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Gale Kleinkopf, Twin Falls' new mayor, takes a seat next to new council member Elaine Steele Monday night during the City Council's first meeting of 1998.

One more time

Council unanimously votes former mayor as new TF mayor

By William Brock
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — He's done it before and now Gale Kleinkopf will do it again. Kleinkopf was elected mayor of Twin Falls Monday in a unanimous City Council vote. He replaced Jeff Gooding, who was unseated in November by political newcomer Elaine Steele.

"Does this mean you're a centrist now?" said Councilman Chris Talkington, who nominated Kleinkopf for the post.

"Does this mean you're a centrist now?"
— Councilman Chris Talkington asks new mayor Gale Kleinkopf

Lance Clow, a financial planner. With Kleinkopf's name already on the floor, Clow politely withdrew from consideration.

Gooding sat in the audience beside Twin Falls County Commissioner Dennis Maughan and watched as the council reorganized in the wake of his departure.

Moments after he was sworn in, Kleinkopf lauded Gooding for his dedication to the city's best interests. He also praised the "terrific teamwork that exists in the city of Twin Falls."

Noting the unanimous election, Kleinkopf pledged to further the tradition of cooperation.

Steele got her first taste of the intricacies of public leadership when she.

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In other council reshuffling, Howard Allen replaced Art Frantz as vice mayor. Kleinkopf was mayor in 1994-95, then spent two years as a rank-and-file council member under Gooding's leadership. After reclaiming the job, he took the mayor's seat in the middle of the seven-member council days.

Kleinkopf holds a doctoral degree and is employed full-time as a physiologist with the University of Idaho's Extension Service. Potato storage is his specialty.

Kleinkopf's wasn't the only name that arose in the council's quest for a new mayor. Following Kleinkopf's nomination, Frantz nominated Councilman

Clinton pledges balanced budget several years early

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Blessed with a strong economy and shrinking deficit, President Clinton promised Monday to produce a balanced budget plan for 1999 — three years earlier than expected. Republicans responded with calls for tax cuts, which the administration opposes.

"This is great news today," Clinton said. Scrambling to keep up with rapidly falling projections, the president announced that the deficit for the current fiscal year would drop to less than \$22 billion. That would be a fraction of the \$90 billion estimated last May when Congress and the White House agreed on a program to balance the budget by 2002.

For months the administration had resisted recommendations by House Speaker Newt Gingrich and other Republicans to use larger-than-expected revenues to balance the budget before 2002.

"This will be the first time in 30 years we've had a balanced budget and that's good news for the American people and for the American economy," Clinton said.

The balanced budget in 1999 would be.

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Gingrich wants GOP to seek tax cuts, Social Security commission

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Plotting a GOP course for the 1998 election year and beyond, House Speaker Newt Gingrich urged yearly tax cuts and an all-out assault on illegal drugs and bad schools. He also proposed a commission to address Social Security's looming financial crisis.

In a sign of possible clashes ahead, President Clinton warned hours later that he would fight any plans that might bring back big federal deficits. As he did, he announced that the fiscal 1999 budget he will unveil next month will show a surplus — three years ahead of the schedule set by last summer's budget pact and 30 years after the last federal black ink.

Gingrich, R-Ga., told the Cobb County Chamber of Commerce in his home district on Monday that it would probably take 10 to 12 years for policy-makers to fully address the goals he established. Even so, Gingrich's speech underlined Republican efforts to immediately tackle the offensive on new issues, now that their decades-old quest for a balanced budget seems about to be achieved.

"We're on the edge, if we will have discipline, of a generation of surpluses,"

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Lawyers want boy returned from Jamaican tough-love camp

The Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Two burly strangers came in the middle of the night and took 16-year-old David Van Blarigan away because, his parents say, he was unhappy at home.

When David eventually arrived at a Jamaican camp for troubled teen-agers, his banishment raised a difficult question: Was his tough love or just tough love?

Prosecutors say it looks too much like kidnapping to them. They plan to go before a judge Wednesday to argue that David should be returned home for a hearing on his welfare.

But to their supporters, parents James and Sue Van Blarigan are heroes who were willing to take drastic measures to avoid releasing a troubled teen into the world.

"Where is a parent going to turn if you take this away?" says Tim Flood, who credits a camp similar to the one the Van Blarigans chose with saving his own son from ruin. "If I were a parent and I could not do this kind of thing, I would give up, because I can't do anything to control the peer group. That's way too powerful."

Neil Aschemeyer, a neighbor who went to authorities after getting a collect call from David in Jamaica, says the boy has never used drugs or alcohol and has exhibited little more than typical teen-age rebellion.

Aschemeyer, an administrative law judge who has known David for about six years, says he felt sorry for the parents. Durr called and told him, "This place is like a prison. I want to come home."

Dan Koller, the Van Blarigans' attorney, says Aschemeyer misinterpreted the phone call, which David made from the airport in Jamaica's Montego Bay before he even got to the camp.

Recently, David has written positive letters to his parents, Koller says. "He's understanding how he took everything for granted."

