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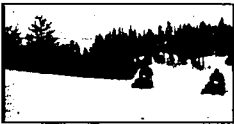
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SNOW SHOT



Michael Tauts, 10, takes a baseball bat to a pile of frozen snow in his front yard on Fourth Avenue East. His dog, Stray, played a reluctant catcher. Tauts said he's eagerly looking forward to spring.

Waste site may not take Idaho's worst

By N.S. Nokkentved
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Opening a temporary nuclear waste storage site in Nevada might help the government keep its agreement with Idaho, but it might not remove any waste that threatens southern Idaho's groundwater.

U.S. Sen. Larry Craig has introduced a bill that would establish a temporary nuclear waste storage facility at the Nevada Test Site, about 65 miles northwest of Las Vegas — or some other site picked by the president by 1999.

The Energy Department and the Clinton administration say such a site would undermine efforts to establish a permanent disposal site for highly radioactive nuclear waste, including waste from Idaho.

Craig says the temporary site would help the federal government meet its obligations in its October 1995 nuclear waste agreement with Gov. Phil Batt. Aid it would meet the government's obligation to take spent reactor fuel from commercial nuclear power plants.

Critics, however, question any real benefit to Idaho. Moving waste out looks good, but it does little to reduce threats to the environment in Idaho, says Beatrice Brailsford of the Snake River Alliance, a statewide nuclear watchdog group.



Sen. Larry Craig says his nuclear waste bill will move waste out of pools like this one at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory. Critics aren't so sure the bill will benefit Idaho.

The highly radioactive spent fuel from U.S. Navy reactors that would be among the first sent to the proposed site is not an imminent threat to the Idaho environment, she said.

The waste is stored in a stainless steel-

lined concrete pool at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.

The Navy spent fuel is robust, solid metal, engineered to withstand the rigors.

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Energy chief-designate opposes Craig plan

By N.S. Nokkentved
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The likely new Energy Secretary opposes a bill that would establish a temporary nuclear waste storage site in Nevada.

Energy Secretary designate Frederico Pena appears poised to clear Senate confirmation this week despite his lack of experience with energy issues and his opposition to U.S. Sen. Larry Craig's nuclear waste bill.

But Craig has invited Pena to work with him and the Senate Energy and

Natural Resources Committee to figure out how the government will meet its obligation to take spent reactor fuel from commercial power plants.

"There is a seat at the table at this moment that is vacant. It is your seat. It is the seat of this administration to work with this committee and the House to deal with a problem that has a very specific deadline," Craig told Pena.

Craig's bill would establish a temporary storage site for commercial spent

reactor fuel at the Nevada Test Site next door to Yucca Mountain, which is under study as the permanent disposal site. It is not expected to be ready before 2010 at the earliest.

The site also would take some waste from the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.

In earlier hearings Pena said he was aware the Energy Department will be unable to comply with a court order to accept tons of reactor waste from civilian nuclear power plants starting Jan. 31, 1998.

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COP pushes tax plan

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congressional Republican leaders, citing the "abysmal quality" of the Internal Revenue Service's management of the tax system, urged President Clinton on Sunday to come up with a broad tax overhaul by May 1.

In a letter to Clinton, the top Republicans said they wanted a proposal for a tax system that would be simpler, fairer, less intrusive, pro-growth and flexible to technological change.

The tax code, they said, "has grown so horribly complex that many Americans despair that only someone with advanced degrees can even hope to figure it out."

The Republican leaders said the IRS's continued troubles with a \$4 billion computer modernization program.

The new computer "can't cope with the complexities of the system," said Rep. William Archer, R-Texas, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee.

"It's not just the IRS. It's the system that's got to be changed, and we hope that he'll accommodate that," Archer said on CBS' "Face the Nation."

Waste facts

Nuclear waste storage and problems at a glance

Buried plutonium-contaminated waste
More than 2 million cubic feet of waste buried before 1970, remains in shallow pits and trenches at Idaho National Engineering Laboratory. Solvents from that waste have leaked into the aquifer, and plutonium isotopes have been found in the sediments about 240 feet below the waste. The government is working on a way to dig this waste up, treat it and dispose of it in a safer manner. Once dug up and treated, this waste may be sent to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, a disposal facility in New Mexico.

Stored plutonium-contaminated waste
About 2.3 million cubic feet of waste stored in barrels at INEL beginning in 1970 — one of it on asphalt pads and covered with dirt, some in a temporary air support building and some in a steel-walled building. Some of the older barrels are beginning to rust and may be leaking. According to Gov. Phil Batt's nuclear waste agreement, this waste is slated to be moved to WIPP beginning in 1999 and completed by 2018. WIPP is scheduled to open in November, but still must pass an environmental review.

High-level liquid waste
About 1.5 million gallons of highly radioactive and corrosive liquid waste remains in underground, stainless steel tanks. Some of the tanks do not meet current earthquake standards. The tanks have the least, but pipes that transfer the liquid have leaked in the past — enough to fill a railroad tank car. One hole leaked unknown amounts of high-level liquid waste into the basalt under the tanks for 20 years before it was discovered. The government is working on turning the liquid into a granular solid that is easier to store. Eventually the granular waste would be turned into a solid glass or ceramic form for disposal in a permanent repository.

Spent reactor fuel
Most spent fuel from U.S. Navy and other government reactors has been moved to a steel-lined concrete storage pool into a newer stainless steel-lined concrete pool. Some waste will be moved into above-ground dry casks for storage. There have been problems with corroded storage racks. Moving the waste into the newer pool and dry casks is deemed a safer way to store waste. According to Batt's agreement, this waste must be moved out of state by a "target date" of 2035. No disposal site for this waste exists. Yucca Mountain in Nevada is under study as a potential site. Some of this waste would go to a proposed temporary site established by a bill introduced by U.S. Sen. Larry Craig.

Researchers find key chemical to fight cancer - then lose it

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — In a dark cave 100 feet below the surface of the Pacific, hidden in the tissue of a rare sea creature, scientists found one of the most powerful cancer-fighting compounds they'd ever seen.

They have not been able to find it again. The discoverer, William Fenical of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, has returned repeatedly to the Philippine island of Siquijor in a vain search for more of the chemical.

"We've been looking for years, and still have never found it again," he says. "We find some creatures that look a lot like it, but none of the animals there had the right compound."

Researchers don't even know if the creature itself produced the compound, or if it was a

byproduct of some symbiotic fungus or bacteria. But the story, reminiscent of the 1992 fictional movie "Medicine Man," in which Sean Connery finds an anti-cancer drug for cancer in the Amazon, may have a happy ending.

Researchers at the University of California-Santa Barbara synthesized some of the sample, and say within a few years they expect to synthesize the compound, called diazomamide A.

Fenical's team, working on a National Cancer Institute grant, made their discovery in 1991. They collected samples of a rare creature called *Diazona chinensis*, a jelly-like animal related to the sea squirt, which attaches itself to rocks and filters food from the sea.

The creature had been studied two or three times before. Please see CANCER, Page A2



University of California's Joseph Konopelski displays a molecular model of diazomamide A, a cancer-fighting compound found in a rare and elusive sea creature.

Sexual harassment policy revisited

Woman angered that man she accused of misconduct is still on the job

WASHINGTON (AP) — Army Secretary Togo West said Sunday the policy that left the Army's senior noncommissioned officer on the job despite allegations of sexual misconduct undoubtedly will be reconsidered.

West said it was Army policy that relieved drill instructors of duty at a base in Maryland after they were accused of sexual harassment — but left on the job Army Sgt. Maj. Gene McKinney, who now is under similar fire.

It is "a policy we do not have with respect to other commanders or leaders of the armed forces," West said on ABC's "This Week."

The woman who accused him, an Army sergeant major who worked with McKinney, described the policy as "a different system of justice."

McKinney, the Army's top enlisted soldier, has denied sexual assault allegations by retired Sgt. Maj. Brenda Hoster, who said his actions forced her to leave the service after 22 years.

He appears in an Army video in which leaders declare war on sexual harassment but has stepped down from a panel studying sex abuse in the Army.

West said he will suspend drill instructors for any allegation, whether sexual harassment or something else affecting



Retired Sergeant Major Brenda Hoster waits to tape her appearance on ABC-TV's "This Week" in Washington Sunday. Hoster has accused Sergeant Major Gene McKinney, the service's top enlisted soldier, of sexual assault, saying his actions forced her to leave the service after 22 years.

their duties; immediately because of their close relationship with male and female trainees, West said.

Asked whether high-ranking soldiers such as McKinney also should be suspended, West said: "We've considered it, and we will undoubtedly consider it again."

In a separate program segment, Ms. Hoster complained about what she said was the Army's unequal treatment of McKinney and the drill sergeants.

"I just want everything to be done fairly," she said, noting the immediate suspensions of drill sergeants at the Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland.

"The way I see it right now, there's different standards... It seems like people in a higher position and at a different level are exempt from those kinds of things because the sergeant major of the Army is still performing his duties," Ms. Hoster continued.

"I don't understand why he gets a different system of justice."

Two members of the Senate Armed Services Committee, Sens. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., and Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, said the Army should punish those guilty of the same crimes equally.

"Certainly, everybody should be treated the same," Ms. Snowe said. "If they're facing charges, they should be placed under suspension."

Freeh quietly works to polish FBI's image

WASHINGTON (AP) — FBI director Louis J. Freeh, after six months of near hibernation as criticism of the bureau mounted, has mounted a high-profile campaign to restore the bureau's aura.

The FBI is still taking massive hits for its conduct of the Atlanta Olympic bombing investigation. Even its famed crime laboratory's reputation has been sullied, tarnishing respect created over the decades on radio and television and in scores of movies.

In the face of the storm, Freeh has been meeting television anchor men, editorial writers and reporters to deflect the criticism and polish the bureau's image. He recalls triumphs like the swift Oklahoma City bombing arrests, points out little-noticed successes like the rescue of a kidnapped infant in Puerto Rico and declares: "My morale is fine."

Last month, Freeh encouraged FBI field commanders to join him in talking back to news media.

The Washington field office chief, Assistant FBI Director Thomas J. Pickard, recently explained the importance agents place on the FBI's image. "When I was a new agent in New York, I chased a bank robber who had a shotgun. I only had a .38 (revolver). But when I yelled, 'Freeze! FBI!' he dropped the shotgun. He should have killed me."

Beyond that, Deputy Director Weldon Kennedy said this week, the single thing most responsible for the success of the FBI is that "people are confident that if they come to the FBI, the matter will be handled professionally and well. If that trust ever breaks down, it's a critical draft."

Freeh predicts the final report will be less damaging than the allegations. Joseph diGenova, a former Republican U.S. attorney in Washington, said, "Obviously some very bad investigative techniques were employed" in the Olympic bombing investigation.

The architect's sketch "doesn't look like Richard Jewell," diGenova noted. "It's inexplicable they did not talk to this guy and show his sketch in their interviews. If that's because it didn't fit their theory, and they didn't want to create a record of other evidence, that's reprehensible."

But both Heymann and diGenova defend Freeh.

"You can't conclude the most capable director we're going to see in a long time is screwing up just because half a dozen things go less than smoothly," said Heymann, deputy attorney general early in the Clinton administration. "He's got 12,000 agents working on highly visible cases. Somebody's going to do something wrong."

Under Freeh, the FBI dealt quickly with Oklahoma City, arrested a Unabomber suspect and persuaded the Montana Fremont to surrender peacefully.

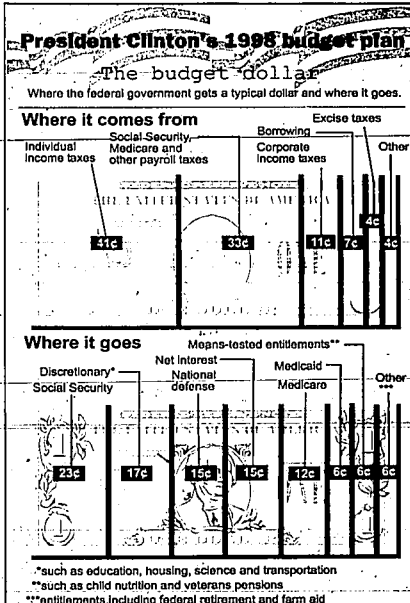
But Freeh's public relations steps have been criticized. Because he did not consult them in advance, State Department and White House officials were jarred when the director told Washington Post editors and reporters that Saudi Arabia wasn't cooperating in the probe of a bombing that killed 19 U.S. airmen.

Within days, a Washington Post editorial asked "Is the FBI going downhill?" and mentioned recent problems but not successes.



FBI Director Louis J. Freeh testifies on Capitol Hill Wednesday, remain irate because the FBI sent the Clinton White House background summaries on ex-employees.

Scientific research spending lags under Clinton



WASHINGTON — While President Clinton wants science and technology to help take America into the 21st century, the researchers being asked to lead that charge received mixed news in the president's budget proposal last week.

The two federal agencies that sponsor much of the nation's basic research — the National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health — would receive modest increases of about 3 percent, barely enough to cover inflation, in the fiscal 1998 blueprint.

"The National Science Foundation has been almost level-funded for the third year in a row," said Kevin Casey, Harvard University's director of federal and state relations. "We're concerned about 'inflation creep' at NSF," he said, which erodes the buying power of the agency's research dollars.

Some specialized programs fare better. The White House wants a 10 percent increase in computing and communications research and development, including \$300 million to pursue a next-generation Internet that would be 100 to 1,000 times faster than today's. A surveillance program on emerging infectious diseases would receive a 34 percent boost.

Still, overall spending on general science, space and technology — a category that does not

include health research — is projected to decline steadily through 2002.

The constant 1992 dollars, the Clinton budget document projects that spending on that category — which is dominated by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's activities — would drop from \$14.8 billion currently in fiscal 1997 to \$14.3 billion next year and to \$12.1 billion by 2002. That's a 17 percent decline from the 1993 spending level of \$16.5 billion.

Scientific research has had to compete with other nonentitlement programs — such as housing, veterans' health and transportation — for a shrinking slice of the discretionary budget dollar, analysts say. "We're still losing money to inflation in the long run," said Albert Teich, director of science policy for the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

But John H. Gibbons, the head of the White House's Office of Science and Technology Policy, said the nation's research establishment remains sound. "Every one of my years in this office, I have heard rumors of the imminent demise of our nation's scientific and technology enterprise," Gibbons said. "This year is no different."

Such fears are unwarranted, he said. "The president's plan will preserve civilian research funding while completing the job of balancing the budget" by 2002, Gibbons told reporters.

Clinton takes education policies to statehouses

WASHINGTON (AP) — In what amounts to a pre-emptive political strike, President Clinton is taking the ambitious education policies he unveiled before Congress last week to statehouses around the country.

Clinton hopes the personal appearances will help over state lawmakers to help him prevail against critics in Congress who

complain his program is too expensive and would rob parents and educators of control.

The president begins his trek Monday in Annapolis, Md., with a short visit to the Maryland General Assembly. In the visit of a few hours, he intends to deliver a speech before legislators and chat with Democratic Gov. Parris Glendening.

The White House says the trips are designed to allow Clinton to discuss the role states will play in shaping a transformation in public education as well as in helping Clinton change what he considers objectionable parts of last year's welfare law.

"There has to be a real partnership here, with the states and with local governments and the

private sector," White House spokesman Barry Toiv said. "The states do play such a real role in addressing the problems he's focusing on this year."

It also serves to build support outside the Washington Beltway, where disputes over balancing the federal budget threaten to bog down the president's educational goals.

Marijuana suit offer rejected

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The federal government has rejected an offer to settle a lawsuit filed by doctors trying to avoid punishment for recommending marijuana to patients with cancer and AIDS.

The lawsuit was filed last month after the nation's drug czar threatened to take action against physicians despite California's new law allowing medical uses of marijuana.

The plaintiffs offered to settle the case if the government would agree to bar prosecution of doctors who, in good faith, discuss

the use of medical marijuana or recommend it for their patients.

On Friday, Barry McCaffrey, director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, rejected the offer in a letter from Justice Department lawyer Kathleen Muller.

"Doctors cannot evade the prohibitions of the Controlled Substances Act by claiming that they are merely providing their patients with recommendations" in accordance with their best medical judgment," Muller wrote.

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NATION

Republicans get new challenge in opposing Clinton

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Life was simple for Republicans when President Clinton openly championed big government. But it's gotten a lot more complicated — and politically risky — now that Clinton has scaled back his initiatives and targeted them at some of the nation's more popular causes, such as teaching children to read and protecting their health.

While Republicans accuse Clinton of returning to the big-government mind-set that dominated the early years of his first administration, they also concede that his more limited and focused approach — "small packages with pretty, bright ribbons," as one GOP aide put it — makes the challenge for Republicans all the more difficult.

"Yes, it poses a real challenge," said Sen. Dan Coats, R-Ind. "It puts us in a difficult position. ... If we oppose his tactics,

the means he has chosen, it looks as though we are opposing the solution. ... He has the bully pulpit, and we don't. ... We may have the more constructive solution, but we lose out in the rhetorical battle."

In his State of the Union speech and in his budget proposal last week, Clinton laid out a carefully targeted and politically reasuring role for government in areas ranging from drugs, crime and toxic waste to schools, health and encouragement of volunteerism.

His new approach differs markedly from his big early initiatives, such as the huge economic-stimulus and health-care packages that bombed in Congress in 1993 and 1994. It also contrasts with the minimalist approach he took in 1995 after Republicans captured Congress, partly as a result of his overreaching in the previous two years.

Instead of the comprehensive health-care initiative that seemed to confuse and

scare many Americans, Clinton proposed a smaller effort to provide insurance coverage to children from low-income families, a one-bite-at-a-time approach that is easier for Congress to swallow.

He also zeroed in on other sensitive areas, some of them already claimed by Republicans as well as Democrats, ranging from a victims'-rights constitutional amendment to "flex time" for workers, a crackdown on juvenile crime and a law aimed at guaranteeing women at least 48 hours of hospitalization after a mastectomy.

He proposed a "national crusade" to improve educational standards and performance, with the federal government's pitching in to help with everything from tutors to computers and a little brick and mortar when the schoolhouse starts to fall apart.

"What this adds up to is 'big government' is a matter of dispute between the parties. But these small and often moving

targets present Republicans with a different set of problems.

"Clinton understands if you focus on popular things you can advance the federal role," said Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz. "But a lot of little pieces gradually add up to a lot more governmental power."

In their public responses to Clinton's speech and budget, many Republicans argued that Clinton is trying to bring back the "era of big government" he had pronounced to be dead in his address to Congress only a year ago.

"The president of the United States, while declaring the era of big government is at an end, every day comes up with another program to expand government," House Budget Committee Chairman John R. Kasich, R-Ohio, complained to CNN on Thursday.

Clinton "continues a very ambitious role for more government at a time when Americans are increasingly saying there

is already too much government in their lives," Coats said in an interview.

But in subsequent comments, several Republicans acknowledged that the anti-government fervor of 1994 has lost some of its edge.

