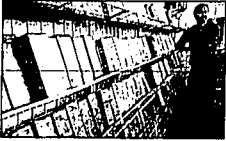


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CHILLY SUNSET



A cool winter sun, slightly obscured by clouds on the horizon, still shines bright as it signals the end of a day.

Climb aboard: Another Fox critic considers '98 challenge

By Karen Tolkkinen Times-News writer

BOISE — Lawmakers, school superintendents and now a former campaign worker are seriously looking to challenge state Superintendent of Schools Anne C. Fox in the 1998 Republican primary. Jack Kaufman, who worked on Fox's 1994 campaign and filled her newly cre-

ated ombudsman position in the state Department of Education for five months during 1995, said he's been sending out feelers for three months.

Those who know him say he's more conservative than Fox, who drew campaign support from conservative Christians who oppose "outcome-based education" and federal programs such as

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State may use high-tech photos to check water rights

By Karen Tolkkinen Times-News writer

BOISE — You've seen the aerial, infrared photographs of Idaho hanging on office walls.

Now similar photos may be used to hasten the settlement of 160,000 water rights claims in southern Idaho. Colors in the photos, when analyzed, can determine whether land is irrigated land or dry rangeland, cultivated land or recently harvested land, said Karl Dreher, director of the Department of Water Resources.

Analysts can overlay the photo with property tax records, to determine who the owner is, and can get a better sense

of whether a farmer is within his or her water right.

"It's a way for us to check the validity of claims visually and it's very efficient," he said. "In fact, it may isolate or identify discrepancies that we might not otherwise see."

Photo work on three southern Idaho "test basins" could be complete by year end, Dreher said.

Trying to speed up the settlement, or adjudication, of water rights will become the focus of the next year, water judge Daniel Harburt told lawmakers Monday. The \$4 million-a-year process has no ending date.

"I can't say whether it will be two years or three years," he said. "I can't

City could receive \$100,000 legal bill

Lawyers' fees add up in Walden case

By Kent McCreary Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The city of Twin Falls will pay the legal bills for Don Walden, a former police detective the city doesn't expect to rehire, and those bills could be in excess of \$100,000.

Walden, 57, was a Twin Falls police officer working for a multi-county drug investigation task force. Saturday, a Twin Falls District Court jury found him innocent on charges of racketeering and misuse of public money.

Under state law, bills from Walden's defense attorney, R. Keith Roark of Hatley, will go to the city. If a police officer is charged with a crime within the course and scope of his employment, and if he provides his own defense, his agency must pay legal bills if the case is dismissed or the officer found innocent.

That describes Walden's situation. State prosecutors charged Walden and his partner, Juan Nunez, with stealing and illegally using evidence money seized from drug suspects. Although Walden was acquitted, Nunez, who was paid-by-Castia County, was convicted of the charges facing him.

Walden had been a police officer with the city of Twin Falls since December 1976. The city was still paying him when he was assigned to the drug task force in late 1989; he supervised the task force for more than four years.

Police were called to the task force office early on the morning of Jan. 30, 1995, to investigate an apparent burglary. The burglary turned into an investigation, and eventually an indictment, over money, drugs and weapons missing from the task force evidence room.

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Twin Falls Police Department not likely to rehire Walden

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Police Department terminated Donald L. Walden, Sr. Nov. 21, 1996, and it's unlikely the department will hire him back, Police Chief Les DeVore said.

Walden's defense attorney, R. Keith Roark, said Walden and the city had agreed that Walden would end his employment with the department by resigning.

Walden told The Times-News Saturday after his acquittal that he was on unpaid administrative leave from the department, and couldn't say if he planned to return to work.

DeVore said the department conducted an internal investigation and terminated Walden because of policy and procedure violations. DeVore said the violations were "related to the same issues," but "not specifically" the criminal charges against Walden.

Roark said DeVore didn't want the baggage of having Walden on the department.

Police departments don't want officers around who have been charged with a highly publicized crime, Roark said.

"The feeling is a police officer's reputation is like a clean white shirt. If you spill coffee on it, that's it, it's just not something you want to wear to church," Roark said.

Roark said the situation was difficult for both sides, because the trial was twice delayed. Roark said Walden couldn't cooperate with the department's internal investigation because he was under indictment.

"It's a bit bitter about all that. Obviously, we're not pleased with everybody's timing," he said.

Walden was within four years of retiring when the investigation began, Roark said, and has more than 30 years of law-enforcement experience.

Lott says Medicare charges should rise

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott said Monday that senior citizens should pay more for their Medicare benefits to keep the program solvent into the 21st century.

"You cannot continue to provide more and better services and say, 'Oh, and by the way, you don't have to pay for it,'" he said. "The truth of the matter is, the people who are getting the benefits are going to have to bear more of the costs."

Republicans have generally welcomed President Clinton's willingness to squeeze more money out of the Medicare program. But Lott, R-Miss., was the latest congressional leader to voice doubts about the way Clinton has proposed saving \$100 billion from Medicare over five years: cutting payments to hospitals and insurers, with just modest increases in premiums.

Lott's comments came as the government announced health care spending rose 5.5 percent in 1995. But government spending for programs such as Medicare jumped 8.7 percent, while private health costs increased just 2.9 percent from 1994, according to a report released Monday by the Health and Human Services Department.

The disparity is largely because most privately insured people use managed care plans, the report said. Medicare, which serves nearly 38 million elderly and disabled Americans, enrolls just 10 percent in managed care.

"There is new urgency to our need to reform Medicare," HHS Secretary Donna Shalala told the American Hospital Association.

Cosby admits tawdry chapter in life in TV interview; goes back to work

Police push hunt for son's slayer

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Bill Cosby, TV's most beloved family man, acknowledged in a television interview Monday night that he had an affair with the mother of a 22-year-old who claims to be his illegitimate daughter.

Cosby denied to Dan Rather on "The CBS Evening News" that he is the father of the young woman, Autumn Jackson. But in a portion airing Sunday on "60 Minutes," Rather asked if there was a possibility he could be.

"There is a possibility," Cosby said in a transcript. "If you said, 'Did you make love to the woman?' the answer is yes. 'Are you the father?' No."

"On the birth certificate, it's not my name," Cosby explained in part of the interview aired Monday night. "I had not spoken to the mother during her pregnancy nor her delivery nor some 14 months until we finally spoke."

"Never — she never called me

tell you it'll be easy. But I can tell you it'll get done."

The chort court has changed its focus from working on the more deeply controversial irrigation water rights to the smaller domestic and stockwater rights. That's to clear 100,000 or so water rights out of the system before focusing on irrigators who have expanded their acreage without first seeking permission and who are harming another farmer's water supply, Dreher said.

But the more serious conflicts could be partially cleared up with the aerial photos.

"I suspect we'll find acreage under irrigation that doesn't have a valid right and we'll deal with that," he said.

One of the more serious conflicts involves an amnesty statute passed in 1994.

The law recognizes that users could expand the water right without going through a permitting process as long as it didn't injure other rights, Dreher said. That, historically, has been the way water rights have been assigned.

The problems arise, he said, when those senior water rights users are favored over junior users who jumped through all the procedural hoops.

"We knew there was concern about the amnesty statute," he said after fielding questions about it from lawmakers. "It has deeper roots than we thought it did."

and then one day when I called her for a second rendezvous, she came and she made the announcement."

Cosby, who has been married to his wife Camille for 33 years, went back to work Monday on his CBS show "Cosby" for the first time since the Jan. 16 slaying of his 27-year-old son Ennis. He entered the Queens studio by a back door and made no comment.

The producers said an episode called "Florida," which was to have been taped the week Cosby's son was shot, was being taped today. At Cosby's request, taping would be done without the usual live audience. Taping of another episode was planned for Friday, this one with a live audience.

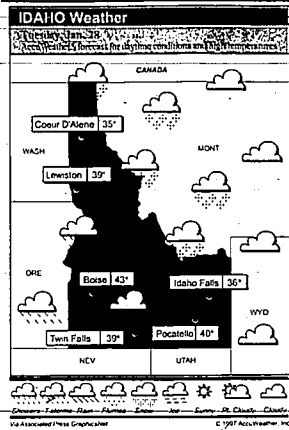
Federal prosecutors charge that on the day Ennis Cosby was shot to death changing a fat tire in Los Angeles, Ms. Jackson and Jose Medina, 51, sent a fax to Cosby's representative demanding money. She and Medina were

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Bill Cosby sat in front of a portrait of his son, Ennis, for his interview Monday.

WEATHER



FORECAST

Magic Valley
Magically with a chance of snow this morning and of snow and rain this afternoon. Highs near 40. West winds 5 to 15 mph. Tonight mostly cloudy with a chance of snow and rain early in the evening. Lows 20 to 25. Wednesday partly cloudy. Highs near 40.

ACROSS THE NATION

Rain, snow move eastward as chill air rolls into Texas

The Associated Press
Rain and snow stretched across much of the eastern half of the nation Monday while arctic air sent temperatures plummeting as far south as Texas.

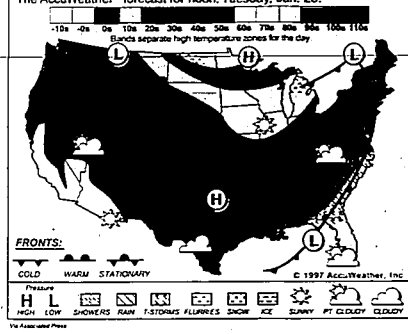
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Table with columns for Max, Min, Precip, and Twin Falls weather data for various Idaho locations.

SKYWATCH

Sunset today 5:46 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:55 a.m.
Lunar phase: Full, Jan. 23 last quarter, Jan. 31; new, Feb. 7; first quarter, Feb. 14.

NATIONAL Weather



TEMPERATURES

Table listing temperatures for various cities like Albuquerque, Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Detroit, Houston, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Miami Beach, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, New Orleans, New York, Phoenix, Pittsburgh, Portland, Reno, Salt Lake City, San Francisco, Spokane, and Washington.

HIGHS & LOWS

Idaho: High, 40 degrees at Payette. Low, 10 degrees below zero at McCall. Nation: High, 87 at McAllen, Texas. Low, 37 below zero at Plentywood, Mont.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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ROAD INFORMATION

For current road conditions, call these numbers: Boise, 376-8028; Shoshone, 886-2266; Pocatello, 233-6744; Idaho Falls, 745-7278; Utah 801-964-0005; the Elko, Nev., area, 702-738-8888.

Fox

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School-to-Work and Goals 2000.
'He feels that Anne is too liberal,' said Nick Hallett, superintendent of the Meritoka School District, who once worked with Kaufman at the University of Idaho.

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Kaufman himself is harder to pin down. He's a Christian conservative. He said, 'I don't want to belong to any particular political group. I'm not a card-carrying member of anything,' he said. 'If I had my way, I wouldn't carry my Social Security card.'

Walden

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The city placed Walden on paid administrative leave during the investigation. As of 1996, according to city records, Walden was paid \$2,925 per month, according to city records.

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In September 1993, Twin Falls officer Dan Chatterton was cleared of a misdemeanor charge of using excessive force during an arrest 13 months earlier.

Cosby

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arrested in Cosby's lawyer's office after allegedly trying to negotiate a \$24 million payoff.
In the past, Cosby representatives have denied that he was Ms. Jackson's father and described her as merely one of several young people who have received money from Cosby.

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Ennis Cosby was slain, Cosby told. Rather his life must return to normal.
'I think it's time for me to tell the people that we have to laugh — we've got to laugh,' Cosby said. 'But I just want the people to know — those who watch me, those who are with me — it's over for looking at me to do anything but go back to that which I am.'

ROAD CONDITIONS

BOISE (AP) — Snow and icy spots were reported on many Idaho highways Monday afternoon, the Idaho Department of Transportation said.
Road conditions:
U.S. 95 — Riggins-Whitebird Hill, dry; Whitebird Hill, broken snow floor; Grandeville-Lewiston, broken snow floor; Lewiston-Moscow, dry; Weiser-New Meadows, dry, icy spots.

Idaho 75 — Broken snow floor, snow floor.
Idaho 75 — Shoshone-Ketchum, wet, icy spots; Galena Summit, broken snow floor.
Idaho 75 — Idaho City-Lowman, icy spots; Broken snow floor; Lowman-Banner Summit, closed.
U.S. 20 — Mountain Home-Fairfield, wet, icy spots; Fairfield-Curey, dry, fog; Arco-Idaho Falls, icy spots; Idaho Falls-Ashton, wet, icy spots; Ashton-Montana line, wet, broken snow floor, snow floor.
U.S. 26 — Idaho Falls-Wyoming line, icy spots, broken snow floor, snow floor; Blackfoot-Arco, wet.
Idaho 51 — Wet.
U.S. 93 — Nevada Line-Arco, dry; Arco-Salmon, wet, broken snow floor, snow floor; Lost-Traill Pass, wet, broken snow floor, snow floor.

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NATION

Report: Lake tried to hide U.S. role in arms sales

WASHINGTON (AP) — Anthony Lake's National Security Council knew that disclosure of Iranian arms sales to Bosnia would be "dynamic" and sought to leave no fingerprints when tacitly approving it, Republicans contend in a newly declassified report.

The document, portions of which were blacked out in a White House security review, is to be released later this week. A copy was obtained by The Associated Press.

The report by a select House subcommittee says Lake — nominated by President Clinton to head the CIA — kept the CIA and Congress in the dark about the U.S. role in the shipments. It also says the account given by Lake and other senior administration officials was contradicted in sworn testimony by two senior diplomats.

The subcommittee's criticism of Lake is expected to be raised during his confirmation hearings next month.

The report examines President Clinton's April 1994 decision not to object to Iranian arms passing through Croatia en route to Bosnia. The secret decision ran counter to the administration's public support for an international arms embargo over the former Yugoslavia.

The Republicans said Lake's testimony about the administration policy contradicted the

sworn testimony of Peter Galbraith, the U.S. ambassador to Croatia, and then-special envoy Charles Berlind.

Lake's statements were supported in the report by his deputy, Samuel Berger, Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott and Lake's European adviser, Jennifer Walker.

The subcommittee reached no conclusion on whose testimony was truthful.

In dispute is the National Security Council role in instructing Galbraith, who sought guidance before meeting with Croatian President Franjo Tudjman. Because of its sensitivity, the question went immediately to Lake.

On April 27, 1994, Lake conferred with Clinton aboard Air Force One en route to the funeral of former President Nixon. Clinton approved an option in which Galbraith would tell Tudjman that he had "no instructions" about the arms shipments. In diplomatic parlance, that meant the United States would raise no objections.

Galbraith gave Tudjman the "no instructions" message on April 28. But the ambassador was concerned that Tudjman still believed the United States might oppose the shipments, according to the testimony report.

Walker questioned the "no instructions" guidance in a telephone call to Galbraith. She added,

according to Galbraith's testimony, that Lake had spoken "with raised eyebrows and a smile." Galbraith took this to mean he could be more clear about U.S. intentions with the Croatian president.

Neither Lake nor Walker recalled any such body language. Lake, furthermore, told the panel that it was the State Department's responsibility to officially instruct Galbraith.

A clear endorsement of the

arms shipments by the United States risked angering European allies who feared that open support of arms shipments could provoke Serb attacks on their peacekeepers in Bosnia.

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Deficit looks smaller than it did last year

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Congressional Budget Office believes federal deficits through 2002 will be lower than expected, moderately easing the task President Clinton and Republicans face in their effort to eliminate deficits.

Clinton and Congress will need to find \$154 billion in savings in 2002 to balance the budget this year, CBO says, a number less than the \$26 billion less than the nonpartisan budget office estimated for that year last May.

Over the next five years, total deficits will be one-third smaller than the budget office projected last year, says the testimony, which CBO Director June O'Neill plays to deliver Tuesday to the Senate Budget Committee.

But in a sobering reminder of the task Clinton and Congress face, the budget office still expects deficits to resume rising next year unless savings are enacted. That would end the streak of four consecutive years in which the shortfall has shrunk from the record \$290 billion deficit of 1992 to last year's \$107 billion.

In her testimony, O'Neill warns that actual deficits could be worse if the economy sputters, and that the retirement of baby boomers after 2007 will make the long-term picture considerably bleaker.

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Millions given to assist torched black churches

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's largest association of black churches announced a \$12 million church rebuilding and arson-prevention initiative on Monday.

Officials of the Congress of National Black Churches Inc. announced that \$6 million of the total will come from a grant from the Indianapolis-based Lilly Foundation.

They said the rest would come from public and private-sector "partners" and

through a fund-raising drive.

At a news conference at the National Press Club, Bishop John Hurst Adams, founder of the organization, said about \$3 million of the money will be used over the next three years to rebuild or repair some 50 black or multiracial churches in the South. Fire-retardant materials will be used in the work.

Adams and other officials said the rest of the fund will be used to provide black church-

es with anti-arson security systems and for educational efforts to increase understanding and reconciliation in communities where churches have been burned.

The effort will begin with pilot programs in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas. Eventually, projects will be started in Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Missouri, North Carolina and Virginia.

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NATION

Estate tax cut given new life

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bucking the adage about nothing being certain but death and taxes, business and conservative interests are pushing for relief from the tax most associated with death — the estate tax. And prospects in the new Congress have improved.

Separate proposals by Senate Republicans and Democrats as well as the Clinton administration face stiff competition for scarce tax-cut dollars. There is talk of a per-child tax credit, a capital gains tax cut and expanded Individual Retirement Accounts.

Nevertheless, estate tax relief received a boost when Senate Majority Leader D'Amato, R-Miss., included an \$18.6 billion reduction over five years in the symbolically important first 10 bills introduced this year.

Defenders of the estate tax point to its turn-of-the-century roots in reformers' desire to break up the concentrated wealth of the Vanderbilts, Rockefellers and other moneyed families. And they say the current exemption of all estates valued under \$600,000 means that all but the richest 1.2 percent of estates owe the federal government nothing.

But there are concerns that the estate tax is leading to a loss of family-owned farms and small businesses.

Advocates of a cut — which now can go to as high as 55 percent of the value of the largest estates — say the levy is fundamentally unfair. "Confiscatory" is the word Lott uses. It allows conglomerates to gobble up family businesses from cash-strapped heirs, critics say.

House Ways and Means Chairman Bill Archer, R-Texas, said it was too soon to say whether estate-tax changes would fit into the budget. "I'm not even thinking that far down the line," he said.

But because President Clinton and Senate Democrats have their own proposals — though far more modest than the Senate Republican plan — there's a good chance of a compromise by the end of the year.

"Both parties recognize the importance of ... maintaining family farms and small businesses ... and we hope to find a way to do that," said Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D.

The GOP estate tax cut is three times larger than the \$6 billion package included in the balanced budget vetoed by Clinton in 1995. The Republican plan would gradually raise the floor on estate values subject to tax, from \$600,000 to \$1 million, in \$50,000 annual increments.

It also would help family owned businesses and farms by exempting from taxation the first \$1.5 million in assets and halving the tax on the value greater than that. And it would allow whatever tax is assessed on family-owned businesses and farms to be paid over 24 years, up from the 14 years in current law.

Clinton last year proposed expanding eligibility for the existing program, which permits heirs of family-owned businesses up to 14 years to pay. It would have shaved only about \$1 billion over six years from estate tax collections, which are expected to reach \$17 billion this year.

Yeltsin's illness may delay summit with Clinton

WASHINGTON (AP) — Citing Boris Yeltsin's ailments, U.S. officials said Monday the Russian president's summit meeting with President Clinton may slip until April and be held outside the United States.

But they dismissed any suggestion of a cancellation, saying the two leaders intended to get together.

Yeltsin called off a trip to the Netherlands Monday, a sign he was not recovering quickly from the pneumonia that felled him three weeks ago.

Last week, the Russian president indefinitely postponed a summit meeting with the heads of the other former Soviet republics.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said Friday the U.S.-Russian relationship would be advanced with or without Yeltsin in charge at the Kremlin.

Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin is due in Washington next week for meetings with Vice President Al Gore. A more certain line on a Yeltsin-Clinton

summit should develop then.

A precise time and place for the Yeltsin-Clinton summit was never announced. But U.S. officials had said they probably would meet in the United States in March.

Meanwhile, Albright is planning a round-the-world trip next month that is likely to include a stop in Moscow. Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott went to Moscow last week to prepare for both the summit and the Gore-Chernomyrdin talks.

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EDITORIAL

What's at stake in youth summit? Merely the future

Idaho has become a refuge from big-city problems - so much so that we tend to take our kids' well-being for granted.

We do so at our peril, as last week's Idaho Kids Count report showed.

While the Gem State ranks better than America as a whole in most indicators of children's well-being, the report showed that Idaho's teen-violent death rate was 13 percent higher than the national average, and that the state's dropout rate remained 33 percent above that of the country as a whole.

That's why the Year of the Family Information Summit, organized by the Boys & Girls Club of the Magic Valley and the Twin Falls County commissioners, is a good idea.

For the next year, parents, public officials and professionals who deal with children will get together once a month to talk about subjects such as child abuse prevention, time management, family safety and family values.

The idea is to help rebuild the family and to keep young people away from crime, violence and substance abuse.

As simple as that approach might seem, it works.

Good kids go bad for many reasons, but open communication - among parents, children and those who work with children - is still the most effective way to prevent it.

Building a community that cherishes, values and protects its children is in the interest of everyone who cares about the quality of life in Twin Falls.

