became erratic. But soured cream, the Norwegians found, does not ward off the slimy bloodsuckers. "They liked it, sucking frantically on the wall of the container."

MARGARINE AND ASTHMA: Talk about a spreading problem: Australian researchers say rancid consumption of polyunsaturated margarines and oils may be responsible for an increase in childhood asthma cases in Australia and other developed countries. Their study cited polyunsaturated oils made from sunflower and safflower seeds as being high in fatty acids it deemed more "pro-inflammatory" than other types of fatty acid. But the hypothesis has yet to be tested and requires further investigation.

BONING UP: Women who begin taking estrogen within five years of menopause and continue for the rest of their lives show a substantial decrease in the risk of osteoporosis-caused bone fractures. So says a new study of more than 9,700 women in the Annals of Internal Medicine.

A REAL YAWN: Having trouble falling asleep? Don't just lie in bed, stewing. Men's Health magazine advises: "Get up and read or watch something boring like the C-SPAN coverage of the House debate on road maintenance."

— Compiled from wire service reports

The key to losing a little weight is to gain a lot of knowledge

Knight-Ridder News Service

Fifty-eight million adult Americans are overweight. Less than 20 percent of the population participates in regular exercise. Half of those who start an exercise program quit before reaping any significant benefits. In addition, those with the greatest health risks are the least likely to exercise.

What is the key to motivating people to begin exercise and then successfully stick with it?

A nationwide survey commissioned by the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports and the Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association looked at American attitudes toward physical activity and fitness.

The survey found that the single greatest motivator to exercise was a desire to improve one's health. The second most popular reason to exercise was to improve one's quality of life. This included the desire to reduce stress and increase strength and energy.

Other common reasons for exercising included wanting to improve the shape of one's body, counteracting sagging, boost self-image, increase morale, lose or control weight and maintain physical fitness. Motivation was notably increased in individuals who received some education

about the benefits of exercise. Here are some common characteristics found in individuals who stick with their exercise programs:

- They enjoy being physically active.

- They are highly self-motivated.

- They have a positive attitude toward exercise.

- They have a high level of knowledge about exercise and health.

- They are aware of the benefits of exercise.

- They have support groups for encouragement and reinforcement.

- They make exercise a priority in their daily schedules.

- They've participated in exercise or sports in the past.

- And here are some tips on increasing the likelihood of sticking to an exercise program:

- Find a workout buddy. Both you and your partner should be reliable and committed to sticking with the program.

- Exercise moderately. Regular exercise at a low-to-moderate intensity seems to be adhered to best. Try to pace yourself, listen to your body and challenge your body gradually. This will help prevent overly sore muscles and burnout.

- Set short-term goals. Try to

New Year's resolution to exercise needs nurturing

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Katie Newby gives fitness away free. She'll even offer gifts.

This still won't be enough incentive for some people to keep their New Year's resolutions to stick with an exercise program, Newby realizes.

"It's sad to say the true successes are fewer than those who get involved," said Newby. The university has a wellness program that includes 4,000 square feet of exercise equipment, an aerobic floor and an indoor pool. It's all free to full-time school employees.

But of 10,344 such employees, about 150 per day at most will use the facilities, Newby said. And this is the busy period, she said.

"We have a real surge around January, February and March," said Newby, an exercise specialist at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn. "Then it goes down."

How to keep new exercisers going is a big issue for fitness experts. Starting exercisers should pick

the form that's best suited for their goals, researcher Rod K. Dishman of the University of Georgia.

For control of weight and blood pressure, this might be walking; for aerobic fitness, it might be something more intense, such as running, he said. They also should find an activity they feel comfortable with.

For instance, people who like to be around others should not expect exercise alone at home to fit their personalities, Dishman said.

People need to start at an intensity that keeps aches and pains to a minimum, Dishman said. Muscle and joint pain can discourage a person from continuing, and a comfortable pace reduces the chance of injuries that can bring an exercise program to a sudden stop, he said.