Clinton could not have gotten away with expansion of government programs in the immediate aftermath of the 1994 elections but was encouraged by the "more pragmatically conservative" tone of the 1996 campaign to pursue a "bullet-in-the-chamber" approach to achieving those same ends, said freshman Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan.

Senate Minority Leader Thomas A. Daschle, D-S.D., put it another way. "Some Republicans instead the American people when they say they don't want government," he said. "People want a government that works, not an imitative government, but one that works. So this punts these Republicans in a box."



Washington Mardi Gras queens Summer Parker, left, and Kristi O'Quin, center, get ready to enter the 50th anniversary celebration of the Washington Mardi Gras Ball with the help of Vern Weeks Saturday.

House to vote soon on term limit measure

Awarder faces certain failure

Knight-Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — The House this week plans to try again to pass a constitutional amendment limiting the terms of members of Congress, but like the last time the issue came up nearly two years ago, the proposal is virtually certain to fail.

The issue is still alive because the idea of term limits remains popular among voters. But supporters and opponents both cite several reasons why the measure is likely to be rejected, not the least of which is that incumbents don't want to lose their jobs.

And those wary Americans feel out of the circle of power. "The issue is still alive because the idea of term limits remains popular among voters. But supporters and opponents both cite several reasons why the measure is likely to be rejected, not the least of which is that incumbents don't want to lose their jobs. And those wary Americans feel out of the circle of power."

Sen. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., the prime sponsor of a term-limits amendment in that Senate, said its adoption would liberate members to address the tough issues — like curbing the costs of Medicare and other entitlements.

At the moment, there appear to be at least four amendments that could come up in the House. One is sponsored by Rep. Bill McCollum, R-Fla., and is backed by House Speaker Newt Gingrich of Georgia and most other senior Republicans. It calls for a limit of six terms (12 years) for House members and two terms (12 years) for senators. Gingrich says House members should be able to serve the same number of terms as senators.

U.S. Term Limits and other term-limit parties hate it. "We want it clear off the table," Ferry fumed. "It does very, very little to change the system in a constructive way."

U.S. Term Limits is backing a proposal by Rep. Bob Inglis, R-S.C., who wants to hold House members to three terms (6 years) and senators to two (12 years).

"A three-term limit gets rid of the seniority system, makes every election more competitive, and replaces career legislators with citizen legislators," Ferry said.

Freshman Rep. Roy Blunt, R-Mo., is backing still a third proposal that would amend the Constitution to permit states to set congressional term limits. Ferry says that is also acceptable to U.S. Term Limits, although it prefers the Inglis plan.

Mardi Gras in Oklahoma?

Every Tom, Jacques and Harriet wants in on celebration

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — It's Mardi Gras time! In Seattle, St. Louis, Galveston and Pensacola. In Duncin, Fla., St. Mary's, Ga., and Norman, Okla.

NOR-man, Okla-HOMA? Yep. It seems anywhere that every Tom, Jacques and Harriet wants in on the fun.

Jeanne Flanigan, owner of Flanigan's Costumes and head of Norman's Mardi Gras, burst into laughter when a reporter called from New Orleans. It's a common reaction among people who run the less-known celebrations.

"It's kind of dinky compared to what's going on there," Ms. Flanigan conceded. "We wanted something to cure the winter blues, so we created this."

"We started off with about 35 people in the parade and 35 people watching it. It goes around the block, so our crowd of people followed us around the block the first year. ..."

"Now we have about 200 people in the parade and maybe 3,000 or 4,000 people watching. We have a full-blown ball after the parade now instead of private parties."

Mardi Gras parades and balls have been fixtures in New Orleans and Mobile, Ala., for generations. Seattle is celebrating its 20th annual Mardi Gras, St. Louis' Souldar neighborhood its 18th.

But even Mobile, which claims to have been celebrating Mardi Gras since the 1700s, and New Orleans, where a disorganized street procession was noted in 1827, are late to the parade.

After all, the Louisiana Territory wasn't claimed for France until 1682—Bineche, Belgium, dates its first Carnival celebration to 1394.

In some, they say Carnival — from the Latin for "farewell to the flesh," in preparation for Lenten austerities — dates to the second century, when Bacchus and Venus were deities for many people rather than Carnival parade groups. These days, in New Orleans,

Carnival is a thoroughly secular bacchanalia, a drunken \$440 million party attended by millions. Private groups in New Orleans and surrounding parishes put on dozens of parades in the two weeks leading up to Fat Tuesday, and a half-dozen on the day itself. People who ride the krewe floats buy plastic beads, aluminum doubloons and other trinkets to toss to the miles and miles of crowds.

Other citizens around Louisiana hold parades or "coursirs du Mardi Gras" — drunken horseback rides around the countryside to gather chickens, sausage and other ingredients for a community gumbo. Mardi Gras is a state holiday.

In Mobile, a study five years ago estimated spending at \$20 million, said Rob McClure, vice president of the Mobile Carnival Association.

"That's figuring an evening dress at 80 bucks, which you couldn't find if you went looking for it. Gas, insurance, dogs, jams — we lost everything, and yet it was \$20 million," he said.

Norman's Mardi Gras is more down-home and less serious than most New Orleans parades.

"We have the Littlefield Krewe, the Norwegians. They entered our category of Unidentified Rolling Objects," Ms. Flanigan said. "They have a hospital gurney for a start."

Then there's The Banned of Oklahoma, a sort of marching band, she said. "If you can get 'em pointed in the right direction, they march," she explained.

There's also a lawnmower drill team and the Synchronized Readers, who turn the pages of Waldo books on command.

Seattle's Fat Tuesday parade in the Pioneer Square district is preceded by a week of contests and

live music at the bars and restaurants that sponsor it. The parade itself has floats and ambles along for about eight blocks.

Anyone who wants to join. Usually, a few hundred people do, with a thousand or so watching, said Tina Boechel, publicity chairwoman for the Fat Tuesday Committee.

Mardi Gras has even become a theme at some parties celebrating a Jewish child's religious coming of age.

Party organizer Steve Wozniak of Los Angeles, who advertises Mardi Gras among themes for bar and mitzvah banquets, estimates he's given about 10 such parties over 15 years.

He said it never occurred to him that Mardi Gras had been exclusively a Roman Catholic festival.

"People just try to pick some fun-type activity," he said, "and Mardi Gras is one of the funner type things."

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City Council gets to enjoy day off today

TWIN FALLS—The Twin Falls City Council will not meet today, and some council members will use the free time to attend Cactus Pines 40th anniversary celebration in Jackpot. The council will meet at 5 p.m. Tuesday in City Hall.

Mountain Home police given \$1,500 in software

MOUNTAIN HOME—The Mountain Home Police Department has received a technological boost thanks to a donation of \$1,500 worth of software from the Microsoft Corp. Division.

The donation will allow the department to network its computer systems and run the necessary software required to meet some of the department demands.

Probation officer to talk to Wendell chamber

WENDELL—Twin Falls County Chief Probation Officer Doug Althaus will speak at the Wendell Chamber of Commerce's noon luncheon Wednesday at the Farmhouse Restaurant.

Gooding parish dishes out weekly free meal

GOODING—A free nutritious meal is available from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday at St. Elizabeth Parish Hall, at 1515 California St.

Jerome School Board meets today at library

JEROME—A regular meeting of the Jerome School Board will be held today at the Jerome Public Library, 100 First Ave. E.

Hansen School Board plans special meeting

HANSEN—The Hansen School Board will hold a special meeting at 7 p.m. today at the district office.

Dietrich School Board gets together tonight

DIETRICH—The Dietrich School Board will meet at 7 p.m. today in the business room at the school.

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Cover or no, pool prices may go up

By William Brock
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—Admission fees and season-pass prices at the city's municipal pool could be going up, regardless of whether it gets a year-round cover.

Pool proceeds

Q 1996 (summer session only):

- Lessons: \$18,681
- Family passes: \$3,000
- Daily admissions: \$22,900 (estimated)

Q Covered pool projections (12 month season):

- Lessons: \$42,000
- Family Passes: \$20,400
- Daily admissions: \$27,000

The city's Parks and Recreation Commission will discuss the idea of higher pool fees Tuesday.

Last month, the City Council accepted a private group's offer to finance an enormous, removable cover over the municipal pool—which would allow year-round operation. The Cover the Pool Committee pledged to raise roughly \$300,000 to pay for the cover and other amenities, while the city agreed to assume all operating expenses.

to pay for year-round use of a major city asset, said Committee Chairman Stephanie Crumrine.

Though expenses would rise, so would revenues if the pool shifted to year-round operation.

Crumrine envisions the pool being open from 6 a.m. to around 9 p.m., with designated times for a variety of water-recreation programs. Different programs could run simultaneously, she said, noting the city pool is four times larger than the privately operated YFCA pool.



Twin Falls High School swim team members brace subfreezing temperatures for a pre-dawn swim practice last fall at the city pool.

following revenues from year-round operation of the pool:

- \$15,000 in annual corporate contracts from large employers eager to expand company "wellness" programs.
- \$12,500 per year from classes including lay-alike, life-saving and swimming lessons for infants.
- \$12,000 annually from the Magic Valley Marlin Swim Team Inc.
- \$5,000 per year from aqua aerobics.
- \$7,200 annually from aqua therapy, which physical therapists sometimes prescribe for people recovering from injuries.
- \$4,500 per year from senior citizens' groups.

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About Chylia Dixon

Q Age: 16
Q Residence: Jerome
Q Occupation: student and caregiver
Q Family: mother, Sabrina Torres
Q Hobby: participating in Academic Decathlon at Jerome High School
Q Good deed: encourages people

Chylia Dixon, 16, notices when a fellow student, teacher or anyone else she comes in contact with needs to be encouraged and cheered up.

"She just seems to know when I need a pat on the back. Chylia is always a pleasure to be around—she has a smile from ear to ear that is contagious," said her teacher Linda Burton.

Dixon's trademark is tiny notes, left on a desk or with whom ever needs encouragement. Dixon has left thousands of little notes, usually with only two words to give a discouraged or disgruntled person a reason for being cheered. "You're great," "Smile," "Thanks for everything," "You're beautiful" or "You're awesome."

Know an everyday hero?

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

Send nominations to Everyday Heroes, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or fax us at 724-5238. We'll need your name and phone number, the name of your everyday hero and a few sentences about the person.

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SHOSHONE—Lincoln County planning and zoning commissioners heard testimony about increasing the minimum acreage for agricultural land, but were unable to make decisions Friday.

designated as agricultural property, instead of 20 acres as in the current zoning ordinance.

"If this we should have 40, 60 or even 160 acres in order to have a real ag zone. I don't think 20 acres is ag—it's kind of a mockery to a real ag zone," Telford said.

Someone had removed the public notice from the courthouse, and two neighbors of property being dealt with had not been properly notified, making it illegal for the commission to vote or make any decisions.

Speaking against the ordinance change, Kevin Drum of Shoshone said, "I'm against this change. There are a lot of people moving in around here who can't farm 40 acres. They work in town and if they buy up 40 acres we'll have nothing but a weed problem and that affects all the farms around them. Let them buy whatever they can take care of."

Another meeting date for decisions has not been set, Chairman Jerry Nance said.

"People want to live in the country so they can have a few horses," Drum said.

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By Gina Mulder
Times-News correspondent

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and other species that call the Hagerman Valley home during winter months, event chairman Kevin Lynott said.

"The chamber's main purpose is to bring more people into the community to support the businesses, and this time of year is a dead period, not a lot going on. So we fashioned an event around the birds," Lynott said.

Festival coordinators have scheduled a weekend affair of workshops, tours and seminars—all to educate and enlighten aspiring to avid birders, Lynott said.

Keynote speaker will be MaryAnn Edson with the Peregrine Fund World

NICE GUY



Jim Nice helps Judson Larsen, left, Casey Carpenter and Chris Larsen retrieve a 'fox tail' that got stuck in a tree along Fourth Avenue East. The three were taking turns throwing various flying toys Friday afternoon.

Veterans struggle with mysterious ailments while fighting for coverage

LEWISTON (AP) — On a bad day, even simple tasks such as bending over to put on a pair of shoes can be impossible for Gulf War veteran Dale L. Blicu of Orofino.

At 39, the former Air Force maintenance worker feels like a crippled old man. He was told in 1992 he had the body of an 80-year-old, riddled with arthritis. The doctor told him he had one of five types of terminal arthritis. He separated from the service and returned to Idaho to enjoy what is left of his life and be near his family. He has since been diagnosed with brain damage and inflammation of the brain stem.

Even his recommended treatment for the neurological damage robs him of little enjoyment his health allows. He is supposed to avoid sun, reduce stress, quit his job at a paint store, cover his skin and stay away from petroleum products.

Not only is he going to live in the dark, but he is supposed to give up

the upper layers of his skin.

"They've taken my life. I have no quality of life. I have nothing else to look forward to."

Blicu is one of tens of thousands of veterans who are reporting unexplained illnesses they attribute to their service in the Persian Gulf War.

Six years after the war, veteran David T. Smith of Lewiston is finally gaining recognition from the federal government that his illnesses are connected to his service as a Marine in the Gulf War.

Smith will tell the House Committee on Veterans Affairs about his battle for treatment and compensation officials to the shallow grave in Big Water, a settlement of 329 people set amid the blood-red sandstone bluffs of southern Utah. The remains of the boy, who disappeared last August, were found Friday.

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Dan Lovelace, chaplain for Minidoka Memorial Hospital, visits with patient Brandon Pelcher, 11. Lovelace is the hospital's new part-time chaplain.

Slain boy's mom stunned by cousin's confession

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Now that the remains of Lance Guerrera have been recommended to his mother, Kimberly Guerrera, must grapple with another awful truth: a 17-year-old cousin claims he killed her boy.

"I don't understand how a 17-year-old boy could hurt a 6-year-old boy who loved him and looked up to him," Mrs. Guerrera told The Salt Lake Tribune. "It's inconceivable. If it turns out to be anything deliberate, I'm just not going to be able to handle it."

Lance's 17-year-old cousin has admitted to the slaying and led law-enforcement officials to the shallow grave in Big Water, a settlement of 329 people set amid the blood-red sandstone bluffs of southern Utah. The remains of the boy, who disappeared last August, were found Friday.

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Mini-Cassia religious leaders reach out to hospital patients

By Jennifer Bunch
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Carrying beepers and ready to help families in crisis, local religious leaders are reaching out to people who find themselves at the center of hospital emergency-room drama.

The outreach doesn't stop there. Minidoka Memorial Hospital just hired its own part-time chaplain. Cassia Regional Medical Center has started a voluntary outreach program with leaders of local Protestant and Catholic churches.

"People have to realize that there is a need that goes beyond the physical," said Dan Lovelace, Minidoka Memorial's new chaplain.

Lovelace's job is to make sure patients' spiritual needs don't go unnoticed. He can contact patients' own church leaders. He visits with patients and prays with them regardless of their religious affiliation. He also can give them the boost they need to develop a positive attitude, and that helps promote healing, Lovelace said.

Lovelace is a hospital lab technician with a background in Christian ministry. He is balancing his time at the hospital between lab work and chaplain responsibilities.

Lovelace is on call for trauma patients who face life-threatening emergencies such as heart attacks. He is there for families and medical staff, too. He prays with them, and he notifies their own pastors or lay leaders.

Randy Holm, Minidoka Memorial administrator, said: "Having a pastor on staff has been a hospital goal for a couple of years. About a year ago a local pastor filled the position voluntarily, Holm said. It was a good test to measure the service's importance.

"The pastoral care needs weren't being met haphazardly.

They were being met on a regular, coordinated basis," he said.

Cassia Regional Medical Center has agreed to work with local religious leaders in establishing a voluntary chaplain service for emergencies. The pastors have specialized training in dealing with medical crises.

The Rev. David Goebel, of the First Presbyterian Church in Burley, is certified in Clinical Pastoral Education training, which prepared him to help fam-

Catholic faiths didn't. Goebel said in some cases he didn't know parishioners had been in the hospital until they were sent home.

The hospital has helped establish a system for clergy who have participated in hospital orientation to quickly locate patients of particular denominations. Clergy who haven't gone through the orientation still can visit patients, but not with the same convenience.

"There is a growing realization among a broad base of caregivers of the importance of meeting the spiritual needs—as well as—the physical needs of the patient," Goebel said. "Our goal is to meet the spiritual and emotional needs of the patients, their families and the staff as best as possible. Hopefully, this program will build bridges between the Christian communities and the hospitals, resulting in a more effective healing process."

Patricia Hickenlooper, financial officer at Cassia Regional, said the ministerial association approached the hospital with a proposal; the hospital agreed it could improve its religious ministries.

The hospital will offer an orientation to religious leaders of all faiths. The leaders plan to offer an orientation for medical staff about their role at the hospital.

The Rev. John Pickrell, a member of the Idaho Association of Pastoral Care in Boise, said over the past 10 years there has been a decline in hospital chaplains.

"Since budget restraints are hitting everyone, there are fewer chaplains available than there have been," Pickrell said.

Yet, he said, he thinks there is growing understanding that their disappearance has left a void in hospital care.

"There is recognition today that dealing with the whole person is part of the healing process," he said.

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lies, patients and medical staff dealing with trauma. Two other local pastors have gone through the program, and the three men will be carrying the on-call beeper.

Goebel is president of the Mini-Cassia Ministerial Association, an organization of Protestant and Catholic clergy working to strengthen local ministries. Working with the hospitals has been on their agenda. The association wants to facilitate clinical training for other local clergy to strengthen the on-call service, Goebel said.

Regular visitation of hospital patients was another association goal. While the Mormon church already had a system in place to reach out to hospitalized church members, the Protestant and

Hero

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It's a sentimental collection because Chyllia is always happy, not for herself but for others. She always finds something good to say about whatever the situation or the people involved," the teacher said.

The teenager works at the Creekside Residential Care Center and as a volunteer at a physical therapy facility in Jerome.

"Chyllia is a tremendously caring teenager. Her caring began when she was terribly hurt as a little girl — this hurt made her realize how others feel and she has an unusual ability to know when somebody needs companionship and cheering up," English teacher Judy Fredericksen said. "For instance, she works at a care home for elderly people and there is a little old man there who like to dance, so Chyllia will dance with him."

Dixon's childhood was difficult. She was stricken with a disease called dermatomyositis, and medication caused bone thinning and made Dixon gain excessive weight, her mother said.

"The medications I was put on caused me to gain a huge amount of weight," Dixon said. "When I was put on those steroids the doctors told me about the side effects, but they never told me I'd lose every friend I ever had."



Chyllia Dixon often drops tiny notes of encouragement to people. She calls them "happy notes."

Months in the hospital improved her physical condition, but being released meant she had to go back to "the torture of going to school," she said. "Kids in the junior high were so cruel. A day would n't pass when I wasn't asked if I'd eaten an elephant or if I were the new version of the Goodyear blimp. They didn't care if I stayed up all night crying. So many things could have been done to prevent these

feelings of despair. A simple 'hi' without a smirk, or a true smile, or a halfhearted attempt."

