

GOOD MORNING

WEATHER

Today: A slight chance of snow in the morning; otherwise partly cloudy. Highs near 40. Southwest winds 5 to 10 mph. **Page A2**

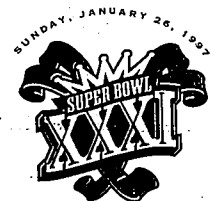
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Phoenix rising: Steve Jones finished a record-setting Phoenix Open, winning the event by 11 strokes Sunday. **Page B2**

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Idahoans investigated for link to Olympic bombing

3 men charged in connection with Spokane blasts are 'strongest leads' in case, according to newspaper report

The Associated Press

SPOKANE — Three men charged with robbing banks and pipe-bombing a newspaper office and abortion clinic are being investigated in the Olympic park bombing in Atlanta, a newspaper reported Sunday.

The Spokesman-Review in Spokane, the newspaper that was bombed, quoted anonymous FBI and Justice Department officials as saying the men are the "strongest leads" in the July 27 Olympic bombing.

The unidentified sources cautioned they have other leads and that the Idaho men are not yet suspects in the Atlanta bombing, which killed one person and injured dozens.

Officially, the 100-member task force investigating the Olympics bombing would not talk about any possible connection to the Spokane bombing suspects.

"We just don't have any comment," FBI spokesman Jay Spadafora in Atlanta told the paper.

After the Olympic bombing, unidentified federal sources wrongly named Olympics security guard Richard Jewell as a suspect, subjecting him to a media frenzy that ended when officials formally stated he was no longer under investigation.

Last month, NBC and Jewell reached a settlement over comments anchorman Tom Brokaw made on the air after



Charles Barbee, above, and two other Idaho men charged with a series of Spokane bombings are being investigated in connection with July's Olympic blast, a newspaper report said.

Jewell was named a possible suspect in the July 27 blast. The Wall Street Journal reported the deal was worth more than \$500,000.

A military surplus dealer who led the police to the three has told the FBI he sold the men a military backpack and spoke with them about a time-delayed detonator, the paper reported.

The Olympic bomb, which killed one person and injured more than 100, was hidden in a military backpack and triggered by a time-delayed device.

Other possible connections cited in the report:

□ Telephone records indicate that calls were made from the Atlanta area to the

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Potential links

Here are some of the possible links between the Olympic Park bombing and the three men charged with bombings in Spokane. The Spokesman-Review newspaper reported Sunday that officials are investigating the three men in the Olympic bombing but said they have other leads and no strong suspects.

□ An FBI informant says he sold the Sandpoint, Idaho, men a military backpack and spoke with them about a time-delayed detonator. The Olympic bomb was hidden in a military backpack and triggered by a time-delayed device.

□ Telephone records may place at least one of the Spokane-area suspects, Charles Barbee, near Atlanta about the time of the July 27 attack. Justice Department officials say they have records of calls made from the Atlanta area to Barbee's North Idaho home around the same time.

□ The Atlanta bomb exploded near a park bench in the AT&T Global Village, which was part of the Olympic Centennial Park. Barbee worked for AT&T in Georgia, Florida and Idaho. He left his \$50,000-a-year job with the communications giant saying it was a godless, immoral corporation that mistreated Christian white men.

□ Another suspect in the Spokane bombings, Yonnie Jay Merrill, worked at a nuclear power plant in Crystal River, Fla., before moving to Idaho in the mid-1980s. His parents still live in Florida. Early news reports traced a 12-watt battery used to ignite the Olympics bomb to a Florida hardware store chain, although investigators now say it could have come from another state.

—The Associated Press

Lawmaker takes on loaded issue

Aims to keep officials from carrying guns without permits

By Karen Talkkinn Times-News writer

BOISE — What's next? Paidowns in the Rotunda?

A freshman lawmaker has fired off a proposal to strip publicly elected officials of the right to pack a handgun without a concealed weapons permit.

As the law stands, any publicly elected official — including the governor, legislators, mayors, county clerks, county commissioners and highway district officials — can carry a weapon without a criminal background check, a 90-day waiting period or a \$20 fee.

"We shouldn't have special exemptions that don't have any relevance to the office," said Rep. David Callister, R-Boise. "I'd love to know how it got there in the first place."

Callister objects to special treatment of legislators, including special license plates that alert law enforcement to lawmakers' status and a health benefits package he calls "way overblown for part-time employees."

In principle, he has an unlikely ally in the National Rifle Association — with a twist.

"It's our hope that all law-abiding citizens would have the same right that elected officials now have," said Brian Judy, Idaho legislative liaison for the NRA. "The philosophical position of the NRA is that nobody should have to get a permit."

Some elected officials apply for permits anyway, said Lt. Ike Maxson, who is

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Local SIDS deaths are higher

But awareness also up, meaning better safety for babies

By Steve Crump Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — For Kim Ewaniuk, the heartache is intense — and constant.

Fifteen months ago, her daughter Lynsey, an otherwise healthy 3-month-old, died at her baby-sitter's of sudden infant death syndrome.

Like two-thirds of the babies who die of SIDS, Lynsey didn't have seem to risk factors. Ten pounds when she was born at full term, she was apparently thriving until the day she died.

"It's still hard today," said Ewaniuk, who has two other children. "It's hard to remember."

SIDS, a heartbreak that remains a medical mystery, still visits other Magic Valley families. In the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare's district that encompasses the Magic Valley, four babies died of SIDS in 1995, the last year for which statistics are available.

That was up from two deaths in 1992 and three each in 1993 and 1994, making south-central Idaho one of the few areas of Idaho where SIDS deaths are still on the rise.

Thanks largely to increasing public awareness, SIDS is down nationwide and in Idaho, where there were 21 SIDS deaths in 1995 compared with 34 in 1993. But the increase in Magic Valley SIDS is more apparent than real, according to Dr. Paul Miles, a Twin Falls pediatrician and a member of the Idaho State Perinatal Project's advisory board.

"The number of cases in this district is too small to be statistically significant," he said. "Awareness of SIDS is increasing here, and the situation is improving."

Before babies are discharged from Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and other south-central Idaho hospitals with maternity wards, mothers are given detailed instructions on how to avoid SIDS.

They're told not to overbundle infants

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The Ewaniuk family remembers its youngest member, Lynsey, pictured in the photo, who died of SIDS a little more than a year ago. Clockwise from top are Steve, Jordan, 3, Ashley, 6, and Kim Ewaniuk.

New AIDS cocktail appears to partially restore immunity, researchers say

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — AIDS researchers Sunday reported for the first time that a medicinal combination containing one of the powerful new protease inhibitor drugs appears to have restored partial immune system function in people with moderately advanced HIV disease.

Because their conclusions are based on results of sophisticated tests of immune system cells in the laboratory, however, it remains uncertain whether these

New drug available in Idaho next month — B7

"reconstituted" cells actually can protect infected individuals from developing the serious and often life-threatening infections that characterize AIDS.

"We are excited and cautiously optimistic," said Dr. Michael Lederman, an AIDS specialist at University Hospitals of Cleveland and Case Western Reserve University, which headed the research effort. "We now have a better under-

standing of how anti-retroviral therapy changes the body's immune response. Now, we need to go further to see if long-term therapy can improve responses even more."

Lederman presented his team's findings at the Fourth Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections, which ended Sunday. The five-day meeting was marked this year by hundreds of encouraging reports of solid, incremental advances in treating the

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Rainstorm hits north California

Rivers swell, but floods not as bad as earlier this month

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Early morning rain on Sunday pushed creeks over their banks, leaving two feet of water on a well-traveled highway and flooding 13 homes.

But the weekend rainstorm ended by noontime Sunday and flood-weary northern Californians were happy there were none of the breached levees or major flooding that ravaged the region earlier this month.

"We're happy the rainfall diminished somewhat as it's gone across the state. The number of people calling today has started going down. It's a lot quieter," said Jeff Cohen, a spokesman for the state Flood Control Center.

Recent bursts of rain drenched the area before dawn on Sunday.

Highway 101 in San Jose was closed from the early morning through the afternoon after an overflowing creek left parts of the road under 2 feet of water. Thirteen homes in the Placer County town of Granite Bay were flooded after a heavy downpour forced the Miner Ravine Creek over its banks.

In Reno, Nev., creeks swollen from heavy rain over the weekend began to subside after flooding more than a dozen homes and businesses in the area. In Carson City, an A&W Family Restaurant was surrounded by a five-acre lake up to 3 feet deep.

"This is my fifth day I've had to close this month because of floods," said owner Pete Livemore. "My place is still an island."

In California, street flooding was reported in urban areas from Hollister to Sacramento, and there were ongoing worries about swollen rivers. Of particular concern was the lower San Joaquin River, which is likely to be a flood worry through midweek, officials said.

"Runoff from the rainfall this weekend combined with releases from reservoirs is going to keep that river and its tributaries at high levels," Cohen said. "That river has a long way to go before we're out of this."

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NATION

Fund-raiser often visited White House

WASHINGTON (AP) — Six weeks after President Clinton's first inaugural, a Democratic fund-raiser began visiting the White House personnel office to recommend Asian-American campaign supporters for government jobs.

Nora Lum delivered hundreds of resumes in at least 13 visits to the White House over three months, mostly to her lawyer and Secret Service records described to the Associated Press. She did not have a final say in who got jobs.

Her entree came after a March 1993 meeting set up with senior presidential aide Bruce Lindsey to discuss hiring Asian-Americans in the administration.

Mrs. Lum, of Hawaii, has helped raise money for the Democratic Party, mostly in the Asian community, since 1991. Within a month of Clinton taking office, both her husband and daughter were recommended for government appointments, though only her daughter got a



Bill Clinton

job — an entry-level Commerce Department position she left after less than a year.

Presidential aides say Mrs. Lum's frequent visits were prompted by Lindsey's interest in identifying candidates for possible jobs.

"It occurred at a time when Bruce was concerned about the number of Asian-Americans in government jobs," White House spokesman Lanny Davis said.

In all, the Clinton administration appointed more than 160 Asian-Americans to political jobs, three times more than President Bush, according to one document prepared by DNC fund-raisers in 1996.

Federal investigators last year began probing payments Mrs. Lum made from her company to the rel-

atives of two administration officials, the son of late Commerce Secretary Ronald Brown and the mother of a White House personnel worker.

Mrs. Lum's attorney said his client recommended hundreds of Asian-Americans, many of whom were campaign workers or supporters from California and Hawaii. Presidential aides were unable to reconstruct a list of names Mrs. Lum actually recommended.

They (the Lums) long have been active in the Asian Pacific American community and trying to make the community and make the folks more politically active," said attorney John Tisdale, who was also Lindsey's

law partner in Arkansas. "If somebody makes it sound bad because you're a big fund-raiser so you have access to people, there is nothing wrong with that. That is exactly how the system operates," he said.

The White House said one of Mrs. Lum's earliest visits was for a planned meeting March 8, 1993, with Lindsey and others interested in Asian-American personnel issues.

At the time, Lindsey oversaw personnel decisions.

Tisdale said he does not believe his client met directly with Lindsey, but rather with an assistant. White House officials said Lindsey's calendar shows the meeting, but he has no recollection of it.

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—John Tisdale, attorney

3 years out, Powell leads GOP

WASHINGTON (AP) — Colin Powell leads the pack for the GOP presidential nomination in 2000, according to an immediate-preference Harris poll.

"With the next presidential election still three years and nine months away, the discussion of who the candidates will be has already begun," Humphrey Taylor, chairman of Louis Harris

and Associates, Inc., said in a statement.

Taylor didn't mention who is discussing the prospects but predicted that "much pressure will be brought to bear to persuade a reluctant Colin Powell to run."

The poll of 1,005 adults questioned Jan. 9-13 found Powell led with 37 percent of Republicans and independents.

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Republicans disagree on Gingrich penalty

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Speaker Newt Gingrich's complaints that he is a victim of an ethical double standard drew mixed reviews Sunday from senior Republicans. Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said Gingrich was prolonging the issue by flouting his punishment on others.

"I understand why Newt would go down and try to shore up support in his own district," McCain said of Gingrich's self-defense Saturday before a hometown crowd in Georgia. But "I think that he probably may have contributed to the debate and extended it rather than shortened it."

The House reprimanded Gingrich for ethics violations Tuesday and ordered him to pay \$300,000. The speaker admitted he failed to seek and follow legal advice concerning the use of tax-exempt contributions to further potentially partisan goals.

Gingrich, at a town hall meeting in his congressional district, acknowledged mistakes but blamed the media and a double standard he said subjected conservatives to tougher scrutiny than liberals.

Rep. Bob Livingston, R-La.,

chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, said on "Fox News Sunday" that Gingrich is guilty only of negligence and not breaking the law. He said he thought Gingrich should not personally have to pay the \$300,000 "unless the president is supposed to pay his defense costs out of his own pocket."

Gingrich, he said, "has paid in terms of goodwill throughout this country and loss of stature, and I think he's been kicked enough. Let's get over with it."

But McCain, appearing on CBS' "Face the Nation," said Gingrich should pay from his own pocket rather than seek political donations. He said he admires Gingrich and his advice to him is, "Put it behind you, close it and move forward with the issues."

Colorado Gov. Roy Romer, the new chairman of the Democratic National Committee, also urged Gingrich to pay-the-money-himself and move on.

"The point of the fine is that it's a form of punishment for something you've done wrong," he said on NBC's "Meet the Press." "For somebody else to take the punishment, that's not the deal."

Volunteers may be to blame for bungee jumper's death

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Volunteers were controlling the cord of the bungee jumper who fatally plunged into the Superdome floor, and may have let out too much line, The Times-Picayune reported Sunday.

The newspaper quoted police sources as saying the rope and pulley used to feed line to Laura Patterson showed no obvious problem, although experts had not been called in to examine it.

Ms. Patterson, 43, of Sarasota, Fla., died of head injuries after hitting the ground on her second dive

Thursday night during a rehearsal for the Super Bowl's halftime show. A professional acrobat who once performed with the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey's circus, she had never bungee-jumped before being hired for the Super Bowl job.

California-based Branam Enterprises, which set up the stunt, had expected local experts to act as riggers but found only volunteers, the newspaper said. Phones at the company were not answered Sunday and police did not return a call for comment.

According to a biography on *Real Wide World* Web site, she predicted as early as 1956 in a Parade magazine article that a tall young man with blue eyes and thick brown hair would be elected to the presidency in 1960 and would die in office in 1963.

She later claimed that she actually said the young president would be assassinated, but Parade editors deleted that.

Astrologer Jeane Dixon dies at 79

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jeane L. Dixon, the astrologer famed for her predictions on the rise and fall of politicians and film stars, has died at age 79.

Sibley Memorial Hospital spokeswoman Jean Vincent said Mrs. Dixon died Saturday at 2:30 p.m. from cardiopulmonary arrest. Ms. Vincent said the hospital was asked to release no further information.

The daughter of German immigrants, Mrs. Dixon shot to national prominence with her prediction that President Kennedy

would die in office.

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GM employees strike at truck plant

MORaine, Ohio (AP) — The 4,300 workers at a General Motors truck assembly plant went on strike Sunday after rejecting a tentative three-year local contract.

The strike should not hurt other GM plants, said GM spokesman Jeff Kuhlman. An 18-day strike last year at two GM brake plants in Dayton shut down many of the company's plants in North America.

The Moraine plant primarily is a final assembly plant for the popular Chevrolet Blazer and GMC Jimmy sport utility vehicles, along with the Oldsmobile Bravada. Production of the Blazer and Jimmy can be increased at a plant in Linden, N.J., Kuhlman said.

The plant was scheduled to be closed Sunday. With all of the plant's workers on strike, it was expected to be closed Monday.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Habitat for Humanity can help with housing

TWIN FALLS - If you're without a home, you can apply to buy one starting Saturday through the Habitat for Humanity of Magic Valley.

The nonprofit group provides homes to families based on need, ability to pay and willingness to help build the home, the organization said.

Need includes the condition of housing where the family resides and whether families can't obtain decent housing through conventional means.

People who reside in the Magic Valley are eligible to apply. The organization has built three homes since it started in 1991.

Applications are available at the Habitat for Humanity office, 1746 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls, or call 734-6329 for more information.

Hagerman chamber to talk about upcoming Fossil Days

HAGERMAN - The Hagerman Valley Chamber of Commerce will meet on Tuesday at the LBJ Bitt Cafe to discuss the upcoming Fossil Days celebration.

Agenda items include chairperson selection, grand marshal, parking, advertising and entertainment. All chamber members are encouraged to attend.

Find out what year of the family means for Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS - County commissioners have declared 1997 the year of the family in Twin Falls County.

Anyone interested in what that means may attend an informal session at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Boys and Girls Club, 725 Shoshone St. S.

The purpose of the meeting is to encourage communication among coalitions, service providers and school organizers. Monthly topics and themes also will be discussed.

Call Brent Reinke at 736-0668.

Sun Valley commissioners meet Tuesday at City Hall

SUN VALLEY - The Sun Valley City Planning and Zoning Commission will meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday at City Hall.