Compacency, on the other hand, is an open invitation to trouble.

Look at any community where drugs, gangs and neglect have gotten out of control, and you'll find a place of locked doors and closed minds.

Most of us live in Idaho, or moved here, because this place still has a moral center - in stark contrast with the violence and moral bankruptcy of so many of this nation's urban areas.

Twin Falls is still a good place to grow up, and the youth issues summit will help make sure it stays that way.

So get involved. Attend tonight's organizational meeting at the Boys and Girls Club, or club director Karlan Tounis (736-7011) or County Commissioner Brent Reinke (736-4069) and volunteer your time, your energy, your ideas.

The only thing at stake is our future.

Get involved

The Year of the Family Information Summit will be held at 7 tonight at the Boys & Girls Club of Twin Falls, 725 Shoshone St. S.



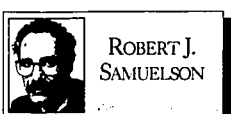
Women don't work out of necessity alone

Few ideas are so deeply embedded in popular consciousness and political debate as what I'll call the "two-earner myth." It holds that two workers - a husband and a wife - are now needed to make the same income that the husband attained in the 1950s and 1960s. Women have flooded into the labor market (the theory holds) mostly to offset the lost earnings of their husbands. Her income gets the couple back to where it would have been if his wages weren't dropping. Families feel stressed. And why not? Mothers must choose between putting food on the table and caring for their children.

The theory has broad appeal. Conservatives see it as one reason that "traditional" families are under assault; liberals view it as a pretext for aggressive government programs to raise economic growth. But the theory is mostly bogus, though not the feelings that go with it (as I will explain in a moment). Here's what actually has happened:

• Women didn't initially enter the job market to make up losses in their husbands' salaries. The index began in the 1950s, two decades before any downturn in men's wages. Between 1950 and 1970, the proportion of wives with paid jobs rose from 23 percent to 39 percent. By 1995, it was 61 percent. Maybe the pioneer working wives of the 1950s and 1960s sought to raise their families' incomes; if so, the reason wasn't their husbands' falling wages. Most wages rose rapidly during these decades.

• Since the early 1970s, men's wage growth has slowed. But the increase in wives with jobs is concentrated among upper-income couples - precisely those who need the extra money least. Among the richest fifth of husbands, the share of work-



ROBERT J. SAMUELSON

ing wives rose from 45 percent to 71 percent between 1973 and 1993, reports economist Gary Burtless of the Brookings Institution. Wealthier husbands not only earn more, but their wages and salaries have shown the best gains. By contrast, wages for many low-skilled workers have dropped (after adjusting for inflation).

The "real" incomes of most two-earner couples have consistently risen. Among poorer workers, wives' earnings may offset some drop in their husbands' wages, but that isn't true at the top of the income spectrum or probably in the middle. In 1995, the median two-earner couple - the one in the middle of the income distribution - made \$55,823, about 23 percent more in "real" dollars than a similar couple in 1970, says the Census Bureau.

If men's wages suddenly surged, some wives might stampede back into the kitchen. Most would not. We've had an upheaval in attitudes and customs. Call it feminism, call it ambition, call it anything. Most women - and most men, too - now think that women should have the chance to work and pursue a career.

One unexpected consequence of this change is more economic inequality. Well-paid workers increasingly marry each other and dominate the top of the income spectrum, while poorly paid workers increasingly don't marry (or don't have two

workers) and drift toward the bottom. Between 1970 and 1995, the share of families with only a single mother rose from 11 percent to 18 percent. Since the late 1970s, these changes may explain about half of the increase in family income inequality, estimate Burtless and economist Lynn Karoly of the Rand Corp.

Another unintended consequence is that families are increasingly used to two earners for a middle-class lifestyle, while only one was required for the 1950s' or 1960s' version. But here's the catch: Today's middle-class lifestyle is a lot richer. If people want to duplicate their parents' lifestyles, they can unplug their air conditioners, sell one of their cars, discard their VCRs and PCs and stop sending all their kids to college. As more wives work, the two-earner couple becomes the norm. Couples still can have one parent stay at home, but only if they don't mind sliding down the income ladder or are exceptionally rich.

Everyone wonders how Mom and Dad could have done it all while Mom stayed at home. One reason is that Mom and Dad didn't live so well, materially at least. Another reason is that Mom didn't have much choice.

The larger point is that the dilemmas of the two-earner couple don't arise mainly because incomes (men's or otherwise) are growing slowly. People compare themselves to people like themselves. As more women work, the comparisons adjust quietly. It's women's wages, more than men's, that create pressures for women to work. We have more choices now than ever, but they aren't necessarily easier.

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LETTERS

Reader unmoved by woman's tale

I wonder if I could call you backward and small-minded and get away with it? But I would have to add paranoid and presumptuous to it. I'll bet that I have had, more of the people reading this have had, more stars than you have gotten when I go places. Could it be that everyone hates me? Did it ever occur to you that people might enjoy seeing some variety in town?

And did anyone ever enlighten you to the fact that kids are cruel? They'll find something to tease about. And we've certainly had their share of name-calling, teasing and physical harm done to them.

It's people like you who perpetuate these kinds of myths and instill paranoia in others. But hey, if it works, why not keep it going? You are right about one thing though, racism and bigotry are being taught to children, and from the looks of your article it's clear to me that it's your children that are being taught to. Maybe we should all line up so you can separate those of us who are "open minded" and those who are "bigots."

I wonder which side you would stand on? So, Ms. Waddles, whatever you're looking for, you're going to have to look elsewhere because I'm not buying into your tactics.

STEPHANIE HOLMAN
Twin Falls

Happy 24th birthday, baby Roe

We just celebrated little Roe's 24th birthday. She was born Jan. 22, 1973. That day, the Supreme Court voted with the majority of American cabbage heads who, minding their wallets, decided to flush a few million micro-babies down the toilet. So what?

Our eldest daughter, who shall (mercifully) remain anonymous, occasioned a heated discussion twixt my wife and me not so long ago. Suppose she was pregnant and determined to snuff her kid? So went the hypothetical "dialogue." My wife had her chin tucked to the mercurial bedpost to prevent her from her seemingly magnetic attraction to the Twin Falls doctor who performed clandestine child-ectomies. And I was offering to drive her to the abortionist. My wife and I had, shall we say, a mild difference of opinion. Not the stuff of which unitive marriages are created.

Being Catholic, of course, means you got to be pro-life, never mind that the Catholic abortion meter ticks just as loud as everybody else's. But it sounds good on paper

anyway. Of course, there are a few Catholics who really believe all that Vatican puffery (or is it wisdom?).

So why do I offer to drive my daughter to the abortion clinic? Catholic TV theology? What can I say? You may recall a new defunct TV show, "Life Goes On." (We called it the downer dupe show.) Remember Corky, Rebecca and Page? In one episode, there's this fat guy with a butch haircut and a pickup truck. He offers to drive his girlfriend, who is pregnant by somebody else, to the clinic. "Page," he says, "every bone in my body rebels at what you are going to do but I love ya." He would take every minute he could grab to try to talk her out of it, but the last steps she would have to walk alone. So Page walks into the clinic shop and has the expensive cancerous lump removed from her uterus. After a few commercial messages about orange juice and potato chips, Page emerges. "I couldn't do it," she sighs.

So my TV theology lessons taught me the lessons to which real love can go when confronted with real freedom. Praise God for TV religion!

Like a high-stakes poker game, there's a lot on the table. We're gonna win big, or we're gonna lose big. Or one more card to draw. Happy 24th birthday, darlin'.

PHIL AULTI
Borger

Kindness helped girls weather storm

On Jan. 11, a terrible winter storm covered the Magic Valley. The roads were treacherous and the visibility was zero. The Jerome girls basketball teams had already traveled to take part in a ball game.

As a parent, I wish to thank the Jerome High School coaches for deciding not to travel home after the game and for working with the Burley High School staff and patrons in finding enough beds so our girls could spend the night. Thank you to the Burley High School staff and a special thank you to the Burley parents who opened their homes to our girls.

A trying situation was turned into a wonderful experience for my daughter. Also, I would like to thank KART radio for relaying messages to and from coaches, bus companies and parents during this difficult time.

STEVE MARSHALL
Jerome

There's more to sandhill story

This letter is in regard to a Jan. 18 article about sandhill crane hunting. Several things should be pointed out to get "the rest of the story."

Idaho already has a quota for sandhill crane tags but chose not to use them until now. Montana, Utah, New Mexico, Wyoming, Arizona and Colorado already have sandhill crane hunts, so not using these tags did not save these birds. The tags were therefore given to another state to use. By not holding a hunt, Idaho became a safe haven and some birds from other states migrated to Idaho. The benefit of hunting cranes is not the harvest of the birds but the hazing of the birds out of the fields and back to the lakes, marshes and river bottoms.

Lure crops can be an aid in keeping cranes out of fields, but this brings up a big question. Who pays? Should it be farmers who already are suffering financial hardships from high costs and low prices? Or should it be the sportsmen who already pay the full budget of the Fish and Game? Maybe, it should be the Friends of the Sandhill Crane and the Idaho Audubon Council who should pay to study the problem, purchase the land and seed, and pay for the planting and care of this lure crop.

When an animal endangers a point that it is threatened or endangered, we step in and protect it, and rightly so. If all

goes well, that animal can recover. When recovery is too successful, that animal then overpopulates its habitat and becomes a problem. Hunting, though, not always popular, becomes an effective tool to control problem populations.

SCOTT HOFFMAN
Buhl

The truth about BLM, wild horses

A recent Associated Press story that the Bureau of Land Management's wild horse adoption got wide play in the Idaho press. It made for good reading - if you have an appetite for fiction.

With only the flimsiest of evidence, the AP writer claims that the BLM allows 90 percent of its wild horses to end up in slaughterhouses where they are processed for human consumption in Europe. Further, the story alleges that BLM employees are obtaining horses at a cut rate and then selling the animals to processors.

Let's set the record straight for Idaho. It's unlikely that any Idaho wild horses end up on dinner plates in Europe. There are no packing plants in the state that process horse meat for human consumption. The last one shut down in 1994.

A handful of BLM employees have adopted wild horses in Idaho. When they did, they filled out an application, got in line and paid their full fees, just as every other adopter did. Virtually all wild horses adopted by BLM employees in Idaho

can be accounted for. Most of them are still with their original adopters.

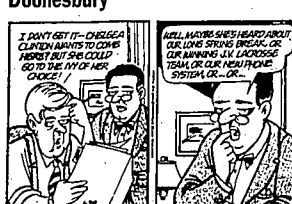
Some of these adopted horses are used for pleasure riding. Some are show horses. Others are taken to schools for educational purposes, and a couple are even used for helping to rehabilitate troubled youngsters. The AP writer visited with BLM employees who have adopted horses and have done very well with them. Of course, she didn't bother to mention the success stories in her piece.

Does all this mean that wild horses never end up at a slaughterhouse in other states? No. Some animals just don't work out for owners who have earned title to the horses. They may end up selling the animals, and some horses could be sent to a processing plant, along with thousands of their domesticated cousins. Once title is granted by the BLM, we no longer keep track of the animals, and a wild horse's fate is in the hands of its owner.

But 90 percent headed to the dinner tables of France and Belgium? Nonsense. The BLM employee the figure is attributed to vehemently denies ever saying it. If you're interested in wild horses, call the nearest BLM office and talk with an expert. That way, you'll know the facts and not have to rely on fiction and romanticized hearsay.

JACK SEPT
Communications Director
Bureau of Land Management

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By Garry Trudeau



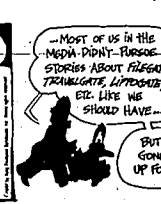
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Secret papers detail Soviet interrogation of US POWs

Korean War proved valuable for Moscow

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some U.S. fliers captured during the Korean War gave Soviet interrogators valuable information on everything from troop sleeping times to battle tactics, according to newly released documents held for decades in Russian secret files.

The Soviets saw Korea as a window on the future—a future that officials in both Moscow and Washington feared might include World War III. "We feared a Russian attack, just as they must fear a U.S. attack," one U.S. pilot told his interrogators.

Some American airmen who fell into communist hands after being shot down over North Korea and China resisted cooperating with their interrogators. Others provided reams of military data as well as personal observations on morale in the U.S. ranks. Some said they saw little sense in the war.

"So the killing continues, and I simply tried to finish my 100 flights so that I could get back to my wife and family faster," one fighter pilot is quoted as saying. Another called the 1950-53 war — in which hundreds of thousands of Koreans and Chinese and more than 50,000 Americans were killed — a "completely useless affair."

It certainly was not useless to Soviet intelligence, however. Well over 200 captured airmen apparently were pumped about the latest weapons. The Soviets, who carefully hid their role in Korea, were looking for clues to how their potential U.S. enemy would fight in an all-out war.

The Russian government has acknowledged holding interrogation records on only about 30 American POWs from Korea. Records surfaced as part of a joint U.S.-Russian investigation into the fate of unaccounted for American POWs.

There is no indication the POWs were tortured. To cloak Soviet involvement, the questions were posed by either North Korean or Chinese officers. The Soviets orchestrated it and sometimes put eavesdroppers out of view.

The Pentagon classified the reports after receiving them from Moscow in 1992. An Associated Press request for them in 1993 under the Freedom of Information Act was denied. After considering an AP appeal for three years, the Pentagon released the material with some parts blacked out.

It is clear from the reports that the Soviets were eager to learn details of the Air Force's most advanced fighter, the F-86 Sabre, especially its radar gun sight. They also wanted names of U.S. pilots and crews in Korea, locations of bases, flight routes, combat tactics, air rescue plans, details of radar systems and information about development plans for new U.S. combat aircraft.

"The Russians were convinced this was just a dress rehearsal for the real thing" — a global, possibly nuclear, conflict with the West, said Paul Cole, a private analyst who uncovered the first



Retired Brig. Gen. Michael DeArmond, an F-86 fighter pilot shot down over North Korea in 1952, recalls intensive questioning by North Koreans with a Russian observer present.

Soviet interrogation reports in Moscow several years ago: "We know they interrogated hundreds of our pilots."

A question raised, and not yet fully answered, is whether the interrogations were the first step in a Soviet scheme to take some of the most valuable POWs to Soviet camps. If that did happen — and the U.S. government is increasingly convinced it did — none returned to tell about it.

In a recent report based on more than four years of investigation, a Pentagon team said it had found indications the Soviet MGB — predecessor to the KGB — had a hand in interrogating U.S.

POWs in Korea and in transferring them to Soviet territory. "The evidence is not conclusive but it is highly suggestive," the report said.

In releasing the documents, the Pentagon cautioned that the information passed to the Soviets "may not be factual" and that some of the Americans may have lied to their interrogators to avoid giving up useful information.

The Pentagon blacked out the names of the Americans, citing privacy considerations.

The AP was able to identify some of the men through other means. One is Michael DeArmond, a retired Air Force brigadier general who was a 23-year-old first lieutenant when he was shot down in an F-86 fighter over North Korea on April 21, 1952.

DeArmond of Clifton, Va., recalls being questioned intensely by his North Korean captors — with what he assumed was a Soviet intelligence officer observing — during the first two months of his confinement. He said he refused to confess to germ warfare but answered some other questions about U.S. activities.

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Korea. Suffering from a broken arm and a compound fracture of his leg, he withstood two years of ceaseless questioning. In an interview, Heller said he does not recall seeing any Russians during his captivity, but among the Russian interrogation reports are 12 pages of material Heller acknowledges describe him, his shutdown and some of

the things he said in captivity, including an admission of flying over Chinese territory. The Russian documents include two separate reports on interrogations of Roland W. Parks, who abandoned his malfunctioning and fuel-starved F-86 fighter over Chinese territory on Sept. 4, 1952, after a dogfight with MiG-15s.



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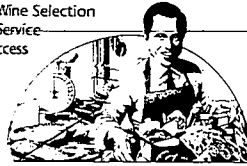


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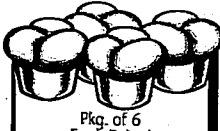
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lb



Crisp 'N' Delicious
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Choose from
Red Leaf,
Green Leaf, Romaine

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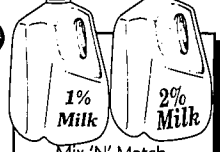


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Spam Lunch Meat..... **\$1.89**

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12 oz. Western Family
Grape Juice..... **69¢**

20 oz. Nabisco
Oreo Cookies..... 2/ **\$5**

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Tortilla Chips..... **\$1.99**

20 oz. Western Family
Frosted Flakes..... **\$1.79**

Astd. Betty Crocker Box
Fruit Chews..... 2/ **\$3**

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25 Lb. Western
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Unbleached, Better
For Bread

Flour

\$3.99



64 oz. Western
Family

**Spaghetti or
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\$2.79



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Prints or White

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2/ **\$5**



Astd. Flavors
Betty Crocker
Hamburger or Tuna

Helpers

3/ **\$4**



24 Pack

Pepsi Cubes

\$6.29

2 Liter... 89¢



25 Lb. Bag
Western Family
Granulated

Sugar

\$7.99



Keystone Beer or
Light 12 Pack Cans

Beer

\$4.69



Viva Ultra Big Roll

**Paper
Towels**

2/ **\$3**



15 oz. Western Family
Hot or Regular

Chili

First 2/ **\$1**
Additional... 59¢



70-95 Ct. Selected
Kleenex Facial

Tissues

3/ **\$3**



32 oz. Kraft
Miracle Whip

Dressings

\$1.69



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AROUND THE VALLEY

Man sentenced in fatal automobile accident

JEROME - The sentencing of a Twin Falls man who pleaded guilty to misdemeanor vehicular manslaughter in connection with the traffic death of the Shoshone police chief should serve as a warning to other drivers, according to Jerome County's Magistrate Court.

In a sentence handed down Monday, John Thomas Lane, 31, was ordered to speak at the monthly meetings of the county alcohol education and traffic safety school for a year. Magistrate Judge Thomas Berntsen also ordered Lane to write a letter to The Times-News describing how the accident and court case has affected his life.

Lane was also sentenced to 360 days in jail, 300 suspended, two years probation and a \$1,000 fine, \$300 suspended.

The delivery truck Lane was driving on along U.S. Highway 24 north of Jerome on May 29, 1996, drifted into the wrong lane and collided with car driven by Chuck Cox, 44, who died at the scene.

According to court documents, Lane claimed the truck drifted when he dropped his two-way radio microphone and reached over to pick it up.

A felony vehicular manslaughter charge against Lane was filed last week. But his court-appointed attorney and the Jerome County prosecutor later agreed to reduce the charge to a misdemeanor and the case was sent back to Magistrate Court.

CSI braces for tight budget year, new growth limited

TWIN FALLS - Despite strong political allies on the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee, the state is going through a tight budget year and probably won't give the college \$25,000 for new growth, CSI assistant Jerry Meyerhoeffer told the board of trustees Monday.

"The proposed detail of funds could mean larger classes, or more students unable to take more classes at the times they want to, he said later.

In other board business, student enrollment in classes offered on local television channels this semester is disappointing, probably because few students know about the offerings so far, said Jerry Beck, College of Southern Idaho's dean of instruction.

Student enrollment exceeds the expected minimum of 12 students in campus courses in only two television courses and CSI's summer course, "English 101." Student enrollment ranges from four to 10 students in other courses, Beck said.

One class, titled "math concepts," has only one student enrolled, he said.

Also, trustees heard a report from Jim Woods, director of the Heritage Center for Arts and Sciences, who said the public has been complimentary of the center, and he expects up to 45,000 visitors next year.

Marvel expects Land Board will deny grazing lease

HAILEY - The Idaho Watersheds Project has been awarded a state grazing lease near Hailey, but president Jon Marvel expects the state Land Board will reject the bid. Idaho Watersheds filed a bid on a Thursday auction with current leaseholder Alan Posey for 320 acres of school endowment land on Della Mountain, adjacent to the Hailey city limits.

Posey opened the bidding at \$1 per acre, or \$320 in total. Marvel said Monday, Idaho Watersheds responded with a \$1,000 bid and was awarded the lease.

Posey has 20 days to appeal the auction if he has been "aggrieved" at its outcome, Marvel said.

Marvel and Idaho Watersheds Project have been trying to lease state grazing lands, particularly along streams, to demonstrate that stream quality could be improved by keeping cattle out.

Marvel said a complicating factor in the Della Mountain lease is the city of Hailey has applied for the same land. He said both Idaho Watersheds and Posey were informed that any grazing lease there could be canceled if the town wins it.

Hailey officials are concerned about proposed lighted communication towers on the mountain, as well as wetlands below, he said.

Daughter to accept award on Raymond's behalf

TWIN FALLS - The teenage daughter of Roy and Verma Marie Raymond will accept a national award on behalf of her father this week.

Panel introduces Stubbs' bill

By Karen Tokheim
Times-News writer

BOISE - A Twin Falls lawmaker has introduced a bill to tighten lobbying restrictions that critics fear will favor Boise residents over those in the rest of Idaho.

Rep. Mark Stubbs, R-Twin Falls, would like to expand the definition of lobbying to include those who attempt to sway legislation through contacting public employees or advertising through the media or the Internet.

It would also affect those who receive at least \$100 in payment for lobbying



Mark Stubbs

activity or at least \$500 in expenses. Such lobbyists would be required to pay \$10 and register with the Secretary of State's office.