"One thing I learned from this is the simplest things I can do for another, take only a few minutes and can change the day for many people," Dixon said in a speech she gave at Jerome High School.

She concluded her speech, "We are here to make people feel like a million bucks, not two cents."

Parcels

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commissioners. "If you make this 40 acres, they'll buy 40 acres just to live in the country."

Andrew Fitzgerald, a Shoshone dairyman, also opposed the change and spoke of the increased population growth Lincoln County is experiencing.

To help dairy and farm owners, he suggested "put in a nuisance clause for the buyers. That charges the person moving into the area to have the responsibility,

not the ones already here. If somebody wants a subdivision they can't kick the dairy out. They have a right to be there."

Testimony also was heard on Nance's request to split 11.35 acres off his 900-acre property. Telford testified in favor of the split, saying, "This is a perfect example of what we want to do of what we're trying to say about the size of ag land."

Gerald Heimerdinger of

Dietrich was in favor of allowing Nance to split his acreage.

"A pivot corner fits the place where a dwelling should be," Heimerdinger said.

Decisions will be made on the proposed ordinance, property-split requests and conditional-use permits at the next planning and zoning meeting.

The public will be notified of the date soon, said Carol Bourdeaux, planning and zoning director.

Festival

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Center for Birds of Prey in Boise. Edson will speak on birds of prey and the nationally renowned breeding program at the World Center. Live birds will be part of Edson's lecture — a peregrine falcon, a shore-eared owl and an American kestrel.

Local birding enthusiasts will conduct walks and tours Saturday and Sunday around the valley's birding hot spots: Anderson Ponds and Oster Lakes; Invari to Petrova; Waterfall; Thousand Springs Preserve, along with songbirds; and the Malad Gorge State Park, where eagles and hawks soar above the canyon's rim.

Something new this year will be workshops geared to offer par-

ticipants more of a hands-on experience. Workshop topics will include building birdhouses and feeders, sprucing up backyard habitats to attract songbirds and identifying birds by their distinctive songs.

Throughout the weekend, children are invited to visit the National Jay Service and participate in a coloring contest and owl pellet dissection.

Chris O'Brien, co-manager of the Thousand Springs Preserve, said he'll lead a walk to the Snake River, said she credits "wonderful habitat" for the abundance and variety of birds in the Hagerman Valley.

"Sprucing water that doesn't freeze, good streamside vegetation, the number of trees in the valley and the mild climate make

this a natural place for birds to call home during the winter-time," O'Brien said. "A lot of people appreciate Hagerman's 'hazy belt' climate — well, so do some birds."

Winter months are also when many species of birds become very active, O'Brien said. Ducks, eagles and hawks are beginning courtship and mating rituals.

"These field trips could give us an insight into the life of the birds. There's some great behavior going on right now. We could see some really cool moves," O'Brien said.

Sights to look for are eagles "sky dancing," or the barred raptor performed by a male harrier hawk trying to attract the attention of a female.

Utah Democrats get aggressive

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — Democrats in the Utah Legislature had their own diplomatic this year in favor of a more strident style designed to grab public attention.

"We're much more aggressive. It's us vs. them," said Sen. Scott Howell, the Senate minority leader. "We're resolved in our mind that if we don't get one bill through, we're prepared to take that to the mass in exchange to get our message across... It did us no good to be subservient."

House Minority Leader Dave Jones, D-Salt Lake City, said the party realized that it cannot change vote tallies. "The battle is really trying to get the attention of the public and point out the flaws of a one-party system," Jones said. "If we do our job, then I believe the public will do their job and restore balance."

The Democrats have capitalized on the turmoil over how to fund \$2.6 billion worth of pressing road work.

In a televised speech, Senate Minority Leader Scott Howell accused Republicans of 20 years of mismanagement leading to the road crisis. Then there was the orchestrated walkout by House Democratic leaders from a budget committee meeting.

Democrats complained that

Republicans were not listing which state agencies and programs will feel the pinch from \$30 million of additional budget trimming and started a "Show Me the Money" phone hot line and took to sporting buttons with the same slogan. The hot line drew more than 800 calls in its first week.

House Republicans quickly denounced "What Money?" pins, arguing that this year's budget process is no different from that of past years. Regular press conferences have highlighted the Democrats' issues.

The Democrats have had help crafting the new image.

The Democrats hired Arizona political image consultant Bob Grossfeld, who specializes in "modern Western campaigns," said Utah Party Director Todd O'Neil.

For less than \$4,000 the Democrats have hired a press spokeswoman and will keep Grossfeld on retainer throughout the 45-day legislative session. Grossfeld reviewed Utah media coverage to pinpoint weaknesses in the party that holds only 29 of 104 legislative seats.

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Garbage man collects, and keeps collecting

NEW YORK (AP) — Even with his \$10 million jackpot, Sergio Martini is still doing a job some people wouldn't do for a million bucks.

"I'm not the kind of guy to stay home and do nothing," the 12-year New York City garbage man said Monday, working hatless in 15-degree wind and chill during a shift that started at midnight.

"I feel more energetic now since winning," Martini added, tapping dripping coffee cups out of the bottom of a litter basket. "I only have to work one job now."

The 50-year-old father of four won a \$10.3 million Powerball lottery jackpot Thursday. He will get about \$370,000 a year for 20 years.

Up until last week, Martini had worked double shifts for the city Sanitation Department and drove his brother's taxi to pay the bills. He quit the taxi job a day after winning the lottery.

But Martini, who according to the city makes a base salary of about \$40,000 and a total of around \$70,000 with overtime, insisted he will stay on the garbage beat for at least 2 more years to qualify for his pension.

In the meantime, he said, "I've got to find a hobby or something."

Martini's beat includes some of the most stylish neighborhoods of his native Manhattan but still is dangerous. There are rats, chemicals, toxins, needles — name the nastiness of New York City, and Martini's handled it.

Four New York City sanitation workers have been killed on the job since 1992.

"If that was me," co-worker Joe Giammarino said, "you'd be doing that story in the Bahamas."

"How," said Martini's supervisor, Frederick Cramer.

Along Martini's route, Marinos Frantzis, manager of the Times



Millionaire garbage man Sergio Martini works his route in Times Square in New York last week. Martini, 50, is back on the job he has held for 12 years after recently winning a New York Powerball lottery worth \$20.3 million.

Square Deli on 43rd Street, said: "The guy makes \$10 million and he still wants to work? That's beautiful."

Martini, who commutes more than 50 miles to work from suburban Brewster, said that before he

won the lottery, bills had pushed him to the brink of bankruptcy. His 7-year-old Suzuki car just turned 201,000 miles, and he hanged it up on a patch of ice driving to work a day after winning the jackpot.

"We were so poor, so many things to do, living day by day," he said.

Now he is planning to pay off his bills, buy three new cars from his 23-year-old car-salesman daughter, and set up trust funds

for her and his three sons, ages 11 and 18.

There is one luxury Martini has in mind: "a real vacation," his first in 25 years, since he and wife, Elena, took their honeymoon in Italy.

Simpson cashes in with cemetery photos, cards

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — Dumped by Hertz and NBC, O.J. Simpson had to look elsewhere, anywhere, for money, and the journey for dollars led him to the oddest places — like a cemetery.

Among the 19 contracts Simpson signed after the killings of his ex-wife and her friend was a \$1 million deal for post-verdict pictures of himself, including \$100,000 for "The Cemetery Photographs," presumably taken at his ex-wife's grave.

The search didn't end there, according to documents filed with the court by the plaintiffs in his civil trial.

There was, for instance, the deal for O.J. Simpson birthday cards that came with an audio greeting from Simpson himself.

He also inked deals to sign thousands of trading cards, prepaid calling cards and football helmets, both full-sized and miniature, and lent his name or image to such things as statues, gold medallions and a limited edition set of color lithographs.

And all this was in addition to his much-publicized deals to co-write the jailhouse tome "I Want to Tell You" and to star in his own video, "O.J. Simpson: The Untold Story."

Some money-making opportunities have yet to be finalized. A witness at Simpson's civil trial said Simpson was "trying to sell the suit he wore the day he was acquitted of murder charges."

Simpson also has applied for trademarks for scores of goods yet to be produced, including, of all things, caskets.

In trial, plaintiffs estimated, Simpson already has made nearly \$3 million off the publicity linked to charges he slashed to death his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman on June 12, 1994.

Simpson's post-murder earning potential is among the issues the jurors in his wrongful death trial



Golfers seated from right to left, David Smith, of West Los Angeles, Henry Manzo of Pico Rivera, Calif., and Mark Beery of Santa Monica, Calif., wait their turn to golf on the Rancho Park public golf course Saturday morning in West Los Angeles, O.J. Simpson was golfing here when a twin-engine airplane crashed on the city course near the 20th Century Fox studios Friday.

have to consider when they return Monday to decide punitive damages. The panel already has levied \$8.5 million against Simpson in compensatory damages.

The plaintiffs argue that Simpson possesses an infamous asset in the form of his name, worth nearly \$25 million, and that he can count on reaping \$2 million to \$3 million a year, primarily by signing his name to cards and memorabilia.

Simpson's people say his signature isn't worth the ink it's printed in, and that he stands to make next to nothing because of the stigma from the two trials.

Still, Simpson's chief money-

man, Leroy "Skip" Taft, has been busy since the murders trying to turn a buck, sometimes at the expense of good taste.

Here are some of the deals Simpson entered into after the killings, although it's uncertain how much of the promised money he has actually received, according to a report by a plaintiff's expert: * Post-verdict photos: A \$1 million deal with Polaris and American Media on Nov. 19, 1995, called for \$200,000 for "The First Day Photographs," \$350,000 for "The Family Photographs," \$350,000 for "The Vacation Photographs" and \$100,000 for "The Cemetery Photographs."

The first-day and family pictures turned up in the Star tabloid. The others, including the cemetery pictures, apparently were never taken or sold.

* Book, Polaris, through the services of author Lawrence Schiller, agreed in November 1994 to write Simpson's book. Simpson got a \$1 million advance and was promised 15 percent royalties for the hardcover and 10 percent paperback royalties. He also was to get bonuses if the book made The New York Times best-seller list.

* Birthday cards: A one-year contract signed March 27, 1995, while Simpson was still in jail,

called for "facsimile birthday cards that contained an audio-tape greeting from Mr. Simpson." For this Simpson would get a \$15,000 license fee, an advance of \$17,500 and 15 percent royalties on the first \$50,000 of sales.

* Medallions: About a year after the murders, Simpson entered into a one-year contract with Laurence Network Corp. to lend his name and likeness to 250,000 silver medallions and 25,000 gold medallions. He would get a \$20,000 advance, plus a 20 percent royalty on the medallions.

* Lithographs: In an August 1995 deal with J & E Enterprises, Simpson put his name on 2,000 limited edition lithograph prints from an original color drawing. He was promised a 25 percent royalty on the prints, which sold for \$325 to \$425 each, and got to keep the original.

* Autographs: Simpson entered into eight contracts to sign trading cards, memorabilia and little cards that were attached to such items as jerseys and helmets.

American Airlines pilots, management enter mediation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Both pilots and management at American Airlines say they don't want a strike, but a win-win deal is being prepared for federally mediated talks this week.

The Allied Pilots Association and AMR Corp., parent company of American Airlines, took a dispute before the National

Mediation Board on Monday, five days before a strike deadline of 12:01 a.m. EST Saturday.

Failure to agree could mean the nation's largest domestic airline could be grounded during the busy Presidents' Day weekend. It's a scenario that has passengers, businesses and America's 90,000 employees making arrangements.

Union president Jim Sovich said last week a strike is "more likely than not" after the union

met with American president Donald Carty and other top American managers.

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Houston cleans up at awards show

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Playing "The Preacher's Wife" brought singer-actress Whitney Houston three NAACP Image Awards. The racially-charged film "A Time to Kill" was named best movie.

Houston was named best motion picture actress, best gospel artist and also won for best soundtrack album at the 28th annual Image Awards ceremony Saturday.

Denzel Washington, who costarred in "The Preacher's Wife" was named best actor for his starring role in "Judge Under Fire."

The winners in 35 categories were chosen by a special committee of industry professionals and national leaders of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

- The winners:
1. MOTION PICTURE: "A Time to Kill"
 2. MOTION PICTURE ACTRESS: Denzel Washington, "The Preacher's Wife"
 3. MOTION PICTURE ACTRESS: Whitney Houston, "The Preacher's Wife"
 4. SUPPORTING ACTRESS: Samuel L. Jackson, "A Time to Kill"
 5. MOTION PICTURE SUPPORTING ACTRESS: Loretta Devine, "The Preacher's Wife"
 6. YOUTH ACTRESS: Brandy, "Mo'Nasty"
 7. TV COMEDY: "Cosby," CBS
 8. TV COMEDY ACTRESS: Jaleel White, "Family Matters"
 9. TV COMEDY ACTRESS: Phylicia Rashad, "The Cosby Show"
 10. TV DRAMA: "New York Undercover"
 11. TV DRAMA ACTRESS: Keri Lynn, "New York Undercover"
 12. TV DRAMA ACTRESS: Della Reese, "Touched by an Angel"
 13. TELEVISION MOVIE OR MINISERIES ACTRESS: America's Dream, "The Who Tamed Chast Blak" HBO
 14. TELEVISION MOVIE OR MINISERIES ACTRESS: Wesley Snipes, "America's Dream: The Story of the First African American President"
 15. TELEVISION MOVIE OR MINISERIES ACTRESS: Cicely Tyson, "The Road to Calvary"
 16. DAYTIME DRAMA SERIES: "The Young and the Restless," CBS
 17. DAYTIME DRAMA ACTRESS: Kristoff St. John, "The Young and the Restless"
 18. DAYTIME DRAMA ACTRESS: Victoria Rowell, "The Young and the Restless"
 19. VARIETY SERIES/SPECIAL: "Celebrate the 25th Anniversary of 'The Tonight Show'" NBC
 20. VARIETY SERIES/SPECIAL: "The 1996 Essence Awards"
 21. NEWS, TALK, INFORMATION SERIES/SPECIAL: "The 1996 Essence Awards"
 22. YOUTH OR CHILDREN'S SERIES/SPECIAL: "Teen Summit," BET
 23. LITERARY WORK, FICTION: "How Stella Got Her Groove Back," Terry McMillan
 24. LITERARY WORK, NON-FICTION: "The Education of a Black Woman: A Memoir of Life and Love," Patricia Hill Collins
 25. LITERARY WORK, NON-FICTION: "Mrs. Tarkenton's Daughter," Mrs. Tarkenton & Dialogue with Today's Youth, Rina Fatah with Gregory Reed
 26. RECORDING ARTIST: Kenny Lattimore, "Kenny Lattimore"
 27. RECORDING ALBUM ARTIST: Babyface, "Babyface"
 28. RECORDING FEMALE ARTIST: Toni Braxton, "Secrets"
 29. DUB OR GROUP: Kiti Franklin and the Family, "Watcha Lookin' At"
 30. RAP ARTIST: Ice Cube & 3rd Strike, "Ice Cube & 3rd Strike"
 31. JAZZ ARTIST: Quincy Jones, "9 Live in Paris (Caravan 1996)"
 32. MUSIC VIDEO: Whitney Houston, "The Preacher's Wife" soundtrack
 33. MUSIC VIDEO: "I Believe I Can Fly," R. Kelly, directed by Spike Lee
 34. SONG: "I Believe I Can Fly," R. Kelly, written by R. Kelly
 35. ALBUM: "The Preacher's Wife" soundtrack, Whitney Houston

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COMICS

Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz

MY PITCHER'S MOUND MAY BE COVERED WITH SNOW, BUT THE MEMORIES ARE STILL HERE.

FORTY TO NOTHING, TWENTY TO NOTHING, FIFTY-THREE TO NOTHING, SIXTY TO NOTHING.

AND THAT GREAT GAME WHEN YOU GOT HIT ON THE HEAD BY A FLY BALL...

I DON'T REMEMBER THAT.

Dilbert By Scott Adams

I NEED A BULLET POINT FOR YOUR MONTHLY ACCOMPLISHMENTS, WALLY.

PUT ME DOWN FOR, "LEVERAGED SYNERGY ACROSS ALL TECHNOLOGY PLATFORMS."

THAT WAS YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENT LAST MONTH.

IT'S MORE OF A JOURNEY THAN A DESTINATION.

B.C. By Johnny Hart

HEY... THIS ISN'T THE WAY TO MY HOUSE...

ZOT

THAT'LL BE FIVE CLAMS.

Garfield By Jim Davis

HERE, JON. HAVE THE COOKIE OPDIE LICKED.

WHY, GARFIELD, THIS IS SO UNLIKE YOU!

NO, IT'S NOT.

Hi and Lois By Chance Browne

AW... I WAS HOPING TO GET TO BED EARLY.

I'M STRAIGHTENING UP. GIVE ME ANOTHER 45 MINUTES.

WHY DOES SHE HAVE TO WESS UP BEFORE SHE STRAIGHTENS UP?

The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

HALT! WHO GOES THERE?

JOAN OF ARC

ADVANCE AND BE CANONIZED...

Hagar the Horrible By Chris Bricker

BOY! DADG REALLY A LATE SLEEPER, ISN'T HE?

YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND YOUR DADDY, HAMLET...

HE'S ON HAZARD STANDARD TIME.

Beetle Bailey By Mont Walker

I DON'T KNOW WHY I WASTE MY BREATH YELLING AT YOU, BEETLE!

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SAVE IT!

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

GREAT MOMENTS IN SCIENCE

ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL MAKES THE FIRST TELEPHONE CALL.

...IF YOU WANT WATSON TO COME, PLEASE PRESS ONE...

The Bom Loser By Art Sanson & Chip

FOR CRYING OUT LOUD! THE NUMBER FOR MY INTERNET SERVICE IS BUSY AGAIN!

THEY CALL IT BEING ONLINE...

IT FEELS MORE LIKE I'M ON HOLD!

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

FILL 'ER UP, WINS? YOU COULDN'T BE DOING THIS IF YOU DIDN'T LIKE THIS!

FEEL BINE, REALLY!

THE SNEYT NICKS A LOT NOW 'IN FACT' IS SO ACTIVE IT GOT SOME TIMES I CAN'T SLEEP!

MUST BE THE BOY!

Blondie By Dean Young & Stan Drake

MY DAD READ IN THE PAPER THAT GARBASE MEN ARE MAKING ALMOST \$50000 A YEAR!

BOY, THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO BE WHEN I GROW UP!

ARE YOU SURE, ELMO?

DAWN RIGHT! ALL THAT MONEY YOU GET TO DRIVE A TRUCK, AND IT'S A WAY TO MEET WOMEN!

Pickles By Brian Crane

CAN'T BELIEVE I'M ACTUALLY STAMING IN THE AMAZON RIVER!