New business includes the Benchmark Association for Rock and Lusse, Trail Creek Subdivision, 202 and 204 Bitter Route Road, for a lotline shift.

Other business will focus on findings of fact for the conditional use permit application from the Ketchum/Sun Valley Community School, and on discussion of planning priorities.

Upcoming meetings include a City Council workshop on planning issues Feb. 5 and regular planning and zoning meetings Feb. 11 and 25.

Ketchum City Council holds special meeting Thursday

KETCHUM - Ketchum Mayor Guy P. Coles has called a special meeting of the Ketchum City Council to begin at 2 p.m. Thursday at 319 Skivay Drive.

The meeting is to discuss the council's approval of the planning and zoning commission of proposed changes to the zoning ordinance for the Design Review District, and a site visit to look at a proposed 10-lot Creekside Subdivision.

Interested in Miss Kimberly pageant? Contact chamber

KIMBERLY - The next Kimberly Chamber of Commerce meeting will be at 7 p.m. Feb. 6 at Dot's Cafe.

Chamber secretary Kim Martin asks that anyone interested in organizing and overseeing the Miss Kimberly pageant next summer get in touch with her. She can be reached at the city office at 423-1511.

Hailey Planning and Zoning Commission plans meeting

HAILEY - A special meeting of the Hailey Planning and Zoning Commission is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Hailey Town Center.

Items on the agenda are appointment of a chairman, and the following public hearings:

• Tom Richmond seeks design review approval of an office building at 511 N. Main St. The building is about 4,200 square feet and would contain professional office space. It is within the business district, and offices are permitted. The property has been allocated sufficient sewer capacity for the planned building, and this project is not subject to the current moratorium.

• City staff has submitted an application for an amendment to the flood hazard overlay portion of the city zoning ordinance. The proposed amendment would adopt official Federal Emergency Management Administration flood maps effective in March and would update those portions of the ordinance which are not in accordance with FEMA standards.

Compiled from staff reports

Local-calling areas expand soon

By H.R. Wenzel
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - A Jerome woman's hard work and determination have paid off for Magic Valley neighbors who soon will be able to call each other without paying a long-distance charge.

At midnight Feb. 6, toll-free calling will go into effect for 24 southern Idaho areas. Callers in Bliss, Buhl, Castleford, Deltrich, Eden, Gooding, Hagerman, Hazelton, Jerome, Kimberly, Murtzough, Shoshone, Twin Falls and Wendell will be able to dial each other direct without using the 208 area code.

That woman, Jean Duffek, assisted by Jerome businessman Lee Halper, attempted for about two years to get the extended service.

"I just kept working on it and didn't give up because I knew it was something we needed and I knew it would be done," Duffek said. Duffek and Halper secured an aggressive premium drive in 1995, in which more than 18,000

14 Southern Idaho areas will participate in toll-free calling and save on long distance

people signed on to the idea of calling neighboring towns without paying a long-distance charge.

"People in Eden and Hazelton couldn't even call their county seat without paying for it," Halper said.

"Neither could Castleford and Buhl," Duffek said.

In response to the request, the Idaho Public Utilities Commission conducted a series of public hearings with an "outstanding turnout" by area residents, resulting in the decision to grant the extended service area for Magic Valley customers. A similar service was granted for callers in eastern Idaho and the Teton area, said David Scott, PUC spokesman.

"Callers using the Filer Mutual telephone exchange are not included in the extended service," Joe Cusick, telecom-

munications section supervisor, said. "The toll-free service doesn't come entirely free. There will be an increase in the basic-rate costs," Scott said.

Before the toll-free service goes into effect, customers are paying monthly basic rates of either \$11.01 or \$10.11.

"That basic rate will increase to about \$15.65 but that will be offset by a \$3.65 credit because of the revenue-sharing program. So customers will see an actual increase of from 99 cents to \$1.89 on their monthly bills," Scott said. The revenue-sharing credit will last until those funds are gone, then the rate will go back up. We don't know how long the revenue-sharing funds will last - it depends on how many customers there are and other things that affect the billings."

He said he "couldn't even estimate" when the credit would end.



Jean Duffek

US West Communications has requested another rate increase that is pending before the PUC.

"This has nothing to do with granting the toll-free service," Scott said.

Public hearings on the US West proposal will begin in Boise March 10. "Hearings may be held in other

areas," he said.

Halper said extended toll-free calling "never would have happened if Jean and I hadn't worked on it."

A strong Jerome community supporter, Duffek said she has two other projects she is working on.

"We need an ice skating rink in Jerome, and Eastern Railroad needs to fix their tracks on the west side of town. ... So I'm going to work on that problem," she said.

Jerome's angel helps others stay optimistic

By Courtney Fisher
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - For many in Jerome, Robert Helms is like a heaven-sent helper, says Sue Larson of Jerome.

"He helps so many people and never asks for anything in return," she said.

In his spare time Helms aids others in need of a place to stay, clothing, money or food to eat.

About Robert Helms

EVERYDAY Age: 52
Residence: Jerome
Family: Single
Lives alone
Profession: motorcycle technician
Hobbies: photography, fishing

Good music helps people in need of money, volunteers for several organizations around the Magic Valley



Robert Helms has been known to don a top hat and perform tricks of illusion when not doing magic on motors and helping people in need.

During winter, Helms goes around the neighborhood blowing snow off sidewalks and driveways with his snowblower.

For the children, he is involved with Toys for Tots and Coats for Kids. Helms gathers donations for people who have

lost their jobs or homes, or just need help. He goes out of his way to get citizens involved in marathon walking and asks people to donate.

Helms also helps recovering alcoholics and drug addicts feel better about themselves "when they are down and out," Larson said.

For Melody LuJan and her children, Helms is equivalent to old St. Nick himself. He bought them a Christmas tree

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Twin Falls to attack water, developing issue

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - City leaders will wade into the uncharted depths of equitable water distribution at today's City Council meeting.

Specifically, council members will make a proposed change to the so-called "out-of-city service agreement" which city officials make with subdivision developers for land beyond city limits. Simply put, the agreement assures developers that their subdivisions can tap into city water sometime in the future.

As the city grows, city officials are

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The City Council meets at 4 p.m. today in City Hall. The meeting is open to the public.

increasingly on the hunt for more water - and want to limit their obligations to provide water to developers with extensive, long-range plans. If approved, the proposed change would assure developers of water for the first phase of their subdivisions - but make no guarantees

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Black Pine Mine production slows, but exploration continues

By Jennifer Burch
Times-News writer

JUNIPER - Gold exploration at Black Pine Mine continues, but mining could end in July if more isn't found.

The first layoffs have occurred. Three positions have been cut, but three employees volunteered to end their contracts, said Cecilia Scott, chief environmental planner. A slowing of mine production triggered the layoffs, she said.

Black Pine Mining, operated by Pegasus Gold in Spitznagel, Wash., processes the gold and administers the mine. It employs 38 people. Recovery II, a subsidiary of Ames Construction of Salt Lake City, does the mining. It employs 55 people. Most employees are local residents.

Black Pine Mining is exploring for more gold in one open-pit mine and in another area at the southeastern part of the mine. Scott said.

"We know there is existing gold in this area, but whether it's economical to mine, we don't know yet," he said.

It takes about 85 tons of ore - one gigantic haul truck full - to produce one ounce of gold at Black Pine.

On average, the mine spends about \$200,000 annually on exploration, Scott said. Exploration has been extensive over the past six years, he said.

"Our business, that's what keeps us going. You're going to have to invest in exploration or you're going to have a finite mine," he said. "It's not a possibility to begin mining slight-

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Jackpot's free landfill 1 of last to close doors

Be careful, Idahoans: You could be fined

By Sam Felman
Times-News correspondent

JACKPOT, Nev. - Some Idaho residents apparently think they've found a way to save a few bucks by hauling their trash to Jackpot's free landfill.

But if they are caught, it will prove to be false economy.

A Nevada law and an Elko County ordinance prohibit out-of-staters from using the Jackpot landfill.

"We will prosecute," said Jackpot Justice of the Peace Phyllis Black.

The 16-mile-long landfill can carry a fine of up to \$1,000 and six months in jail. And those found guilty are required to remove their trash, Black said.

Mark Rohr, of Jackpot public works, said he has caught out-of-staters in the act of dumping trash. Rohr said he and town deputies keep an eye on the site. One man was caught dumping a pickup full of tires, Rohr said. The man was fined \$400 and had to haul the tires away.

Sgt. Charlie Dunn of the Elko County Sheriff's Department said anyone caught will be cited and can be arrested.

Still, with the closure of landfills throughout the Magic Valley and with the cost of using Twin Falls' dump, Jackpot's landfill has become a popular place.

Waste Department said the cost for dumping solid waste there is \$5 minimum and \$35 a ton. Trucks are weighed going in and going out.

Jackpot's landfill is scheduled to close in October. Elko County has asked for another extension, but it remains to be seen if it will be granted.

"We want to keep our landfill open as long as possible," Black said.

Elko County covers more than 110,000 square miles, and a regional landfill will cost big bucks. Solid waste from Jackpot will travel more than 120 miles to find a final resting place.

Elko does have a plan for a regional landfill.

"We felt it was important to come up with a plan," Elko County Commissioner Mike Nannini said. "We have unanimous approval from everyone in the county. We did what the federal and state people told us to do."

The only problem is funding. Elko County wants to impose a half-cent sales-tax increase in the county. The Nevada Assembly turned the half-cent down in 1995, but Nannini said there is a more united front for the '97 session.

Nannini said county officials plan to put in a landfill near Elko with transfer stations placed throughout the county. Until this happens, Jackpot can keep its landfill, but it is guarding it like a sacred cow.

"We want to keep our landfill open as long as possible."

-Phyllis Black

Jackpot justice of the peace

Twin Falls cops round up 17 roosters, arrest 13 men

The Times-News
TWIN FALLS — A tipster who alerted law officers to a group gathered at a farm shack near Kimberly led to the arrest of 13 men on misdemeanor cock-fighting charges Sunday.
 Upon their arrival at 3:15 p.m., five deputies and a state officer chased several men who fled from the outbuilding at 3712 East 3100 North, said Twin Falls County Sheriff Wayne Tossley. Officers seized 17 roosters, several of them wounded, Tossley said. Nine parked cars surround-

Officials have interest in clone phone proposal

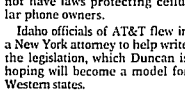
BOISE (AP) — A couple of top Idaho officials could have a personal interest in passage of legislation introduced in the Idaho House on Friday.
 The House Judiciary, Rules and Administration Committee approved introduction of a bill for forcing the use of "cloned" cellular telephones to avoid charges for calls.
 Representatives of Attorney General Alan Lance told committee members Lance's cellular phone code was cloned while he was making a call in the Minneapolis/St. Paul airport. The counterfeiters then placed \$5,000 worth of calls on Lance's code.
 Committee Chairman Rep. Celia Gould, R-Burley, said the same thing happened to her husband, House Majority Leader Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley.
 Sponsors said cellular phone cloning is becoming a major tool of drug traffickers. With \$40 worth of equipment that can be purchased in most electronics stores and a personal computer, they are able to scan cellular codes and install them in their own phones.
 Drug dealers in metropolitan areas use cloned phones to place calls to international drug cartels in Colombia, Deputy Attorney General Freeman Duncan said. At least a few calls, they usually discard the phones which makes finding the counterfeiters nearly impossible.



Bruce Newcomb



Celia Gould



Alan Lance

How Idaho lawmakers voted

House	
ATTENDANCE RECORD:	
CHENOWETH	N/A
CRAPO	N/A

1) SPEAKER NEWT GINGRICH The House on Tuesday voted 395-28 to reprimand House Speaker Newt Gingrich for ethical wrongdoing. The vote, which marks the first time a sitting speaker has been officially reprimanded, also requires that Gingrich pay a \$300,000 penalty. Gingrich admitted that he should have consulted a tax lawyer when he used nonprofit funds to finance a course he taught at a suburban Atlanta college, and that he provided the House Ethics Committee with inaccurate information regarding the matter. Many supporters of the measure said it constituted a suitable punishment. Those who voted against the measure, or voted "present," either said the punishment was too severe or too lenient. A "yes" vote favors reprimanding Gingrich.	 Yes
	 Yes

Source: States News Service

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

- Blaine County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.
- Cassia County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.
- College of Southern Idaho Board of Trustees, 5:30 p.m., board room, Taylor Administration Building.
- Dietrich School Board, 7 p.m., school's business room.
- Elmore County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.
- Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.
- Jerome County Planning and Zoning Commission, 7:30 p.m., courthouse.
- Ketchum Planning and Zoning Commission, 5:30 p.m., City Hall.
- Lincoln County commissioners, 10 a.m., courthouse.
- Minidoka County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.
- Twin Falls City Council, 4 p.m., City Hall.
- Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

TUESDAY

- Buhl School Board, 5 p.m., school board's office.
- Cassia County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.
- Hailey Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., Hailey Town Center.
- Minidoka County Democratic Party, 5 p.m., courthouse.
- Shoshone Planning and Zoning Commission, 7:30 p.m., City Hall.
- Sun Valley Planning and Zoning Commission, 9 a.m., City Hall, council chambers.
- Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.
- Twin Falls School Board, 7 p.m., school district's office.
- Wood River Medical Center Board, 5:30 p.m., medical center, in Sun Valley.

WEDNESDAY

- Cassia County Memorial Hospital Board, 5 p.m., hospital board room.
- Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

THURSDAY

- Cassia County commissioners, 10 a.m., courthouse.
- Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

FRIDAY

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

Utah avalanche kills Colorado man

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — An ice climber who survived an avalanche that killed his partner was in improved condition on Sunday, and rescuers were calling for the survival of a snowshoer in a separate avalanche "miraculously."
 Scott Lee, 25, of Sandy, improved from serious to fair

condition Sunday in Utah Valley Regional Medical Center, where he was taken after Saturday's avalanche in Bridle West Hills in Provo Canyon. He had a head, back and chest injuries.
 Lee's ice-climbing partner, who died in the avalanche, was identified Sunday as Doug Hill, 27, of Silverton, Colo.

Is Mullam hogging 97% winter's snow?

MULLEN (AP) — Heavy snow on Friday and Saturday has buried Interstate 90 towns under more than 20 inches of snow.
 Four-foot cornices curl over roofs. Automobiles disappeared under white hummocks. Driveways are blocked.
 Still, a tavern sign downtown joins Babe Blue Ribbon Beer in welcoming snowmobilers. Perhaps it should welcome snowblowers.

Bruce Cunningham, 90, pulled his snowblower Saturday to hollow out the cave that his driveway has become.
 "When I bought this 11 years ago, I didn't figure we would get something like this," Cunningham said.
 He's been advised not to shovel or snowblow because of his health, but "I can't see that it hurts," he said.
 Don't mistake that for passion. "I've always been tired of it — I was raised in the South," Cunningham said.

Washington delays corps' burning plans

LEWISTON (AP) — A gargantuan pile of wood and trash at Lower Granite Dam on the Snake River has become a burning issue for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
 Or rather, it is the Washington Department of Ecology edict that the corps find another way to get rid of the wood, rather than torching it. That could cost taxpayers up to \$500,000.

The pile has accumulated from all the flooding in the past year.
 Corps officials announced recently they intended to hold up the trash pile Saturday. Charles Krahenbuhl, corps project manager for Lower Granite, said that plan fizzled when the state agency denied the burning permit.

Railroad, government try to keep creek on course

SWEETWATER (AP) — Trying to keep the trains running on time and Lapwai Creek running in its normal channel poses a tough challenge, officials say.
 Camas Prairie Railroad track maintenance manager Jim Morefield met Friday with Nez Perce Tribe, federal and state officials about the stream south of Sweetwater.

The stream is hemmed in by U.S. 95 on one side and the tracks on the other. The railroad's most recent efforts to fix washouts have landed it in state court and attracted federal attention.
 Floodwaters undercut the tracks, so railroad crews fix the damage. The repair work three weeks ago was the third time since last February that high water undercut the track bed, Morefield said.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is determining if the railroad violated the federal Clean Water Act.
 The Idaho Fish and Game Department charged the railroad with altering the stream channel without a state permit. And the

tribe ordered the railroad to stop stream restoration work in a second area.
 "The forceful floodwaters move rocks around, blocking the old channel and moving the creek toward the tracks."
 Ed Larson, the tribe's hatchery program manager, suggested the immediate fix would be to guard the railroad bed from future damage by armor it with "riprap," large boulders wrapped in wire. Trees could be planted and boulders used to divert the water.

The tour and the corps investigation are geared more toward finding a cure than punishment, said James Smith, of the corps' Walla Walla, Wash., office.
 "If he does decide the railroad violated federal law, Smith said, the corps will focus on repairs to the stream instead of penalties."

"It wasn't so much a case of us wanting to put our foot down on them as to let them know we want their cooperation. And there has been cooperation," he said.