The attorney says it would be absurd for a court to stop parents from sending their children to a camp or school they



This is a copy of a photo from a brochure of Tranquility Bay, a camp for troubled teen-agers in Jamaica, where David Van Blarigan of Oakland, Calif., was sent by his parents. Prosecutors plan to go before a judge Wednesday to argue that David should be returned home for a hearing on his welfare.

may not want to attend.

Koller says David once had been suspended from school and was failing.

"David's a wonderful boy. He's got a lot of good characteristics, a lot of positive attributes, but he has some problems that the neighbor is clearly unaware of," Koller says.

Fliers come up empty in day 2 of plane search

By Gregory Hahn
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Almost 20 sorties in two states failed Monday to turn up any signs of a missing airplane.

Eight planes flew out of the Burley Municipal Airport in search of a white Piper Tomahawk that has been missing since it disappeared from radar southeast of Dietrich Saturday night.

"We've covered quite a lot of the territory," said George Falkner, of the local Civil Air Patrol.

Sunday's weather hampered the search, and prominent computer search planes in Mountain Home and Gooding, Falkner said, but clear skies Monday allowed pilots to cover new ground.

"But it's a 200-mile strip that's 30 miles wide," he said. "And it takes a while to search all that."

The search planes fly over a series of grids in the arid where the missing plane most likely went down, Falkner said.

"We've pretty well covered everything that way," he said, "some of it twice."

Falkner wasn't sure how many volunteers have come through CAP headquarters at the airport, but he had just ordered 40 meals "for those there Monday evening."

The missing pilot, whose name has not been released, was flying from Caldwell to Ogden, Utah, but his name got close enough to his destination to alert the air force.

"They don't call us until they're about 10 miles away," said Clark Taylor, tower director at Ogden-Henley Airport.

Searchers in Utah have covered much of the northern part of the state, said CAP Lt. Col. Bill Shepard from wing command headquarters in Salt Lake City. Most of the seven planes have been operating out of Tremonton and Brigham City.

Freshly fallen snow complicates the search "exponentially," he said, and with low clouds, temperatures are "likely to drop Monday night."

"It was great search weather (Monday), great visibility," Shepard said. "But it's going to get cold tonight, and that doesn't help our chances."

Gregory Hahn is The Times-News' Mining Bureau chief and can be reached in Burley at 677-4012.

NATION

Welfare reform brings changes to those on Indian reservations

EAGLE BUTTE, S.D. (AP)—Caroline Sand lived on welfare for 17 years. It was a way of life for her as for hundreds of other single mothers on the impoverished Cheyenne River Indian Reservation.

In fact, there are 67,000 Indian households on welfare nationwide — a majority of welfare households in some Western states, seven of every ten in Sand's home state.

Now she's got a job for the first time in her life, and she likes it. "I got the habit of working and kept on working. I got used to coming to work," said Sand, 40, secretary and bookkeeper for the local Habitat for Humanity office since 1996. In her old life, she said, "it wasn't getting anywhere."

Her story is being repeated over and over as the new welfare law begins to transform life on the nation's Indian reservations by forcing recipients, many of whom have never held any job, to find work or perform community service.

"There's an urgency to go to work, an urgency to learn. That's a huge, huge change," said Bernice Le Plante, who manages a tribally owned grocery store.

Indians arguably pose the biggest challenge to welfare reform of any group of Americans. The biggest, most populated reservations are located in the nation's most isolated areas and have jobless rates sometimes reaching 80 percent. Just graduating from high school is often a major life achievement.

"It's fine to say, 'Guys you've got to go to work.' But you've got to say there is training there, jobs there and the support services that are necessary to go to work," said Eddie Brown, a former head of the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs who now directs the Center for American Indian Studies at Washington University in St. Louis.

But many leaders, such as Gregg Bourland, the college-educated chairman of the Cheyenne River Sioux, have embraced the changes in the welfare system as a way to wean their people from long dependency on the federal government. The law requires welfare recipients to work at least 20 hours a week, though the five-year time limit for benefits is waived for reservations where the unemployment rate exceeds 50 percent.

"Welfare reform is very good for the reservation," said Bourland, who has helped begin a tribally owned motel and a grocery and is planning more businesses. He wants to cut his reservation's unemployment rate.



Caroline Sand, a former welfare recipient on the Cheyenne River reservation in South Dakota, stands near the Habitat for Humanity office where she works in Eagle Butte, S.D., recently.

vation's welfare roll by two-thirds to no more than 100 families. "I'm sick of all this high unemployment."

Tribes can loosen the work requirements and change offer rules if they get federal approval to manage their own welfare programs. Nine tribes have done so. Most say they can't afford the administration costs unless state governments share federal money with them, and so far just three states have agreed to do that: Arizona, California and Oregon.

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A Director from District 2 (Twin Falls) and a Director from District 4 (Buhl) will be elected for a three-year term.

Other business will also be transacted. There will be reports from the Company's General Manager, auditors and lawyers. There will also be reports on concerning Company operation and maintenance efforts, 1998 water supplies, water quality efforts, Snake River Aquifer studies, the Endangered Species Act, the SRBA, and other matters of interest.

The corporate books will close for the transfer of stock ten (10) days before said meeting.

The polls shall be open at the offices of the Company at 357 Sixth Avenue West, Twin Falls, Idaho, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 6:00 p.m., on January 13, 1998.