THIS IS SAFE, ISN'T IT? THERE AREN'T ALLIGATORS IN THE WATER.

THEY CALL THEM CALMANS HERE, BUT NO THERE ARE NONE AROUND.

AH! THE WATER FEELS GOOD! ARE YOU SURE THERE ARE NO CALMANS?

YEAH, I'M SURE.

THEY'RE ALLIES OF THE PIRANHAS.

Dennis the Menace By Hank Ketchum

Boy, GRANDPA, I'M SURE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO LOOKING BACKWARD WITH YOU!

The snow wants to get into that house.

Most wrecks are in good weather

WHAT'S WHAT? L.M. Boyd

Q. When did we first get those overhead-pull-in-slipping exchanges called high-fives?

A. Earlier than most remember. At the Rose Bowl of 1931. A running back named Fogarty gained exactly five yards in each of his 25 carries. At game's end, his teammates high-fived the wondrous consecutive five-yard streak. He came to be known as "Five-Yard" Fogarty.

Q. What's the most common birth-mmk?

A. A salmon patch. Two out of five babies have some such. Next most common is the strawberry. It shows up from four to six weeks after birth on about one out of 10 babies.

Raw sap in the roots of the cassava plant is poisonous. A Spanish explorer, unidentified by name in the running at hand, lost his way in the Amazon jungle. Forewarned, he knew the available cassava roots could sicken, maybe even kill him, but driven by hunger, he dug up.

ACROSS

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- 15 Biting
- 16 Stock order
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- 25 Pollution problem
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- 35 Lacking moisture
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OTHER VIEWS

Juvenile department: Time for Batt to act on inquiry

From the Post Register, Idaho Falls. It was mid-December when Gov. Phil Batt called for a "rapid and thorough inquiry" into allegations of mismanagement, cronyism and sexual harassment in the newly created Idaho juvenile corrections department.

It is now early February, much later than promised, and eastern Idaho still is waiting for answers.

The delay apparently stems from a state Department of Law Enforcement investigation that, from every indication, has been thorough and extensive. Investigators compiled their report last week. Their findings are awaiting Batt's review. His staff says Batt will act this week when he returns from the National Governor's Association meeting.

In proceeding, Batt should appreciate that weeks of uncertainty have exacerbated problems within the depart-

ment and its facility at St. Anthony. This is a unique state agency. The youth center does not rely on inmates to keep youthful offenders at bay. It relies upon a staff of professionals to gain the trust and respect of the juveniles.

That staff is being distracted by schisms within the department, external investigations and periodic media attention. There are rumors that some of the young people living at the center feel empowered by the instability.

Juvenile corrections can't succeed without public trust. Credibility was a key component in the reformist drive to create this new department and remove juvenile offender programs from the Department of Health and Welfare.

For nearly two months, that agency has operated under a microscope.

Now it's time to get the findings out to the public and for Batt to act quickly on its conclusions.

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LETTERS

Marvel's ideas, victories aren't ours

Once again, the hard-working, taxpaying citizens of Idaho are under attack. For Marvel and his Idaho Watersheds group have outbid Mr. Posey for his grazing lease and claim this to be a victory for all Mr. Marvel's ideas and theories are just that: his ideas are not proven by facts.

Mr. Marvel and his outside donations claim that they are here to save Idaho. But where have they been in the past while the producers of Idaho have paid the taxes to build the schools, roads, and kept our economy strong? Where will Mr. Marvel and his donations be when those who donate revenue to this cause lose interest and spend their money elsewhere? Is this group willing to pay the additional costs for fire control and weed control on public lands, will they maintain and develop water systems that benefit wildlife? Will they do to enhance the productivity of the land?

Mr. Marvel's visions are only his opinions and should be valued as such. He doesn't have the insight or power to tell Idaho producers when to retire and change their whole livelihood. The people who live on the land of Idaho work hard every day to protect, preserve and enhance the productive revenue to this land. We are not here to get fame from the news media; we are here to provide for our families, pay taxes, protect the land and resources and keep Idaho's values strong.

I hope that the Idaho State Land Board will rule in favor of what is best for Idaho producers, children and the communities of this state and not give in to the whims of wealthy outside interests.

HARLAN AND SHARON GEBAUER
Mortwagh

Medics should care for needy

The Magic Valley medical community seems to be not caring for those people who are low on the income level. A middle school student injured his shoulder and arm at school while going from one class to another. His mother took him to a family practice physician who said the child needed to be seen by an orthopedic physician.

The first doctor made the appointment and charged the patient for his time. The orthopedic physician refused to see the child because they did not have \$\$\$ at the time and referred the patient to the emergency room at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. The emergency room doctor wrote out a brace on the child's arm and a prescription for pain pills. The emergency room personnel asked for payment at that time.

The child's right humerus bone is broken with the bones overlapping.

This family has very little income. The mother is working and, before taxes,

makes less than \$13,000 a year. The father does temporary work so when he is laid off a job, he is ineligible for unemployment insurance. There are two other children in the family. They are living in a one-bedroom apartment at \$95 per week. They cannot afford medical insurance. They barely can afford groceries.

They have contacted Health and Welfare for assistance but have been told that as long as the husband is living in the house and they are married, they cannot get any help. This includes food stamps, medical or monetary help. Salvation Army states it cannot help.

How can the medical community refuse care to children and needy people? Where can these people turn for help?

The state legislators state they need more money for prisons. How about some extra money to take care of our children and low-income families with adequate medical help and adequate housing?

LINDA HELMIS
Jerome

It's our duty to read the Constitution

A quick review of history plainly shows that a great many of this country's early statesmen were men of the cloth or Christians of some denomination and most were deeply religious men of great faith. These men were not at all backward in explaining to their congregations or friends about the responsibility of providing a government of principle with morality, freedom and justice for all with no special privileges for anyone.

It is a shame that the churches, pastors, reverends, bishops priests, etc. of today, irrespective of denomination, do not inform the flocks of their churches and friends in a manner where they understand their responsibility to their community, state and nation and their God. I don't mean that the pastor should be a politician and tell people who to vote but they should explain the importance of voting and what to vote for.

It is not only our duty to read the Bible and the Ten Commandments but also the Constitution of the United States. We need to become active in our towns, counties, states by becoming informed and electing those people that will most likely represent the values we (you and I) hold dear, those people that are elected to those offices, especially on the state level will eventually become the national leaders of this country.

This country, the United States, is acknowledged the world leader at this time in history and if it doesn't present itself as a godly nation, could the fault be because the churches don't take an active role in local and national government as our founding fathers did? Vote.

JACK STREETER
Mountain Home



Former Black Panther says no to Ebonics

There are children who go around biting other children. Should our response be to legalize and institutionalize cannibalism and hand out bottles of ketchup?

I am one of the most liberal people in the world. And I am all for black pride. I am not just a freedom talker; I am a freedom fighter. But I say "no" to Ebonics.

When I was growing up, what is now being euphemistically called Ebonics was accurately called bad English. I have the greatest respect for linguistic diversity. I speak English, Spanish and French. If I hadn't learned Spanish growing up in Los Angeles, I would not have survived my sojourn in Cuba. And I survived Algeria and France because I speak French. At the same time, I insist that as U.S. citizens, we must put English first and up-

ELDRIDGE CLEAVER

hold a standard of excellence. I understand and applaud cultural and linguistic diversity, but I reject all arguments that carry political correctness to the extreme of promoting anything other than English as our official language.

I believe that schoolchildren should be required to study foreign languages, particularly Spanish, but not to the detriment of their mastery and excellence in English.

The thirst for exclusivity and recognition often is misguided, as it is in this instance. It is like Jesse Jackson running down the street naked screaming "I am a man! I am somebody!" Thanks for

telling us. We never would have entered. The only place for Ebonics is the streets. We don't need it in the classroom; we need to rescue kids from Ebonics, the illegitimate offspring of the shotgun wedding of ebony and phonics. African Americans are creative linguistically and have enriched the English language. But Ebonics is the opposite of creative. It is a pathetic attempt to institutionalize dysfunction and to establish an idio.

Begin, you "poets." And you members of Ebonics, get a real job teaching something with a redeeming social value. Stop flapping your ignorance.

Eldridge Cleaver, formerly minister of information of the Black Panther Party, is author of the upcoming "The Eldridge Cleaver Anthology." He writes this column for the Los Angeles Times.

Super Bowl-spawned ads: Rate them 'R'

Forget the age-based TV ratings system. It doesn't work. Too much is slipping between the cracks. Just look at the current crop of ads.

Spawmed during the Super Bowl, these high-dollar spectacles will be with us for the next few months. And while some of them — notably Nissan's car-chasing flock of birds — are a delight, many have crossed the bounds of good taste.

Thanks to some of these ads, Super Bowl XXXI could have been rated "R" for raunchy. Fox somehow thought it appropriate to subject all ages — even young children — to racy material, particularly the promos for its steamy soap operas like "Melrose Place."

In these openly lascivious spots, there was enough undraped female flesh to match the early editions of Playboy. And in three consecutive promos for the new Fox "adult" cartoon show "King of the Hill," every child in America who was watching the game had to listen to three different profanities.

Children were also treated to a scene from a new film depicting shock jock Howard Stern sitting in a radio studio with a nude woman, as well as fleeting images of women in bras and in nude body stockings.

In between, the kids got to watch extremely violent scenes from feature films and Fox TV series like the "X-Files" and "Millennium." Even the Super Bowl's half-time show was designed to elicit visceral responses. What used to be a typically uplifting and patriotic floor show has given way to a gigantic 70s-like pagan celebration of flesh and excess.

One of the saddest ironies occurred

ROBERT H. KNIGHT

when the New Blues Brothers walked enthusiastically about "getting higher" — just before an NFL anti-drug commercial. If kids are getting a bit confused, maybe it is because of these mixed messages.

To be fair, this isn't the first Super Bowl full-time to extol the libertine life. Who can forget Michael Jackson's grabbing his crotch while hundreds of children gathered on the field for the "we are the world" presentation?

The most disturbing ad of all this year came courtesy of Holiday Inn. A burlesque blonde paraded before the screen as the announcer detailed the coars of each enhanced body part from butt to bust. A close-up shot of her barely draped breasts filled the entire screen. At the end of the ad, a man is shocked to find out that the "woman" is really a guy he knew from school.

That's right. Your children were treated to the first ad featuring a transsexual. Holiday Inn says they only got a couple of dozen calls about it and are thinking about running it again. What a way to attract those family travelers.

If all this seems fairly harmless, consider a recent study on television's effects. Derrick de Kerckhove of the University of Toronto hooked himself up to devices that record physical reactions such as heart rate, perspiration, breathing, etc. Then he watched televised images.

As rated in the January issue of Rockefeller Institute's *The Family in America*,

Kerckhove discovered "to my absolute amazement, I saw that every cut, every jolt, every change of image had been recorded by an sensor on my chest and fed into the computer. . . My whole body had been listening and watching and reacting simultaneously."

Television has powerful effects the likes of which we are just beginning to understand. Exposure to graphic materials leads to desensitization at best and anti-social behavior at worst.

If the NFL wants to be truly a great citizen, it can start by cleaning up the images that aren't fit for children.

Perhaps the considerable number of Christian players who kneel before and after the games should pay a visit to Commissioner Paul Tagliabue's office and let him know that they don't like being associated with transsexualism, nudity, foul language, graphic sex violence, anti-drug messages and suggestive images.

I would love to see Tagliabue or a Fox executive negotiating to an improving group led by Reggie White as to what this snuff is suitable for all ages.

The NFL has a proud history of glorious athletic competition and public service. It's time that the league engaged in Fox, along with some irresponsible sponsors.

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LETTER

Children are precious; slow down

Speeders. We live on the corner of Shoup and Taylor. If we didn't know better, I would think we were on the Indy 500 race track.

Cars, trucks, motorcycles go zooming by here (both ways). Hardly anyone does the

speed limit or looks to see if any other cars are approaching. Good example, we had a wreck last week. One car came up in our yard, ran into our Neighborhood Watch pole and sign, mowed it right down. Luckily, no one was hurt this time. This isn't the first time a car has landed in our yard, and I am sure it won't be the last.

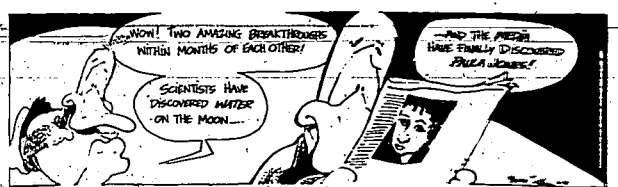
Please drive the speed limit. We have small children on the upper part of Taylor by Addison. I would have to see a small child run by Reggie White as to what this snuff is suitable for all ages.

Please slow down and smile.
SHARON RAYBERLIN
LOUISE CLAY
Twin Falls

Doonesbury



Millard Fillmore



Protests bring civility back to Belgrade

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Belgrade erupted on a clear Belgrade morning, the 71-year-old retired engineer was shocked at the way her native city was changing — people were being polite.

"I had bumped into me three times. All of them excused themselves. I was so surprised," Radmila Jovanovic said. "I went into a shop, and the saleswoman wished me a good day and asked what she could do for me. I was in shock."



An opposition supporter with boxing gloves challenges a riot policeman during a rally in Belgrade Saturday. In five minutes of running errands on a clear Belgrade morning, Radmila Jovanovic progressed from being merely surprised to positively stunned: People were polite to her.

Such everyday niceties nearly disappeared during the decade of President Slobodan Milosevic's rule. An economic tailspin and years of mind-numbing propaganda made Belgrade a surly city where few people, bothered to excuse themselves, shopkeepers simply snapped at or ignored customers, and no one would give up a seat on a crowded bus.

One unexpected consequence came nearly three months of peaceful anti-government protests has been a return to civility — and even a reborn sense of humor.

"Until now, I felt that the city had been dead for years," said Ljiljana Simovic, a 42-year-old historian who now works in a store. "But now our lives have been changed. This great spirit we used to have is back, and the protests are really full of humor."

The change centers around the demonstrations, which have gone on daily since Nov. 17, when Milosevic announced opposition election victories.

Dusan Trifunovic, a 43-year-old engineer, hardly ever misses a protest.

"The atmosphere is great. For the first time in many years people are smiling here," he said. "I see friends that I haven't seen since school days. We march together and are rediscovering our sense of humor."

The protesters are united in

their contempt for Milosevic's Socialists, former Communists, but satire and mockery have supplanted anger as one of the opposition's main weapons in this capital of 1.1 million people.

The humor is reminiscent of Belgrade's cosmopolitan past, when sharp-witted artists found ways to poke fun at their Communist rulers.

Pro-democracy supporters carry signs reading: "I think, therefore I walk," referring to their daily protests as "walks" to

circumvent an official, but not strictly imposed, ban on demonstrations.

One sign proclaimed: "Johnny Walker is the only walker this regime likes." Referring to the drinking habits of many government officials.

Students in particular have won admiration for their wit, which has created a small industry churning out badges and posters.

"Facing cordons of riot police, students played volleyball while wearing water polo caps. They

placed mirrors in front of police. They tried to hypnotize them. They brought brass bands. They played chess.

They brought boxing gloves and "spurred" with policemen, who couldn't help but laugh. They "fished" tuna cans out of buckets.

The students then opened their "Cordon Bleu Disco." They blasted rock music, and women in the crowd asked the men in blue for dances. The students picked a student Miss, and the most handsome cop.

Ecuador's Congress names new president

QUITO, Ecuador (AP) — In a deal worked out with Ecuador's powerful military, Congress named the vice president to the top executive post Sunday, ending a political crisis that threw this small Andean country into chaos.

Lawmakers selected Rosalia Arteaga, 40, as Ecuador's president early Sunday to replace deposed chief executive Abdala Bucaram. Congress ousted Bucaram on Thursday for "mental incapacity," and his refusal to step down sparked a crisis in which three people claimed the presidency.

Congressional leaders and military commanders worked out an agreement early Sunday that puts Arteaga "temporarily" in power until Congress amends the constitution to clarify who succeeds a deposed president.

At that point, Arteaga would return to being vice president and Fabian Alarcon, Congress' original pick for chief executive,

would become interim president. Elections would be held within a year and the winner would begin a four-year term in August 1998.

Arteaga's selection as president is a rarity in Latin America, which has seen only two female presidents before her — Violeta Chamorro in Nicaragua and Isabel Peron in Argentina.

"She is an ambitious woman," Bucaram said after learning of Congress' decision.

The unanimous vote in Congress brought relief to Ecuatorians, who watched street protests against Bucaram become increasingly violent and culminate in a nationwide 48-hour strike last week. People had feared the military might intervene.

Police on Sunday removed the barbed wire that had kept protesters away from the government palace, and families again wandered through the area, enjoying a quiet day in Quito's center.

Uniformed men beat up Albanian opposition leader

TIRANA, Albania (AP) — Uniformed men on Sunday beat an opposition leader who has criticized the government's handling of failed investment schemes, and threatened others in a cafe frequented by politicians and journalists.

The attack on Neritan Ceka, leader of the Democratic Alliance Party, came a day after President Sali Berisha denied rock music, and women in the crowd asked the men in blue for dances. The students picked a student Miss, and the most handsome cop.

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Profits to earlier investors. Hundreds of thousands of Albanians who invested their savings in the schemes have launched angry protests in recent weeks and demanded the government take action to recover their money.

In the southern port city of Vlora on Sunday, police fired shots into the air to disperse several thousand protesters gathered in front of the police station. The gunfire further angered the crowd, which set a police van on fire and threw stones at the officers.

State TV reported 22 people were hurt, six of them seriously.

Restoration of slavery dungeons sparks heated debate in Ghana

ELMENA, Ghana (AP) — Tiptoeing down the narrow slope from the dungeons to the dreaded Door of No Return, you are hit by a salty sting that speaks of centuries of tears and sweat and sea.

The black man's waste that for three centuries filled the cracks between the white man's bricks has not been fully removed. Visitors can still sense what it must have been like for hundreds of thousands of Africans forced to stoop through the Door of No Return and into slave ships waiting below.

The female dungeon still has about its odor — the dirt, the centuries of filth, the fear," said Constantine Garcia-Barrio, a black American who recently visited the Elmina castle, built by Portuguese traders in 1482 and still standing on a cliff above the Atlantic Ocean. "To me, the castles are a tie that binds us to Africa."

Garcia-Barrio and many other American blacks who visit Ghana feel a fierce protect over the case at Elmina and another one in nearby Cape Coast. They don't want slavery to be forgotten, its roots buried in a country where the bushes-up practice of virgin bushes still exists in some religious communities.

"I do feel a sense of ownership," said Garcia-Barrio, an associate professor of Spanish at West Chester University in Philadelphia.

But the restoration, financed in



Victus Awadi, a 22-year-old Ghanaian business student, visits a fortress in December. The fortress was built by Portuguese traders in 1482 in Elmina, Ghana, and was used to hold African slaves who were later loaded onto slave ships anchored along the Atlantic coastline.

under debate. Some black Americans say the forts and their horrors are being sanitized by well-meaning conservationists who are turning the castles into tourist attractions that diminish the evils of bondage.