"Be flexible about daily goals," Dishman said. "Realize that doing less than the ideal is better than doing nothing." But exercisers should try to have a set period for exercise carved out of their days, so exercise won't have to fight for its place among all the other activities of daily living, Dishman said.

end result. Reward yourself each time you attain a small goal. Fol-

low each of your successes with new challenges.

- Change your thinking. Keeping the benefits of exercise requires regular participation. Healthy physical activity is a lifestyle, not something you do just until a desired result is achieved.

- Record your exercise sessions by writing down the activity, time spent and your perception of its intensity, as well as your attitude and feelings toward it. This will help you monitor your progress.

- Make a list of obstacles you encounter. It is important to have a strategy for times when you fall back and relapse into an old pattern or habit. Take the time to develop a plan to prevent and overcome setbacks.

- Keep a positive attitude. Focus on all the benefits of exercising. Be proud of your newly gained strength, energy, productivity, confidence and improved lifestyle.

- Vary your activities. Integrate many activities that you enjoy into your exercise program. Having options keeps you from becoming bored or burned out. Cross-training not only changes your workout scenery, but increases your physical fitness and reduces the risk of injury.

- Make exercise a priority.

Schedule exercise into your daily routine by making an appointment with yourself. Treat these appointments as seriously as you would any other appointment. Only you can take responsibility for your health. You deserve it.

- "Keep a balanced perspective." Wellness involves more than exercise. Eating properly, coping with stress and getting sufficient rest are also important ingredients to your physical being. It is important to find a healthy balance between your physical, spiritual, mental, social and emotional self.

- It is never too late to make a healthy change for the better. Dr. Stephen Covey, author of "The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People," puts it best. He said, "We have the choice to choose; to be responsible for our own lives and health, and take the initiative."

- Effective people truly lead their own lives. "Where are you going to make exercise a part of your life?"

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Weight

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The first step toward choosing the right weight-reduction program is asking yourself: Am I ready? Among the study's many predictors for success is an individual's confidence that they have the ability and the tools to successfully lose weight.

The study offers a simple "diet-readiness" test that helps people gauge if they have sufficient motivation to tackle diet and exercise requirements on their own — or if they need additional counseling and group support.

"So many people come in a program and you can tell right away that they have a negative attitude and they're going to fail, because

they're taking no responsibility for their weight problem," says Paul R. Thomas, the study's project director.

"His sense is, I'm paying the money, you're the professional, make me lose weight. They're there against their wishes and they're setting themselves up to fail."

To succeed, be ready to lose weight, and match yourself with the programs that work best for your type.

So-called "yo-yo dieters" are people who cyclically gain and lose weight. Often they are binge eaters, who need personal counseling to solve their self-defeating behavior, Agras says.

One of the key triggers for binge eating: "Trying to diet," he adds. "Many binge eaters don't eat breakfast or lunch and then they get very hungry and binge eat in the late afternoon and evening." Another trigger is using eating to

soothe emotional conflicts over anger, depression or anxiety.

"It's important to help these individuals with an ongoing, important problem in their life that will prevent them from losing weight," Agras says.

Barry

Continued from D1 measuring 67 light-years across, we'd print this on the front page, with a little chart converting light-years to football fields so that you, the layperson, would have a better grasp of the story.

This is why many newspapers devote front-page space to the story a couple of months ago — you may have seen this — reporting that two teams of astronomers who have been using the Hubble Space Telescope have announced that they're unable to locate 90 percent of the matter that's supposed to be in the universe.

Of course your immediate reaction, as a layperson, is to say to these astronomers: "Of course you've been unable to locate it, you idiots! You're using the Hubble Space Telescope, which needed \$500 million in repairs before it could distin-

guish between a star and a dead bug on the lens."

Well, I don't think we should be so harsh. If trained astronomers equipped with pocket protectors say that 90 percent of the universe is missing, then I say we should believe them, and I say we should help them find it. I'm guessing that a good 60 to 70 percent of it can be found in my office. I have accumulated a LOT of stuff over the years, including (I am not making any of this stuff up) 12 different types of beer (including "Bone Beer" and "Jumping Cow Amber Ale"); a can of pork brains in milk gravy; a year's supply of anti-flatulence products; several dozen miniature replicas of the Oscar Mayer Wienermobile; a toy gun that makes rude bodily noises; and the entire preserved reproductive tract of a cow.