Such a provision would force more disclosure, Stubbs said. But Rep. Jeff Alltus, R-Hayden Lake, said that could force an out-of-town resident whose expenses are paid by someone else to report as a lobbyist, while a Boise issue could testify on the same issue

without registering.

"It seems to be a little unfair," he said.

The House State Affairs Committee Monday voted to introduce Stubbs' bill.

"I'm not sure we know the ramifications of his bill in total," said House Majority Leader Bruce Newcomb of Burley, who supported sending it to a public hearing. "I'd kind of like to see who comes out of the woodwork on this."

Lawmakers objected to a provision in the bill to require cities and counties to pass ordinances before hiring a lobbyist. An exception would be

lobbyists who represent multiple cities, counties or taxing districts, such as the Idaho Association of Counties or the Idaho Association of Cities.

"They're some of the ones we see most often," said House Minority Leader Jim Stiochich of Sandpoint.

Local governments use tax dollars to pay lobbyists, who sometimes push for local option taxes or more dollars for local government.

The committee removed the exemption, upsetting Stubbs, who thought it was unnecessary for cities and counties to pass an ordinance every year unless they hire their own lobbyist.

Longtime local video business hits dead end

Video West to close doors Saturday

By Pat Marcantonia
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Leaning against the counter at Video West, Jeff Grigg, 52, looks weary. He has been there for his regular customers showed up each weekend, each renting as many as six or seven movies.

Those were the days before 40 cable channels, mini-satellites or the national channels hit town.

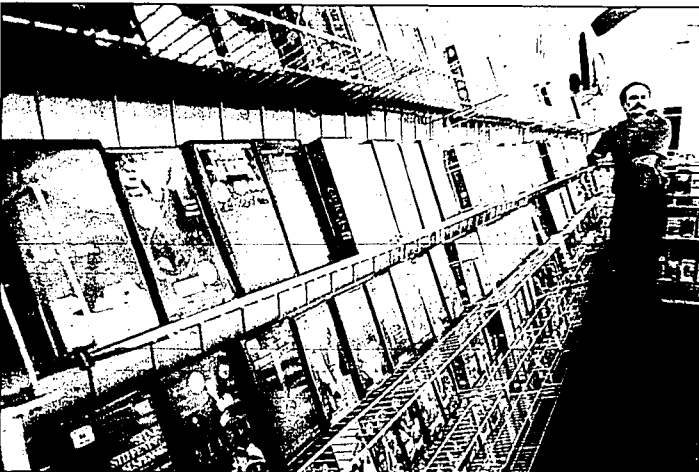
For Grigg, those days are gone. On Saturday, he will shut down one of the oldest video stores in Twin Falls.

Video West opened 14 years ago in the former Blue Lakes Mall, now the site of the Fred Meyer grocery store. At the time, there was only one other rental store in town, said Grigg, who purchased Video West seven years ago.

"It's a firm business to be in. I enjoy watching videos," he said. The store moved to 1856 Addison Ave. E. in 1994, Grigg says. Then the market began to melt like a video left out in the sun.

Video rentals turned ubiquitous, showing up in grocery and convenience stores, but none here to match as a large national chain store. His business fell almost 20 percent with the opening of

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Video West owner Jeff Grigg spent seven years renting movies to Magic Valley customers.

City contemplates limiting water agreements with developers

By William Brock
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - For years, it has been common policy for city officials to guarantee water hookups to subdivision developers no matter when construction will end - but now the city is leaning toward a different time offer.

Top city employees discussed the idea with the City Council at Monday's meeting and council members appeared to favor the idea. The proposal is still in the discussion phase and no formal action was taken.

"We've got a lot of subdivisions out there that are basically lying dormant," said Water Superintendent Mike Trabert. Last year, the city had outstanding obligations of around 500,000 gallons a day.

Those obligations, coupled with rising demand for city water, could evaporate the chances for other developers to tap into the water system.

The issue ultimately hinges on fairness, Trabert said. "and I don't want to have to say, 'No, I've already got that (water) tied up.'"

To prevent developers from indefinitely tying up city water supplies, Trabert and others have hatched a plan to limit the city's commitment to a single year. The limited-time offer would apply to new developments beyond city limits, but clearly destined for annexation into the city.

It could mean developers would shift into his gear and build as much as they could in a year to nail down water for domestic and firefighting purposes, Councilman Chris Talkington predicted.

In a related matter, the council unanimously approved a \$49,000 plan to boost water pressures in the Wilstar Subdivision - allowing the developer to proceed with the next phase of construction.

The city will lease a subdivision lot for \$1 per year, then install a 20-horsepower booster to increase pressure in nearby water lines.

"It's a short-term solution that allows us to meet our commitments," Trabert said.

Over the long haul, the city hopes to drill a new well in the area, thus making more water available; when that happens, the city will be able to salvage about \$27,000 worth of equipment from the booster system.

The Wilstar Subdivision lies within a troublesome one-square-mile area on the east end of town, where water pressures for firefighting are alarmingly low. The area is bounded by Eastland Drive, Kimberly Road, Addison Avenue East and Hankins Road.

In yet another water matter, the council unanimously approved a \$76,420 bid to drill a new well near the city's water reservoir on South Washington Street. If things pan out, the well is expected to produce about 4.5 million gallons per

day.

The city is on an increasingly urgent hunt for water. Most city drinking water comes from a spring that feeds the Blue Lakes, on the north side of the Snake River, but flows from that spring have been decreasing steadily in recent years.

As supply dwindles, demand has been rising - sometimes exceeding 30 million gallons per day on hot days in summer. By 2015, peak demand is expected to top 50 million gallons a day.

In other action Monday, the council: Pledged to pay up to \$10,000 to cover half the cost of enlarging tree wells in the city's downtown area. The Historic Downtown Twin Falls business improvement district will cover the rest of the cost, said Executive Director Elaine Steele.

Backed a request from Tim Obenchain, who wants to build a home in the Hidden Lakes Estates Subdivision near Dierkes Lake. Obenchain wants to keep his home from intruding on the skyline around Dierkes Lake, but his preferred location is fairly close to the rim of the Snake River Canyon.

Appointed Greg Lanting and Janet Roe to the city's Golf Advisory Commission. Council members unanimously approved Lanting - even though he gave them a furious tongue-lashing last month after they imposed a \$1-per-season surcharge on all season-pass holders at the municipal golf course.

Arguments laid out in Butcher case

By Mike Maller
Times-News correspondent

BOISE - Prosecution and defense attorneys confidently outlined their respective strategies Monday in opening arguments in the first-degree murder trial against Kody Butcher.

Butcher, of Paul, is accused of the April 10, 1996, murder of Blake Morgan Jr. in Rupert.

"An execution. Once. Twice. Three times," prosecuting attorney John Bradley told the jury to finish his opening statement, jabbing the air with two fingers extended from his left hand into the firing of a handgun.

"I challenge the state to prove that," said public defender Randy Stoker, emphasizing to the jury that the prosecution had no witnesses who could testify that Butcher held the gun and shot Morgan.

Butcher, clean-shaven with nearly combed-back hair, wearing a cotton rugby shirt and new blue jeans, took notes on a yellow legal pad during the opening statements.

The trial, moved from Minidoka County to Ada County due to pretrial publicity, is on the move again, but this time within the Ada County Courthouse. Opening statements were held in a cramped courtroom Monday, and hearings today and Wednesday will be held in different courtrooms.

Monday's hearing before Rupert District Judge J. William Hart was held in a courtroom so small that alternate jurors had to be seated outside the jury box, crowding the attorneys making presentations, and forcing Stoker to place his three file boxes behind him in the spectator pews.

The first day's prosecution witnesses - two neighbors, an acquaintance of Morgan's and the chief investigative law enforcement officer - set out the evidence from the crime scene the night of the murder.

In a pretrial ruling, the court denied a defense request to suppress a statement Butcher made while he was questioned by Stuart Robinson of the Idaho Department of Law Enforcement.

Calm, cold and collected, 2 snowmobilers survive frightening night in backcountry

By Julie Casey Lyon
Times-News correspondent

STANLEY - Two snowmobilers survived a potentially lethal mishap, thanks to preparedness and a few right choices. Blaine County residents John Adams and Best Haddock reached shelter safely last week after a tumble into a creek left Adams wet, cold and 30 miles from his truck.

"I'm hoping this article helps someone

else learn from our experience," Bloedel said.

The two men, each 60 years old, had been heading home after a day of snowmobile cruising northwest of Stanley, when Adams misjudged the edge of a bridge. His snowmobile fell into a steep gully and landed in foot-deep water in Bear Valley Creek.

With 30 years of experience in backcountry snowmobiling, Adams knew he was in trouble. Then things got worse:

Trying to right his snowmobile, he fell backward into the creek.

"It was a near-worst case scenario," Bloedel said. "I say near-worst case, because John didn't break any bones. Getting wet out there that far from nowhere is disastrous."

Adams was stranded. It was 5 p.m., and nighttime temperatures would dip to 25 degrees below zero. They were 28 miles to the nearest outfitter's and 30

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Floods worry Gem legislators

BOISE (AP) — Having seen multimillion-dollar damage bills from two floods in less than a year, Idaho lawmakers are uneasy about prospects for even more flood damage — and bigger bills — this spring.

And the \$8 million Gov. Phil Batt earmarked for a 2 percent state employee pay raise could be diverted to cover those expenses.

"The problem is the budget," Senate Republican Caucus Chairman Mel Richardson said on Monday after the GOP majority discussed the situation for an hour behind closed doors.

"We're trying to lose \$10 million somewhere," Richardson said. "Where are we going to get it?"

Just last week, the co-chairmen of the budget committee essentially discounted talk of stiffing state workers on a proposed pay hike.

Richardson said eliminating the pay hike was only one of the number of alternatives broached during the caucus and no consensus was reached.

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With the past two floods causing nearly \$100 million in damage — about 10 percent of it covered by the state — the governor said resources are stretching to the limit now and spring flooding will only exacerbate that.

"Obviously, none of us are happy with the fiscal strains we're in, but all of the budgets have been tightened down so much," he said, that the employee pay raise "is a logical place to look."

State cell space is full, another 500 inmates are being held in county jails or a private prison in Minnesota and 350 more will be shipped to facilities in Texas this spring. In just the past 12 months, the prison population has risen by more than 300.

A new 500-bed, \$35 million prison opens in a year and will be filled immediately, and the Correction Board has been discussing for more than a month contracting for a private prison for 1,250 inmates that can be expanded to 3,000.

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DEATH NOTICES

Wendell J. Buchi

WENDELL J. Buchi, 73, of Wendell, died Sunday, Jan. 26, 1997, at his residence.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Hansen Mortuary-Rupert Chapel.

George R. Hugson Jr.

GEORGE R. Hugson Jr., 40, of Sun Bernardino, Calif., and formerly of Rupert, died Sunday, Jan. 26, 1997, in Sun Bernardino.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Hansen Mortuary-Rupert Chapel.

Kathryn E. Crisp

KATHRYN E. Crisp, 85, of Rupert, died Monday, Jan. 27, 1997, at the Minnikidka Memorial Extended Care in Rupert.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Hansen Mortuary-Rupert Chapel.

Mortuary-Rupert Chapel

Arthur L. Parton

ARTHUR L. Parton, 54, of Rupert, died Monday, Jan. 27, 1997, at the Minnikidka Memorial Hospital in Rupert.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Grace Christian Center in Rupert, with Pastor Jay Greenwell officiating.

Henry John "Frank" Dambrosio

HENRY JOHN "Frank" Dambrosio, 60, of Wendell, 10:30 a.m. today, New Life Community Church, Wendell, (Demaray's Wendell Chapel).

Clifford J. Ferguson

CLIFFORD J. Ferguson, of Nampa and formerly of Twin Falls, buried, 11 a.m. today, Sunset Memorial Park, Twin Falls, (Alsp Funeral Chapel/Nampa).

James "Jim" Aulbu

JAMES "Jim" Aulbu, of Buhl, 10 a.m. today, Farmer Funeral Home, Buhl.

Christian Center in Rupert, with Pastor Jay Greenwell officiating. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Hansen Mortuary-Rupert Chapel and one hour before the funeral on Thursday at the church.

Services

Dorothy Rose "Dottie" Ball

DOROTHY ROSE "Dottie" Ball, of Twin Falls, 1 p.m. today, White Mortuary, Twin Falls.

Jean Berry Hering

JEAN BERRY Hering, of Hornbrook, Calif., and formerly of Glenn Ferry, memorial service, 11 a.m. Saturday, Moose Hall, 401 E. Glenns Ferry, (Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome).

SERVICES

Chapel, Buhl

Dorothy Rose "Dottie" Ball

Jean Berry Hering

HOSPITALS

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER. Released. Shiela Mares of Burley; Kendall Doran of Heyburn; Latoya Benavides of Rupert; and William Young of Argyre, Ariz.

CASSIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER. Admitted. Arthur Parton of Rupert.

MINIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL. Released. Hilario Blanca and baby girl and Arthur Parton, all of Rupert.

OBITUARIES

For obituary rate information, call 733-9333, extension 278

RUPERT



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Melba Lillie Broadhead Larson

Melba Lillie Broadhead Larson, 84, formerly of Rupert, died Saturday, Jan. 25, 1997, after a long illness. She was married to her beloved husband and son, and many other loved ones in heaven for the peace and rest of God.

Melba rejoiced in music, song and the love of the arts. She played piano by ear, sang in vaudeville and the club. She married and sweethearted Melvin Isaac Larson on Dec. 12, 1933, in the Salt Lake City LDS Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah.

She loved the gospel of the LDS Church and spent much of her later life in missionary efforts and temple work. Over her life she held many church positions in choir, Primary, Sunday School, Young Women's and as a pianist.

She is survived by two sisters, Dora (Mrs. Wayne White), and Claudia (Mrs. Eddie Bowen); her children, JoAnn (Mrs. Gary

Masoner, Carol (Mrs. Boyd Hancock) and Robert Larson

Masoner, Carol (Mrs. Boyd Hancock) and Robert Larson, widow of her son, Gene Larson. She was the loving grandmother to 22 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Blake C. Hone

Blake C. Hone, 54-year-old Rupert resident, died Sunday, Jan. 26, 1997, at his home in Rupert of a heart attack.

He was born Aug. 14, 1942, in Payette, the son of Juanita Caldwell Hone and Darwin Lee Hone. He grew up in Idaho and Nevada where his father farmed until moving to the Blackfoot area in his teen years. He attended both Blackfoot and Snake River High Schools where he was active in sports, loved cars and racing, and was a member of the Hot Rod Club.

He married Mary Ann Johnson on June 14, 1963, in Blackfoot. They were later divorced. He then married Davis Holmes on Oct. 6, 1972, in Idaho Falls.

He raised his family in the Minnicassia area. He had been active in club sports, community events and enjoyed fishing and hunting.

He is survived by his wife, Doris of Rupert; three daughters, Leslea (allison) of Rupert, Jani Blomquist of Hansen, and Jona Sell of Oakley, one brother, Gary Lee Hone of Blackfoot; two sisters, Gwendy of Red Cliffe, Iowa, and Sharon Lundblad of Couer d'Alene; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Theresa M. Henscheld

Theresa M. Henscheld, 93, long-time Rupert resident, died Friday, Jan. 24, 1997, at the Minnikidka Memorial Hospital in Rupert.

Theresa was born in Hungary on March 3, 1904, the first child of Josef and Mary Wagner. When barely a year old, she and her parents immigrated to the United States, settling briefly in Chicago and then moving west to Homestead a farm near American Falls.

Following high school, she attended college at Mount Angel Academy in Oregon, then returned to Chicago, where she was employed with an international shipping company. Theresa later

returned to American Falls to marry Herman J. Henscheld of Rupert on Aug. 25, 1925. They became lifelong residents of Rupert after Herman was employed by the U.S. Postal Service.

Theresa was a member of St. Nicholas Catholic Church. Before her first illness she was actively involved in the Legion of Mary, St. Anne's Altar Society (serving as president of the Idaho Council of Catholic Women) and Flow Ladies (charter member). Never one to be idle, her free time was filled with crocheting and knitting, but all her other interests were centered around a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

Theresa was preceded in death by her beloved husband Herman in 1972; an infant son in 1935; a sister, and a brother. She is survived by four children, Mary Ann Newman of Mt. Valley, Calif.; three granddaughters, Mary Ann Henscheld of Rupert, Dolly (Ed) Freburger of Rupert, and Bob (Mae) Henscheld of Dayton, Ohio; 15 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; a sister, Ann O'Halloran of Twin Falls; and a brother, Nick Wagner of Truckee, Calif.

A Rosary Vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 28, 1997, at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Rupert. The funeral Mass celebration will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 29, at St. Nicholas Catholic Church.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 29, at St. Nicholas Catholic Church. Friends and family may call one hour before Rosary today and one hour before Mass on Wednesday at the church.

Henry C. (Papa Honey) Eggleston

HENRY C. (Papa Honey) Eggleston, 87, a long-time Sunnyside resident, died Sunday, Jan. 26, 1997, at Bridgeview Estates in Twin Falls.

Henry was born July 16, 1909 in Sedalia, Mo., to Earl and Myrtle Eggleston. He married Irene Crismon on Oct. 26, 1937. He worked at Shields in Buhl for 49 years.

He loved to garden, fish and hunt. His greatest joy was his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 28, 1997, at the Immaculate Conception Church in Buhl. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 29, at the church. Burial will follow at the West End Cemetery in Buhl. Friends may call from 3 to 5 p.m. today at the Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Memorials are suggested to the Buhl Quick Response Unit or to a charity of the donor's choice.

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Supply store to open Jerome outlet

Jerome - D & B Supply Co. Inc. is planning to open a Jerome store at the new Lincoln Plaza on South Lincoln.

Dick Schmitt, owner of D & B Supply Co., said a final lease agreement was signed "Monday with First Resource Inc."

Plans are to open the store in early March with a grand opening celebration scheduled for April, Schmitt said.

Shoppers will find a wide variety of merchandise in the new store.

Clock ticking on 24-month lifetime benefit

BOISE (AP) — Welfare aid recipients know it in Idaho ends June 30.

Beginning the next day, recipients will have to spend 20 hours per week working or preparing for work.

And for the 24,000 Idaho residents on welfare, the clock will start ticking on a 24-month lifetime benefit.

The upheaval will end six decades of welfare under the Aid to Families with Dependent Children program.

"These are the biggest social policy changes we have tried to implement in the past 60 years," said Judy Brooks, who heads welfare programs for the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare.

Under the forthcoming rules, which start from the end of September's welfare reform legislation, a welfare reform legislation will be allowed two years of lifetime benefits. They must spend 20 hours per week finding or training for work, working on a part-time job or doing unpaid public service work for benefits.

Women must identify the father of their children, so each child has two legally recognized parents.

Shoppers will find a full range of hardware with power and hand tools; agricultural products with farming and cattle handling equipment; a lawn and garden department with lawn mowers and maintenance equipment; auto parts, tires and other plants; electrical and plumbing supplies; a selection of animal health and food products.

"Almost everything you find in our other stores will be available in our Jerome store," the owner said.

The Caldwell-based company has stores in Twin Falls, Mountain Home, Caldwell and Marsing, Okanogan, Ore., and

LeGrande, Ore. The company also owns and operates Lloyd's Country stores in Boise and Nampa.

The supply store will supplement and expand the Lincoln Plaza mall, anchored on the other end by Ridley's grocery store.

Ridley's owner Jerry Ridley said he welcomes the new store and is "glad the empty store at the other end will be filled up."

"This says a lot for our town. At present there's a void here for what they'll have in their inventory," Mayor Gerald Oster said. "Now from a community and city standpoint, we need to support them — get behind them and shop here in Jerome."

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Scout council chooses Californian as leader

By Steve Crump
Times-News Writer

TWIN FALLS - Except for a stint in the Navy, John Calbreath has been scouting in California for the past 43 years. He'll spend the 44th in Twin Falls.



John Calbreath

Calbreath will be the new scout executive of the Snake River Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, the council announced Monday.

"I started as a Cub Scout when I was 8," Calbreath said in a telephone interview from his San Jose, Calif., office, where he serves as assistant scout executive for the Santa Clara (County) Council. "And I've never been away from it for long since."

Calbreath, 51, succeeds Rod Leslie, who left the job Dec. 31 after nine years. "There may never be a more important time to let people know that scouting still believes in the young people of America and that they are worth the investment of both time and dollars," Calbreath said. "To fulfill this mission of growth, we must give focused leadership to what the Boy Scouts of America has identified as critical issues like traditional unit growth, quality program and positive public relations."

Calbreath will preside over day-to-day operations of a council with six employees, 5,600 boys and 3,000 adult leaders in the Magic

and Wood River valleys, northern Utah and northern Nevada.

With about 35 percent of scouting-age youngsters in south central Idaho involved with the Boy Scouts, Calbreath said there is potential for growth.

"It's a smaller council than I've been working in," Calbreath said. "We have about 11,000 boys in scouting here, although in a much smaller geographical area."

He declined comment on the Boy Scouts' parting of ways with United Way of Magic Valley, long a major source of funding. The local United Way board last year eliminated most support for the organization.

An Eagle Scout, Calbreath has served rural and metropolitan scout councils throughout California for 15 years. Management of council operations, membership development and volunteer relations make up his primary responsibilities.