They complain about the removal of shackles and branding irons from dungeon walls and about the gift shops selling postcards and tacky trinkets alongside traditional African cloth and art.

"I am offended by the 'touristifying' of the castles," said Dr. Nelson Keitih, a Jamaican-born sociology professor at West Chester and founder of its Institute for International Development, which is organizing a student and faculty exchange program with the University of Ghana.

Garcia-Barrio accepts there is a need for restoration work.

"But it should be done in a way that respects the history and doesn't mask the horror of what happened," she said. "For instance, they're putting a gift shop in what was once a male dungeon."

Some 10 million Africans were sold into slavery between the 1500 and 1800s, bartered by their own tribal kings and chiefs to European traders for such novelties as gunpowder, alcohol and mirrors. Many were held in castle dungeons along the West African coast before being marched out to slave ships that sailed for the Americas and Europe.

part by \$10 million from the U.S. government's Agency for International Development, is

Self-proclaimed president misses America

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — The self-proclaimed president of Somalia has an official residence, an entourage of dozens and meetings with international leaders.

But Hussein Mohamed Aidid misses the fun of his former life in America.

"Definitely, I miss the fun times and normal life, which I had with family, with my wife back in America," the naturalized U.S. citizen said Sunday in an interview with The Associated Press.

"But there is so much to do in Somalia today," he said. "In that challenge there is a lot of gratification."

The 34-year-old son of Gen. Mohamed Farrah Aidid succeeded his father, who died in August from wounds suffered in battle, as the leader of Somalia's most powerful faction.

de, and was closely watched — and sometimes prompted — by five aides who sat in on the interview.

The younger Aidid, who formerly lived in California, first came to public attention when he was serving as a Somali-English interpreter in December 1992 as part of a U.S. Marine contingent that spearheaded Operation Restore Hope.

The U.S.-led United Nations

mission was intended to safeguard the distribution of food to Somalis who had been cut off from supplies by the late 1980s clan war that ultimately destroyed the modern Somali state.

Eighteen Marines were killed trying to capture Gen. Aidid before the U.S. forces pulled out. The U.N. peacekeeping mission in Somalia finally withdrew in March 1995.

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Waste

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All spent fuel and other highly radioactive waste stored at INEL is slated to be moved to a permanent disposal site where one opens. The earliest the Yucca Mountain, Nev., site could open is 2010.

Under Batt's agreement the federal government has until 2035 to move waste out of Idaho. But because the Navy waste is ready to go it would be among the first to move.

So who benefits?

The bill mostly benefits utilities that rely on nuclear power and that may have to expand spent fuel storage at the reactor sites. Energy Department Undersecretary Thomas P. Grumbly said in a Senate hearing last week.

Craig says his legislation "would protect America's environment, dispose of nuclear waste and preserve nuclear power." His source of 20 percent of our nation's electrical energy." Craig pushed a similar bill through the Senate in July 1996, but it stalled in the House under threat of a presidential veto.

Most of the waste at the temporary facility Craig proposes would come from commercial power reactors across the country.

About 25 percent of the waste at the temporary site would be from government facilities, including INEL. The site would have an initial capacity of 15,000 tons of spent fuel. INEL now stores about 261 tons of spent fuel.

"It's clear people don't want it there," Craig spokesman Mike Frandsen said.

A federal court ruled last summer that the Energy Department has a legal obligation to take responsibility for spent fuel from commercial power reactors by Jan. 31, 1998, as required by the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982.

Craig chided the department's lack of action to meet that requirement.

"The deadline to take charge of this waste is just a matter of months away, and at this late date the Clinton administration - with its hat held out - is asking for suggestions as to what it should do," he said.

The Energy Department says it has recognized its obligation to accept spent fuel. But because it can't physically take the waste by the 1998 deadline, the department has contacted nuclear power utilities to get their views on how to handle the delay. The comment period ends March 14.

Grumbly said the department is doing preliminary work that would speed a license application once a temporary site is selected. But it would be premature to pick a temporary waste site until the department completes the viability assessment of Yucca Mountain in September 1998, he said.

Nevada officials say putting a temporary

waste site in Nevada would undermine public confidence in studying permanent disposal at Yucca Mountain. Nevada has uniformly opposed the Yucca Mountain site since the early 1980s.

Craig's office says the Energy Department has had plenty of time to do something about nuclear waste storage. His bill would allow the government to live up to the obligation of taking the commercial spent fuel until a permanent site can be opened.

"By building this central storage facility, the Department of Energy can meet its 1998 obligation and give scientists the time they need to finish their study of Yucca Mountain without compromising the integrity of their research," Craig said.

Grumbly insists there's no hurry, and says President Clinton would veto Craig's bill.

But 46 states and 36 utilities have again sued to force the Energy Department to start accepting waste next January.

So what happens now?

It is not clear what will happen with the waste in the meantime.

Power companies say they need a place to put spent fuel removed from reactors.

Craig says it's safer to move the waste to a single site than to leave it at more than 100 sites across the country.

A panel of scientists and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission say it's safe to leave it at the reactors.

In a report last year, the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board said it "sees no compelling technical or safety reason to move spent fuel to a centralized storage facility for the next few years.

The methods now used to store spent fuel at reactor sites are safe and are likely to remain safe for decades to come."

The board was established by federal legislation to report to Congress on nuclear waste issues.

During his Senate campaign last fall, however, Craig charged that the report was politically motivated and not based on sound science. Electric utilities contributed more than \$30,000 to that campaign, in which Craig spent nearly \$2 million, according to Project Vote Smart, a nonpartisan political watchdog group based in Corvallis, Ore.

Craig's 1997 nuclear waste bill would reauthorize the board. The bill also would continue the study of Yucca Mountain as the permanent disposal facility.

Since 1983, nuclear utilities have collected almost \$12 billion from ratepayers and would continue to collect more than \$600 million a year. That is more than enough to finance construction of an interim storage facility and continue studies of Yucca Mountain, Craig said.

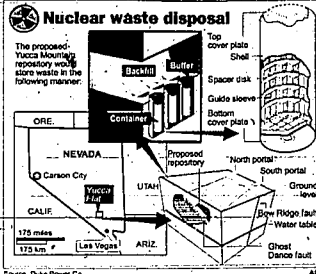
But instead of asking the nuclear industry or the Energy Department where to put the waste, Congress should ask the people who would be affected by it, Brailsford said - the people who live near transportation routes and waste disposal sites.

"Establishing a waste storage site by congressional fiat is a bad idea," she said.

Yucca facts

Proposed Yucca Mountain repository

- Located less than 100 miles northwest of Las Vegas.
- Consists of a long ridge of volcanic rock known as welded tuff.
- Annual rainfall is about 6 inches, and the local water table is about 1,700 feet underground.
- The mountain would house a nuclear waste repository about 1,400 feet below the surface.
- The repository would dispose of highly radioactive spent fuel from commercial power reactors and other highly radioactive waste.
- The capacity would be about 70,000 tons of waste, about 10 percent of the waste from sites such as the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.
- Search for a repository was authorized by the 1982 Nuclear Waste Policy Act.
- In 1987 legislation dropped investigation at the Hanford Nuclear Reservation in Washington and a site in Deaf Smith County, Texas, leaving only Yucca Mountain.
- The government has spent about \$2.2 billion studying Yucca Mountain.
- Some scientists say earthquake faults in the area make it impossible to predict the site could contain waste for 10,000 years.
- Commercial officials say scientists have not found anything that would halt progress on the repository.
- An assessment of the viability of Yucca Mountain as a repository is scheduled to complete by September 1998.
- If it goes ahead the site would be licensed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
- The earliest possible opening date is 2010.



Utah site would hold commercial waste

By N.S. Norkentved
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A temporary nuclear waste site proposed by a group of electric utilities wouldn't take any waste from Idaho, but it might relieve the pressure to find a disposal site.

A group of 11 utilities from around the country, led by Northern States Power Co. of Minneapolis, signed an agreement late in December with the Skull Valley Band of the Goshute to lease a small portion of the tribe's 17,700-acre reservation in western Utah, about 80 miles southwest of Salt Lake City.

The proposed site would take highly radioactive spent fuel from commercial nuclear power reactors. The federal Energy Department would not be involved, and the site would not take any spent fuel stored at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory.

The utilities need spent fuel storage to allow their plants to operate until a federal site becomes available, said project spokesman Scott Northard, of Northern States Power Co.

"We've been waiting since 1982"

for the federal government to open a waste site, Northard said. Utilities have been pressuring the government to open a disposal site for commercial spent fuel. And ratepayers of utilities that use nuclear reactor generated electricity have paid about \$12 billion since 1982 to establish such a site.

Reactors cannot be refueled if there is no place to store the spent fuel removed from the reactor - nor can fuel be removed from reactors waiting to be decommissioned, Northard said.

The temporary site in Utah would relieve those immediate needs.

The utilities support Sen. Larry Craig's bill to open a federal temporary waste storage site in Nevada, but they aren't going to wait for it, Northard said. Under their own proposal, spent fuel would be shipped to Utah and placed in storage containers on concrete pads at the reservation - a method similar to storage at reactor sites.

Utah officials oppose the project, but the state has no authority over the Goshute Reservation, said Utah Department of Environmental Quality spokeswoman Carol Sisco.

Utah doesn't generate nuclear

waste and shouldn't have to take any, she said. With the difficulty the government has had in locating a permanent site, officials fear that a temporary site would become permanent, she said.

During the next six months, the utilities will submit an environmental study, safety analysis and license application to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

The commission would license such a facility if it met all the requirements, NRC spokesman Joe Gilliland said. It is the same process that nuclear power plants go through to license spent fuel storage outside.

An earlier attempt by the utilities to send nuclear wastes to the Mescalero Apache Reservation in New Mexico was suspended last April.

The Goshutes have been interested in providing temporary nuclear waste storage since 1991, tribe lawyer Danny Quintana said.

"The storage of spent nuclear fuel is a very benign project, and it's something that, from a technical standpoint, is clearly doable," he said, according to the Associated Press.

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Most-hated ads deal with bodily functions

Last week I promised that in today's column I would announce which commercial, according to my survey, you readers hate the most. So if you have an ounce of sense or good taste, you'll stop reading this column right now.

Really, I mean it... This is your last chance... You're making a huge mistake...



HUMOR
Dave Barry

OK, you pathetic fool: The most hated commercial of all time, according to the survey, was the one for Charmin featuring "Mr. Whipple" and various idiot housewives to live in a psycho parovox community where every body was obsessed with squeezing toilet paper — or, as they say in Commercial Land, "bathroom tissue." Americans still, after all these years, feel more hostility toward that ad campaign than they ever did toward international communism.

Of course some people will say: "But those ads sold a lot of Charmin!"

Yes, and the Unabomber produced highly quality, hand-crafted letter bombs. But that doesn't make it right.

The Mr. Whipple ads are related to a whole category of commercials that, according to the survey, people really detest — namely, commercials that discuss extremely intimate bodily functions and problems, often at dinner time. People do not wish to hear total strangers blurring out statements about their constipation and their diarrhea and their hemorrhoids and their "male itch." People do not wish to see scientific demonstrations of pads absorbing amazing quantities of fluids. People also abhor any mention of the fluid is always blue. As Carla and Bill Chandler put it: "If anyone around here starts secreting anything blue, the last thing we're going to worry about is how absorbent their pad is."

People also do not wish to hear any more about incontinence. Rich Klinzman wrote: "I have often fantasized about sneaking up behind June Allyson, blowing up a paper bag, and slamming my fist into it, just to see how absorbent those adult diapers really are."

People also do not wish to see actors pretending to be mothers and daughters talking about very personal feminine matters as though they were discussing the weather. Richard J. O'Neil, expressing a common sentiment, wrote: "If I was a woman, I would walk on my lips through a sewage plant before I would share this kind of information with any living soul, let alone my mother."

People do not wish to see extreme close-ups of other people chewing.

People are also getting mighty tired of the endlessly escalating, diabolically confusing war of the pain relievers. At one time, years ago, there was just aspirin, which was basically for headaches; now, there are dozens of products, every single one of which seems to be telling you, not only is it more effective than the other ones, but also the other ones could cause a variety of harmful side effects such as death. It seems safer to just live with the headache.

Many survey respondents were especially scornful of the commercials suggesting that you can undergo an actual surgical procedure, such as a Caesarean section, and then, at the end, you see a Nike swoosh, or the IBM logo, or Mr. Whipple.

People are sick and tired of seeing actors pretend to be deeply emotionally attached to their breakfast cereals. People also frankly do not believe that the woman in Muesli K commercials got to be thin and shapely by eating Special K. Patricia Gualdoni wrote: "I have eaten enough Special K cereal to sink a battleship, and I look a lot more like a battleship than the woman in the ad."

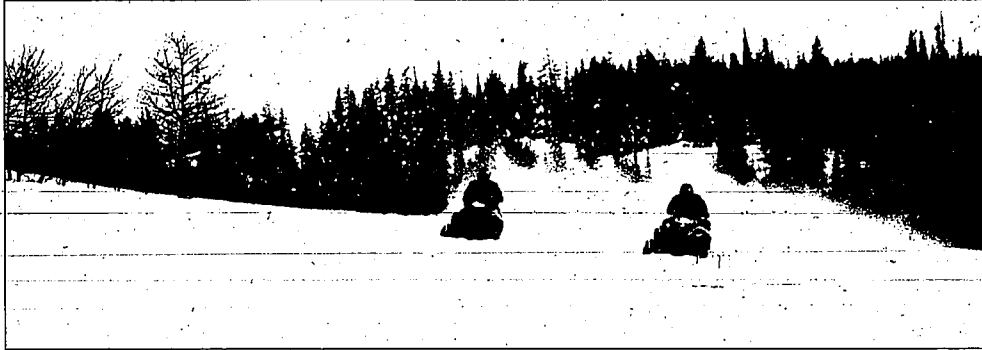
People are also skeptical of the Denorex shampoo commercials. "How do we know that that tingling sensation isn't battery acid burning through your scalp?" asked Ken Church.

Here are just a few of the other views expressed by the thousands of readers who responded to the survey:

Andy Elliott wrote: "I hate radio ads that say, 'Our prices are so low, we can't say them on the radio!' Why??? Will people

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RIPPIN' IT UP



Paul Smith, left, and Chuck Sharp of Twin Falls check out some new machines in the South Hills last week.

White Shadow

Inexperienced snowmobilers get into ham's way

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

BURLÉY — Chuck Larson has a rule of thumb for the kids who take his snowmobile safety class:

"You can snowmobile farther in half an hour than you can walk in a day."

"You can do it without realizing it," said Max Yngst, recreation specialist with the Sawtooth National Forest.

The fastest-growing winter sport has exploded along hundreds of miles of mostly lonely trails that snake through the Sawtooth National Forest, and brought with it the potential for trouble.

In a year of avalanches and deep snow, more novice snowmobilers are getting in over their heads without knowing it.

"The purpose of our classes is to give kids some basic information that will hopefully keep them out of danger," said Larson, a member of the Mount Harrison Snowmobile Club. "The biggest thing they need to learn is to read the terrain they're riding in."

"Reading the terrain" is snowmobilers for staying clear of the business end of an avalanche.

Snowmachine precautions

- Take along a basic repair kit.
- Carry a survival kit.
- Let someone know.
- Goled with a friend.
- Stay on the trail.
- Don't cross frozen bodies of water.
- Stay to the right.
- Watch out for cross-country skiers.
- Don't overdrive your headlights.

—Source: Maine Snowmobilers Association

Both the Maple Valley Snowmobilers and the Mount Harrison Snowmobile Club sponsor occasional safety classes for adults and children. For further information, call Doug Strand at 734-5183 or Chuck Larson at 678-2315.

"That's a real danger this year," Yngst said. "You can get yourself in a dangerous situation, even in the south end of the Sawtooth National Forest."

Classic avalanche conditions occur on slopes of greater than 30 degrees, but it's hard for the uninitiated — or even an expert, in some cases — to tell from a

distance how close the snow is to slipping away.

"The only sure precaution is to stick to groomed trails," Yngst said.

Or failing that, to familiar country. As the snow piles higher, landmarks disappear, making it easier to get lost.

Many snowmobilers who find themselves stranded get that way because they wander off a trail and run out of gas," Yngst said. Mechanical failures are less common, but they happen.

"We teach our kids some basic maintenance," Larson said. "How to change the oil and how to change the belts."

The heavier the snow, the greater the risk that a snowmachine will encounter hidden obstacles — often rocks and fences — that can disable a snowmobile.

"If they get stuck, we tell them to stay where they are," Larson said. "The only time you should try to walk out is if you can see your pickup from where you are."

"The trouble with trying to walk out is that it's quiet often late in the day when you break down," Yngst said. "And it takes a lot of time and a lot of energy to walk any distance in deep snow."

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Drivers cause most crashes

The Washington Post

The biggest causes of serious snowmobile crashes, a Maine study reports, are the same as those involving highway vehicles: excessive speed, careless driving and alcohol.

Maine reported 12 deaths from snowmobile mishaps during the 1995-96 winter, the highest total in 25 years and double the previous winter's toll, the study found. While the number of state-registered snowmobiles hit a record high, that alone does not explain the increase in deaths because the death rate per snowmobile also was higher than in any of the previous five years.

The study, covering 1,355 accidents over the past six winters, was done by state authorities in Maine and federal officials from the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control in Atlanta. Findings appeared this month in the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's weekly report.

Under Maine law, snowmobile opera-

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Abortion by pill not as simple as it sounds to some

The Washington Post

Pregnant less than a month, Marie Head called a clinic seeking an abortion and was given a choice: Wait several weeks for the surgical procedure or take the new drug called mifepristone, then being offered on an experimental basis.

Also known as RU-486, mifepristone is a synthetic steroid that makes it diffi-

cult for a fertilized egg to adhere to the lining of the uterus. When it is taken with misoprostol, a drug that triggers uterine contractions, the result is an abortion.

Because the two-drug combination is not surgically invasive, it is sometimes called a "medical abortion."

Head, a federal employee in Atlanta, opted to try mifepristone. Her pregnan-

cy was over within days. "I didn't want to have to wait and go through the emotional trauma and being nauseous (from morning sickness) and having to deal with that for four or five weeks," recalled Head, who compared taking RU-486 with having "a natural miscarriage."

The drug, which has been used by more than 200,000 women in Europe

and China since 1988, has received tentative approval from U.S. health officials. Introducing it in the United States would offer women and physicians a new approach to abortion, but would require a major public education campaign to be correctly understood, its proponents say.

On the one hand, a "medical abort-

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LOOKING GOOD Cold-weather gear is cool

The Dallas Morning News

You needn't travel farther than the local motorist or shopping mall to see an avalanche of bold-looked parkas, fleecy pullovers, retro-styled sweaters and down-filled vests.