THIS WEEK AT CSI

- Swing Band rehearsal will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Fine Arts 121.
- THURSDAY**
Latham car show continues from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. in the Expo Center.
- AWAKE** (sleep disorder) support group will meet at 7 p.m. in the Sector Annex.
- Andrew Weil speaks at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium.
- Magia Valley Chorale rehearsal will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Fine Arts 133.
- FRIDAY**
Blues and Jazz Summit will be held all day in the Fine Arts Center with a concert at 7 p.m. in the auditorium.
- Sinus surgery seminar will be held at 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. in the Expo Center.
- SATURDAY**
Jazz Summit continues all day in the Fine Arts Center with a concert at 7 p.m. in the auditorium.
- Sinus surgery seminar continues from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Evergreen 405.
- Latham car show continues from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. in the Expo Center.
- SUNDAY**
Latham car show continues from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. in the Expo Center.

SERVICES

- Clifford J. Ferguson, of Nampa and formerly of Twin Falls, 11 a.m. today, Aisly Funeral Chapel, Nampa. Burial will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sunset Memorial Park, Twin Falls.
- Gladys Imajean "Jean" Stockton Kerner, of Shoshone, 11 a.m. today, First Baptist Church, Shoshone, (Demary's Shoshone Chapel).
- Delbert Odell Wright, of Heyburn, 3 p.m. today, Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel. Burial will be Thursday at the Mesa Cemetery in Mesa, Ariz. Friends may call from noon until time of the funeral today at the funeral chapel.

- Henry John "Burr" Dooker, of Wendell, 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, New Life Community Church, Wendell. Family and friends may call from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday at the funeral chapel.
- James "Jim" Athde, of Buhl, 11 p.m. Tuesday, Hansen Funeral Chapel, Buhl. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday at the funeral chapel.
- James Henry Hering, of Hammonk, Calif. and formerly of Glenn Ferry, memorial service, 11 a.m. Saturday, Moose Hall, 401 E. First, Glenn Ferry, (Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Lemmo).

- Dorothy Rose "Dottie" Ball, of Twin Falls, 1 p.m. Tuesday, White Mortuary Chapel, Twin Falls. Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.
- James Henry Hering, of Hammonk, Calif. and formerly of Glenn Ferry, memorial service, 11 a.m. Saturday, Moose Hall, 401 E. First, Glenn Ferry, (Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Lemmo).

DEATH NOTICE

Bike Ride
RUPERT — Bike Ride, an 84-year-old Rupert resident, died Sunday, January 26, 1997, at the

Minidoka Memorial Hospital. Services are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

HOSPITALS

- MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER**
 Some names are omitted at patients' request.
 Released: Linwood Farnce of Buhl.
- CASSIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER**
 Admitted: Clyde Lintz of Heyburn, Lupe Rodriguez of Oakley, Roland Scott of Declo, Kelli Scribble of American Falls, William Young of Arpahe, Texas. Jim McCord, Elaine Simmons and Drive Easton, all of Burley.
 Released: Thelma Sexton of Declo, Robert Bailey, Lisa
- MINIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**
 Some names are omitted at patients' request.
 Admitted: Pamela Hillman of Rupert.
 Released: William Stuart and Dana Rague, both of Rupert.
- BIRTHS**
 A daughter was born to Carlos and Blanco Hincin of Rupert.

Speeding, snowy conditions kill man

MOUNTAIN HOME — A Rochester Hills, Mich. man was killed when his Jeep Lorado swerved off Interstate 84 Saturday afternoon.
 Christopher Ashley, 39, was driving too quickly for snowy conditions when his Jeep, heading west, veered off the interstate, according to a news release from the Elmore County Sheriff's Department.
 The Jeep struck a highway sign before rolling and landing on its top. The 1:15 p.m. accident occurred less than a mile east of Mountain Home.

CSI Board of Trustees discusses athlete's academic performance

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho Board of Trustees Monday will hear a report on athletes' academic performance, among other things.
 Jim Dawson, assistant professor of study skills, will discuss the report. In other business, the

Board will discuss a bid to remodel of the Taylor building, review the college admission policy and hear about CSI courses offered via television.
 The public is invited to attend the Board's meeting, which will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the CSI president's board room on campus. Call 733-9554 for more information.

AUCTION CALENDAR THROUGH FEBRUARY 6th

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28th 5-8 pm
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 Antiques - Salvage Tractors - Buhl
 Auctioneer - Johnny
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NOTICE
Dr. Werner H. Kramer announces the closing of his medical office on February 3, 1997 in the Lynwood Shopping Center.

MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Who's a real Indian? Conflicts arise as self-definition sought

The Associated Press

With his blue eyes and sandy blond hair, Richard Snedling hardly resembles the classic American Indian of Hollywood films and history books. But he may be the Indian face of the future.

Snedling has one-sixty-fourth Kaw blood — enough for membership in Oklahoma's Kaw Nation tribe, if not for complete acceptance from Indian friends who call him "Casper" and "Wonder Bread."

There's more to being an Indian than a pedigree, the 22-year-old says. "What you feel inside of you is what's important."

He doesn't have to look far for an argument. With gambling profits raising the stakes of tribal membership, deciding who is a "real" Indian has become one of the most divisive issues facing American Indians.

Often, their Indian ancestry is unquestioned, but generations of intermarriage have crowded their family trees with non-Indians as well.

Many tribes are easing membership requirements just to survive, prompting wingers that tribal traditions will fade along with blood levels.

"If tribes aren't careful, they can turn into big business corporations that say to hell with culture," said Jerry Bread, a professor of Native American studies at the University of Oklahoma. "I'd like to see the physical traits of American Indians remain, but it's



Thad Graham, left, and roommate Richard Snedling take a break from their studies at Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kan., earlier this month. Snedling, student senate president, is 1/64th Kaw Indian.

not happening." One federal study estimated that the percentage of Indians who are full-blooded — 60 percent in 1980 — will fall to 34 percent by 2000 and to 0.3 percent by 2050.

But even as bloodlines thin, being Indian has never been so popular. The number of people identifying themselves as American Indian has nearly tripled since 1970, rising from 827,000 to more than 2.2 million, census figures show.

A renaissance of Indian pride is partly responsible. So is an upturn in the fortunes of some tribes, notably those involved in gambling.

In Connecticut, the 383 members of the Mashamuckett Pequot tribe share profits from a casino that clears more than \$1 million a day from slot machines alone.

The tribe gets about 30 calls a month from people who figure they must have Pequot blood in them. "Some of them can't even pronounce the name of the tribe," tribal spokesman Bruce McDonald said.

In November, the tribe dropped its eligibility requirement of one-sixteenth Pequot blood. Applicants now must prove only that they are descended from someone listed on the tribal census rolls of 1900 or 1910.

Best-selling author Weil brings his medical ideas to Twin Falls

By Cathy Walsworth

TWIN FALLS — Almost one-third of America's medical schools, including Harvard, Yale and Johns Hopkins, now offer courses in alternative medicine.

That fact says to Dr. Andrew Weil, physician, botanist and author of the bestselling "Spontaneous Healing."

There wasn't a botany department at Harvard, Weil said in a news release. "It was a part of the biology department, and it was seen as a very old-fashioned, smelly, stinky sort of biology. There were constant ramblings by the molecular biologists to push it out into a farther and farther corner of the university."

And now he's coming to Twin Falls. Weil believes that science and medicine, for a long time, separated themselves from nature. That's wrong, he said.

"Two hundred years ago, if you wanted to study medicine, you had to know botany, because most of the medicine consisted of giving people preparations of plants. Weil said, "Today many of the drugs in clinical use are of plant origin, or are molecular variations of chemicals originally discovered in plants."

He'll also talk in medicine today of giving a patient a plant seeds at best hopelessly old-fashioned and at worst outright dangerous and unscientific.

Dr. Andrew Weil will speak at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and 9 a.m. Friday at the College of Southern Idaho's Fine Arts Center auditorium.

His Thursday evening keynote speech will address enhancing the body's natural ability to maintain health itself, as well as exploring ideas that are changing the practice of health care in America. On Friday, Weil will discuss his eight-week program for spiritual healing in the mental and spiritual domain.

College of Medicine at the University of Arizona, where he teaches about alternative medicine, mind-body interactions, and medicine.

He also has appointments as clinical assistant professor of medicine and clinical assistant professor of Family and Community Medicine. He has a special practice and is the chairman of the Center for Integrative Medicine in Tucson.

Healing" and "Natural Health, Natural Medicine."

The latest, "Spontaneous Healing," is on the New York Times bestseller list.

Weil believes medicine ought to take advantage of modern techniques while embracing what works: natural hygiene — a system for maintaining good health by staying in harmony with one's own physiology and with nature.

But for a lot of medical conditions, Weil believes that natural approaches such as diet and lifestyle changes, herbal remedies, mind-body healing and osteopathic manipulation work well.

Some medical researchers are critical of Weil, arguing that he promotes therapies that haven't been proven scientifically to work.

"They're missing the point," Weil said. "In situations where conventional medicine has little or nothing to offer, there is no harm in trying a safe alternative method, even if you aren't sure it will work. If in the end it does, who cares why?"

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Red Ryder growing older with Western memories

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Dave Saunders strides slow but steady through chimera that's winter dry and drab, all tough and gritty and not a lick pretty.

He's hunting ghosts on this chilly day, picking the memories of Little Beaver Town out of the thick dust of this rolling ground on Albuquerque's eastern edge.

Now wild and woolly weeds surround concrete slabs, overrun the remnants of adobe walls, ignore the insult of the broken glass scattered through it and grab at Saunders' cowboy boots.

He pays no mind. Vegetation with a mean streak is nothing new to a man who has mixed a lifetime of cowboy and ranching with chasing dreams of TV or movie stardom.

Right here where there was the biggest building, the Red Bull Saloon, Saunders said. They served food in there and had entertainment — ancient jinks. It was the building, red velvet walls, a brass spittoon and batwing doors.



New Mexico rancher Dave Saunders enjoys free time at one of his favorite hangouts in Albuquerque, N.M., earlier this month. Saunders has portrayed the fictional cowboy Red Ryder in live performances on and off for 35 years.

Saunders laughs. It's a shy laugh. Shy laughs are like periods to Saunders, punctuating the end of most of his sentences.

He is still tall, 6-foot-2, and on the lean side, 175 pounds, still square-jawed, still the very image of the rugged Western cowhand.

denim jacket, a red bandanna and a black cowboy hat.

Forget the black hat. Saunders is one of the good guys. On and off for 35 years he has portrayed Red Ryder, the brave, honest, red-haired, hard-bitten, straight-shooting cowboy born in a comic strip created by Fred

residers, one man, claim jumpers, main cobblers, bush-whackers and any other stripe of desperado with enough onus to spill his shadow on Red's path.

Saunders assumed the role of Ryder in 1961, bringing the character to life in Little Beaver Town, an amusement park that opened that summer on a 44-acre site in southwest Albuquerque.

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a true-blue Red Ryder fan. When friends dared him to knock on Harman's door in the mid-1950s, Saunders did.

"He opened the door and he was real fierce, looking to a little kid," Saunders said. "He had these big, bushy eyebrows. I couldn't think of a thing to say."

Harman, figuring the dumb-struck kid was there because of Red Ryder, invited him inside.

They became friends. In the 1950s, after Saunders married and got into ranching, Harman and his wife, Lola, visited Saunders and his wife, Jan, at Saunders' place near Chubb.

"We would sit in front of fires in the winter and have barbecues in the summer," Saunders said. "One day, in about 1959 or 1960, Fred asked me how I'd like to be Red Ryder."

Mine

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ly lower grade ore compared to when Black Pine excavation began in 1992, Scott said. The mine can recover gold more economically.

No matter when mining production stops, there will be cleanup work to be done. Black Pine Mining expects to spend about \$3.5 million repairing the area once mining is finished.

been disturbed. About half has been reclaimed to look like the natural slope of the land. Reclamation might be finished in 1999.

Hazardous waste also must be cleaned up once mining is completed. A weak cyanide solution is used to leach gold and other metals, such as silver and mercury, from ore piled on a "heap leach pad." Today about 30 million tons of rock is stacked on a

pad lined with clay and plastic.

Gordon Struthers, minerals management specialist for the U.S. Forest Service in Burley, said the cyanide solution must be neutralized before it can be disposed. Officials haven't decided how to do this.

Detoxified fluid could be spread on the land, as long as the fluid contains no toxic or hazardous chemicals, he said.

Water

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for subsequent phases of construction.

"It would only be for the portion that's going to be built in the next year or so," said city Water Superintendent Mike Lindert. "I think it's going to be a lot faster for everybody."

"If somebody goes in and ties up (water for) 200-300 acres, then that's not fair to other developers in the area," he said.

"I've already got water tied up in subdivisions that have been sitting (undeveloped) for years, but many developers have to wait until I

have more water available."

The agreement with the Wilstar division will require the city to lease a lot in the subdivision and install a booster station to increase local water pressure, Trabert said. The developer will have to install larger-diameter pipes, and more of them, to fulfill the terms of the agreement.

"It's a temporary thing for this subdivision," Trabert said. "Over the long term, that whole square-mile area will be brought up to a better pressure."

To accomplish that, the city hopes to drill a new well in the area.

Hero

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and made them fresh bread from scratch.

Lujan met Helms when she brought her lawn mower to his shop to be fixed. Since then he has done many things for her family. Helms takes her children places when they need a ride and finds her sight-impaired daughter rides to a Boise hospital. Now he is teaching her son about motorcycles.

Lujan said he does many good things for other people and recalled when a Jerome woman's clothes were taken from her backyard clothesline. Helms wrote her a check so she could buy some new clothing

and towels. "She had a problem, so we wanted to help," Helms said. "They know who did it but she

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 734-5538. We'll need your name and phone number, the name of your everyday hero and a few sentences about the person.

Then he went to Vietnam and lost three-fourths of his eyesight. When he came back he continued photography and has had some of his videos, made from search and rescue, shown on KMVI television.

In Larson's letter nominating Helms for recognition as an everyday hero, she wrote, "It seems everyone in Jerome knows of his good heart, but no one has ever thanked him in this way, he really touches my heart."

Helms sees himself as "one of the good of boys" and said he knows a lot of people need help. And he knows the way to give it.

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HEALTH & FASHION

Readers share chilling hitchhiker stories

DEAR ABBY: After reading in your column about the man who insisted on picking up hitchhikers, I had to tell you about a tragedy I witnessed several years ago while I was on vacation.



DEAR ABBY
Abby VanBuren

I arrived at my destination and was met by my girlfriend, whom I had come to visit. At a stop sign on the way to her house from the airport we saw three men leaning against some boxes of hay. They approached our car and asked for a ride. Because our back seat was filled with luggage and groceries, we refused.

We looked back and saw them approach another car that stopped behind us, but thought nothing of it until the next day when we heard on the news that a man and his car were missing. From the description we knew immediately it was the car behind us at the stop sign. We called the sheriff and reported what we had seen.

The next day, the news reported that the three hitchhikers had been spotted in Montana. Two days later, the wrecked and abandoned car was located, but there was no sign of the driver. A week after his disappearance, the man's badly beaten body was

found on a country road. The three hitchhikers were later seen on a busy Montana highway and picked up and questioned. Then a witness came forward who had seen them with the owner of the car. The hitchhikers finally confessed to murdering the unfortunate driver because he would not give them more money.

When I got home, I told my brother about my close call and he ordered me to pick up hitchhikers.

I hope my true story will serve as a warning to anyone who thinks it's safe to pick up someone who's thumbing a ride.

—A WISCONSIN READER

DEAR WISCONSIN READER: A number of people wrote to say they had safely given rides to hitchhikers years ago. But too

many tragedies have occurred in recent years to good Samaritans who generously offered rides to strangers. Just as it is no longer safe to leave our doors unlocked, it is no longer safe to offer rides to strangers. And contrary to popular lore, it wasn't entirely safe in days gone by. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Back in the Midwest in the fall of 1948, my husband and I drove to Chicago to buy a car. At about 6 a.m. on the return trip, we passed through a small settlement near Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri and saw two young men thumbing a ride. They were wearing civilian clothes, but since it was a couple of days before Thanksgiving, we thought they were soldiers on a weekend or holiday pass.

As they neared our car, I felt uneasy, but we stopped anyway and let them get in the back seat.

We had gone only a few miles down the road when the Highway Patrol coasted by with their lights flashing, pulled us over, and came up to both sides of our car with their guns drawn. They asked if we had picked up any passengers a few miles back. We, of course, said, "Yes."

They hauled the two young men out of our car, found them armed and cuffed them. Then the officers read us the riot act for picking up strangers.

Abby, those men had stashed a car behind a shed before coming out to the road to hitch a ride. An observer thought it looked suspicious and reported it to the Highway Patrol.

We found out later the men had started a crime spree in New York City and left a trail of stolen cars halfway across the country. When someone gave them a ride, they'd wait for a quiet place along the road, force the driver out of the car at gunpoint and take off with the car. They had killed some of the drivers and wounded others.