Proxies shall be filed with the Company's Assistant Secretary at the Company office on or before January 9, 1998.

Dated this 17th day of November, 1997

TWIN FALLS CANAL COMPANY
Doris Y. Finney, Assistant Secretary

Clinton grants visas to baseball stars

WASHINGTON (AP) — If someone living under a repressive government wants to resettle in the United States, it helps to have a good fastball.

That's the lesson from the treatment of eight Cubans who fled their homeland in a leaky boat and wound up in the Bahamas.

Of the eight, the Clinton administration decided to grant visas to two star baseball players: Orlando Hernandez, a pitcher; and Alberto Hernandez, a catcher who is not related to Orlando.

Also given a visa was Orlando Hernandez's girlfriend. The remaining five were denied U.S. entry, leaving their fate to Bahamian authorities.

Administration officials defended the decision Monday, noting a provision in U.S. law that authorizes special consideration to visa-seeking foreigners who have unusual skills as artists, scientists or athletes.

The decision also was influenced by the perception that the two athletes would be persecuted if they were returned to Cuba.

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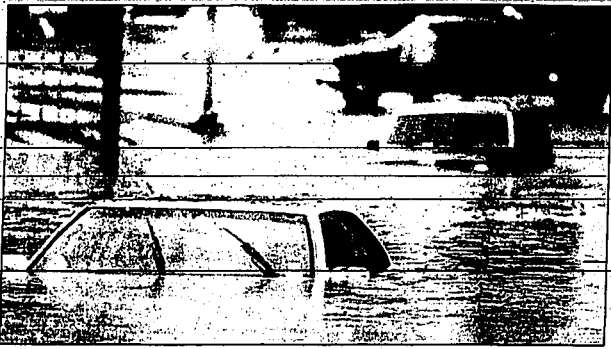
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FDA will monitor managed-care companies that dictate drug coverage

WASHINGTON (AP) — Concerned about possibly harmful drug promotion, the government moved on Monday to regulate companies owned by drug manufacturers that control which medicines are covered under insurance plans.

"An issue is how these companies — called pharmacy benefit managers — influence doctors, pharmacists and patients in choosing particular medicines."

Often, that persuades doctors to switch their patients from one drug to another by arguing the cheaper drug is just as effective.

But the Food and Drug Administration says pharmacy benefit managers, known as PBMs, sometimes give doctors and pharmacists false or biased information. On Monday, the FDA proposed a way to force any PBM owned by a drug manufacturer to provide accurate information.

Many manufacturer-owned PBMs would have to submit promotional material to the FDA for an accuracy review, just as drug manufacturers already submit their own advertising. The new

proposal means manufacturers can't illegally promote their products under the guise of a managed-care company, explained FDA's Laurie Burke, who helped write the proposal.

Drug manufacturers that don't own PBMs but have financial agreements with them also could be responsible for illegal drug promotion, the proposal says.

"We are particularly concerned about the health risks," said Burke, saying the most common problem is PBMs declaring one drug as effective as another without scientific evidence.

False information "may result in inappropriate medical decisions," Burke said.

An estimated 115 million Americans are enrolled in prescription drug plans administered by pharmacy benefit managers, companies hired to decide what medicines insurance plans will pay for — in a list called a formulary — and encourage doctors to prescribe only those drugs.

Burke said the FDA is not "against switching in general. Formularies are a very important

thing for controlling costs." Drug giants Merck, Eli Lilly and SmithKline Beecham own three of the nation's largest PBMs, and numerous other drug manufacturers have signed financial agreements with PBMs.

FAA reduces alcohol testing for aviation industry

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government has decided to cut back on alcohol checks in the aviation industry because so few

people tested positive.

The Federal Aviation Administration announced Monday that it will require a

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Geraldine Ferraro hopes to challenge for Senate seat

The Washington Post

NEW YORK — Former Democratic vice presidential nominee and television commentator Geraldine A. Ferraro returned to national politics Monday by announcing she will seek her party's nomination to challenge Sen. Alfonse M. D'Amato, R-N.Y., for the seat no Democrat has managed to take from him for 18 years.

"I believe this high office requires more than being a politician," she said. "It's invoking D'Amato's nickname, which hardens his claim to obsessive constituent service. It's demanding a genuine, continuing commitment to repair the holes in our social fabric and to chart a road into the future." She said one of her goals would be to work to secure what she called a health care bill of rights.

Ferraro, 62, who has not held public office for 14 years, has stayed in public eye most recently by serving as the liberal co-host of the CNN program "Crossfire." She resigned from that job Sunday.

"The fact that I have not been in elected office doesn't mean I've been dead," she told reporters Monday. Referring to her tenure on "Crossfire," she added, "Night after night, I've seen firsthand the problems facing this country. My time outside elective office has only deepened my sense of what is needed in this country."

Ferraro said she will spend six to eight hours a day raising money for her primary fight. She will face Mark Green, the city's elected Public Advocate, who lost the 1986 race to D'Amato and Rep. Charles Schumer in the September primary. A December poll by Quinnipiac College Polling Institute showed Ferraro decisively leading her primary opponents. The poll also showed her with a 14-point lead over D'Amato, who is seeking his fourth term.

than her opponents in the primary; they each have long records of public service and have amassed considerable campaign funds. Schumer has \$8 million for the race, while Green has \$1.5 million. Ferraro estimates she will need to raise \$5.5 million just for the primary.

