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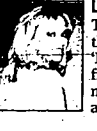


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Batt address expected to cover the bases — and basics

By Karen Tolikidzen
Times-News writer



Phil Batt

BOISE — Glitzy, sexy issues are absent so far from the hubbub surrounding the beginning of the 1997 Legislature. Lawmakers are preparing to hunker down and work on meat and potatoes matters generally within the boundaries Gov. Phil Batt is expected to outline in his State of the State address today.

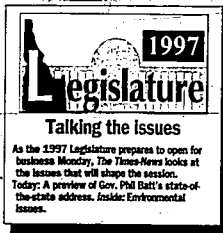
The issues, while not immediately provocative, can determine how much you pay for telephone service, for power, and property taxes. They can decide the kinds of drug programs schools can offer, and the quality of the lakes and streams that you boat on, fish in, and swim in.

Lawmakers, expecting another tight budget year, will closely listen to what the Republican Batt says in his speech

that kicks off the 1997 session.

"Sure, he's one guy, but he's one branch of three in the government, so that one office has a considerable amount of clout," said Rep. Mark Stubbs, R-Twin Falls. "(The speech is) his public commitment to certain issues. It's pretty hard to get a governor to change that commitment. So it's a pretty strong signal to us as legislators that this is the governor's agenda, this is what he wants to see accomplished, and if you want something contrary to this, you've got a tough row to hoe."

Clues about the speech's contents



As the 1997 Legislature prepares to open for business Monday, The Times-News looks at the lessons that will shape the session. Today: A preview of Gov. Phil Batt's state-of-the-state address. Inside: Environmental issues.

weren't coming from Batt spokesman Frank Lockwood.

But Magic Valley lawmakers say they

have some expectations, including a mention of tax relief for residents in Twin Falls and Jerome counties, the only counties that support the College of Southern Idaho through property taxes.

Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, said he wouldn't be surprised if Batt has a proposal for the future of Twin Falls' troubled food safety lab, which he shut down a year ago.

Lawmakers also expect Batt to address a couple of tough issues.

One is how to pay for cleanup plans for Idaho's 962 polluted streams. Noh, one of the foremost water experts in the state, hopes cleanup can be done without taking dollars and workers away from other water quality projects such as additional studies of the Snake River Plain aquifer.

Another is how to reinstate a 2 percent

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New on the block

Twin Falls High considers fewer, but longer, classes

By Liz Wright
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls High School students may soon attend fewer, longer classes every day.

But not everyone likes the idea. The proposal is aimed at improving curriculum, but some teachers say it could hobble courses that require year-round participation, such as band and foreign languages.

School officials have been visiting school districts as far off as Colorado Springs, Colo., to examine varieties of what is known as "block scheduling."

Under the block scheduling concept, students can attend three, four or five classes one day, and attend different course subjects on alternative days. Some schedules are built around quarters, semesters and trimesters.

Twin Falls High School students take two semesters a year, seven classes a day, for 55 minutes per class. With block scheduling, classes are often 90 minutes long.

The trimester system is good for giving failing students a second chance, allowing them to take a class during the third trimester that they had flunked in the first or second trimester, said Joe Hendrickson,



JOE SANDERS/The Times-News

Classes that should be taken year-round, such as band, foreign languages or this Twin Falls High School choir class, could be affected by some kinds of "block scheduling," which TRIS is considering adopting.

principal at Filer High School, which recently switched to a block schedule.

But students could skip a trimester in the middle of the year, and leave fewer students in music and foreign language classes, which must be taken over the entire year.

Music classes draw from a limited pool of talent, and such a system could wipe out the entire horn section of the band during one trimester, said Dick Smack, head of the music department at Twin Falls High School.

"The quality would go down a lot," Smack said. "That would be like if you lost two guards out of your basketball team."

Block scheduling also would require some more teachers to accommodate the additional classes, said Twin Falls High School principal Carl Snow.

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— Carl Snow, Twin Falls High School principal

block," Snow said. "It costs more money, and of course you're going to have more classes."

Block scheduling is popular at alternative schools, such as those in Twin Falls and Halley. Filer and Burley high schools use block schedules that maintain the traditional system of two semesters per year, but students take

four classes daily, alternating every other day, amounting to eight classes total.

Hendrickson said he's surprised at how well block scheduling is working. Longer classes help science teachers, for example, who spend a lot of time preparing labs for students, while teachers in general have more time to blend subjects and give students individual attention.

"There seems to be a better use of time, basically speaking, while we are accomplishing the same things," Hendrickson said.

Some schools only have lengthy "block" classes for half of the day, while students spend the rest of the day in shorter, more traditional class periods, Snow said.

"You can use any combination," Snow said. "What we need to do is find one that works for us."

FEMA director tours state's flood areas

Promises feds will give as much aid as possible

The Associated Press

BOISE — James Lee Witt promised western Idaho county leaders Sunday that the federal government will do all it can to help with millions of dollars of damage caused by landslides and flooding in the past week.

"We're here to help you get your lives put back together, as a team, as a partnership," the director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency said. "We're here to be a good neighbor to you."

Witt joined Gov. Phil Batt, U.S. Sen. Dirk Kempthorne, R-Idaho, and representatives of several other federal agencies in a helicopter tour of damaged areas north and west of Boise on Sunday.

They also met with local officials in Boise and Payette counties — two of the 13 in Idaho that were declared federal disaster areas by President Clinton on Saturday.

The federal delegation toured Nevada flood areas earlier Sunday and was scheduled to travel to California on Monday.

The local Idaho leaders urged Witt to get financial aid to them quickly.

"I cannot believe the cooperation between the federal agencies, and between the state agencies. It's been unreal," Boise County Commissioner John Dyer said during Witt's stop in Idaho City.



Bill Stamps of Fresno, Calif., stays out of a washed-out section of roadway near Happy Isles Nature Center in Yosemite National Park, Calif., on Sunday. The road was flooded when the Merced River overflowed after heavy rains hit the park.

New surge threatens Northern California

The Associated Press

MODESTO, Calif. — Brilliant sunshine broke across Northern California on Sunday, but a surge of flood water inundated parts of the storm-battered area, breaching levees and turning more residents into refugees.

The surge from as much as 40 inches of

rain last week flowed down from the slopes of the Sierra Nevada and spilled out of brimming reservoirs under clear skies.

Marie Ferriere of Modesto was forced from her home Thursday night when water climbed to about the middle of her

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Southern Idaho in grip of severe cold, flu season

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It's shaping up as the worst winter for colds and flu in recent memory, several Magic Valley doctors say.

"It's as bad as I can remember," said Dr. David Spritzer, a family physician at the Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital. "It really hasn't let up since school started."

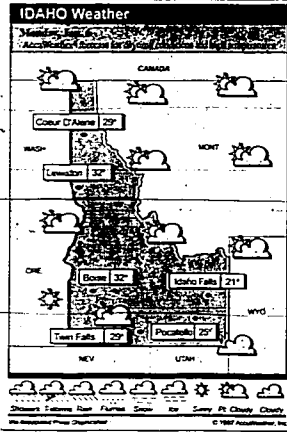
"It started up a little earlier. The cold facts — C1 or than usual," state virologist Roy Moulton told the Associated Press on Friday. "It got widespread rather quickly."

January through March is normally prime cold-and-flu season in Idaho. But already, 25 cases of type A influenza have been reported statewide, according to Idaho Department of Health and Welfare's Bureau of Clinical and Preventative Services, including a smattering of cases in south-central Idaho.

"And that's probably just the tip of the iceberg. Doctors aren't required to report flu cases; the state does spot checks to see where the disease is concentrated.

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WEATHER



FORECAST

Magic Valley

Today sunny through mid-afternoon, then increasing high cloudiness. Highs 25 to 30. Light wind. Tonight mostly cloudy with a slight chance of snow after midnight. Lows 10 to 15. Tuesday cloudy with a chance of snow. Highs around 30.

Extended regional forecast

Wednesday partly cloudy with a slight chance of rain or snow showers. Lows 15 to 25. Highs 30 to 40.
 Thursday turning colder east. Partly cloudy with a chance of snow showers mainly over the eastern mountains. Lows 5 to 15 east and 15 to 25 west. Highs 15 to 25 west and 15 to 25 east.
 Friday continued cold east. Partly cloudy with a slight chance of snow showers mainly over the eastern mountains. Lows 10 below to 10 above zero east and 15 to 25 west. Highs in the teens east and in the 30s west.

Camas Prairie, Wood River Valley

Today mostly sunny in the morning, then increasing high cloudiness in the afternoon. Highs 15 to 25. Tonight cloudy with a chance of snow. Lows 5 to 15 above. Tuesday mostly cloudy with a chance of snow. A little warmer with highs 25 to 30.

Treasure Valley

Today sunny and cold in the morning, then increasing high cloudiness in the afternoon. Highs around 30. Light wind. Tonight mostly cloudy with a chance of snow. Lows 10 to 15. Tuesday mostly cloudy with a chance of snow. Highs in the mid 30s.

Sawtooth Mountains

Today mostly sunny and continued cold. Highs in the upper teens to lower 20s. Tonight cloudy with a chance of snow. Lows zero to 10 above except 10 below in the Stanley area. Tuesday mostly cloudy with a chance of snow. Highs in the 20s.

Eastern Idaho

Today mostly sunny. Highs 20 to 25. Light winds. Tonight increasing clouds. Lows zero to 10 above. Tuesday mostly cloudy with isolated snow showers. Highs 25 to near 30.

Northern Idaho

Today increasing clouds with a chance of snow in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 20s to near 30. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph. Tonight snow likely. Lows in the mid 20s. Tuesday mostly cloudy with a chance of additional snow. Highs near 30.

Northern Nevada

Today patchy fog and low clouds in the morning west otherwise partly cloudy. Continued cold. Highs in the 20s east with 30s west. Tonight partly cloudy. Lows from 10 below to the single digits east. Lows teens and 20s west. Tuesday partly cloudy west. Mostly cloudy east with a slight chance of snow northeast. Highs in the 20s and 30s east. Highs in the 30s to lower 40s west.

Northern Utah

Today becoming mostly sunny. Highs mid-20s to lower 30s. Tonight fair and cold. Lows 0 to 15. Tuesday partly cloudy. Highs 20 to 30.

ACROSS THE NATION

Snow blasts north-central states; record warmth in East

The Associated Press

Heavy snow fell across the upper Great Lakes on Sunday, with blowing snow shutting down parts of the northern Plains, while temperatures hit record highs from Michigan into upstate New York.

A strong low pressure system spread an additional foot of snow across northeastern Minnesota through Wisconsin into Michigan's Upper Peninsula on Sunday. Some areas received well over 20 inches.

In the storm's wake, wind gusting to more than 40 mph piled the snow into drifts up to 10 feet high, closing major highways and stranding travelers. The wind also combined with temperatures near zero to produce wind chills as low as 50 below.

A cold front swinging around the low pressure area rolled across the eastern third of the nation,

colliding with warm, moist air and kicking off thunderstorms.

A line of showers and thunderstorms extended from eastern Pennsylvania along the coasts of Virginia and the Carolinas, across southeastern Georgia and into the western Florida panhandle.

During the night, widespread sleet to severe thunderstorms had stretched from Ohio into Alabama and Georgia, with numerous reports of wind damage.

One man was killed when high wind or a possible tornado demolished a mobile home at Albany, N.Y., late Saturday.

Before the front arrived, a northerly flow of warm air pushed temperatures to record highs early in the morning. Records excluded 59 at Flint, Mich., 66 at Washington's Dulles airport, 62 at Buffalo, N.Y., and 60 at Asheville, N.C.

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Idaho		Twin Falls	
Max	Min	Max	Min
Boise	38	25	10
Burley	34	23	8
Fairfield	16	3	1
Gardiner	30	20	10
Hagerman	33	23	10
Idaho Falls	24	11	1
Jerome	31	20	10
Ketchikan	33	23	10
Lewiston	33	23	10
Malta	30	23	10
McCall	30	23	10
Paicines	30	23	10
Salmon	27	18	8
Sandwich	31	21	11
Sun Valley	30	23	10

SUNWATCH

Sunset today 5:20 p.m.
 Sunrise tomorrow 6:08 a.m.
 Lunar phase: Last quarter, Jan. 1; new, Jan. 8.
 First quarter, Jan. 15, full, Jan. 23.
 Winter quarter: Morning: Max, Ven, Zes.
 Evening: Japite, Saturn.

California

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first-floor windows.

"It looks like everything is ruined," she said. "I try not to think about it. I want to go home, but I don't know if I have a home."

In the small town of Meridian, near Lead Hill, Yuba City, residents and contractors fought to save the local elementary school Sunday by bulldozing up a 3,500-foot, 6-foot tall earthen wall near the building.

"I've never seen anything like this. I've never heard of anything like this," said Sergio Alvarez, a Sater County employee building the berm.

Steve Martarano of the state Office of Emergency Services said battered red levees in Meridian, which was evacuated Saturday night, and other areas continue to fail under the pressure of new flood water flowing down stream from the mountains.

"There's a massive amount of water coming in from the Sierra — there's so much snow, it was so warm and rainy and the ground was already saturated from the December storm," he said.

Martarano said scattered reports indicated that at least 1,500 to 2,000 homes — "and probably upwards of that" — have been destroyed by the flooding, which has also closed four lines, all in traffic accidents related to the storms, which began over the last weekend in December.

Emergency officials are still worried about other areas, including Meridian, the Sacramento River Delta area and Sacramento Airport.

Gov. Pete Wilson on Sunday declared emergencies in four more counties — Contra Costa, Marin, Fresno and Tulare — bringing the total to 41 of California's 58 counties.

The American Red Cross reported it was still sheltering or feeding 34,000 victims, but with

the weather clearing, many of the 125,000 people forced from their homes in recent days were returning as local officials lifted older evacuation orders. In Marysville, 13,000 residents were told Sunday they could leave shelters and trek back home.

For many victims, the news is worse. Some were told they may

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—Marie Fernere, Modesto, Calif.

not be able to return home for two months.

Near Sutter, about 200 families sought an unusual refuge — in the local cemetery.

Richard Taparia spent three days in the cemetery, regularly visiting the grave site of his baby girl, Florence Cathleen, who was stillborn in October.

"I'm comfortable with her being here with me," said Taparia. "She's my guardian angel. She keeps us out of trouble."

The toll to California's agriculture increased Sunday as more farm land disappeared beneath the muddy tide.

"We got a warning to evacuate last night," said John Fantazia, who has been farming near Newman, 80 miles east of San Francisco, since 1971. "It just scared the heck out of us. We've gone through this before and they said it was going to be worse."

The San Joaquin River spared his fields but claimed about a third of his neighbor Tony Souza's 120 acres of oats.

"It will hurt, but it won't put us out of business," Souza said.

Around the state as homeowners surveyed the damage to their homes, work crews were trying to repair devastated highways and railroad beds. U.S. 50 across the Sierra was cut in five places, with one mudslide covering 300 feet of road to a depth of five feet.

In Walnut Grove west of Sacramento, emergency crews used giant cranes to dismantle a half-dozen houseboats knocked loose from their Mokelumne River moorings and jammed up against a bridge.

Union Pacific lines were washed out in 40 places between Lakehead and Dunsuir, a 30-mile stretch north of Sacramento, said railroad spokesman Mike Furney, but repairs have begun.

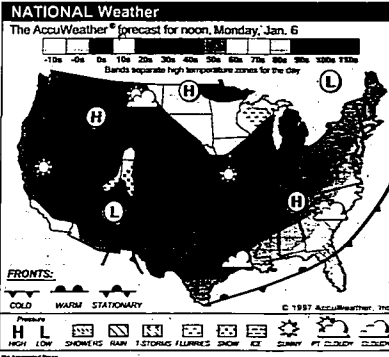
In Nevada, the town of Yerington remained isolated, with only a 10-block area above water. And Nevada Assembly speaker and resident Joe Din.

In Oregon, river levels kept dropping and floodwaters receding on Sunday.

When the water was high enough in Woodburn to help police catch a man Saturday night. He led Oregon State Police on a high-speed chase — but was nabbed when his pickup truck was halted by a feet of water.

Flooding in northeastern Oregon has devastated the Imhaha Canyon and left the 150 residents living a frontier existence. Some electricity and phone service has been restored, but military helicopters continue to airlift in drinking water and other supplies.

In Washington, state officials said the tab for the post-Christmas Day series of storms will top \$125 million in insured losses alone, with no estimate yet for uninsured losses. That figure will rise dramatically when assessment teams reach storm-damaged areas.



City	High	Low	Wind	Dir
Albuquerque	68	35	10	SE
Anchorage	68	57	10	SE
Boston	50	38	10	SE
Chicago	32	32	10	SE
Dallas	52	43	10	SE
Denver	28	08	10	SE
Fort Worth	22	19	10	SE
Houston	43	42	10	SE
Indianapolis	29	65	10	SE
Jacksonville	41	81	10	SE
Kansas City	33	26	10	SE
Las Vegas	47	43	10	SE
Los Angeles	63	61	10	SE
Memphis	38	47	10	SE
Miami Beach	82	64	10	SE
Minneapolis	34	34	10	SE
New Orleans	74	70	10	SE
New York	52	42	10	SE
Oakland	52	42	10	SE
Omaha	23	22	10	SE
Phoenix	63	55	10	SE
Pittsburgh	57	56	14	SE
Portland, Ore.	41	29	10	SE
Reno	39	31	10	SE
Salt Lake City	39	36	10	SE
San Francisco	55	45	10	SE
Seattle	42	36	10	SE
Spokane	32	22	10	SE
Washington	71	49	01	SE

HIGHS & LOWS

Idaho: High, 38 degrees at Boise. Low, 16 degrees at Mullain Pass. Nation: High, 85 at Vero Beach, Fla. Low, 14 below at Williams, N.D.

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ROAD CONDITIONS

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Department of Transportation Sunday reported mostly dry conditions with fog in higher elevations.

Road Conditions:

U.S. 95 — Plummer-Coeur d'Alene, icy spots, rain; Coeur d'Alene-Sandpoint, icy spots, rain; Sandpoint-Canadian border, icy spots, rain; Rigging-Whitehall Hill, dry; Whitehall Hill, icy spots; Grangeville-Winchester, icy spots; Winchester-Lewiston, icy spots; Lewiston-Moscow, icy spots; Weiser-New Meadows, dry, icy spots; Marsing-Oregon line, dry.

Interstate 90 — Fourth of July Canyon, icy spots, rain; Lookout Pass, broken snow floor, rain.

U.S. 12 — Lewiston-Oronofe, wet, fog; Orofino-Kooskia, wet, fog; Kooskia-Lowell, icy spots; Lowell-Logan Pass, broken snow floor, snowing, drizzle.

Idaho 84 — Oregon line-Caldwell, dry; Caldwell-Nampa area, dry; Boise area, dry; Boise-Mountain Home, dry; Mountain Home-Glenns Ferry, dry; Keston-Twin Falls, dry; Twin Falls-Burley, dry; Burley-Idaho Falls, dry; Idaho 55 — Horseshoe Bend-Donnelly, CLOSED; Donnelly-New Meadows, CLOSED.

Idaho 21 — Boise-Idaho City, Open to local traffic; Idaho City-Lowman, CLOSED; Lowman-Banner Summit, CLOSED.

U.S. 20 — Mountain Home-Fairfield, icy spots; Fairfield-Carey, wet, icy spots; fog; Arco-Idaho Falls, icy spots; Idaho Falls-Ashton, icy spots, broken snow floor; Ashmun-Montana line, broken snow floor, snow floor.

U.S. 26 — Idaho Falls-Wyoming line, icy spots, broken snow floor, snowing, drizzle.

Blackfoot-Arco, dry.

Idaho 51 — Dry, icy spots.

U.S. 93 — Nevada line-Twin Falls, dry; Twin Falls-Carey, dry; Carey-Anna, dry, icy spots; Arco-Salmon, icy spots, icy, broken snow floor, snow floor; Lost Trail Pass, icy spots, broken snow floor.

Idaho 75 — Shoshone-Ketchikan, dry; Galena Summit, icy spots, broken snow floor, snow floor.

Interstate 86 — Dry.

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

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

U.S. 31 — Dry.

Idaho 28 — Icy spots, broken snow floor, snowing, drizzle.

4 hurt when car collides with train

SPOKANE (AP) — Four young men were injured Sunday morning when their car slammed into a freight train in the Spokane Valley.

The collision occurred about 2:30 a.m. at a railroad crossing, said Marian Heale of the Washington State Patrol.

Injured in the compact car were driver Timothy Feenbush, 18, and passengers Sean Shelton, 16; William Strandy, 19; and James Herndon, 18. All were from Spokane.

The train engineer, Ryan Scott, 22, of Spokane, also was injured, Heale said.

Death toll reaches 230 in Europe

LONDON (AP) — French trains were diverted to pick up stranded skiers and German rail stations converted to homeless shelters Sunday as the death toll from Europe's longest cold spell in a decade passed 230.

Seven more deaths were reported

ed across the region and weather forecasters said a new blast of frigid air would hit Monday.

In Britain, police recovered six bodies from snow and ice, including that of a 47-year-old woman last seen changing after her dog in Dorset, in southwest England, on Saturday.

Cold

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Type A is the strain of flu that the Federal Centers for Disease Control has been warning Americans for months to be vaccinated against. It's a serious respiratory infection that can be fatal to the very young and the very old, or people whose immune systems have been weakened.

"I'm starting to see some signs of flu mixed in with other symptoms," Spritzer said.

If you haven't been inoculated for flu by now, it's probably no late, he said. The vaccine takes about a month to become effective.

"The best thing you can do now

is try to prevent getting it," Spritzer said.

Spritzer and other doctors said they've seen progressively worse cold and flu seasons as more strains of bacteria become resistant to antibiotics.

The viruses that cause colds and flu are immune to antibiotics, but the drugs are used to battle secondary bacterial infections that often accompany viral respiratory diseases.

"It used to be that the first antibiotic would take care of the problem," Spritzer said. "Now it takes two or three different antibiotics for a lot of people."

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lookback in education funding. It could come out of the state's \$3.18 billion budget reserve, its "rainy day fund," or through cuts in other areas, Smalls said. But it must be made up.

"If we don't affirmatively kick it on, it's essentially coming out of property taxes," he said. "The school district would have the right to have the county commissioners levy to make up the difference."

Rep. Jim Kempton, R-

Snow, stranded cars clog roads for 2nd day

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Blowing, drifting snow shut down major highways in the upper Midwest for a second day Sunday with drifts reported up to 10 feet high, stalling travelers wherever they could find shelter.

Snowbound motorists crowded motels and truck stops in Minnesota and eastern North and South Dakota, waiting out the storm that dumped as much as 21 inches of snow and piled it up with wind gusting past 40 mph.

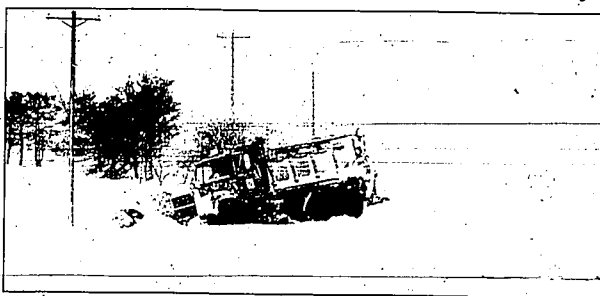
The storm struck Saturday and began winding down on Sunday, allowing crews to reopen some major highways, but hundreds of miles of Interstates 90, 29 and 94 remained shut down in the three states.

Three traffic deaths were blamed on the storm in South Dakota, and one man fell to his death in Minnesota while clearing snow from his roof.

There was no estimate of how many cars and trucks were stuck. "We couldn't count that high," said Dan Peterson, a Minnesota State Patrol dispatcher.

About 120 miles of I-94 had been closed since Saturday from Sauk Centre, Minn., to Fargo, N.D.

Much of South Dakota's Interstate system had been reopened, but 80 miles of I-29 remained shut down Sunday afternoon from Watertown, S.D., to the North Dakota state line, and more of the highway was



After the plow's blade struck frozen, compacted snow, a Minnesota Department of Transportation snow plow slides into a ditch Saturday near Clear Lake, Minn. Snow was falling at the rate of one inch per hour across central Minnesota.

closed north to Grand Forks, N.D. Many other roads in the area were impassable or had one-lane traffic and Minnesota police said driving conditions in the western part of the state were "extremely dangerous."

That included the area of Brockdenklee, where a tour bus with nine passengers was stranded for about 10 hours before another bus could reach it. Other motorists also had to be rescued.

"Then there was a gal and another guy ... they were out there for a long time without

gas," Peterson told WCCO in Minneapolis. "There's no farms, no nothing out there. You're out there by yourself."

Road crews in eastern North Dakota ran into a 10-foot-high snowdrift near, Forman, about 65 miles southwest of Fargo, said Bruce Nord, a highway supervisor.

"We've got some 8-footers east of Enderlin that run probably 50, 60 yards in length," Nord said.

All 149 rooms were taken at a Holiday Inn in Alexandria, Minn., near I-94, and the motel turned

its banquet room into a "mini suite" with sleeping accommodations on pool chairs, said manager Jamie Mortland. There was no charge for the five or six people who spent the night there.

"Everyone along the strip here was packed," Mortland said of other motels.

Non-emergency travel was banned in Aberdeen, S.D., after the city commission declared a snow emergency. Said 14-year police veteran Sgt. Kurt Smith: "I can't ever remember a time when they've done this."