Abby, death was riding in our back seat that morning. Thank goodness our guardian angels were on duty, because we had five little ones at home.

Tell the kind-hearted husband who believes hitchhikers are all good people that for every honest, needy "thumber" there are a jillion non-goodies out there, and his first concern should be his wife and loved ones.

—A LUCKY OKIE

Shoes

Continued from A7

years past, used cowboy boots, said McKaughan, who buys clothing in America for resale to shops in Japan.

"When it's hot, it's extremely hot," McKaughan said, "Japan being a group society, when one person wants it, everybody wants it. Price becomes no object. But when they don't want it, they don't want it."

As with any fashion item, trends develop. "About five years ago it was Nike, Adidas, New Balance, Brooks and Converse all vying for interest," McKaughan said. "But in the last year or two, there was a shoe war, and Nike won."

Nike's excellent promotion, and its hot ties to American sports stars like Michael Jordan, probably linked the company in the Japanese mind to U.S.-style cool, McKaughan said. A recent Heller's ad in a collectibles trade publication offered to pay up to \$1,500 for vintage 1970s and '80s running shoes. The catch is, the shoes have to be un worn, or at least gently worn.

Heller's is looking for shoes in bright '70s oranges, reds, blues and yellows with broad trademark swooshes. The store might buy a more worn and less stylish shoe for \$300 or \$400, McKaughan said.

Hot as shoes have been, they are fading compared with vintage Nike clothing, McKaughan said. Items bearing the old Nike pinwheel design are hot sellers, he said.

"This was all mass production, but it was used by athletes, and a lot of it was used to death," McKaughan said.

At Nike headquarters in

Beverton, Ore., the everything-old-is-new-again trend is being viewed with bemused puzzlement.

"I'm happy to see they put a value on any Nike product," said spokeswoman McCain Ramsey.

"There's just no accounting for what people will think is in."

But as for cashing in, the company has no warehouses of out-of-date sportswear to sell.

"It's not in our marketing plan," Ramsey said.

Getting the latest old clothes provides a good living for Terry Windham, a "picker" in Seattle who stakes out used clothing stores.

Satisfying the desire for the old

is not an easy business, Windham said.

"It's purely fashion, and fashion changes. You have to be on top of things," he said.

Make wrong purchases at the used clothing shops, and wholesalers such as Heller's won't touch your merchandise, Windham said.

Besides, many shops are wise to the Japanese market, so much of the good stuff may be held back from the shop floor, Windham said. The trend in Japan hasn't quite caught on in the United States, said Windham, who sometimes wears the valuable used clothes he finds.

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Bailing America out of debt is impossible, even for today's millionaires

In 1916 the national debt could have been paid off by the nation's richest man, John D. Rockefeller. This year the two richest Americans, William Gates and Warren Buffett, working together would go broke trying to pay even two months' interest—approximately \$50 billion—on the national debt.

Does that get your attention? It is from John Steele Gordon's lively little book, "Hamilton's Blessing: The Extraordinary Life and Times of Our National Debt." This 198-page primer appears just in time for the beginning of the great debate of this year, and perhaps of the remainder of the decade.

The debate is about the proposed constitutional amendment to require a balanced budget—or, to be precise, to require supermajorities of 60 percent in both houses of Congress to authorize a deficit. Gordon's



GEORGE F. WILL

subject is debt, a subject for which few people have had anything nice to say since Alexander Hamilton said in 1781 that "a national debt, if it is not excessive, will be to us a national blessing."

So it has frequently been, and a blessing to the world, too, in two world wars. Establishing sound public finance was the first challenge of the new nation, which is why the Treasury Department had 40 employees when the State Department had

that five. The sale of government bonds to banks was crucial to expanding the money supply, which ignited commerce, which united the regions.

Yet, of course, without the Civil War that it was won by the men and material furnished by a 42 billion increase in the national debt between 1861 and 1866. War, a wise man once said, is the health of the state. It certainly has furnished up the national debt, which went from \$1.2 billion in 1816 to \$25 billion in 1919, and from \$4 billion in 1941 to \$283 billion in 1946.

In the last 36 years business fluctuations have been on balance, remarkably mild and the Vietnam War was, relative to the size of the economy, a small burden. In the same period, however, the national debt has increased 17 times more than in all of the nation's first 84 years. In the past 15 years federal revenues

have increased 25 percent (largely because of, not in spite of, the Reagan tax cuts and reforms) and our principal foreign adversary has imploded, yet the debt has soared.

Why are there now debt service costs of more than \$1,000 per American per year? Because, Gordon writes, debt has served "the political self-interests of a few thousand people"—federal elected officials in these 36 years.

He emphatically does not endorse the "chimeras" of a balanced budget amendment, which he considers an invitation to gimmickry of the sort New York state used in 1992 when \$200 million was needed to meet the constitutional requirement of a budget balanced out of current income. Were taxes raised or spending cut? Not exactly.

Instead, the state sold Artia Prison to itself. A state agency established to fund urban redevelopment borrowed in the bond market, gave the money to the state, and took title to the prison. The state recorded as income the \$200 million its own agency had borrowed, declared the budget balanced, then rented the prison from the agency for a sum sufficient to service the \$200 million debt.

Imagine the potential for fiscal profligidity at the federal level. Alas, one moral of Gordon's highly entertaining and informative story is this: The very habits of governance that make a balanced budget amendment tempting make such an amendment problematic.

George F. Will is a Washington Post columnist.

LETTERS

Abortion history is true violence

Since last week was the anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade decision, I thought that it would be appropriate to answer Monica's challenge to "controversial" calling.

First, let's look at the issue of violence. I was glad to see that there was an acknowledgment that 99 percent of those who are protesting the present position of the Supreme Court are against violence of any kind. Anyone who is truly committed to the pro-life position knows how damaging those who resort to violence are to that position.

But it is not just the violence of those targeting the abortion industry that are involved. We also have a number of cases of violence within the abortion industry either for competition or for insurance money. Thirdly, there is the unreported violence against those who have peacefully protested this violent industry over the last 23 years; a list of violent abuses that includes broken wrists, crushed skulls, molestation by law officials, jail without trial, etc.

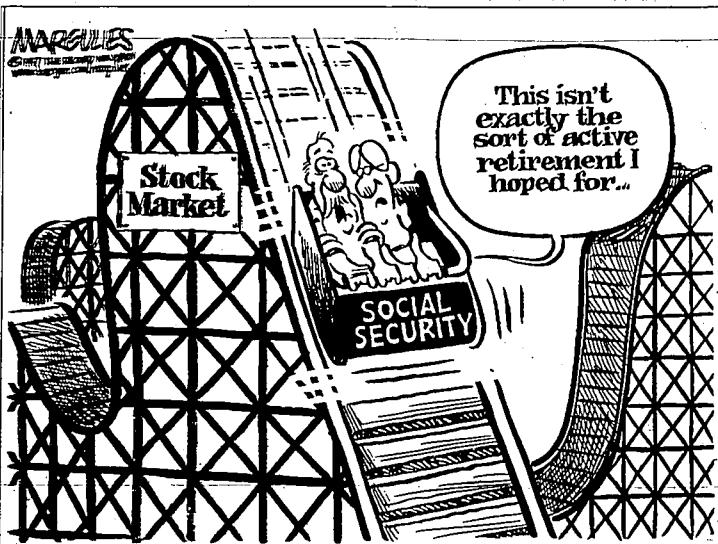
Fourthly, but not last in importance, is the violence against the children in the womb who have suffered brutally at the hands of an inhumane and violent industry. More than 30 million babies have been brutally exterminated.

ed during another young man into an alley, aggressively initiating sexual behavior, and then leaving his head with a head.

At the same time, CBS was featuring the "queen" of casual sex, "Cybil." In an age when AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases are killing and maiming people, where do you pay for off-licensing programs that encourage casual (sometimes not so casual, but definitely careless) sex?

I realize network affiliates have much to do with what is "fed" to our community, but I, for one, am not a TV critic, cable company and movie theater owner presenting themselves as "caring, concerned and community oriented" on one hand while at the same time featuring filth, violence and merely for entertainment purposes don't go along with Hollywood's effort to throw open the lid of the garbage can and pump its rot into our homes and children in the name of entertainment.

DUANE KALCHINGER
Twin Falls



I cannot dispute the fact that some women were damaged by illegal abortions prior to 1973. However, I know lots of younger women who have become emotionally or physically damaged by legal abortions since then. An abortion is far more dangerous than a birth.

There are reasonable and safe alternatives to both abortion and single moms on welfare. But does our society today have the moral courage and discipline to face these alternatives?

My last comment is directed at the statement made by Monica that "the courts and Legislature must be where action, if any, takes place, not the streets." I probably disagree stronger about that statement than any other.

This is Monica, a government of the people, for the people and by the people. No man or woman has ever freed slaves, stopped child labor, gained the right to vote by merely appealing to the powers status quo. I have lived in a city but I have seen many governments topple in a fortnight because they lack the support base of the people. It is the people on the street who will one day settle this issue. I, for one, hope and pray it is settled in peace.

PASTOR RANDALL DAVIS
Jerome

Missing the real monument

I-80 traverses southern Wyoming from Bitter Creek to Lodge Pole Creek. You are traveling a route established in 1838 by Gen. Albert Sidney Johnston and Jim Bridger.

In mid-century, Gen. Havelock Leavenworth dispatched troops and supply wagons. He asked political figures in the territory of Kansas to keep Gen. Scott from sending him to Utah.

Albert Sidney Johnston was serving in Texas. Riding 180 miles in two days, he and his unit caught a band of marauding Kiowas, fought and killed many of them.

In September, Johnston arrived at Leavenworth. The infantry and artillery was camped on Ham's Fork. Supply wagons were scattered over 200 miles of trail. No one was in an official charge. To collect them before winter, Johnston traveled 320 miles in 27 days.

The Mormons burned 70 wagons of corn for the horses and other supplies. Stole hundreds of draft animals. As a result, 1,700 horses starved to death. The men walked and pushed wagons 120 miles in deep snow to winter at a boxed out Fort Bridger.

They are their favorite mountains without salt that winter. High winds. Fury below zero. Tents by spring. Young was considering moving to Seneca. Congress was notified that Johnston would kill everyone in Salt Lake. To his credit, Johnston ended the Mormon Rebellion without bloodshed.

Today in Montana, there is a national monument dedicated to a general who saw drunken Indians laying around forts in Kansas and thought all Indians were bums (Custer). At a rest stop near Fort Bridger, a monument honors Mormon pioneers. A plaque dedicated to I-80 to Eisenhower. 180 winds up Bitter Creek through Ravins, Laramie and Cheyenne to Lodge Pole Creek.

I have seen 2,300 rugged men, a trapper and 1,700 horses—don't have squat.

BOB BERENTZ
Jerome

Jones vs. Hill: An issue of credibility

Not until anyone eating a few words lunch? It thought not—me neither. The reason I inquire is because the House government has repaid the entire \$2.5 billion loan we granted them three years ahead of schedule, with a lump \$200 million in interest.

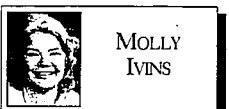
It might be to deal with that Land of Illmoyn, which I thought maybe the money folks who predicted back in '95 that we'll never see that money again might want to publicly acknowledge they were wrong, but as a friend of mine reminds me, it always was a vain optimism.

Someone seems a spriggle of praise for President Clinton for having been right about this one, too? Or not—'he's The Man Who Gets No Credit.

Imagination Day was tough on the talking heads: Bill Clinton's bank again with a 60 percent approval rating, Hillary with it, and sweetness and light is the theme du jour. The Elmdale had to contain themselves with naming dissenting voices about the Paula Jones case and putting down feminist groups for not having supported them.

According to the Elmdale, we feminists are guilty of classism and of having abandoned Jones because she's supposed to be "trailer trash." Sorry, but as a class feminist, I know many people of long and distinguished lineage from NY (as we call them in our politically correct world) and have eventually become no doubt wide on the landfill in Bitter (SN Park Capital of Wyoming) myself.

The trouble with Jones is that she doesn't have a very good case. She waits three years to file and an evidence of damages as she continued to get raises and promotions. She signs up first with a lawyer who promises her a cut of all bank, union and TV rights and then



MOLLY IVINS

have a lawsuit, nor does Jones. And every time a woman brings a frivolous suit in this field, it's so much the worse for the many women who have not only been positioned in an insular or vile manner but have been punished for refusing, as well. It's my belief that Jones has been getting very bad legal counsel from people who are their own axes to grind, and for that reason, she is a real victim.

On another topic entirely, the sort of collective national groan that greeted the news of Ennis Cosby's death strikes me as one of our better and most authentic moments. But after we'd said, Oh, please no, oh, what a shame, oh, what a pity—what could we say then, what could we do then?

With wonderful grace, Bill Cosby immediately acknowledged that other people's children had been murdered that same night in Los Angeles, people not known to through television but whose agony was just as awful.

It seems to me that one of the most useful reactions I heard was from the Rev. Jesse Jackson, who said (as he has for so many years, and as his great teacher Martin Luther King Jr. did before him): "We must stop the violence, we must stop the violence."

But we really don't know how to do that, do we? Economic justice, social justice, early childhood development, stronger families, better policing—

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Tired of seeing TV garbage

I was browsing the "TV Weekly" in *The Times-News* recently and noticed under the heading of "Worth Watching" an NBC movie called "Friends Till the End." I didn't plan to watch it but happened to be channel surfing when I happened onto this presentation. There was a depiction of a young woman very aggressively kissing and undressing a young man. He responded to her efforts without offering any resistance and was then pictured crawling on top of her to complete what was very obvious to me.

What gives with you, NBC? I suppose this "worth watching" movie displayed one of the new "ratings" to warn those viewing of so-called adult content. Where's your sense of community responsibility? This same young lady was depicted

with a bunch of lawyers who are sworn political enemies of Clinton—one of whom is now the special prosecutor on Whitewater.

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But as the alleged events took place behind closed doors with no witnesses, we'll never be able to prove any of it in the legal sense. That's why Clarence Thomas is on the Supreme Court today. Hill may have had a useful role in a confirmation hearing, but she didn't

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WORLD IN BRIEF

Madagascar cyclone kills at least 6

ANTANANARIVO, Madagascar — Aid workers were unable Sunday to reach many towns washed away by a cyclone that killed at least six people and left 30,000 homeless in the southern half of this Indian Ocean island nation.

With at least 100 people missing and no way to access the worst-flooded areas, officials said the death toll from Saturday's storm likely would rise. State radio earlier reported 15 deaths, and initial reports indicated at least 118 people had died.

Several cities were destroyed in Madagascar, a former French colony off the coast of Mozambique that is the world's fourth-largest island — slightly bigger than Texas — and is one of its poorest countries.

It was not clear how Cyclone Genelle's 125-mph wind and heavy rain affected the rice, coffee, sugar and spice crops that sustain Madagascar's economy.

The cyclone struck the horseshaped island of 13 million from the southeast on Saturday morning, striking land about 300 miles from the capital, Antananarivo. The capital experienced only typical seasonal rain.

Mother Teresa confined to wheelchair

CALCUTTA, India — Mother Teresa is confined to a wheelchair and often needs oxygen to help her breathe, a doctor treating the 86-year-old nun said Sunday.

She spends more of her days in her room, seeing few visitors, said Dr. Ashish Kumar, who visits her twice a day at her Calcutta home. Mother Teresa is still suffering from a lung infection contracted while she was hospitalized with heart problems in December and from osteoporosis, a deteriorating bone condition common in older people, Kumar said.

"But there is nothing for cancer," he said. Mother Teresa is expected to step down soon as head of the Missionaries of Charity, an order she founded 50 years ago. The Nobel peace laureate has told associates that she does not want to continue in the job because of her failing health.

She has not made any public statement on the matter but an election to find a successor is scheduled to be held in Calcutta on Feb. 2.

Albanian protesters burn government offices

TIRANA, Albania — Tens of thousands of Albanians burned riot police and set fire to government buildings Sunday in protest to demand payments from failing, high-risk investment schemes. Police retreated under a hail of rocks thrown from an angry mob of about 35,000 people on Tirana's Skanderbeg Square. But they managed to disperse the crowd, opening water cannons and turning dogs loose on the protesters.

Witnesses said police badly beat a group of protesters who tried to reach parliament, where an emergency session was under way. At least two policemen were injured. It was not certain how many protesters were hurt.

Albanians rioted across the small Balkan country Sunday, even though President Sali Berisha was on state TV the night before to promise that their investments will be repaid.

Hundreds of thousands of Albanians, who average age 30-40 a month, sold homes and livestock to invest in the private funds, thought to be pyramid schemes. Protests began a week ago when two of the funds failed.

Although the funds are operated by private owners, many protesters are focusing their anger on the government. Berisha's political finance arm, his Democratic Party of Young Men, from the funds to finance election campaigns. The Democrats deny that.