"Next September voters will see more about her performance than mere name recognition," Green said in an interview Monday.

D'Amato, unopposed in the GOP primary, already has \$15 million to do battle in the general election, according to his most recent campaign finance filing.

A former three-term congresswoman representing Queens from 1978 to 1984, Ferraro gained national recognition when Walter F. Mondale picked her as his running mate in 1984. She was the first woman on a major party's national ticket.

She ran unsuccessfully in 1992 for the Democratic nomination to face D'Amato, narrowly losing a combative four-way primary.



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NATION

Kaczynski asks to talk with judge

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Theodore Kaczynski's trial jerked to an abrupt halt today after the Unabomber suspect met privately with the judge to protest his brother's presence in the courtroom.

Jurors were sent home after Kaczynski, his lawyers and U.S. District Judge Garland Burrell Jr. had met for nearly four hours in the judge's chambers. Opening statements had been scheduled for the morning but were immediately clear when the trial would resume. Jurors were told to return Tuesday.

It was David Kaczynski who first tipped the FBI to the possibility that his brother might be the Unabomber. Theodore Kaczynski refused to acknowledge his brother's presence in the courtroom this morning.

A source who spoke on condition of anonymity told The Associated Press that Kaczynski also wanted to read a statement before the trial began. The source described the statement as "incoherent."

The source said Kaczynski also had several other issues related to his lawyers which he wanted to discuss with U.S. District Judge Garland Burrell Jr.

Kaczynski has feuded with court-appointed defense lawyers Paul O. Davis and Judy Clarke over their plan to argue that he suffers from paranoid schizophrenia. He met with the judge twice last month to discuss the possibility of firing his lawyers.

The defense no longer plans to make the mental defect claim during the guilt phase of the trial, but Kaczynski's attorneys moves into the penalty phase.

Kaczynski interrupted his trial today almost as soon as it had begun, telling Burrell that he couldn't stand up because federal marshals told him he had to stay seated.

Kaczynski wanted to "make a statement," said the former math professor turned recluse. He clutched a manila envelope in his hands, saying he wanted to read something he had written. He said he wanted to "address the issue of my attorneys."

David and the brothers' mother, Wang, sat weeping in the front row of the courtroom. They held their hands tightly as Kaczynski turned his back to them and sat down, only a few feet away.

Although David Kaczynski's tip led the FBI to Kaczynski, he has since condemned the government for its decision to seek the death penalty. The suspect's family insists that he is mentally ill.

Also in court were two men injured in the bombings — Yale computer science professor David Gelernter and University of California San Francisco geneticist Charles Epstein — and family members of the two Sacramento men who were killed in computer store owner Hugh Scrutton and timber lobbyist Gilbert Murray.

The trial comes almost 20 years after a small bomb found in a parking lot exploded at Northwestern University, injuring the first Unabomber victim and beginning the longest stretch of terrorism in U.S. history.

Kaczynski is charged in a 10-count indictment covering only four of the 16 bombings attributed to the Unabomber.

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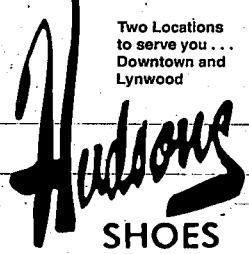
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NATION

Air Force probes safety of training aircraft

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Air Force inspector general is reviewing the histories and capabilities of a small training aircraft involved in six deaths over three years, including those of three Air Force Academy cadets, a spokeswoman said today.

The review involves the T-3A Firefly, which was developed to screen prospective pilots. One month after the first crash occurred in June 1997, the Air Force grounded the 110 planes in

the fleet," said Maj. Keri Humphrey, speaking from the Pentagon.

"We are doing a broad area review," said Humphrey. Lt. Gen. Richard Swope, the Air Force inspector general, is in charge of the aircraft study.

He will look at how the plane was developed, its procurement and purchase, its testing history and the operational procedures, Humphrey said.

Six persons — three Air Force

Academy cadets and their trainers — were killed in the crashes of the two-person, propeller-driven aircraft.

One of the incidents occurred in 1995, and a second in 1996. Humphrey said the results of the study will be made public, but there is no scheduled deadline for Swope to complete his work.

Time magazine reported in its Jan. 12 issue that the six deaths occurred since the plane was

introduced at the academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., in 1995.

"The T-3's crash record is all the more startling because from 1964 to 1994, cadets flew the trainer's predecessor, the T-41, without a single fatality," the magazine reported.

The Air Force switched trainers because the plane it had been using was unsuitable for a new program designed to identify cadets with the greatest aptitude for flying, Time said.

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Mom's milk may make kids smarter

CHICAGO (AP) — A new study suggests that youngsters who were breast-fed as babies do better in school and score higher on standardized math and reading tests.

The study, which tracked more than 1,000 New Zealand children through age 18, bolstered evidence that breast-feeding helps make smarter kids. It appears in January's *Pediatrics*, the journal of the suburban Chicago-based American Academy of Pediatrics.