Clothes designed for slicing down ski slopes and scaling mountaintops have taken urban fashion by storm.

Street kids are shelling out for North Face jackets and Timberland boots, and fashion editors are scooping up Patagonia parkas to wear with their Prada pants. Last fall, Bloomingdale's New York flagship opened an entire department devoted to authentic snowboarding clothes.

Not to be outdone, Ralph Lauren and Giorgio Armani have launched ski collections of their own. Even mainstream London Fog this year introduced a "performance driver line," "FOG," aka a Functional Outer-Gear, joining fashion retailers such as Banana Republic, the Gap and J. Crew in the rage for shiny, stretchy performance fabrics, racing stripes, storm flaps, zippers and color blocks.

All are taking advantage of a market that shows no signs of having reached a peak.

Retail sales of sports apparel hit \$3.2 billion in 1995, according to the Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association. Figures for '96 are certain to be even higher, with the biggest growth expect-



Photo courtesy Park City Street

Ski clothes are more likely to double as street clothes nowadays.

ed in outdoor and extreme categories such as in-line skating, mountain biking and snowboarding.

Tellingly, the SGMA also reports that among those who own sports apparel, a mere 8 percent wear it strictly for athletic activities. The other 92 percent may not have a clue about the purpose of

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HEALTH NOTES

A cycle of jealousy

From Men's Health magazine, a timely hint for you guys with with roving eyes. Research reveals that women experience more intense feelings of jealousy during the first phase (Days 1-14) of their menstrual cycle than during the second half.

Take a deep breath

A new breath test gives physicians a simple and effective way to diagnose the cause of stomach ulcers, reducing the need for the more costly and uncomfortable endoscopic procedure now commonly used. The new test, approved by the Food and Drug Administration in September, detects the presence in the stomach of Helicobacter pylori, the spiral-shaped bacterium that causes 80 to 90 percent of peptic ulcers.

Do run, run

Gardening, walking and other mild exercise are better than nothing, as the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports pointed out in issuing its recent 30-minute-a-day recommendation. But when it comes to exercise, a new study of more than 8,000 runners advises, more is better still. The runners study found that "substantial health benefits" come from exercise at levels above the recommended minimum, and these benefits steadily accrue in exercise of up to at least 50 miles a week.

Get well at home

More than a quarter of the Americans hospitalized each year for pneumonia could be treated safely and effectively as outpatients, according to scientists at the University of Pittsburgh. About 4 million Americans contract pneumonia each year, and more than 600,000 are hospitalized at a cost of almost \$4 billion.

Don't drink and pedal

Alcohol is a factor in about one-third of fatal bicycle accidents and plays a much larger role in cycling-related deaths and serious injuries than previously thought, a new study has found. Maryland researchers found that cyclists who died in accidents were almost twice as likely as those less seriously injured to have positive blood alcohol levels and to be legally intoxicated.

Catching cancer

By looking carefully at how a man's genes interact with infrared light, scientists say they can tell with high reliability if his prostate cells are turning cancerous. The new test could lead to far better diagnosis of prostate cancer, according to biochemist Donald Maltz, director of molecular epidemiology at the Northwest Research Foundation in Seattle. The cells are extracted from the prostate gland via needle biopsy.

Compiled from wire reports

HEALTH & FASHION

Getting RU-486 to market

Since European women have used the French abortion pill successfully since 1988, the FDA can evaluate it without lengthy clinical trials here.

Step 1: Clinical tests

The non-profit Population Council will begin testing RU-486 on about 2,000 U.S. women this fall at about 12 sites nationwide.

Step 2: Choosing a manufacturer

While testing the drug, the council will choose a company to make and distribute the drug here; the choice takes about 14 months.

Step 3: FDA review

The FDA will review results from U.S. and European tests, then inspect manufacturing facilities; the review takes an additional six months.

Step 4: Approval

If the tests go well, the FDA could grant a license to sell the drug in the U.S. as early as 1998.

SOURCES: The Population Council, news reports

KRT Intelligences

Legality stalls abortion pill

The Washington Post

In 1994, the French manufacturer of mifepristone gave its U.S. patent rights to the New York-based Population Council, which is working to bring the drug to market in this country. The Food and Drug Administration classified mifepristone as a "priority drug" and in September issued an "approvable letter," basically a conditional approval saying the drug was safe and effective. The drug regulators, however, asked for more information on its manufacturing and labeling before finally signing off on the drug. The council says it hopes to obtain final approval and make the drug available by the end of this year. But that timetable is likely to slip because of a legal dispute between the council and Joseph D. Pike, the businessman it licensed to distribute and mar-

ket mifepristone.

The council, which contends that Pike defrauded it by not disclosing that he is a disbarred lawyer, is seeking his removal from the marketing project. Pike, who says his legal past is irrelevant to the business venture, has been reluctant to surrender full control.

A trial in that lawsuit is set for March 31 in U.S. District Court in New York.

Anti-abortion groups are opposed to the introduction of mifepristone in the United States and say its possible harmful effects on women have not yet been adequately assessed. Randall K. O'Bannon, director of research for the National Right to Life Committee, which opposes all forms of abortion, said its principal health concerns (about mifepristone) are extensive bleeding and changes in blood pressure.

Pill

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tion" is a less invasive, nonsurgical process for terminating pregnancy that does not require anesthesia and can be used in the early days of pregnancy. But the proper use of mifepristone requires three visits to a physician or clinic over a period of about 15 days. This regimen contrasts with the one-step surgical procedure that is very often done during a woman's first visit to a medical facility.

Also, the side effects of a "medical abortion" can include extensive bleeding, cramping, nausea and vomiting. On average, women experience varying degrees of bleeding for eight to nine days after a "medical abortion," compared with five days after a surgical abortion, according to information provided by the non-profit Population Council, the drug's U.S. sponsor.

Most adverse side effects are caused by the second drug, misoprostol, which is sold under the brand name Cytotec and is already used to treat ulcers. Mifepristone is most effective in the first 49 days of a pregnancy, but it can be safely used up to



Abortion pill RU486 is being studied in the American market by legal battles.

the 63rd day. After that, the drug becomes less effective and the

side effects are more severe, according to clinical studies in France.

By contrast, surgical abortion is most effective and most often done later in pregnancy. Most clinicians are reluctant to do it before the eighth week because the fetus is so small — at 62 days it is about two-thirds of an inch long — that it can be missed during the procedure, which forces the embryo out of the uterus with a suction device.

Prior to seeking the FDA's approval of mifepristone, the Population Council in New York, which is working to bring RU-486 to market in the United States, submitted data from French tests of the drug and conducted its own clinical trials to test the drug's safety and effectiveness. The Atlanta clinic that Head called for her abortion was one of 17 sites around the country that took part in trials involving more than 2,100 women.

The council plans to present the final results of its trials at an academic conference some time in early 1997, council spokeswoman Sandra Waldman said. Preliminary data presented to

the FDA by the council last July showed that for the vast majority of the patients, mifepristone led to an effective abortion. But 82 percent of the women in the trial had painful contractions, generally after taking the second drug, misoprostol. Most, however, did not need to take painkillers. Also, 26 women in the American study required hospitalization after the procedure, and 32 needed a follow-up suction abortion to stop bleeding because the drug procedure did not complete the job.

Snowmobilers

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The worst-case scenario is an unexpected dip in freezing water, as in Elaine County snowmobiler discovered a couple of weeks ago. He survived, but only with the help of a companion.

Yingst takes along waterproof matches, a disposable lighter, a space blanket, a quart of water and some high-energy food, such as Power Bars.

And he always along takes a partner. "That's the best safety precaution," he said. "Never travel alone on a snowmobile."

Always leave word with someone where you're headed and how long you'll be gone, Yingst said. "If you're overdue, you're going to be found a lot faster if

they know where to look."

Some snowmobile safety courses include instruction on how to build a snow cave, or find other temporary shelter to spend the night.

"I take along a pair of collapsible snowshoes," Yingst said. "They don't take up much room, and they'll get you out a lot quicker if you have to walk."

An extra coat — or at least an extra layer of clothing — is also helpful, Yingst said.

"If you're wearing layers, you're better off," he said. "You can take the layers off or put them on as you need them."

And always, Yingst added, respect the potential of all that horsepower under the hood. "Never assume that you can't get in trouble," he said.

Barry

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started bleeding from the ears if they hear these prices?"

Michael Howard wrote: "I live near Seattle and there is one channel that runs commercials approximately every five minutes advertising the fact that they have a helicopter. Can you believe it? A helicopter?"

A.J. VanHorn theorized that "the increase in suicides among young people is due to the beer commercial showing a bunch of rednecks in a beat-up pickup swigging beer from cans and telling everyone 'It don't get no better'n this.'"

Kathy Walden objected to "Wal-Mart commercials that shamelessly try to portray all Wal-Mart customers as poor, uneducated, rural and concerned primarily with reproducing their lives. Of course this is true, but still..."

There were many, many more strung comments, but I'm out of space. So I'm going to close with a statement penned by a reader

identifying himself as "Flat Foot Sam," who I believe spoke for millions of consumers when he wrote these words:

"I'd like to buy the world's a Coke, and spray it out my nose."

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Looks

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technical features like "multi-position pit-zips," "powder cuffs" and "articulated sleeves and knees."

What they do know is that the clothes keep them warm and dry and look radically cool in the bargain. No matter what the sport is, athletic clothes make function a priority. Underarm zippers and grommets dispel heat. Taped seams and storm flaps over zippers and pockets add extra insulation against moisture and wind.

Fabrics are performance-oriented, too. The best known include Gore-Tex, which is waterproof but also "breathes," and

Polartec, the lofty brushed-pile polyester used for everything from socks to stocking caps.

But even performance-driven sport clothes aren't impervious to fashion trends. At Extreme Clothing & Sports, a Plazo store that sells skate and snowboarding gear to a hip, young clientele, the look of the moment is baggy, snobrig and slightly retro. Snowproof jackets in matte-finish nylon twill come in murky, quirky colors like slate, light orange, cranberry and sage. Boarding pants feature insulated seat and knee patches, flared legs and edgy labels such as Bonfire, Quicksilver, Special Blend and Combine.

Drivers

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tors must report all incidents resulting in property damage of at least \$300 or injuries requiring medical attention: Most of the reported crashes occurred during clear weather (79 percent), and nearly half (43 percent) on groomed, marked trails. About three out of four drivers and passengers were helmets.

The leading causes were excessive speed (52 percent), inattention or careless operation (27 percent) and mechanical failure (6 percent). Alcohol was deemed a contributing factor in 13 percent — one of eight — of the incidents. But a much higher proportion — 41 percent — of those who died in snowmobile crashes showed an elevated blood-alcohol level.

Fatalities also were more likely after dark.

Nearly half of the reported incidents involved falls off the snowmobile or collisions with another snowmobile. The rest involved crashes into trees, rocks or other objects, falls off a bank or into a ditch, collisions with cars or trucks, or falls through the ice.

The findings suggest that public efforts to reduce snowmobile-related injuries and deaths "should focus on promoting more cautious snowmobile operation and reducing the use of alcohol while operating a snowmobile," officials concluded. Other approaches include limiting vehicle horsepower, placing warning signs to mark hazards and enforcing speed limits.

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Them bones: An operator's manual

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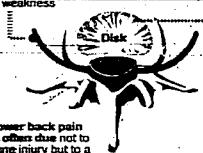
Bursa
Fluid-filled sac that cushions the joint; weight-lifting and throwing can irritate it



Elbow cuff
Traumatic injury of this tendon may heal slowly

Lower spine
Cartilage disks between vertebrae prevent friction; injury or deterioration can cause pain

Sciatica
Compressed disk presses on nerve, causes pain or weakness



Lower back pain
Is often due not to bone injury but to a combination of pulled muscles, muscle spasms or sprained muscles or ligaments

Knee joint
Twisting forces by the most common cause of injury; physical therapy may help, but surgery is sometimes necessary

Ligament
Four tough straps that stabilize the joint; often injured by landing badly after a jump or taking an impact from the side



Meniscus
This shock-absorbing cartilage disk can become roughened or torn; running or overuse are common causes

SOURCE: "Getting Straight" by Bill Peart, AMA Family Medical Guide

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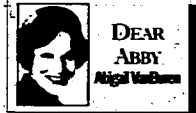
Children hurt otherwise happy marriage

DEAR ABBY: I am 24 years old and happily married to a 35-year-old man who has had a previous marriage and has two children, 14 and 12.

We have been married for two years and are completely happy, with each other. However, the problem is I want a child of my own and he does not.

When we were dating, we often discussed it, and he would say that he has two and that's all he needs, although he might consider more in the future. Well, Abby, it's the future now, and I am ready to take on the responsibility of a child. Now he tells me that he wants to get himself "fixed" because he has decided not to have more children. I don't think it's fair to me, being young and healthy and wanting to have at least one child of my own.

I love him dearly, but this has put a big damper on our marriage, and I am not sure how to



DEAR ABBY
Margaret VanDusen

handle this. Please help.
—UNSURE IN FLORIDA
DEAR UNSURE: Consider this: A man who says he wants no more children and is considering fixing himself "fixed" to ensure that he will have no more is a poor candidate for fatherhood. True, he did promise to consider it, but it is obvious that he wants no more children.
—I recommend counseling for both of you. If he refuses to get counseling, go without him.
DEAR ABBY: I have often written on how to handle this situation, but hoped that someone else

would write and provide the answer first.

I am a pre-op transsexual and usually dress in women's clothing, complete with wig and makeup.

My question is, with my restroom should I use when I go out in public?
Abby, please inform your readers that most of us transsexuals and transvestites are in the ladies restroom to use the facilities or to repair our makeup — nothing more.

MISS "X": When you are dressed like a woman, you should use the women's restroom.

DEAR ABBY: Excuse me for being an old, lady-oddy but what has happened to basic good manners?

In my day one did not indulge in kissing in public places — unless one was holding hands in an airport, train or bus station.

I find it embarrassing to witness public displays of affection between my nephew and his current girlfriend at family gatherings in nice restaurants. Often they have to my right in the middle of the restaurant on the way out to engage in a long, joyful kiss. Since the couple have been living together for several months, it would seem that they could hold off the kissing until they were alone. This has gotten to the point that it is downright embarrassing for the rest of the family to go out with them.

Don't get me wrong, Abby. I am all for hugging and kissing one's true love, but not on the way out of a nice restaurant with a room full of strangers to witness the spectacle.

Am I hopelessly outdated on this?
—OLD-FASHIONED
DEAR —OLD-FASHIONED: Oursured? No! Jealous? Maybe!

Magnets can help ease pain

Knight-Ridder News Service

Important warning for anyone having senior golfers over for a visit: Don't let them get too close to the refrigerator.

That's because many of the golfers on the Senior PGA Tour are wearing back belts and shoe insoles weighted with magnets in the belief that they alleviate muscle pain in aged healing.

Jim Colbert, one of the top money-winners in the Senior PGA Tour, claims he found relief

Division in Jacksonville, Fla. "People with pain problems in general have a high response to placebo."

The use of magnets in medicine is nothing new. Back in the mid-19th century, magnets were applied to skin to "attract diseases out of the body," said James Livingston, a senior lecturer with Massachusetts Institute of Technology and author of "Driving Force: The Natural History of Magnets."

But magnets are enjoying a resurgence in popularity as part of a movement toward "alternative" therapies, or unorthodox treatments not yet sanctioned by the mainstream medical establishment.

The theory behind magnet therapy: The iron in red blood cells, residing in the magnetic field, causes the blood to become more active as it flows through blood vessels past the magnets. As the blood becomes more active, it uses more oxygen, promoting faster healing.

Is that supposition sound? Although some studies are under way, including one at the Office of Alternative Medicine of the National Institutes of Health, there is scant objective evidence. "Most companies' literature also contains an explanation of how the magnets are said to work on pain or injury. Here's how Lamar notes in the explanation of magnetic healing theory put forward in a brochure by Bio Magnetics International: "

• Removal of lactic acid from overworked muscles, allowing for a faster recovery time.
"That's typically not the problem in chronic pain," Lamar says. "With many chronic pain problems, tissue healing is not a problem."

"These things need to be answered, they really need to be studied before people make claims."

—Tim Lamar, Mayo Clinic

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Gold legend Chi Chi Rodriguez also swears by the healing properties of magnets, purportedly shucking his shoes to show off magnet-lined insoles at a sports medicine convention last month in Orlando, Fla. Neither he nor Colbert are being paid to serve as product spokesmen.

But despite the celebrity endorsements, medical experts view the "current attraction to magnets with skepticism."

"It's known that people who have had a procedure who are greatly anticipating benefit, hoping or desperate for relief are vulnerable to a placebo response," said Tim Lamar, chairman of the Mayo Clinic's Pain Management

Saturday Fit Fair will feature Rams' coach

The Times-News
TWIN FALLS — John Montegna, a former Jerome resident who now serves as the strength and conditioning coach of the NFL's St. Louis Rams, will be a featured clinician at the first annual Fit Fair at Falls Avenue Fitness Unlimited on Saturday.

The event will be co-sponsored by the Twin Falls Clinic and Esposital.

Montegna, who ran a health club in Jerome, will talk about the benefits of sports nutrition at 2 p.m.

Dean Mayes, a Twin Falls physical therapist, will speak on the benefits of exercise at 11 a.m. and Twin Falls surgeon Dr. David McCleskey will talk about the

same subject at 1 p.m. Also scheduled are a 9 a.m. "Dance for Heart," featuring dance instructors from throughout the Magic Valley, and fitness evaluations and posture screening at 3 p.m. by Twin Falls chiropractor Tim Coiner.

Most of the events are free. There will be a \$3 charge for cholesterol screening and fitness evaluations by Scott Hansing, an exercise physiologist at the clinic. They're scheduled to start at 8 a.m.

Morning snacks and a noon lunch break will be provided by Fred Meyer and Bagel D'Lites, respectively.

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Here's my advice: Go to the seminars if you want, but never buy the promoter's package. More times than not it's overpriced and over-padded.
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Diabetes group to discuss legal issues

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The topic of discussion will be "Legal Implications of Diabetes." Lloyd Walker, Diabetes Center Foundation board members and local attorney, will talk about discrimination, malpractice, rights and responsibilities of individuals with diabetes.

For more information, call Ann Bybee, RN, CDE at 733-3700.

Postpartum class set for Thursday 10 a.m.

JEROME - St. Benedict's Family Medical Center will sponsor a postpartum/parenting class at 10 a.m. Thursday in the conference room of the medical center. Informational highlights of the class include breastfeeding help and support, when to call the doctor, answers to questions, support of other mothers, parenting, and infant cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

Free blood pressure checks this week

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center will offer blood pressure checks from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. on Tuesdays and from 10 a.m. to noon on Fridays at the center. Experienced volunteer nurses will administer the checks free of charge.