Body found believed to be Russian captain

TOKYO — A body found washed ashore Sunday appears to be the missing captain of a sunken Russian tanker whose wreck off fouled the western Japanese coast, police said.

Markings on the corpse, including an old burn mark, resembled those of Valery Melnikov, 47, captain of the 13,135-ton Russian tanker Nakhodka, police official Masami Tamaki said.

The police are trying to identify the body with fingerprints or by contacting his family members.

The Japanese coast guard rescued the other 31 crew members of the Russian tanker, which broke up and sank in the Sea of Japan on Jan. 2.

The tanker carried Japan's worst oil spill in more than 20 years. Some 1.2 million gallons of fuel oil had spilled into the sea. The slick has now reached beaches in seven prefectures along a 500-mile stretch of coast.

Volunteers helping clear away the massive oil from the tanker found the body Sunday morning in the town of Echizen, Tamaki said.

Echizen is about 25 miles southeast of Misaki, where the large, oil-filled bow of the Nakhodka still rests on nearby rocks. Misaki is

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Chechens continue resistance with song

Los Angeles Times

STAVROPOL, Russia — Picking their way through the crowded market past perfume-clad women, the members of this Chechen town are singing along with songs of war.

"Why do you Russians tell us that?" one 18-year-old student sang. "You will never conquer Chechnya. You won't make your homes here, but we will make our homes here and you will die like a dog, and you'll die when you're drunk. The Chechens have always lived here, and they'll go on living here, and there's nothing you ugly bastards can do about it."

These songs embody the spirit of resistance that has kept the Chechens, a Muslim people of the Caucasus mountains, endlessly fighting a Russian empire that first set out to conquer them two centuries ago.

Now that Chechens have won the latest war and are preparing to vote Monday for a presidential candidate, they are bringing out into the open a traditional, almost forgotten culture — from music and art to their Muslim faith and its laws — that Russian repression failed to destroy and only drove underground.

"Now the singers aren't scared to put their names on the tapes. There would have been all kinds of trouble before, but now we can do what we like. We're just beginning to tell our stories," said Bek Khan, boss of a tiny studio that turns out tapes of their war-torn past behind a bullet-seared storefront in the capital, Grozny.

Chechens like the ones Khan represents have clung to their identity since the 1870s, along with one of millions of nomads hunted by the Soviet Union, questions-and-answers tapes about Muslim tradi-

Chechnya elections

Some facts and figures about Monday's presidential and parliamentary elections in Chechnya: **CONFLICT WITH RUSSIA:** Chechnya declared independence in 1991 shortly before the collapse of the Soviet Union. Russian President Boris Yeltsin sent in troops to crush the separatists in December 1994. The rebels ousted the Russians, who agreed to a peace deal in August and pulled out their last troops only weeks ago.

CLICHEEN INDEPENDENCE: The Chechen separatists already control the mostly Muslim territory in southern Russia and all the leading candidates favor full independence. However, Moscow insists that Chechnya must remain part of Russia and the peace deal says Chechnya's political status will not be decided for five years.

THE ELECTION: Chechens will choose a president and 63 members of parliament Monday. A candidate must win 50 percent of the vote to be elected. If no one wins a majority, a runoff election will be held in February.

THE CANDIDATES: Aslan Maskhadov, the rebels' former military chief of staff, is considered the front-runner among the 16 presidential candidates, though a lack of reliable polling data makes that difficult to determine. His top challenger is believed to be Shamil Basayev, a fiery rebel leader.

— The Associated Press

ty and recordings of the traditional prayer dance, the "zikr." Every car is packed with cassette tapes. One is named "Along Wolf Trails," the latter in recognition of the Chechens' frequent comparison of themselves with wolves, howling at the moon and dreaming of freedom.

Ailing police general released by Peruvian Tupac Amaru rebels

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Rebels holding dozens of hostages released an ailing police general Sunday, and a mediator said there was a "small light on the horizon" signaling progress toward a peaceful way out of the crisis.

Gen. Jose Rivas Rodriguez was wheeled out on a stretcher from the Japanese diplomatic compound about 1 a.m., accompanied by Red Cross officials and Juan Luis Cipriani, the Roman Catholic archbishop of Ayacucho. Officials said only that Rivas, deputy commander of the president's police security, was under-

going tests at a police hospital. Rivas was one of several top security commanders captured by Tupac Amaru rebels in a raid on the gala cocktail party Dec. 17. The guerrillas seized more than 500 hostages, and they still hold 72.

Cipriani, who has been appointed a mediator in the crisis, returned to the compound later Sunday and said he hoped negotiations to free the hostages could begin.

"There is a small light on the horizon that we must take care of," Cipriani said. "God willing, these conversations could start soon." He did not elaborate.

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SPORTSQUOTE

We're all Packer fans here, so this one is kind of fun to do. It helps with the funerals, too.

Families just love it, at least as much as they can love something like this in their time of bereavement.

— Fred Angermann, owner of Wisconsin Vault and Casket in Janesville, Wis., which sells the "Green and Gold Casket" for \$2,495

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Girls' basketball

Dexlot at Wendell
Wood River at Gooding
Murlough at Hageman

Boys' basketball

Glenns Ferry at Rimock
Castledorf at Jerome JV

High school wrestling

Wood River at Buhl, 6 p.m.

High school bowling

Buhl at Kimberly, 4 p.m.

In most cases, junior varsity basketball games begin at 6 p.m. with varsity games following.

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IN BRIEF

Ditka reportedly takes over in New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS — Mike Ditka, the fiery coach who led the Chicago Bears to a Super Bowl title, will become the coach of the New Orleans Saints this week, a highly placed NFL source told The Associated Press on Sunday.

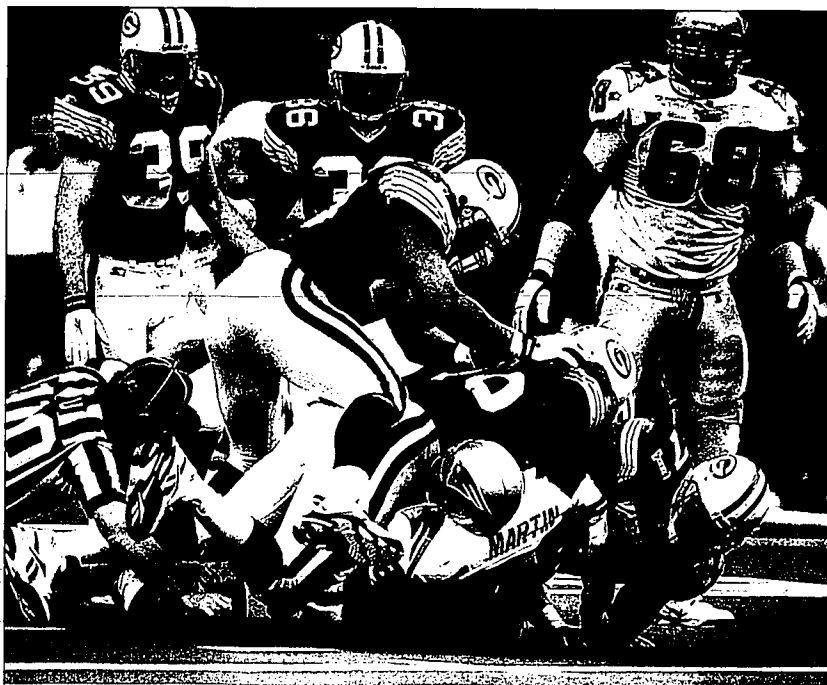
Ditka, who quit his job as a television commentator Saturday, was picked after general manager Bill Kuharich lobbied strongly for him, the source said. Kuharich did not return calls after messages were left on his answering machine on Sunday. Saints owner Tom Benson declined comment. Ditka was in New Orleans Sunday for the pregame coin toss at the Super Bowl.

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Green Day



Green Bay defenders stop New England running back Curtis Martin in the first quarter of Sunday's Super Bowl in New Orleans. Martin carried 11 times for 42 yards.

Packers bring Lombardi back home

The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — There wasn't much of a Lombardi aura to this Green Bay team, after all.

Not when three of the four touchdowns in Sunday's 35-21 Super Bowl win over the New England Patriots covered 99, 81 and 54 yards.

Not when Andre Rison duckwalks into the end zone after catching a touchdown pass from Brett Favre on Green Bay's second offensive play.

Not when Desmond Howard, the game's MVP, strikes his modified Heisman pose after the kickoff return that ended the Pats' comeback hopes.

Not when Antonio Freeman, Craig Newsome and the rest of Green Bay's MTV generation strutted and posed after routine, good plays. At times, they looked almost as arrogant as the Dallas Cowboys.

Green Bay's first NFL title in 29 years was the work of a team that was Lombardiesque in purpose and conviction. All other similarities ended there.

Another Howard TD return sends Packers to title

The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Desmond Howard didn't need another Heisman pose. This time, he flashed the Super Bowl Strut.

Just when the New England Patriots were envisioning an upset, Howard assured the Green Bay Packers of their first championship in 29 years — in the mere seconds it took for him to run from one end of the Superdome field to the other.

Howard's 99-yard kickoff return late in the third quarter of Green Bay's 35-21 victory over the Patriots was the biggest play in a game filled with big plays. He finished with a Super Bowl-record 244 yards on kickoff and punt returns, becoming the first special-teams player to win the game's MVP award.

The 1991 Heisman Trophy winner returned three punts for touchdowns during the regular season, then got another in a divisional playoff victory over San Francisco. But he had never brought a kick back all the way during his five-year NFL career.

Until Sunday.

The Patriots, a 14-point underdog, had just scored what seemed to be a momentum-changing touchdown on Curtis Martin's 18-yard run, shrinking the Packers' lead to 27-21.

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What's inside:

Green Bay and Boston react: Cool in New England; hot in Wisconsin
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"Vince Lombardi had a wonderful legacy for the rest of us," coach Mike Holmgren said. "Now we're just trying to do our part, and we hope we can do it for a long time to come."

"It's a different time," Holmgren added. "We're working under a different set of rules. We have more players to deal with. But I know we believe in some of the same things. Commitment. Discipline. Great work ethic. Those are things I try to instill in my team — high character people working very hard for a common goal."

But rarely were Lombardi's games shootouts, as this was from the start.

Brett Favre hit Rison with a 54-yard

touchdown pass on Green Bay's second offensive play for a 7-0 lead. Doug Evans' interception, one of four the Packers got off Drew Bledsoe, set up Chris Jacke's 31-yard field goal and it was 10-0.

The Patriots got two quick touchdowns — on TD passes of 1 yard to Keith Byars and 4 yards to Ben Coates to take a 14-10 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Green Bay got 17 points in the second quarter to take a 27-14 lead. Favre hit Freeman for an 81-yard score, the longest play from scrimmage in Super

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Big plays hurt New England pass defense

The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — The Patriots sacked Brett Favre five times, controlled the Packers on third downs and held them to 188 yards on 66 plays.

The problem was with the other two — passes of 54 yards to Andre Rison and 81 yards to Antonio Freeman.

Two plays, two touchdowns, too much for New England to overcome. "I thought the defense played well," middle linebacker Ted Johnson said, "but you just can't give anything easy to these guys. They're too good. You give them anything easy, it's not going to be your day."

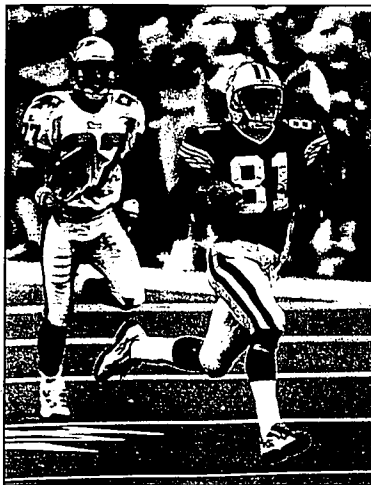
The New England defense had made tremendous progress since being hurt by the big play time after time in the first month of the season. That weakness surfaced again Sunday, the worst time in Sunday's 35-21 Super Bowl loss.

The defense hadn't allowed a touchdown in 10 quarters before Sunday, but on Green Bay's second offensive play, Rison easily beat cornerback Otis Smith, and on its 14th play, Freeman riced by Lawyer Milloy at the line of scrimmage. "Big plays did kill us," cornerback Ty Law said. "You never want to go into a game and give up plays like that."

The Packers' point total was the second-highest against the Patriots all season. It was a disappointing turnaround for the defense, although it hadn't seen an offense like Green Bay's.

That defense was shaky for most of the first half of the season. Then Smith and Milloy became starters, Parcels alternated linemen and linebackers to keep them fresh and opponents started finding yards harder to come by.

In their first four games, the Patriots gave up five passes of more than 50 yards, three of them for touchdowns. In their other 14 games before the Super Bowl, they hadn't allowed any pass, plays over 50 yards.



Green Bay's Desmond Howard returns a 99-yard kickoff return for a touchdown in the third quarter Sunday. New England's Mike McCruider can only watch.

SPORTS

Jones plays over field to capture Phoenix; Parnevik 11-back-in 2nd

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP)—Three days of pressure, one to relax.

The formula worked for Steve Jones, who won the Phoenix Open by 11 shots Sunday after setting tournament scoring records for 18, 36, 54 and 72 holes.

The defending U.S. Open champion won his first title since Oakland Hills and the sixth of an injury-interrupted career with a 4-under-par 67, nearly lapping the field at 26-under 258.

Jesper Parnevik shot a 67 during a round on a course sliced by intermittent rain, and was second at 269.

Jones finished with an approach shot that stopped 3 feet from the pin on No. 18 and hit the hole for his sixth birdie of the round and second straight.

On the 17th hole, he drove the green from 332 yards away and then two-putted to reach 25-under.

His final score was one shot off the PGA Tour record of 257 set by Mike Souchak in the 1955 Texas Open, and tied him with Donnie Hammond (1989) and Jack Cook (1996) for second-lowest.

And the victory margin was the widest on tour since Jose Maria Olazabal won the 1990 World Series of Golf by 12 strokes.

The \$270,000 first prize gave Jones the earnings lead with \$346,414 in three tournaments. Cook, who won the Bob Hope, and Mercedes Championships winner Tiger Woods tied for 18th this time.

Nick Price finished third at 270, with Rick Fehr, Mark Calavecchia and Kenny Perry



Steve Jones hits the No. 3 hole bunker at the Phoenix Open Sunday in Scottsdale, Ariz. He won the tournament with a 26-under-par 258.

into the big money with a sparkling 65 in his final round.

Parnevik, who was 11 shots behind Jones, finished with a 69 to finish second.

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Floyd continues Senior Skins domination with 4th straight win

KOHALA COAST, Hawaii (AP)—Once again turning the Senior Skins Game into "The Raymonded Event Show," Floyd dominated the play for the over-50 foursome.

He won eight skins worth a total of \$210,000—including one hole worth \$140,000 Sunday—to capture his fourth straight Senior Skins title.

Jack Nicklaus kept it interesting when he birdied No. 15 to win \$150,000, building his earnings in the two-day event to five skins and \$170,000, and threatening Floyd for the championship.

But that was it for both him and Floyd, as each was eliminated on the second hole of a playoff, leaving Lee Trevino and Hale Irwin to scrap for the remaining \$80,000.

Irwin—playing in his first Senior Skins since he won five skins and went home with \$160,000, half of that with a routine par on the third playoff hole at the Mauna Lani Resort course, Trevino, a late replacement for Arnold Palmer and playing for Trevino's favorite charity, won no money.

Floyd, who picked up \$40,000 over the first nine holes on a Saturday, earned \$140,000 with a birdie on No. 20, \$110,000 of that carried over from the opening day. Floyd wound up his day, earnings-wise, by curling in an 18-foot birdie putt on No. 11 for \$30,000 more.

Floyd won \$17 million in play in five years on the Senior Skins, meaning a total of 10 days, five rounds of golf—to rank as the career money winner in the 10-year-old event.

He wasted no time adding \$140,000 to his burgeoning bankroll on Sunday, ripping his drive on the first hole, the 55-yard par-5 No. 10, 270 yards in the heart of the fairway. He then hit his 3-wood onto the green, leaving 10 feet from the flag, and rapped the putt in for a birdie.

Nicklaus essentially took himself out of the hole by pulling his drive into the tree on the long hole, the fairway and taking a penalty stroke. Irwin just missed his birdie try from 22 feet, and Trevino missed from 15 to leave Floyd with his short putt for the win.

Four holes were tied beginning



Raymond Floyd won the Senior Skins Game Sunday in Hawaii. His eight skins are worth \$210,000.

with No. 12, building the pot to \$150,000 on No. 15, a 202-yard par-3, over waves crashing into lava cliffs along the shore separating the tee from the green.

Nicklaus hit his 4-iron within 4 feet of the flag, with Floyd's tee shot leaving him with a 43-footer, and Irwin and Trevino both about 18 feet from the cup. After the other three missed their putts, Nicklaus finally made his first big-money putt of the tournament to move into position to challenge Floyd for the title.