The authors, Professors David M. Fergusson and J. John Horwood of Christchurch School of Medicine, subscribe to the theory that fatty acids that are present in breast milk but not in formula promote lasting brain development.

The breast-fed children in the study tended to have mothers who were older, better educated and wealthier. Six other factors rather than the breast milk itself could explain the findings.

But the authors wrote that they adjusted for those factors and still concluded: "There were small but consistent tendencies for increasing duration of breast-feeding to be associated with increased IQ, increased performance on standardized tests, higher teacher ratings of classroom performance and better high school achievement."

Those who were breast-fed for less than four months scored slightly higher than those who were not breast-fed on standardized tests. The differences increased the longer children were breast-fed.

The American Academy of Pediatrics' just last month urged mothers to nurse longer — for at least one year, instead of the recommended six months — for numerous reasons, including the presumed mental benefits.

Dr. Lawrence Gartner of the University of Chicago, the chairman of the group that drew up the new guidelines, said the New Zealand study generally supports current thinking about breast-feeding.

Clinton chastises media over photos

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton said today the news media violated his privacy by taking pictures of him and his wife relaxed on a beach during their winter vacation in St. Thomas, though he liked what the photos showed.

"Yes," Clinton said when a reporter asked if he thought his privacy had been invaded. When asked where the press should "draw the line" on such things, Clinton replied, "That's why we have a First Amendment. That's a question that you have to ask and answer."

Clinton admitted he was happy with one photograph showing him and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton dancing on the beach in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands.

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County sees rapid growth as curse

PROVO, Utah (AP) — Some 389 of the separate Provo and Las Vegas, yet they may as well be different planets.

But while the two cities represent polar opposites in community standards, both are among the fastest-growing American cities, according to figures released last week by the U.S. Department of Commerce.

The glitz of Vegas attracted the most people to its desert climate—shooting up 40 percent in population since 1990. The clean-living appeal of Provo-Orem was far behind, landing at the No. 9 spot with a population increase of 21.3 percent in the past six years.

But the explosive growth is seen as more of a curse than a blessing, by most residents, the Desert News reported Monday in a copyright story.

The majority of residents pushed by Dan Jones & Associates fear the sudden maturation of Utah Valley will create many of the same social ills that Las Vegas is struggling to handle — namely increasing crime rates, shrinking open space and rising housing costs.

The poll has a margin of error of five percent.

Fifty-four percent of Utah County residents surveyed said growth in the county has greatly or somewhat deteriorated the quality of life.

In addition, a scant 3 percent of the 405 respondents said county officials were doing a "very good job" planning for the residents and businesses flocking to the 23 incorporated cities and numerous rural towns of Utah County.

Utah County residents are lukewarm to growth blueprints, giving officials an average 4.36 on a scale of 1 to 7 in effectiveness, according to the poll.

Saguaros join list of Big Trees

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — It was a prickly job — fingering a national champion saguaro from among more than 50 nominations.

In the end, not one but six champions were selected.

All will be in the 1998 National Register of Big Trees, which will be published in February by American Forests, the oldest conservation group in the United States.

The champions range from 36 to 50 feet tall, said Robert Zahner, head of the Arizona Register of Big Trees.

A couple have as many as 50 arms. The fattest measures 7 feet, 4 1/2 inches around. Two are in Pima County, which includes Tucson. All are believed to be about 200 years old.

"These six saguaros represent the largest and finest of their kind that we know of so far," said Ken Morrow of Queen Creek, Ariz., who is on the Big Trees committee and measured

four of the champions.

The search for a national champion saguaro began this year after the rotting carcasses of the former champion, northwest of Phoenix, was discovered. Whether it was felled by wind, rain or lightning, no one knows.

"It had been down for a while," Morrow said.

Newspaper articles in Tucson and Phoenix publicized the search, leading to an impressive response.

"Fifty calls (were received) from people really all over the state," Morrow said. The field was narrowed to 26 saguaros, based on the descriptions people gave; interviews and photos people sent helped Morrow to cull the list further to 15.

"A few of them were just obviously not going to make it," he said. "They were all interesting-looking trees but they were obviously not going to be champion saguaros."

In addition to being tall and thick, a saguaro of champion quality is in good health and has many arms, Morrow said.

If a saguaro leans to one side, indicating it could topple, or suffers from extensive tissue damage, it won't make the cut.

Morrow, who loves exploring and documenting nature, and his tree-loving buddy Mike Hallen spent about every weekend over the summer measuring the 15 finalists.

Gauging the circumference of the stem requires two people, one to hold the tape measure while the other circles a trunk of 70 inches or larger. A clinometer, which measures angles, is used to determine the cactus's height.

The three measurements — height, crown spread and circumference at breast height or 4 1/2 feet — are inserted into a formula that determines a tree's points.



Alvin Schillingler, left, and Bob Zahner approach a saguaro in early December which has been named one of six co-champion saguaros on the 1998 National Register of Big Trees.

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Demos bid for Latinos in San Diego

The Washington Post

SAN DIEGO — Democrats, who need a net gain of 11 seats to regain control of the House, say increased voter turnout among Latinos is a trend. They are betting that Latinos can be the difference in defeating perhaps a half-dozen Republican incumbents nationwide, including downtown San Diego's Rep. Brian P. Bilbray, a longtime advocate of the GOP's immigration agenda.