(I'm saving this last item for exactly the right prank concept; it will probably involve Newt Gingrich.)

So let's say 65 percent of the universe is in my office; even when we add the 10 percent that the astronomers found, we're still missing 25 percent. I don't know where it went, but I have a pretty good idea who is responsible: Dogs. The person who tipped me off to this is Darrell Libby of Spokane, Wash., who wrote me a letter pointing out that, when dogs dig in yards, they produce holes, but they do not produce piles of dirt. There might be a little dirt lying around, but never enough to fill in the holes.

Darrell's theory is that "the dirt is being pawed into the ozone layer," or that "enough dirt is being tossed into the sky that another planet will be formed somewhere between

Earth and Mars." Thanks to the Hubble astronomers, we now know that this is not the case; a more logical explanation is that dogs have somehow figured out how to paw the dirt into (speaking of Newt Gingrich) a completely different dimension.

Clearly, they must be stopped before they paw the entire universe out of existence. This is a time for all humans to set aside their petty differences and join together to combat this deadly menace, each of us contributing what he or she can. I'll throw in some pork brains in milk gravy.

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Skiing

Continued from D1 which allows a wide and different range of movement, which is not part of the traditional sport."

"Over the last few years, skiwear has been going strongly retro," McCoy says, "with a return to quilting, lumber jackets and some Alpine and Tyrolean motifs."

There are also looks borrowed from World War II mountain division troops interpreted in fleece that has been recycled from plastic bottles.

There are some red '70s-inspired competitive racing stripe looks. There is more interest in color. Any color except neons, which are the one thing not to wear now.

Even though a high-end designer ski outfit can run upward of \$1,000, it is a bargain in the performance sense. The clothes are washable, durable and have a fashion life of many seasons, unlike a skimpy and

fragile silk dress, which may fetch the same price at the boutique.

And skiwear feels good. You don't know how great it is until you wear it, McCoy says. The pockets are made to be deep and warm, the pulls work easily with a glove. "This season, couture and ready-to-wear lines actually mimic skiwear with

Chanel, Donna Karan and a host of designers showing parkas for the city," McCoy says.

Meanwhile, back on the slopes, they're looking to the past again with over-the-shoulder stretch pants, suspender bib-front jumpers from the '70s and Norwegian patterned sweaters and accessories.

Thankfully, the one look that has not been resurrected is the pink-head-to-toe, snow-bunny get-up.

Thankfully, black is still in; we know its slimming qualities. For sophisticated, navy, the all-time favorite skiwear color, is now coming on strong and edging out black.

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PROBATE AND ITS CRITICS
QUESTION: What is probate and why does it get such a bad rap?

Dennis S. Voorhees

Probate is a set of court procedures designed to see that a deceased person's property gets to its rightful owner. Originating centuries ago in medieval England, probate has long been the subject of scorn and derision for the delay, confusion, and expense it thrust upon an unwilling public.

Not has changed since Charles Dickens popularized the evils of probate in his novel, *Bleak House*. The October 1972 issue of *Readers Digest* heralded long overdue change pioneered by the states of Idaho and Alaska in a simplified set of probate statutes. Twelve other states have since followed suit.

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Avoiding burns

Most serious burns can be prevented by common-sense precautions:



While cooking, do not wear a tie on long, loose-sleeved clothing that can catch fire



Use care when lighting outdoor barbecues; use electric starters instead of chemical ones when possible



Scalding can occur in a bath or shower; always test temperature before stepping into water



Never smoke in bed or when feeling drowsy



Avoid burns from steam by using special caution when lifting lids and draining hot reamers and steamers and pots



While cooking, turn pot handles so they cannot be reached by a child; never leave children unattended in the kitchen while stove is on



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For prostate problems, surgery and watchful waiting are sensible alternatives, study says

BOSTON (AP) — Surgery is a safe and effective way to deal with a troublesome enlarged prostate, but putting off the operation is also a reasonable alternative for many men, a study concludes.