Irwin, who had won \$40,000 the first day, added \$40,000 more on No. 16 when he popped his chip shot on the 368-yard par-4 practically on top of the flagstick, the ball dropping 1 1/2 feet from the cup. Floyd came closest to tying the hole, but his 10-footer for birdie, which seemed to be heading for the middle of the cup, died just to the left and didn't fall.

The 17th and 18th were tied, but Floyd and Irwin halving the final hole of regulation with birdies, sending the tournament, and the \$80,000 prize money, remaining into overtime.

Unlike the regulation 18 holes in skins competition, if a hole is tied in a playoff, only the players tying the hole remain in contention.

All four tied with pars on the first extra hole, and Irwin and Trevino each birdied, the second to force another hole.

In skins play, each hole, called a skin, is worth prize money, with the money carried over if no player wins a hole outright. The first six holes of the Senior Skins were worth \$20,000 each, from the next six \$30,000 each, and the final six \$40,000 each.

Palmer missed his first Senior Skins in a decade because he is recuperating from surgery for prostate cancer.

Buhl grapples fare well at American Falls

The Times-News

AMERICAN FALLS — Nick Nihall posted the Buhl wrestling squad's highest finish — a lone second place at 145 lbs. — but the Indiana team effort was enough to garner fourth place at Saturday's American Falls Invitational.

"We had some problems up there," Buhl coach Scott Thompson said. "We could have been second or third. We had

some guys over weight and we didn't get two of our guys scored."

Sugar-Salem took first place handsily with 196.5 points, followed by Weiser at 145, Soda Springs at 105, and the Indians at 89.5.

All four teams are ranked in the top five in the current A-2 wrestling poll.

"We had a pretty rough tournament, but I think it opened our eyes a little bit," Thompson said.

"I prepared for state. We've seen the competition that we need to beat."

Buhl's third-place finishers included Eric Butterworth (125 lbs.), Anthony Bartlett (130), Luke Chivers (140) and Dusty Owen (189). Tyke Sonnet (275) placed fourth, Mike Hottman (140) placed fifth and Tom Howell (135) a sixth. Sugar-Salem, 196.5 pts.; Weiser, 145; Soda Springs, 105; 4. Buhl, 89.5.

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Bowl history, and then bootlegged in 1:11 before intermission.

But Curtis Martin's 16-yard TD run at the end of a 53-yard drive cut it to 27-21 and the Patriots seemed to have momentum.

Then Howard struck, as he had so often this season on punt returns, scoring three times in the regular season and again against San Francisco in the playoffs.

He took the kickoff, went straight up the middle, broke into the clear and simply outran everyone. "It was a six-point game and we had the momentum," Bledsoe said. "All of a sudden, he breaks that play and it's back to a 14-point game."

The win was the 13th straight for an NFC team and kept Bill Parcells, who had two of those 13 with the Giants in 1986 and 1990, from becoming the first coach to win a Super Bowl with two different franchises.

"I'm disappointed, because I do think we had a chance there for a moment," said Parcells, rumpled to be leaving the Patriots. "We played hard, we just cracked a little bit under pressure."



Green Bay's Brett Favre prepares to pass in first-half action of Sunday's Super Bowl in New Orleans.

There was, of course, time for sentiment.

The team that wanted to win one for Reggie White did it and he contributed — getting two straight sacks of Bledsoe after Howard's return, and a third late in the game. The three sacks were the most in a Super Bowl since sacks became an official statistic in 1982.

White, who was playing in the first Super Bowl of his 12-year career, also summarized what the Packers felt about a year that could only be fulfilled with a Super Bowl victory. "This week was just a testament to us hanging together and caring about one another after working hard for seven months," White said. "We said in the beginning of the year that we wanted to be here."

Howard, the first special teams player ever to win MVP, finished with a record 24 return yards, the most important the kickoff return.

At the start, it looked like the Packers would fulfill the predictions and their own expectations. They were preseason favorites to win the title and 14-point favorites in this game.

Only Holmgren tried to hold down the exuberance. Until two weeks ago, when his team won the Super Bowl as "that game" rather than talk too much about something he desperately wanted.

Favre, who audibled on both of his touchdown passes, finished 14 of 27 for 246 yards.

Bledsoe was 25 of 48 for 253 yards as New England dropped the run from its attack for long periods. As one point in first period, the Patriots passed on 11 straight plays, a testimony to White and 350-pound nose tackle Gilbert Brum.

"We knew from the start we were going to match the ball down the field on them," Bledsoe said. "We wanted to mix it up."

It worked for a while.

The first half was so explosive that the only sustained drive was Green Bay's nine-play, 74-yard march that took up 5:59 and made it 27-14 at halftime.

Favre capped it with a 2-yard bootleg into the end zone on which he extended the ball over the goal line with his right hand



Reggie White holds the Lombardi trophy after Sunday's Green Bay win over the New England Patriots in the Super Bowl. White, considered one of the best defensive linemen of all time, had never won a championship game at any level of his career, either high school, college or pro.

as he went out of bounds. Dorsey Levens ran four times for 33 yards in the drive, the first time in the game either team was able to move on the ground.

Otherwise, it was punch and counterpunch.

The Packers got in the first blow, when Rison turned around Otis Smith and took Favre's perfect pass over the middle for a 54-yard score. He duckwalked into the end zone, one reason why Holmgren first said when he heard of Rison's availability: "He may not be our type of player."

"I said this week I might start on fire and I did," said Favre, the two-time NFL MVP who has started 1-for-11 in his last two NFC title games.

It became 10-0 on the next series after Doug Evans' interception of Bledsoe set up

Jack's 37-yarder.

But New England came back.

On the next series, Byars broke two tackles and rumbled 32 yards with a screen pass, then Martin took a short pass for Bledsoe and went 20 more. After Newsome was called for pass interference in the end zone on Shawn Jefferson, Bledsoe found Byars for a 1-yard score that made it 10-7.

On New England's next possession, Terry Glenn made an acrobatic catch to complete a 44-yard play that put the ball on the Green Bay 4.

On the following play, Bledsoe found Coates at the rear of the end zone and it was 14-10 with 2:35 still left in the highest-scoring first quarter in Super Bowl history. "I think we were really too psyched up," White said, "and the heat in here was getting to us a little bit. Some of us, our

legs didn't feel too good. But we came back in the second half and did what we wanted to do."

The offense came back in the second quarter.

The Packers had a first down on their own 19 when Favre spotted safety lawyer Milloy alone on Freeman in the slot and audibled.

Freeman streaked past the defensive back, Favre found him perfectly and suddenly it was an 81-yard touchdown — the longest play from scrimmage in Super Bowl history — and a 17-14 lead for Green Bay.

Jack's 31-yard field goal made it 20-14. The kick was set up by Howard's 34-yard punt return, which gave the Packers a first down past midfield.

Then came the long drive, set up by Mike Prior's interception of Bledsoe.

SUPER BOWL

Fox aces Super Bowl

The Associated Press

Fox did a great job on its first Super Bowl. Big deal!

The Fox folks have been televising NFL games for three years now, with two announcers who've been together for 16 seasons, employing dozens of production people who worked at CBS for years, to fans who have seen 31 of them now.

It was another Super Bowl, all right. Just happened to be Fox's first one.

John Madden is 60, Pat Summerall 66, and if they have lost a step, if they occasionally miss a beat, if they've lost a bit off their fastball, they still are the best in the business.

And this is the perfect forum for Fox — a big, razzle-dazzle event that's mostly show but anyway.

Four years ago, Fox didn't even have a sports division.

Now, in less than a year, it has televised the NHL's Stanley Cup playoffs, the World Series and Super Bowl.

Howard

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Howard dropped back at the goal line to take the kick from Adam Vinatieri, while the New England fans, though outnumbered, made the place sound like Foxboro Stadium. So much for that blowout nearly everyone was expecting. This game was going down to the end.

Howard cradled the ball at the 1, burst up the middle, bounced off a tackle by Jason Graham at about the 30 and was gone. And though there was still 3:10 left in the third, the game was basically over.

No longer will Howard be remembered for the touchdown pose he struck during his Heisman-winning season at Michigan. No longer will he be remembered for being a first-round flop at Washington; or for a "forgettable" season in Jacksonville. No longer will he be remembered as the Packer who almost was cut in training camp.

Super Bowl win heats up Green Bay fans

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — It was cold outside, but Packer fever had temperatures soaring for fans hooting and hollering their beloved team to its first Super Bowl victory in nearly 30 years.

George Fuller rang his cowbell madly in the final seconds of the game he watched on the two 18-by-24-foot screens set up at Brown County Arena, where 3,500 fans paid \$5 each to watch the game at "Titelton's Ultimate Super Bowl Celebration."

"I feel positively euphoric," the machine shop foreman from Little Saunico, Wis., said. "The birth of my kids and my marriage to my wife are at the top of my list but this is fantastic."

"It's going to be a long sleepless night!" Jane Harper burst into tears — "The Pack is back," she said — at Mel's in downtown Milwaukee, which announced an hour of free beer after the win. "We're going to tear this place down," manager Ben Bauer said. "That's why I got lawyers and insurance."

The steady snowfall that dumped several inches across the state had some people worried about hyped-up and possibly beer-soaked fans.

There were reports of several minor car accidents before the game ended. Police throughout Wisconsin were probably bracing for Packer fans who had been drinking all day



Green Bay fans enjoy the game outside Lambeau Field Sunday in Green Bay. The temperature was 20 degrees.

pouring out of the bars and onto the streets. Kenosha County Sheriff's Department Sergeant Gil Benn said.

During the game, normally bustling streets in Green Bay carried only a handful of cars as the town virtually stopped to watch the game.

Patriot boosters have mixed feelings after loss

BOSTON (AP) — There was more red, white and blue in New England on Sunday than on the Fourth of July.

Fans donned the colors of the New England Patriots and gathered in bars and private parties to watch the Pats' play in the Super Bowl.

Unfortunately, the Patriotism waned as the outcome predicted by the oddsmakers came true for the 14-point underdogs as the Patriots lost to the Green Bay Packers, 35-21.

The outcome was not a surprise to many fans.

Robbyn Linden, 28, and Valerie Gabriel, 25, both of Somerville, were pleased that the game wasn't a complete blowout. "We both sort of figured that Green Bay was going to win, so we're glad that Green Bay is not slaughtering them," she said during the fourth quarter.

Dominick Silvestri, 48, of Somerville said it just wasn't the Patriots' year. He predicted they will play in another Super Bowl soon.

"A couple more years," he said. "At least it's not a boring game like the last couple of years. It's a lot more exciting."

Enver Sofic, 49, principal of Dexter Park School in Orange, was satisfied as he watched the game at home in Ahol. "I think overall, it's been a big surprise because they weren't picked to be in the playoffs, so it's a sorry or frosting on the cake," he said.

After the first half, he predicted the Patriots would not overcome the Packers.

"They were the successful tonight because Drew Bledsoe could have any one of three roles in the movie the Wizard of Oz. One, he could be the lion with no courage, the Tin Man with no heart, or the scarecrow with no brain," he said.

North Carolina defense stymies red-hot Clemson

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — Second-ranked Clemson came to town with its highest ranking ever but left with the same frustrating result — its 43rd straight loss in Chapel Hill as No. 19 North Carolina got 22 points from Antawn Jamison in a 61-48 win Sunday.

The Tar Heels (12-5, 3-4 Atlantic Coast Conference), trying to rebound from their worst league start ever, played their best defense of the season, confounding the Tigers by switching between man-to-man and zone during most of the game. North Carolina also shot 63.2 percent in the second half.

No. 1 Kansas 77, No. 18 Colorado 68
BOULDER, Colo. — Raef LaFrentz scored 21 points and Jerod Hasee added 20 as top-ranked Kansas survived a scare from No. 18 Colorado before winning 77-68 Sunday. The Jayhawks (20-0, 6-0 Big 12) jumped out to a 13-0 advantage and led by as many as 16 points in the first half,

Men's college basketball

but Colorado guard Chauncey Billups led a second-half rally that put the Buffaloes up 64-63 with 6:19 to play.

No. 3 Kentucky 83, Arkansas 73
FAYETTEVILLE — Nazr Mohammed scored six points in the final four minutes and Kentucky's pressure was too much for Arkansas.

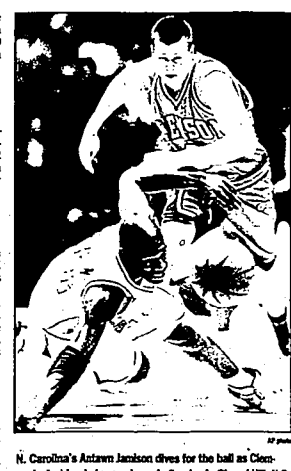
No. 7 Maryland 74, No. 10 Duke 70
COLLEGE PARK, Md. — A couple of alley-oop plays gave Maryland a big boost Sunday in a game that was tied 33-33 with 1:00 left. Laron Profit dunked off a pair of lay passes from Sarunas Jasikevicius down the stretch, helping the No. 7 Terrapins beat the No. 10 Blue Devils 74-70.

No. 9 Cincinnati 100, Southern Cal 81
LOS ANGELES — Reserve Darnell Burton scored a career-high 31 points, includ-

ing six 3-pointers to become Cincinnati's career leader in that category, as the No. 9 run and Indiana held Penn State without a field goal for more than 11 minutes.

No. 23 Texas 78, Missouri 74
AUSTIN — Reggie Freeman scored 17 points and Al Coleman added 16 as Texas beat Missouri, 78-74. Big 12) watched a 15-point lead disappear in the second half but relied on its pressure man-to-man defense and foul shooting to defeat the Tigers (10-9, 2-5).

No. 25 Marquette 61, DePaul 49
CHICAGO — Chris Crawford scored 22 points and Marquette's defense held DePaul to 25 percent shoot-



N. Carolina's Antawn Jamison drives for the ball as Clemson's Andrius Jankauskas closes in Sunday in Chapel Hill, N.C.

Holdsclaw paces Tennessee to upset win over Alabama

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) — Chamique Holdsclaw scored 22 points Sunday to lead No. 8 Tennessee to a 63-60 victory over No. 4 Alabama, snapping the Crimson Tide's school-record 14-game winning streak.

The win was Tennessee's (14-7, 3-3 Southeastern Conference) 17th straight over Alabama.

Dominique Canry scored 22 points and Williams (16-3, 5-1).

Alabama led throughout the first half and held a 37-32 lead at halftime.

The Crimson Tide opened the second half with five straight points, extending its lead to 41-32 — its largest of the game — with 17:27 remaining.

No. 1 Connecticut 91, W. Virginia 54
MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Nykesha Sales scored 25 points as top-ranked Connecticut routed West Virginia 91-54 Sunday.

Kara Walters added 18 points and 10 rebounds for UConn (18-0, 9-0 Big East), which led 51-24 at halftime and was up by as many as 39 points in the second half.

Women's college basketball

No. 2 Old Dominion 107, George Mason 62
NORFOLK, Va. — Mery Andrade scored 22 points and second-ranked Old Dominion scored the first 18 points en route to a 107-62 victory over George Mason on Sunday.

Old Dominion (17-1, 7-0 Colonial Athletic Association) won its 33rd straight league game and topped 100 points for the third time this season. George Mason (12-5, 5-2) got no closer than 16 points after Old Dominion's game-opening run.

No. 17 North Carolina St. 75, Florida St. 36
RALEIGH, N.C. — Chasny Melvin had 25 points and 12 rebounds in 30 minutes Sunday, leading No. 17 North Carolina State to a 75-36 victory over Florida State.

Katie Samuels (17-1) added 12 points for the Wolfpack (13-7, 3-5 Atlantic Coast Conference), and Umeki Webb and Jemier Howard each had 11.

Florida State was the ninth straight loss for Florida State (5-13, 0-9).

SPORTS

Lakers grab early bragging rights

Sonics rebound from 21-point deficit, but final shot falls short

SEATTLE (AP) — The Los Angeles Lakers say they're the best team in the Pacific Division. There was no arguing with them after Sunday's game.

"We know we can beat Seattle," Nick Van Exel said after the Lakers moved into sole possession of first place in the division with a 104-103 victory over the SuperSonics.

"They have five guys who can play, but our bench is deeper," said Van Exel, who led the Lakers to their second win over the Sonics this season with 25 points.

"We have a lot of confidence in our abilities," rookie Kobe Bryant added.

"We know if we don't beat ourselves, no one else will."

Hawkins said the Sonics needed to keep Sunday's loss to the Lakers in perspective.

"We're still got 29 games to go and we'll see the Lakers again," he said. "In that first half, I definitely don't think the Lakers could ever shoot any better than they did."

The Lakers then ran the shot clock down. Van Exel missed a jumper and Bryant got the offensive rebound. By the time his second attempt had been blocked, only 0.8 seconds remained.

Van Exel scored his 25 points on 10-for-21 shooting, including 4-for-12 from 3-point range. Shaquille O'Neal had 22 points and 11 rebounds for the Lakers, who outrebounded Seattle 45-35.