Clinton tries to set tone for 2nd term

ST. THOMAS, U.S. Virgin Islands (AP) — His Caribbean vacation over, President Clinton is wasting no time in setting a tone for his second term, planning a series of public events this week to highlight his policy priorities.



Bill Clinton

The president and his wife, Hillary Rodham Clinton, wrapped up Sunday a week of rest and relaxation, including four quiet days on this Caribbean island. Embraced by warm sea breezes and afforded privacy they rarely get at home, the first couple pronounced the visit a "perfect" vacation.

Returning to work Monday, Clinton starts a schedule for the two weeks before Inauguration Day aiming to underscore a theme central to his reelection campaign: the federal government working more closely with other segments of society to achieve progress on thorny problems such as strengthening education.

During his vacation, Clinton's aides announced he would lead a Camp David retreat at the weekend for members of his old and new Cabinet. The private session is meant as an opening opportunity to discuss second-term priorities.

On St. Thomas, Clinton talked matters to golf and rest.

The first couple had staked out of boating to nearby St. John on Sunday and walking the nature trails in heavily wooded Virgin Island National Park. But at the last minute they opted for less-taxing pursuits at the 3,700-square-foot Sand Dollar villa overlooking Magen's Bay, which served as the vacation retreat.

White House spokeswoman Mary Ellen Glynn said they spent the morning reading and working a jigsaw puzzle. The president and Mrs. Clinton were out past midnight, dining at a local Cuban restaurant. The president had the special of the day — a plate of "Old Wife" fish — washed down with a nonalcoholic drink made from an apple-like local fruit called sorsoop.

It was the Clinton's first visit to St. Thomas, the easternmost outpost of the United States. Once they're back in Washington's political fray, it may seem a distant memory.

The Republican-controlled Congress is opening Tuesday with its own priorities, including an eagerness to investigate irregularities in Democratic campaign fund-raising.

Clinton is putting a spotlight this week on cooperative ventures outside the capital. On Monday, he's attending an economic breakfast at the White House, and administration officials said he will stress that a national unity of purpose is needed.

essary to overcome such social ills as racial intolerance.

Later in the week, Clinton plans to bring educators to Washington for an event at which he will tout new statistics showing a decline in student loan defaults, a Clinton aide said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

He intends to use the education event to make a pitch for proposals he put forth during the fall campaign, including tax credits that he said could help make two years of college as universal in America as a high school diploma. He wants public school students and teachers held to measurable standards.

Clinton also is scheduled this week to put a spotlight on his welfare-to-work theme — providing incentives for businesses to hire people off welfare rolls. Chief executives of major U.S. corporations are being invited to the White House for the event.

The president's week's vacation began last Monday at a resort on Hilton Head Island, S.C. On New Year's Day, the Clintons flew with daughter Chelsea to St. Thomas, where the president swam, snorkeled, read on the beach, watched football on TV. Staff members said he kept abreast of disaster relief in the American West as well as international issues.

Spokeswoman Glynn said the first couple described their visit as "perfect" — especially treasured after an earlier post-election vacation in Hawaii was cut short by pressing business.

Sniper kills 2 deputies responding to violent call

CABAZON, Calif. (AP) — A sniper armed with a military rifle fatally shot two deputies responding to a domestic violence call at a trailer early Sunday. Shots were fired at other officers before a suspect was arrested several hours later.



Members of the Riverside County Sheriff's SWAT team move out from the scene where two Banning police officers were gunned down Sunday in Cabazon, Calif.

Riverside County deputies James Lehmann Jr., 40, and Michael P. Haugen, 33, had just arrived at the trailer at 3 a.m. when they were killed by shots fired from about 50 yards away. It was unclear whether the shots came from the trailer, said sheriff's spokesman Mark Lehman.

Shots were also fired at a sergeant who arrived to check out the scene when the deputies failed to call in. The gunman fired sporadically at other deputies who arrived to cordon off the area after it was deemed it too dangerous to retrieve their fallen colleagues.

As rain fell, the bodies of the deputies lay near their patrol

cars, surrounded by scrub and chaparral on a sparsely populated rural road in this community 70 miles east of Los Angeles.

About 7:30 a.m., 36-year-old Timothy Russell was arrested a quarter-mile from the trailer and booked for investigation of murder.

"The gunman fired sporadically at other deputies who arrived to cordon off the area after it was deemed it too dangerous to retrieve their fallen colleagues."

der. Russell was unarmed but an M-1 military carbine rifle was later recovered, the spokesman said.

Russell's wife had made the domestic violence call from a neighbor's home saying her husband had assaulted her and might be under the influence of methamphetamine, Lehman said.

Deputies had little prior contact with Russell. He was arrested in the 1980s for investigation of spousal abuse but was not convicted.

Dick Morris and wife are ending their marriage

NEW YORK (AP) — The wife of former presidential aide Dick Morris has decided to leave him, citing ceaseless public pressure since he was accused of being a regular customer of a \$200-a-night prostitute, the Daily News reported Sunday.



Eileen McGann has decided to leave her husband, former presidential aide Dick Morris.

"It had been one crisis after another and I finally had a chance to think," Eileen McGann told the paper. "I had really hoped and believed that as time went by, this would disappear as a public issue and become a private issue between Dick and me, but that didn't turn out to be true. I realized it would never go away."

The scandal surfaced in August during the Democratic National Convention with a report about Morris' relationship with prostitute Sherry Rowlands, who sold her story to a supermarket tabloid.

Rowlands claimed Morris, President Clinton's top political adviser, shared sensitive information and let her listen to phone

calls with the president.

Morris, 48, who had been an adviser to Clinton since he ran for Arkansas governor in 1976, immediately resigned. His wife appeared "at his side" for the media outside their home in a show of loyalty some say Morris didn't deserve.

"I felt loyalty, but I didn't

think I wouldn't be thinking later about what's best to do here," said McGann, a lawyer.

Reporters stalked out their Connecticut home.

"We literally felt surrounded and under siege," McGann said. "I was further scandalized by a subsequent report of another Morris infidelity, this involving a 15-year relationship with a Texas woman that produced a child."

"I felt like I lost my privacy completely," McGann said. She reached her decision to end the 20-year marriage last week, while traveling without Morris in California.

"We're both sad and I think he's struggling but we're both still friends," McGann said. "I think we both accept the fact at this point that we need to go our separate ways."

"And, for me, at least part of the reason is if even I could forgive what happened, I can't escape the story," she said. "I am almost daily deluged with more

and more." Telephone calls by The Associated Press to the couple's home on Sunday rang unanswered.

Real estate giant, billionaire dies at 87

NEW YORK (AP) — Harry Helmsley, a self-made billionaire whose many business successes were overshadowed in recent years by his wife, Leonia, and her highly publicized tax evasion conviction, has died. He was 87.

Helmsley died Saturday of pneumonia at a hospital in Scottsdale, Ariz., said Howard J. Rubenstein, Helmsley's New York-based spokesman.

Helmsley had "been ailing for some time" and had been hospitalized for about a week in Arizona, where he and his wife had a home, Helmsley was at her husband's side when he died.

"My fairy tale is over," Mrs. Helmsley said in a statement. "I lived a magical life with Harry."

From the 1950s to the mid-1980s, Helmsley was a major

player in real estate. His vast holdings included 27 hotels and 50,000 apartments and control of the Empire State Building.

By the end of his life, though, Helmsley was best known not as a powerful businessman, but as the senile husband of a woman who came to symbolize the greed of the 1980s.

He avoided prosecution on similar tax evasion charges after a court found him incompetent to

stand trial because of advanced age and declining health.

In addition to New York, he had holdings in Detroit, Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Houston, Washington, D.C., and other cities.

He pioneered the syndication of real-estate properties using a system developed by lawyer Lawrence A. Wien. Helmsley found the buildings and Wien rounded up the money for their deals.

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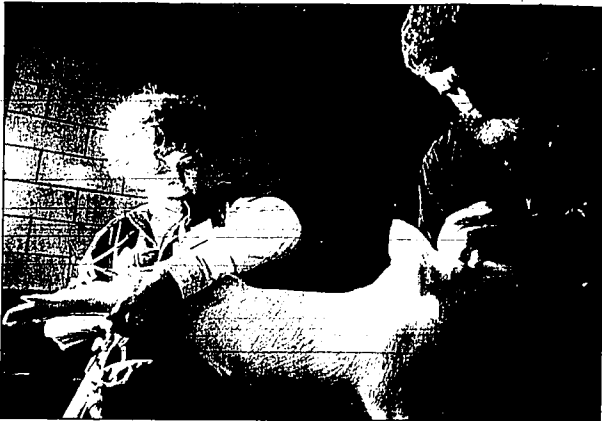
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Howard Levine, a Tufts University veterinarian, and student Margaret Farnum examine a piglet at University of Connecticut farm in early December.

Vets on wheels treat cows, take farmers' economic pulse

STORRS, Conn. (AP)—Lucy is nursing and cleaning up her baby, Lil, born less than an hour before her visitors arrive. Vanessa is bleeding from a cut in her ear. Ginger and Gina are having a late breakfast.

"Moo," they greet their callers. The visitors are not cowed. They are a professor and two fourth-year students from Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine, and they are here to test nearly 100 cows at the University of Connecticut dairy farms for pregnancy.

They will not use home pregnancy tests, or ultrasounds. Instead, they will reach deep into the cows and check to see if their uteruses are enlarged.

Not that they are without modern techniques and technology. It's just that it saves time and money to do it the old-fashioned way, and time and money are much on the minds of these vets.

Today's veterinarians use syringes and scalpels and ultrasound machines, but they also use calculators. They are reaching beyond emergency and sick cattle work into farm management and production medicine. They look into the raising of calves, into milking machines, and into feeds and crops.

The idea is to help farmers improve production, and make their farms more efficient. An example: Sherry Holt and Margaret Farnon, the students who are testing the cows, also will visit a small commercial dairy farm to analyze its management and make suggestions on how the owner can improve profits.

"When they are in practice they can advise a client not just how to treat a sick cow but how to improve their management in order to be more efficient," says Dr. George Superstein, head of the Tufts ambulatory service. "The more efficient the farmer, the more net profit, the better off the veterinarian."

"I've always loved wildlife."

—Sherry Holt, Tufts student

"The future of veterinary medicine on the farm is advising the client on how to be more efficient so that we're partners in their operation. Rather than the plumber you call when the pipe is broken, we're the consultant that recommends how to prevent the pipe from breaking in the first place."

Superstein, 46, is a second-generation veterinarian. "My father's generation went into it for different reasons than my generation did," he says. "I think in the '40s when he went into it, it was seen as a way to serve your small home community and learn a sophisticated medical trade."

"When I went to veterinary school, I wanted to work for somebody for a couple of years, and then hopefully have my own practice. Today's students want to work in a large group practice and have decent hours. My generation, my father's generation, would work until there was no

more work, which was around the clock, seven days a week."

It is not the most lucrative occupation. Tuition is about \$26,000 a year at Tufts. After graduation, the starting salary is around \$30,000 a year.

"I think we're all a little different," says Ms. Holt, 41, who has degrees in photojournalism, nursing and marketing, and was just shy of a thesis for one in wildlife biology when she was accepted at Tufts.

"I've always loved wildlife," she says. "I'm better at medicine than I am at art. My kids are older. I didn't want to think about human medicine because I really wasn't up to eight more years. I was too old to start medical school as far as I was concerned."

Ms. Farnon, 34, was an environmental consultant before she turned to veterinary science. She exults in it.

"You get to use your body and your mind," she says. "It's a very physically active job. If you're a person who likes animals, it's just endless joy to be with them all day and have that be your work."

The pregnancy tests are uneventful. Some of the cows are bossy. Others are rude, butting heads at the water cooler to go first. Some are curious, sniffing their visitors. Vanessa, the one with the cut ear, is frightened as Dr. Howard Levine, an associate professor at Tufts, stitches it.

"I think animals are like people," says Ms. Farnon. "They do have fear, happiness. They have a lot of the same emotions we experience, but I think they're unlike us in that they don't complain."



Peter Jennings



Tom Brokaw

more of an opportunity to speak for themselves.

It has led a shift away from having the nightly news serve as a headline service. Believing many viewers are already acquainted with the big stories through radio or local news, Brokaw said NBC tries to do fewer stories each night but with more depth.

NBC's emphasis on people over politics and concentration on health and personal economic stories, makes it a more human broadcast, said Andrew Tyndall, who publishes a weekly newsletter on the content of the evening news.

NBC was the first to sense the presidential campaign and adjusted its coverage accordingly, he notes. At the same time, ABC's focus on politics and international news — such a strength when the Berlin Wall came down — has fallen flat with fewer compelling stories occurring in these areas, he said.

Some of ABC's problems may be outside network control. Most analysts believe nightly news rat-

ings are highly sensitive to such things as the strength of local news and network entertainment programs. And ABC entertainment is in a real slump.

NBC's other news programs — "Today," "Dateline NBC" and "Meet the Press" — are on a ratings roll and they promote the nightly news.

"It's frustrating, but it's not consuming," said Kathryn Christensen, executive producer of "World News Tonight." "We don't make our decisions based on a tenth of a point in the ratings because how can you divine that?"

Yet ABC is clearly trying to play catch-up on the nightly news, Tyndall said. Its regular segments about solving problems in government and social policies is a response to NBC's more personal approach.

"They observed the same things NBC observed, except that they observed them two years later," he said.

December brought two major court setbacks: A Florida jury awarded a banker \$10 million after ruling ABC's "20/20" misrepresented him, and a federal court in North Carolina said the network had committed fraud in sending reporters undercover for an expose on Food Lion super-

markets. It's too early to tell what impact these high-profile cases will have on the news division's reputation.

Oddly, the rise of NBC's news division can be traced back to its own reputation-shredding low point when "Dateline NBC" was caught helping make a truck explode to illustrate a story about unsafe fuel tanks.

Gingrich hasn't ruled out stepping aside temporarily

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., told Rep. Matt Salmon, R-Ariz., last week that he had not ruled out stepping aside until after the vote on his punishment for violating House rules, Salmon said Sunday.

Gingrich aides denied the speaker is considering taking that course and confidently predicted he would be reelected when the new Congress convenes Tuesday.

Salmon said Gingrich made the comment during a telephone conversation Friday. He said Gingrich phoned to discuss the second-term conservative's call for Gingrich to give up the speakership until his ethics case is resolved so as not to divert attention from the GOP agenda.

Appearing on ABC's "This Week," Salmon said Gingrich said many of Salmon's points were valid. "He did tell me that was something he would not completely rule out," Salmon said of the possibility that Gingrich would temporarily step aside.



Newt Gingrich

Tony Blankley, Gingrich's press secretary.

Rep. Scott Klug, R-Wis., a fourth-term moderate, said he would urge Gingrich to put off the vote for speaker until after a year on his punishment. On CNN's "Late Edition," Klug said he has not decided whether to support Gingrich without knowing the ethics panel's proposed sanction.

"I feel like Carmac (a character on the Johnny Carson show)," he said. "You essentially have to read the verdict before you open the envelope. And I think if we all guess wrong, we're in trouble."

Salmon, who said he would vote for Gingrich's reelection Tuesday, stressed that his position was not directed at Gingrich personally, but at removing hindrances to the party's agenda.

"My position is not anti-Newt Gingrich, it's very pro-Newt Gingrich," he said. "Our agenda is too important to let any one man or any one person get in the way, and so I'm asking him ... at least for a time to step down and consider that as an honorable thing to do."

Salmon said he told Gingrich: "This has nothing to do with my belief in your guilt or innocence. It has to do with the fact that we're taking our eye off the ball." Rep. Michael P. Forbes, R-N.Y., the only House Republican to say publicly that he will not back Gingrich Tuesday, used a similar argument to explain his position.

"Should Newt Gingrich retain the speakership, he will be the issue ... rather than, obviously, this worthwhile agenda that we Republicans in the House want to pursue," the second-term conservative said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Virginia's marijuana law goes unnoticed

RICHMOND, Va. (AP)—New laws in California and Arizona allowing medical uses of marijuana have brought a harsh reaction from the federal government, even though Virginia passed a similar law nearly two decades ago.

But Virginia's measure is so little-known and little-used that many law enforcement officials were unaware of its existence, as were some of the legislators who sponsored the bill in 1979.

"I do not recall that provision," said U.S. Rep. Rick Boucher, a Democrat who at the time was a state senator and backer of the measure.

Virginia lawmakers approved the medicinal use of marijuana as

part of a general loosening of the state's laws against possession and distribution of small amounts of the drug.

An amendment states that no one possessing marijuana shall be prosecuted if the drug has been prescribed by a medical doctor in the course of his professional practice for treatment of cancer or glaucoma.

The law goes on to say that no medical doctor or pharmacist shall be prosecuted for dispensing or distributing marijuana for medical purposes.

Because there is no way to limit a prescription for marijuana, the law was aimed more at preventing arrest or providing

a defense for a patient who might be arrested for possessing marijuana, said Dr. William Regelson, a professor at the Medical College of Virginia Hospitals who has studied the medical use of marijuana.

The medical marijuana exception apparently has had little, if any, legal impact. A computer search by the Richmond Times-Dispatch did not turn up any state Supreme Court or Court of Appeals cases citing the law.

Neither Dr. Regelson nor the Virginia Department of Health Professions knew whether doctors have prescribed marijuana since the Virginia law was approved.

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OTHER VIEWS

Proposed dam not needed, not wanted at Auger Falls

From The Idaho Statesman, Boise

Forget about it. The proposed dam at Auger Falls on the Snake River is unwanted, unneeded and unwise. It is time for the dam's Utah developer to move on.

State Attorney General Alan Lance is right on the money with his calls upon Cogeneration Inc. of Salt Lake City to give up plans to pursue the Auger Falls hydroelectric plant.

The project would be a mistake on a river already in very tough shape. The last thing the Middle Snake needs right now is another structure creating more slack water in which to grow more choking masses of river-killing algae.

Idahoans have spoken clearly on this issue. A majority prefers to keep this last beautiful remnant of free-flowing, fast-moving river just as it is. Auger Falls is highly prized for its recreation and scenic values, which in this case far outweigh corporate profits.

Cogeneration President Steve Harmsen wants to build a low dam about three miles downstream from the Perrine Bridge at Twin Falls. Water would be funneled down a canal to turbines and returned to the river.

In a correct and courageous move almost a year ago, the State Land Board denied Cogeneration an easement on which to build the hydro plant. Gov. Phil Batt, the Land Board's chairman, cited overwhelming public opposition as the reason.

Unfortunately, Harmsen has federal energy regulators helping him keep his dream alive. All along, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has issued Harmsen the permits he needs.

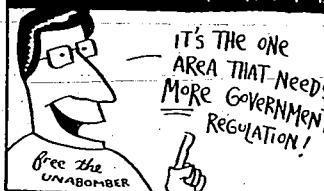
Now Harmsen plans to again reply on FERC to try to supersede the wishes of Idahoans.

He is urging FERC to join him in his plans to begin condemnation proceedings against the state by Jan. 13, arguing that Idaho is usurping FERC's authority.

Lance has a right to be angry about the "schizophrenic nature" of the federal government, which on one hand has allowed Harmsen to proceed while, with the other hand, orders Idaho to clean up its rivers.

Nobody can have it both ways. It makes more sense to clean up the environmental mess Idaho already has on the Snake before allowing another dam. Hands off Auger Falls.

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Idaho's tax surplus down

From The Coeur d'Alene Press

Idaho's much-vaunted tax surplus has shrunk to half its customary size. It would be silly to blame the Legislature or Gov. Phil Batt for the deficiency.

For all its political muscle, not even the Idaho Legislature wields much influence over the worldwide computer chip market, whose collapse led to the misfortunes at Micron, which in turn shut off a major pipeline of Idaho's operating revenues.

And it turns out corporate tax revenues haven't fallen as hard as personal income taxes and sales tax receipts.

Micron's size and proximity to Boise is a wake-up call for legislators to the danger of putting all our eggs in one basket. Micron will rise again, but still be vulnerable to the controlled Japanese and Taiwanese export economies.

The Legislature's lesson, when it convenes this week, is twofold: First, consumer confidence ought to be Idaho's leading economic indicator. Wives and husbands feel cautious when the economy is sour, and hold back on their credit card and cash retail buying.

Second, Idaho needs to protect and promote the value of economic diversity. Southern Idaho's agricultural base is struggling against anti-grazing regulations and fighting to protect water rights.

North Idaho has been hammered by depressed prices and regulations in the timber and mining segments of its economy. North Idaho scrambled to diversify. It succeeded.

This region has reached out to neighboring states for new industry and offered its then-favorable tax climate as an incentive. Hikes in sales and property taxes since then have trimmed that advantage.

Idaho's economy continues to show its strength, but these current times of challenge demand constant reevaluation of the cost of doing business. The growing global economy should not be seen as a threat to Idaho so much as a marketing opportunity. Idaho can compete so long as no economic sector is weakened at the expense of another.

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LETTERS

Golf course should benefit city

The City Council still doesn't get it. There is no way the golf course can make a profit by raising fees. I agree that the golf course should be self-supporting, but as long as the city gets nothing from the clubhouse and the dining range, it will be a rip and tuck. Idaho Falls leases out the cafe and refreshments and also gets money from the driving range at all three courses. It's no wonder they were able to build the last two courses.

I hope future council members will realize the golf course is an asset and run it as a municipal course and let the city have its share of the profits. In my opinion, the public meetings meant very little as the course had already been leased out. I am also against the raises, especially the one trying to discourage people from bringing their carts. This actually gives the pro a monopoly. I can't see where the city will benefit from this as fewer people will bring their carts.

Let's start running the golf course for the benefit of the city.

J. WAYNE KING
Twin Falls

Let your conscience judge you

To you who felt the need to take the Christmas tree off the grave of Frank H. Davis at Sunset Memorial Cemetery, I want to say this: If you had children, no tree, no money to buy one and needed it to have a better Christmas for the children, I forgive you. If it was just an act of vandalism, I don't.

The tree was placed there by a daughter who loved him, and it was his last Christmas on earth two years ago. This was a memorial to him, and she will feel real bad when she finds out this has happened.

I am his widow, and I feel terrible about it, and I do hope your conscience let you have a merry Christmas, if the tree was really needed.

GRACE L. DAVIS
Jerome

'Values' a strange, empty word at best

The strangest new code word has surfaced in politics — it's "values." Values was a perfectly good word until some political consultant noticed that the thing is plangent (a good \$25-word meaning "to reverberate"). The oddest thing about the political use of "values" is that it doesn't mean anything. Some politician stands up and says, "The trouble with this country is that we've lost our sense of values." And everybody nods and thinks, "By George, that's true." And we all bring to the word our own sense of what it means, when none out to be appropinquately. "What this country needs is more people like me."

"Family values" seems to be a code word for '50s television sit-com families like "Ozzie and Harriet," "Father Knows Best" and "The Cleavers." Mrs. Cleaver, you may recall, was the one who always vacuumed while wearing high heels and pearls.

"Christian values" is apparently an elastic concept covering the notion that thou shalt not rape, rob, steal or kill, and also, it would be nice if people quit lying and littering, not to mention stranding around on street corners drinking Thunderbird and trying "two-for" every three mimes.

"Humanistic values" covers the concept that greed is NOT good, from Booky to not withstanding, that we have some obligations to the poor and downtrodden among us, and that we should try to revive "a sense of community," whatever that might be.

Hard work, responsibility and teen-age pregnancy are all in there somewhere too. I'm just not clear yet in what subcategory they belong.

Politically, "values" are starting to play a bizarre role. You're sitting around having a discussion of what to do about the cities — would it be better to fully fund Head Start or should we put more money into job training? Or maybe we should concentrate on enterprise zones and childhood immunization? Do we need to reform welfare by changing the marginal tax rates on folks who get minimum wage jobs or just cut off women who have more than one child?

When somebody up and announces, "The real problem is that we've lost our sense of values," Everyone nods and thinks, "By George, that's true," and the discussion comes to a halt.

Out of curiosity, I've started pushing Molly Ivins



MOLLY IVINS

the missing-values crowd on what it is we need to DO about the problem, and the answer is the oddest part of all — it's nothing. When you say, "Oh, so what do we do about the lost-values crisis?" they reply, "There's nothing that can be done." So "values," in its current political context, turns out to mean "do nothing," or possibly it stands for the status quo. Is this a revealing development or what?

We all arrive awkwardly at some discussion of human nature. Since human nature has demonstrably not improved over the past several centuries, it's kind of silly to maintain that it has somehow deteriorated here in the last 12, or 25 years. So if we think a whole bunch of people have gotten worse — there are more criminals and thugs and what-have-you — then it must mean their conditions have gotten worse, no? And those conditions can be changed, right? But that's when you hit this funny, fatalistic streak. Government doesn't work. The churches are irrelevant. The country has no leadership.

Myself, I think these are the counsels of despair. I say it's spinach. I say to hell with it. If you want to believe nothing can be done, or that nothing we can do will make any difference, that's fine with me. Just stop calling it "values," will you?

Molly Ivins is a columnist for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Just when does the millennium start?

The 21st century will begin Jan. 1, 2001. That simple sentence, admitting no dispute, comes straight from the World Almanac and Book of Facts.

The starting date of the 21st century — and the third millennium — should not even be questioned.

The issue was settled to the satisfaction of everyone who could count straight a century ago, when Pope Leo XIII, Czar Nicholas II, President Charles William Eliot of Harvard and The New York Times all agreed that the 20th would begin with 1901.