The Corning, Calif., native is a graduate of Chico State University. He and his wife, Pauline, have been married for 32 years and have two adult children.

Calbreath starts work in Twin Falls Feb. 16.

Kaboom: Crews blast avalanche threats along Howell Canyon Road

By Jennifer Branch
Times-News writer

ALBION - Crews blasted two potential avalanche sites Monday along Howell Canyon Road leading to winter recreation sites and Pomerelle Ski Area.

Three weekend avalanches blocked the road about two miles from the ski area below Bennett Springs, officials said. Officials closed the road Sunday evening and kept it closed Monday while they detonated the slides.

Pomerelle operators expected the road to be open today.

No one was hurt in the slides, which occurred near the same place, said Pomerelle's Sandy Anderson. They happened between 3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. in a steep, bowl-shaped area that creates a lot of snow, she said.

Mini-Cassia Search and Rescue, the U.S. Forest Service and a dynamic specialist from Hoffbauer Excavating Co. Inc. tried to ease hazards Monday in four potential avalanche areas, said Cassia County Sheriff's Capt.



Heavy 28 inches of new snow that fell over the weekend blanketed Mt. Harrison southeast of Burley Monday. The rapid accumulation led to afternoon avalanches that closed Howell Canyon Road on Saturday and Sunday.

Larry Bingham, county director of emergency services, said two areas - where the weekend avalanches occurred - didn't slide when detonated and were stable the rest. Two other areas did, which means ice had formed

between the new and old layers of snow.

"It's good that we got it to slide, because the next storm would pile up more snow and cause another slide," Bingham said.

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miles from Adams' truck, parked on Highway 21 about 17 miles west of Stanley.

Bloedel said they survived because they made a series of correct decisions. The first was made before they left home. Having read a report about three women rescued from Proctor Mountain, Bloedel had packed an extra set of clothing. (Adams had a change of clothes as well, but it was under his snowmobile in the creek.)

"I owe my life to Red's clothing," Adams said. "Once changed, Adams once again was dry - except for his feet."

The second critical decision was their route out. Rather than travel an ungrounded trail back to Adams truck, they

headed for the Elk Creek Ranger station, five miles to the east.

They reached the Elk Creek Station at about 6 p.m. Adams had ridden the whole distance in a crouched position. His knees ached and his feet were nearly frozen.

"They decided against driving the final eight miles to Adams' truck. The decision proved wise when they realized that the truck keys were still in Adams' west clothes - 23 miles away. Bloedel found a unlocked cabin, where they dried out and dined on macaroni and cheese. Searchers found the men the next morning.

"They used good judgment and were prepared for a worst-case emergency," said Steve Lips, the district Forest Service law enforcement officer. "That the second man didn't get into the water and they stayed in the cabin rather than risk running out of gas saved them from possibly spending the night in sub-zero conditions."

Bloedel extended thanks to the U.S. Forest Service for stocking the cabin - and he promised to restock the provisions they had used.

Paroled killer steals vehicle, causes car crash

IDAHO FALLS (AP) - A paroled murderer in a stolen car led authorities on a brief chase, causing a collision involving three vehicles, police report.

No one was seriously hurt in the Saturday crash. Police say the driver of the stolen car was Frank Cliff Jones, 46, who was booked into the Bonneville County Jail.

His bond was set at \$75,000 on

Monday and a Feb. 10 preliminary hearing was scheduled on

including an officer, two counts of grand theft and possession of a controlled substance, jail officials said.

Butcher

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Robinson testified Monday about the crime scene. The prosecution plans to recall Robinson to discuss a confession Butcher made to Robinson under question.

Under questioning, Butcher said one of Morgan's neighbors "probably" saw Butcher at the Morgan house the night of the murder.

In closing statements, both attorneys referred to the upcoming key testimony of Todd Maas, a former cellmate of Butcher's. Maas has testified in court that Butcher confessed to killing Morgan. Maas said Butcher made that confession was held in Twin Falls County Jail on an

Wells slotted for possible spring flooding

By Lori Bettelheim
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Thirteen wells in the Southwest Irrigation District have been set aside for flood storage should Goose Creek Reservoir flood its banks this spring.

If the reservoir does spill over, the wells will be used to divert water from the Goose Creek drainage area into the Snake River Plain aquifer. An additional 20 abandoned injection wells located on private land near the reservoir could also be used.

"They're ready to function should we need them," said Gene Wyke, vice president of the Southwest Irrigation District. "We've had water in them this winter, but they can hold about 3,000 inches (250 feet) of water each at full capacity."

Wyke said the wells have been tested and monitored regularly since 1992. All of them are designed to allow water to seep back into the aquifer, he said.

Cassia County officials are still waiting for a permit from the Department of Water Resources to begin testing the 20 abandoned injection wells. Officials are uncertain how much water the wells will hold or why they were abandoned.

Representatives from the

Precautions taken in case Goose Creek Reservoir floods in future

Natural Resource Conservation Service, Oakley Canal Co., the Goose Creek Flood District and Cassia County commissioners are working on these and other plans in preparation for possible flooding this spring. Their next meeting is scheduled for 11 a.m. on Saturday at the Cassia County Sheriff's Office.

County officials are expecting a disaster declaration, filed last week by Cassia County commissioners, to help generate money for the testing and other flood preparation efforts. A second plan to accommodate high water from the Goose Creek drainage is to construct terraces on public land northwest of the reservoir. The water would back up against the terraces and then seep into the aquifer or evaporate. Officials from the Natural Resources Conservation Service could not be reached Monday for an update on the terracing plan.

Recent repairs for the south-side Snake River basins indicate plans to Goose Creek is nearing 100 percent of average. Reports say there is a 30 percent chance that inflows will exceed the reser-

voir's 77,000 acre foot storage capacity by 12,000 acre feet, and a 30 percent chance inflows will exceed storage by 20,000 acre feet.

The snowstorm that swept across southern Idaho last weekend did increase water levels slightly, yet most of the snow and rain only caused minor runoff problems, said Burley Highway District Director Neal Thomas.

"We've had some flooding problems, but most of them have been taken care of at this point," Tom said on Monday afternoon. "There are still a number of warning signs out on the roads for people to be aware of though."

The National Weather Service in Boise reported that the Mini-Cassia area received nearly an inch of precipitation between Saturday and Monday.

Thomas said at least two roads in the Raft River area were closed as of Monday. Roadblocks have been placed at 2950 East between Yale Road and Heglar Canyon Road and 2750 East just two miles south of Heglar Canyon Road.

Officials from the Bureau of

The slide area is where Howell Canyon Road cuts through the face of a steep high Snow blow over the ridge and piles up there.

"This is only the second time we have done this in the 23 years I've been going up and down that road," Bingham said.

A slide surrounded a road grader Sunday, but the driver wasn't hurt. The grader was heavy enough that it didn't get pushed off the road. Grooming machines dug it out.

Nearly 20 inches of snow fell at Pomerelle Saturday, Anderson said. Between 6 and 8 inches fell Sunday. Total snowpack on the mountain is 190 inches and 170 inches at the resort parking lot.

"We would like to caution skiing guests or people who want to go out of the resort boundaries that there are avalanche hazards," Anderson said.

Monday was the first day this season the ski area had to close. From Burley, Mt. Harrison glistened against a blue sky.

Reclamation are continuing to increase water flows at four reservoirs along the Snake River to make room for record-high snowmelt expected this spring.

About 15,500 cubic feet per second was being released downstream Sunday at American Falls. Increases of more than 1,000 cfs a day are expected to continue through the first part of February, said Mike Bus, hydraulic engineer for Buttec in Burley.

"It will take a few days for this to move through the Milner and Minidoka dams, but it's going to stay at a steady rate like this for at least a couple weeks yet," Bus said.

Sunday's release was more than triple the amount being released last year at this time. Bus said above-normal precipitation this spring could result in one of largest total runoff volumes ever for the Snake River system.

"Anything above normal is going to be put us as exploring new territory," Bus said.

At Palisades Reservoir, discharges were increased to 7,000 cfs on Thursday, or 3,500 cfs more than last year at this time. Bus said levels will eventually increase to 10,000 cfs to make flood space available by May 1.

Smaller stores do have a few advantages, such as making their own decisions and quicker than chains.

"(But) any competitive entertainment chain will definitely hurt it a little bit," Armouidian said.

The business employs five people. Grigg says he has no immediate plans for another business.

The liquidation sale of 12,000 videos and games started Jan. 17. The remaining 5,000 to 6,000 pieces of inventory will go on sale Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Mostly, he'll miss the customers.

"We got to know a lot of them. We know them by their first name and you don't get that in the big stores," Grigg said.

Housel added, "I hope people will miss him. He did a good job."

Video

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February Book, Music and Video on Elm labeled "Unauthorized Xerox in February 1992," Grigg says.

"Primarily because of their \$1.49 movie rental," he said. "(Business) picked up some things in the last year it really dropped off drastically. I don't blame it all on the competition."

He lowered prices in response. Meanwhile at home, people had more channel choices on cable television, fired up digital satellites or simply played on their computers.

Customers checked out half of many videos on weekends or came in once a week instead of two or three times.

"They just don't see aside or have the time to watch videos," Grigg said.

After an unsuccessful search for a buyer, he decided to close the store.

"It was a real difficult decision, but with my wife's accounting background she said, 'You can't

armed robbery charge."

Maas could testify today, but the prosecution is not bound to set an exact order of when people will be questioned or simply played on their computers.

Bradley said in his opening statement that the state has promised to help Maas in return for his testimony. Maas was in jail for parole violation.

"I had information that he got from Butcher has some significance," Bradley said. "You needed to be there to be telling someone these things."

keep doing it," he said.

"She has fought the long hard fight," said Judy Blusell, owner of the Video West store in Keruing.

She knows that battle well. When she opened her store in business, she closed three other stores in the Wood River Valley.

Responsibility for the closing rests on video, video and pay-per-view. Competition came from other video and grocery stores.

"I went through the same thing. It was painful to give up something that you thought was a great idea. But it was either that or let it drag you down," Blusell said.

Blusell said she plans to open a new store to reduce the sentence.

"I'm going to prove to you that Todd Maas is an absolute pathologist," Stoker said in the plea.

"He is the scum of the earth," Bradley told the jury that an inmate was hardly the prosecutor's first choice of a witness.

"I wish (Bradley) had given it to the governor," Bradley said. "Maybe we could bring him in here."

The defense intends to counter Blusell's Maas testimony.

"I have some witnesses who will say that the conversation could not and would not have occurred," Stoker said after the court recessed for the day. "I

depends on how competitive independents can be, she said. Some have run promotions or sold gifts, magazines or records along with video rentals.

she says.

The question is how many video stores can one community support," said Maria Armouidian with Video S + L Magazine in Los Angeles.

Survival analysts say the industry is in a state of flux.

Video stores at a glance

- 1,100 video stores first opened in 1977.
- By 1990, there were 21,000 stores - independents and chains. The number dropped to 27,000 over the past few years.
- Independents comprise more than 50 percent of the video stores in North America.
- 80 percent of cassette renters are in 87 percent of the nation's 95 million television households.
- Some 65 million Americans visit a video store weekly. In 1996, they purchased more than 580 million videos.

Source: Video Software Dealers Association.

Buhl School Board to discuss discipline

The Times-News

BUHL - A special meeting of the Buhl School District Board of Trustees will be called to order at 5 p.m. today at the district administration office.

An executive session regarding student discipline is first on the agenda. An open session for the public to address the board will follow. The board will take action to call another special meeting, a closed meeting to discuss student discipline, at 4 p.m. Thursday.

have a police officer who will say (Maas is) a liar."

Whatever the jury thinks of the Maas' testimony, the prosecution said the verdict should not hinge on that point.

"I think it's a good case with or without him," Bradley said. "Obviously, it helps."

During his opening statement, Stoker laid deflected blame from Butcher to Jesus Diaz, also charged with first-degree murder in the Morgan slaying, and Gilbert Rodriguez, a Burley man charged with drug trafficking. Maas has testified in court that Butcher told him Rodriguez ordered the Morgan slaying.

Diaz rode the van in which Butcher rode when they were arrested and charged with a Twin Falls armed robbery. The prosecution claims that whether was a shooter for Rodriguez.

"Motive is not an element the state has to prove in this case," Bradley said. "It's interesting. We have some ideas."

Stoker said motive is an issue. "The reality of this life is people do things for a reason," he told the jury.

Stoker also said some of the state's forensic techniques were faulty.

"We're going to prove some things in these areas, things the state doesn't want you to know about because they're embarrassing to the state of Idaho," Stoker told the jury.

IDAHO/WEST

Confusion over assessor's appointment prompts bill

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — The confusion and controversy that has erupted over the recent County assessor may prompt legislation to clear the political haze.

Sen. Gordon Crow, R-Hayden, said he plans to introduce a bill this week to clarify how elected officials in Idaho can change party affiliation.

Former assessor Tom Moore, who died Nov. 12 of lung cancer, was elected four times as a Democrat, but switched to the GOP shortly before his death.

The vagueness of Idaho's law related to party affiliation sparked a political firestorm with both the Republican and Democratic parties claiming ownership of the assessor's office.

While new assessor G. Ray Lee calls himself a Democrat, members of that party say it was up to them, not the GOP, to select Moore's replacement. County Democrats sued commissioners last month.



Crow said his legislation will imply that the person elected into office "owns" that office, not the political party he or she belongs to when they file for candidacy.

"Idahoans vote for individual candidates, not political parties," Crow said.

"No one ever knows how many Republicans, or how many Democrats, or how many Independents vote for an individual in any given election."

Calling Idaho's election law related to party affiliation vague, Crow said his draft legislation clarifies what an Idaho elected official, serving in a partisan office, must do to change parties.

If the bill becomes law, the elected official will have to file a declaration of intent to change parties with the appropriate elected official, the senator said.

Upon receipt of the letter, the election official would send a copy to both parties' central political committees. The change, which would cost the official \$25, would take effect five days after receipt of the letter.

Crow said the elected official changing parties may only do so once per elected term. And they cannot change parties between the opening of a primary through three months after the general election.

"These restrictions would eliminate anyone from using the provision as a political threat," Crow said.

The second-term senator said he received assistance from the Idaho Attorney General's office and Secretary of State in drafting the legislation.



Vineyards in a low-lying area of Napa, Calif., are flooded from the Russian and Napa rivers Sunday. The rivers were expected to recede and descend below flood level by Monday.

Forecasting floods has always been a far-from-exact science

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Forecasting floods isn't easy, as scientists at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory are finding out.

They're using supercomputers to forecast the flow of flood waters in California two days before it arrives.

But a vast lack of data — on soil moisture, land-use changes such as urban development, and other factors — keeps their forecasts from attaining high precision. For now, forecasts remain experimental.

Norman L. Miller and Jinwon Kim's forecasts fared pretty well during the December floods in Northern California. The two meteorologists forecast that on Dec. 25, water would flow past a stream gauge on the Russian River near the town of Hopland at a rate of 10,000 cubic feet per second, or roughly 75,000 gallons. The actual rate was slightly higher.

They did even better a day later. The gauge measured water surging into the basin at a rate of just under 37,000 gallons per second, and almost exactly the amount they had anticipated.

They also accurately forecast

that flooding would peak on New Year's Day. The flow was 127,000 gallons per second, about 22,000 gallons per second less than forecast.

But their accuracy seriously slumped on Jan. 2. On that day the flow rate was a little more than 37,000 gallons per second, less than half the predicted amount.

"There are still large uncertainties, and we certainly hope to reduce that uncertainty," said Kim. He and Miller work in the nonmilitary atmospheric sciences division at the nuclear weapons laboratory east of San Francisco.

If scientists could forecast floods with perfect accuracy, they could warn residents of flood-prone regions to head for high ground before disaster strikes.

But forecasting flood rates is intellectually daunting, partly because it relies on another uncertain science: meteorology.

When will the rain and snow arrive (if at all)? Where will they fall? How fast will the rain fall? And how quickly will the snow melt?

Miller and Kim try to answer such questions partly by analyzing precipitation forecasts from

the National Centers for Environmental Prediction, formerly known as the National Meteorological Center.

Using that forecast, Miller and Kim forecast precipitation levels within boxlike regions — 12 miles by 12 miles — across California.

Then they feed the results into a computer model of a river basin. The model forecasts how the precipitation will affect river levels.

So far they're developing computer models of three river basins in California: the headwater of the Russian River and the headwater of the north fork of the American River, both in Northern California, and the headwater of the Santa Ana River in Southern California.

Miller and Kim call their computer model the Regional Climate System Model. An earlier version of the model "closely simulated the observed river flow during the flooding stage" of major state floods in January 1995, they reported in the January 1996 Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society.

LEGISLATIVE LOG

The Associated Press

- Introduced in Senate
 - SB1047 (Health and Welfare) — Deletes obsolete language from public assistance law.
 - SB1048 (Health and Welfare) — Deletes obsolete language from public assistance law.
 - SB1049 (Health and Welfare) — Adopts nonfinancial requirements of the Social Security Act for cash assistance eligibility.
 - SB1050 (Health and Welfare) — Authorizes the Health and Welfare Department in carrying out its responsibilities under federal assistance laws.
 - SB1051 (Health and Welfare) — Revamps state law to more efficiently use public money in assisting the developmentally disabled.
 - SB1052 (Health and Welfare) — Creates a state directory to track newly hired public and private industry employees under federal welfare reform laws.
 - SB1053 (Health and Welfare) — Expands the possible actions against deadbeat parents.
 - SB1054 (Health and Welfare) — Authorizes genetic testing to be ordered in efforts to determine paternity.
 - SB1055 (Health and Welfare) — Extends adoption of child support guidelines through mid-1999.
 - SB1056 (Health and Welfare) — Clarifies income withholding orders in delinquent child support cases.
 - SB1057 (Health and Welfare) — Clarifies licenses subject to suspension upon nonpayment of child support.
 - SB1058 (Judiciary and Rules) — Allows retired judges and magistrates to solemnize marriages.
 - SB1059 (Judiciary and Rules) — Cross references the maximum charge on bounced checks.
 - SB1060 (Judiciary and Rules) —

- Adds terrorism to the crimes covered by the state's victims compensation law.
- SB1061 (Judiciary and Rules) — Gives discretion to judges on whether to order continued support payments after a child reaches 18.
- SB1062 (Judiciary and Rules) — Revamps Idaho's Uniform Interstate Family Support Act.
- SB1063 (Resources and Environment) — Approves water plan for the South Fork Snake River.
- SB1064 (Resources and Environment) — Increases the stream channel alteration fee for nonresidents from \$10 to \$100.
- SB1065 (Resources and Environment) — Includes mountain lion among animals that cannot be wastefully destroyed or mutilated.
- SB1066 (Resources and Environment) — Allows foreign exchange students to obtain hunting and fishing licenses at resident rates.
- SB1067 (Resources and Environment) — Creates a Wildlife Management Area Upland Game Permit.
- SB1068 (State Affairs) — Bans out-of-state contributions to political campaigns.
- SB1069 (State Affairs) — Requires pre-election financial disclosure by anyone making independent expenditures in a political campaign.
- SB1070 (State Affairs) — Raises the state minimum wage to \$5.15 on Sept. 1 with a 33 percent tip reduction for tipped employees.
- SB1071 (State Affairs) — Limits contributions to political campaigns to \$1,000 for non-statewide offices and \$5,000 to statewide offices.
- Introduced in House
 - HB146 (Transportation and Defense) — Amends Local Land Use Planning Law as it relates to regional transportation planning organizations.

Batt: Money to be spent in east Idaho

BOISE (AP) — Gov. Phil Batt promised business leaders from eastern Idaho that when Idaho gets \$3 billion from the federal government for economic development under his nuclear waste agreement, it will go to their area.

"You can be assured that as long as I am in office, I know what that money is for — economic development in southeastern Idaho," he told members of the Southeastern Idaho Chamber of Commerce.

"I don't think there's any question about the intent when that agreement was signed," Batt said.

As part of the nuclear waste agreement Batt signed with the federal government in 1995, the state is getting \$30 million for economic development. It's designed to offset the economic dislocations and job losses caused by cutbacks at the Department of Energy's Idaho National Engineering Laboratory.

The Department of Commerce will send out requests for proposals regarding the first \$10 million in March, Batt said he hopes the colleges and universities will submit applications, because they are in a good position to help economic development in the region.

Some members said it appears the eastern Idaho is in good shape financially, because unemployment is low. But they said that's because many people, displaced by changes at INEL, have taken low-paying jobs in hopes that eventually they can go back to work at INEL.

Batt said he doesn't think the Western Governors' Association will take a stand on opening a federal nuclear waste repository in Nevada. That's especially true since statehood depends on locating the facility in that state, takes over as chairman of the association.

Batt gave the business leaders an update on efforts to remove nuclear waste stored at INEL. But then he stopped and said, "I'm not telling you anything you don't know already."

The state now spends half the revenue from an increase in the cigarette tax for educational programs in the schools on substance abuse, and the other half to help counties with the cost of juvenile probation programs.

Batt was asked if he planned to shift the revenue back to its original purpose to pay for the school educational programs.

Batt indicated he would leave things as they are.

"I don't think either side has made a superior case so that the other should be discontinued," he said.