First Aid and Safety course set for tonight

TWIN FALLS - A Community First Aid and Safety (Twin Falls Child and Infant CPR and First Aid) course will be held at 6 p.m. today and Tuesday. The fee for this nine-hour course is \$40.

The American Red Cross has scheduled twice-weekly CPR and first aid recertification classes, at 9 a.m. on Mondays and 1 p.m. on Fridays. If your certification is about to expire, call the Red Cross office to register for the class that is suitable for your schedule.

To register for classes or for more information, call 733-6464 or stop by the office at 718 S. Washington St. E. Free registration and prepayment is required for all classes.

Self-healing class held Friday-Saturday

JEROME - A class on self-healing Japanese self-healing art will be held Friday through Saturday in Jerome.

This ancient healing art is done by a simple unending form of hands on the body. Anyone can learn from these techniques which are learned from a natural healer.

For more information about the class, call Luanna Espelth at 736-0100.

To do for you is a calendar listing of health-related activities, events and education. Information should be submitted by Wednesday for publication in the following: *Monday's Health & Fashion* section. Mail notices to: *The Times-News*, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83401, or visit us on our website: www.133.com.

Time to soften chapped lips

DEAR PAULA: Any tips for dry chapped lips? Mine are driving me crazy and would love not to go through this every winter.

—DENISE, ASPEN, COLO.
DEAR DENISE: If cold weather and drier air weren't enough of a price to pay for winter's dreary months, lips have to do their thing by cracking, flaking, and chapping. It's not only uncomfortable but unsightly. And lipstick only seems to make the situation worse.

To save these dry-lip blues I've got some recommendations that should keep your lips plump and soft. Chapped lips are going to happen in a day, and missing even one day of treatment can dry lips to dryness.

Lips are more vulnerable to the environment than any other part of the body. This means that keeping your lips moist and sealed against the weather is essential. There are lots of emollient lip products to do just that and the more emollient the better. Ingredients like lanolin, oils of any kinds including castor oil, linseed oil, safflower oil, almond oil, and vegetable oil, and shea and cocoa butter are all excellent, especially if they are listed at the beginning of the ingredient list.

Lots of lip products make claims about being medicated. "Medicated" is a dubious term at



COSMETIC Q&A
Paula Begoun

best with no regulated meaning. These products usually contain camphor, menthol, peppermint oil, eucalyptus, and menthol but these are not medicines for dry lips. They mostly irritate and actually make lips burn, which is neither disinfecting or helpful for already dry chapped lips. Products like Blistex, which include 0.5 percent phenol, are the exception because they truly are medicated. However, phenol is strong stuff and actually has some serious problems associated with it. It is not something I would recommend for other than extremely limited use.

But lets get to the good stuff. I still — am — most — fond — of BeautyControl's Lip Appeal (\$17). It is a water-based product which softens the chapped skin with a waxy cream you rub over the lips then after that's rubbed off, a very emollient balm is applied. This is the

only really gentle and effective exfoliating product I've ever seen for lips. BeautyControl's ordering number is (800) BEAUTY1.

For daily care, whenever you have the chance and definitely before you go to bed you can apply any of the following lip products. These are all exceptionally emollient without being waxy and they rarely build up or feel thick: Natural Glow Natural Flavor Lip Gloss Stick (\$2.47) or Natural Glow Roll On (\$2.66); Vaseline Lip Therapy SPF 8 (\$1.20); Cover Girl In Condition Lip Blush SPF 15 (\$2.73); Physicians Formula Vital Defense Lip Treatment SPF 15 (\$2.65) or Physicians Formula Lip Gloss SPF 15 (\$2.45) and Bonne Bell LipLix (\$1.95).

Paula Begoun is the author of several books on cosmetics, including "Don't Go to the Cosmetic Counter Without Me" (Beginning Press, \$13.95).

Actors get big roles by gaining or losing pounds

The Associated Press

When Robert De Niro packed on the pounds to play boxer Jake LaMotta in "Raging Bull," every one thought he had gone off the deep end.

That was taking Method acting to the extreme, they said. Or was it? Nowadays, actors do little nothing of shedding 20 pounds here and putting on 30 pounds there for the right movie role ... and, of course, the accompanying seven-figure salary.

It's not enough to merely play a character, they have to LIVE in that person's skin ... even if that means expanding or shrinking it into unnatural proportions. To achieve their physical goals, they hire high-priced personal trainers, rise at 4 a.m. for pre-call workouts and heed the advice of dietitians, who will tell them how to do it in a healthy way ... or as healthy as possible.

Think of Demi Moore toning up her already hard-bodied physique to bare it all in a night-club dancer in "Strip-tease." Dennis Quaid practically starving himself into gaunt cowboy "Wyatt Earp." And the king of post-Soviet-era Gorbachev, graying into the antiethic of "Rocky" to play an overweight, pudgy sheriff in the recently released "Copland."

Conrney Love, who plays a dying, AIDS-infected Althea Flynt in "The People vs. Larry



Flynt, lost 30 pounds in just a few weeks for the role. Minnie Driver, on the other hand, gained some 30 pounds to make her unspiced character more believable in "Circle of Friends." Keanu Reeves went



Imbo: There's no doubt those sharply defined arms have lunched more than a thousand burgers. Whether these acts of body morphing reflect extreme dedication or just insecurity in one's acting abilities is an open question. Whatever the motivation, no mountain is too tall, no dumbbell too heavy and no SteinMeister too intimidating for these stars to maintain their million-dollar figures.

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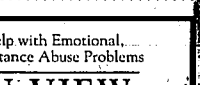
To achieve that goal, Imbo designed a 10-week workout for her that brought her into the gym two hours a day, five days a week. To get the sleek look, the former cover girl performed weight training that focused on heavy lifting and quick repetitions.

After the intense slimming-down period, MacPherson had about two months to gain 25-pounds for her "Sirens" role that called for a more well-rounded woman.

"Basically, it just meant she didn't have to work out as hard," says Imbo, whose advice "doesn't come cheap." He charges \$150 an hour, which he says is reasonable by personal trainers' standards.

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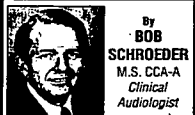
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We're not just competing against colleges, but we're also competing against the NBA for the top kids.

—USC basketball Coach Henry Bibby when asked about high school recruiting

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Girls' high school basketball
Southside Conference sub-district tournament at Murtaugh
Murtaugh vs. Raft River, 7 p.m.
Class A-3, Canyon Conference tournament at Wendell
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IN BRIEF

Continental Cablevision to televise Vandals

TWIN FALLS — Continental Cablevision will air the University of Idaho weekly basketball show "Vandal Action" on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. on Community Channel 10.

The show highlights the week's University of Idaho basketball games, coaches' interviews and player profiles and interviews.

Track and field games to start Thursday at ISU

POCATELLO — The Simplot Games will begin Thursday, Feb. 13 at 7 p.m. at Holt Arena on the Idaho State University campus.

The Games are in their 19th year and the event is considered the nation's premier indoor high school track and field event. Over 2,000 athletes from 21 states and two countries are scheduled to compete.

Special guests at the Games this year will be Olympians Florence Griffith Joyner and Al Joyner, as well as Olympian Kevin Young, a gold medal winner and record holder in the 400-meter hurdles.

For more information, contact executive director Carol Lish at (208) 238-2777.

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The Times-News

Records fall in All-Star game

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Talk about an All-Star game that had it all. Michael Jordan had the event's first triple-double, MVP Glen Rice broke two scoring records and the East had one of the best comebacks in All-Star history in beating the West 132-120 Sunday.

If that wasn't enough, it all happened in front of the greatest collection of basketball players ever assembled in one arena. Simply put, the NBA couldn't have asked for much more in the showcase event of its 50th season.

Jordan had 14 points, 11 rebounds and 11 assists — his first triple-double since coming out of retirement-23 months ago.

Rice scored 20 points in the third quarter, breaking Hal Greer's mark of 19 in the 1968 game. The Charlotte forward also set a record of 24 points in a half, breaking Wilt Chamberlain's mark. "It was very special," Rice said. "My teammates did a great job of getting me this award."

Chamberlain and Greer were on the court along with 45 others on the all-time greatest list for a halftime tribute that would have stolen the show at Gund Arena if not for Rice and Jordan.

The parade of greats was a moment of showtime that had never before been matched in NBA history. One after the other, out came the legends of the game.

Jordan was first. Chamberlain stood alongside Bill Russell and George Mikan. Isaiah Thomas bodied up his own rival and buddy, Magic Johnson. Pete Maravich's two sons, Jaecen and Joshua, stood in for the only deceased member of the 50 greaters.

On and on it went, the crowd eating it up. There were roars for Larry Bird, Julius Erving and Lenny Wilkens, boos for Shaquille O'Neal — the only active player to miss the gathering. Dave Cowens turned to his wife in her front row seat, grinning like a man who realized he was experiencing one of the proudest moments of his life.

The 20,500 fans gave them a standing ovation when the introductions were complete, and the game seemed like an afterthought when it eventually resumed.

Rice, however, changed that tone rather quickly.

He made three consecutive 3-pointers as the East, playing with only one starter, opened the second half with a 13-0 run.

Rice added yet another 3-pointer before the quarter was even three minutes old, and suddenly the East, which had trailed by as many as 23 points in

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Milwaukee Bucks' Vin Baker reaches for a rebound as teammates Cleveland Cavaliers' Terrell Brandon, left foreground, and Washington Bullets' Chris Webber watch during the NBA All-Star game Sunday in Cleveland.

20-point quarter wins Rice MVP award

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Glen Rice set up on the right baseline, caught Terrell Brandon's pass and let fly. Swish! Then from beyond the top of the key. Swish again.

Three 3-pointers in 49 seconds. And that was only the beginning for Charlotte's sweet shooter, who dominated the third quarter of Sunday night's NBA All-Star game with a record 20 points. Rice finished with 26 and was named MVP as the Eastern Conference defeated the West 132-120.

The Hornets forward also set an All-Star record for points in a half, with 24. Following his quick flurry from long range, which capped the East's 13-0 run to start the second half, Rice hit another



Eddie Jones.

The East, which trailed 53-30 midway through the second quarter, led 92-79 by the time Rice went to the bench in the final minute of the third.

Rice's 20 points were one more than Hal Greer scored in a quarter of the 1968 All-Star game. Rice was 6-of-11 in the period, including 4-of-5 from 3-point range. His 24 in the second half were one more than Wilt Chamberlain had in 1962.

Rice, scoring 25 points a game for the Hornets this season, has averaged 31 over his last 20 games to become one of the league's hottest players.

Sunday, he even outshined Michael Jordan, the NBA scoring leader and last year's All-Star MVP.

Jordan had 14 points, 11 rebounds and 11 assists for his first triple-double in the event's history. It also was Jordan's first triple-double since coming out of retirement 23 months ago. But when Jordan got off the bench to replace Rice with about 25 minutes left in the third quarter, Rice was doing so well that East coach Doug Collins changed his mind and had Jordan sit back down. Rice followed with his double-clutch 10-footer over Jones, one of the NBA's top defenders.

Buhl race walker steps toward Antarctica

By Brad Rowlin
Times-News writer

GOODING — Most people think walking 26 miles at a stretch is a little crazy, and walking that far in a hurry is just plain nuts. But Gooding race walker Mary Ritz is traveling all the way to Antarctica to do it.

"Ritz, 42, was scheduled to leave this morning on a week-long journey through South America to the southern tip of Argentina, where she will board a converted Russian warship for a two-day trip to the coldest continent on the planet."

And that's the fun begins. On Feb. 18 — depending on the weather — Ritz will join 100-plus other hardy souls in running and walking two loops around a 13.1-mile course that crosses streams, wind-scoured snow fields and swampy, rock-strewn fields that are a runners' worst nightmare.

It's called the Ultimate Marathon, and it will be just the second forerunner ever held on the Antarctic Peninsula. Although conditions will be far from ideal, the weather probably won't be all that different than a cold day in Gooding, Ritz said.

"It's the mildest place in Antarctica," she said. "The average temperature is 20-40 miles per hour. There are some areas that are snow free. Some is hard packed.



Editor's note: This is the first in an occasional series of stories on Magic Valley athletes. If you know someone who should be featured, please call us at 733-0931, ext. 229.

"And, if the weather is real severe, (race organizers) can move it up or back a day."

Ritz got the idea to compete in the Antarctic marathon last year after reading a story about it in Runner's World magazine.

"I've always wanted to go there. My husband sent me for the information," Ritz recalled. She read the event information and traveling to a race in Montana. When she got word after the Boston Marathon that there were still about 40 spots left in

the maximum 160-person field, Ritz knew she had to go.

"I said 'This is a sign. I'm meant to go,'" she said. "It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

Ritz hopes this trip will be the starting point for her entry into the "26 on 7" club, an elite group of people who have completed marathons on each of the seven continents.

"If money is not an issue, I'd like to be able to do the most exotic runs," said Ritz, who works for the Forest Service office in Fairfield. Her next stop could be Mount Everest in November, where a marathon is run from the base camp at 11,000 feet of elevation.

Money is an issue, of course, and Ritz has started saving up for her trek.

"I have a 21-year-old Jeep that used to be red, and now it's kind of an orange color," Ritz said. "I had to ask, 'Should I paint my jeep, or go to Antarctica?'"

Folks who know Ritz knew immediately what her answer would be.

"Some people go 'Why?' when I tell them what I'm doing," Ritz said. "I figure, if I have an explanation to them, they just won't do it. The others already know I'm a little off anyway."

Anybody who's ever laced up for a fun run/walk in the Magic Valley has

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Mary Ritz of Buhl, shown here competing in the Maine Marathon, plans to race walk in the final Antarctic Marathon next week.

BYU quarterback hopes to follow alumni to NFL

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — In a year when many NFL teams are facing questions at quarterback, Brigham Young's Steve Sarkisian believes he has an answer.

"The NFL is going one of two ways on offense. Some are going the West Coast short-passing style and the others are going for the play-action, down the field style," said Sarkisian, one of 15 quarterbacks invited to demonstrate their skills during the annual NFL scouting combine. "I might suit a West Coast offense bet-

ter, but I really don't know what the people are thinking," he said during a break in the three-day routine that about 325 NFL hopefuls began going through on Thursday.

The combine ends Monday with coaches, scouts and other representatives of the league's 30 teams heading back to digest the information they've obtained here in preparation for the April 19-20 draft.

"I think I prepared well, working pretty hard," said the 6-foot, 206-pound Sarkisian. He completed 19 passes in 34 attempts

for 217 yards and one touchdown in the Hula Bowl last month after directing a pro-style offense as the Cougars compiled a 14-1 record last season.

Sarkisian hopes to become the latest BYU alumni to move to the NFL, joining a list that includes Super Bowl winners Steve Young and Jim McMahon, along with Marc Wilson and Philadelphia's Ty Detmer, who won the Heisman Trophy as a senior in 1990.

"Playing at BYU, the style of offense we ran suits my abilities and I think could help some NFL team," Sarkisian said.

Tennessee's Peyton Manning is the only quarterback projected as a first-round draft selection, but he hasn't announced if he'll give up his final year of college eligibility and doesn't have to make a decision until April.

Among the other quarterbacks at the combine, who hope to hear their name selected early when the draft begins are USC's Brad Ottot, Virginia Tech's Jim Druckenmiller, Arizona State's Jake Plummer, Louisiana Tech's Jason Martin, California's Pat Barnes and Heisman Trophy winner Danny Wuerffel of Florida.

SPORTS

Tiger: Hero, champion in Thailand

GOLF IN BRIEF

BANGNA, Thailand (AP)—Tiger Woods began his trip to Thailand with a bout of heat exhaustion and food poisoning.



Tiger Woods gestures to his caddy while lining up a putt on the seventh green during the Aflon Honda Classic in Bangkok Sunday. Woods won the tournament with a total of 20-under-par 268.

By the end, things were working out quite nicely. There was a royal decoration, a blowout victory in the Asia Honda Classic and a week's earnings of more than \$500,000.

Woods won the tournament by 10 strokes, receiving an embrace from his mother on the 18th green while a crowd of some 3,000 fans cheered his name.

With no competition down the stretch, Woods was smiling and doffing his cap the last few holes, the first time he could enjoy such a luxury since he turned professional last year.

Anyone interested in helping to finance Riz's quest to complete marathons on all seven continents can contact Riz at P.O. Box 223, Goding, ID 83330. Phone 934-5184 (night) or 764-3218 (day).

Athletes

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seen Ritz - usually from behind. She has been race walking since 1990 and has won all but two of the 67 races she has entered.

of five hours. She finished the San Diego Marathon in 5:01:40, winning the race walk division. "I still beat a lot of the runners," she said.

"There are not that many people who do it," Ritz said. "It's supposed to be easier on your joints (than running)."

Rice then added two jams and a layup in a 10-0 run, upping his total to 18 for the quarter. The West responded with a 7-0 run, but Rice made it 20 points in the period with a tough spinning jumper from the lane.

Her marathon times have slowly been creeping toward her goal

of 16 hours. "I love to downhill and cross country," she said. "We did the Boulder Mountain Tour last week. I really like horses, fly fishing, biking - if it's outside, I'm doing it."

All-Star

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the first half, was ahead by 15 points, 78-63.

Jordan led Chicago Bulls teammate Scottie Pippen for a breakaway layup. Just a few seconds later, Jordan got one more assist on yet another pass to Pippen, who finished the play off with a reverse jump.

BASKETBALL

NBA standings table with columns for team, wins, losses, and percentages. Includes Eastern Conference and Western Conference.

Baseball scores table with columns for team, score, and inning. Includes games from the American League and National League.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Western Conference basketball standings table with columns for team, wins, losses, and percentages.

USA TODAY-CNN top 25 poll

USA Today-CNN top 25 poll table listing names, titles, and poll results.

All-Star box score

All-Star basketball box score table with columns for team, points, rebounds, assists, and steals.

CAUSE: 100

CAUSE: 100 table listing names, titles, and poll results.

College scores

College basketball scores table with columns for team, score, and time.

High school top 5 results

High school basketball top 5 results table with columns for player, team, and points.

organizers said was heat exhaustion and food poisoning. The 20-hour flight from California and the sapping heat left weak with jet lag and fatigue.

By the end of the week, that was long gone. Woods, whose oldest rival was Mo Joong-kyung of South Korea at 278, had five birdies during the final round and nearly eagled the fourth hole. He had a bogey on the 17th hole when a drive sliced into the water.

With his mother at his side, Woods accepted the honor for helping promote Thailand's image and credited his parents for his achievements. He said his father, Earl, did not come to Thailand because he was preparing for heart surgery.

"Papa, I love you," he said. "Tonight is special. It shows what happens when two loving people really care and share with a child. Without their teachings - without their love, quiet honesty, I wouldn't be here."

After the reception, Woods left to catch a flight to Melbourne, Australia, where he will compete in the Australian Masters starting Thursday.