Bilbray would appear to be the perfect target for a Latino insurgency. He supports measures forcing illegal aliens to return home to legitimize their status and denying access to public schools for the children of illegal aliens. He is also the author of a bill denying citizenship to U.S.-born babies of illegal aliens.

The views, he says, are rooted in the belief that no one suffers more from illegal immigration than legal immigrants — and that they know it. "I have been high profile, and I have done it purposely," Bilbray said. "If they want to try to take me out on illegal immigration, go ahead — make my day."

The national Democrats intend to try, but City Councilwoman Christina K. Hertzberg, D, Bilbray's probable opponent, is cautious about relying on a voting block that has never been there in the past.



PET OF THE WEEK

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EDITORIAL

Would an influx of visitors make Idaho hunters happy?

State Sen. Dean Cameron proposes reducing hunting licenses for Idaho residents' out-of-state relatives, as a way to build revenue for the Fish and Game Department. Two questions instantly come to mind: Would it work? And would Idaho hunters be happy if it did?

Idaho Fish and Game officials want to raise resident license fees for the first time in 15 years, in hopes of collecting \$1.4 million in new revenue. Through reasonable, this proposal is sure to upset many sportsmen.

So Cameron, a Rupert Republican, has offered a supplementary alternative to the Fish and Game Department. He has ready for Idaho residents have relatives who would come here to hunt, if not for Idaho's sky-high out-of-state fees. So he proposes giving these relatives a special rate.

Cameron's proposal has instant political charm. It would face the Legislature from the unpopular task of raising fees on Idaho sportsmen during an election year.

But would it work? Let's do some speculative math. Cameron proposes to charge visiting relatives roughly \$300 a hunter for each relative buys a deer tag along with the basic license, we can speculate that we'd get maybe \$200 from each visitor.

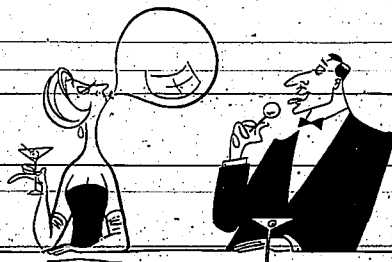
At that rate, we would need 7,000 uncles and cousins to raise the needed \$1.4 million - on top of the roughly 26,000

out-of-state hunters we attract now. In fact, we'd probably need more than that. Plenty of Idahoans already have out-of-state relatives who hunt game and fish here. Those people would keep coming, but they would pay less than they do now. Cameron would have to recruit even more visiting relatives to make up the difference. Exactly how many that would be - 10,000? 12,000? - is open to speculation.

And that leads to the second question: Do we really want to attract more out-of-state sportsmen? Idaho's wildlife is a finite resource. Complaints about the number of out-of-state hunters have already forced Fish and Game to cap non-resident deer tags in southeastern Idaho.

Idahoans may decide they'd rather raise the price of their own licenses than share the woods with more visitors. That's not an unreasonable conclusion. Idaho sportsmen, especially senior citizens, have been paying bargain-basement fees for many years. We have relied on high fees for out-of-staters to subsidize resident hunters. It's a good strategy, but it can't go forever.

After 15 years of good times, this looks like the year when Idaho residents finally get the bill. Cameron's idea might lessen the sting, but it's likely to be an adequate substitute for a general increase.



CALIFORNIA BANS SMOKING IN BARS

Scaring the little children to death

Three network affiliate television stations with access to viewers in Santa Barbara, Calif., are refusing to run a political commercial that describes verbally, but not visually, what occurs during a partial-birth abortion. Three candidates are competing for the House seat left vacant by the death of Rep. Walter Capps, a Democrat, whose widow is seeking election.

The commercials are pretty innocuous. One shows a picture of a baby in a crib. The baby is crying while an announcer reads testimony by a nurse about what happens during the partial-birth-abortion procedure: "First the baby's legs are pulled into the birth canal, and the entire body is delivered except for the head. Then an incision is made in the skull, and the brains are removed. After the head shrinks, the entire body is removed."

The other commercial, the one I've seen, shows a small group of women discussing partial-birth abortion and concluding that it is wrong. At the end, an announcer tells viewers who is on record as favoring the procedure and who is opposed.

The Campaign for Working Families (CWF), a political action committee led by conservative leader Gary Bauer, has threatened legal action if the stations don't air the ads. The station managers give some amusing excuses for refusing to run the commercials.



CAL THOMAS

Richard Armfeld, general manager of the NBC affiliate KSBY, said, "The descriptive terms used for the procedure we think are a little too vivid, a little too graphic. It's pretty tough. I can see it scaring little children to death." An appropriate observation, given the condition of little children following the procedure.

KEIT general manager Byron Eloit says the commercial is "pretty strident" and "the language is stronger than we were comfortable with." KEIT is an ABC affiliate that carries "Ellen," "Nothing Succeeds But 'NYPD Blue,'" three shows with situations and language offensive to large numbers of people. "NYPD Blue" occasionally shows partial nudity. At least these are actors. Partial-birth abortion kills a fully developed baby.