Avalanche closes Provo Canyon

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — U.S. Highway 189 through Provo Canyon remained closed Monday as highway crews blasted their way through the snow left by an avalanche the night before.

Utah Department of Transportation officials said they did not expect the road to reopen before Tuesday. Lt. Ron Fernstedt, a spokesman with the Utah County Sheriff's office, said crews were blasting in the area to remove the threat of more avalanches.

American Fork Canyon also remained closed because of snow slides and high avalanche danger. Heavy rain and high temperatures triggered several slides in both canyons over the weekend.

The slide that closed Highway 189 occurred just before mid-

night Sunday. The slide came out of Slide Creek Canyon, north of Bridal Veil Falls, and crashed across the four-lane highway. Officials said it was 500 feet wide and 60 feet deep.

A smaller slide also reached the road a few hundred feet above the larger slide. Another slide Sunday night near Sundance damaged three homes, but no residents were injured.

Further north, an avalanche in Logan Canyon frustrated skiers down for Beaver Mountain Ski Area on Sunday. The 50-yard-wide slide covered both lanes of U.S. Highway 89 about a mile or so below Beaver Mountain. It was 15 feet deep in places, said Utah Department of Transportation Station Supervisor John Duersch.

New owner has plans for ski hill

ALTA, Wyo. (AP) — George Gillett brings some deep pockets and new ski lifts to his latest acquisition in Grand Targhee Ski and South Resort near the Idaho border.

His Booth Creek Co. owns nine other ski hills, which means he can do things single-resort owners can only dream of.

Gillett was at the resort Friday to attend a ribbon-cutting for the new Dreamcatcher high-speed quad lift scheduled to open Wednesday. The lift, Wyoming's longest, will take four skiers per chair to the top of Fred's Mountain in seven minutes, half the time it takes on the old Bannock lift.

Bannock lift, a two-seater, will be taken out this summer and sections of it will be moved south to Peaked Mountain.

Targhee is the second-smallest resort Gillett owns.

Gillett is bringing two Snoocats, \$200,000 apiece, to Grand Targhee. Having 10 resorts makes it cheaper to buy insurance and borrow money.

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These are a **FEW** of the topics to be discussed

Learn to say no without guilt or fear

The Orlando Sentinel

Oh, great. You've done it again. The boss just asked you to work late and you said, "Yes, sure, no problem." Then you scramble to get hold of your spouse so he could pick up the kids at day care.

Of course, you're still kicking yourself for saying yes to your in-laws who want to visit next week. You have neither the time nor the inclination to entertain them.

And you're smarting from all the yeses you've been hitting at the kids lately. What kind of message are you sending them when all they have to do is whine or hear their breath get you to cave in?

You're just a person who can't say no.

It's a common affliction among both sexes, though women are especially prone to it because of their socialization.

"Women have been taught to be the caretakers, to be responsible for relationships," says Marti Lisa, a licensed marriage and family therapist with the Episcopal Counseling Center of

Orlando, Fla. "We haven't learned how to create and maintain appropriate boundaries."

And appropriate boundaries are what enable people to say no without feeling guilty or fearful that the person on the receiving end will stop loving them — or liking them, or respecting them, or employing them, depending on who the receiver is.

Boundaries are the metaphorical wall to be overcompliant pleasers with no sense of "self" or "separateness" from others.

Because these people don't have a high sense of self-worth, they don't realize they're entitled to say no.

They feel the only way to keep people in their lives is to be

a yes person," says Peg Seykora, a licensed mental health counselor in Altamonte Springs, Fla. Of course, most of us would say we "just don't want to hurt someone's feelings."

Lose the guilt, Seykora says.

"You can't control someone else's feelings. If they choose to be upset, they're choosing about their needs than your needs."

—Peg Seykora, licensed mental health counselor

But don't lose sight of reality: In the workplace, relationships are unequal. The boss is the boss — and you're not. If you're a hollon who has punished you for saying no, your only options may be to accept the situation or find another job.

Even in your personal life, Seykora says, "You train people how to treat you."

"If you've trained everybody around you to treat you as a doormat or as passive, it'll take a long time and a concentrated effort to retrain them," she says. "Some people will leave your life because they want a doormat. That's the risk you take."

Nevertheless, our inherent right to say no doesn't give us free rein to be belligerent jerks. Seykora suggests prefacing negative responses with phrases such as, "This may not be the answer you want but ..."

A person with healthily boundaries says no firmly but kindly.

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Different boundaries for different folks

The Orlando Sentinel

People with healthy boundaries

- You are willing to say no, to let others know when they're stepping on your toes, you're also willing to say yes.

- You have the ability to make requests and to seek alternatives when others must say no to you.

- You have a strong sense of identity and self-respect.

- You make appropriate self-disclosure; you reveal information about yourself gradually and only as mutual sharing takes place and trust develops.

- You expect shared responsibility for relationships.

- You recognize when a problem is yours or another person's; when it's not your problem, you don't jump in to rescue the other person.

- You do not tolerate disrespect or abuse.

People with rigid boundaries

- You're apt to say no if a request is going to involve close interaction.

- You have very strong defenses to protect yourself from getting close to people. You may fight, for instance, or stay so busy you leave no time for one-on-one relationships.

- You avoid closeness because

you fear either abandonment or engulfment.

- You make little or no self-disclosure, perhaps preferring to draw the other person out but not sharing information yourself.

- You have an inability to identify your own wants, needs and feelings.

- You have very few close relationships, though you may have many acquaintances.

People with "collapsed" or no boundaries

- You can't say no for fear of abandonment or rejection.

- You share too much personal information too soon.

- You take on other people's feelings rather than just feeling empathy.

- You have a high tolerance for abuse and for being treated with disrespect.

- You believe "I must have deserved it" when treated badly.

- You do anything to avoid conflict.

- You have no ability to see flaws in others because you're focused on being what you think other people want you to be.

- You have no sense of self.

Down-to-earth deals for older air travelers

The Washington Post

It's now even easier for older travelers to get up in the air with down-to-earth fares.

The newest option in airfare discounts for seniors is a Delta program called Senior Select Savings Plus, and if it proves popular — as it should — other airlines may introduce similar discounts.

The new Delta program, for travelers aged 62 and up, is an alternative to the coupon booklets now marketed to seniors by most major U.S. airlines, including Delta. Coupons generally offer the best savings when used for coast-to-coast or other long-distance domestic flights. Senior Select Savings Plus provides solid discounts on shorter flights, and first-class tickets also can be purchased at a big discount.

Meanwhile, seniors can reap a 10 percent savings on the cost of coupon booklets — at least temporarily. The 10 percent federal tax on air fares expired at year's end, and until Congress acts to impose it again, seniors who shop around can save about \$50 on the price of each booklet. Several airlines — including Northwest, TWA, United and USAir — began quoting the lower coupon-booklet price right after Jan. 1. But as late as last week, some were still were charging the higher tax-inclusive rate.

But seniors don't have to enroll in Delta's new program or purchase coupon booklets to get an air-fare discount. Most airlines award seniors a 10 percent break on any ticket simply for the asking — available on most international as well as domestic flights. During an air-fare war, you may get the cheapest fare by taking advantage of this offer. Be aware, however, that some airlines do not grant the senior discount on their cheapest promotional fares.

Deciding which discount program is best for you can be confusing. Here's a look at advantages and disadvantages of the different offers.

The Delta Senior Select Savings Plus program prices tickets for seniors based on travel within or between seven U.S. zones, including Alaska and Hawaii. Participants must enroll in advance and pay a \$40 annual membership fee.

When it unveiled the program late last year, Delta announced that participants could expect to save up to 38 percent off Delta's normal 21-day advance-purchase rates in coach class and 50 percent off first-class fares. Discount coupon booklets could become obsolete for senior trav-

elers," a Delta press release predicted.

How does this fares compare with the savings a senior could get by purchasing a Delta "Young at Heart" coupon booklet?

Delta has been charging \$596 (federal tax included) for a booklet of four coupons — each good for a one-way flight anywhere in the country. Using two coupons for a round trip within Zone 2, a traveler would pay \$298 (one half of \$596) compared with \$198 in the Senior Select Savings Plus program — a saving of \$100. Obviously the new program is the winner here.

But the savings disappear on transcontinental travel. With two coupons, a flight between Washington (Zone 2) and San Francisco (Zone 6) would also cost just \$298. This is the same price that a participant in the Senior Select Savings Plus program would pay for the flight — not including the \$40 membership fee. In this instance, coupons appear to be the winner.

In a further comparison, Delta this month has been quoting a standard (available to everyone) round-trip fare in coach class of \$358 between Washington and

San Francisco. This is more than seniors participating in either of the two Delta programs would have had to pay.

Now for the particulars. Annual enrollment in Senior Select Savings Program is \$40 for one person. But members can enroll up to three other persons age 62 or older (a spouse, for example) or ages 2 to 12 (grandchildren). A membership is \$65 and for three or four, it is \$70. All participants must join Delta's SkyMiles frequent-flyer program. Enrollment currently is scheduled to close on April 1, or sooner if the program's limited membership goal is reached. Delta says it has restricted the number of charter memberships to make sure participants have ready access to the discounted fares.

Any number of trips can be taken, but travel for charter members must be completed by April 1, 1998. Participants must purchase tickets 14 days in advance, which is one disadvantage to the program. Coupon holders usually can fly on a standby basis on the next plane out. Being able to get a seat at the last minute is an important consideration if you anticipate flights to a funeral or the sickbed of a loved one.

On the plus side, seniors may find it easier in the Senior Select program to pay for trips one at a time rather than buying a booklet, which is the equivalent of paying for two round trips at the same time. A one-way fare is \$10 more than half the round-trip fare. To enroll, call 1-800-325-3750.

There are also senior air-fare coupon booklets. All the major airlines sell these coupon booklets, but the price varies — as do the restrictions limiting their use. With most airlines, the booklets contain four coupons, each good for a one-way flight. But Continental and TWA offer booklets with eight coupons at a reduced per-coupon rate. I am not yet 62, so I have not used coupons. But I have given them as a well-received gift to my mother, a frequent traveler.

Sometimes seniors can buy cheaper tickets during an air-fare war. But to take advantage of a fare war, you have to keep alert to the sales, buy quickly before the cheap seats are sold out and travel during specified time periods. By buying booklets you can fly on a discount at any time and you spare yourself the hassle of keeping track of the ups and downs of ticket prices. And you already have the discount if an emergency requires an immediate trip.

Parents of lost children sometimes need direction

DEAR ABBY: I work at the customer service desk at a popular shopping mall, where I see some very disturbing things. For example, lost children are brought to us until their parents miss them and seek help. It's not uncommon for parents to leave small children watching a display, telling them, "Stay right here — I'm going to do a little shopping." Children have little conception of time, and will sometimes panic, thinking they have been abandoned.

When they finally locate their lost children, the parents get angry at the kids — often spanking them and verbally berating them for getting lost. Don't they realize that it's the adults' responsibility to keep their eyes on their child — and not the other way around?

Something else we see all too often is a parent telling the child, "If you don't behave, that policeman — or security guard — will get you." This makes children afraid to approach a policeman if they need help. I have seen children ask complete strangers to help them find their mommy rather than Security because they are afraid of policemen.

JAN BRANDENBURG, CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.



DEAR ABBY
Abigail VanBuren

I don't have any children, but I feel lucky to be able to dry the eyes of lost children and help them find their parents. What if they asked for help from the wrong person? Like it or not, there are a lot of evil people out there just looking for the opportunity to abduct a lost child.

Abby, this may be too long to print, but I know you can shorten it and say it better. Perhaps seeing this in print will open some eyes.

JAN BRANDENBURG, CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

DEAR JAN BRANDENBURG: Your letter required no editing. It is perfect just the way you wrote it. Thank you for a valuable letter and a plainspoken wake-up call to many parents who need to see it.

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How to assert yourself

The Orlando Sentinel

Practice in a mirror or with a supportive friend.

- Start with a low-stress situation, such as sending food back that isn't cooked properly.

- Buy time. Don't say yes right away. Say you want to think about a request and you'll get back to the person making it.

- Deliver your negative response graciously. Preface it with something like, "This proba-

bly isn't the answer you want, but ..." or "I don't mean to disappoint you, but ..."

- Use body language that conveys self-confidence — head high, eyes looking directly at the other person.

- Use a firm but pleasant tone. There's no need either to raise your voice or to simmer.

—Source: Peg Seykora, licensed mental health counselor, Altamonte Springs, Fla.

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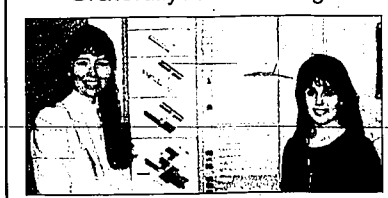
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WORLD

Church supports peaceful protests

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — In solemn silence that contrasted with months of raucous political protests, more than 100,000 people marched Monday in the Serbian capital's largest religious procession since World War II.

Riot police quietly withdrew to allow the head of the Serbian Orthodox Church, Patriarch Pavle, to lead the early morning procession through Belgrade's frost-topped streets.

The outpouring of national sentiment followed 20 weeks of peaceful protest against President Slobodan Milosevic for annulling Nov. 17 opposition victories in local elections in 14 cities.

Later in the day, a Belgrade district court for the second time overturned an electoral commission ruling that the opposition won an overwhelming majority on the capital's city council. Serbian courts are believed to be controlled by Milosevic.

"The milling represents another game played by Milosevic with Serbian citizens and the international community," said opposition spokesman Slobodan Vukosavljevic. "It's completely irresponsible."

The Orthodox Church is closely linked to Slobodan, and the procession — marking the holiday of St. Sava, the Serbian church's founding father — was the biggest religious march in Belgrade since Communism rule was imposed in Yugoslavia.

Chechnya chooses separatist president

GROZNY, Russia (AP) — Barely two years after Russia poured troops into this tiny Muslim republic, Chechens voted triumphantly Monday in elections dominated by the separatist leaders Moscow tried so hard to subdue.

The separatists have been running the southern republic since the war ended in August, and many residents saw the presidential and parliamentary elections as laying the groundwork for full independence from Moscow.

But Russia has vowed to prevent Chechnya from seceding, and the two sides appear headed for renewed confrontation if the Chechens move to cut all ties with Moscow, as they are almost certain to do.

After the disastrous military campaign, Russia has no appetite for more fighting but it will try to put political, economic and diplomatic pressure on Chechnya to keep it in line.

The Chechens were in a buoyant mood Monday as they headed to the polls in snow-covered towns and villages.

"This election is about our freedom," said Hassan Khalidov, a former businessman who served as a rebel fighter in Chechnya's war against Russia. "The Chechen people have waited hundreds of years for this."

Turnout was heavy at 450 polling stations across the republic, with lines of people forming well before some stations opened.

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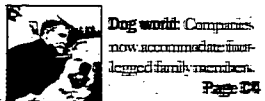
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Stock market continues skid on inflation, interest rate jitters

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — January's stunning stock market advance continued to erode Monday as bond market interest rates shot to a four-month high in nervous trading before today's release of a pivotal report on inflation.

where volume traded 456.3 million shares on the NYSE, considerably below the 550 million mark...

a key determinant of borrowing costs — rose from last Friday's 6.89 percent to 6.94 percent...

Banks declined despite a report showing that sales of previously owned homes fell a bigger-than-expected 3.5 percent to 3.87 million in December.

The Associated Press

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

The Treasury Department said \$11.6 billion in three-month bills at an average discount rate of 5.06 percent...

age rate of 5.12 percent, up from 5.11 percent.

The three-month bill rate was the highest since they sold for 5.08 percent on Dec. 30.

In a separate report, the Federal Reserve said Monday that the average yield for one-year Treasury bills...

American Express laying off 3,300 workers

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — American Express announced Monday it will lay off 3,300 employees this year, or about 5 percent of its workforce...

reported its fourth-quarter profits rose 55 percent from a year earlier.

About two-thirds of the slashed jobs are based overseas and most come from administrative and support jobs in the company's travel-related operations...

broader stock markets pulled back again too, with the bond market's increasingly bleak interest rate backdrop prompting money managers to protect more of this month's gains on declining issues...

Bank traders were concerned that a recent stream of surprisingly robust economic readings could mean higher inflation, which would raise income investment rates...

But the possibility that a drop in home sales could mute inflationary demand for furnishings was overshadowed by concerns about today's government report on employment costs during the fourth-quarter.

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STOCK LISTINGS

Large table listing various stocks with columns for Name, Bid, Ask, Change, % Change.

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Table listing American stocks with columns for Name, Bid, Ask, Change, % Change.

MONEY

MUTUAL FUNDS

Table with multiple columns listing mutual fund names, ticker symbols, and various performance metrics such as 1-year returns, 5-year returns, and expense ratios.

IRS seriously considers 'outsourcing' tax returns

The Washington Post
WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service, faced with deteriorating computer systems, plans to survey private computer companies to see if they could build and operate systems that would "read" the approximately 200 million tax returns filed each year.

because the agency faces flat or declining budgets in coming years, congressional aides said. IRS officials, who asked not to be identified, said the contracts could make the agency more efficient and reduce mistakes. Transcription errors occur with 3 percent to 5 percent of paper returns.

essential information into IRS computers. The agency issues more than \$130 billion in tax refunds each year. But its computers are aging. The system used to enter data for processing and posting to a taxpayer's master file account is 12 years old, and the system that routes checks to banks for deposit is 19 years old.

Credit card companies add fees, get rid of costly reward programs

The Dallas Morning News
DALLAS — Some of those once-sweet credit card rebate programs are beginning to sour. In the last year, a handful of credit card issuers have abandoned rebate programs or sharply curtailed the rewards to consumers after years of candy-on-a-stick offers.

Card companies don't like consumers who pay too slowly, and now they don't like consumers who pay too promptly. Robert McKinley, who tracks credit card activity at Virginia-based Ram Research, said, "Convenience users are making out the program and not paying any interest."

teamed with banks to offer cardholder incentives. AT&T's Universal card enjoyed a spectacular entry in 1990, attracting 1 million customers in less than three months with the lure of rebates on long-distance telephone calls.

Advertisement for Valentine's Day featuring the headline 'SAY IT WITH A Valentine Love Line IN The Times-News'. It includes a coupon for Valentine's Love Lines, pricing for different ad sizes, and a form for ordering.

Mutuals

Table of mutual fund data including fund names, share classes, and prices. Includes sub-sections like 'Continued from C2' and 'Mutual Fund Shares'.

MONEY

Companies help 4-legged family members



Patagonia executive Roger McDivitt plays with his dog, Tonka, outside the sportswear company's offices in Ventura, Calif., earlier this month. Although dogs are not permitted inside the buildings, the company allows employees to go out to play with and wait pets who wait in their cars during working hours.

The Associated Press

First came child care, then came older care. Now, companies are doggedly exploring one of the last frontiers of the work-family balance: pet care. Dogs snore happily beneath desks at some companies, their owners freed from worries about what's being chewed at home. A Virginia firm picks up the kennel tab for workers sent out of town unexpectedly. A California company pays up to \$100 in annual veterinary bills. "There was a time when pet care was a taboo thing for companies," said Tyler Phillips, president of the Partnership Group, a Bluebell, Pa. work-life consulting firm. "But as managers have understood the issue better, they've come to realize that pets can be as complicated to care for as children or elders," said Phillips, whose company once helped locate an iguana support group for a lonely iguana owner. No doubt, Americans love their pets. They coo to them, they dress them, they date on them. And since two-thirds of dog and cat owners don't have children, a pet can easily become the baby of the house. "I have a dog that is my daughter," Maggie Proctor, a spokeswoman for Domino's Pizza Inc., cheerfully admits. "She was the No. 1 female beagle in the country in 1994. Aren't I a proud parent?" At Domino's headquarters in Ann Arbor, Mich., buffalo and sheep graze on the company's 200-acre property, and employees' dogs are welcome to visit occasionally if an owner feels the need. "You wouldn't think twice to walk down the hall and see someone with their dog," said Ms. Proctor. "People stop by, give it a pat and move along. It's generally business as usual."