Curiously, Kaiser Wilhelm and President Theodore Roosevelt disagreed with them, and today there are millions, maybe billions, of misguided Earthlings in that camp, thinking that the upcoming Big Day is Jan. 1, 2000.

The Sundry Hotel in London and the Rainbow Room in New York are already booked for millennial merry-making as the calendar flips from Dec. 31, 1999, to Jan. 1, 2000.

The self-anointed Millennium Society plans celebrations at midnight in each of the 24 time zones, and the biggest of all at the Great Pyramid of Cheops outside Cairo.

Yielding to no one, New York City aims to attract a million revelers to Times Square for the magic moment, as all of Asia, Europe and Africa had not passed that point hours before.

They will all be a year too soon. Putting it simply, for the 20th century would end with 1999, the first century would

RICHARD E. MOONEY

have had to end with 99 and, to make it 100 years, it would have begun with the year zero. But there was no year zero.

Indeed, the keepers of the calendar in ancient Rome did not even have a numeral for zero. There was no dispute about the end of the 1st century, because people had no idea that another century was about to begin.

The dating of years "before Christ" and "anno Domini" was not conceived until the 6th century, when Pope John I commissioned the monk Dionysius Exiguus, or Dennis the Little, to develop a system for setting the date of Easter.

At the time, the calendar was dictated from the reign of the Emperor Diocletian, a fierce persecutor of the early Christians. So Dionysius switched the base to the date of Christ's birth.

Later historians established that Christ was born a few years earlier than Dionysius thought — in 5 or 6 B.C. rather than 1 A.D. That being so, the 21st century was already begun.

Michael Barlow, a scholar at Syracuse University's Maxwell School of Communications, offers as good a reason as any for believing that 2000 is the year to celebrate.

He calls it "the unconscious tyranny" that the decimal system exercises over our minds, "our quasi-magical assumption" that round numbers have a certain significance."

Neal H. Ewing offered a practical reason in a letter to the editor of The New York Times on July 20, 1899:

"The centennial figures are the symbol, and the only symbol, of the centuries... The initial figure '18' (remember, he was writing in 1899) is time's standard which the earth carries while it makes 100 trips around the sun. Then a new standard 19 is put up. Shall we wait now a whole year for 1901 at the best of those who calculate by counting balls on an abacus?"

The debate in The Times went on for months. In an editorial on Dec. 8, 1899, Times editors pronounced themselves "much disturbed" by news the Kaiser had declared that the new century was about to begin.

In still another editorial, The Times made its position absolutely clear: "Beyond question, '1899' means the one thousand eight hundred and ninety-ninth year of the Christian era, and the next to last year of the nineteenth century."

The literary digger, in its final issue of 1899, joined the ranks for 1901. "If there was a year 0," it asked, "why not a century 000? Perhaps we should begin counting our ages one year later, making each of us a year younger!"

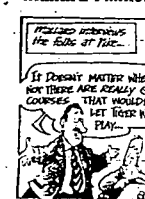
It concluded with "one disquieting thought — that in a hundred years it will all be forgotten, and some letter to the editor will start the whole whirl going again."

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Mallard Fillmore



By Garry Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore

By Bruce Tinsley



WORLD IN BRIEF

Israel raids Lebanon after Israelis wounded

SIDON, Lebanon — Israeli warplanes blasted suspected guerrilla bases in south Lebanon Sunday after a Hezbollah attack wounded three Israeli soldiers in the third straight day of clashes. Security sources said Israeli fighter jets staged two bombing runs on suspected hideouts in Zafqine, seven miles from the headquarters of a U.N. peacekeeping force in south Lebanon. The sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the warplanes fired four air-to-surface missiles in each sortie. Three Israeli soldiers were wounded earlier Sunday when Hezbollah guerrillas attacked a patrol near the village of Sojed, on the edge of the Israeli-occupied border enclave in south Lebanon, the sources said. Israeli troops and allied militiamen of the South Lebanon Army struck back, opening fire on Shiite Muslim villages facing the Israeli-occupied border zone in south Lebanon, the sources said.

Russian rescuers clear way to tunnel

VLADIKAVKAZ, Russia — Road workers have cleared a corridor to the Russian side of an international tunnel that has been blocked by an avalanche for nearly two weeks, according to news reports Sunday. Tens of buses, trucks and passenger cars were being driven out Sunday, although the road was not clear enough for highway traffic to resume through the tunnel, which links the countries of Russia and Georgia, the ITAR-Tass news agency reported. Last week, about 300 people stranded in the Roksdy tunnel were able to leave after rescue workers reached them from the Georgian side. But 60 people voluntarily remained inside, mostly truck drivers fearful that their vehicles and cargo would be stolen if left unguarded.

16 dead in village massacre in Algeria

PARIS — Islamic militants assassinated 16 people early Sunday in a village south of Algeria's capital, according to Algerian security forces quoted by French radio. It was the latest in a series of massacres in villages in the Elch region, 30 miles south of Algiers, and came just a week after 28 villagers were hacked to death in another hamlet. More than 250 people have been reported killed over the past two months.

The attacks have been blamed on Islamic insurgents trying to topple Algeria's military-backed government in a campaign entering its fifth year. The insurgency has been countered by a brutal crackdown by security forces. An estimated 60,000 people have been killed in the rebellion that began when the army canceled January 1992 legislative elections that the opposition Islamic Salvation Front was poised to win. The group wants to impose strict Islamic law in its North African nation, banning alcohol, separating men and women and requiring all women to veil themselves.

Indian spy fired for meeting U.S. diplomats

NEW DELHI, India — A top Indian intelligence officer was asked to resign after being caught unauthorized meetings with U.S. diplomats, including the deputy CIA station chief in India, a newspaper reported Sunday. The allegations against Ranjan Sehgal, the former counterintelligence chief for India's Intelligence Bureau, are "a serious matter" that require more investigation, Home Minister Inderjit Gupna told The Indian Express. Sehgal was the first public statement since another paper reported last week that two U.S. diplomats may be asked to leave India for their contacts with Sehgal. The U.S. Embassy has refused to comment beyond saying that the issue is "an internal Indian government matter."

3 soldiers, 5 guerrillas killed in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka — Government troops battled Tamil rebels in eastern Sri Lanka, killing five guerrillas and losing three of their own men, the military said Sunday. The clash occurred in Kokkotturai town Saturday in the Trincomalee district, 145 miles east of Colombo, the Sri Lankan capital. Rebels later attacked the troops returning to their camp, injuring 13, the military said. Sri Lanka's civil war eased in July after several major battles took a heavy toll on both sides. The rebels are fighting for a homeland in the north and east, claiming that minority Tamils are discriminated against by the majority Sinhalese, who control the government and military. More than 46,000 people have been killed in the fighting since 1983.

French troops raid African rebel camp

BANGUI, Central African Republic — French troops stormed a rebel soldier base in an overnight attack early Sunday, seizing control of a corner of the capital held for six weeks by the insurgents. At least 30 rebel soldiers were taken prisoner and witnesses reported seeing the Red Cross remove dozens of bodies on stretchers. The French Defense Ministry said 10 rebels were killed. "France remains vigilant and determined," the ministry said in a statement, calling the attack one of "legitimate defense." Pierre Servat, a top ministry aide, told The Associated Press a "rather substantial" amount of arms were seized, including rockets, machine guns and pistols. "Authorities said the raid ended a standoff with ministers and that government soldiers — led by 1,300 French troops — were in control of the base in the neighborhood reported seeing some rebels regrouping in civilian clothing and troops remained on alert. The army mutiny began Nov. 15 when ministers occupied a small southwestern corner of the capital, Bangui. They asked for the resignation of President Ange-Felix Patasse, accusing him of ignoring their demands for wage increases and undermining the army.

Thousands protest corruption in Turkey

ANKARA, Turkey — Nearly 100,000 workers marched in the Turkish capital Sunday to press for anti-corruption measures after reports linking mobsters, politicians and police. "We are here to show the gangs trying to overthrow our government that we, the workers, are the real owners," said Bayram Meral, head of Turkey's largest confederation of labor unions, which organized the rally. A November traffic accident involving a car carrying a legislator, a police chief, a police captain and a heavy queen, drew allegations of state ties to the underworld. The fugitive was Abdullah Cakil, who allegedly provided a gun and false passport to Mehmet Ali Agca, the Turk who shot Pope John Paul II in 1981. The scandal has already cost the jobs of an interior minister, several police chiefs and officers who were accused of ties to Cakil. "We are here to show the gangs trying to overthrow our government with the 7-month-old Islamic-led government on many fronts, including soaring inflation and what they said were attempts to undermine secularism."

Arafat, Netanyahu secretly meet in Gaza

Yasser Arafat and Benjamin Netanyahu secretly met in Gaza Sunday to discuss the Israeli-PLO accords, a source said. The meeting was held in a secret summit, but fell short of agreement on the issues holding up an Israeli troop withdrawal from Hebron. U.S. mediator Dennis Ross brought the two leaders together at the Erez crossing linking Israel and the autonomous Gaza Strip. The two sides reported progress, but gave the talks mixed reviews. In an interview with The Associated Press at his Jerusalem office, Netanyahu said: "We had and still have differences, but I think we made progress." The Palestinians, he charged, "are trying to do a deal that wasn't on the table before."



Yasser Arafat



Benjamin Netanyahu

Netanyahu stressed in the interview that he would not meet Arafat's demand for an extended timetable. "I have said to Arafat that I am willing to give a starting date and a commitment to carry out the three redeployments provided, of course, that he carries out his own obligations," Netanyahu said. Some reports have indicated Israel's next pullback after Hebron will be from the nearby town of Halbut, but Netanyahu said the location was yet to be settled in negotiations. Netanyahu also balked at giving in to the demand to post a

80 percent of Hebron. The original Israeli-PLO accords fore-saw Israel leaving rural areas of the West Bank by Septem-ber 1997. But that was contingent on Israel leaving Hebron last March, and Israel now wants a further 18 months to carry out the three-stage redeployment. Netanyahu stressed in the interview that he would not meet Arafat's demand for an extended timetable. "I have said to Arafat that I am willing to give a starting date and a commitment to carry out the three redeployments provided, of course, that he carries out his own obligations," Netanyahu said. Some reports have indicated Israel's next pullback after Hebron will be from the nearby town of Halbut, but Netanyahu said the location was yet to be settled in negotiations. Netanyahu also balked at giving in to the demand to post a

Palstinian guard at the Tomb of the Patriarchs, a shrine revered by both Muslims and Jews as the burial place of their common forefathers Abraham, Saeb Erekat, the chief Palestinian negotiator, said on Israel radio's Arabic service that the "problem does not lay in the negotiations but in a political decision by Netanyahu." "U.S. efforts to get Israel to specify a detailed timetable for redeployment in Palestinian rural areas has not been fruitful," Erekat told the AP. Israel army radio reported that Ross would consider ending his shuttle diplomacy if no agreement was reached soon. U.S. officials said they had no indication of any change in Ross' plans. Netanyahu made clear that his key problem was political — a growing rebellion of right-wing and religious parties in his coalition. Getting approval from his 18-member Cabinet, he said, was "becom-

ing difficult" and might be impossible, the government spokesman said. This was affirmed by Arieh Dori of the religious Shas party, a partner in the ruling coalition government, who said his party would support a Hebron deal that prevented a Palestinian police presence in the Tomb of the Patriarchs and gave no fixed dates for further army pullbacks in the West Bank. There were expectations that an agreement could be wrapped up within 48 hours, but Israeli officials were cautious, noting that there had been many reports of a pending agreement in the past three months. There were also reports that Netanyahu and Arafat might meet again, possibly on Monday. Israeli officials blamed Egypt for urging Arafat to dig in his heels on regarding a timetable and the Tomb of the Patriarchs. "We are in a move that could defuse a potential clash with the Palestinians, Jewish settlers removed seven mobile homes from a disputed West Bank hill. The move came after the Israeli Defense Ministry made the evacuation a condition for discussing demands to expand their settlement.

Rains chase Brazilians from homes, kill 65

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — The death toll rose to 65 Sunday from a rainy torrent that sent mudslides and floods crashing through communities in southeastern Brazil. Authorities said 21,000 people were left homeless. Storms washed out bridges, flooded highways and swelled rivers, causing them to jump their banks. Electrical power was knocked out to thousands. The storms were in full force Sunday in Minas Gerais state and showed no signs of letting up. "Our information is that the rains are going to continue," police Lt. Andreus Maza said in a telephone interview from the state capital of Belo Horizonte, 220 miles northwest of Rio de Janeiro. Across the state, people sought shelter in churches, schools and hospitals, where floods injured. Flood waters contaminated drinking water in some towns. The rainy season in Minas



Torrential rains have killed 65 Brazilians and left 21,000 homeless in the southeast state of Minas Gerais. Flooding occurred when the Rio das Velhas river overflowed, forcing people to seek higher ground.

were buried by a mudslide, killing 12 people. More than 60 percent of homes were flooded in Jeceaba, a town 80 miles south of Belo Horizonte. Mudslides also hit parts of the historic cities of Tiradentes and Sao Joao Del Rei. In Ouro Preto, a popular tourist spot south of Belo Horizonte, mudslides killed 13 people on Saturday. The town's historic center, which features cobblestone streets and buildings from the Portuguese colonial era, was not damaged.

A Globo TV crew disappeared for 24 hours before the journalists were found stranded on a destroyed highway Saturday. Belo Horizonte was also hard hit. The overworked city fire department announced Sunday it would only answer calls involving flood victims. At the city morgue, several bodies had yet to be identified by relatives.

Trial starts in ex-prime minister's Canadian suit

TORONTO (AP) — The highest-stakes libel trial in Canadian history opens Monday, a bitter showdown over former Prime Minister Brian Mulroney's claim that the federal government falsified evidence in a kick-back scheme. Mulroney's suit seeks the biggest libel award ever in Canada — \$26.5 million — and is the first filed against the government since former prime minister Jean Chretien's 1995 suit. The country's leading news magazine, Maclean's, bills it as "Canada's civil trial of the century." It could last three months. "There are partisan overtones: Mulroney, prime minister from 1984 to 1993, filed the suit in November 1995 against the Justice Department and Royal Canadian Mounted Police. He contends he was libeled in a letter sent to Swiss authorities as part of an investigation into allegations he received kickbacks in the 1988 sale of 34 Airbus jets to Air Canada, which at the time was state-run. The government says the letter was a normal investigatory tool and was intended to be confidential. But its contents were leaked to The Financial Post, a Toronto-based daily which broke the story. Within hours of the story's appearance, Mulroney — now a well-paid member of several multinational corporate boards — announced he would sue Maclean's. "After several weeks, allegations damaged his reputation. "I was given a good name by my father," said Mulroney, the son of an electrician, during a private hearing last April. "That good name has been

described by the government of Canada." Mulroney's critics scoffed at this emotional outburst, noting that repeated scandals in his Cabinet damaged his reputation so badly that he left office with an approval rating of 10 percent, an all-time low in Canada. A pivotal question to be raised during the trial is who leaked the letter. Government lawyers have suggested Mulroney's entourage engineered the leak so that he could file a suit that would divert the criminal investigation. Financial Post reporter Philip Mathias has denied the leak came from the Mulroney camp and says he will not reveal his source when called to testify. Mulroney's lawyers are expected to suggest that Prime Minister Jean Chretien's government encouraged the investigation as a way to damage Mulroney. The Justice Department has expressed concern that the trial will jeopardize the investigation, and hopes to limit the ability of Mulroney's lawyers to obtain information about the probe.

Bomb attacks kill 8 Afghans

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Jets from an anti-Taliban warlord bombarded the shattered capital Sunday, killing four people. And a powerful bomb hidden in a vegetable cart killed four others. Twenty-three people, including children, were wounded in the two attacks. Meanwhile, the Islamic-inspired Taliban militia urged thousands of residents of the capital to pray Sunday for rain in the country's parched rural areas. "Today's gathering of people may become a sign of God of a lack of rain and snow for Afghanistan," a Taliban cleric told more the 5,000 people at Kabul's Assad Gah mosque. There has been little rain or snow in Afghanistan this year, severely reducing the supply of water for drinking and irrigation. Planes belonging to northern warlord Rashid Dostum screamed in low over the city around noon local time, dropping several bombs on the heavily populated residential district of Wazir Akbar Khan, once a posh neighborhood. Shortly after sunset a powerful bomb exploded on a vegetable cart, killing four people who were buying food for their evening meal. Eight people were wounded. It was not known who placed the bomb in the cart. The Taliban army of former seminary students, which seized control of the capital in September, blamed both attacks on their rivals — Dostum and deposed military chief Ahmed Shah Massoud. "Our enemies are killing innocent people," said Taliban commander Mullah Ahmed Khan. "Why? Because they are losing on the battlefield." The Taliban rules roughly two-thirds of the country, but controls the capital. The rival alliance, led by Dostum and Massoud, controls the remaining one-third. The bombardment flattened several homes, shattered glass in others and sent panicked residents fleeing for safety. One bomb blasted the boundary wall of the deserted U.S. Embassy compound, but there were no injuries.

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Who are the men behind the masks holding hostages?

LIMA, Peru (AP) — They go by names such as Comandante Huerta, Palestino and Arab, and walk around with 30 pounds of explosives in their backpacks as if they were carrying school books or camping gear.

They appear well-trained in urban guerrilla warfare and call themselves "social liberators" of the poor.

But who are the men and women in combat fatigues and red-and-white bandana masks who have launched one of the most audacious acts in the history of hostage-taking?

Three weeks after rebels of the Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement seized hundreds of hostages at a gala party at the Japanese ambassador's mansion, their identities — and even how many are involved — remain unclear.

But hostages freed from the manor in the past few days say they were held in a cell by a crew of hardened commandos, victims of army abuses seeking revenge, and uneducated teen-agers from rural areas who had never seen TV or played outside.

Inside that group you've got a mix of planners, naive followers and probably a few suicidal types," said Raul Gonzales, an expert on the Tupac Amaru. "It's a potentially explosive combination."

The ring-leader is Nestor Cerpa, one of the founders of the Tupac Amaru, a Cuba-inspired group whose attacks on U.S. targets in



At least one of the Peruvian police officers stationed outside the Japanese Ambassador's residence in Lima, Peru, shows his fatigue Sunday as the hostage crisis heads into 19 days.

Peru imbued them with a mystique among some Peruvians somewhere between Robin Hood and Rambo.

Since beginning its attacks in 1984, Tupac Amaru fighters have lobbed mortars at the U.S. ambassador's residence, fired a rocket-propelled grenade at the U.S. Embassy and bombed several Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurants.

A swarthy, brash former union leader, Cerpa — who uses the nom de guerre Comandante Huerta — seems to enjoy the worldwide attention he has attracted. He didn't confiscate his prison-

ers' cellular telephones, letting them give live radio and TV interviews at the outset. He even gave phone interviews and once invited photographers into the residence and posed for pictures.

Cerpa also showed a dark side: On the second morning, he told Peruvian Foreign Minister Francisco Tudela that he was to be executed at noon, then left him in a room with a Jesuit priest.

At exactly noon, Cerpa opened the door, studied him for a few moments, then told him his "sentence" had been postponed.

Beneath Cerpa are two deputies, who use the names

Arab and Palestino. Both are chameleons apparently in their mid-30s with a gift for gab and joke-telling.

The second night after the raid, Arab removed his bandana, leaped his automatic rifle against the back of a couch, sat down and began one of several monologues, expounding vague leftist ideology for nearly three hours.

Around midnight, he smugly autographed paper stubs and business cards: "Hogs from Arab."

"These guys went on and on as if we were old friends from school," Javier Diaz Canseco, a congressman held captive five days. "They were dying to tell their war stories to anybody."

The rest of Cerpa's crew consists of 20 or so foot soldiers who looked no older than 20.

Their combat uniforms hang loosely on their strong, slender frames.

One rebel, Leo, was a teen-ager from the jungle. He told a hostage he and several others had joined the Tupac Amaru out of revenge.

"He wanted to get back at the Peruvian army and the Sendero Luminoso for having attacked his family and destroying their home," said Pedro Isayama, a freed hostage.

But most of the rebels "hardly said a word when we try to talk to them. They blushed and got all nervous and clumsy," said Juan Iglesias, who was released after five days in captivity.

Hostages try to maintain spirits in lengthy Peruvian standoff

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Hostages sang religious songs Sunday in an apparent attempt to keep up their spirits after nearly three weeks of captivity in a diplomatic mansion seized by leftist rebels.

There was no sign of progress in the standoff Sunday even though intermediaries visited the Japanese ambassador's residence, where 74 men remain captive.

Armed with AK-47 rifles and grenades, the Tupac Amaru rebels want Peru to free an estimated 300 of their jailed comrades. President Alberto Fujimori has repeatedly rejected the demand.

The rebels stormed the residence on Dec. 17 during a gala reception attended by more than 500 people. The Japanese ambassador is among the diplomats, government officials and businessmen still held hostage.

Archbishop Juan Luis Cipriani entered the residence Sunday, apparently to celebrate Mass as he had done last Saturday. A Red Cross official accompanied him.

Religious and traditional Peruvian songs could be heard

coming from the second floor of the white-washed mansion, where the windows have been barricaded with chairs and tables.

Saturday night, a popular television comedy program broadcast an appeal by a young girl for the crisis to end. Former hostages have said the rebels have been watching TV, but it was not known whether they saw the broadcast.

Pope John Paul II, who initially appealed for the hostages' release last month, broadened his call on Sunday to ask that all hostages around the world be freed.

Such an action would bring joy to the victims' families and also "give peace to the kidnappers themselves," the pope said at the Vatican.

Bolivia's foreign minister, Antonio Arambari, arrived in Lima for talks with Peruvian authorities. Bolivian Ambassador Jorge Gumacio — one of the captives — suffers from hypertension and diabetes and needs special care, Arambari said.

Last Russian soldiers leave rebel Chechnya

MOSCOW (AP) — The last Russian soldiers left the rebel republic of Chechnya on Sunday, ending a humiliating military involvement that began more than two years ago.

The pullout, part of last year's peace agreement between Moscow and Chechen separatists, clears the way for general elections in Chechnya on Jan. 27.

The Russian minister of interior and defense, which together had more than 30,000 troops in Chechnya, said Sunday that the pullout is over.

"I'm authorized to state that no single Interior Ministry or Defense Ministry soldier remains in Chechnya as of today," Interior Ministry spokesman Lt. Gen. Pavel Maslov told the Interfax news agency.

Russia has been withdrawing

troops gradually since a peace deal was reached in August. Maslov said 16,000 to 18,000 Interior Ministry troops had departed by recent months.

Defense Ministry spokesman Viktor Tischenko declined to say how many army servicemen had withdrawn, but the numbers were believed to be similar.

Many Interior Ministry units are now stationed in the southern Russian regions of Dagestan and Stavropol, which border Chechnya. Russian news reports say the soldiers are poorly fed and housed.

Russia's military involvement in Chechnya began in 1994, with the Kremlin clandestinely helping the pro-Moscow opposition fight the separatist regime of President Dzhokhar Dudayev.

Cars clog roadways in pro-democracy traffic jam

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Thousands of opposition supporters drove their cars downtown Sunday to create horn-blowing, alarm-wailing, pro-democracy gridlock — a sarcastic taunt at authorities who banned street marches citing traffic concerns.

Drivers honked, triggered car alarms, and faked engine problems or accidents, all the while demanding that police keep traffic moving.

Police imposed a ban 10 days ago on street marches, citing disruption of traffic.

Opposition supporters, who for nearly seven weeks have been protesting President Slobodan Milosevic's refusal to concede defeat in local elections, had been forced to stick to a pedestrian mall since then.

Drivers of halted cars chanted "We need police help." But hundreds of riot police did not respond, remaining inside their buses parked on adjacent streets.

"Where are they now?" asked

taxi driver Bane Jankovic. "They said they will help the traffic flow, but it seems it wasn't true."

"We are unbeatable," said Jelena Mistic as she drove slowly in her sub-compact Fiat. "They cannot kill our protest, not even with the police."

People looking to shake hands with one of Serbia's most popular opposition figures, Dragoslav Avramovic, caused even more chaos in the city center. Avramovic joined the protesters for the first time Sunday.

Avramovic said he was adding his voice to the protests "so Serbia can return to the world, so we can become normal people."

Avramovic was fired as chief of the national bank in May after he criticized Milosevic's Communist-style economic policies. He then helped found the opposition coalition Zajedno, or Together, and was expected to be a strong candidate in the Nov. 3 elections for the federal parliament.

Japanese fight off Russian oil slick

TOKYO (AP) — Coast guard workers struggled to dissolve a mile-long oil spill with chemicals Sunday while western Japanese urged officials to keep the slick from slipping into their bays.

The eastern-edge of the 962,000-gallon spill was about 40 miles from the city of Fukui, 190 miles west of Tokyo, said coast guard official Hisao Nishida.

The oil spilled into the Sea of Japan on Thursday when a Russian tanker carrying about 5 million gallons of fuel oil broke apart in rough seas and sank about 90 miles off Japan's western coast.

Much of the oil went down with a portion of the tanker, Nakhodka, which was traveling

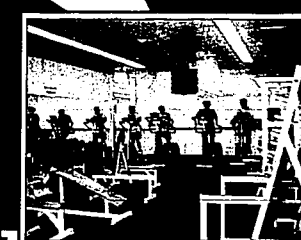
from Shanghai, China, to Russia's Kamchatka Peninsula. Thirty-one crewmen were rescued but the ship's Russian captain remains missing and the cause of the accident is unclear.