"We didn't have any fire at the start and I don't know why."

— Gary Payton, Seattle guard

"We're doing good things against them now, but we can't take it like we own them," Jones said. "I think you see a lot of young players on this team growing up and making better decisions."

The Lakers ended Seattle's 11-game homecourt winning streak despite squandering a 21-point, first-half lead. "We didn't have any fire at the start and I don't know why," said Gary Payton, who led Seattle with 25 points. "It was embarrassing when we got down by 20."

Seattle blocked two shots by Bryant and had a chance to win the game on a desperation shot at the buzzer, but Hersey Hawkins' shot from the corner bounced off the front rim.

Bryant's 10-foot bank shot with 1:22 to go and Jones' two free throws put the Lakers ahead 104-100 before Payton made a three-point play with 30 seconds left.

"We should have won the game easily if we would have been ready," Payton said. "We're just not taking these games seriously."

The Sonics' Shawn Kemp fouled out with 3:08 left. He had 15 points and 13 rebounds.

Seattle's Terry Cummings hit a 3-pointer with 1:44 left to tie the score at 100 before Bryant's basket and Jones' free throws.

Seattle cut its deficit to 3 points — 80-77 and 83-80 — in the third quarter.

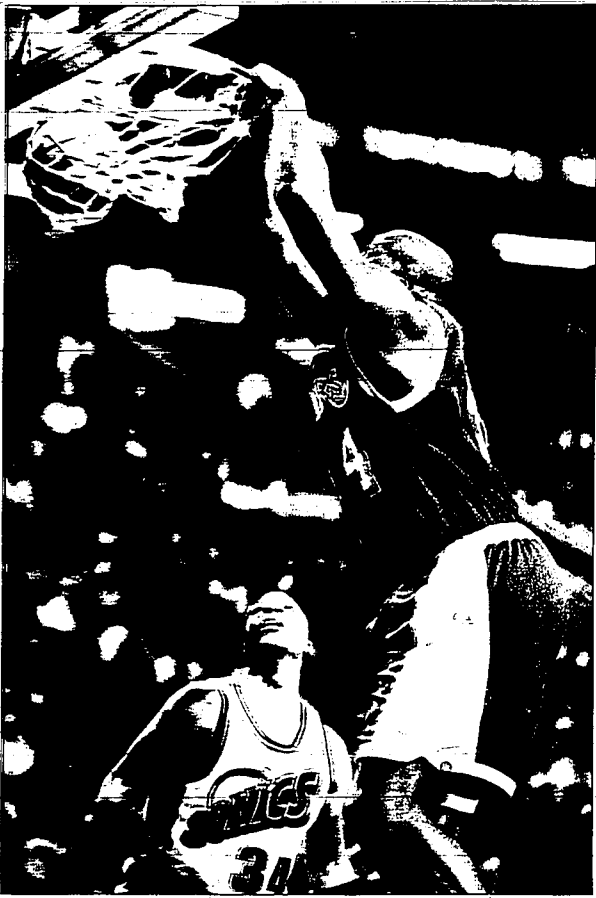
After Van Exel made a 3-pointer, Cummings hit a 3-pointer and Sam Perkins converted a free throw in the final 1:23 of the period. Payton scored 11 points in the third quarter.

After hitting 57 percent of its shots in the first half, Los Angeles was 7-for-22 in the third quarter.

The Lakers took a 21-point lead, 51-30, midway through the second quarter with a 19-8 run that included a 3-pointer and a 20-footer by Bryant.

The Sonics cut their deficit to 62-51 at halftime on Payton's three-point play and Kemp's dunk with four seconds left in the first half.

The Lakers led 32-22 after the first quarter, outscoring the Sonics 8-2 in the final 1:12.

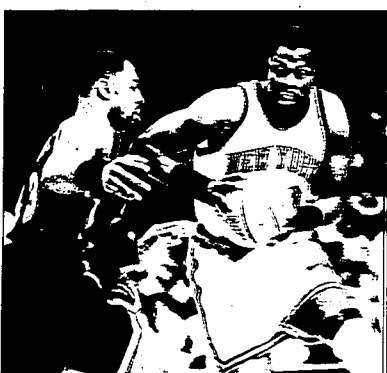


Los Angeles Lakers center Shaquille O'Neal blocks a shot by Seattle's Terry Cummings looking on during Sunday's game in Seattle.

Bucks lock down Spurs; Riley, Heat lose in New York

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Glenn Robinson scored 19 points and grabbed 12 rebounds, leading the Milwaukee Bucks to a 94-76 victory over the San Antonio Spurs, who were held to 10 points in the final quarter Sunday.

Carl Herrera had a season-high 22 points and grabbed 11 rebounds for the Spurs, who have scored fewer than 80 points 11 times this season and have broken the 100-point mark only six times.



New York's Patrick Ewing makes a move to the basket against Miami's Sherman Mousley during first quarter action Sunday in New York. Ewing scored 24 points. Mousley has 22.

Pro basketball

Elliott Perry, who hit the winning basket in Saturday's victory over the Indiana Pacers, gave the Bucks a 13-point lead with a layup off a steal by Robinson that made it 84-71 with 4:15 left to play. The Spurs never got closer than 13 the rest of the way.

Perry entered the game with 3:46 left in the third quarter and the Bucks clinging to a 6-0 lead. He ran the offense and keyed a 12-6 run with four points and an assist. His layup made it 73-64 with 17.1 seconds left in the quarter.

Tony Newman added 18 points for Milwaukee. Sean

Elliot and Will Perdue each had 11 for the Spurs.

Herrera erased a Bucks' 16-point lead with 22 points during a 13-1 run late in the third quarter. He starred the game with six

straight points and finished it with six straight free throws.

Perdue had a three-point play and a basket to get the Spurs within 10.

Robinson and rookie Ray Allen each hit 3-pointers and Chucky Brown scored as a tankard as the Bucks pushed their 49-36 halftime lead to 55-41 early in the third quarter. Brown made his first career-of-the-season, subbing for Vin Baker, who hurt his back Sunday against Indiana.

Knicks 95, Heat 89

NEW YORK — The New York Knicks kept Earl "Big Boy" of the All-Star game Sunday with their 8th straight home victory, a 95-89 decision over the Miami Heat in a matchup of the top two teams in the Atlantic Division.

Eric Reidy scored 22 points, Allan Houston had 17 and Charles Ojike had 16 for the Knicks, who haven't lost at home since Dec. 21 when the Heat beat them 92-87.

The victory prevented Reidy from coaching the Eastern Conference All-Star in two weeks. Since Phil Jackson of Chicago can't coach the All-Star two years in a row, the spot goes to the coach with the most best records through Sunday's games.

A victory would have done it for Miami, but instead the job will go to Doug Collins of the Detroit Pistons.

Alonso Mourning scored 22 points to lead Miami, which lost on the road for just the sixth time this season in 26 games.

The Knicks took control midway through the fourth quarter and stayed ahead by at least four points the rest of the way. The Heat had only one field goal in the final four minutes of the game. New York's first six baskets of the fourth quarter all came from four feet away or closer, and Houston made the string on a 3-pointer with 5:25 left to cap an 11-2 run and give the Knicks an 87-79 lead.

Keith Askins and Mourning hit jumpers to pulled the Heat back within four, but Oakley tipped in a miss and Houston made his second 3-pointer to bump the lead back to nine with 3:43 left.

That was the last field goal until Hardaway made a 3-pointer with 44 seconds left. Keith Askins then came up with a steal for Miami, but Hardaway missed a 3-point try. Houston made two of four free throws and Ewing made one of two in the final 30 seconds.

Drug testing may start in Blackfoot

BLACKFOOT (AP) — Blackfoot High School athletes could be the first in the state to undergo mandatory drug testing.

School officials made the proposal Thursday to the school board and a decision is expected in about two months. The school has tested athletes for two years on a voluntary basis but would like to start mandatory testing to help students.

"We want to be proactive," high school principal Rich Woodfin said.

Woodfin doubts there is more drug use among Blackfoot students than anywhere else in the nation.

"But we're part of the nation," he said. "And the parent-driven voluntary program has been great for knocking down the wall of denial."

About one-third of the student body participates in 11 sports sanctioned by the Idaho High School Activities Association.

The urine test determines the presence of eight drugs: alcohol, marijuana, cocaine, amphetamines, opiates, barbiturates, benzodiazepines and methadone.

Money for testing will come from a state drug grant which funds various school drug programs.

All athletes will be tested before the season begins. Then 10 percent will be tested randomly each week. Testing is confidential between the athlete, parent and a few school officials.

If an athlete tests positive he or she will not be allowed to participate for six weeks. Athletes can opt to become drug free with weekly tests and counseling. If six consecutive tests given each week are free of drugs, participation will be restored.

School officials are seeking public comment at meetings in February and March.

"If we don't feel like there's a high rate of support we won't try it," Woodfin said.

Superintendent Dwayne Wren said parents have been supportive of the voluntary program and several students also think the idea is a good one.

E. Washington AD promises focus on state

SPOKANE (AP) — Eastern Washington University's new athletic director has seen a lot of changes at the school during 25 years there.

But Dick Zornes says not to expect many changes now.

Zornes, who announced Friday he was taking a second tour of duty as athletic director of the Cheney school, said EWU will remain focused on in-state athletes.

"Our program is committed to in-state people to a large degree," Zornes said. "Our school represents the state of Washington."

"We will do as well as we can with Washington athletes," Zornes said.

The school will recruit some athletes from other states, in part because tougher academic standards mean the pool of candidates must be expanded, he added.

Eastern also remains committed to the Big Sky Conference, despite rumors that more of the league's programs may depart, as Nevada, Boise State and Idaho have in recent years.

"Rumors of Montana schools (leaving) have been put to rest," Zornes said.

Italy's Olympic champ keeps streak alive

CORTINA D'AMPEZZO, Italy (AP) — Ever more the female version of compatriot Alberto Tomba, Italy's Deborah Compagnoni won for the fourth time this season, beating German Katja Seizinger handily Sunday in a giant slalom race.

The victory, by nearly six-tenths of a second, was the 11th on the women's World Cup circuit for the 26-year-old skier from Santa Caterina. It also was her third consecutive giant slalom victory, giving her team its third triumph in as many days at Cortina. "I don't know how Alberto feels after a winning streak," said Compagnoni, Sermin's most successful female skier. "I can say I feel great."

Although Tomba didn't win Sunday in Kitzbuehel, he finished second in his combined. The Italian was without record 47 World Cup victories. His craft had taken a few weeks off to final some injuries and begin preparations for the World Alpine Championships next month.

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Reiter earns surprise win in men's slalom; Tomba places 2nd

KITZBUEHEL, Austria (AP) — Austrian Mario Reiter spoiled Alberto Tomba's return to the circuit and ousted dominant teammate Thomas Sykora in the giant slalom Sunday for the fourth victory of his World Cup career.

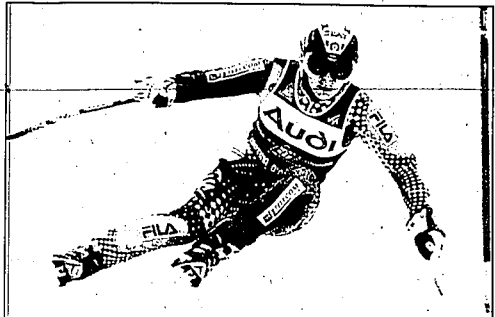
Reiter, second after the first run, had a total time of 1 minute, 36.09 seconds. Tomba, returning after skipping some

events to heal injuries and prepare for the World Alpine Championships next month, finished 29 hundredths of a second behind. Sykora, seeking his fifth straight slalom victory and sixth this season, finished seventh. He was poised to win after leading the first run, but trouble on the lower third of the course slowed his combined time to 1:37.08.

A victory at this venue is cherished

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Italy's Deborah Compagnoni makes her winning run in the World Cup giant slalom Sunday in Cortina D'Ampezzo, Italy.

SPORTS

Australian strong in history, weak in drama

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — For drama, the finals of the Australian Open turned out to be dud, Pete Sampras and Martina Hingis winning so easily that their matches were criticized as a can of the flat balls that drew so many complaints.

From a historical perspective and for a glimpse at the future, the year's first Grand Slam tournament couldn't have asked for more.

Sampras captured his ninth major, surpassing Jimmy Connors and Ivan Lendl and leaving him behind only Bjorn Borg's 11 in the open era. Bill Tilden, who won 10 majors in the 1920s and '30s, is the next target.

If Sampras were to sweep the Grand Slam events this year he would pass Bill Tilden (10) and boyhood idol Rod Laver (11), and catch up to all-time leader Roy Emerson, who collected his 12 majors just before the open era began in 1968.

Only 25 years old, with no thought of retirement in mind, Sampras almost certainly will win more majors than any man in history before his career is over.

"As far as the numbers are concerned, I'm not too consumed with it," Sampras said after dispatching young Carlos Moya of Spain 6-2, 6-3, 6-3 Sunday. "Sure, when you look back at your career, that's what stands out, the Grand Slam titles. I feel like I've got a lot of good years left in me. I want to win more of them. But I'm not consumed with Bill Tilden or Roy Emerson or Rod Laver."

"The French is the one that's missing, and I'll do whatever I can this year, and maybe get lucky, like here, and win it."

For the 16-year-old Hingis, her first major title fulfilled the dreams of a lifetime and perhaps



Pete Sampras keeps cool between games Saturday with celebration and cool towels during his third-set victory in the championship final of the Australian Open against Carlos Moya of Spain.

heralded her future dominance of the women's game. No. 2 now after beating Mary Pierce in straight sets in the final Saturday, Hingis is aiming to go for the top spot this year.

Steffi Graf, despite her fourth-round loss, is still No. 1 and the

best when she's healthy. But at 27, when spending more than half her life on the pro tour and handling injuries constantly in recent years, Graf's desire to keep playing may be waning.

American Seles also has been hampered by frequent injuries

and a diminishment of her most important asset, her fighting spirit. She didn't defend her Australian Open title because of a broken finger, and it remains to be seen whether she ever will play as well as she did before she was stabbed in 1993.

But just as Hingis showed she has the talent to win majors, so do did several men who burst into prominence over the past two weeks.

Chief among them was Moya, only 20 years old and already a finalist and top 10 player after one undistinguished circuit of the Grand Slams last year.

"I was very impressed with the way he played, beating Boris (Becker)," beating Michael (Chang) pretty handily," Sampras said. "He's got a big, game, a big serve, and he backs it up with some big groundies. And he's got a pretty good attitude. So he's someone that's going to be around for a lot of years."

"He's a bit of a marked man now. He's in the top 10, people are going to be gunning after him. That's something that as a young guy I experienced winning the (U.S.) Open at 19. It's a little tough to cope with that. But I think he has a good head on his shoulders, and he will just get better the more matches he'll play. He learned quite a bit playing today."

Another player who learned a lot from losing to Sampras, but showed just as much promise as Moya, was 19-year-old Dominik Hrbaty of Slovakia. On a sweltering day, Hrbaty nearly beat Sampras in the quarterfinals before succumbing in five sets.

Anyone who saw that match would not be surprised to see Hrbaty in a Grand Slam final sometime over the next year.

Spaniard's moving up after finish Down Under

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — The banner on center court proclaimed "Moya the Destroyer."

And after the run Carlos Moya produced the last two weeks, who could doubt him. But on Sunday the only destruction was administered by Pete Sampras, a 6-2, 6-3, 6-3 winner in the Australian Open final.

Still, this was one whirl of a tournament for Moya, the Spaniard with the flowing hair and swashbuckling game.

In his first four Grand Slam tournaments, Moya won a total of two matches. He won six in Melbourne, numbering defending champion Boris Becker and No. 2 seed Michael Chang among his victims. Becker fell in the first round, the same round in which Moya exited the Australian last year.

But that was last year. Now Moya's on the move, climbing in the rankings from No. 25 to No. 9. Not bad for someone ranked 346th at the end of 1994 and who turned pro the next year.

"I was confident I would do it in my career, but not this year," Moya said of gaining the top 10. "Now it is only three weeks into the year and I'm there."

"I'm going to have to change my goal now. My next one will be to keep improving and be a top five player."

He still has a long way to go to catch Sampras, who charged to his ninth Grand Slam singles title on a sweltering afternoon.

"It's hot out here, y'know," Sampras told the 15,000-strong capacity crowd after receiving his trophy. Temperatures reached 90 degrees in the shade and more than 100 on court.

"He's No. 1 and he showed it today," said Moya, the first Spanish man to make the semifinals at the Australian since

"This tournament has changed my life. I'm more popular now, but I'm going to do the same things I have always done."

— Spain's Carlos Moya

nals at the Australian since Andres Gimeno lost to Rod Laver in the 1969 final.

"For him, it was his 11th Grand Slam final. For me, it was my first. I'm 20 and he's 25, he has more experience. But I learned many things today, more than in the last two weeks of the tournament."

Moya's fun Down Under started when he made the final of a warmup tournament in Sydney. Then he upset Becker and scorched a path to the final.