Autodesk, a software company San Rafael, Calif. goes further. Owners are welcome to bring their dogs every working day, and up to 100 of the 800 employees take up the offer. Dogs sleep under desks, romp in the yard, and sample from a biscuit jar hospitably placed on the front desk. The only ground rules: three poops and the dog is out; no barking, and no attending meetings. "It's a stress-reliever for those who bring in their dogs," said spokeswoman Kathy Tom Engle. "And neighbors who work nearby can also pet and play with the dogs." Cats aren't excluded from the workplace, but tend to roam too much, Engle said. "Dogs are happy here," she said, adding that once a booby constructor also visited. Employees love the 15-year-old open-door policy so much that they sometimes decide to take or keep a job at Autodesk based on that rule alone, said Engle. Others decide to get a dog because of it. Cindy Grubler, assistant to the vice president of corporate marketing, is one such loyalist. She wouldn't have gotten her 15-month-old Weimaraner if she'd had to leave the dog home alone. "Now she can be with me all the time," said Brogan, who said Chelsea sleeps, flirts with visitors and other office dogs, and generally has a great time at work. "When I turn down the street to come to work, she's practically jumping out of the car." While laughable to some, the notion of allowing pets at work and other pet-oriented benefits reflects a logical next step in corporations' growing commitment to helping employees balance work and home. Working parents are no longer the only beneficiaries. All sorts of employees now work from home or set their own hours. And companies are finding that such flexibility makes a company more attractive and its workers more productive. "It's all part of the recognition by employers that people have lives away from work," said Anita Garaway-Furtaw, director of family services at Patagonia in Ventura, Calif. Employees at the sportswear company sometimes take surfing breaks if the waves are right, make use of a 13-year-old on-site day care center or work from home to care for a sick pet. Although dogs aren't allowed inside Patagonia buildings, a few

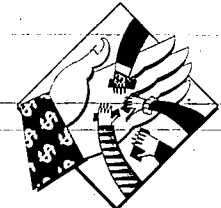
hang out in owners' cars, which are equipped with water bowls and have rolled-down windows. During the day, they're let out for walks and play. Tomka, who stays in contracts manager Roger McDivitt's car, is a favorite of the day care set. American Management Systems Inc., a Fairfax, Va. information systems consulting firm, also finds that helping employees care for their pets makes sense. AMS will pick up the tab for pet sitting or kennel care if an owner has to travel unexpectedly — a 2-year-old policy that not only instills company loyalty but allows employees to focus more on work and less on domestic worries. This provides a level of support for employees so they can go out and do the work," said Mary Good, manager of work-life programs. The Partnership Group reimburses for all kennel care related to business trips, whether unexpected or not, Phillips said. In pioneering such policies, companies sense they've struck a chord with employees. When Synbiotics Corp. offered in July to begin paying up to \$100 in employees' annual veterinary bills, it was seeking not only to help pets, but to boost employee ties to the company — which makes vaccines and medical tests for dogs and cats. Yet president and chief executive officer Kenneth Cohen was unprepared for the attention his benefit would prompt. "Now I get more calls than I can count, asking for information on this policy," he said.

'I have a dog that is my daughter.'

—Maggie Proctor

'C' how the pros do it: Pointers on picking winning funds

NEW YORK (AP) — If you're ever confounded by the challenge of choosing a good mutual fund, try concentrating on a few criteria that just happen to start with the letter C — consistency, cost, competence and convenience. They provide a handy summary of the standards that professionals like Paul Merriman use to pick likely candidates out of a crowded field. Merriman, who manages money and publishes a newsletter called The Fund Exchange in Seattle, is a well-known proponent of market timing — that is, a strategy of moving money in and out of investments in an effort to get better results than a simple buy-and-hold approach. "Market timing has many critics who say it can be practiced successfully only by a small minority of those who try it, and who happen to enjoy exceptional luck. But no matter which side of this debate you come down on, Merriman's ideas on fund selection can be usefully applied. The first C-word, consistency, refers to funds that hold to a steady course. "If we are seeking a high-yield bond fund," Merriman writes in his letter, "we look for a fund that sticks to bonds and is restricted in its prospectus to those in the high-yield sector. "We don't want to invest in a fund that happens to be in high-yield areas at the moment because that's where the action is, only to learn in six months that the manager has decided to switch much of the fund's assets into high-grade corporate bonds." Of course, if you want your fund manager to handle the job of asset allocation for you, look instead for a fund that states that as its mission and consistently pursues it. Secondly, Merriman says, "we look for low costs. The most fundamental place to start is to rule out funds with loads," or sales charges. "But we go further than that," he adds. "A mutual fund has little control over the performance of its underlying assets, other than to dump those that underperform. "But management can control its costs, and the lower they are, the less they will erode the results of the fund's investments. If other things are equal, the fund with the lower cost will return more to its investors." Thirdly, Merriman looks for competence, in the form of good past performance results in comparison with other funds in the same category. "Ideally, a fund's performance will be steadily and predictably above average, year after year," he says. "Specifically, we look for funds whose performance ranks in the top half of their peers, as measured over the most recent one, three and five-year periods, and whose costs rank in the bottom half." Lastly, Merriman cites convenience. For market timing purposes, he says, "that means we try to avoid funds that restrict trading. And we look for funds available through no-transaction-fee accounts at major discount brokerages." To someone who doesn't plan to market



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the way a fund operates in stocking its portfolio of investments. In Merriman's view, fund investors' most important decision is how to allocate their assets among types of investments. To do this right, he argues, they need to invest in

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Table listing various mutual funds with columns for fund name, ticker symbol, and other financial data. The table is organized into sections for different types of funds, such as Domestic Equity, International Equity, Bond, and Money Market. Each entry includes the fund's name, its ticker symbol, and a series of numbers representing performance metrics like returns and risk factors.

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Amos should be thankful Rodman wasn't wearing high heels.

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—Peter Vescey in the New York Post on Dennis Rodman kicking photographer Eugene Amos in the groin

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Boys' high school basketball

Shoshone at Camas County
Castledford at Hagerman
Oakley at Hansen
Kimberly at Bull
Snake River at Wood River
Dierich at Bliss
ISDB at Carey
Nurtaugh at Rafi River

Girls' high school basketball

Wendell at Filer
ISDB at Carey
Gleasons Ferry at Valley
Hilkecrest at Mission
Gooding at Kimberly
Jerome at Kuna

High school wrestling

Twin Falls JV/Wendell at Gooding, TBA
Filer/Kimberly at Oakley, 6 p.m.

In most junior varsity games begin at 6 p.m. with courtney games following.

SCOREBOARD

High school basketball

Boys
Jerome JV 43-31.....Castledford 39
Camas Ca 65.....TFCA 30

Girls
Twin Falls 66.....Burley 65 (OT)
Jemmes 53.....Skyview 39
Dexco 34.....Wendell 33
Gooding 34.....Wood River 26
Nurtaugh 53.....Hagerman 36

High school bowling

Bull 1.....Kimberly 1

Pro basketball

Phoenix 125.....Miami 97
Golden State 122.....Vancouver 97

IN BRIEF

Golden Eagle athletes posting good grades

TWIN FALLS — Efforts by coaches and teachers to help athletes improve academically continue to show good results, the College of Southern Idaho Board of Trustees were told Monday evening.

Overall this year, the men's basketball team earned a 2.68, the women's basketball team earned a 3.19, the men's rodeo team earned a 3.09, the men's baseball team earned a 3.01, the women's cross-country team earned a 2.83, said Jim Dawson, CSI assistant professor of study skills. The student population earned a 2.88 average in 1995.

Over the past four years, CSI has emphasized academics in recruitment, tutoring programs and mandatory study periods for athletes. Those who score lower than a 2.0 grade point average can lose their scholarship.

Valley-Declo boys' hoops game reslated for tonight

DECLO — The top-ranked Declo Hornets will host the Valley Vikings in a Canyon Conference boys' basketball game tonight. The game was rescheduled after being postponed by snow earlier in the season. The C team plays at 4:30 p.m., followed by the junior varsity at 6 p.m. and the varsity at 7:30 p.m.

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Twin Falls girls nip Burley in OT

By Karen Baumert
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls girls' basketball team moved out of the Region III cellar Monday night with a thrilling 69-65 overtime win over Burley.

It was the second time this season the Bruins (414) have won two games in a row. They drubbed Mountain Home last week.

Monday night's victory came down to a battle of free throws which neither team could win in regulation. The Bruins finally nailed down their second Region III victory when Brooke Clark chased down a loose ball, was fouled and hit a free throw with six seconds left.

Earlier this season, the Bobcats ripped Twin Falls in Burley. In that game the two posts, Bobcat Ashley Toner and Bruin Keri King, set the tempo.

Toner came out on top 22-14 in the points department.

Monday night, a box-and-one defense by Twin Falls and some hot shooting by both teams switched the battle to the outside.

After blowing a 14-point lead, the Bruins fell behind 58-54 with two minutes to play when Burley's Megan Petersen, who was too sick to play more than eight minutes the entire game, stole the ball and scored.

Bruin Alyssa Greer came up with a steal with just over a minute to play and dishes to Misty Oplin for the layin and a 57-56 lead.

A free throw by Analae Carter put the Bruins up two but Sommers Hunt rebounded and drew a foul.

Her first free throw fell short, but the next one dropped in and pushed Burley within one with 30 seconds to play.

After two missed free throws by Twin Falls, Heidi Goicoechea drove the hoop for Burley and drew the foul with seven seconds to play. She hit one, sending the game into overtime.

Burley stayed two points ahead during most of the four-minute overtime period until a Clarke putback tied the game with just under a minute to play.

Then the teams returned to the free-throw line.

Twin Falls had two chances to put the game away at the line, but hit only two out of four. The Bobcats ran out of options and Clarke came up with a loose ball and a foul with six seconds to go.

She hit one of the two to seal the win.

"We won a close game finally," said Twin Falls coach Lawrence Pfefferle. "To have those guys step up and make shots



Twin Falls' Analae Carter, left, and Tessa Garrett of Burley fight to keep their hands on the ball Monday in Twin Falls.

when had to have them and getting to that loose ball."

And it was a good thing the Bruins didn't go into double overtime. Burley and Twin Falls combined for 77 free throws. With three players fouled out and one injured, Twin Falls was down to one substitute, and four of the six available players had four fouls.

The Bobcats weren't in much better shape, with two fouled out and four with four fouls.

"We put ourselves in a big hole in the first half," said Burley coach Kim Krumm. "We couldn't play defense the whole game. That's what's been saving us."

After even with the late Krumm had reason to smile. Goicoechea, just a freshman, stepped up and she stepped up big. For the night she had 25 points, the most in her career. She also had six rebounds and created opportunities for her teammates. And even though Twin Falls led from Region III basketball season to the first half, Toner pulled out a solid fourth quarter and overtime. The sophomore just finished with 12 rebounds and 10 points. For the night, Toner made the difference, scoring 23 points and hitting 10 of 14 free throws. She had 11 rebounds and four fouls. For the night, Greer was clutch, making 10 of 11 free throws and pulling down 11 rebounds and four fouls. The first time in her career she had eight jumpers, in a five-minute period starting at the end of the second quarter and finishing mid-way through the third. After Twin Falls took a 31-22 lead with just over a minute to

play in the first half, Wendy Ramsey drained one to pull the Bruins within six. But a jumper by Jesse Hall and one by teammate Slaney Greer extended the Bruins lead to 23 to 20 with the ball. The Twin Falls win moves the Bruins into fourth place Burley and Dierich still have one more meeting. A Bobcat girls' basketball game with Twin Falls. A last season's cellar finish for the Bruins heading into regional week.

Box Score
Twin Falls 69
Burley 65
Hunt 2 24 7, Ramsey 2 24 4 10, Pfefferle 2 24 5, Greer 10 12 4 1, Toner 14 18 4 10, Petersen 18 34 40 16 5 2, Goicoechea 2, Dierich, Hunt, Ramsey.
Twin Falls: 23 15 9 15. Burley: 13 15 6. Game 211 15, under 0:20. Center 4 15 4 14. Clarke 4 25 10. Mitchell 0 22 4. Petersen 2 23 14. Jankins 4 12 4 9. Totals 25 13 37 12 68. 3-point goals: 11/11, Hall 2.
Junior varsity result: Twin Falls defeated Burley.

South Carolina joins Clemson in Top 25

The Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — South Carolina coach Eddie Fogler thought his team lost its poise the last time it got attention.

Now that the Gamecocks have won eight straight and are in the rankings for the first time in six years, he'll make sure that doesn't happen again.

"I'll talk to them about it," Fogler said Monday at South Carolina, alone in Southeastern Conference play at 7-0, was ranked No. 25. "They didn't do very good the last time they were mentioned in some preseason polls. I don't know how much that had to do with the rankings."

About 130 miles away at Clemson it

Women's poll - D2

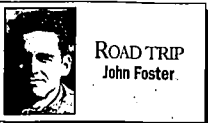
was so quiet you could hear a ranking drop. Gone are the tents, the ticket scalpers and the No. 2 spot of a week ago. After losses this week to Wake Forest and North Carolina, the Tigers fell to seventh.

"It's tough when you lose two games in a week," Clemson guard Meri Code said. "But we'll work hard, see where we need to improve and be ready for this week."

The cross-state rivals have never shared the same poll. The closest was Feb. 11, 1975, when Clemson was 18th

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It's sad but true: Hype has overcome world of sports



ROAD TRIP
John Foster

est point of a sports culture gone awry. Instead of athletes playing sport, we had media personalities granting introspective interviews to reporters. Instead of glowing over Nadia Comaneci we surmised how much money Whietias was going to pay Kerri Sing. The Games weren't about sport. They were about Coca-Cola, AT&T and IBM. They were about hype.

The worst part is that the hype is beginning to get to the athletes. Not just Deion Sanders and Shaquille O'Neal. Tiger Woods seemed to be a stable young man who loved golf until he signed \$60 million dollars in endorsement deals and was named Sportsman of the Year. His dad said Tiger would be bigger than Christ or Gandhi. (He wasn't kidding.)

Tennis players are groomed from birth. So are basketball players and

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Packer fans line the streets of Green Bay as their hometown team rolls by in a Super Bowl XXXI victory parade, part of Return to Tiltetown festivities Monday.

Packers know team won't be the same next season

Chicago Tribune

More Super Bowl - D4

NEW ORLEANS — As the first Super Bowl winners bid primarily during the four years of NFL free agency, the Green Bay Packers understand better than most that they have seen the last of the team that beat the New England Patriots on Sunday.

"There's going to be change," coach Mike Holmgren said Monday before taking off for Green Bay where more than 60,000 fans gathered in Lambeau Field for a final tribute.

Unlike the dynasty of the 1950s, these Packers will be unable to keep all the players they want to keep, and the line of possible exits starts with Super Bowl Most Valuable Player Desmond Howard, a free agent who hit the jackpot with an astonishing 244 yards in kickoff and punt returns.

Now he wants to play wide receiver on a team with too many already receiver too, which means if he stays, where do Andre Rison, Robert Brooks, Antonio Freeman, Derrick Mayes, Don Beebe and Terry Mickens fit? Like Howard, Rison and Beebe are free agents. So are defensive tackle Gilbert Brown, linebacker Wayne Simmons, placekicker Chris Jacke, defensive end Sean Jones and center Frank Winters is a

restricted free agent, meaning the Packers can match any offer.

The line at the Packer pay window, forming right after general manager Ron Wolf and quarterback Brett Favre sign new contracts at hefty raises, will start with Brown, not Howard. Such a fate in the middle was Brown in the Super Bowl when the Patriots called two successive running plays only once the entire game. Reggie White, who recently extended his contract, is one reason for this, but the Packers won their title only after Brown anchored the middle.

After an all-night celebration, Howard and agent Leigh Steinberg started to cash in on renewed notoriety with appearances on network morning shows. "I'll talk to the Packers about whether or not he plays more wide receiver," Steinberg said. "If he can, that's where he'd like to be."

"Obviously, I'd like to get my hands on the ball as much as possible, the best way to do that is to be a receiver," Howard said.



SPORTS

Big Ten surprises join women's poll

The Associated Press

Big Ten surprises Michigan State and Illinois ended long Top 25 droughts Monday by breaking into The Associated Press women's basketball poll, which has the same top three as last week.

Connecticut (18-0), the only unbeaten Division I team, remained an overwhelming favorite for No. 1 with 37 of 41 first-place votes and 102 1/2 points.

No. 2 Old Dominion (17-1) had three first-place votes — one more than last week — and 982 points. The Lady Monarchs have won 16 straight since a loss to North Carolina State in the second round of the preseason NIT.

Stanford (20-1), the first team in the country to reach 20 victories, held the No. 3 spot, receiving one first-place vote and 948 points.

Louisiana Tech (17-2) climbed two places to fourth after two lopsided victories. Alabama (16-3) slipped one spot to fifth after winning its school-record 14-game winning streak broken by Tennessee and North Carolina (16-1) jumped three places to sixth.

Georgia bounced back from a 32-point drubbing by Connecticut to beat Mississippi State, but still fell two places to seventh. Virginia, Tennessee and Texas completed the Top Ten.

It's the first Top Ten appearance for Texas since the 1992-93 preseason poll. The Longhorns have not been in the Top Ten in the season since 1990. Texas Tech climbed three spots to head the Second Ten, and was followed by Kansas, Florida, LSU, Vanderbilt, Wisconsin,

Clemson, Arkansas, Notre Dame and Stephen F. Austin. Michigan State (15-3), which leads the Big Ten after finishing fifth last season, entered the poll at No. 23. Illinois (15-1), the Big Ten's eighth-place team last season, also received its second in the conference and claimed the No. 25 spot.

Auburn and DePaul dropped out. Auburn, which had been 21st, lost to Southern Mississippi and LSU; and now has dropped six of its last eight. DePaul fell from 25th after consecutive road losses to Louisville and Memphis.

North Carolina State was 21st, Duke 22nd and Western Kentucky 24th.

Michigan State made the poll for what's just the third time. The Spartans were ranked for one week, No. 23, in the 1990-91 season and were 17th in the final poll of the 1975-77 season. The only time they were ranked that year.

Coach Karen Langeland's team, 7-1 in the Big Ten, has won six straight and 12 of its last 13. The Spartans' only loss in that stretch was at Illinois, which made the poll for the first time since the week of Dec. 28, 1987.

Illinois is contending for the Big Ten title in just its second year under coach Theresa Grentz. Grentz, the 1992 U.S. Olympic coach, gave up a secure job at Rutgers to accept the rebuilding challenge with the Illini, who last had a winning season in 1986-87.

With four freshmen among the top eight, Illinois, which has lost four of its last five games. "We knew that Villanova would come back, they have a lot of seniors on their team, so it wasn't a question of us thinking

they wouldn't come back on us," Grentz said. "I thought the kids did a better job when they came back on us of answering and staying patient in places where they needed patience."

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Women's Top 25

The Top 25 women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Jan. 26.

Table with 4 columns: Rank, Team, Record, Pts. 1. Connecticut (37) 150 1002 2. Old Dominion (17) 174 982 3. Stanford (1) 201 948 4. Louisiana Tech 172-865 5. Alabama 163 810 6. North Carolina 161 793 7. Georgia 134 763 8. Virginia 143 731 9. Tennessee 147 686 10. Texas 123 618 11. Texas Tech 134 491 12. Kansas 143 481 13. Florida 124 482 14. LSU 161 431 15. Vanderbilt 135 431 16. Wisconsin 144 416 17. Clemson 144 408 18. Michigan 144 405 19. North Carolina State 174 404 20. Stephen F. Austin 172-211 21. Old Dominion 137 171 22. Duke 126 165 23. Michigan St. 153 162 24. Kentucky 135 159 25. Illinois 154 102

13th after beating Tennessee and Vanderbilt. Losses to North Carolina and Duke sent Clemson from 10th to 17th for the biggest drop.

Heat stun Suns, 125-97; Warriors win

MIAMI (AP)—The Miami Heat stunned the Phoenix Suns 125-97 in a franchise record and the best effort in the NBA this season, to beat the Phoenix Suns 125-97.



set against New York in February 1990. The previous best performance in the NBA this season was by Indiana, which hit 63 percent of its shots in a 117-97 victory over the Vancouver Dec. 4.

Joe Smith had 30 as the Golden State Warriors avenged their most embarrassing defeat of the season. The Warriors had lost at home by 14 points to the Grizzlies for this month, only to win Vancouver, win this season. With Monday's loss, the Grizzlies fell to 8-37 overall and 2-18 on the road.

Foster

Continued from D1. As I write this, the Super Bowl is sporting in the background — a sporting event where the half-time show and commercials interest us more than the game. The game is secondary. Almost unneeded. The Super Bowl is larger than the game. People care more about watching Budweiser bottles at halftime than they do about voting for our nation's leaders.

Warriors 122, Grizzlies 97

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Latrell Sprewell scored 33 points and...

Sprewell, who was 10-of-16 from the field and hit all three foul shots, added 11 assists to a career high. Smith had 12 rebounds.

Poll

Continued from D1. In AP's top 20 and South Carolina was 18th in the former UPI rankings.

Men's Top 25

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Jan. 26.

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Georgetown upsets No. 14 Villanova

LANDOVER, Md. (AP) — It's been a season unlike many recent ones at Georgetown.

In the first season after the two-year reign of Allen Iverson, the Hoyas have shot terribly from the field and free throw line, played poorly on consistency and even lost three games at home.

That was all forgotten Monday night in a 78-67 victory over No. 14 Villanova that saw the Hoyas hold off the Wildcats again and against the second half.

The Hoyas (12-7, 5-6 Big East) came up with their biggest win of the season by not folding when Villanova ate up all but four points of 21-second half rest. They

also made 77 percent of their free throws (27-of-35), an impressive number for a team that entered the game shooting 57 percent from the line. At one point, Georgetown was 18-of-21 from the line.

The Wildcats (15-5, 6-4) trailed 41-22 when Ed Healey, who led Georgetown upended the second half with a 3-pointer. But they went on a 17-0 run to get within 41-37 with 14:21 to play as the Hoyas suddenly looked more like the team of the past.

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SCORES AND STATS

BASKETBALL

NBA standings table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB, Home, Road, Conf, Div.

MAJOR COLLEGE SCORES

Table with columns for Team, Opponent, Score, Location.

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NBA box score

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NBA leaders

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SPORTS

Trio of teams tied for Scenic West lead

The Associated Press

When the smoke settled from a wild week of Scenic West Athletic Conference basketball, North Idaho, Eastern Utah and Utah Valley were in a three-way tie for first place.

Utah Valley (18-3 overall, 7-2 SWAC) duced Eastern Utah (18-3, 7-2) in Orem Saturday, finally coming away with a 94-91 double-overtime victory.