Enlarged prostates are an almost universal woe of male aging. The gland squeezes the urethra, making it difficult to urinate. By age 80, about 80 percent of all men know what this means.

Surgeons try to relieve symptoms by trimming down the prostate. Many men are reluctant to undergo this operation, in part because of the risk of complications, so they choose to live with the unpleasantness instead.

The new study set out to compare the operation with watchful waiting, doctors' phrase for doing nothing. It concludes that both approaches make sense.

"This study documents that for men who are bothered by prostate disease, traditional surgery is a very

good alternative and does not seem to result in impotence or incontinence," said Dr. John H. Wassan of Dartmouth Medical School, the study's director.

"Nevertheless, for many men, simple behavioral tricks, such as avoiding coffee near bedtime and taking time to void, will produce significant relief, and watchful waiting is safe," he said.

To do for you

Aerobic exercise class begins today

JEROME — An aerobic exercise class is set to begin at 6 p.m. today at the Jerome Recreation District and will be held on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays for a six-week session. The fee is \$20 (\$25 for out-of-district participants). For more information and/or to register, call the Jerome Recreation District at 324-3389 or stop by the center at 2444 S. Lincoln.

Series on widowhood will be held at CSI

TWIN FALLS — Widowed Information and Consultation Services is planning to hold a series of meetings on "Coping with Widowhood."

The eight-week series will meet at the College of Southern Idaho Office on Aging. It will be designed to help widowed persons receive information and support in dealing with problems of being widowed. Dates and times have not yet been set. Anyone interested in obtaining more information or in registering for the upcoming class, should call 736-2122.

Natural healing art class begins Friday

BUTTERLY — A class on Reiki, a Japanese-natural healing art will begin at 7 p.m. Friday and continues through Sunday at 3540 China Ridge Drive.

This ancient healing art is done by a simple treatment form of hands on the body. Anyone can learn these useful techniques for themselves or others. The technique is transferred and learned by a student attending a class taught by a Reiki Master. For more information about classes or treatments, call Grace Coassolo at 423-6301 or Luanne Epeldi at 736-0160.

Red Cross chapter seeks volunteers

TWIN FALLS — Do you have some evenings that you are home watching television? There are people who need your help. The Red Cross handles all emergency messages between military personnel and their families. When there is a serious injury, a death or the birth of a child, the Red Cross gets the message to a servicemember far away.

The Sawtooth Chapter of the American Red Cross is seeking people to become volunteer after-hour case workers for the military and their families. A four-hour course will be offered at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Red Cross office, 718 Shoshone St. E. There is no charge for the class. For more information, call the Red Cross office at 733-6464. Everyone is welcome.

Counseling centers offer coping seminar

TWIN FALLS — Canyon View Hospital & Counseling Centers is sponsoring a seminar on "Dealing with Aging, Loss and Grief and Mental Health Problems" at 7 p.m. Jan. 23 at the KMVT Community Room, 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. Speaker will be Mary Ash, R.N. There is no charge for the seminar. To register, call 734-6760 or 1-800-657-8000.

To do for you is a calendar listing of health-related activities, events and education. Information should be submitted by Thursday for publication in the following Monday's Health & Fashion section. Mail notices to: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303, or deliver to our office at 132 Third St. W.

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A brief history of hair: What some women have done for a 'do

Los Angeles Times

In the 1930s, women who dared to dye their hair often left the beauty shop with violent headaches, swollen eyelids and blisters on their foreheads. A decade later, the picture wasn't much prettier.

"We used to make these diabolical bleaches, mixing 20-volume peroxide in a bowl with three drops of ammonia," Vidal Sassoon told Vogue a few years ago. "The number had to be exact, and I was terrified my hand would shake — it was as primitive as that."

Over the centuries, hair has been frizzed, teased, padded, coated with lard, drenched with toxic chemicals and accidentally set on fire — "all in the name of beauty," writes Mary Trasko in her new book "Daring Do's" (Plumpton).

Four years of research, in which she studied "300 years worth of hairdressing manuals," yielded the horror stories that give the book its wink-and-nudge appeal.