By late Sunday, the spill had broken into two large oil slicks and numerous smaller spots. The fuel stretched southeast for 1,000 feet from the site of the wreck, 66 miles northeast of the Oki Islands.

Currents carried the spill southeast toward shore Sunday, although workers might be able to clean up the fuel before it reaches land, Nishida said.

Coast guard ships were spraying detergents to dissolve the fuel.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Red Cross blood donations set for Friday

BUHL - American Red Cross blood donations for the west end community will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday at the Moose Hall, 1103 Main.

Chairman Shari Cammack said it is best to make an appointment but walk-ins will be welcome. She also said donors should have a good meal and drink lots of water beforehand. Anyone 17 or older can donate blood, and it takes about 45 minutes.

For more information or to make an appointment, call Cammack at 543-8668.

Planning meeting for 1997 Western Days on Thursday

TWIN FALLS - A planning meeting for the 1997 Western Days celebration will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday in the City Council room at City Hall, 321 Second Ave. E.

Everyone is invited. For more information, call Randy Guiles at 733-8100.

Nordic Fair scheduled for Thursday at KMVT

TWIN FALLS - A Nordic Fair is planned for 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday in the KMVT Community Room, 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

The fair features equipment, clothing, safety and a ski swap. It is sponsored by the High Desert Nordic Association, Sawtooth National Forest and Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation. For more information, call High Desert president Dennis Kincaid at 423-5442 or 423-6503.

Filer City Council plans discussion on rezoning

FILER - The Filer City Council will hold a public hearing and regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at City Hall.

A public hearing will be held to consider an application for the rezoning from residential to commercial of property owned by Larry O. Newhall at 306 Stevens.

Election of a council president and commissioner appointment and approval will be followed by citizens' input. Correspondence issues include the South Central Private Industry Council's notification of requests for the 1997-98 adult year-round program and the youth year-round program, and state Controller J.D. Williams' receipt of the city street finance report.

New business will include a tractor purchase, discharge of debts and the annual audit report from Ware, Nielson & Associates.

Ketchum City Council plans many topics for discussion

KETCHUM - The Ketchum City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

New business includes:
• Changing the date of the next regular City Council meeting to Tuesday, Jan. 21, because Jan. 20 is a legal holiday.

• Consideration of the request by Wood River Township Partners to locate landscaping improvements within the public right of way adjacent to River Ridge Townhome Subdivision at 111 Wood River Drive.

• When Hal signs a plea agreement with the state, personnel and land acquisition may be held.

Dietrich City Council to talk about insurance, bills

DIETRICH - The Dietrich City Council will meet at 7 p.m. today in City Hall.

The agenda includes: ICRIMP Insurance, bill payments and receipts, a water report, an update on a franchise with Idaho Power Co., the hiring of a water meter reader, perhaps Mike Edwards, perhaps Joe Herring, the fire chief's report and public comments.

The meeting is open to the public, but an executive session could be held if needed.

Mines returns to stand in last day of Hood hearing

RUFERT - One of the three people who Corey Hood claims helped him clean up a bloody homicide scene will take the witness stand for the second time today.

Hood's attorney, Mark Manweiler, today will question Matt Mines, one of five witnesses expected to take the stand for the defense during the final day of the hearing to determine if Hood's plea agreement should stand. The hearing begins at 9:30 a.m. in Minidoka County's 5th District Court.

Mines was on the stand the first day of the hearing, three weeks ago. He testified he never saw Wendy Hunter's body in Hood's home the night of May 16.

Also scheduled to testify today is an unidentified witness who claims Mines told him he saw Hunter's body, kicked her in the head and helped clean Hood in Hood's home.

As a result, prosecutors want to withdraw the plea agreement, charge Hood with two counts of first-degree murder - one for a separate slaying - and seek the death penalty.

Compiled from staff reports

Legislature may tackle nature

By N.S. Nokkemyrd
Times-News writer



TWIN FALLS - A federal judge has mandated the state clean up its streams, state mining laws may need to be reinforced and a state environmental audit law will lapse without the Legislature's action.

The 54th Idaho Legislature, which opens its first session today, will face these and other important environmental issues.

Water quality

Late last year, U.S. District Judge William Dwyer threw out the state's schedule for cleaning up 962 Idaho streams, which he called "arbitrary, capricious, an abuse of discretion and contrary to law."

The cleanup schedule - prepared by Idaho and adopted by the

Environmental Protection Agency - would have allowed the state as much as 150 years to clean up streams, lakes and rivers that do not meet water quality standards.

Dwyer gave the state and EPA six months to adopt a new cleanup schedule that can be accomplished in about five years.

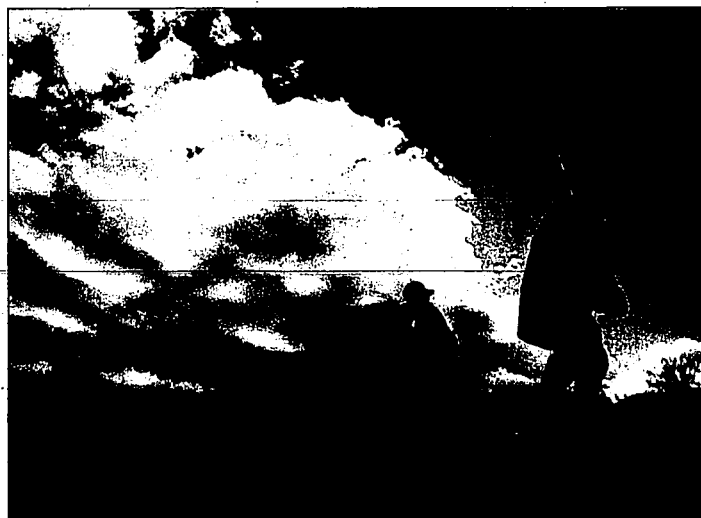
"It's going to put great pressure on the resources of the state," state Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, said at the time. One key issue is regulating "non-point pollution" - runoff from agricultural

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The Legislature will consider whether state mining laws are adequate to cover potential environmental effects of the Thompson Creek molybdenum mine in central Idaho, pictured here last summer.

TAKE 5



A break in last week's cloudy, rain-soaked weather provides an opportunity for some outdoor activities for Wendell youths, from left, Kenneth Koch, Davey Aslett and Nick Sites. Koch and Sites were playing street hockey as Aslett rode his "unicy-board" on Friday in Wendell.

Hearing focuses on water

By William Brock
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - City leaders want to know what people think of a plan to make subdivision developers hand over canal-water shares to their land before tapping into the city's water system.

A formal public hearing will be held tonight at 6 p.m. in City Hall to gauge enthusiasm for the idea.

With limited supplies and demand on the rise, the city is hoping to conserve potable water by using canal water to irrigate the municipal golf course, parks and greenbelts. To attain that goal, city officials are mulling the addition of a new clause in the city code - requiring developers to transfer their Twin Falls Canal Co. shares before obtaining city drinking water.

Also Monday, the council will soak in a presentation by the Cover the Pool Committee. Last spring, the committee floated an idea to cover the pool and make it a year-round facility - but the request was blotted out by the specter of the property tax-limiting One Percent Initiative.

Idaho voters sank the initiative in November, so the cover-the-pool request will resurface tonight.

Another agenda item of note is possible changes to the city's projected "urban boundary" map for 2005. Among the more significant items are proposals to add Pleasant Road to the city street system, and include several other streets as "collector" routes.

Hearing set

The Twin Falls City Council will hold a public hearing at 6 p.m. tonight in City Hall. The hearing will follow the council's regular business meeting, scheduled for 5 p.m.

Jackpot housing key may be on the way

By Sam Feltman
Times-News correspondent

JACKPOT, Nev. - Elko County is laboring to solve Jackpot's crisis-level housing shortage.

Over 60 percent of Jackpot's work force travels from towns in Idaho, according to a city survey. Many

Jackpot residents live in old trailer houses, and sometimes several families share a single mobile home. Some families with children live in motel rooms without kitchens.

Major expansions to two of Jackpot's casinos and the addition of another in the last few years without increasing employee housing has created a severe

housing shortage, especially for low-income families.

Company housing may not be a good solution because those who lose their jobs or choose to quit or retire have to move immediately.

Private land in Jackpot is scarce, and

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Shoshone man quietly serves his native town, citizens

By H.R. Welzel
Times-News correspondent

SHOSHONE - A Shoshone man has been quietly vandering around town to see who needs a gift of his time and talents.

Gene Daniels doesn't wear a red Sun belt, but he carries a big bag filled with tools-and an uncanny ability to seek and find a student, a school function or a community project he can help make successful.

"Gene and I went to school here, and what Gene does is our way of paying back what they did for us. Shoshone gave us so much, now we want to do something for them," his wife, Frances, said.

Gene Daniels worked as a contractor in Great Falls, Mont., for about 40 years. Retiring in 1991, Daniels moved his family back to Shoshone where he and his wife were born and raised. When the city and county needed someone to assume the duties of a building inspector, Daniels was the man selected for the job.

"I'll do what I can to help," he said. With several subdivisions on the drawing board, a need to update the water and sewer systems and other construction being done, "Gene is more than busy," said City Clerk Mary Kay Bennett.

"It would be almost impossible to list all the things Gene has done for people around here. He's always doing something for somebody," she said.

At a ceremony honoring Gene Daniels as Shoshone's citizen of the year, it was



Gene Daniels was named citizen of the year in Shoshone this year.

noted that he made it possible for the school drama club to have needed costumes; the library received a video tape cabinet made by Daniels; and he has contributed to a funding project for gymnasium bleachers.

When he put in doors for the library,

he said, "It just took a few hours - I want to have enough to do to keep busy and keep me out of trouble."

Using his ability to make things out of wood, Daniels crafts game boards, birdhouses and little stools "for the grandkids."

About Gene Daniels

EVERYDAY HEROES

Age: 70
Residence: Shoshone
Profession: contractor
Family: wife, Frances; sons Gene C. and Robert; daughters Debra Lee Bodkins and Linda Donovan; eight grandchildren
Hobbies: drawing plans and working with wood; fishing and hunting
Good deed: using his expertise and ability to help students and the community

Know an everyday hero?

Anyone who does something extraordinary - neighbors, scoutmasters, church group members, hospital volunteers, tutors - without getting paid for it, qualifies. So do professionals, such as caregivers and teachers, who contribute something extra.

Send nominations to Everyday Heroes, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or fax us at 734-8558. We'll need your name and phone number; the name of your everyday hero and a few sentences about the person.

MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

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

- Acequia City Council, 8 p.m., Mayor Larry Wall's home.
Burley City Council, 8 p.m., City Hall.
Dietrich City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
Gooding City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
Hansen Community Library Board of Trustees, 7:30 p.m., Hansen Community Library, 120 W. Maple.
Hazelton City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.
Ketchum City Council, 6:30 p.m., City Hall.
Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Board, 7 p.m., doctors' meeting room.
Twin Falls City Council, 4 and 6 p.m., City Hall.
Twin Falls County commission-

ers, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

TUESDAY

- Albion City Council, 8 p.m., old library.
Paul City Council, 7:30 p.m., firehouse.
Filer City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Council chambers.
Friedman Memorial Airport board, 5:30 p.m., courthouse.
Hagerman City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall.
Jerome City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
Rupert City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
Shoshone City Council, 8 p.m., City Hall.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.
Twin Falls Urban Renewal Agency, 8 a.m., City Hall.

WEDNESDAY

- Castlerford City Council, 7:30 p.m., J & D Printing Enterprises.
Twin Falls City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
Glenns Ferry City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
Glenns Ferry School Board, 7:30 p.m., Title I/Migrant office.
Heyburn City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.

- Minidoka City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall.
Murtaugh City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall.
Paul City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.
Twin Falls Public Library Board of Trustees, 5 p.m., library board room.
Wendell City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.

THURSDAY

- Belleuve City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
Hagerman Chamber of Commerce, noon, Hagerman Senior Center.
Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce, noon, Price's Cafe in Burley.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.
Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission, 7:30 p.m., Twin Falls County Office Building, 246 Third Ave. E.

FRIDAY

- Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

Bad weather causes dairies to lose their milking permit

By N.S. Nokkivented Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — When the warm rain started falling last week, the snow piled in a neighbor's field started melting — beneath it all the ground was frozen.

The water gushed across a road and under a corral fence at Pete Veenstra's dairy southwest of Wendell. The water ran off the brook end of the sloping corral, — state Department of Agriculture inspector suspended Veenstra's permit to sell milk until he could divert the water from the neighbor's field and construct a ditch.

It's a familiar story. About a dozen dairies lost their milk permits last week — six in Jerome County, five in Gooding County and one in Burley. Nobody lost any milk, however.

Harry Shaw of the Shaw Brothers Dairy in Burley said he got his permit back like the other dairies whose permits were lifted — before he had to dump any milk. He would not comment further.

Not only dairies, but feedlots and municipal sewage treatment plants, got into trouble with the sudden rush of water, said Mike McMasters, water quality official with the state Division of Environmental Quality. Dairies own blame the weather. Critics blame lack of effective enforcement. But no matter who's at fault, the waste is getting into streams and rivers.

The time of year, however, has reduced the potential human health threats. Bacteria in cow manure can be a potential problem for humans, but only if it gets into a well or if a person swallows water during recreational activities on or near the water.

Veenstra said he had no trouble controlling water from his own operation. Federal regulators helped him design his waste management system about 20 years ago to make sure it would meet regulations. "We really want to keep it clean," Veenstra said.

The first year it was the first time he has had trouble. Veenstra said he was lucky. His milk had been picked up in the morning, the day the inspector showed up. His neighbor loaned him a backhoe

Note to readers: Due to an editing error, a portion of the following story in Sunday's edition of the Times-News was cut. It runs here in its entirety.

to dig a trench to divert the water around his corral.

He got his milk permit back before the next pickup, which is every two days, he said. But now that the trench is dug, the trouble is passed.

"I'll bet ... there'll be no water in that ditch again this year," he said. The rain has made a muddy mess of the ground, but it's soaking in. It's not running off, he said. It's frustrating, "your gut hurts," he said.

He questioned the fairness of picking on dairies. Nothing is done about runoff from croplands that may carry commercial

chemical fertilizer and pesticides, which could be used or worse than dairy manure, he said. But if that runoff comes onto his land and across his corral, he is required to contain it. If he doesn't, he loses his milk permit, and that means he can't operate.

"I don't think that's fair," Veenstra said. "You can't control nature."

Keniy Vanderham tells a similar story. He has lived southwest of Jerome for 8 1/2 years, and said this is the first time water has ever left his dairy.

He was able to control the runoff from his own place. But most of the water running off 160 acres across the street ran onto his dairy. There was about a foot of snow on the street when the ground was frozen when the warm rain started, he said. The rain and meltwater ran right across the road and through his corral.

"That's the water leaving this place," he said. Vanderham also lost his milk permit until the problem was fixed. Like Veenstra, he got his permit back and didn't lose any milk. He jammed up the berm where water was leaving, and he dug a trench to make the water drain down along the road.

The threat to his milk permit got Vanderham's attention and provided state regulators with

the leverage to get problems corrected. But pointing fingers at dairies is unfair, Vanderham said. Water runs freely from other operations with livestock or from agricultural fields without consequence.

"What's fair?" he said. The recent unusual weather strained waste containment systems and showed their weaknesses. And it brought to light some blatant bad practices, said Mary Patten, dairy bureau chief at the state Department of Agriculture.

The increased frequency of inspections since the Ag Department took over regulation of dairy waste systems has identified some significant problems. But not all of those problems were solved before the bad weather hit, he said.

The storm wastes showed some problems that may not have been considered during construction, and to see if they adequately cover all types of weather events, he said.

The department plans to look at waste management guidelines to see if they adequately cover all types of weather events, he said.

Cow manure in the ditches and streams is nothing new in the Magic Valley. The Environmental Protection Agency has issued penalties for illegal discharges from dairies and feedlots for several years. Dairies and feedlots are not supposed to discharge into canals, or other Snake River tributaries.

Dairy waste systems are supposed to be designed to hold the manure from the cows and the milking operation in addition to any storm water or runoff for 180 days.

The recent weather also shows why Twin Falls County should take action now to improve its control of dairy waste. Bert Redfern, member of the Farm Urban Network, a group pushing for stricter regulation of dairies in the county.

The county is working on a new livestock confinement operation ordinance. That ordinance needs to be proactive, Redfern said. The county needs to deal with the issue before groundwater is contaminated or other problems appear.

Slowing the growth of dairies isn't going to hurt the local economy, dairies aren't going to go away, Redfern said.

DEATH NOTICES

Arnold Gier

ARNOLD Gier, 84, of Filer, died Friday, Jan. 3, 1997, at Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital. Arrangements are pending under the direction of White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Cordie Benedict

RUPERT — Cordie Benedict, 93, of Rupert, died Saturday, Jan. 4, 1997, at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital. A funeral service is pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Lewis S. Adams

TWIN FALLS — Lewis S. Adams, 86, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Jan. 5, 1997, at Twin Falls Care Center. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel of Twin Falls.

Roberta E. Martin Kehler

JEROME — Roberta E. Martin Kehler, 77, of Jerome, died Sunday, Jan. 5, 1997, at St. Benedict's Long Term Care Unit in Jerome. A services is pending and will

be announced by the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Reva Uscola

HEYBURN — Reva Uscola, 81, of Heyburn, died Friday, Jan. 3, 1997, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley. A funeral service will be at

11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8, 1997, at the Emerson LDS Chapel, with bishop Dennis Heiner officiating. Burial will follow in the Paul Cemetery. Friends may call at the Payne Mortuary, 221 West Main in Burley, from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and at the church from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Wednesday.

Arnold Dunne Morehead, of Buhl, 11 a.m. today, Farmer Funeral Chapel, Buhl.

Robert Gerald Tucker, of Heyburn, graveside service, 11 a.m. today, Riverside Cemetery, Heyburn, (Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel).

Ivan Clair Tolman, of Rupert, graveside service, 2 p.m. today, Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. today, Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Daniel Alvin Compton Jr., infant son of Daniel Alvin and Stephanie Lynn Bendele Compton of Buhl, 2 p.m. today, First Baptist Church, (Farmer

Lula Marie Heck, of Twin Falls, 11 a.m. Tuesday, White Mortuary, Twin Falls. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

Mary Alice Snow, of Twin Falls, 2 p.m. Tuesday, White Mortuary, Twin Falls. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

Phyllis Kirkman Bitter, of Hailey and formerly of Twin Falls, 11 a.m. Wednesday, White Mortuary, Twin Falls. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral chapel.

HOSPITALS

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Released Alvin Puckett of Kimberly

CASSIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Admitted Joseph Higley of Burley

Released Russell Vaughn of Burley; Dennis Aldrich of Rupert; Dorothy House of Paul, and Norma Parke of Malta.

MINDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Released Hortencia Cabrera and girl of Dietrich

OBITUARIES

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

JEROME



Anthony L. Northrup

Our little "Tonio" took the light of angels on Friday January 3, 1997 to play with Jesus. Anthony Lloyd Northrup went to

Heaven after a courageous battle at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise.

Anthony came bouncing into this world May 2, 1925. He was born to Alvin Horno and Tamara Leo Northrup in Jerome.

Anthony is survived by a brother, Wesley and sister, Amber both of Michigan and sisters Jevona and Jessica both of Idaho.

Anthony loved and is loved dearly by all of them.

Anthony was also survived his grandmothers, Velma "Mama" Parker of Jerome and Earleona Lupo of Utah.

He was preceded in death by his Grandpa, Lloyd Parker. He is also survived by grandfather Alvin Horno Northrup of Utah; and two loving great-grandparents, Alfred "Papa" and Lily Kingsland. Anthony brought much joy to numerous great-nieces, great aunts lots of cousins and many friends.

Anthony loved to read books snuggled on his mama's lap, race cars and play mechanic. Tonio loved to play in the snow and "bite" no. He enjoyed being outside and always

playing peeka boo with his grandma Parker. Tonio greeted everyone with his big brown eyes, a huge smile and great big "Hi ya."

Anthony family would like to thank all of the doctors, nurses and staff of St. Luke's Hospital for the light they fought for Tonio and the tender touch everyone felt from them. Thank you for giving sunshine to Anthony's last days.

As always Anthony gave to others even at the end of his life by giving life to others by being an organ donor.

Anthony's life will be celebrated on Tuesday, Jan. 7, 1997, at 1 p.m. at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome, with Rev. Vernon Bishop officiating.

Although Anthony's soul has gone to home, his body will be laid to rest at the Jerome Cemetery proceeding service.

Friends may call Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Funeral Chapel.

Tonio you are loved by all.

"He shall cover thee with his feathers and under his wings shalt thou trust..." PS 91:4

THIS WEEK AT CSI

EVERGREEN A05

Plant protection seminar continues at 8 a.m. in Shields 115.

WEDNESDAY

University of Idaho plant protection seminar will begin at 8 a.m. in Shields 115.

Intermountain Cow Symposium continues all day in the Expo Center.

Military testing will be held at 5:30 p.m. in Shields 208.

THURSDAY

Plant protection seminar continues at 8 a.m. in Shields 115.

FRIDAY

Plant protection seminar continues at 8 a.m. in Shields 115.

SATURDAY

Military testing will be held at 8 a.m. in Shields 208.

Elks Hoop Shoot will be held at 9 a.m. in the gymnasium.

Idaho Personnel exam will be given at 9 a.m. in Shields 201.

Pioneer Burton Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Senior Annex.

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

TUESDAY Small Business Information Fair will be held from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Evergreen Building atrium.

Intermountain Cow Symposium will be held at noon in the Expo Center.

Seminar for cooperating teachers will be held at 4 p.m. in

Nesting species in oil fields could ruin drilling plans worth millions

ROOSEVELT, Utah (AP) — A Denver-based oil company's drilling plans for eastern Utah's Uintah Basin may be stymied by the presence of ferruginous hawk nests.

When Inland Resources Inc. merged with Lomax in 1995, it acquired Bureau of Land Management oil and natural gas-rich leases in Monument Butte field south of Myron.

John Dyer, Inland's chief operating officer, says the company was aware that attached to the leases were "very specific stipulations" regarding a one-half mile buffer zone. That zone was to be maintained around ferruginous hawk nests.

The bird is not included on the federal threatened and endangered species list, but has been classified by the BLM as a "special status species" in need of protection if it is to survive.

One pair of the hawks have routinely returned to nest in the Monument Butte field for the past four to five years, almost at precisely the spot where Inland wants to focus drilling. The birds build several nests

and sometimes rotate their use from year to year.

Planning to drill 50 new oil wells in the area, Inland hired a biologist to determine where the active nests were located. According to Dyer, out of 14 nests only one nest could be classified as active.

To Inland officials, that meant they could work around the site to protect the birds while pursuing their multimillion-dollar development plans.

However, a recently completed environmental assessment by the BLM found several more nests — all of them located in the center of the proposed oil field.

"They will prohibit us from installing successful water flooding," Dyer said. "What's important is the connectivity (between wells), without being able to drill across the area we just can't do this."

BLM biologist Harry Barber says ferruginous hawk population is steadily declining throughout the United States. The drop in population is attributed to oil and gas development, increased recreation

and predators. Meantime, Dyer contends some studies have shown that "oil field activity is beneficial to the ferruginous hawk nests."

Inland lobbied local government officials and the public to write the BLM concerning its environmental assessment during the public review period, which ended Dec. 27.

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Tiny snail commands attention from developers

By Jennifer Bunch
Times-News Writer

BURLEY — Engineers had to search last week for a snail smaller than a thumbtack before moving forward with plans to build a \$4.4 million bridge across the Snake River.

No signs of the snail's habitat were found underneath the Overland Bridge, which eventually will be replaced with a new, four-lane structure. Federal environmental laws required the Idaho Transportation Department to probe for the endangered Utah "valvata" snail before building.

Finding snails there would have been a good sign for the river's health if the probe had uncovered the snail's habitat.

"We're taking care of snails, then we're taking care of ourselves," said Marilyn Hemker, a U.S. Fish and

Wildlife biologist in Boise.

The snail was listed as an endangered species in 1993 along with four other Snake River snails, Hemker said. The Utah valvata snail exists only in high-water-quality springs, she said.

"If we lose these snails it's a sign we've lost good quality water in the Snake River, and then we all suffer," Hemker said.

Mike Etchevery, a water quality specialist with the Division of Environmental Quality in Twin Falls, said biologists submerged a "hydroblab" in the river to search for signs of snail habitat. The lab's computerized probes checked for changes in water temperature that can pinpoint spring water, which is warmer than the river, Etchevery said. No signs of springs were found, he said.

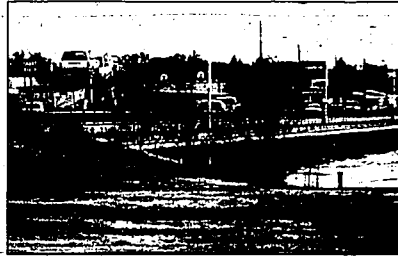
Hemker said the snail lives in areas of the river where the

bottom is sandy and muddy, such as near the bridge. Yet, even if habitat had been found there, biologists didn't expect to come across the snail because of poor water quality, she said. The snail has been discovered in areas between American Falls and Hagerman, and it was found in 1992 in Lake Walcott above Minidoka Dam, Hemker said.

Had snails been living near the bridge, the discovery wouldn't have stopped the ITD's project, Hemker said. Ways exist to develop structures without affecting habitat, she said.