Joining them at the crowded top of the league mountain is North Idaho (16-2, 7-2), a 74-69 winner over fourth-place Ricks (18-3, 6-3) on Friday.

Phil DeGraffenried led Utah Valley with 25 points in the win over CEU. LeLand Osborne had a triple-double for UVSC, getting 13 points, 11 rebounds and 11 assists.

SWAC standings

Team	League	Overall
N. Idaho	7-2	16-2
E. Utah	7-2	18-3
Utah Vly	7-2	18-3
Ricks	6-3	18-3
Dule	6-3	13-8
Snow	5-4	17-4
Salt Lake	5-4	16-6
S. Idaho	2-7	12-9
Treasure Vly	1-8	9-19
Colo NW	0-9	5-15

Last week's records:
 N. Idaho 97, Spokane 73
 Utah Vly 75, Colo NW 54
 E. Utah 84, Salt Lake 63
 Snow 71, S. Idaho 59
 N. Idaho 74, Ricks 69
 Utah Vly 94, E. Utah 91 (2 OT)
 Salt Lake 100, Colo NW 60
 Dule 85, S. Idaho 71
 Snow 74, Treasure Vly 64

This week's games:
 Thursday — Dule/N. Idaho; Snow/Ricks
 Friday — S. Idaho/Colo NW;
 Treasure Vly/E. Utah
 Saturday — Snow/N. Idaho; Dule/Ricks; S. Idaho/E. Utah; Treasure Vly/Colo NW; Utah Vly/Salt Lake.

The weekend marked the midway point in the Scenic West schedule. The top eight teams qualify for the Region 18 tournament, which will be held at the site of the top-seeded team from the Northern Division.



Twin Falls' Kelsey Kleinoff, left, loses the ball as Ashley Toner and Tessa Garrett of Burley defend during first half action on Monday.

Declo girls tip Wendell, 34-33

The Times-News

WENDELL — The surging Declo Hornets overtook Wendell for third place in the Canyon Conference with a 34-33 girls' basketball victory on the Trojans' home court Monday.

Wendell led through most of the first half, and the teams stayed close to the end.

"We just had some turnovers at costly times," Wendell coach Brett Wright said. "I thought our defensive effort was good."

Man-to-man defense limited Declo's Anna Bateman to 10 points, but her teammates picked up the slack.

The Hornets shot 27 percent from the floor, hitting 24, to win the non-conference contest going away despite being even from the floor.

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Murtaugh 53, Hageman 36
 HAGERMAN — The Pirates tried by last a minute at halftime but league-leading Murtaugh pulled away in the second half for a Magic Valley Conference road victory.

"Things kinda fell apart for us," Hageman coach Jason Ward said. "We got back within 37-32, but we couldn't keep it going."

OUT TAKES: If you think that's the weird science angle on it, you should see the toys that ESPN veep Jed Drake has at his disposal. Some of them are so state-of-the-art that their names have changed since production planning began.

The most other-worldly gizmo originally was known as Reality X and now is called simply VFX.

"And the other thing about winter sports is, it melts. It's unique to water. You can't ice skate on cement, no matter how smooth you polish it."

Nye began his career in entertainment while working as an engineer at Boeing in Seattle, doing a comedy-science routine on local TV and finally moving to the Disney Channel's Mickey Mouse Club.

Sounds to me like we'll produce some bits, and I'll get some skiing in," Nye said.

ESPN and ESPN2 will televise 16 hours of the games, which they sponsor and stage themselves. They include such extreme events as ice climbing, snow mountain biking, snowboarding, and super modified shovel racing.

The shovels are anything but, Nye said.

"The thing she loved doing the most was the single trapeze act," Osgood said. "She had a style like a ballerina."

Besides being graceful, Osgood said his wife also was fearless. Her favorite trapeze trick was to hang by her arms underneath the bar and then throw herself into a twisting, half-somersault, catching herself by the heels.

"There would be no safety net," Osgood said. "I would stand below her and be there as protection."

Sunday's Super Bowl halftime show was dedicated to Patterson, who graduated from Nashville's Stratford High School in 1974.

High school sports

Boys

Jerome JV 43, Castleford 39
 JEROME — The Tiger junior varsity rolled out to a 12-4 lead, but both teams struggled offensively.

They combined for just six points in the second period. Jerome's pressure and trap defense limited the Wolves' shooting opportunities.

The Tigers just shot punily, hitting two of 12 attempts, most from in the paint.

Camas Co. 65, TFCA 30
 FAIRFIELD — Nick Smith scored 20 points to lead Camas County to an easy win over the Twin Falls Christian Academy.

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Jackpot 61, No. 1 Virginia City 59
 VIRGINIA CITY, Nev. — The Jackpot boys' basketball team pulled off a knockout upset Saturday night, knocking off unbeaten and top-ranked Virginia City to pull into a first place tie.

Jackpot trailed by 23 points with 1:30 remaining in the first half, but came off the bench to improve to 6-0 in league play, 10-0 overall.

Jackpot 68, Gerlach 36
 The Jackpot boys outscored Gerlach 19-8 in the second period to take control of Friday night's game at Gerlach.

Enrique Sanchez hit four 3-point goals, and Adrian Guzman scored 22 points for the Jaguars. Joel Turnbow led Gerlach with 15.

Bowling
Buhl 4, Kimberly 1
 TWIN FALLS — The Kimberly bowling team got a 207 from senior Christina Stevens, but that wasn't enough to get past Buhl in high school bowling Monday afternoon.

The Indians went the wry and junior varsity matches by 4-3 scores. Kimberly's B team remained unbeaten in three matches by winning 3-5, 1-5.

Jud Fritz, with a 165, was the top Buhl bowler. The match was bowled under the Baker system in which rival bowlers alternate frames through three games. Two team points also are awarded for total pins.

Olympics
 One of runner Mary Slaney's lowest moments came at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics, when she collided with rival Zola Budd and injured her leg during the women's 3,000-meter final.

Slaney back on solid ground
 NEW YORK (AP) — Just over two weeks ago, Mary Slaney from the Steve Scott Road Mile in Sanee, Calif., by a whopping four seconds and she didn't want to stop there.

"I said I want to race again — right now," Slaney said Monday from her home in Eugene, Ore., during a telephone news conference.

This was in sharp contrast to recent years, when her body, battered by injuries, and her psyche, fragile from a series of disappointing and frustrating performances, would rebel against running.

"This time, Slaney felt so fresh and so healthy that she wanted an immediate chance to show off her fitness. Her coaches, former distance runners, Alberto Salazar and Bill Miller, had to restrain her."

"Alberto and Bill said, 'No,' Slaney said. "They said, 'You've got to wait for the Millrose Games.'"

Reluctantly, Slaney heeded their advice. She will wait until Feb. 7 at Madison Square Garden to run competitively again.

It will be her first appearance in the Millrose Games since 1988, when she finished a fact-checking second to Romanian's Paula Juan in the mile. Juan's time of 4 minutes, 23.72 seconds, was the last time a woman broke 4:30 in the Millrose mile.

Slaney, the best distance runner produced in the United States, is very confident of approaching that time or even surpassing it.

"I'm excited about running in the Millrose Games because I'm feeling so good," she said.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Long-lost Bash Brother returns to Oakland

OAKLAND, Calif. — The Bash Brothers are together again. Jose Canseco returned to the Oakland Athletics in a trade from Boston on Monday and will be reunited with Mark McGwire, with whom he formed one of the most explosive combos in baseball in the late 1980s and early 1990s.

With Canseco and McGwire combining for 200 homers in 1988-90, the A's won three straight AL pennants. Canseco had five seasons of more than 30 homers for Oakland, including 44 in 1991 and 42 in 1988.

Canseco was sent back to Oakland for right-handed pitcher John Wasdin, who was 8-7 with a 5.96 ERA last season in 25 games, 21 of them starts. The Athletics also got cash, apparently to pay part of Canseco's \$4.5 million base salary this season.

Injured driver transferred to Indy hospital

INDIANAPOLIS — Davy Jones, injured last week in a crash during practice for the Indy 200, was transferred Monday from the Orlando Regional Medical Center in Orlando, Fla., to Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis.

Jones, 33, remained in serious but stable condition with a closed head injury. He is scheduled for further evaluation and treatment at Methodist, which is known for its long-standing relationship with the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and its training race-related injuries.

Jones, the runner-up in last year's Indianapolis 500, was injured when his car went out of control Thursday at Walt Disney World Speedway and hit both the outside and inside walls in turn three of the one-mile tri-oval.

Appeals court upholds stripping of IBF belt

NEWARK, N.J. — Although the dispute about the IBF's heavy-weight decision has largely been settled in the ring, an appeals court has upheld a federal judge's decision that stripped Francois Botha of the belt.

Botha lost his IBF title in March when U.S. District Judge Dickinson R. Debevoise in Newark ordered him disqualified because he tested positive for steroid use after defeating contender Axel Schulz in December 1995.

Debevoise's ruling set up a June bout in which Michael Moorer regained the IBF belt by defeating Schulz, of Germany. Moorer defended the title in November by scoring a 12th-round TKO over Botha, a South African.

Players ink deals; Pendleton joins Reds

NEW YORK — Roberto Hernandez, Heathcliff Slocumb and Darby Micki agreed to one-year contracts Monday, reducing the players in salary arbitration to 40.

Hernandez and the Chicago White Sox agreed at \$4.62 million, midway between the player's request for \$4.99 million and the team's offer of \$4.25 million.

Hernandez saved 38 games for the White Sox last season, when he made \$2,105,000. The 32-year-old right-hander, whose fastball has been docked in the mid- to upper 90s, has saved 134 games during the last five seasons.

Slocumb and the Red Sox agreed at \$2,975,000 and a \$25,000 bonus if he leads the team in Rolands relief points, which he figures to earn easily.

Micki and the New York Mets agreed at \$610,000, triple his \$195,000 salary last season. The 28-year-old right-hander was 6-7 with a 3.00 ERA in 49 relief appearances and two starts.

For players who don't settle, hearings are scheduled from Feb. 3-21. Meanwhile, free agents Terry Pendleton and the Cincinnati Reds agreed to a minor-league contract that guarantees him \$350,000 and could bring him as much as \$1.4 million.

Weber St.'s Baskerville wins Big Sky kudos

OGDEN, Utah — Weber State's Damien Baskerville, whose 55 points in two games included a career-high 28, was named Big Sky Conference player of the week Monday.

Baskerville, a 6-foot-3 guard-forward from Detroit, also grabbed 15 rebounds in leading Weber State to two home victories against conference opponents last week.

A 38-69 win over Eastern Washington, Baskerville scored 27 points — equalling his career-high — had 11 rebounds and a team-record seven steals.

The next night against Portland State, Baskerville upped his career scoring high with 28 points, his last point a free throw with 2.3 seconds left to give Weber State the 74-73 win.

Montana's Redpath earns women's honors
 OGDEN, Utah — Sophomore Krista Redpath averaged double figures in points and rebounds last week to lead Montana to its seventh and eighth straight conference wins.

The 6-foot-1 forward from Great Falls, Mont., had her best game of the week at in-state rival and second-place Montana State on Sunday when she scored a team-high 14 points and grabbed eight rebounds.

Compiled from wire reports

Family, friends mourn fallen bungee jumper

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Lora Patterson, the bungee jumper who died while practicing for the Super Bowl's halftime show, was a quiet, shy person — until she practiced her daredevil hobbies, friends and family said.

Then she became a fearless ballerina, exhibiting grace from trapeze high wires or jumping from the Superdome's rafters attached by a bungee cord.

Her life should be more than a tragic footnote in Super Bowl history, said her husband and her mother, gathered here for her funeral. She will be buried in Chapel Hill, 40 miles south of Nashville.

"She was a private kind of person," Ruth Patterson said of her daughter. "... She expressed herself when she performed."

"My wife was a professional," said Scott Osgood, who performed alongside Patterson during their five-year marriage and was present when the accident happened Thursday.

"There she would only want to use it on major events," Drake said. At least for the time being.

"The thing she loved doing the most was the single trapeze act," Osgood said. "She had a style like a ballerina."

Besides being graceful, Osgood said his wife also was fearless. Her favorite trapeze trick was to hang by her arms underneath the bar and then throw herself into a twisting, half-somersault, catching herself by the heels.

"There would be no safety net," Osgood said. "I would stand below her and be there as protection."

Sunday's Super Bowl halftime show was dedicated to Patterson, who graduated from Nashville's Stratford High School in 1974.

SPORTS

Reggie White grateful to God for opportunity to win

RICH HOFFMAN

NEW ORLEANS — When it was over, there was still another platform for Reggie White to mount. And you knew he would. Even before he spoke, even before he snatched the microphone for his chance, you knew.

And he would call a raucous, joyous Superdome as well as 800 million people watching around the world: "I'm going to say this. I'm going to say, 'Thank you, Jesus.' This isn't all about us. This isn't all about what we accomplished... I just wanted to say 'Thank you' for the opportunity."

This will be painted in future years as the day the Green Bay Packers finally lived up to the legend of Vince Lombardi. It will be seen not only as a 35-21 victory over the New England Patriots, but as a day of great redemption for both a franchise and-for-itself-a player. Reggie White, who set a Super Bowl record with three sacks, who played like as if it were 1987 again instead of 1997.

"This day was, in fact, all of that. But White will always insist it was even more.

"I wanted to make sure to honor God," White said. "A lot of people don't like that, but I wanted to make sure people know God had his hand on this team and that God sent me here for a reason."

"The Bible says the ways of God are foolish to man, to the wise. When I decided to come here, and I said we had a chance to win a championship, it seemed foolish to a lot of you. But even in the midst of it all, particularly on a national level, you guys didn't think I'm kidding. They may be God did speak to Reggie. Maybe he wasn't as crazy as we thought he was."

"It just boiled down that God did speak to me," he said. "It doesn't make any difference

what people think. God spoke to me and look what happened."

The picture is unimpeachable. The performance was, too. From somewhere in his past — from his Eagle days, when he fought opponents on Sundays and owner Norman Braman the rest of the time — White played the game of a lifetime lifeline. Three sacks. Seven hurries. Several hits on New England quarterback Drew Bledsoe. What glorious punctuation.

"We had a good time this year," White said. "I had some good times in Philly, but with the split between management and the players, I didn't enjoy going to work. This was the first team I've ever been on where we all enjoyed going to work every day."

"(The dream) is complete, but I still have a few more years. I wouldn't mind having another one."

And what finger will wear the ring?

"I don't know yet," he said. "Maybe it'll go on the one that's not swollen."

The Packers' coach, Mike Holmgren, had told them all year to savor the journey. For White, the miles and years must have made that difficult. As he says now, when you ask him about his play, about his skills, about their possible decline, about questions, he looks at you and says, "I'm not 25 years old anymore. There were some questions, yeah."

But he answered them Sunday with astounding clarity. In the first half, the Pats spent a lot of time making White with right end Ben Coates on one play, whacking him with former Eagles teammate Keith Byars on another, cutting him, doubling him, helping tackle Max Lame and



Packers' defensive end Reggie White looks on as Pittsburgh's Lambert Field crowd Monday in Green Bay during a Return to the Homecoming celebration. "God had his hand on this team and... God sent me here for a reason," White said after the Packers' 35-21 victory over the New England Patriots in Super Bowl XXXI Sunday.

annoying White any way possible.

But then came the explosion. Lame in the third quarter. Desmond Howard's 52-yard kickoff return put the Packers up by 28-0. Then, on the next series, White exploded on Lame — with inexplicable versatility. On the first sack, White dived into him with one of those massive arms. On the next play, White used Lame around the corner, back-sacked Bledsoe again. The Pats pumpled.

The third sack would amaze them, but it would be immaterial. The game ended with the center's outburst.

"In the first half, I didn't feel my arm good," White said. "They were clipping me. They were doing a lot of cutting. Then the second half came around and I think Desmond really broke the game loose for us. His game was some confidence and I was able to get up on the game with an excellent game...."

"I think we were really too (psyched) up and the hurt in some was getting to us a little bit. Some of us, particularly when we were in our halftimes, our legs didn't feel good. But we came back in the second half and did what we needed to do. We just wanted to keep our calm and keep our poise, and that's

what we did."

And as he stood there on still another podium, stood there with his 10-year-old son, Jeremy, and basked in the moment, this flood of memories began to wash down.

There was the time he ran away from me, literally ran through the parking lot of a North Jersey hotel rather than answer a question as word was leaking out about White admitting to taking money as an undergraduate at Tennessee.

And there was this other time, a year earlier, when he sat in a hotel lobby someplace in California and talked and talked

about this crisis of confidence he was having, and how he seemed to resolve it through prayer.

There was his first game with the Eagles, back in 1985, when he terrorized the Giants on a sun-splashed afternoon, foretelling so much.

And there was that series of games in the last few years, that series of season-ending losses at Texas Stadium — first with the Eagles, then with the Packer White was alternately stunned and furious and disconsolate.

Wherever he has been, White's presence has been as massive as his frame. He stood for mayhem on the field and righteous indignation off it. And there is a joy, too, a playfulness that people don't seem to want to see.

So many years. So long ago. Would it ever happen?

"I always had doubts," he said. "I've been put to the test. I've had to mature in my patience."

How would he deal with it if this magnificent day had never been his? Others survive. How would the best defensive lineman of his era?

"This isn't about fair, because the last thing football is about is fairness. They don't want our Super Bowl rings for a lifetime of meritorious service and everybody involved with the game understands that."

"There's just this emotion," White said. "When the game was over and (Jeremy) ran on the field, I cried with my son. He patted me on the back. He told me I was a great dad."

He didn't need a Super Bowl ring to prove that. He didn't need a Super Bowl ring to prove anything. But now, finally, Reggie White has one. And who can say that it just doesn't seem right?

Rich Hoffman covers sports for The Philadelphia Daily News.

Iron Mike set to become Saint Mike

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Even while Mike Ditka watched the Green Bay Packers beat the New England Patriots in the Super Bowl, he was thinking about how he would put the New Orleans Saints in position to win the NFL's biggest game.

Ditka, expected to become the Saints' coach this week, was in New Orleans for the pregame coin toss at the Super Bowl. He wasn't doing much talking Sunday, but when he left the field Ditka was asked if he would bring the Saints to the championship game.

He smiled and mouthed "Yes," to the question.

Ditka spent Monday evening at a suburban hotel near New Orleans International airport. He was visited briefly by Saints interim coach Rick Upchurch. Saints owner Tom Benson has promised Venturi a job in the organization.

Speculation was that the Saints would announce Ditka's hiring



Mike Ditka will take over 'Da Saints' today.

When asked Monday night at a news conference who planned, team spokesman Rusty Kasmierski said, "no yet."

Kuharich, 43, recruited hiring Ditka, and will remain with the Saints as general manager

and president. An NFL source told The Associated Press, Kuharich has been with the Saints for 11 years. His former

as general manager, retired last month, but this contract on vice president of football operations through June 30.

Kuharich was hired by the late Jim Finks as the director of player personnel on January 29, 1994. Kuharich was president of the vice president of football operations. He became general manager last January, and thus still the owner remain in the position.

Finks led the NFL's NFC Central unit, where NFC Championship games and the NFL's only Super Bowl victory, a 46-20 rout of New England 11 years ago.

second year gave the franchise its first winning record and took the Saints to the playoffs four times.

New Orleans has had trouble dealing with free agency, however, losing a number of good players.

Four seasons ago, after starting off with a five-game winning streak, the Saints finished 8-8. Since then, they have had three straight losing seasons, all in 1995.

New Orleans' Hallway through the season, after the team lost 26-16 in a personal

With White as interim coach, the Saints last season of their last eight games while playing the league's toughest schedule.

The Saints did not sell out a home game last season, and season ticket sales fell as well.

SUPER CELEBRATION



Green Bay revelers tackle a moving car on Lombardi Avenue Sunday night after the Packers won their first Super Bowl title in 29 years.

Weary fans wrap up week in New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Tom Jordan and four buddies sat on the curb outside the Superdome as bartenders served glasses empty, their hearts full.

"It's been the greatest night of my life," Jordan, 38, of Milwaukee said. "I'll be dying later, but at least I'll die happy."

Many Green Bay Packers fans didn't rest their weary heads until the break of day. Neither did a lot of folks who follow the New England Patriots, for that matter.

Whether they celebrated the Packers' 35-21 victory or drowned their sorrows, the crowds that wrapped up Super Bowl week soaked up every ounce of the experience.

As dawn crept across the French Quarter, weary knots of fans discussed the NFL's biggest game as bartenders served thinning crowds and clean-up crews moved mountains of trash.

As could be expected, New England fans preferred to talk about the week around the game. But even after watching the Packers whip the Patriots, many felt the trip had been worthwhile.

At Cafe Du Monde, a subdued group dreamed of next year, while easing their pain with cafe au lait and beignets, the hors-square doughnuts the Jackson Square cafe serves topped with powdered sugar.

"It's a disappointment, but I think we have a young team that will be back," Margie Spencer, 35, of Boston said. "And except

for losing the game, we had a great time. I'm a big Super Bowl fan from now on."

Furled down the street, fellow Patriot fan Sam Weston wasn't as happy. The Hartford, Conn., man paid \$1,600 for a pair of tickets to watch his team lose.