"Imagine anyone doing that," we think smugly. Until, of course, Trasko's history of "extraordinary hair" catches up with the more recent past. Like the punk hair of the '80s. Or the bouffants, beehives and "atom-bomb" hair of the '60s, shored up as they were with industrial strength hair spray and toilet tissue.

"My book is about women of privilege who had time to have all these crazy things styled into their hair," explains Trasko, by telephone from her New York apartment.



A model displays the true meaning of 'big hair' during a Karl Lagerfeld fashion show in October 1993.

ment. "This was how they were able to establish their individuality and creativity."

"But today we have so many avenues, we don't have to sit for hours in front of the vanity doing those crazy hairstyles. We have things that matter so much more."

The 35-year-old author, who wears her dark and dyed hair in a shoulder-length shag, previously chronicled the history of extravagant footwear in "Heavenly Soles" (Abbeville Press, 1989).

Beauty through the ages

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Cleopatra wrote a book of beauty tips. Greek and Roman women used powdered lead to lighten their complexions even though they knew it was deadly. The Jewish perfumers of antiquity were warned that resealing trade secrets would cause them and their kin to be cursed forever.

"In other words, says Israeli archaeologist Michal Dayagi-Mendels, human nature hasn't changed noticeably in the past 2,000 years and more. "As far back as we can go we see the same things," she says. "People have always been willing to do just about anything to improve their appearance and to cover up the signs of growing old."

Dayagi-Mendels, curator of the Isrealite and Persian periods for the Isreal Museum, Jerusalem, has brought more than a hundred examples of ancient beauty aids to the Cultural Center of the Inter-American Development Bank. The exhibition ranges from exquisite perfume and body oil bottles to skin-scrapers and lice combs. There are 3,500-year-old bronze razors and hair curlers, and face-painting palettes from which Egyptian

noblewomen made themselves up 5,000 years ago.

Her scholarly training hasn't deadened Dayagi-Mendels's delight in the human hopes and foibles these artifacts represent.

Dayagi-Mendels notes that the oil-rich modern Arab states also were oil- and spice-rich in olden times, referred to by the Romans as Arabia felix, lucky Arabia.

"Nothing changes," she says. She pointed out a double comb, with wide-spaced teeth for untangling hair on one side and close-spaced teeth on the other for naking out lice and their eggs. Its function is obvious from the fact that it's virtually identical to the lice combs on sale at the corner drugstore, and confirmed from the fact that mummified lice and nits were found on it.

"Lice have always been a big problem," Dayagi-Mendels says. "One way they fought them was to use so much hair oil that the lice suffocated." Sounds sticky to us, maybe, but the attitude toward oil was different in those days, when true soap was unknown. Various forms of potassium were used in bathing, along with scrapers to remove the scurf, or dead skin. "It was same old clean but raw," Dayagi-Mendels says.

Like fashionable footwear, fashionable hair, says Trasko, is rife with whimsy and frivolity. But, she

maintains, speak volumes about women's lives.

"Hairdressing used to be so much a

part of a woman's elegance and eroticism. It still is, but it's about clean, healthy hair, not elaborately dressed hair."

In fact, there are — as a rule — so few extraordinary hairstyles in the '90s that Trasko was forced to commission a few, including one with burning candles, to decorate her final chapter. Ignoring the wild tresses of rock stars and their wanna-bes, she concludes that the only practitioners of "marvelous fantasy hair these days" are black women and drag queens in wigs.

"Big hair reached its height — literally — in the 18th century. "Never were more startling hair creations accepted as the fashionable norm," Trasko writes. "Portraits and letters of the day reveal such extravagances as a garden scene headdress, complete with a spinning windmill and brook made from mirror shards."

— In 1798, the extremely short Titus cut "opened the door to the concept of a more natural beauty" and full wigs gave way to hairpieces. (Proof that not all of history's daring 'dos have been duds: The Titus cut was recently renamed the waf cut.)

The modern swing toward natural beauty started in the late 1920s, with actress Louise Brooks and her shiny black bob. "The fashion for short hair in the late 1920s was arguably as liberating as getting the vote," writes Trasko.