LaMar Duffin, an ITD engineer in Shoshone, said the snails would have slowed the project down, though.

Looking for the snails was the last environmental hurdle the ITD had to overcome before moving on, Duffin said. Now the ITD will try to negotiate property



As on most days, traffic on Burley's Overland Bridge Friday was steady. State engineers are preparing to widen and improve the bridge later this year.

rights of way needed on the north and south sides of the river for widening the highway to four lanes, he said.

The end of 1997 is an optimistic estimate for the start of bridge construction, Duffin said.

Rupert bar warned of fire code violations

Drift Inn owner says he'll comply

By Kevin Miller
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Out of compliance with state fire codes, the Drift Inn restaurant and lounge could be fined or closed if its owner doesn't improve exits within two weeks, the city fire marshal said.

Rupert Fire Chief Thayne Taylor notified the business owner Friday of a handful of violations — including the need for panic hardware on doors — and gave the business 10 days to remedy the deficiencies.

The Drift Inn is an critical, Taylor said, in case of a fire.

"Alcohol always compounds the problem," he said.

Biermann, Drift Inn owner, said he will make the necessary improvements but said he felt his business is being singled out.

"The Drift Inn has more safety features than any business in town," he said.

The Rupert Square establishment already has lightning exits, Biermann said, and soon will have the push-board door releases Taylor requires.

The cost to meet fire code requirements is not great, Biermann said.

Taylor said the requirements are designed to help prevent disaster.

"The panic hardware is necessary so in a panic situation, the first one who hits the door hits the lever opening the door, so the second or third person rushing to the door don't pile up behind a door that doesn't swing open easily," Taylor said.

"We just want to make sure people have a safe avenue to get out," he said.

Fire code inspections are done regularly at all businesses. Exits, alarms, electrical wiring and fire safety are all checked.

Violations usually are worked through, Taylor said. The fire chief can issue citations for the misdemeanors, or close businesses down if the violations are egregious enough.

Citations and condemnation are extreme measures, Taylor said. "We'd rather work with people."

In 1995, Taylor closed the Green Room in downtown Rupert, a shelter for underprivileged families, due to several concerns. The shelter since has been brought up to code and reopened.

Business owners can avoid fire code violations by getting building permits whenever alterations are done to buildings, Taylor said. The fire chief can check the alterations and recommend safety adjustments at the time of construction.

"It's in the interest of business owners to have a safe building," he said.

'It's in the interest of business owners to have a safe building.'

—Thayne Taylor, fire chief

MUDDY BUDDY



His rain gear speckled with mud, Bill Hovey of Burley races through puddles Saturday on a go-cart. Warm weather and rain melted earlier snowfall over the weekend, turning dirt lots into mud tracks.

Acequia farmers charged with cruelty to animals

By Kevin Miller
Times-News writer

ACEQUIA — Police have charged two people with cruelty to animals after finding 15 calves and five chickens lying on their own filth dead from starvation, police said.

Kirt Crabtree, 40, and his wife, Bonnie, 39, both of Acequia, were arrested and charged with the misdemeanor count this week, nearly a month after police found the dead animals on their farm north of Rupert.

Responding to an anonymous tip, Minidoka County sheriff's Sgt. Dan Kindig and Cpl. Tim Dudley found the animals Dec. 8 without food, water or shelter, according to the police report.

"There was one small, black calf that was lying down in approximately four to five inches of its own manure and was all but dead," Kindig said.

Snow had fallen the night before the officers arrived at the farm at 368 N. Meridian. There were no tracks in the snow, evidence no one had been around to feed the animals recently, an affidavit of Minidoka County Prosecutor Gara Newman says.

In the Thursday charge against the Crabtrees, Newman accuses them of depriving the animals of necessary food, drink and shelter, negligently keeping the animals in unsanitary conditions, or

negligently housing the animals in inadequate facilities.

The Times-News was unable to contact the Crabtrees for comment Friday or Saturday.

According to written reports, when the officers arrived at the farm, they heard hungry calves bellowing from behind large bales of straw. There, Kindig and Dudley found several rows of small pens housing about 30 calves.

The calves were standing in liquid filth at least four inches deep," Dudley said.

There was no food or water in most of the pens, the reports said, and 12 of the animals were dead. Nursing buckets stacked nearby were covered with snow and ice, apparently unused, the reports said.

Food and water were not easily available to a corral full of heifers and steers either, though the animals looked healthy. Three more dead calves were found in the corral, the reports said.

In a makeshift chicken coop, the officers found just a pair of live birds. Five were dead.

Fresh hay, grain and milk substitute all were available in a shed on the farm, the report said.

Bonnie Crabtree told police she had fed the animals at 5 a.m. the morning of Dec. 8, police said.

Meridian boy undergoes 1st skin graft for 3rd degree burns

BOISE (AP) — Stephen Tyler underwent his first skin graft surgery for third degree burns received while trying to rescue his half brother.

The 14-year-old Meridian boy is back in his room and doing well, said his mother, Heidi Tyler. A second surgery is scheduled for later this week.

"The doctors say he's doing good and everything went well with the surgery," she said.

"He can't talk yet, but we can read his lips, and that's how we're able to communicate."

The single High School freshman suffered burns on more than half of his body and respiratory damage last week after running back into a burning home near Santa Rosa, Calif. to save 3-year-old Tommy Tyler.

The toddler was the only child of Bill and Suzanne Tyler and died from smoke inhalation

after the fire destroyed the family's home.

Heidi Tyler said Stephen is still listed in critical condition at St. Francis Memorial Hospital's burn center in San Francisco.

She flew to California shortly after her 12-year-old daughter, Tiffany, called and told her the house was on fire.

Stephen was visiting his father, Bill Tyler, and stepmother for the holidays when the fire occurred.

Officials have not determined the cause of the fire.

Most of the family escaped quickly after the fire started, but soon realized Tommy Tyler was still inside. Bill Tyler entered the burning home with Stephen to rescue the boy, and was later treated for injuries and released from a Santa Rosa hospital.

Legislature

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fields and logging, mining, and grazing operations.

The Legislature might discuss a bill to test voluntary compliance with pollution-cutting measures, said Noh, chairman of the Senate Resources and Environment Committee. Operators who don't meet the standards could face sanctions.

Mining

The Thompson Creek molybdenum mine in central Idaho may soon be patented, meaning mine operators will get title to public land. The mine would pass out of the control of the U.S. Forest Service, and the state would take over regulation of the mine.

But state laws might not be adequate to deal with potential problems. Legislators will consider increasing the amount of bonds required to cover actual reclamation costs; this way, the cost would not fall on taxpayers since a mining company fail or go bankrupt.

The state also will consider whether it has adequate authority to require operating plans, and the degree to which bonding is quality problems, Noh said.

The Idaho Conservation League also suggests changes in mining regulations to cover surface effects of underground mining. This would cover the effects of tailings from underground mining on health, water quality and safety.

Environmental audit

If the Legislature doesn't act, a 1995 state law that allows self-reporting of environmental problems and immunity from prosecution

and confidentiality, would expire.

The EPA has said it may revoke state authority to enforce the Clean Air Act, if the law is not changed or allowed to lapse. The state might also lose its authority in the Clean Water Act and cleanup of environmental contamination.

It is a little used law with no real benefit to the state and a huge risk, said Mike Medberry of the ICL. Only Lockheed Martin Idaho Technologies Co., which operates the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory for the Energy Department, has tried to invoke the law.

State regulators in March 1996 cited the Energy Department for 61 hazardous waste violations at the INEL, including several that involved radioactive wastes.

Lockheed Martin officials told the state they intended to seek protection under the new environmental audit law for about 40 of the 61 violations.

The Division of Environmental Quality eventually rejected that attempt, and the law was changed to prohibit federal agencies or their contractors from benefiting from its provisions.

Under the law, an environmental audit report — and all communications and documents related to it — is exempt from disclosure.

On a related issue, the House Environmental Affairs Committee also plans to look at "brownfield regulations," said committee member Rep. Mark Stubbs, R-Twin Falls. The regulations would prevent lingering liability on polluted ground from preventing cleanup and other uses or development of the property.

Other issues

- The mining industry may seek help from the Legislature to change property water rights worked out in a negotiated rulemaking effort with other interests.
- The rules are designed to protect groundwater, Medberry said. They would allow the state to categorize aquifers by water quality and significance, and provide a means to maintain that quality.
- Environmentalists plan to seek an end to the agricultural exemption from water quality regulations, Medberry said.
- The Senate Resources and Environment committee will work with the House on hearings on the INEL, covering the costly cleanup problems at Pit 9 and Test Area North, the implications of a proposed plutonium processing plant and the technology involved in a mixed waste treatment plant, Noh said.
- The Legislature also must act on an updated state water plan. The new plan includes substantial changes in state policy that move away from maximum development of the state's water resources, toward protection and management of existing uses and values.
- The Legislature also must act on a plan for the South Fork of the Snake River — one of the most scenic parts of the Snake River in Idaho — that would protect more than 500 miles of river and tributaries as natural and recreational rivers.
- Legislators also might discuss the state's involvement in grizzly bear-and wolf management.

Housing

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most of that land is zoned commercial and is too expensive for housing or simply not for sale.

The dilemma seemed unsolvable because Jackpot is landlocked by federal Bureau of Land Management property. But after much negotiation and a failed land trade, Elko County finally purchased 30 acres from the BLM for \$30,000 recently to be used for housing.

The county will put the land out to bid to developers in three 10-acre sections.

Assistant County Manager Linda Ritter said officials "are looking for the best legal way to sell the land with conditions." Elko County wants to put conditions on the sale to keep buyers from sitting on the land.

Ritter said this is uncharted

Land Information

Elko County plans to sell recently acquired Jackpot land for housing.

If you're a developer and would like more information on the bid packet, call Elko County at (702) 738-6398; fax (702) 753-8535; or write Elko County, 569 Court Street, Elko, NV 89801. Make all inquiries to Linda Ritter or George Boucher's attention.

territory — government on any level usually does not get involved in land sales such as this. Elko County's legal department is making sure everything is in place before the bidding is opened to developers.

Buyers will be responsible for developing the property as well as getting roads and utilities to

the site. Elko County has a list of more than 20 developers interested in bidding.

Jackpot could become a better place to live.

The Jackpot Advisory Board, the Municipal Building and the Tonriss Center get frequent requests from people wanting to relocate to Jackpot. The Jackpot Golf Course and Jackpot Pool and Rec Center rival southern Idaho's facilities.

Fishing, hunting and rock-hounding are nearby, and the beauty of unscarred mountains surrounding Jackpot make it inviting to people wanting to escape the city.

Inquiries also have been coming in from business people wanting to become Nevada residents because of Nevada's more favorable tax structure.

IDAHO/WEST

Murder probe focuses on girl's family, friends

The Washington Post

BOULDER, Colo. — Ten days after the small body of JonBenet Ramsey was discovered strangled in the basement of her brick Tudor home here, investigators appear to be intensely focused on the 6-year-old beauty queen's close world of family, friends and home.

Police have spent countless hours scouring the fashionable house, and what little information has emerged appears to point to a killer chillingly familiar with the wealthy family and the kindergarten, who seemed to live a glamorous, charmed and 8-year-old profile life. With her long, golden hair and angelic face, JonBenet was "Little Miss Beverly Hills" in 1995. She was buried in Marietta, Ga., last week, wearing her tiara.

There were no signs of forced entry into the 6,000-square-foot brick and stucco house, and police sources told reporters over the weekend that a ransom note found on the back staircase was handwritten on paper from a pad found in the home. Sometime after she went out for Christmas night, JonBenet was reportedly sexually assaulted and her skull fractured before being strangled and hidden in the windowless basement room. Her parents and 8-year-old brother were in the house at the time.

A team of five investigators went to the family's former home town — Roswell, Ga., an Atlanta suburb — to interview family, friends and business associates. On Friday, detectives spent nearly four hours at the Roswell home of the child's maternal grandparents. A police spokesman said no one has been "ruled in or out" as a suspect. "We are trying to be cautious because there are certain facts in the case that only the killer and police know," the spokesman said.

John Ramsey, 53, a prominent businessman here, and Patricia "Patsy" Ramsey, 40, a 1977 Miss West Virginia who has recently battled ovarian cancer, gave a 40-minute interview to CNN on New Year's Day, but they have not yet formally spoken to investigators. After Patsy Ramsey told the network that "there is a killer on the loose," the mayor and police officials went out of their way to publicly insist that there is no killer stalked Boulder and that residents are in no danger.

On Saturday, scores of children played unattended near the

Ramsey house, as police removed doorknobs and other evidence a few feet away. "I have four granddaughters about that age and if there was something to be worried about, I'd be worried," said Gene Vervain, a neighbor, as he stood on the street watching police file in and out of the house. "This will play itself out."

The bizarre case has consumed this picturesque university town, but more as an unfathomable tragedy-buffet than as a seemingly blessed family than as a random act of violence.

JonBenet (pronounced shawben-AY) is considered a friend and neighbor as an unusually poised and talented little girl whom her mother

forming in her own image. Both Patsy Faugh Ramsey and her sister, Pam, won the Miss West Virginia title, becoming the second of sisters to compete in the Miss America pageant. Patsy Ramsey launched her small daughter early into the world of pageants, complete with expensive costumes, precocious signing shows, and contests away from home.

In her brief life, JonBenet had already accumulated numerous titles, including National Tiny Miss Beauty, Colorado State All-American Kids Cover Girl and America's Royal Miss. In a film of her last competition that has aired repeatedly on television here, the girl is signing and dancing in a glittering sequined outfit, with big painted red and soft curls framing her milky skin.

The Ramseys returned here from Georgia on Friday but have not been back to their house. JonBenet's mother, Patsy, said police plan to schedule an appointment with the parents, each of whom has a separate attorney. But another source close to the case, who asked for anonymity, said it is unlikely the Ramseys will agree to be formally interviewed anytime soon.

Pat Korten, a former Justice Department spokesman who has been hired by the couple as a media consultant, said last Sunday that the Ramseys "have been very cooperative" and, on the advice of counsel, have answered written questions from the press.

McNeill said police were "completely taken by surprise" by the Ramseys' appearance on CNN last week. John Ramsey told the network said he found any speculation that he and his wife were involved "haunting."

Business lobby breaks ties

BOISE, (AP) — Idaho's largest business lobby will not seek renewal of the state's 2-year-old environmental audit law, its officers say.

A month ago, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency concluded the law needs changes to ensure its immunity and confidentiality provisions do not interfere with the Clean Air Act's requirement the state have authority to assure compliance.

The law will end at the end of the year unless the Legislature reauthorizes it.

It grants immunity from civil and criminal penalties to compa-

nies that voluntarily disclose information which show environmental violations and develop compliance plans.

It also exempts from the public's view audit reports and other information considered confidential by firms and submitted to state environmental regulators. Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry Vice President Brent Olmstead said the group wants the issue to be resolved out nationwide and hopes the EPA will recognize the know-how of states and let them regulate themselves.

"We will come back with a new bill in 1998," he said Friday.

ISU students probe rare rabbits

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Idaho State University graduate students are studying a type of rabbit that could be placed on the threatened and endangered species list.

Pygmy rabbits are only about the size of guinea pigs, and live only on the sagebrush plains of the Snake River Valley and small portions of Montana, Utah, Washington, Oregon, Nevada and California.

Faculty and students from Idaho State and the Environmental Science and Research Foundation are studying how the

rabbit is reacting to shrinking habitat.

During the project, researchers will study the rabbit's distribution, abundance and habitat preferences and submit to National Engineering Laboratory land.

Researchers hope to develop a "habitat suitability index," which will predict places where the pygmy rabbit might live.

Pygmy rabbits are the only rabbits that dig burrows. Previous research has suggested the rabbits dig their burrows in clusters.

Woodridge Elementary School. Identification on the woman left is said to be David. "Monday" Officers entered the house after getting no response and found the bodies of a man and two women in separate bedrooms, Ferguson said.

The body of a young woman was found by children Sunday morning, at a park near

Panhandle lake reports poor salmon run

CABINET GORGE (AP) — Thousands of eggs are normally wriggle their way up the Clark Fork River to drop their eggs and die in this hatchery system every year.

This time, only about a dozen egg-carrying females made the trip. On the northeast shore of Lake Pend Oreille there is another egg collection site at Granite Creek, where the landlocked salmon return to spawn in the early winter months.

Bald eagles often gather by the hundreds at the creek to feast on the dying kokanee.

"At Granite, we have only seen about six eggs this time," said Brad Dredge, who manages the Cabinet Gorge Fish Hatchery for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

"It's kind of strange, but the eagles can usually tell you if there is going to be big kokanee run or not."

It was the weakest spawn seen at these collection sites in years. Biologists wonder if an agreement to keep the level higher this winter to help the fish may be a reason.

For the last two years, the egg collection efforts at the spawning sites have netted record numbers of eggs. In 1994, the kokanee brought 14 million eggs. In 1995, a record 16 million were collected.

In 1996, only about 4 million eggs were taken from an extremely weak return.

Dredge said he expected a shortfall in egg collection last year due to a power outage that



Idaho Department of Fish and Game bio-ecologist Dave Helms views a fish leader at the department's Cabinet Gorge Hatchery in Cabinet last month. Only about a dozen egg-bearing salmon had made the trip as of this month instead of the usual thousands.

killed millions of fish at the hatchery in the 1992-93 spawning year.

Only a half-million fry were released in 1993. Another half return is expected next winter.

Dredge said the worst-case scenario for eggs of kokanee this time was 27 million eggs and about 10 billion at the best.

But one of the most likely factors affecting the returns this year is a higher winter lake level. That mark was held up to 2,056 feet above sea level this winter as part of a three-year study to measure its effect on the fish.

Fish managers have reason to believe that 30 years of draining the lake to 2,051 feet during the kokanee spawning season for power production is a big variable in the diminished population.

Lowering the lake level below 2,056 exposes gravels that would ordinarily be used for spawning beds.

"We don't know this for sure. But with the higher water levels, maybe some of our hatchery fish are spawning along the shorelines this year," Dredge said.

Fish and Game regional fisheries manager Ned Horner said the hatchery fish could have spawned along the shoreline, but if they did, nobody saw them.

Fish and Game counted a total of 47 wild fish in those traditional grounds during the peak of the season.

"However, just because we didn't see the fish this time doesn't mean they're not there," he said. "With the higher lake levels, the kokanee could have spread out along other sections of spawning gravels this year."

Horner said anglers used to harvest a million kokanee a year from the lake. It has dropped as low as 70,000.

Horse recovery effort sends them to slaughter

RENO, Nev. (AP) — A multimillion-dollar federal program created to save the lives of wild horses is instead channeling them by the thousands to slaughterhouses where they are chopped into meat.

Among those profiting from the slaughter are employees of the Bureau of Land Management, the federal agency that administers the program.

These are the conclusions of an Associated Press investigation of the U.S. Wild Horse and Burro Program, which has rounded up 165,000 animals and spent \$250 million since it was created by Congress 25 years ago.

The program was intended to protect and manage wild horses on public lands, where they compete for resources with grazing cattle. The idea was to gather up wild horses and offer them to the public for adoption.

However, nothing in the law prevents the new owners from selling the horses to slaughterhouses once they take title to them. It is common for horses to go to slaughter when they grow old or fall lame, but nearly all former BLM horses sent to slaughterhouses are young and healthy, according to slaughterhouse operators.

Under the program's rules, anyone can adopt up to four horses per year, paying \$125 for each horse, plus \$25 for each horse's animal ID. If the adopters provide care for the horses for one year, they get legal title to them in the form of handsome BLM certificates bearing individual identification numbers that are freeze-branded into each horse's hide.

"We're working toward helping people develop pride in their horses," said Deb Harrington, a BLM spokeswoman in Oklahoma. "These titles are suitable for framing."

Using freeze-brand numbers and computerized public records, the AP traced more than 57 BLM horses that have been sold to U.S. and Canadian slaughterhouses since September. Eighty percent of those horses were less than 10 years old and 25 percent were less than 5 years old. Ten years is not considered old for horses, which are often ridden well into their 20s.

At the Cavel West slaughterhouse in Redmond, Ore., for example, producers Fiscalde pulled a sheet of BLM certificates from a folder and explained that they were for horses he recently processed at his plant and sent to Belgium for human consumption.

Nearby, the carcass of a BLM horse dangling in a tank while butchers sliced the lean meat into packable cuts.

"Killed on Friday, processed Monday, Thursday we load the truck and then it's down to Europe," said David. "Monday it's sold in Belgium, Tuesday, Wednesday it's back in the soil."

"The sad thing," said Pete Steele, a former BLM employee living in Nevada, Utah, "is you've got a bunch of wild horses rounded up and nobody wants



Wranglers watch wild horses last November near Ontario, Ore. Most of these will be adopted under a federal program, but may be slaughtered within a few years.

them except for some folks who see there's some money to be made here."

Asked about the AP's findings, Tom Pogacnik, director of the BLM's \$16 million-a-year Wild Horse and Burro Program, conceded that about 90 percent of the horses rounded up — thousands of horses each year — go to slaughter.

Has a program intended to save wild horses as a symbol of the American frontier evolved into a supply system for horse meat? "I guess that's one way of looking at it," Pogacnik said. "Recognizing that we can't leave them out there, well, at some point the critics do have to come off the range."

Clifford Hansen, a former U.S. senator from Wyoming who introduced the bill to create the program, now wishes he could remove his name from the legislation. "The law was intended to recognize the significance of wild horses and burros, but talk about a waste of public funds," said Hansen, now 84. "It's become the most ridiculous thing I ever heard of."

The government spends an average of \$1,100 to round up,

vaccinate, freeze brand, and adopt out a horse. Adopters pay \$125 for each healthy horse, and can get lame or old horses for as little as \$25, or even for free.

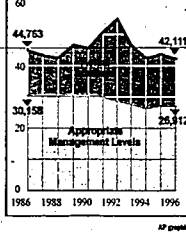
After holding the horses for a year, the adopters are free to sell them for slaughter, typically receiving \$700 per animal. The government spends \$1,100. The adopter can make \$575 or more.

The sellers find no shortage of horse meat buyers. The demand for American horse meat has long been strong in Asia and Europe, where few share the common American compunction about eating the animal.

Today, demand is up in Europe because of fears of mad cow disease, said Luc Van Damme of Zele, Belgium, whose 100-year-old Velda horse meat business owns the Cavel West slaughterhouse.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 42 million pounds of horse meat were exported in 1995 at an average price of 62 cents per pound. In 1996 prices were up to 80 cents a pound and rising. France and Belgium were the biggest buyers, with others including Japan, Switzerland,

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Italy, Netherlands, Mexico, Canada, Sweden, New Zealand, Austria, Russia, Bahrain, Argentina and China.

While nothing in the law prevents sending an adopted horse to slaughter, government officials offer conflicting opinions whether it is legal or ethical for BLM officials to adopt and sell horses.

The Associated Press matched computer records of horse adoptions with a computerized list of federal employees and found that more than 200 current BLM employees have adopted more than 600 wild horses and burros.

Some of these employees, when contacted by the AP, could not account for the whereabouts of their animals. Others acknowledged some of their horses were sent to slaughterhouses.

In Rock Springs, Wyo., the BLM corrals are run by Victor McDarmont, whose crew rounds up horses from open ranges in Wyoming, freeze brands them and arranges adoptions. It's a job that gives them access to thousands of horses.

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Advancing your career (continued)

Today, as part of my ongoing series entitled "Advancing Your Career," I'm going to address the often-asked question: Should you set fire to your supervisor's beard?

But first I need to formally apologize to the Harley-Davidson motorcycle riders for a column I wrote a couple of months ago in which I stated — without having done any research — that people who repeatedly rev their extremely loud Harley-Davidsons in crowded public places are jerks.

Well, you talk about stirring up a hornet's nest. I have not received so much irate mail since the time I criticized Neil Diamond.



HUMOR
Dave Barry

(NOTE TO NEIL DIAMOND FANS: Please don't write to me again! I now worship Neil as a god! I have a graven image of him to which I ritually sacrifice goats.)

(NOTE TO ANIMAL-RIGHTS ACTIVISTS: I'm just kidding!)

(NOTE TO NEIL DIAMOND FANS: Not that I am saying Neil is not worthy of goat sacrifices.)

In their letters to me, the Harley-Davidson people made four basic points:

1. I am scum.
2. There are important mechanical and safety reasons why Harley-Davidson engines need to be extremely loud and revved a lot.
3. I am lower than scum.
4. Perhaps I would like to have my skull crushed like a ping-pong ball under a freight locomotive.

Here are some actual unretouched quotations from the letters I received:

• "Dear Mr Barry see you are a loser and yes you are anal retentive."
• "You are an idiot! You should be writing you're so called journalism for National Inquirer."

My loud Harley might catch your attention from concentrating on singing your favorite Barry Manilow song.

• "I don't guess you know that lawyers, Doctors, country singers own Harley's."

• "You (sleeping) polyester buying, penny loafers sporting, polka dot tie wearing, bus riding, no life having, (motherbeater)."

So I just want to make this sincere statement of apology to those Harley riders whom I have offended. Don't you ever accuse me of listening to Barry Manilow.

(NOTE TO BARRY MANILOW FANS: Just kidding! I love Barry's work! Especially, the Dr Pepper commercial!)