"I'd of been better off to watch it in a bar," Weston said. "That way I could have saved money and had more fun. At least I can say I've been to a game. I guess that's something when you think of it. They most people don't ever get to go to one."

Ticket scalping was big business outside the Superdome before the game, with brokers flouting local and state anti-scalping laws.

Sellers said prices for the tickets, which had a face value of \$275, remained high because of pressure from Packers fans. At the game, John Randolph Jr. held up a sign offering to buy ticket stubs.

"Some people collect them, some people just want them, some people just want to convince their friends that they were at the game, even if they weren't," Randolph said. "Either way, there's a market for them."

Police reportedly arrested at least 10 people for scalping. Two uniformed officers were also seen searching two men. The officers had one man pull his pants down on the sidewalk outside the Superdome. They appeared to find nothing but money, however, and let the men go.

Commissioner to rule on Parcels' contract

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue will decide whether coach Bill Parcells, who took the New England Patriots to the Super Bowl, is free to leave them.

A conference call involving Tagliabue and both sides in the dispute over Parcels' contract is set for Tuesday with a decision possible by Wednesday.

Parcells claims he can coach wherever he wants in 1997. The Patriots requested the conference call, and owner Robert Kraft says Parcels cannot coach or take a comparable position with any other NFL team next season.

Despite the Patriots' successful season, ending on Sunday's 35-21 Super Bowl loss to the Green Bay Packers, Kraft and Parcells have had a cool relationship.

Speculation has focused on the New York Jets as Parcels' next stop, but no other team can negotiate with him until a ruling by Tagliabue, for many years the NFL's chief counsel.



Bill Parcells

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A Philadelphia division in the team's favor would give Kraft leverage to demand compensation from any club that wants to hire Parcells.

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Fox scores touchdown with 43.3 Super Bowl rating

NEW YORK (AP) — Hailed as the day that "took us to the next level," Sunday Super Bowl helped Fox rewrite almost as many records as Leonard Howard did in the Super Bowl.

While the speedy Green Bay kick returner was breaking records with return yardage, Fox did it with ratings.

With 3.3 rating and 65 share reported Monday by Nielsen Media Research, Fox eclipsed its mark of 34.2 for 1995 NFC championship game by nearly 9 points. The estimated 128.9 million viewers who tuned in Sunday were by far the most ever for Fox.

for that show with a rating of 17.4 and a 29 share.

"It's a very strong statement," said Giles Linnberg, Fox senior vice president for marketing and research. "We exposed an awful lot of viewers to Fox. And I think, as we did with the World Series, as we did with the NFC championship, and as we do with our other classic programs, this took us to the next level."

The 128.9 million viewers is fourth on the list of most-watched shows, the other three all being Super Bowls, including last year's game between Dallas and Pittsburgh, which ranks No. 1 with nearly 138.5 million viewers.

The highest rating for a Super Bowl is 30.9 for CBS with the 1992 Super Bowl. With more comparable data and the emergence of cable TV, that number will likely continue to improve.

Linnberg said Fox was "thrilled" we would have an audience with it in front of it. This show was very interesting on Green Bay, it was a very competitive game, and the coverage was superb."

Fox scored the day with a 4.1 rating and 16 share in the NFL. Time All-India Super Bowl game on 9:23:30 pm. The game was the program, from 7:30:00 pm, averaged 18.4 rating, including a 3.3 for the final 25 minutes.

The ratings for each half hour during the game remained remarkably stable, with the highest half hour being 44.3 from 8:30-8:35 pm, and the lowest half hour being 41.6 from 8:07-8:12.

Each ratings point represents 1 percent of the estimated 97 million TV households in America, while the share is the percentage of TV's audience at that time.

"If you look back over the '90s, as we did in trying to project, Super Bowl that have not involved the Dallas Cowboys have performed in the late 40s, and actually in 1990, with Sam Irvin and Dan Dierdorf (CBS did 1990)," Linnberg said. "So we're very happy."

COMICS

Peartu By Charles M. Schulz

FOR MY REPORT TODAY I HAVE BROUGHT MY DOG. YES, HE'S A REAL DOG. NO, IT'S NOT A LITTLE KID IN A DOG SUIT. NO, HE DOESN'T TALK. DOGS DON'T TALK. ARE THERE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? NO, NONE NOT. BRING OUT FREE SOLUTIONS!!

Dilbert By Scott Adams

THE NETWORK WENT DOWN AND I LOST MY WORK. THE SERVER CRASHED. FROM NOW ON, I WANT ADVANCED NOTICE OF ANY UNPLANNED OUTAGES. AND I NEED IT REPEATED. I THINK THAT'S JUST A FIBRE OF OPTIMISM.

B.C. By Garry Hall

WHO CAN TELL ME WHAT MONTEZUMA WAS FAVORITE FOOD? JOHNNY? THE BEST PLACE TO VISIT IS THE MOUNTAINS.

Garfield By Jim Davis

OKAY, GARFIELD I'M READY! NEVER BUILT YOUR PRIDE ON THE BACK OF AN IDIOT. I'M GOING TO SCHOOL.

Hi and Lois By Dan Clifton

ALL DAY OFF AND THE HOUSE ALL TO MYSELF! RING! DID I FORGET MY BACKPACK AND CELLPHONE YOU BRING THEM TO SCHOOL QUICK! SURE DO, RIGHT AWAY! LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE REALLY DOING YOUR HOMEWORK HERE, BUENA VISTA.

The Wizard of Id By Brian Koppelman & Gregory Kirsch

SICKLE FUNERALS. MORNING BOSS. SAVED MORNINGS, SICKLE. IT MIGHT BE THE BEST INVESTMENT YOU CAN MAKE.

Hagar the Horrible By Darrin Bell

MORNING MAMA-- DO YOU HAVE ANY OLD STUFF YOU WANT TO GET RID OF? NO. DO YOU TAKE ANY MIDDLE-CLASS STUFF?

Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker

IT SURE IS NICE AND QUIET AND PEACEFUL WHEN SARGE ISN'T HOVERING OVER US. YEAH... BUT WE'LL NEVER GET TO RESOLVE OUR SENSATIONAL VIDEO MESSAGE.

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

DOCTORS WAITING ROOM. NURSE. IT MIGHT INTEREST THE DOCTOR TO KNOW THERE ARE TWO HUNDRED FIFTY SEVEN HUNDRED AND NINE HUNDRED AND THIRTEEN WORDS IN THE DECEMBER ISSUE OF 'READERS DIGEST'.

The Bom Loser By Art Sammler & Chip

BY GOLLY MY NEW DIET IS WORKING! YOU KNOW, BROTHAS, I DO BELIEVE MY WEIGHT PROBLEM IS BEHIND ME. I THINK THAT'S ALL. I'M GOING TO TAKE A SHORT TRIP TO THE MOUNTAINS.

For Dicker or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

LOOK, HERE'S A BATCH OF NURSES AND PATIENTS TRYING TO GET OUT OF A HOSPITAL-- BUT IT'S LIKE... IT'S BELOW! WHY'D YOU CHECK A SUBJECT LIKE SMOKING?

Monty By Dean Young & Stan Drake

I'LL MAKE SOME. I'M AWFULLY COLD OUT THERE TO BE EATING ICE CREAM. I KNOW, BUT I CAN'T EAT CHERRY PIE WITHOUT VANILLA ICE CREAM ON IT. HE'S BEEN LIKE THAT SINCE HE KEEPS MUMBLING 'GAVE BACK' HE'S FROM A PLACE WORTH IT.

Prickles By Brian Crane

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, SPY? SURFING THE NET. AHHH... SURFING THE NET, YES, BUT SURFING THAT OLD NET... YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT, DO YOU? NOT A CLUE.

Demis the Minotaur By Hank Ketcham

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The Family Circus By Bil Keane

"Someday, when we're older, could we watch the oven clean itself?"

It's a matter of degree

The most nutritious food in the world's said to be blood. Q: Where's the world's biggest temperate rainforest? A: Near the coast of Canada's British Columbia. Etc.

Counting degree asks, 'How much will it cost?' "The graduate with a Liberal Arts degree asks, 'Do you want to fight with that?'"

Turn on their sides, a capital "B" has two humps, a capital "D" has another way to remember the difference between "Bactrian" and "Brendan" came.

Edgar Allan Poe looked bad when he submitted his manuscript of "The Raven" to Graham's Magazine. So had the editorial staffers took up a collection of \$15 for him before they rejected the poem.

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WHAT'S WHAT? L.M. Boyd

HOROSCOPE: Sydney Omarr

IF JANUARY 28 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Some people claim you are too progressive. You are dynamic, independent, often display courage of convictions. Leo, Aquarius persons play dramatic roles in your life and in romance. Current cycle relates to ability to finally let go of unsavory situations, relationships. You make fresh start in different direction, where new life awaits.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Address information regarding concerning legal agreement, partnership, marital status. Focus on public appearances, promotion of product having special appeal to women.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You're relieved of burden, path cleared for travel, social activities, financing, entertainment project, relationship that went off track might be blessing in disguise. Gemini involved.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Attention revolves around remodeling, rebuilding, overcoming obstacle that created emotional bruise. You are going places, you'll know all about it. Scorpio plays role.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Emphasis on what happens at home, family membership. "You are so independent!" Get thoughts, ideas on paper - ignore slings and arrows. Virgo, Sagittarius persons in focus.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Venus keynote blends with Sun rulership - love relationship restored. Emphasis on home, security, family, music in your life. People vie to wine and dine you. Taurus, Libra in scenario.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): What you lost is recovered soon. You'll be at right phase at crucial time - individual who courts you presents valuable stone. Pisces and another Virgo figure prominent.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Cycle moves up, what was lost is returned, circumstances take dramatic turn in your favor. Emphasis on organization, production, reward for effort. Cancer native is prominent.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Long distance call relates to travel, romance. Relationship needs mending. Mars conjuncts with your Pluto. Individuals intrigued and upset. Aries, individual claims "You are so independent!"

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Path cleared for adventure! Emphasis on originality, new project, willingness to participate in business venture. Love plays dynamic role, you might be saying, "Just what I have always wanted!"

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19): Fickle finger of fate points to you - means obligation, to assume leadership. Adventure relates to travel over water. Keep resolutions concerning diet, nutrition. Cancer native involved.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Truth discovered concerning individual who broke promise - and your heart. Financial status involved. You'll see eye to eye to be paid. Lesson learned, protect self in emotional clutches.

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Thacker debates in mock national crisis



Amanda Thacker, a Junior at Murtaugh High School, was selected as a national scholar by the National Young Leaders Conference.

MURTAUGH - Murtaugh High School junior Amanda Thacker has been selected by the National Young Leaders Conference as a national scholar. She is attending the conference through Sunday in Washington, D.C.

The program is designed for high school juniors and seniors who show leadership qualities and have high scholastic merit. It is sponsored by the Congressional Youth Leadership Council.

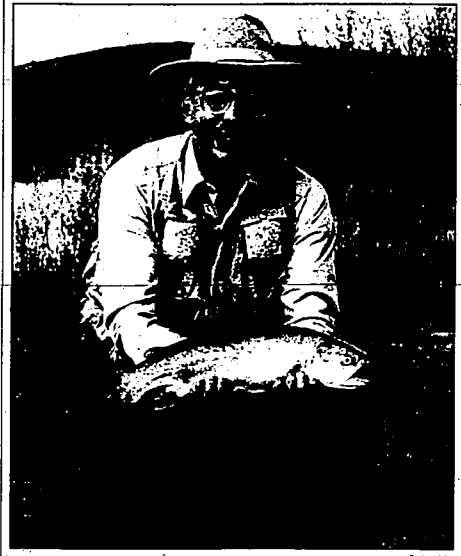
Amanda will meet with senators and representatives to discuss important issues facing the nation and Idaho. Included in the program are welcoming remarks from the House of Representatives and a panel discussion with members of the National Press Club. Participants will be given a tour of Washington during their stay.

At the conference, Amanda will participate in a mock national crisis with Russia, discuss opinions as to what her reactions as president would be and discuss questions from leaders of the three branches of government.

"I'm excited but also overwhelmed by the opportunity that's been given me to attend this conference," Amanda said. "I know I'll come away with a better knowledge and understanding of the situations and problems that our Legislature faces. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the people who have helped sponsor me to make this trip possible, and I will do my best to represent Murtaugh High and the people of Murtaugh to the best of my ability."

Amanda is an honor student, cheerleader and member of Business Professionals of America, where she serves as secretary. She is an avid reader and a dance student of Willa Dean Neilson. She loves art and plans to further her education in the field of architecture.

CLUB PROFILE



Ben Collins displays the 4 pound Rainbow Trout he caught on a black leach at Duck Valley Indian Reservoir. He titles the photo 'Beginners Luck.'

Magic Valley Fly Fishers

Purpose: The goals of the Magic Valley Fly fishers are conservation, restoration, and education of natural resources through fly fishing. The organization tries to enjoy the sport and keep surroundings as close to natural as possible. Fly fishers unite to help restore the area's streams, lakes, and rivers by working on habitat improvement projects with Idaho Fish and Game or by providing financing to make these projects feasible are also focused on. Developing and supporting education programs to inform everyone about the necessity to protect and preserve our natural resources in cold, warm and salt waters is also part of the groups activities.

with Idaho Department of Fish and Game and Forest Service; Adopt-a-Wetland program on the Little Wood River in cooperation with Idaho Department of Fish and Game; Trout-in-the-Classroom program in four middle schools which actually rear trout in the classroom from eggs; sponsors of an annual "Ladies Only" fly fishing day; and an annual fund raising and membership banquet. This years banquet and casting clinic will be held Saturday, Feb. 8.

For more information contact: President Ben Collins at 543-8169, or Vice President Dee Smith at 733-0169.

Meets at 7 p.m. the third Thursday of each month, September through May, at the Rock Creek Restaurant, 200 Addison Ave. W. in Twin Falls.

Dues: \$25 a year. Also includes the monthly newsletter, "Windknobs."

Major Projects: Several habitat improvement projects in cooperation

Profile your club
The Times-News would like to profile your organization. Send your information along with our name, a photo and your phone number to April Crnich, Community Editor, P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83303.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Fly fishers plan banquet

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Fly Fishers Club has planned its annual banquet and membership drive for Feb. 8 at the Turf Club.

Doors open at 5:30, and dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Tickets must be purchased by Friday. For more information, call Ben Collins at 543-8169.

Scholarships offered

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls County Farm Bureau is offering three scholarships totaling \$2,500 to area students in 1997.

A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a student who plans to attend the College of Southern Idaho to major in either agriculture or a vocational course. The second \$1,000 award will be given to a student attending an institution other than CSI and majoring in an agricultural course. A \$500 scholarship will be awarded to students of any college of university in any course of study. Applicants must be Farm Bureau members.

Applications may be obtained from the Twin Falls County Farm Bureau, 2732 Kimberly Road, and must be returned to the Twin Falls County Farm Bureau, P.O. Box 1788, Twin Falls, ID 83303-1788 by April 15.

Parents learn about DARE

MURTAUGH - The Gang Resistance Education And Training Program will be introduced to parents of Murtaugh students at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the library at the elementary school. Parents of third, fourth, fifth- and seventh-graders are encouraged to attend. Deputy Ron Kirtland will discuss gang resistance and substance abuse programs.

Kirtland, known as the Drug Awareness Resistance Education officer, will be work-

ing with Murtaugh's third, fourth, fifth- and seventh-graders on how to say "no" to gangs. Students discuss the difference between a gang and a club - gangs have undesirable activities while clubs have a worthwhile purpose.

The GREAT curriculum is made up of four 45-minute classes held once a week. The first class covers families and why they are special. Gangs and how they are not a family or substitute for a family will be discussed in the second session. In the third meeting, Kirtland will discuss setting goals and the importance of staying in school and minding parents and teachers. "Do You Know Me," the last class, talks about the importance of the students striving to be a special person.

CLASSES

Water aerobics offered

GOODING - A water aerobics class will be offered Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Feb. 4 at the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind.

Cost is \$35 per month. For more information, call Liz Arkoosh at 934-8560 or Kathleen Goicochea at 934-4358.

New classes begin soon

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho Center for New Directions is offering two new classes that begin soon.

Learning Within Constant Change is designed to enhance skills for making change less painful. Participants will learn a formula to solve any problem and identify their own personal learning style. Professional career counselors will assist the class in applying new knowledge to problems and decisions, improve adaptability and enhance learning styles so that change is welcomed rather than feared.

The class will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, Feb. 3 through Feb. 19. One credit is offered.

Premium Communication Skills is for adults wishing to improve their skills in listening, negotiation and conflict management on the job. Participants will perfect their communication style and explore gender differences in communication styles. Career counselors will assist the class in identifying ways to handle difficult people, manage conflict and communicate emotions in a constructive manner.

Class is planned for 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Feb. 4 through Feb. 20. One credit is offered.

Financial assistance may be available for both classes. For more information, call 733-9554, Ext. 2680, or 1-800-680-0274, Ext. 2680.

EVENTS

ELSEWHERE

Groundhog feed planned

HAGERMAN - Hagerman's Oddfellows Lodge 57 has planned its annual Groundhog feed for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday at the IOOF Hall.

Sausage, pancakes, eggs and hash-browns are featured on the menu. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2.50 for ages 6 to 12, under 6 is free.

Kachina dolls displayed

JEROME - The Jerome Civic Club Memorial Library has two interesting displays for viewing and educational purposes.

Kachina dolls are on display at the library's front entrance. The hand-carved dolls are from the collection of Emma Coup. Descriptions and titles accompany each doll.

In the library conference room, a large display of portraits and old-fashioned photography is available for viewing. The photography has been done by Willann Lechrone of Jerome.

I want your news

If it's news to you, I want to hear about it. To April Crnich (543-0931), the community editor at The Times-News. It is my job to fill this page with news about:

- Community meetings
- Celebrations
- Social events
- Business
- Individual achievements
- Your kids and their activities.



I will also want to publicize your pictures of special events in the life of the community that are important to our readers. Please send your news and photos to: Community Editor April Crnich, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303.

You can reach me by fax at 734-4638. You can also e-mail me at twnews@spynet.com. Deadlines for the Sunday page is 5 p.m. Wednesday. Deadline for the Thursday page is noon Monday. Deadline for the Tuesday page is noon Friday. Deadline for the Saturday page is 6 p.m. Tuesday.

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center

616 Eastland Drive
Dinner served from noon to 1 p.m. Suggested donation is \$2.50 for seniors. The cost is \$3.50 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.

Today: Creamed turkey over noodles
Wednesday: Ham/broccoli quiche
Thursday: Cribed steak
Friday: Taco salad
Monday: Swiss steak

Activities
Library, Pool Room, and Bargain Center with cards, games, color television and movies. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Today
Blood pressure checks from 10 am. to noon.

Wednesday
Quilting from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Line dancing at 3 p.m.

Thursday
Pinochle at 3 p.m.

Friday
Quilting from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Foot clinic. Call 735-2920 for appointment.

Saturday
Pancake breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m.

Suggested donation is \$2.50 per person.

Monday
Quilting from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Ageless Senior Citizens

340 Main St., N., Kimberly

All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$2.50.

Wednesday: Country sparebrs

Friday: Porcupine meatballs

Monday: Sausage patties and mashed potatoes

Thrift shop open Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Activities

Tonics at 1 p.m.

Wednesday
Blood pressure checks.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Irish wins Geography Bee

Kendall Irish, a seventh-grader at O'Leary Junior High School, won the school-level competition of the National Geography Bee on Jan. 7.

At the school level, students answer oral questions on geography.

This was the first round in the ninth annual National



Kendall Irish

Geography Bee, sponsored by the National Geographic Society and Sylvan Learning Centers. All school winners will now take a written test, and up to 100 of the top scorers in each state and territory will be eligible to compete in their state bees on April 4.

The National Geographic Society will provide an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for the state champions and their teacher/escorts to participate in the national championship on May 27 and 28. The first-place winner will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship.

Howell makes dean's list

Wyatt Howell has been named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Idaho State University's College of Engineering.

SENIOR CALENDAR

<p>Thursday Crafts at 1 p.m.</p> <p>Friday Pinochle at 1 p.m.</p> <p>Sunday Sunday dinner from noon until 2 p.m. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children 12 and under. Menu: Pork Chops. Everyone welcome.</p>	<p>Quilting at the center Wednesday Exercise class at 10 a.m.</p> <p>Thursday Quilting at the center. Evening lunch at 5:30 p.m. and cards.</p> <p>Friday Exercise class at 10 a.m.</p> <p>Saturday Exercise at 10 a.m.</p> <p>Exercise at 10 a.m.</p> <p>Cards in the evening at the center. Evening meal at 5:30 p.m.</p>
<p>Wednesday: Chicken and broccoli casserole</p> <p>Thursday: Ham with raisin sauce</p> <p>Friday: Ham with raisin sauce</p> <p>Saturday: Biscuits and gravy</p> <p>Sunday: Fried chicken</p> <p>Monday: Ruben sandwich</p>	<p>Filet Senior Haven 222 Main St., Filer</p> <p>Dinners served at noon on Tuesday and Thursday and at 6 p.m. on Friday. Suggested donation is \$2 for seniors. Home delivered meals available each meal time.</p> <p>Today: Roast beef sandwich</p> <p>Thursday: Birthday dinner with oven fried chicken</p> <p>Friday: Beef casserole</p>
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