But the style sent shock waves through the country. The Catholic Church objected to the bob; Marshall Field in Chicago refused to employ

women who wore it. Nursing students with bobbed hair were suspended, and the University of Arkansas used tests to demonstrate that "long-haired women had the best minds."

In F. Scott Fitzgerald's short story, "Bernice Bobs Her Hair," the heroine pays instantly for her temporary insanity: "Twenty minutes later the barber swung her around to face the mirror, and she flinched at the full extent of the damage that had been wrought. ... It was ugly as sin."

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'Cathy' creator tells how she pulls off fashion trick

Dallas Morning News

LOS ANGELES — In a now-classic cartoon, a short, pudgy, longhaired woman bursts from a dressing room, screams at the sight of her bathing-suit clad body in the mirror and returns to stomp, rip and shred the suit.

She deposits the pile of spandex at the cash register, where the saleswoman says, "That will be \$32.85."

And the little woman with the heart on her shirt replies, "It was worth it."

Cathy, the cartoon alter-ego of Cathy Guisewite, triumphs again over that most frustrating of challenges: swimsuit shopping.

For 18 years, Guisewite has presented in four panels a day a sampling of the joys and aching frustrations of women face in relating themselves to the world. In the process, she has become a dead-on chronicler of fashion in all its folly.

While her Cathy character represents a sort of frazzled but increasingly self-confident Everywoman, the 44-year-old creator is petite, trim and in command of an intricate cartoon and licensing empire that includes everything from greeting cards to wrist-watches to boxed chocolates.

Guisewite's house, a mini-estate in Los Angeles, is neat and carpeted in off-white, a challenge in the presence of a 2-year-old, her adopted daughter, Ivy.

Cathy now appears in 1,200 newspapers. The heroine's life resembles Guisewite's in many ways. Cathy Guisewite is a working woman, girlfriend, a single mother, pet owner, devoted daughter and sister, and a friend — and foe — of fashion.

Her choices of subjects have caused critics to say the cartoonist reinforces issues that stereotype women — depicting them as constant worriers about clothes, calories and cosmetics. Unfair, she says.

Guisewite says she's aiming not to hold women up for ridicule but to offer compassion. While keeping one ear tuned to the nanny and whimpering child in the kitchen, she says, "I really keep doing a lot of the fashion strips because I think that fashion represents (Waa), it represents the enormous (Waa waa)... a microcosm of all the extra choices that women have to cope with. The extra demands on women's time."

"The extra set of expectations that



come with being a woman and trying to live up to 15 different images and having the proper outfit for each.

"And the extra sense of failure that a lot of women have when they try to live up to the extra expectations and can't. I think that it's a microcosm of, really, the rest of our lives."

Women become a sort of moving target, particularly in the sights of the fashion industry, she says, even now arranging her thoughts in cartoon-panel sequence.

"I think that every year, what is shown for the season is more and more expensive for the normal woman, a) to afford, b) to fit into, or c) to have occasion to wear."

"The main thing that has struck me about the looks that are hot is, nobody who is old enough to possibly afford the clothes has the kind of body-of-lifestyle where it would be appropriate to wear it. I now could afford the little bustier top and the microminiskirt and the high-high stocking with the kicky boot, but the chance of me wearing that anywhere is zero."

"That doesn't stop her from shopping. "I am a person who clearly loves the fashions. I love to shop. If I can find a new T-shirt that fits me and makes me feel good, it's like, better than therapy."

"For all the time I spend beefing about how long it takes to get the right looks together, I've probably had a better time shopping for a lot of the clothes that I've bought than actually

wearing them," she says.

Any woman who has ever imagined herself in the pages of a fashion magazine may share Guisewite's appreciation of, and yes, tireless faith in, the ideal designers offer every season.

"I want to get restorer every year. I want to place the burden of my renewal on the fashion industry. I want to be able to blame them when it doesn't work. I want them to tell me, what's going to make me look...," she pauses, thinking of the right word, "great."

The Cathy character bravely faces each season with that same sense of hope, tinged with desperation.