OK, now that we've cleared that up, I want to share with you an item from a newsletter published by the Utah Department of Employment Security, sent to me by alert reader John Balmforth. The newsletter has a feature entitled *You Be the Judge*, which presents a case concerning whether a company was justified in discharging an employee (referred to as the "claimant"). Here, according to the newsletter are the facts, as determined at a hearing:

• "During a disciplinary discussion with his supervisor, the claimant, at the supervisor's beard on fire with a cigarette lighter."

• "Shortly thereafter, the claimant refused to follow instructions from his trainer and, when rebuked, the worker pressed a 'post-it note on the trainer's forehead.'"

OK! You be the judge! Was the employer justified in firing this person? Think about it, while we play the "Jeopardy" music:

Doo doo doo doo, doo doo doo, doo doo doo doo DOO doo-doo-doo-doo-doo.

Time up! The answer, according to the Utah Department of Employment Security is: Yes, the employer was justified. The newsletter points out that "not only is setting a person's beard on fire dangerous," but also the forehead post-it note indicates "an absence of professional behavior." The department apparently did not give the employee any credit for refraining from attaching the note with a stapler.

Speaking of assaults, I have here a chilling news item from the Sept. 3 edition of the Asbury Park Press, alertly sent in by John F. Coffey II Attorney At Law. The item, which was written by Sheri Tabacknick and which I am not making up, begins as follows:

"A Belmont man who was throwing uncooked pasta out the window was charged by police with stabbing a man who was hit by the rigatoni, police said."
The article states that "a victim and some friends were walking on the street at about 2 a.m. when 'some people in an apartment began throwing uncooked pasta out the window at them.'" Words were exchanged, and the pasta-throwing perpetrator allegedly came out of the apartment and stabbed the victim.

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THE COLD FACTS



Residents of Sturgeon Bay, Wis., jump into Lake Michigan as part of an annual New Year's Day ritual. They may have been chilled to the bone, but unless they were carrying cold viruses, their plunge in 35-degree water didn't make them sick.

You'll catch your death

Wet feet, chicken soup are legends of the cold war

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — You were right, Mom was wrong.

You could have run around all winter with your coat dragging in the snow and your overboots buckled and flapping in the breeze.

You could have run in and out of your parents' overheated house or sat in a puddle of meltwater in the driveway and sailed poolboats until spring.

Wouldn't that have made you sick. It took your neighbor Mary to do that.

Typhoid Mary, that is — a serial sneezer who used her sneeze for a handkerchief. In five minutes she could sweep through a house, touching every doorknob and telephone and infecting the residents with enough rhinovirus to keep them all coughing and sneezing next Flag Day.

"Viruses cause colds and flu, not cold,

weather," said Dr. David Spritzer, a family practitioner at the Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital. "But that doesn't mean that temperature can't affect you."

There's some evidence that cold air in the lungs and sinuses can make respiratory problems worse, Spritzer said. So can wood smoke and other environmental pollutants.

But in the scheme of things, cold and stagnant air don't hold a candle — at either end — to fatigue.

"If you're burning the candle at both ends you're much more likely to get a cold or the flu," Spritzer said. "That goes for children and adults, and you're more like-

ly to stay sick longer."

For everyone vulnerable to upper respiratory infections this time of year, Spritzer would prescribe eight hours sleep a night and maybe a zap in the afternoon.

"There are so many people working two jobs now a days and trying to keep up," he said. "Those

are the people who get sick."

If folks could see what's lying for them out there, they'd take better care of themselves, Spritzer said.

"The viruses that cause colds and flu are everywhere this time of the year," he said. "In the home, at school, in the workplace. Those viruses are easily spread by touch, so everytime you touch a doorknob

that somebody with a cold has used or pick up a telephone that somebody with a cold has been talking on, you're at risk."

Keeping a spray can of Lysol handy, or even a clean handkerchief to wipe down infected surfaces, are prudent precautions, he said.

"Colds and flu can make you seriously ill, especially since so many of the bacteria that cause secondary infections and becoming resistant to antibiotics," he said. "If you can avoid getting sick, you should do it."

But Spritzer concedes that's a tall order when so many cold and flu victims insist on working when they're ill.

"If you have a cold or a flu, stay home and get some sleep," he said. "You'll get well sooner."

Vitamin C — in 500-milligram doses — may help you defeat the microbes, he said, and there's even some scientific evidence that chicken soup will make you feel better.

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Skyrocketing asthma rates are linked to fewer serious respiratory diseases

The Washington Post

Asthma rates are skyrocketing in the United States and other Western nations not because of increased air pol-

lution or other environmental toxins, as many scientists have theorized, but because people are getting fewer serious respiratory diseases in childhood, a provocative new study suggests.

The study, in Friday's issue of the journal Science, suggests that diseases such as tuberculosis and whooping cough may permanently alter a child's immune system in a way that confers

lifetime protection against asthma. If true, then the public-health victories of the past few decades that have largely eliminated those diseases in developed

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GOOD LOOKING

Makeup artists go to extremes to save 'Baywatch' skin

Knight-Ridder News Service

...BOCA — RATON — Fla. — When "Baywatch" babe Pamela Anderson Lee leaves the makeup and stylist trailer on the set each day, she's wearing so many protective coatings, the sun couldn't inch through all those layers (15) if it tried.

That's the idea. When you spend as much as 14 hours a day on the job surrounded by salt water and sun you have to worry about the effects on your skin. As a result, the young cast of "Baywatch" is using anti-aging protection more common to those in middle age. But the beautiful, handsome young lifeguards don't want to resemble prunes 10 or 15 years from now.

Enter makeup artist Joanna Connell and stylist Allen Payne.

"Our job is to protect their skin," said Connell, 41, who has been with the show since its inception in 1989.

That means a daily beauty regimen that includes using anti-aging products that help David Hasselhoff and the other stars sustain youthful appearances.

The trailer is the first stop for the stars upon arrival to work. There, they get a shoulder massage or an optional cuppuccio, followed by a face wash with a gel cleanser.



Actress Pamela Anderson Lee and the rest of the "Baywatch" cast spend up to 14 hours a day in the sun when they're shooting the series, and require extraordinary skin protection.

over-the-counter skin care product that has been marketed through dermatologists on the West Coast until now.

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HEALTH NOTES

Wrinkle wrangle

Those of you who slender on wrinkle creams containing alpha hydroxy acids might also want to use some sunscreens to the cosmetics industry say over-the-counter wrinkle creams containing up to 10 percent of the acids are safe, and they only slightly increase the sunburn's irritating as sunlight. But the Food and Drug Administration, noting that some people are especially sensitive, is about to strictly say how safe these wrinkle creams are.

Sobering study

You don't need different strokes for different folks when treating alcoholism. A new National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism-sponsored study was surprisingly long-held beliefs with its finding that the three leading behavioral approaches — "12-step" therapy, cognitive therapy and motivational therapy — are equally effective for a wide variety of patients.

Baby fat

You can too be too thin — at birth. Boys weighing less than 5½ pounds at birth are more likely than others to develop diabetes and high blood pressure when they are men, a group of Harvard doctors reports. Reporting in the journal Circulation, the doctors say they found that boys weighing more

than 10 pounds at birth are more likely to become obese. Similar findings were reported recently for baby girls. But the researchers stress this doesn't apply directly to expectant mothers trying to decide whether to hasten or slow delivery based on the size of the fetus.

Heartbreaking news

Those of you who suffer from clinical depression are 4 1/2 times more likely to have a heart attack. So says a new Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health study.

Drink your milk

Older people often urge their grandchildren to drink all their milk. There's good reason for the grandpa's advice to follow that advice themselves. Milk is an excellent source of calcium, the basic building block of bones. A lack of calcium can lead to osteoporosis, the bone-weakening disease that often afflicts older women, but can occur in men as well. The general rule is that postmenopausal women and men 65 and older require 1,500 milligrams of calcium to keep their bones strong. A glass of milk a day goes a long way to meet the quota. Other good sources of calcium are green leafy vegetables and yogurt. And calcium supplementary tablets are available in any drugstore.

Compiled from Web reports

HEALTH & FASHION

They finally get the color right

DEAR PAULA: I am always looking for the perfect foundation that will make my skin look great without looking like I'm wearing foundation. I saw an ad for Prescriptives' new Virtual Skin. Is it too good to be true?

—GLORIA, BALTIMORE



COSMETICS Q&A
Paula Begoun

DEAR GLORIA: What a great name for a foundation, Virtual Skin (with SPF 10) (\$28.50). How '90s can you get? In terms of marketing it is incredibly clever. Who wouldn't be curious to see if this foundation delivers coverage that smooths and evens out skin tone, yet doesn't look like you're wearing anything on your face at all. Perhaps there is no cosmetic quest more frustrating than searching for a foundation that makes your skin look flawless and yet looks like your own skin, only better.

Prescriptives' new foundation isn't exactly "virtual," but this silicone oil-based foundation does provide sheer to medium coverage and would work best for someone with normal to slightly oily or dry skin.

What is significant is that the color choices for this foundation are much better than the color choices for Prescriptives' five other foundation types. Prescriptives' color-printing

groups have always been a sore subject for me. The notion that someone has red undertones and therefore needs a red or pink foundation is sheer nonsense. As I've mentioned before, even Prescriptives' salespeople have complained to me that "almost everyone is Yellow/Orange — there really are no Blue/Red or Red/Orange people." It seems Prescriptives has gotten wind of their mistake, and the number of peach and pink tones for Virtual Skin is almost nil.

Virtual Skin does blend on beautifully and has great staying powder. You can blend it on fairly sheer or, with a slightly heavier hand, get medium to medium-heavy coverage. All the other claims are a bit overblown, but this is a good foundation to consider.

These colors are all wonderfully neutral and beautiful shades for most skin tones: Real Porcelain, Real Dusk,

Real Spice, Real Pecan, Real Ecru, Real Vellum, Real Champagne, Real Gold, Real Sand, Real Beige, Real Tan, Real Antelope, Real Ginger, Real Honey, Real Caramel, Real Blush, Real Suede, and Real Sepia.

These colors are either too peach, too pink, or too rose, and should be avoided: Real Camella, Real Rose, Real Cream, Real Ivory, Real Bisque, Real Vanilla, Real Peach, Real Fawn, Real Petal, and Real Cameo.

If you stop by the Prescriptives counter to test their new foundation, you can completely ignore their relatively new Intensified Mascara (\$14.50) and Dramatic Mascara (\$14.50). While not terrible, they are completely lackluster and ordinary, and despite the different names they perform the same. Don't expect any dramatic or noticeable lengthening or thickening from either. They don't smear or clump, which is nice, so if you don't want thicker or longer lashes, these may be an option.

Paula Begoun is the author of several books on cosmetics, including "Don't Go to the Cosmetics Counter Without Me" (Beginning Press, \$13.99), a no-nonsense paperback guide to brand-name cosmetics.

TO DO FOR YOU

Free blood pressure checks at center

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center will offer blood pressure checks from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. on Tuesdays and from 10 a.m. to noon on Fridays at the center.

Experienced volunteer nurses will administer the checks free of charge.

Free injury evaluation for school athletes

TWIN FALLS — The Center for Physical Rehabilitation is offering free injury evaluations for all Magic Valley area high school athletes throughout the 1996-97 school year. These evaluations will be performed by Troy Schneider, a Nationally Certified Athletic Trainer. These evaluations will be from 8 a.m. to noon weekdays by appointment only.

Upon completion of the evaluation, recommendations will be made as to whether the athlete

can return to action, needs physical therapy, referral to a physician, etc. No treatments or charges will occur unless authorized by the parents. A copy of the evaluation and recommendations will be provided to the parents, student athlete and the coach.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the center at 734-5313.

Anger management workshop starts

TWIN FALLS — A four-week anger management workshop will begin today in Suite 3 of the Twin Falls Professional Center (across from Hastings), 1139 Falls Ave. E.

Instructor will be Howard Carroll, M.Ed., Licensed Professional Counselor. The fee is \$60 for the four sessions. Classes are limited to the first 15 people who register and pay their tuition.

For more information, call Carroll at 734-1330 or 1-800-388-3761.

Widowhood series to be scheduled

TWIN FALLS — Widowed Information and Consultation Services will offer a series of meetings on "Coping with Widowhood." The eight-week series will meet at the College of Southern Idaho Office on Aging. Dates and times have not been set.

The meetings are designed to help widowed persons receive information and support in dealing with problems of being widowed.

For more information or to register, call 736-2122.

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. Meeting notices to: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303, or deliver to our office at 132 Third St. W.

Cold

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well soon if you get sick.

"Keep yourself adequately hydrated and don't take any more medication than you need," he said. "If you need a decongestant, take a decongestant — not an anti-histamine or some combination of drugs."

"Pharmaceutical cocktails" like those over-the-counter nighttime cold medications — often don't achieve the intended effect, he said.

"The principal ingredient is alcohol," he said. "They won't cure your cold, but they're making you sleep."

There's no medical reason to stay bundled up inside a warm house while you're recuperating. Spritzer said, although that may be all you feel like doing.

"And if you're home, at least you're not out making somebody else sick."

Asthma

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may be making people more susceptible to asthma or other allergies.

On a related note, researchers said, the findings suggest that asthma might be prevented by giving children a vaccine that mimics a serious lung infection.

"Immunization with harmless bacteria, related to the one that causes tuberculosis, might be helpful in preventing and treating allergy," said lead researcher Julian M. Hopkin of Churchill Hospital in Oxford, England.

Experts called the findings controversial, and even the study's authors conceded their conclusion is based both on science and speculation. But several experts said the hypothesis made sense and deserved serious attention, given the scope of the global asthma epidemic and the lack of understanding about why it is occurring.

More than 14 million Americans suffer from asthma — an allergic overreaction to airborne particulates such as pollen or dust in which a flood of antibodies causes lung inflammation, airway restriction and a life-threatening shortness of breath. That's about twice as many Americans as suffered from the disease in 1992.

Asthma incidence and death rates have increased similarly in Europe, Japan and other developed countries, leading some researchers to blame air pollution or other aspects of modern living. But recent findings of low asthma rates in several cities with extremely dirty air have partially exonerated environmental toxins.

The new research focused on 87 schoolchildren in Japan who, like most Japanese, received so-called BCG vaccines at birth and

at 6 and 12 years of age. That vaccine is made from a kind of bacteria closely related to the one that causes tuberculosis, and is popular in some countries to help prevent that disease. It is not commonly used in the United States, in part because it inexplicably fails to stimulate the immune system in many recipients.

Hopkin and his co-workers in Wakayama, Japan, tested fully vaccinated 12 and 13 year olds to see whether they had developed the intended immune response against tuberculosis. They also checked for a history of asthma or related allergies, and performed immune-system tests.

Children who mounted the strongest immune responses against BCG had about one-third the incidence of asthma compared to children with weak or no immune response. The researchers conclude that exposure to tuberculosis or related microbes may help protect against asthma, and they offer an explanation of how.

The immune system uses two

main arsenals to protect the body. One system centers on antibodies, which when over-produced in the lungs cause asthma. The other system, called cell-mediated immunity, centers on white blood cells called macrophages, and is the main response to respiratory infections and BCG vaccinations.

Generally speaking, when one arm of the system is operating, the other backs off. The researchers propose that in the absence of severe childhood lung infections, youngsters never develop the strong cell-mediated response that might permanently temper the antibody arm. (Unlike the BCG vaccine, vaccines against whooping cough and other childhood diseases in this country stimulate antibodies but not cell-mediated immunity.) Without that early cell-mediated response, they propose, the antibody-generating arm of the immune system is left unbridled and poised to overreact to innocuous particles such as dust or pollen.

Skin

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Ethocin like Retin-A and other similar products on the market is supposed to restore the skin's resilience. Then a moisturizer, also containing Ethocin, is applied to other exposed parts of the body to reduce dryness, said Payne. Then comes self-tanning lotion (SP15), sunblock, tinted makeup and a tanning tint to remove any paleness.

"The tans are also fake," said Payne, adding that the healthy glow for which the stars are known is unreal. The tanned look is also not achieved without careful thought. Colors are carefully mixed (vials of gold or yellow, for instance) to achieve the right look of tanned olive or fair skin. "We also cover tattoos," he added.

Both Payne and Connell visited Boca Raton recently on a national tour to promote Ethocin. It is a product they say they religiously use

themselves. Connell says she is constantly researching new products for the skin (and the "Baywatch" cast) by first testing them on herself.

"I baked in the sun when I was in high school," said Connell, a native of Southern California, and a sun worshiper from way back. She attributes the use of the cosmetic — which she stumbled across by accident — to the fact that she now looks 10 years younger.

She says that its twice-a-day use gives her skin a glow and has reduced tiny wrinkles around her eyes. She likes the product so much that its application is mandatory for the whole cast the next season. Allen, a veteran stylist who has worked 15 years with Hasselhoff, was instrumental in promoting the show's "Baywatch casual" look.

"We want hair that's not teased or overcombed, and very shakeable," said Allen, who cuts Hasselhoff's hair weekly.

Most of the stars he has worked with, including the late Michael London, are nice, he says.

Of Hasselhoff, he says: "He's as handsome as he is nice. He's charming, friendly, very unassuming, with a sense of humor." He also likes the job a lot, even though Hasselhoff's haircuts are a challenge.

"We may be shooting three different shows at once," he said. "And the haircuts have to be in unison. Or they won't look right on one of the shows."

"I like the hustle and bustle ... just the idea of being around the celebrities," he says.

The makeup and hair stylists also have the last word.

"JoAnne and I are the makeup and hair department," he said. "We decide the look. And when we decide the look, this will be the look and that's the way it will be."

Barry

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According to a police spokesperson, "He must have hit him in an artery because he was gushing blood.

The victim survived, but this tragic incident serves as yet another reminder to us all that, when we feel stress or anger, we must not, in a rash moment, unthinkingly reach for the rigatoni and we should remember the words of the great pacifist Mohandas Gandhi, who in a famous 1949 speech, said, "Me, I prefer the No. 9 capellini." What is all the more amazing about this speech is that Gandhi actually died in 1948.

So in conclusion, let me just reiterate my main points, which are (1) it is unprofessional to set fire to our supervisors, at least in Utah; (2) when pasta is outlawed, only outlaws will have pasta; and (3) we should not be critical of people who make extremely loud motorcycle noises in public if we are sporting

penny loafers. And now, if you'll excuse me, I'm going to go listen to "I Write the Songs."

Dave Barry is a humor columnist for the Miami Herald. Write to him c/o Tropic Magazine, The Miami Herald, One Herald Plaza, Miami, Fla. 33132.

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CALENDAR of EVENTS

- Arthritis Support Group * Tuesday, January 7, 7 - 9 p.m., Doctor's Meeting Room. For more information call 737-2050.
- Prepared Childbirth Course * Tuesdays, January 7 - February 4, 7-9:30 p.m., Education Center. Pre-registration required. Call 737-2900.
- Cesarean Childbirth Class * Wednesday, January 8, 7-9:30 p.m., Doctor's Dining Room. Pre-registration is not required.
- CPR Class * Wednesday and Thursday, January 8 and 9, 4-7 p.m., Doctor's Dining Room. To register call 737-2007.
- Cancer Support Group * Thursday, January 9, 7-9 p.m., Cancer Center Reception Area. For more information call 737-2800.
- Big Kids Klub * Saturday, January 11, 10-11:30 a.m., Education Center. Designed to help prepare brothers and sisters for the new baby. To register call, 737-2900.
- FAMILY Farm Safety Day Camp * Saturday, January 11, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. with check in from 8:30 - 8:50 a.m., College of Southern Idaho Evergreen Building. Registrations due January 6. Purpose: To provide families and their employees with the opportunity for hands-on training in agricultural safety, health and first aid. Fee: \$5 per person* which includes lunch, snacks and materials (*scholarships are also available). To register call MVRMC Occupational Health at 737-2906 or the Magic Valley SAFE KIDS at 737-2436.
- MVRMC Monthly Board Meeting * Monday, January 13, 7 p.m., Doctor's Meeting Room.
- Childbirth Refresher Course * Tuesday, January 14, 7-10 p.m., Education Center. Pre-registration required. Call 737-2900.

If you require special accommodations, call 737-2102 or TDD 737-2980 at least 24 hours in advance of the event.

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Mom's boyfriend may cause downsized family reunion

DEAR ABBY: My mother married when she was 15. She had six children. When she was 36, she got a divorce and announced that it was time she lived her life as she saw fit.

Mom always kept herself in great physical condition. For the last two years she has been dating a man who is 33 years her junior. Mom's son is four years younger than her boyfriend! This repulses me. I do not want my younger children around such trashiness.

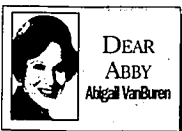
This part I can handle; but my siblings are planning a family reunion this summer. I have not seen some of my brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews for six years. My mother plans to attend this reunion with my young lover. I believe it is totally inappropriate to flaunt her carefree lifestyle in the presence of these young people.

I don't know how to handle this. I'm insistent on bringing her boyfriend, but my husband refuses to go. Please help me.

—ASHAMED, AND HEARTBROKEN

DEAR ASHAMED: If your husband refuses to attend the family reunion because your mother and her young boyfriend will be there, tell him you'll miss him.

As adults, your mother and her boyfriend are entitled to make



DEAR ABBY
Abigail VanBuren

their own decisions. "Judge not, lest ye be judged."

DEAR ABBY: In reference to an article, titled "Lawyer's Courtroom Goofs Are Good-for-a-Laugh," which recently appeared in your column, I was reminded of a church bulletin that had our congregation in stitches one Sunday morning. I'm not sure where it originated. Our pastor announced at the beginning of the service to be sure to read the back of the bulletin before he began his sermon so that he would not think our laughter was directed at the sermon itself.

—LISA SPRADLING, FULTONVILLE, ALA.

DEAR LISA: Thank you for the day-brightener...It's certainly worth sharing.

"Most people don't realize how much editing goes into producing a church bulletin or newsletter. Some announcements have to be completely rewritten because if they appeared the way they were

submitted, it would lead to total confusion. Below are some examples:

- "Don't let worry kill you - let the church help."
- "Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community."
- "For those of you who have a nursery downstairs."
- "This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Martin to come forward and lay an egg on the altar."
- "Next Sunday, a special collection will be taken to defray the cost of the new carpet. All those wishing to do something on the 'new carpet' may come forward and do so."
- "A 'Bean Supper' will be held next Sunday evening in the fellowship hall. Special music will follow."
- "At the evening service tonight, the topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice."
- "The flower on the altar this morning is to announce the birth of David Alan Hunter, the son of Rev. and Mrs. Hunter."

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Prevention is best heart attack strategy

Colorado Springs Gazette Telegraph

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — It's the size of a fist, has four pumps and weighs less than a pound.

It beats 100,000 times a day, delivering oxygen-rich blood to all parts of your body. It's the engine that revs your entire being. It is your heart; the mightiest of all muscles.

But like any machine, it can break down. And when it does, it sends you into a tailspin.

In today's world, where everyone seems to have too much to do and too little time to do it, your heart is often under stress.

Technologies developed to make our lives simpler — cellular phones, digital pagers and laptop computers — have actually made our lives more hectic. We can't get away from our offices.

Combine that stress with bad eating habits, cigarettes and little or no exercise and you've created a cardiac time bomb — especially if you have a history of diabetes

or heart disease in your family. Though there has been a blitz in public education — messages to eat right, stop smoking and exercise — they don't seem to be sinking in.

This year, 1.5 million people will have a heart attack — one third of them will die. It could happen to your father, your brother or your sister.

When it does, they'll have an array of life-saving technologies from which to choose. Thanks to those technologies, the death rate for people stricken with a heart attack declined 31.4 percent from 1982 to 1992.

But the best strategy is not to have a heart attack at all. "I don't think we're going to cure heart disease; I think we're going to have to prevent it," said Barbara Fitz, development coordinator for the American Heart Association in Colorado Springs.

Indeed, heart attacks are nothing to flirt with. They will happen when you least expect it. When you don't have time for it. When you're not ready to make life and death decisions.

Heart attack vs. heart failure

The names of these two common heart diseases are often confused, but they describe very different conditions:

Heart attack (myocardial infarction)

Often a sudden, acute attack
 • Cause: Blood supply to heart's walls is reduced; muscle cells die
 • Symptoms: May follow episodes of chest pain (angina); severe attack can kill quickly
 • Treatment: Bypass or angioplasty surgery can improve circulation to heart; drugs can control angina; weight loss, exercise and low-fat diet can reduce risk

Heart failure (congestive heart failure)

Usually a gradually developing problem
 • Cause: Heart's weakened or defective in its valves, can't pump efficiently
 • Symptoms: Breathlessness, fatigue or swelling of lower body; can come as sudden, severe shortness of breath
 • Treatment: Rest and low-salt diet; diuretics and other drugs help heart beat efficiently; pacemakers regulate heartbeat; heart valves can be surgically repaired; heart transplant a last resort but often successful

SOURCES: AMA Family Medical Guide, American Heart Association

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Ear infections are common with children

Knight-Ridder News Service

BOULDER, Colo. — Alexander Eriksen got his first ear infection when he was about 6 months old.

His mother, Lucinda Simpson, took him to the pediatrician, where he got a prescription for antibiotics.

The infection cleared up, Alexander was OK for about two weeks, then he got another ear infection.

Simpson says they reported each cycle until her son was about 1 1/2 years old.

That's when she sought advice from Todd Nelson, a naturopath who has practiced for 14 years. Since she was still breastfeeding, Nelson advised Simpson to stop eating gluten products such as bread and crackers.