All three stations carried graphic images of the carnage that followed the births of a federal building in Oklahoma City. What does it tell us when television stations that have regularly attacked conservatives for attempts to "censor" offensive material now censor

language they don't like, even though it accurately describes a procedure that apparently they do like, or at least don't oppose?

In the '60s, I worked for NBC News in Washington. That network properly aired film of civil rights demonstrators who were sometimes beaten, shot, with powerful water hoses and guns, cat-snapped and occasionally murdered. The power and reality of those pictures stunned the nation and changed hearts about the outrages perpetrated against black Americans.

Now, when special people attempt to air commercials about another civil rights issue - the right of a nearly born baby to be allowed to complete the trip down the birth canal without being killed - they are told their language describing the procedure is "a little too graphic." Had network executives felt this way in the '60s, there would have been no civil rights legislation, or it would have been delayed, because the public would not have been fully informed about the nature and depth of discrimination and racial hatred.

All the CWF is asking is that the standards applied back then be applied now. The station managers should have another meeting, call off the censorship and let the people have the information they need to cast fully informed votes.

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LETTERS

Man remembers first red light

The year was 1926, and my father bought me a Ford Model-F truck. My mother needed a way to get her cream to the Swift and Co. cheese and butter factory in Fourth and Twin Falls. My father gave me the job of hauling cream to the creamery. After I had delivered the cream, then I would bring back the freight for the creamery. One day in 1926, I came into Twin Falls on Addison Avenue and down Shoshone Street. When I came to Main Avenue, I saw a red light blinking in the middle of the street. I had been through that intersection many times, but I had never seen a light like that before. I had no idea what it meant, but seeing as how I had been going through the intersection many times before, I thought that surely it was still the thing to do so I just drove right on through.

A policeman was standing on the corner, and he blew his whistle. I knew what that meant, so I pulled right over. He asked me if I knew what the light meant. I told him that I didn't. He asked me where I was from, and I said, "Carey, Idaho." He said, "Oh, well, from now on when you come through here, if that light is red, that means you stop, and if it is green, that means you can go."

So that was the first traffic light pit in Twin Falls. It was the first traffic light in Falls for three solid years. It was 100 miles to Twin Falls from Carey in those days. You had to go over the Hansen Bend on Twin Falls. Sometimes we went on Addison Road. At that time, the road from Carey to Richfield was no more than an old wagon road. It had been quite cut off from any other towns.

I have lived in Carey nearly all of my life. I was away for a few years, but this is my home and a great place to live. My phone number is (208) 423-544, and if anyone would like to give me a call, that would be fine.

I have lived in this area all of my life and I have a college in Twin Falls, so I know it well, and it is kind of

like a second home to me.

DON R. PATTERSON
Carey

Working people must vote.

Well, 1998 is here and the 98 elections are fast approaching. Soon candidates will be out making promises left and right that they have no intentions of keeping or even coming close to. (I bet they're over.) So I'd just like to remind the blue-collar workers, both men and women, that they have from very little to no representation at all at this present time.

Let me give you some examples. The cost of living is rising every month from high rent, insurance, car tags, auto hunting and fishing licenses, just to mention a few! But you get the picture! Yes, everything is rising except your income, and your benefits are fast disappearing.

Anyone, if you have a total of \$300 a week take-home pay after taxes, an average family of four can't make it on that! If you still believe as a blue-collar worker you have representation, just try getting in touch with or calling one of your state representatives during an off election year. Lots of luck, you're gonna need it!

Now the working men and women can change this, but they are gonna have to get out and vote and they're gonna have to stick together. All they have to do is vote out a couple of elected officials, and I'll bet you'll notice a change right quick like in two or three months. There will be a few honest people campaigning for weekly paychecks that pay weekly bills. Listen to what they have to say, and you really will want a change, support some of them.

More can be said on weekly paychecks that pay weekly bills, and I'm sure you really want a change more to say. DONALD MCCURRIAN
Twin Falls

How many people are too many people?

JAMES P. PINKERTON

In 1798, a 32-year-old minister in rural England published anonymously, a \$4,000-word Essay on the Principle of Population.

He concluded in his famous formulation, "Population, when unchecked, increases in a geometrical ratio. Subsistence increases only in an arithmetical ratio." Neither the author nor his essay stayed obscure for long. Yet for all the renown of Thomas Robert Malthus, it's hard to think of an idea that has been simultaneously more influential and more wrong.

On the bicentennial of his famous treatise, Malthusianism has become an intellectual prism for explaining the world, like Marxism or Freudianism - even for those who have read little or nothing of the original texts. Just as Marxists explain everything as a consequence of class structure, Freudians interpret behavior by identifying underlying sexual impulses, so Malthusians start with an inherent presumption of scarcity when contemplating doom.

The first Malthusians were on the political right. The landed gentry looked upon the swelling population of the cities with fear and loathing. But, as the shift shifted from monarchism to capitalism in the 19th century, the Malthusian vision of a permanent mismatch between population and provisions proved profoundly wrong. Increases in productivity, as well as health and living standards, enabled the British population to jump from 7 million or so in 1798 to 41 million by 1900.

Today's Malthusians are on the environmental left. And, once again, many among the elite look upon their fellow humans as liabilities. They have been wrong.