Sharing third place at 279 at the Thai Country Club were M. J. Charney, 23, of Taiwan's Chang Tso-peng and Canada's Jim Rutledge. Rutledge closed with a 63, breaking the course record Woods set two days earlier by one stroke.

O'Meara goes back-to-back with Buick win

SAN DIEGO - Mark O'Meara's golf career, automobile fleet and status as one of the world's hottest bankers all got a big boost on Sunday.

A week after beating Tiger Woods by a stroke at Pebble Beach, O'Meara held off a pack of seven to win the Buick Invitational by two strokes. He can now claim to have won the Buick by a whopping \$710,450 his collection in just four tournaments.

Feeling the full of his win at Pebble and struggling with his tee shots at Torrey Pines, his home away from home, O'Meara paused on the ninth fairway and told himself to dig deeper. His goal was to play the back nine in 5-under, which he'd done on Thursday. The leading money earner to date, he did it in 3-under Sunday to pocket another \$270,000 and become the fifth player to earn more than \$8 million on the PGA Tour.

O'Meara dropped a 22-foot eagle putt on the par-5 13th that gave him the lead and a pivotal 15-foot birdie putt on 17 that came while Craig Stadler and Jesper Parnevik were struggling with the deep run on 18.

Robbins tallies National Pro-Am win

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. - Kelly Robbins parred the second playoff hole Sunday to win the \$500,000 National Pro-Am golf tournament at Ibis Country Club.

Robbins two-putted from 12 feet at the par-10 4th hole to beat Emilio Klein, who fired a sensational nine-under-par 63 over the first 10 holes to catch the front-running Robbins at 17-under par 271.

They both parred the first extra hole, the par-4 18th. Both missed the green to the right. Klein's chip was short but he sank a 10-footer for par. Moments later, Robbins drilled a four-footer from behind the hole.

At the second extra hole, Klein was short of the green at the par-4 10th, chipped long and missed her par putt, setting up the easy two-putt for Robbins for the win.

Robbins finished with 67 on five birdies. Klein had nine birdies, including five on the front nine - three on the first three holes.

Hale Irwin surges in LG Championship

NAPLES, Fla. - Hale Irwin birdied three of his final five holes - including a 40-foot bunker shot on No. 15 - to claim a one-shot victory Sunday in the Senior PGA Tour's \$1 million LG Championship.

Irwin's final-round 7-under-par 61 at Bay Colony Golf Club gave him a 54-hole total of 15-under-par 201, one shot better than runner-up Bob Murphy, who also finished with a 65. Vicente Fernandez closed with a 68 to finish three shots back at 12 under.

The victory earned Irwin a \$150,000 payday and gave him a clean sweep in two Senior PGA Tour tournament appearances this season. Irwin won the season-opening Tournament of Champions and now leads the money list with \$336,000.

Irwin pitched to four feet on No. 10, drilled a 6-iron to six feet on 12, two-putted the par-5 14, held a 40-foot bunker shot on 15 and dropped a wedge to five feet on 17 for a five-birdie back nine.

Singh edges Price at South African Open

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa - Vijay Singh shot a three-under-par 69 on Sunday to hold off Nick Price and win the South African Open golf tournament.

Singh started the day with a two-stroke lead and held it with help from Price, who dropped short at 15 when he went in the water and missed birdie putts at 16 and 17.

Jordan fed Chicago Bulls teammate Scottie Pippen for a breakaway layup.

Just a few seconds later, Jordan got one more assist on yet another pass to Pippen, who finished the play off with a reverse jump.

Rice led all scorers with 26 points. Needing just two points to break the record shared by Charles Barkley (1982) and Dennis Chambers (1987) for most in half, Rice got plenty of chances in the last few minutes.

East coach Doug Collins even called a timeout to diagram a play for the win, eventually breaking the mark by making two free throws in the last minute.

SCORES AND STATS

Baseball scores table with columns for team, score, and inning. Includes games from the American League and National League.

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Saturday's games table listing matchups, scores, and statistics.

PGA Championship

PGA Championship table listing player names, scores, and statistics.

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SKI REPORT

SKI REPORT table listing ski resorts, conditions, and information.

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WRESTLING table listing matches, wrestlers, and results.

Compiled from wire reports

Top 3 teams survive scores

The Associated Press

While top-ranked Kansas bounced back from its only loss of the season, the team that beat the Jayhawks failed to pull off another big upset Sunday.

Rafael LaFrentz scored 21 points, and Jacques Vaughn and Paul Pierce led a key run in the start of the second half as Kansas beat No. 6 Iowa State 69-62.

The Jayhawks (23-1) overcame a career-high 36 points by Iowa State's Dedric Willoughby, who made a school-record nine 3-pointers.

Men's college basketball

Missouri, which beat Kansas in double overtime Tuesday, came up short against No. 2 Wake Forest. Tim Duncan got 18 points and 20 rebounds to lead Wake to a 73-65 victory over the Tigers.

No. 1-Kansas 69, No. 6 Iowa State 62

AMES, Iowa - Top-ranked Kansas responded to its first loss by doing what it does best: scoring.

Five days after its double-overtime loss at Missouri, Kansas rebounded with the type of gritty defensive performance that has carried the Jayhawks most of the season and beat No. 6 Iowa State 69-62 Sunday.

"This was a big-time game," Kansas guard Jerod Haase said. "They were making big plays, we were making big plays. We never switched back and thought about the Missouri game. We were focused on this game."

Willoughby torched Kansas (23-1 overall, 9-1 Big 12) for a school-record nine 3-pointers, but the Jayhawks kept his teammates contained and caught a break when 6-foot-11 center Kelvin Cato got into foul trouble and eventually fouled out with 6:25 left.

Iowa State held Iowa State (16-4, 7-3) to one basket in the first eight minutes of the second half in rallying from a 32-28 halftime deficit. Then the Jayhawks

relied on their defense again to hold off Iowa State while going six minutes without a basket late

The Demon Deacons (19-2), coming off a loss to Duke on Wednesday that might have cost

said, "We've been waiting for something like that to get us going."

The run ended a Missouri high that probably lasted longer than coach Norm Stewart expected. Before the game, he worried that his team wouldn't be able to put the Kansas upset behind them.

Missouri, which had outrebounded Kansas 43-37, was beaten on the boards by Wake 39-22. Missouri kept the game close by making a school-record 15 3-pointers in 23 attempts, and at one point pulling to 62-55. The previous school record for 3-pointers was 13.

No. 3 Kentucky 93, No. 16 Villanova 55

LEXINGTON, Ky. - Ron Mercer had 23 points and 11 rebounds as Kentucky (22-3) dominated Villanova (17-6). Kentucky shot 55 percent from the field, outrebounded Villanova 42-17 and forced the visitors into a season-high 24 turnovers.

Memphis 79, No. 11 Louisville 59

MEMPHIS - Cedric Henderson scored 27 points as the Tigers handed Louisville its third straight loss. Memphis (24-1, 6-3 Conference-USA) shocked the Cardinals (18-5, 5-3) by opening the game with a 16-0 run.

No. 14 Arizona 81, No. 21 Tulane 62

PHOENIX - Miles Simon set career highs with 30 points and 10 assists as Arizona (15-5) beat Tulane (16-7). A. J. Bramlett had 14 points and 10 rebounds for Arizona, while Lawrence Nelson led Tulane with 15.

Illinois 66, No. 25 Iowa 51

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. - Kiwane Garris scored 21 points, including five 3-pointers, and had 10 assists as Illinois beat Iowa. Chris Gandy added 14 points and 10 rebounds for the Illini (17-6, 7-4 Big Ten). Guy Rucker led Iowa (16-6, 7-3) with 16 points.



Kansas center Rafael LaFrentz slams the ball during the first half against Iowa State Sunday in Ames, Iowa. Kansas won the game 69-62.

in the game.

the school its first-ever No. 1 ranking, put this one out of reach with a 20-2 run at the start of the second half, taking a 55-33 lead with 13:49 left.

"That was as well as we've played in two to three weeks," Wake Forest coach Dave Odum

No. 2 Wake Forest 73, Missouri 65

COLUMBIA, Mo. - Wake Forest wouldn't let Missouri pull off another miracle.

Idaho tops Cal Poly SLO; UConn, Old Dominion cruise

From wire reports

MOSCOW - Alli Nieman's 21 second-half points helped Idaho pull away from Cal Poly SLO 70-59 before 642 fans in Memorial Gym Sunday afternoon.

Nieman, who scored a game-high 27, had eight of the Vandals' first 12 points in the second half, as Idaho went on a 12-4 run in the first five minutes, as the score stood 43-27.

Women's college basketball

Two Nieman free throws and two field goals in one 3-pointer extended Idaho's lead to 54-36, its biggest of the afternoon, with 8:12 left in the game.

Cal Poly (3-17, 2-7 Big West), however, cut the Vandals' lead to single digits after three quick 3-pointers, making the score 56-47 with 4:14 remaining. The Mustangs hit only 1-of-7 3-point shots in the first half, but drained 7-of-16 after the intermission.

Cal Poly came into the game ranked seventh in the nation with 65.3-pointers per game.

Nieman, a freshman from Sandpoint, hit 14-of-16 from the free-throw line, 6-of-9 from the

field and had seven rebounds. Idaho improves to 10-11 and 5-4 in the Big West as it vies for a conference tournament berth.

Besides Nieman, Idaho guard Ari Skorpik was hot from the charity stripe as well, converting 14 of 17. For the game, the Vandals were 38 of 49 from the line; thanks to 32 fouls committed by the Mustangs.

Meanwhile, Cal Poly shot only eight free throws, hitting five. Reserve forward Lauren Newman provided a spark off the bench with a game-high 12 rebounds in only 15 minutes of action.

"Newman was the only player who seemed to spark our team," said Idaho head coach Julie Holt. "She did a great job on the boards and that is why she is here. It was nice to see her come out and give the team a spark."

The Mustangs were led by Kristie Barnes' 12 points and Katie Bauer's 11. Barnes hit 4-of-5 shots from 3-point range in the second half.

"We didn't play particularly well," Holt said. "I don't really know what our problem was but we got the job done down the stretch."

Idaho next plays Nevada on Feb. 16 in Memorial Gym at 7:05 p.m.



Virginia's Monick Foote puts the defensive pressure on N.C. State's Katie Smekta Duffy during second half action Sunday in Charlottesville, Va. Virginia defeated N.C. State 93-66.

Cal Poly SLO (3-17, 2-7) Dames 41-30-12, Sperry 23-02-4, Bauer 5-12-11, Hargrove 3-0-0-7, O'Connell 2-11-0-2, Carrizo 1-2-0-2, Brown 3-1-2, Gals 0-1-0-0, Fraser 2-10-1-2, Anderson 0-2-2-2, Tolson 7-0-6-10, Sperry 0-2-2-2, Barnes 4-5, Mansilla 1-2, O'Connell 2-0-0-1, Fraser 1-0, Johnson 10-11, Sani 1-0-0-0, Gossard 0-2-2, Newman 6-9, 14-10-27, Greenwood 0-2-2-8, Johnson 1-8-4-8, Skorpik 1-6-14-17-10, Carrizo 0-2-0-0, McInerney 1-0-0, Nieman 1-6-1-3, Lamm 0-1-0-0, Blakey 1-2-0

LOCAL SPORTS IN BRIEF

Nampa hosts AAU basketball tournament

NAMPA - The City of Nampa, the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) and Coca-Cola will sponsor the 7th Annual City of Nampa AAU Snake River Association Basketball Championship Feb. 21-23 at area school gymnasiums and the Nampa Recreation Center.

For more information, please call the Nampa Recreation Department at 465-2215. Completed registration form and money is due by Monday, Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. as availability permits.

Hockey to benefit Wood River animals

SUN VALLEY - The Sun Valley Suns hockey team will play a special benefit game March 1 for the local animal shelter.

A portion of the proceeds will go toward helping fund the Shelter's Spade Neuter Incentive Plan (S.N.I.P.). The game starts at 7 p.m. and tickets go on sale at the door starting at 6:30 p.m.

A handmade quilt will make its premiere at the game, and raffle tickets will be on sale.

The game kicks off "Prevent a Litter Month", with March being the special month to draw attention to the plight of many unwanted animals being born in this area. According to the American Humane Association, 2,000 puppies and 3,500 kittens are born every hour in the United States.

If you would like to volunteer for any of a variety of tasks for the "Paw & Polo" cross country ski race March 8, please contact Susie Bauwens at 726-9288. For more information about the event call Beth Brown at 788-4351.

Men's Senior League Baseball starts soon

TWIN FALLS - The Men's Senior League Baseball (Ages 18 and up) is starting up soon. The league is joining a nationwide program this year, including 600 leagues with over 10,000 players.

Signs will be March 5, from 1-4 p.m. and March 13 from 7-9 p.m. at the YMCA in Twin Falls. Interested players should call Dale Rapp at 423-6931 or Ron Kinsey at 734-5312.

Spokane hosts AAU basketball tournaments

SPOKANE - The 10th Annual North Spokane/Riverside AAU Basketball Tournaments will be held in March and April.

March 14-16 will feature boys and girls grades five through eight inclusive from "A" and "B" schools. March 21-23 will feature boys only in grades five through eight from any high school classification. April 4-6 will feature girls only in grades five through eight from any high school classification.

All the tournaments are \$140 with four games guaranteed. There will be electronic scoreboards in each gym and only registered association officials will be used.

For more information, call Daryl Triplett at (509) 238-6807.

House lottery to benefit CSI athletes

TWIN FALLS - Tickets are being sold on a new home at 1519 Brookside Loop in the Stoney Brook Subdivision to benefit the College of Southern Idaho athletic department and provide scholarships for student athletes.

Some 2,000 tickets will be sold at \$100 each and a minimum of 1,000 tickets must be sold for the home to be given away. The winner of the 1,528 Devine-Strand home will be announced at the April 30 CSI Athletic Recognition Banquet. For more information, contact Jeff Duggan at 733-9554 ext. 2285.

Compiled from staff reports

Compagnoni finds gold again in Alps

SESTRIERE, Italy (AP)

With horns blowing and thousands of Italians serenade her with chants, Deborah Compagnoni won the giant slalom Sunday for her second gold medal of the World Alpine Ski Championships.

Italy's best woman skier in history, now a rival of slalom star Alberto Tomba for national stardom, skied two excellent runs to finish in 2 minutes, 39.19 seconds. She has now won five gold medals in the Olympics or world championships.

"This was the race I wanted - the most to win," Compagnoni said. "This was my race. Winning two world golds at the same championships as Alberto did last year in Spain seemed like an impossible thing to do. But I did it."

Switzerland's Karin Roten was second in 2:39.89 and Leila Piccard of France was

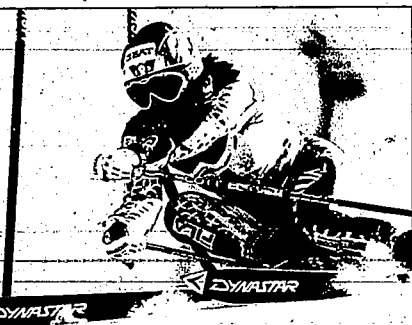
third in 2:40.95.

Compagnoni is only the fourth woman in the 60-year history of the championships to win consecutive titles in the same discipline. She won the giant slalom a year ago in Spain and won the slalom title Wednesday.

She also becomes only the fourth woman to win two golds in the same championships. Erika Hess of Switzerland won three (slalom, giant slalom and combined) in the 1982 worlds.

Compagnoni, however, won't win three. The 26-year-old is skipping the super-G and never races downhill or combined.

"It was a different race compared to slalom because this time I was leading after the first run and had to control the race," Compagnoni said. "In the slalom I was behind and had to take risks."



Deborah Compagnoni of Italy powers her way to the gold medal in the women's giant slalom at the World Alpine Ski Championships in Sestriere, Italy on Sunday.

Courier wins Davis Cup clincher for U.S.

RIBEIROA PRETO, Brazil (AP)

Withstanding 101-degree heat and jeering fans, a weary Jim Courier beat Brazil's Gustavo Kuerten in four sets Sunday to send the United States into the quarterfinals of the Davis Cup.

Courier was treated for dehydration after the match in which he dropped the third set and survived a tight tiebreaker in the fourth. He beat Brazil's top player 6-3, 6-2, 5-7, 7-6 (13-11) in 3 hours, 36 minutes.

"It was obviously a difficult and close-match," Courier said. "I was glad to have it go four sets. But if went five I'm sure I would have outlasted him."

The result assured the United States a victory in the best-of-5 format, and the Americans will play a tiebreaker against the Netherlands in the next round.

Behind Courier and MaliVai Washington, the United States won the two singles matches

against Brazil on Friday and lost the doubles on Saturday.

In Sunday's second match, which did not affect the outcome of the series and was reduced to a best-of-3 sets, Alex O'Brien defeated Fernando Meligeni 7-5, 7-6 (7-4), giving the United States a 4-1 victory. O'Brien replaced Washington, who has a knee injury.

The United States played this Davis Cup series without its top four players. In the first set, Pete Sampras, No. 4 Michael Chang, No. 12 Andre Agassi and No. 14 Todd Martin.

Courier, ranked No. 22, started out strong in the first-two sets before falling.

After going 13 games without a service break, Kuerten, No. 85 in the ATP rankings, broke in the 12th game of the third set to win it 7-5. The fourth set went to a tiebreaker, with Kuerten rallying from two set points before Courier won 13-11.

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THE ACES ON BRIDGE Bobby Wolff

How many make their bid, but few play their cards... Shakespeare

NORTH: A J 5, K J 3, 7 6 4, J 9. EAST: Q 2, J 9 8 5, K Q.

Smith had plenty to say about his bad luck in today's spade game. Had he used the information provided by East's bidding, he wouldn't have been surprised at the "unlucky" lie of the cards.

WEST: 8 7 2, 10 8 3 2, 10 8 7 6 5 4. SOUTH: 10 9 8 7 6 4 3, A 2.

Smith took dummy's heart ace and quickly cashed the trump ace. When West discarded, South began to matter, he still had a chance in diamonds, however. He took the finesse, lost to West's last, and all hopes for game disappeared.

Vulnerable: Both Dealer: North

You should have known East had two spade winners," chided North. "His takeout double prevented at least three cards in an unbid major."

North East South West: 1 Pass 1 Pass, 2 Pass 1 Pass, 3 NT All pass.

"Yes, I did miss that," replied South. "However, did the diamond king also have to be offside? South could have virtually guaranteed his game by trading a heart trick for two minor-suit discards. At trick one, he should duck West's heart lead in dummy, and then discard a heart from East's clubs, but it didn't work. (A diamond shift wouldn't work either.) South was his ace leads a trump to dummy's ace, and then discarded a heart from South's losers on dummy's hearts. He loses only two spades and a heart and makes his vulnerable game."

LEAD WITH THE ACES: South holds: A J 9 8 3, 10 9 8, K Q, J 7 4.

ANSWER: Heart 10. Pay respect to East's opening bid of one spade. Wait for him to play the suit.

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