One Melbourne newspaper crowned him "King Carlos," and girls made him their pinup, chased him for autographs and wore T-shirts emblazoned with "I love you Carlos." All the while Moya smiled and looked slightly ill at ease.

"This tournament has changed my life," he said. "I'm more popular now, but I'm going to do the same things I have always done."

Sampras was impressed with Moya, despite the ease of his 67-minute victory. But he warned, "He's a bit of a marked man now, people are going to be gunning for him."

"I think there will be a lot of people wanting for me," he said. "My friends, my family. — There's going to be a party."

Report: Carl Lewis to retire

SUNNYVALE, Calif. (AP) — Carl Lewis, the most decorated track and field athlete in history, will end his career on June 1 in his hometown of Houston.

"A lot of people have been encouraging me to stop and this is the time when I've said it will be my last season. I've

intended to make my final race at Houston in June," Lewis said.

Lewis, 35, has won nine Olympic gold medals and eight world titles. He has been involved in setting 10 world records and he recorded 65 consecutive victories in the long jump between 1981 and 1991.

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Rodman inks deal with shoe company

NORTH READING, Mass. (AP) — Milk, sunglasses, underwear. Now add sneakers to NBA bad boy Dennis Rodman's lengthy list of endorsements.

Converse announced Sunday that the Chicago Bulls' forward has signed a multi-year contract to promote two of its sneakers.

Rodman will appear in advertising campaigns for Converse's performance basketball shoes and the canvas Chuck Taylor All-Star sneaker.

Rodman will wear the black, white and red All-Star branding on the court up to the playoffs when Converse plans to launch a new Rodman shoe.

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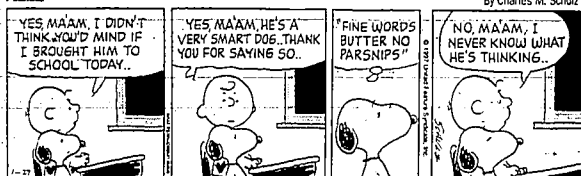
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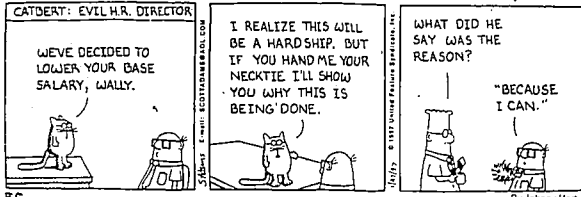
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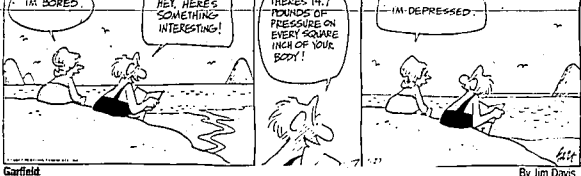
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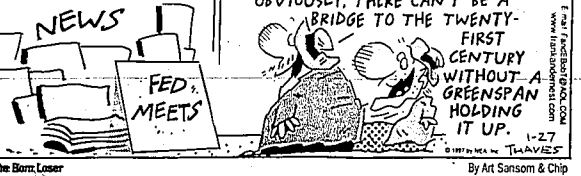
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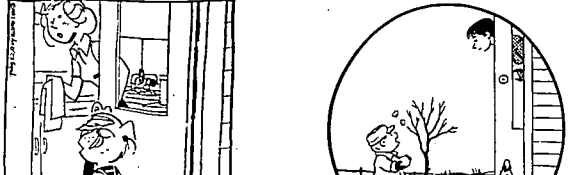
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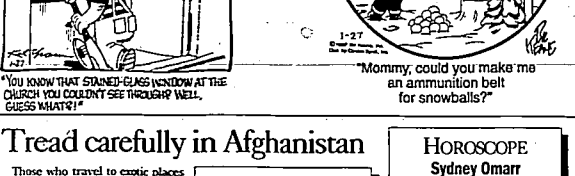
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Tread carefully in Afghanistan

Those who travel to exotic places and do an estimated 10 million land mines still litter Afghanistan's countryside.

"My idea of heaven," said Oprah Winfrey, "is a great big bed and someone to share it with."

In the historical footnotes it's written that England's Richard II upon occasion sat on his throne at length, planning this way, that way, just to watch his courtiers kneel when he looked at them. I had a teacher once who... Never mind.

One who hires and fires people advises women to wear no makeup to a job interview. Our Love and War man questions that counsel. He thinks a woman should step forth on such a mission with full confidence, falsifying nothing, including the daylight face she prefers to show to the world.

Simplest of household humidifiers is a shallow bowl of water in front of a hot-air furnace outlet.

Q: Who was the American Indian called "The Prophet"? And what did he preach?

A: Tenkwatawa. In his elder years, he wanted his tribespeople to reject everything associated with white settlers. In his younger years, he'd personally bartled liquor.

Q: Why is the sort of timepiece you carry in your pocket or wear on your wrist called a "watch"?

A: Because the first to use them were the men who kept the night watch, the "all well" crew.

Yes, a grizzly bear can outrun a racehorse.

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IF JANUARY 27 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY You adore words, language, fashions and fads of other nations. You are a natural humanitarian, will fight when cause is right; You are attractive, dynamic, sentimental, idealistic in romance. Aries, Libra persons play interesting roles in your life. Decision made in February in connection with jewelry, partnership, marriage. Social activities accelerate in March - relative returns.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Strive to overcome distance, language obstacles - opportunity exists to promote talent, product overseas. Love relationship, social success. Sun keynote highlights originality, sensuality.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Focus on collections, trading with one who shares your interests, hobby. Family member talks as if you don't know him to live your own life. Be patient, but enough is enough!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): More space, sunlight in home, working quarters. You'll feel as if renewed - social activities accelerate, popularity increases. Sagittarius, another Gemini play fascinating roles.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Details pile up - get work done early, save moonlight for romance. Taurus, Scorpio persons at first disturb and later scorp you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Scenario highlights recovery, exploration, variety of sensations. Focus on learning more about foreign lands, ethnic cuisine. Virgo native reveals more about money and how it goes that way.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Check Leo message for added information. Judgment on target; ignore those who claim, "It can't be done!" People will be saying, "You did the impossible!" Libra figures prominently.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Absorb knowledge by studying Leo, Virgo messages. Attention revolves around mysticism, intrigue, agreements relating to art, music, literature. Get promises in writing - most necessary.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You have been waiting for this day! Overtime assignment boosts prestige, you could win added recognition and greater financial security. Capricorn becomes powerful ally. Order out of chaos!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Search for soul mate concluded on high plateau. Spiritual values emphasized, reach beyond the material, you can forecast future! Creative aggressiveness serves your interests.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Individuals in far-way place communities, keeps promise, extending creditance. Let go of burden you need immediate. Let go of first place. Language study ultimately proves important.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Terms made crystal clear concerning payments, collections, possibility of inheritance. Cancer native talks about food, travel and is not too subtle about invitation to romance.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): No need to downcast! Everything comes up roses - wardrobe adds to appearance, body language. You're going places. Gemini, Sagittarius persons involved.

City tells United to offer benefits to all

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Disney's done it. So have Levi Strauss, IBM and American Express.

All offer benefits to employees with domestic partners, many of whom are homosexual. Companies and employees alike say the policy improves morale and can sharpen the recruiting edge.

But nobody forced the decisions. No David aimed a slingshot at a corporate Goliath. Then San Francisco told United Airlines it had to obey an ordinance requiring companies doing business with the city to offer spousal benefits to their workers' unmarried same-sex partners.

"We're surprised... We're disappointed," said Mary Jo Holland, a United spokeswoman in Chicago.

Holland said that if United offered benefits in San Francisco, it would have to offer them worldwide. United had no estimate of what such compliance might cost.

United already complies with a New Zealand Human Rights Commission ruling banning benefits that apply only to married couples. That ruling permits New Zealanders to nominate any beneficiary, and United now allows its employees in New Zealand to follow suit.

"The beneficiary could be your next-door neighbor or your auntie," said Gordon McLachlan, a United spokesman in New Zealand.

In San Francisco, United employees say they don't want to take the issue that far. But they do want to be able to offer benefits to their chosen families, straight or not, married or not.

"It's about equity," says Kent Bloom, a flight attendant who has worked 22 years for United and hopes to one day offer his benefits to his partner, Mike Ownbey. The issue arose after United asked for a new 25-year lease to build kitchens and a maintenance facility at San Francisco International Airport. With approval from the Airports Commission, the company started construction, never dreaming San Francisco's Board of Supervisors would block the \$13.4 million project.

The supervisors also rejected a lease for Pacific Bell Mobile



Kent Bloom, 40, left, and Mike Ownbey, 32, have been living together for more than a year and are considering registering as domestic partners. Bloom, a flight attendant who has worked for United Airlines for 22 years, hopes one day to offer his benefits to Ownbey.

Services; its parent company, Pacific Telesis, says it's seriously considering adding domestic benefits throughout its operations.

There is some question whether federal laws allow a city to drive corporate benefit plans. But other U.S. cities, including Seattle, West Hollywood, Boston and New York, are thinking about similar policies.

Meanwhile, San Francisco Supervisor Tom Ammann, co-author of the law, is playing down any conflict with United, which is scheduled to appear before the board Monday. "It's been blown out of proportion," Ammann said of the law, which was signed last fall and takes effect in June. "When people read it, any resistance is greatly diminished."

"The fine print, he says, states that the company in question must offer benefits only to employees who ask and who are registered as domestic partners in cities where that is possible, such as San Francisco

and New York. If United were to adopt such a policy in this country, it would be the first major U.S.-based airline to do so.

"But we want to be able to evaluate until June, just like everybody else," United's spokeswoman said.

Several international airlines already have more inclusive benefits. Qantas Airways, for example, has offered benefits and travel passes to its Australian employees' "nominated beneficiaries" for years.

In Israel, a 1994 lawsuit forced El Al to offer domestic partner benefits. And Air Canada has offered domestic partner benefits to its 18,000 Canadian employees since early last year.

This is not a light matter for either the city or the airline. United is a major player in San Francisco; its facility here, the company's major maintenance hub and gateway to trans-Pacific flights, employs about 20,000 people — almost one-fourth of all

United employees worldwide. United traffic is 40 percent of all airline business at the San Francisco airport.

Homosexual employees, who've formed more than one group to push for domestic partner benefits, say the company has treated them well.

United has sponsored AIDS walks and the AIDS Memorial Quilt. It is the official airline of San Francisco's Gay Men's Chorus and has hired marketing people to target homosexual customers.

"They don't go out there and wave rainbow flags, but they were the first U.S. airline to ban discrimination, and we were the first to form a gay and lesbian group," said Thomas Cross, a flight attendant.

But the issue of domestic partners, he says, has caused discomfort.

"They've never just said no," Cross said. "They just looked at us with this blank stare as if to say, 'We don't really want to do this, we don't really want to talk about this.'"

Bloom, Cross' fellow flight attendant, remains hopeful, saying, "The company's there. They just haven't taken that last jump off the cliff."

Relief groups question Sudan hostage bargain

WASHINGTON (AP) — There was a sense of relief after an American congressman was able to secure the release of three international Red Cross workers who had been held captive by rebel warlords in southern Sudan.

Everybody seemed to come away a winner: The hostages, including an American, won freedom after 37 days. In return, the Sudanese rebels received rice, jeeps, radios and medical assistance.

And Rep. Bill Richardson of New Mexico, who cut the deal, burnished his image as a negotiator par excellence, and President Clinton rewarded him with the nomination as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

Among humanitarian relief organizations, however, the deal Richardson wrought drew a line in the remote Sudanese village Gogrial has caused deep unease. Some believe the negotiated settlement imperils humanitarian workers in Sudan and perhaps elsewhere by rewarding the rebels for their hostages' freedom.

"Any time you establish a precedent for a payment, you have to at least feel you're encouraging more hostage taking in the future," said Bob Seiple, president of World Vision, a Seattle-based private relief organization with about 10 Americans in Sudan.

"We simply will not get into the buying back of hostages," he said.

Stephen Richards, executive vice president and chief operating officer of the International Rescue Committee, said all the items the Sudanese received has a military use. The security risk of humanitarian workers is



A week before Bill Richardson was appointed U.N. Ambassador, he secured the release of 3 international Red Cross workers held by Sudanese rebels. Some relief organizations believe the deal put other humanitarian workers in danger.

increased where insurgents think they can trade hostages for such items, he said.

"We're quite concerned," he said, noting that his group has three Americans and four other expatriates working in southern Sudan.

The International Committee for the Red Cross did not portray the items bartered as militarily useful. A statement from its Geneva headquarters said the ICRC provided "some food and nonfood assistance on the basis of nonverbal humanitarian needs of the population in the Gogrial area." It said the four jeeps were for humanitarian purposes.

Committee nears vote time on school rules

BOISE (AP) — Darrell Looole, the top assistant to state Schools Superintendent Anne Fox, spent a lot of time at the Legislature last week.

For five days, Looole spent two hours a day before the House Education Committee explaining the sweeping revisions to public school operating rules that remain on the table as the 1997 session opens its fourth week.

House Education Chairman Fred Tilman, R-Boise, plans to give Looole another shot on Monday. Then on Tuesday, his committee will have to start deciding whether to accept, reject or modify the proposed changes.

Tilman said the first decision probably will be on a proposal from a state Board of Education-appointed committee to cut physical education requirements in favor of boosting math and science core requirements by two credit hours.

A lot of witnesses this month have argued against that change. Fox said one where he really ought to consider rejection. "Tilman said, although he doesn't have any idea how the committee



will vote. "We will get a great deal of discussion on that."

It is less clear how the committee will move on other recommended changes.

The 1994 Legislature repealed all existing school rules as of this April 1, requiring the lawmakers come up with rules of their own or pass a resolution extending the deadline another year.

The recommendations cover 378 new rules and Tilman is certain that many of the proposals will stir little controversy. But he plans to remind committee members that even if rules they oppose go into effect, the Legislature always can change them later.

Senate Education Chairman Gary Schroeder, R-Moscow, also plans to spend the week working on the rules.

Health officials try ways to boost sagging immunization rates

BOISE (AP) — Public-health officials trying to boost sagging immunization rates recently completed a study comparing three ways of reminding parents when their children's shots are due.

Officials used postcards, phone calls and telephone messages.

The automated telephone messages were the least-effective method of getting parents to immunize their kids, according to preliminary results of the study. Postcards and personal calls from grandparents volunteering their time, worked equally well.

"I don't know of anyone else in the state that has done anything

like that," Merlene Fletcher, immunization program manager for the state, said of the study.

The results of the study were presented Friday to the board of the Central District Health Department, which serves Ada, Boise, Elmore and Valley counties.

"We are making some changes, because we were thinking of going with an automated system," said Laura Albright, manager of the Health Department's office of health policy.

For now, parents of children age 2 and younger receive postcard reminders when their kids are due for immunizations.

New AIDS drug to be distributed to eligible Idaho patients next month

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare will offer the new AIDS medication Crixivan to eligible Idaho patients starting Feb. 17.

Merck & Co.'s protease inhibitor was approved by the Food and Drug Administration last March after a record-fast review of about 14 months.

When combined in a cocktail of older medicines, protease inhibitors have substantially reduced the level of virus in patients and, at least temporarily, improved their health.

The annual cost of the medication is about \$4,500 per individual.

Health and Welfare said Idaho will pay for the medication using federal funds.

An advisory committee of physicians with expertise in the treatment of HIV and AIDS helped develop the medical eligibility criteria for Idaho patients. Health and Welfare said the guidelines would be used to ensure all patients applying for state-subsidized medication are evaluated in the same manner by their physicians.

Besides medical eligibility, there are income guidelines that will determine eligibility to receive Crixivan, the agency said.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS, IDAHO 83301, proposing a change of name to RUSSELL COLLE FULLERTON, E. ASH has been filed in the above entitled Court, the reason for the change of name being:

1. I, have remarried and would like for Russell to have the same last name as I do.

2. John Ash is the only father this child has ever known. In such objections, show the Court a good reason against such a change of name. Robert S. Fort Clerk

By: Gary Dan Deputy PUBLISH: MONDAY, January 20, 27, February 3 and 10, 1997.

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In the matter of change of name for JEREMIAH LEVI NUNES a minor. A petition by Teresa Ann Ash for the minor child, JEREMIAH LEVI NUNES, who was born July 15th, 1983, at Twin Falls, Idaho, new residing at 353 3rd Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301, proposing a change of name to JEREMIAH LEVI ASH has been filed in the above entitled Court, the reason for the change of name being:

1. Jeremiah's father has not contacted him since 1988.

2. Jeremiah would like to change his last name to Ash, so it would be the same as his mother and stepfather.

3. Jeremiah has known John E. Ash as his father for the last 5 years.

The name of the minor child's father is ORALYVO JOSE MUNIZ and his address is P.O. Box 902, Parma, Idaho 83660.

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