He also took Alexander off dairy products, which Simpson replaced with rice and goat's milk.

Today, Alexander is 3 and hasn't had an ear infection in 15 months. Slowly his mother is introducing gluten products back into his diet.

Indeed, ear infections are one of the most common ailments in children. They account for one-third of all pediatric visits.

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, one-third of all children have at least one ear infection by the time they're 2.

Children under 1 who spend time in group day-care get more ear infections than those who don't, according to the academy, primarily because they are exposed to more viruses.

Ear infections, known in the medical community as otitis media, occur when the eustachian tubes swell and block drainage of fluid from the ear to the throat.

Kids tend to get a lot of

How to help prevent ear infections

So what can you, as a parent, do to help prevent your child from getting ear infections?

Here are several suggestions:

- Don't smoke in your house, car or around your children.
- Don't let your children go to bed with a bottle.
- Try to limit their exposure to people who are sick.
- Make sure they eat a well-rounded diet that isn't too focused on any one or two specific foods.
- If your child gets repeated ear infections, it might be worthwhile to see an allergist. Or try putting a dust filter in the child's room to filter the air.

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years old. Sometimes kids will be in a lot of pain.

Several factors in particular can contribute to otitis media, including food allergies, as in Alexander's case, seasonal allergies and upper-respiratory infections.

Kids whose parents smoke around them and those put to bed sucking a bottle also tend to get more ear infections, says Schane.

"Cigarette smoke affects the body's ability to clean itself out," he says. "Smoke is an irritant. Even tiny amounts can irritate. I never smoke around my child... it's in the rug, it's in the carpet, it's in the furniture."

When a child is put to bed or lies flat with a bottle, the milk flows into the nasal pharynx and also can cause irritation, Schane says.

You might suspect an ear infection if your child has a fever, is fussy, has trouble sleeping, pulls on her ears or has a change in eating habits. Most kids, says Schane, will have a cough and runny nose to go along with it.

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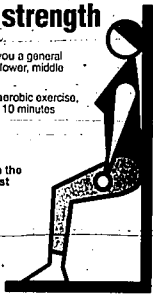
Testing your strength

Those three simple exercises will give you a general idea of how strong the muscles of your lower, middle and upper body are.

BEFORE BEGINNING: Do some light aerobic exercise, such as running gently in place, for 5 to 10 minutes

Wall sit

Bend your legs at the angle shown in the illustration and hold your back against a wall for as long as you can
Tests strength of your lower body



Abdominal hold

With your hands behind your head, hold your back at a 45-degree angle to the floor for as long as you can

An "isometric" exercise that pits your thigh and abdominal muscles against gravity

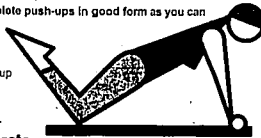


IMPORTANT: Be sure not to put heavy stress on your neck when doing this exercise

Push-up

Do as many complete push-ups in good form as you can

Women may use the modified push-up style shown here



How you rate

These scores are for a 20-year-old; performance decreases by about 15% each 10 years past that age. Women normally score 20% to 25% lower than men.

	Wall sit	Ab. hold	Push-up
High	90 sec.	25 sec.	25
Average	60 sec.	15 sec.	15
Below average	30 sec.	5 sec.	5
Low	23 or less	4 or less	4 or fewer

How to improve

- Look at yourself in a mirror. Does your abdomen protrude, or your back arch? Do your shoulders slump? Poor muscle tone could be the cause.
- Abdominal, back and upper body exercises can strengthen the muscles that support your skeleton.
- Does the mirror tell you you need to lose some weight? Remember that the only effective way to get rid of fat around the waist and thighs is through aerobic exercise and reduced intake of calories.
- If your muscles are weak, they need to be strengthened progressively — gently at first, then more and more strenuously. Heavy exercise can injure underdeveloped muscles.
- Take these tests again each month. They can motivate you to improve, and it can be satisfying to see how you've progressed.

SOURCE: Wellness Guide to Lifelong Fitness, University of California at Berkeley

RRT Infographics/LOU KINHARD

Specialists say it's time older women get care

Boston Globe

The day before Adeline Missal Greenberg had her mastectomy, she said it was a kind of "ah-ha" moment to have such an operation for age. "I would rather not go under surgery at 91," the Bedford woman said, but her doctor "recommended it highly, so I went along. ... I feel it's unnecessary to carve me up, but I am sure he wouldn't do it unless it was necessary."

Her surgeon, Dr. Kevin Hughes, co-director of the Breast Cancer Treatment Center at the Lahey Clinic, believes mastectomy is appropriate for Greenberg.

But like a growing cadre of specialists, he also feels that many older women are given mastectomies too readily, that they face a host of treatment obstacles and biases — including less access to lumpectomy — that younger women usually do not face.

In the first place, these specialists say, older women are less likely than younger women to get mammograms — often because their doctors don't recommend them.

It also doesn't help, they add, that Medicare pays for mammograms only every other year for women over 65, even though the American Cancer Society and 11 other medical organizations recommend them every year for all women over 50.

This can be tragic, not just because cancer risk rises steeply with age, but also because mammograms are better at finding tumors in older women, whose breasts are less dense. While mammograms overall miss 15 percent of tumors, in older women they miss only 5 percent.

"We are so focused on younger women, but it's older women who get most of the cancers," says Dr. Mary Costanza, an oncologist at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center in Worcester. "Half of the cancers are in women

Advanced imaging for breast cancer

A new breast exam technique is ready for clinical trials. It's based on computer-processed magnetic resonance imaging and may allow early detection of breast cancer.

Standard mammogram
• Creates one-dimensional X-rays of breast from top and side
• Misses 15% to 20% of cancerous tumors

New method combines:
1 Computer-enhanced X-ray
2 Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)
Images processed by computer to create 3-D picture of breast

Benefits of new method:
Tumor's actual size, shape, volume can be seen
More detailed image helps determine if tumor is benign or malignant

Importance of testings:
One in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime
In 1996, an estimated 44,000 women died from breast cancer

SOURCE: "Biology of Women," Health and Human Services Department, research by JESSICA CAFFEY and BRENDA BINK

65 or older," but this is the "group that gets the least attention."

Traditionally, and understandably, much of the energy in breast cancer politics has come from women in their 30s and 40s who come down with cancer in their prime — or well before it.

But as America ages, the fight for better diagnosis and treatment may shift to women in their 60s, 70s and even 80s. In the past, for instance, national treatment trials cut off participation at age 70. Now, under pressure from activists, that door has been abated, opening the trials to the latest scientific approaches to women of all ages. Breast cancer special-

KRTI Infographics/SCOTT BAKER and KUN TAN say it's about time.

At age 30, for instance, the odds of getting breast cancer are 1 in 2,426; by age 50, 1 in 52. By age 85, it's 1 in nine, according to the American Cancer Society, which notes that three-quarters of breast cancers are in women over 50.

Age, in other words, "is the single most important risk factor" for breast cancer, write researchers Colleen Cuevas Henderson and Lodovico Balducci in the current issue of Cancer Control, a journal of the Moffitt Cancer Center at the University of South Florida.

By the year 2000, they predict, when cancer is expected to replace cardiovascular disease as the lead-

Doctor develops material to repair wounds with laser

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Most soldiers die because they bled to death on the battlefield. In a few years, a medic with a hand-held laser and a patch designed by an Oregon doctor may be able to save most of those lives.

The Army has given Dr. Kenton Gregory a \$4.3 million research grant to continue testing an infrared laser and reconstituted animal tissue to patch holes in all sorts of the body's internal tanks and pipelines.

The technique could have wide applications for routine surgery far from military operating theaters, where the time spent moving from battlefield to hospital of a wounded soldier's greatest enemy.

Gregory derives a material called elastin from animal tissue. Also found in humans, elastin can be fashioned into a replacement for arteries and veins or into a patch for a section of intestine or

bladder. Using a laser, it can be welded directly to tissue around a wound or a surgical incision to close it without stitches, reducing long recovery time.

"Instead of tediously using needle and thread, and waiting about six weeks to heal, the laser fuses the replacement instantly," Gregory said Tuesday.

Microscopic photos of experimental welds done on animals show the replacement and the surrounding tissue neatly welded with no gaps or spaces, much like bricks and mortar.

The elastin is dyed green to absorb the infrared laser, which passes through normal tissue without damage. A reporter was able to easily weld a glass slide to a strip of test paper using the laser, which can be reduced to a hand-held unit for use on the battlefield. Earlier laser models were the size of refrigerators.

Contraceptive pill may help with acne

WASHINGTON (AP) — Women with acne may now be prescribed a birth control pill to help clear their skin. Ortho Pharmaceutical's Tri-Cyclen birth control pill may be prescribed as an acne treatment for girls and women at least 15 years old, the Food and Drug Administration decided Tuesday.

The patient also must desire contraception, must have no health problem that prohibits pill use and must have tried other topical acne treatments that failed, the

FDA said. Some dermatologists long have considered certain birth control pills to have the added bonus of controlling hormone levels that contribute to acne. Ortho studied the question, and its FDA approval makes Tri-Cyclen the only contraceptive that can be advertised as an acne treatment.

Ortho concluded that Tri-Cyclen, sold as a birth-control aid since 1992, decreased the level of hormones such as testosterone that may contribute to acne.

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Times have changed. It was once the case that no one could access the safe deposit box of a deceased person without the bank first conducting an inventory of its contents. The law changed nearly ten years ago and inventories are no longer conducted.

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THESE ARE THE NEW CALENDARS?

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THERE'S A MISTAKE HERE, THIS MONTH ONLY HAS 8 DAYS.

THAT'S OCTOBER.

Garfield By Jim Davis

THERE'S CAT HAIR ON THE FLOOR.

AND YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS, DON'T YOU?

WHOA! YOU DON'T SUPPOSE THERE'S A CAT IN THE VICINITY?!

Hi and Lois By Chance Brown

PUT TOOTH PASTE ON THE SHOPPING LIST.

I JUST GOT SOME!

THEN DON'T GET ANY MORE OF THE CANDY-FLAVORED KIND.

The Wizard of Id By Bron Parker & Johnny Hart

I ALWAYS GET DEPRESSED DURING THE HOLIDAYS...

...OH, THAT'S JUST BECAUSE YOU MIGHT NEVER SEE THE LIGHT OF DAY AGAIN.

COULD I HAVE MY SHOELACES BACK?

Hagar the Horrible By Chris Dionne

WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?

WIPE YOUR FEET.

HAVE YOU BEEN DRINKING AGAIN?!

ARE YOU GOING TO SLEEP ALL DAY?!

NOTHING, DADDY'S IN ENGLAND!

I HAVE TO GO TO MY PREPARE, DEAR.

Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker

FETCH, OTTO! FETCH!

YOU DIDN'T THROW ANYTHING, HOW DOES HE KNOW WHAT TO FETCH?

HE KNOWS.

Frank and Ernest By Art Hovav

NEWS

DO YOU THINK AIR BAGS ARE REALLY DANGEROUS?

AIR BAG HAZARD

ONLY IF THEY GET ELECTED.

The Bom Loser By Art Sansom & Chip

THANK YOU, I OBJECT TO YOUR APPEARANCE TODAY!

BUTCHER, THIS IS THE WAY I ALWAYS DRESS!

I WAS REFERRING TO THE FACT THAT YOU ARE HERE, NOT TO THE WAY YOU LOOK!

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MIR. OTHERS? HEY MAN, THIS LOOK ISN'T GOING TO LIKE THE WAY YOU'RE DRESSED, EDDIE.

HERE, PUT THIS ON, LET ME SHOW YOU HOW MELLOW YOU COULD LOOK.

HEY MAN, THIS IS THE ULTIMATE!

Pickles By Brian Crane

OKAY, LET'S HAVE A GOOD LOOK INSIDE ROSCOE'S MOUTH, SHALL WE?

OH, MY, WHAT IS THIS HERE?

THE ROOM... SWEETLY... SMILING... AND... AND... AND...

I SHOULD BE A LITTLE ON THE FLAMBOYANT SIDE.

Dennis the Menace By Hank Ketcham

WHICH ONE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT THEY'RE DOING... THE PIANO, OR YOU?!

The Family Circus By Bil Keane

Touched by an angel

"Mommy! Dolly keeps touching me!"

Sneakers lurk in most of our closets

What Sigourney Weaver and Brooke Shields have in common with Dan Rather and Donald Washington, is their height - 6 feet each.

Report is only one business traveler in 10 monthly eats in a hotel restaurant.

Send Feyn was just doing the job, I suppose, but what a catastrophic job it turned out to be! In the 1860s, he invented the harpoon cannon. It finally let whalers kill the great whale at a considerable distance even as it attached a line to haul in that prize. The blue whale population thinned tragically thereafter.

Law is the crocodile on the river of desire." Credit Bhartrihari. "And etc." is a redundancy.

When you drive to and from work, who else do you besides drive? A psychiatrist says countless commentaries that don't usually correspond with anyone fill that time by composing imaginary letters.

The aardark hunts alone.

Q. Has anybody ever named a product or process after the U.S. Patent Office?

A. Only once - Patent Leather. In 1829, that.

If you do not own at least one pair of sneakers, you can consider yourself exceptional. Statisticians say 93 percent of us do have a pair. On our feet or somewhere around the house.

Q. In Australian slang, what's a "nong?"

A. A stupid person.

Many an avocado tree has fruited under the weight of its fruit.

In the Philippines bullfight, two bulls fight each other.

The hell of the Himalayan faiths is not hot but bitter cold.

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IF JANUARY 6 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are blend of sensitivity, art, music, practicality, talents, Libra, Scorpio planets play exciting roles in your life, could have these letters, unique in names. F.O. You mean people associated with fine arts, music, dramatic productions. Current cycle relates to different look where you live, acquisition art objects, possible change of marital status. February and November you most creative, profitable months of the year.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Family member buds "addie." Don't regard this as permanent partner of duty. Scenario features philosophy, travel, spiritual qualities. Pines. Virgo persons play dramatic roles.

TALUS (April 20-May 20): Cards on card, play dilemma resolved concerning money, possible divorce. Hidden qualities emerge, deal patiently with Capricorn. Cancer people, friends, friends.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Exciting relationship on precept - you'll decide whether it's besting or ending. Publicly accompanies legal agreement. Trust invitation valid, respond according to Aries-involve.

CANCER (June 21-July 21): Bring order out of chaos - individual who you're most interested in. Venus, male. Male personal appearance, wear bright colors, be receptive to invitation from Aries.

LEO (July 22-Aug. 22): Discover what's been going on behind your back, intuition on target, family members disclose ulterior motive. Accent the unorthodox, pay attention to horoscope. Aquarius plans ride.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Explore, give full play to intellectual curiosity. Learn more about land values, durability of property. Social invitation Later proves you maintain popularity. Scenario in nature.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Study Verpo message for added wisdom. Frontload secret, contact Scorpio man, Venus, male. Venus repairing finances. Lost article promoted by family member, returned. Thank you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Check Libra message. Division of property comes under scrutiny. Flattery exciting, could prove more expensive than originally anticipated. Individual who you "deserve" is back in your life.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Venus keynote highlights joys, music, domestic adjustment involving where you live, marital status, love life, ball in your court. Libran returns favor. Romantic liaison.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Almost everything enveloped in mystery - maintain aura of glamour, intrigue. Secret attraction attracts Aries, Virgo persons. Necessary for being direct obvious. Sleep quietly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You might yearn for precession party. You'll have more responsibility, overtime involved, meet someone and do so with good humor. Circumstances move in your favor. Scorpio reacquainted.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Fame and fortune knock at your door! Mars keynote represents action, style, courage, intensified love relationship. Focus on universal appeal, travel, unique performance. Aries involved.

ACROSS

- Burnt jelly
- Smears
- Ellipt
- Hand saw
- Edible
- Notion
- Stock exchange membership
- Used up
- Word of sorrow
- Allowed to enter
- Big cats
- Control strip
- Roman ruler
- Humble (onzecl)
- Love song
- Top
- Metal fastener
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- Spanish house
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- Troop
- Swatband
- Sweetened roll
- Type of dog
- Short
- Pierced with dagger
- Portion
- Cathedral section
- Depatch
- Green vegetable
- Spring bloom
- Luxurious in old Rome

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SPORTSQUOTE

He would seem to be ideally suited to owning the Saints. Orso made his fortune, estimated at \$50 million, in the funeral parlor business.

— Ron Reid of *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, referring to retired New Orleans businessman E.J. Orso, who was hoping to buy the 3-13 Saints.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Girls' high school basketball

Gooding at Wendell
Biley at Jensen
Castledell at Filer JV
Hageman at Glenn Ferry
Kinberly at Shoshone

Boys' high school basketball

Mintnugh at Richfield
Firth at Buhl

In most cases, junior varsity games begin at 6 p.m. with varsity games following.

SCOREBOARD

Pro football

New England 28 Pittsburgh 5
Carolina 26 Dallas 17

Pro basketball

L.A. Clippers 93 San Antonio 84
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IN BRIEF

Oregon baseball coach, 40, dies of heart attack

ONTARIO, Ore. — Brian Hofmann, who coached the Ontario High School baseball team to a 154-70 record in eight seasons and its first state title in 1995, has died of a heart attack. He was 40.

Hofmann, who had battled Hodgkin's disease and two previous heart attacks, died about 12:30 p.m. Saturday.

Hofmann was diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease just after the 1990 season, when the Tigers were defeated in the quarterfinals of the state tournament.

U.S. cross-country event starts, minus Olympian

BEND, Ore. — Olympic skier Kerrin Petty of Townsend, Va., will be the lone "varsity" skier missing when the Chevy Truck U.S. Cross Country Championships get underway Monday at snowy Mount Bachelor Nordic Center.

Petty qualified for the nordic World Championships next month in Trondheim, Norway, during World Cup races in Europe before Christmas. Since she lives and trains in Sweden, the University of Vermont graduate elected not to return home for the championships, which run through Jan. 12 and have drawn a field of 200-plus skiers.

County officials prepare to vote on Mariners' stadium

SEATTLE — Whichever way the Metropolitan King County Council votes, someone's sure to be angry.

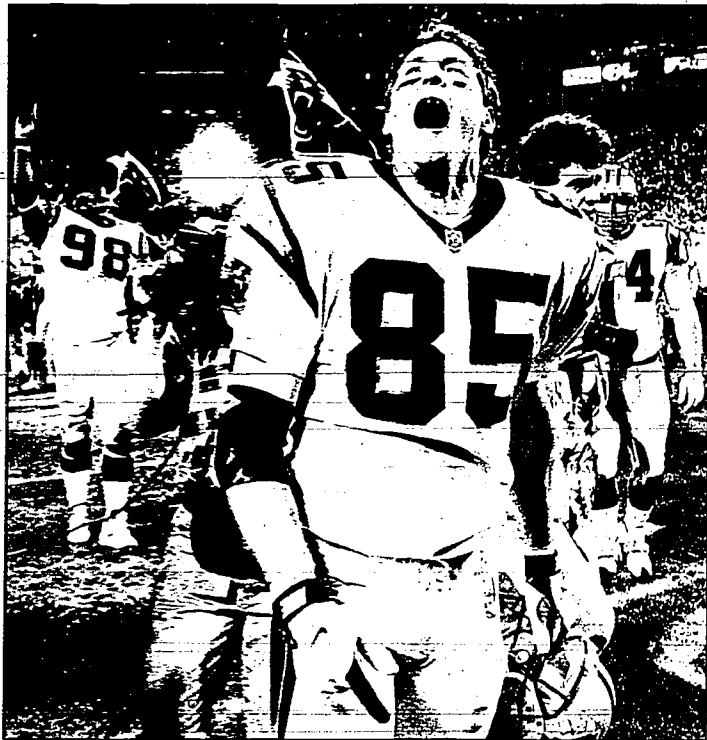
The 13-member council was to decide Monday whether to authorize \$336 million in bonds for a new Mariners ballpark and parking garage. Council members know it's a closely watched issue.

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PANTHER ROAR



Carolina Panthers tight end Wesley Walls celebrates his team's 26-17 defeat of the Dallas Cowboys Sunday in Charlotte, N.C., to advance to the NFC championship game next Sunday against Green Bay.

Carolina trips Cowboys

Upstarts keep reigning champs out of the endzone; Irvin injured

The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The Carolina Panthers put an exclamation point on the NFL's changing of the guard.

Their best Dallas 26-17 Sunday, knocking the Super Bowl champions from the playoffs and joining their expansion brethren from Jacksonville in the conference championships.

The Cowboys, San Francisco, Denver and AFC champion Pittsburgh will have to content to sit home and watch. If that's shocking to the NFL, it isn't to the Panthers, who are 9-6 in Ericsson Stadium.

"You come in here, you're gonna

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less," said Pat Terrell, whose interception and 49-yard return set up John Kasay's fourth field goal that sealed the outcome.

For the Cowboys, their quest for a record fourth Super Bowl in five years ended the way it began — without Michael Irvin.

Irvin, suspended for the season's first five games after pleading no contest to cocaine possession, broke his right collarbone on the second offensive play and missed the rest of the games. They also lost Deion Sanders late in the game,

with a head injury when he was tackled on a reverse.

Next week, the Panthers take their 13-4 record to Green Bay, while Jacksonville goes to New England for the AFC title. The Packers are 9-0 at Lambeau Field, and the forecast is for cold weather, the way the Packers like it.

In addition to Kasay's four field goals, Kerry Collins threw touchdown passes to Wesley Walls and Willie Green, and Anthony Johnson ran for 104 yards in 26 carries.

But as important was a defense led by

Patriots leave Steelers in a fog; Pittsburgh offense shut down

The Associated Press

FOXBORO, Mass. — The fog didn't bother Curtis Martin. Neither did the Pittsburgh Steelers, who were best in it all day.

With Martin leading through a thick mist behind an offensive line assailed by pregame talk of the Pittsburgh bid, the New England Patriots rolled to the AFC championship game with a 28-3 win Sunday.

The Pittsburgh offense slogged for a season playoff record 156 yards and three touchdowns, including a 75-yard drive gave more than 50,000 fans wearing blue pom-poms a chance to see

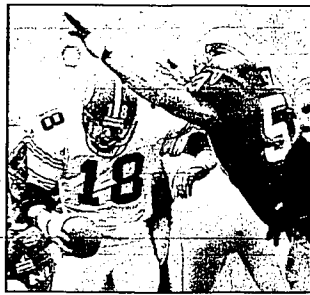
him at his best.

"It just made it extra interesting to me to go out there and see all that fog," he said. "I wondered whether they'll be able to see me when I'm running."

The Patriots, in their first home playoff game in 18 years, will play less to their second in eight days next Sunday against Jacksonville, with a Super Bowl berth going to the winner. New England (12-5) beat the Jaguars here 28-25 in overtime in the fourth game of the year.

The Steelers were coming off a rout of their own, a 42-14 wildcard win over Indianapolis.

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New England Patriots defenders close in on Pittsburgh quarterback Mike Tomczak Sunday in fog-shrouded Foxboro, Mass.

O'Neal back after sprained ankle; Lakers down Griz

The Associated Press

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — Shaquille O'Neal scored 31 points, including 10 straight in the fourth quarter, and Nick Van Exel had a career-high 23 assists as the Los Angeles Lakers beat the Vancouver Grizzlies 99-82 Sunday night.

O'Neal, who sprained his ankle against Sacramento on Friday, made two critical fourth-quarter free throws as Los Angeles won its sixth straight and 12th in 14 games.

The Lakers appeared to be in full control after leading by a 60-53 lead late in the third quarter.

After cutting the lead to nine points at the end of the third quarter, the Grizzlies tied the game 75-75 on Anthony Peeler's 3-pointer with 7:19 remaining.

Vancouver, which dropped its fifth in a row, was unable to sustain its momentum, failing to score on its next two possessions while also missing two of four free throws down the stretch.

O'Neal, meanwhile, put the Lakers ahead for good by draining two foul shots and then made it a four-point lead when he was credited with two points after Vancouver's Roy Rogers was called for goaltending.

Eddie Jones scored 21 points while Kobe Bryant added 16 for the Lakers,

who improved their Pacific Division lead to two games over the idle Seattle SuperSonics.

The former Lakers tandem of Peeler and George Lynch led the Grizzlies — Peeler with 17 points, Lynch with 12 points and a season-high 16 rebounds.

The Lakers were inconsistent on offense the entire game, especially in the first quarter.

After Jones' 3-pointer put Los Angeles up 5-3 two minutes into the game, the Lakers went almost five minutes without a field goal. The Grizzlies, however, were almost as cold as they were able to build only a 12-6 lead over that stretch. The Lakers recovered in

Norman wins world golf title

The Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — In sharp contrast to his dramatic collapse in the Masters, Greg Norman was at his best when he needed it most in a match-play struggle with Nick Faldo.

Norman, hurt by an erratic short game, held a 15-foot birdie putt on the 36th hole Sunday to beat Hoch 1-up in the final of the Anderson Consulting World Championship Golf.

"I read the green perfectly," Norman said. "There weren't any footprints in my line, the grass was perfect. I had a beautiful spot to aim at — there was a little off-colored piece of grass right on my line — as I had no other thoughts than to hit the putt solid."

Norman, who blew a six-stroke lead to Nick Faldo in the final round of the Masters, earned \$1 million in the \$3.65 million tournament.

He closed out Hoch after the American missed a 16-foot attempt. Hoch, who never led, made up a four-hole deficit from the 15th through the 21st holes, but wasn't able to take advantage of Norman's mistakes.