"You will notice that in the strip she is constantly shopping for clothes. She is constantly buying clothes. She has a closet jammed with clothes. And essentially she wears the exact same thing every day. This is exactly how I live my life and how I think a lot of people do," says Guisewite. She, too has a favorite dry sweatsuit. It's kind of a cozy holdover from more trying times.

"I gained 50 pounds in college and didn't lose it for many, many years," she says. "After college, it was the normal thing — I would lose three pounds, gain back seven; lose seven,

gain 11. And I'm thin now, but I spent such a chunk of my fragile adult years never once going into a morning knowing what would fit me by that afternoon."

Cathy, as a result, still finds solace in food, disappointment in diets and disaster in the dressing room. It's a routine etched painfully into Guisewite's memory.

She describes as a special sort of "use" the "years of facing a wall of clothes in my closet where the only thing I could get on is the sweatsuit. And years of buying clothes in a size that was a little bit too small. So you have the dual torture of having finally spent the money for something to wear and you can't get into it.

"I write a lot about that because I've been there. I know I am absolutely capable of being there again."

This is a woman who, after all, allows herself the use of half-and-half in her coffee.

"I feel like a lot of women are there, where they are trapped in this world where they have this closet filled with hope and expectation and anticipation. And they have this little tiny section of clothes in their closet that actually fit — that are mended, that are appropriate — that are de-lined!"

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Sydney Omarr Horoscope

IF JANUARY 16 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Evolving success results in romance, style, controversy, revolution, possibly birth of creative project. Pisces. Virgo persons play significant roles in your life. You are sensitive, psychic, your own most severe critic. Domestic adjustment featured, you'll be interested in real estate property value and your question will be "truthfully" answered. Current cycle relates to travel, writing, marriage. March memorable!

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Full Moon position highlights "yearning for love." You'll find it within family, you'll have proof you are needed, even revered. Attention revolves around income, romance, marriage.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Moody relative talks about attributes, vices and "why should it always happen to me." Full Moon highlights necessity for special care in health. Light of publicity shines - many benefits.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Financial deal initiated last month bears fruit. All stops out, test international waters. Focus on creativity, style, romance, artistic integrity.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Full Moon in your sign coincides with "love in bloom." You'll be at right place, people will seek your counsel, your love. Take initiative, make fresh start, let go of status quo.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Light shines where previously forecast was for "cloudiness." Full Moon in 12th House relates to secret messages, private tours. Get to heart of matters, secret love. Create!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Words dominate, verbal and written. Full Moon relates to ability to win friends, to transform desires into realities. People find it an honor to wine and dine you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Where previously there was pressure, there will be freedom, fun, frolic. Additions to wardrobe improve body image, you'll have reason to celebrate. Secret agenda revealed. You're in!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Check signposts, rebuild on solid structure. Family member in transit communicates, emphasis on love. Taurus, Leo, Minotaur Scorpio invader!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Confidence restored, love letter part of scenario. Financial prospects, previously hidden, come to light, result in optimism. Money belonging to another will serve your cause.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Place "lost love" in quieter area. You'll be asking, "Is this deep vein?" Familiar places, faces dominate. Legal arrangement beneficial if patient.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Some will say, "You're acting mysterious!" Don't be intimidated, reply, "I am mysterious and glamorous!" Define terms, let go of superfluous material.

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Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

"IN THE UNLIKELY EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY, YOU MAY BE REQUIRED TO SWIM."

Saturday's Puzzle solved:

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Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker

"CAN YOU LEND ME \$15, SARGE?"

"I JUST LENT YOU \$10. YOU HAVE TO LEARN TO MANAGE YOUR MONEY BETTER."

"I KNOW. WHAT DID YOU WANT THE MONEY FOR?"

"TO BUY A BOOK ON HOW TO MANAGE MY MONEY BETTER."

DOWN

- Piece symbol
- Oklahoma city
- Snaky fish
- Actress West
- Rings
- "A miss is as good as —"
- 7 Across Center
- 8 Home of the Packers
- 9 — of Two Cities
- 10 Crack in a salo?
- 11 An deco
- 12 Playright
- 13 Observed
- 14 Snack
- 15 No longer fresh
- 22 Caravan combination
- 24 Sculler's equipment
- 25 Crew members
- 26 Playwright
- 27 Shirt
- 72 Storm poetry?
- 73 Come to terms
- 80 Palmer of golf
- 81 Hollow stones
- 82 Horse
- 83 Enchants
- 84 Actress West
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Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

"LOOK AT IT THIS WAY -- WHEN HE'S BUSY WRITING BOOKS, HE'S NOT WRITING LEGISLATION."

"NEW! GINGRICH BIG BOOK DEAL"

Growing pains still a mystery

L.M. Boyd
What's what?

Q. What are "growing pains?"
A. Intermittent aches in the thighs, calves, knees of some youngsters. Medics say they've treated such discomforts for 150 years, but still don't know what causes them.

Q. Women need exercise more than men, do they, Jim? according to a Prevention magazine piece.
A. "Omnibus" means "all inclusive." If it's omnibus effort, it tries everything. If it's omnibus legislation, it covers everything. And if it's a young man designated as an "omnibus helper" in a restaurant, he'll wind up being called something else. That's where the word "bubbu" came from.

Q. The broadcaster Skip Caray, when introduced to the San Diego Chicken, asked, "Why did you cross the road?"
A. Hope supports a lot of different definitions, doesn't it? Emily Dickinson wrote: "Hope is the thing with feathers / That perches in the soul / And sings the tunes without the words / And never stops at all."

Q. How many men actually wrote novels down in the infamous St. Valentine's Day massacre in Chicago?
A. Seven. Of the George "Bugs" Moran gang. Police said they suspected Al Capone's machinegunners. Perceptive. That was the year — 1929 — Hollywood's Oscar made its start. Popeye showed up in the comics, and Herblock got his first drawing job for the Chicago Daily News.

Q. Two out of three people who take IQ tests are said to score between 90 and 110.
A. What's the largest known living thing?
A. A 106-acre stand of quaking aspen in Utah. As to writing: 47,000 trucks connected to the root of a single tree. Estimators think it weighs more than 13-million pounds, however much that is. A lot.

Sydney Omarr Horoscope

IF JANUARY 16 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Evolving success results in romance, style, controversy, revolution, possibly birth of creative project. Pisces. Virgo persons play significant roles in your life. You are sensitive, psychic, your own most severe critic. Domestic adjustment featured, you'll be interested in real estate property value and your question will be "truthfully" answered. Current cycle relates to travel, writing, marriage. March memorable!

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Full Moon position highlights "yearning for love." You'll find it within family, you'll have proof you are needed, even revered. Attention revolves around income, romance, marriage.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Moody relative talks about attributes, vices and "why should it always happen to me." Full Moon highlights necessity for special care in health. Light of publicity shines - many benefits.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Financial deal initiated last month bears fruit. All stops out, test international waters. Focus on creativity, style, romance, artistic integrity.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Full Moon in your sign coincides with "love in bloom." You'll be at right place, people will seek your counsel, your love. Take initiative, make fresh start, let go of status quo.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Light shines where previously forecast was for "cloudiness." Full Moon in 12th House relates to secret messages, private tours. Get to heart of matters, secret love. Create!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Words dominate, verbal and written. Full Moon relates to ability to win friends, to transform desires into realities. People find it an honor to wine and dine you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Where previously there was pressure, there will be freedom, fun, frolic. Additions to wardrobe improve body image, you'll have reason to celebrate. Secret agenda revealed. You're in!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Check signposts, rebuild on solid structure. Family member in transit communicates, emphasis on love. Taurus, Leo, Minotaur Scorpio invader!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Confidence restored, love letter part of scenario. Financial prospects, previously hidden, come to light, result in optimism. Money belonging to another will serve your cause.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Place "lost love" in quieter area. You'll be asking, "Is this deep vein?" Familiar places, faces dominate. Legal arrangement beneficial if patient.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Some will say, "You're acting mysterious!" Don't be intimidated, reply, "I am mysterious and glamorous!" Define terms, let go of superfluous material.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Those who thought you could not handle more responsibility are right, wrong! You'll meet deadline, administrative capabilities surface. Love relationship "heats up." Capricorn plays role.