Norman, who routed Sasaki 5 and 4 in the semifinals, shot a 6-under-par 69 in the first 18 holes against Hoch and added a 1-over 73 in the second round on the Grayhawk Golf Club's Talon course.

Hoch was uncharacteristically wild in the morning round, opening with a bogey to fall behind. Hoch also bogeyed Nos. 9, 10 and 18 to offset his four birdies, and matched par on the 6,973-yard layout.

But Norman three-putted the first two greens in the afternoon for bogeys, then ran into more trouble on No. 3.

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After six straight holes where the margin changed, Hoch and Norman halved Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11.

Norman never failed to tell the story on the sixth hole, which Hoch birdied with a 30-foot chip from the deep fringe, forcing Norman to sink a 4-footer for birdie to stay even, or No. 9, where Norman made a 10-foot putt for birdie after conceding a short putt to Hoch.

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Don Sutton and Phil Niekro won more than 300 games apiece and rank in the top 10 in career strikeouts. They're both hoping those stats are enough to avoid another Hall of Fame shutout.

Tommy Perez and eight first-timers on the ballot, including Dave Parker and Dwight Evans, will find out who's in and who's not at 6 p.m. EST Monday when the results are announced.

Last January, for the first time since 1971, neither Niekro nor the Baseball Writers' Association of America did not elect a single player.

Last March, the Veterans Committee selected Earl Weaver, Jim Bunning and two other new members. The panel is expected to elect the late Nellie Fox this year.

It used to be that certain numbers — 500 home runs, 3,000 hits, 300 wins — were considered enough for automatic enshrinement in Cooperstown. But as Sutton and Niekro have found out, that's no longer the case.

"My stats are my stats," Niekro said. "Maybe some day they will be good enough."

the second quarter, going 12-for-19 from the field in building a 47-40 halftime lead.

Notes: Rogers entered the game needing four blocks to set the franchise record for most blocked shots in a season, 55, a mark set last season by Bryant Reeves. Averaging 18.5 minutes a game, Rogers has blocked a shot once every 11.4 minutes, fourth best in the NBA. . . . With a 24-9 record, the Lakers are off to their best start since opening the 1989-90 campaign at 25-8. . . . Cedric Ceballos, who missed his 26th game with a torn patella tendon in his right knee, is expected to begin practicing with the Lakers when they return home following Monday's game in Portland.

SPORTS

Richardson leads Clippers past Spurs; Ewing flies high for Knicks

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Pooh Richardson scored all 11 of his points in the fourth quarter Sunday night to lead the Los Angeles Clippers to a 93-84 victory over the San Antonio Spurs.

The Clippers, who won their third straight game, were led by Lorenzen Wright with 16 points, while Malik Sealy added 15 and Loy Vaughn 14.

Behind consecutive 3-pointers by Vernon Maxwell, San Antonio rallied within 67-84 with 1:02 on the play.

Following a miss by Maxwell on a 3-point attempt that could have tied the game with 41 seconds remaining, Los Angeles converted six straight free throws to secure the victory.



San Antonio's Malik Sealy (right) defends Los Angeles' Pooh Richardson during the second half of Sunday's game at the Alamogordo Convention Center.

Knicks 97, Bucks 92

NEW YORK — Patrick Ewing scored 32 points, one short of his season-high, and New York won its 10th straight home game.

The victory ended a string of nine straight victories by the road team in the Bucks-Knicks rivalry. New York had a 3-1 record in Milwaukee at home since March 17, 1994.

Ewing also had 11 rebounds and six blocked shots, and his turnaround jumper from the baseline with 53 seconds left ended the Bucks' final rally.

Van Buren led Milwaukee with 25 points, and his 3-pointer with 47 seconds left ended New York's string of six straight games holding opponents below 90 points.

Celtics 109, Suns 102

BOSTON — Coming to the Boston Celtics can bring out the worst in players.

Todd Day scored 13 of his season-high 25 points in the fourth quarter Sunday night and led the Celtics to a 109-102 victory over Phoenix in a game marred by a near altercation between Suns coach Danny Ainge and coach Robert Horry.

When Horry was pulled into the game, he appeared to throw a towel at Ainge before being restrained by teammates.

"I've always been a fighter ever since I was in high school and college," Horry said. "Sometimes when you have a lot of emotions you come back, even at coaches."

"We're not playing well," he said. "I came right in a situation where I was used to playing in an offense. Here, I got yanked in and out." The win was Boston's seventh in 30 games this season and was the Suns' sixth loss in eight games.

No. 13 Duke rallies twice to beat Georgia Tech; Arkansas falters

ATLANTA (AP) — The Duke Blue Devils rallied twice Sunday for their sixth straight victory and a running start on what is expected to be an extra tough season in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

The 13th-ranked Blue Devils (11-2, 2-0 ACC) beat Georgia Tech 66-56, but only after Trajan Langston and Jeff Capel hit key 3-pointers to complete the second comeback.

Duke cut to the Yellow Jackets' lead to 45-42 with an 11-3 surge, then moments later started a 14-4 run for a 59-54 lead.

Capel wound up with 11 points, while Eddie Elisman had 22 points and 13 rebounds for Georgia Tech (6-5), which had won 12 in a row at home.

No. 6 Cincinnati 64, Saint Louis 52

ST. LOUIS — The Bearcats (9-2) won their seventh straight game and Danny Fortson had 23 points and 10 rebounds in the Conference USA opener for both teams.

Jeff Harris and Jeremy Biles each had nine points for the Billies (6-7), who closed within 56-50 with 2:03 to go, but the visiting Bearcats made eight straight free throws.

Florida 75, No. 22 Arkansas 62

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — The Gators (8-5, 1-0) used two 12-0 runs — one early and one late — to beat Arkansas for the first time since the Razorbacks (6-4, 0-2), who are to their worst SEC start.

Greg Stolt had 21 points for Florida. Pat Bradley had 14 points for the Razorbacks (6-4, 0-2), who are to their worst SEC start.

College basketball

Women

No. 1 Connecticut 72, No. 8 Tennessee 57

HARTFORD, Conn. — Freshman Shea Ralph scored the first eight points of a 12-0 run that brought Connecticut from behind and sent the top-ranked Huskies on the way to a 72-57 win over No. 8 Tennessee on Sunday.

Tennessee (10-5) relied heavily on Chamique Holdstock, who scored 23 points. The Lady Vols were limited to 23 percent shooting in the first half and finished with 30 percent from the floor.

No. 2 Old Dominion 74, East Carolina 36

GREENVILLE, N.C. — Nyree Roberts scored 22 points and grabbed a career-high 14 rebounds as No. 2 Old Dominion beat East Carolina 74-36 in a Colonial Athletic Association game Sunday.

The Monarchs (11-1, 2-0 CAA) have won 10 straight games since losing to North Carolina State in the second game of the season and have a 22-game conference winning streak.

No. 3 Stanford 91, Arizona 68

STANFORD, Calif. — Kate Starbird scored a season-high 37 points and No. 3 Stanford used a 21-6 second-half run to defeat Arizona 91-68 Sunday and set a Pac-10 record with its 29th consecutive conference victory.

Olympia Sent added 11 points, seven rebounds and five steals for Stanford (14-1 overall, 2-0).

Pac-10), which has won 39 straight at home — the longest such streak in women's Division I basketball — and 49 straight conference games at Maples Pavilion.

No. 5 Georgia 62, No. 22 Penn State 56

ATHENS, Ga. — Kedra Holland-Corn held scoreless during the first half, made a tie-breaking basket in the final minute and added two free throws as No. 5 Georgia beat No. 22 Penn State 62-56 Sunday after blowing a 15-point lead.

La'Keshia Frett scored 14 points and Penn State had 17 turnovers as Georgia used a pressing defense to build a 34-19 lead late in the first half. The Lady Bulldogs (10-2) had 34-22 at intermission.

No. 6 Alabama 88, Mississippi 60

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Shalonda Enis scored 17 points Sunday to lead No. 6 Alabama to an 88-60 Southeastern Conference victory over Mississippi.

The Crimson Tide (11-2, 1-0 SEC) opened the game with a 15-3 run and never trailed in the game.

Georgia Tech 73, No. 7 N.C. State 72

ATLANTA — Kenya Williams scored 23 points, Carla Munson 20 and Shea Matlock hit a tiebreaking free throw Sunday to lead No. 7 North Carolina State 73-72 Sunday.

The loss ended a nine-game winning streak for the Wolfpack (11-3, 1-1 Atlantic Coast Conference). It was the fifth victory in a row for Tech (8-3, 2-10).

Double-treated with the clock running down, Richardson, who finished with 24 points, hit the fall-away jumper to rescue the Kings, who snatched a three-game losing streak.

Richardson missed a nifty layup with one second left in the game for the 76ers, who have lost 15 of their last 16.

Wilmington Abdul-Rauf scored 25 points for the Kings, while both Brian Owens and Corbis Williamson each had 15 points.

Derrick Coleman scored 35 points and had 16 rebounds for Philadelphia. Coleman had put the 76ers ahead 106-105 with a free throw with 13 seconds remaining.

Leading 105-103, the 76ers tied the game when Don MacLean and Allen Iverson both made one of two free throws.

Phenixia 3-0 on the road this season. Neither team held more than a four-point lead in the second half before Boston opened the final quarter with a 10-6 run for a 90-84 lead with just under seven minutes to play.

Day ignited the run with three 3-pointers over a 2:47 span.

David Wesley added 22 points and eight assists for Boston. Mark Bryant paced the Suns with a season-high 28 points, 10 in the first quarter, and Wesley finished with 15.

Kings 107, 76ers 105. SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Mitch Richmond's jumper with 4.5 seconds to play Sunday night gave the Sacramento Kings a dramatic 117-105 victory over the Philadelphia 76ers.

He called me the other day," the source recalled, "and said, 'Now I know what everyone was talking about.'"

The source went on to say Shaq hasn't exactly been overjoyed with Van Exel's tendency to assume the Laker offense.

Shaq believes there are times, like the fourth quarter, when the ball should find its way into his hands. He is bent on proving to everyone, mainly the people paying his \$121 million contract, that he isn't a liability in fourth quarter because of poor free-throw shooting.

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Los Angeles Times

By moving from Orlando to Los Angeles, Shaquille O'Neal was willing to swap Spago for the West Coast. Disneyland, Disney World, Del Harris for Brian Hill and most definitely Eddie Jones for Nick Anderson.

But there is one trade-off that has given Shaq some moments of regret: Van Exel for Penny Hardaway.

Very recently, Shaq expressed some apprehension about Van Exel while speaking to a confidant.

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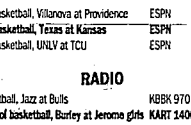
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By Steve Moore



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SPORTS

Koonce out as Pack preps for Ice Bowl II

Patriots

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) - Titletown USA is getting its first title game since the failed "Ice Bowl" 29 years ago.

The Carolina Panthers, who eliminated the defending Super Bowl champion Dallas Cowboys 26-17 on Sunday, are next up for the top-seeded Packers.

"They looked good," Packers tight end Mark Chmura said. "They've been playing that way all year long. They beat San Francisco twice, like we did. And beating Dallas was a big game for them."

"This is going to be another tough game for us," Chmura said. "We're sure glad it's here."

But Green Bay's enthusiasm over its first NFC championship at Lambeau Field since Dec. 31, 1967, was tempered Sunday by word that middle linebacker George Koonce seriously injured his knee in the Packers' 35-14 rout of the San Francisco 49ers and will miss the rest of the playoffs.

Koonce, the Packers' leading tackler and defensive signal-caller, tore his right anterior cruciate ligament early in the fourth quarter. He'll be replaced by Ron Cox.

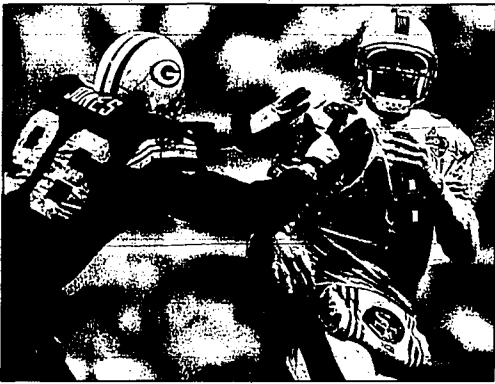
"George had a great year, really had a Pro Bowl year, I thought," Chmura said. "To lose him is tough because he is the leader of that defense. He's the one yelling out a lot of the calls. We're going to miss him."

"But we got Ron Cox, who would be starting on a lot of other teams."

Defensive end Reggie White agreed: "Koonce is very important to what we do. It's sad this happened to him. But I think Cox will come in and do a good job."

Koonce was injured trying to make a tackle on the second play of the fourth quarter when Elvis Grbac threw a 9-yard pass to William Floyd.

"He thought he got kicked, but it actual-



San Francisco 49ers quarterback Elvis Grbac watches his pass as Green Bay's Sean Jones closes in for a hit during the third quarter of Saturday's game in Green Bay.

ly was his knee giving way on the play," said Ralph Vitolo, Koonce's agent. "He kept playing on it, but then he knew something was wrong and he came out."

A date for surgery hasn't been set, general manager Ron Wolf said. Vitolo said it will likely be this week.

Vitolo said there was no cartilage damage and team physicians expect a six- to seven-month healing process. Koonce just

completed the second season of a four-year deal that averages \$1.3 million a year.

The Packers' (14-3) were remarkably healthy on defense this season as they led the NFL in fewest yards allowed for the first time since 1967, the last time they won the Super Bowl.

Green Bay surrendered just 19 TDs this season, a record-low for a 16-game schedule, and the only starter who didn't play all

16 games was right defensive end Sean Jones, who was held out one game with a swollen ankle.

Koonce's injury could hurt the Packers' run defense, but if there's a spot where they could afford an injury, it's at middle linebacker.

Cox signed a three-year, \$3.9 million deal last summer to be Green Bay's middle linebacker. But a toe injury slowed his progress in training camp and he was sent to the bench by the emergence of second-year sensation Brian Williams, who made \$258,000.

To make room for Williams, Koonce went from the weak side to middle linebacker and responded with a team-high 97 tackles, 69 of them solo, and a career-best three interceptions - after getting just one in his first four NFL seasons.

Cox played in all 16 games, mostly on special teams and in 3-4 alignments.

He started 13 games for the Chicago Bears in 1995, recording 84 tackles, and wasn't pleased at being a high-priced special teams player and insurance policy in case the Packers lose left outside linebacker Wayne Simmons to free agency this offseason.

But Cox didn't gripe publicly, insisting instead that his time to contribute would come.

And it has.

Besides Koonce's injury, the Packers came out of their NFC divisional playoff in good shape. They rested Sunday and will again face an opponent coming off a short week punctuated by a trip to frigid Green Bay.

The Packers' 100 home playoff record is the best in the NFL, and they've won 17 straight games at Lambeau and 27 of their 18.

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Jerome Bettis ran for 102 yards, and Pittsburgh's blitz produced four sacks in that game.

Pittsburgh's defense was ranked second in the NFL, but was outplayed by a New England defense that now has allowed just four touchdowns in its last six games. One week after scoring a club playoff record 42 points, the Steelers' only points came after an interception, and they were outgained 346 yards to 213.

"We'd heard a lot about their defense and, quite frankly, our players were a little tired of hearing that," Patriots coach Bill Parcells said.

Martin, the AFC rushing leader as a rookie, was ranked just fifth this season, and his presence was hardly noted in the program.

Martin got the praise Sunday. He scored on a 2-yard run in the first quarter, a 7-yarder in the second and a 23-yarder in the fourth. Martin matched his career high of 166 yards, but that came in a regular-season game against the New York Jets in 1995.

With the score 21-3, the Steelers had a chance to get back in the game with a first down at their 35-yard line, but Mike Tomczak threw an interception to Lawyer Milloy. And with the ball at the New England 15, Willie Clay picked-off another pass by Tomczak with 9:04 left in the game.

Team leader will attend Senna manslaughter trial

LONDON (AP) - Frank Williams said Sunday he will appear before Italian judges next month to face a manslaughter charge arising out of the death of Formula One world champion Ayrton Senna at the 1994 San Marino Grand Prix.

Although the hearing could be heard in his absence, the wheel chair-bound head of the Williams team said he would be present.

"I will be there and I will be defending my company and myself," Williams said.

He declined to talk about details of the case, which is expected to be heard in February at Imola.

Williams and five other members of the team, including design director Adrian Newey and technical manager Patrick

Head, have been charged with manslaughter in Senna's death which occurred at Imola when his Renault-Williams car hit a wall after failing to take a bend.

The manslaughter charge arises out of allegations that the steering column on Senna's car may have been badly rewired after the driver had asked for it to be shortened so he could have a better view of his instrument panel.

There is speculation that the steering column snapped and Senna crashed into the wall suffering fatal head injuries.

Through his lawyers, Williams has denied the allegations and said his team's explanation for the crash would be given at the trial.

When Jaguars are knocked, they knock back

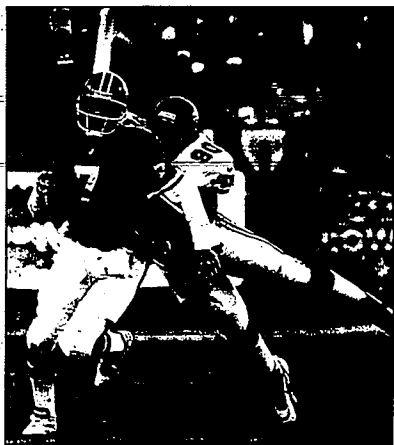
DENVER (AP) - The Jacksonville Jaguars weren't looking for extra incentive when they came to Denver. They got it anyway - from a perceived lack of respect by their opponent and from a local newspaper column that trashed them.

When you're a second-year team in the playoffs for the first time, it isn't difficult to get ready for a game. When that game is at the home of the team with the AFC's best record, the Broncos, who did not lose in Mile High Stadium all season, being ready isn't a concern.

Being denigrated is. "It was just an attitude," said Jaguars receiver Keenan McCardell, the only Pro Bowl player on the Jaguars, who stunned the Broncos 30-27 on Saturday to advance to the AFC Championship game next Sunday. "You can sense things and it was there. It was pretty quiet on the field, and that's how you can tell things are going your way. You might hear the fans, but you don't hear the players talking."

"It was real quiet out there."

The Jaguars, like the Indianapolis Colts last year, are on a magical ride. Coming into the 1995 playoffs, little was expected from the Colts, and they came within a dropped desperation pass of making the Super Bowl. Even less was expected from Jacksonville, which had played 32 games in team history entering the play-



Jacksonville defensive end Tony Brockens hauls down Denver's John Elway during the second quarter of the AFC playoff game Saturday in Denver. The Jaguars upset the Broncos, 30-27, and face New England for the AFC Championship Game next Sunday.

offs. "I felt a little disrespect, but that didn't matter," safety Chris Hudson said. "We still had to

play, whether we felt respected or not." And they still had to play well.

After falling behind 12-0, the Jaguars controlled the game. It was eerily similar to their playoff victory at Buffalo a week ago.

But that win didn't have the outside element of a local newspaper column that berated the Jaguars, calling them "Jagwads" and suggesting Jacksonville was a theme park, not a city.

"I think I've read the paper," defensive tackle John Jurkovic said. "We read it when we went to college. We sat down at breakfast and we all got copies of the papers. We saw what they were saying. Sometimes they insult you and sometimes they like you. The time we were talking about, we remembered and put it in the back of our minds."

Tackle Tony Boselli, who once again did a solid job against an All-Pro defensive end - last week it was Bruce Smith - and wide receiver Alfred Williams - also was amused by the column.

"I laughed at that, it was so ridiculous," he said. "That guy is a comedian. He should be writing for Martin Short."

They know that an expansion team is so far ahead of projections that it is within one step of the Super Bowl. Should the Jaguars get public, any questions about respect and added motivation will be moot.

"They thought they would walk over us," Jurkovic said, "and when we didn't lay down, they got a little respect. Then they got beaten."

Police launch probe

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) - Two people told police they were injured by "personnel of the San Francisco 49ers" following the team's playoff loss to the Green Bay Packers.

A statement issued Sunday by a police official said police were investigating the reports of battery to two people in the area of the visiting team's buses after the Packers' 35-14 victory Saturday.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Leg injury slows down Avalanche

DENVER - Colorado Avalanche captain Joe Sakic has a leg injury and is expected to be sidelined for four weeks.

Sakic sustained a deep laceration on his left calf muscle during Saturday night's 4-4 tie against the Philadelphia Flyers.

The injury means Sakic will miss the NHL All-Star game at San Jose Jan. 18.

American upsets Austrian in tennis

HOBART, Australia - Marianne Werdel-Wimweyer of the United States upset fourth-seeded Barbara Schett of Austria 6-1, 6-3 Sunday in the opening round of the Tasmanian International tennis tournament.

In other matches, Sabine Hack of Germany, the eighth seed, beat Lindsay Lee of the United States 6-4, 7-6 (7-4), and American Anne Miller defeated Karin Kschwendt of Austria 7-6, 7-6, 6-0.

Top Arab soccer player dies after match

TUNIS, Tunisia - Tunisian soccer player Medi Ben Rekkhiss died of a heart attack after an exhibition match against a French team, the official news agency TAP reported Sunday. He was 25.

Ben Rekkhiss, voted best Arab soccer player in 1995, collapsed shortly after the Saturday night match between his team, Esperance Tunis, and Olympique Lyonnais at Zoutien stadium.

Efforts to revive him, first at the stadium then at a nearby hospital, failed.

Russian grabs cross-country race lead

KAVGOLOVO, Russia - Russia's Yelena Yyvalbe took the World Cup lead from Italy's Stephanie Belmondo, outskating her in the 15-kilometer classical style cross-country race Sunday.

Yyvalbe covered the 9.3 miles in 47 minutes, 32.6 seconds, on the steep Kavgolovo course near St. Petersburg, the tour's fifth stop.

Earning 100 points for her victory, Yyvalbe leads the World Cup standings with 392 points. Belmondo is second with 329.

Finland's Lajunen wins Nordic combined

SCHONACH, Germany - Sampa Lajunen of Finland won his first Nordic combined World Cup event Sunday and took the lead in the season standings.

Lajunen made up for a score of 236.5 points in the ski jump with a time of 39 minutes, 34.5 seconds, in the cross-country run, nearly 1 1/2 minutes faster than Mario Stecher of Austria, the runner-up.

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Manchester United throttles Tottenham

LONDON - David Beckham curled in a spectacular 30-yard free kick to send Manchester United to a nine-time winner Manchester United advanced to the fourth round of the F.A. Cup by beating eighth-time titlist Tottenham 2-0 Sunday.

In other games, a late goal by Mark Kinsella earned Division One Charlton a 1-1 tie with Newcastle, while Everton scored a 3-0 victory over Swindon.

Thirteen Cup games were postponed Saturday because of freezing weather and Sunday's Notts' County-Aston Villa match also was called off.

Compiled from wire reports

Nothing could be finer than to play like Carolina

The Carolina Panthers hit the playoffs faster than any NFL expansion team, using a mix of free agents and picks off the waiver wire to build their team.

PRO BOWL PLAYER POSITION	OBTAINED	FORMER TEAM
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MICHAEL BATES KR	'96	Cleveland

How the Panthers built their team
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- College draft: 4
- Expansion draft: 3
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the venerable Sam Mills that intercepted Troy Aikman three times, and three times held Dallas to a field goal after the Cowboys moved inside the 5.

"The same old story we had all year long finally caught up with us," said coach Barry Switzer, whose team twice won games without scoring a touchdown - 21-6 over Green Bay and 12-6 over New England.

"You've got to get the ball in the end zone. Simple as that."

The game also was typical for Carolina at home. The Panthers gave up just 13 points in the second half in eight games at Ericsson Stadium all season, and they allowed the Cowboys two field goals in the second half Sunday.

"We have a physical, physical team," linebacker Kevin Greene said. "We can run the ball, we can stop the run and we can pick

off passes. This is a good team. You all decide whether you want to respect us or not."

"I think they have a good chance to win," said Emmitt Smith, who ran 22 times for 80 yards, 25 of them on one play.

After Irvin was hurt on a 22-yard reception when he was hit by Lamar Lathon, the Cowboys drove to a first down at the Carolina 3.

But as has happened so often this season, they couldn't get the ball in the end zone. Mills stopped Smith on third down, and the Cowboys had to settle for Boniol's 22-yard field goal and a 3-0 lead.

Carolina scored on its next two possessions, Collins throwing a 1-yard TD pass to Walls on a 68-yard, six-play drive, then capping a 43-yard, 11-play drive with 9-yard pass to Green.

But the key might have come on the first series of the second half after the Cowboys, down 17-

11, recovered Winslow Oliver's fumbled punt return at the Carolina 17. Dallas reached the 5, but the 37-year-old Mills stopped Smith on second down when he appeared to have a hole, and Dallas settled again for a field goal by Boniol, from 21 yards.

Carolina retaliated with Kasay's 40-yard field goal, and Kasay added another 40-yarder three minutes into the fourth quarter.

Dallas had one other shot at a touchdown, reaching the Carolina 2 with just under six minutes left, but Daryl Johnston couldn't hold Aikman's pass in the end zone, and the Cowboys had to turn to Boniol again, making the score 23-17.

Then Rohn Stark dropped a 39-yard punt dead on the Dallas 2 with 3:44 remaining. A pass interference call on Tyrone Poole got the Cowboys in the 32, and a holding call on Poole put it at the 37.

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