The leading Malthusian today, if you don't count Vice President Al Gore, is Stanford Professor Paul Ehrlich. His landmark book, "The Population Bomb," published in 1968, began with an alarm: "The battle to feed all humanity is over; he declared, predicting worldwide famine. A more recent book, "The Population Explosion" (1990), co-authored with his wife, Anne, carries on the same doom-gloom argument.

The Ehrlichs prescribe a long list of controls on virtually every aspect of human activity. So it's not surprising that they praise the brutal Maoist "one-child" campaign of China as "the most successful on record." One wonders whether Gore, a senator in 1990, actually read the text before he blurted, "The time for action is due, and past due. The Ehrlichs have written the prescription." But Malthusianism as an all-purpose critique of growth is most visible today in the debate over carbon dioxide emissions. The latest twist can be found in The Atlantic Monthly. The Great Climate of This Era: What's causing global warming, paradoxically, cause a sudden and catastrophic cooling." The piece offers the casual reader just enough information

about such phenomena as "the great salinity anomaly" and "the North Atlantic Oscillation" so as to be dangerous at a cocktail party - or in a political debate. Given this newly declared doubt about the planet, the proposed solutions include not only neo-controls but also a whole new system for iceberg and glacier management.

Ironically, toward the end of his life, Malthus altered his views. "In Principles of Political Economy" (1820), he acknowledged that economic growth would improve the prospects of the populace. But, as so often happens, the original outrageous assertions remembered forever, while the subsequent revision, even if it is closer to the truth, fades away quickly.

James P. Pinkerton is a columnist for the New York newspaper, Newsday.

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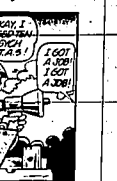
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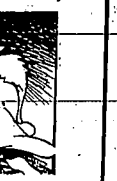
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WORLD

WORLD IN BRIEF

Mexican official accepts treasury position

MEXICO CITY — President Ernesto Zedillo today named Mexico's foreign minister to be the new treasury secretary, placing him in charge of the nation's economic policy into the next century. Jose Angel Gurria, a 47-year-old economist, accepted the post at a ceremony that was televised live on Mexican television. His replacement as foreign minister was not immediately announced. At the ceremony, Gurria was flanked by Zedillo and Guillermo Ortiz-Martinez, who stepped down as treasury secretary Jan. 1 to become the new governor of the Bank of Mexico, the equivalent of the U.S. Federal Reserve.

Experts try to save leg of Sumatran tiger

JAKARTA, Indonesia — Veterinarians worked Monday to save a rare Sumatran tiger's left front leg, badly cut and broken in a wire trap set by villagers who suspect the animal of killing four people. Residents of Fajar Bulan, on the island of Sumatra 190 miles north-west of Jakarta, caught the 4-year-old tiger in the jungle on Thursday. The animal had struggled for days to free itself from the jasso-like trap, worsening its wounds. Veterinarians tranquilized the tiger and took it by truck and ferry to an animal hospital in Bogor, on the neighboring island of Java. Reno, a veterinarian who like many Indonesians goes by just one name, said the tiger was being examined Monday.

Slaughter persists in Algeria; 22 more dead

ALGIERS, Algeria — Days after the bloodiest massacre in Algeria's 6-year insurgency, the carnage showed no sign of stopping Monday, with witnesses and morgue officials reporting 22 more killings. In the latest attacks, assailants disguised as police slit the throats of nine people Sunday morning, and men armed with knives, axes and pistols killed 13 others and kidnapped two girls in two attacks Saturday night.

Armed men slaughtered more than 400 people in coordinated attacks on four villages Dec. 30, the start of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan. Dozens of people have been killed since then in attacks around the North African country. The insurgency, which began in January 1993, has claimed an estimated 75,000 lives. The frequent bombings and massacres most often are blamed on Islamic militants who want to overthrow the military-backed secular government and create a state based on Koranic law.

Militants mark killing of bomb maker

HEBRON, West Bank — About 3,000 Islamic militants marked the assassination of their chief bomb maker Monday by burning a model of an Israeli bus and chanting "Blow up Tel Aviv!" Yehiyeh Ayash, nicknamed "The Engineer," was killed Jan. 5, 1996, by a rigged cellular phone in an operation widely attributed to Israel. The assassination triggered four revenge bombings in February and March 1996, including two on Jerusalem's No. 18 bus line. The bombings helped bring hard-line Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to power. Monday's rally at the Hebron Polytechnic College was attended by Ayash's parents, wife and two sons, who were injured in 25 masked men dressed in black and carrying knives and axes.

Cambodian king leaves after amendment

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia — King Norodom Sihanouk abruptly left Cambodia without explanation Monday after amending his promise to pardon his son, who faces a possible trial following his ouster in a coup. Cambodian leader Hun Sen, who deposed his former co-premier Prince Norodom Ranariddh last July, had criticized the king for promising to automatically pardon the prince if he is convicted. Ranariddh, who has been in exile since the coup, has been charged with smuggling weapons and conspiring with the outlawed Khmer Rouge guerrillas to launch his own takeover. Bowing to Hun Sen's demands, Sihanouk agreed Monday that Ranariddh would have to formally request a pardon before receiving one — a symbolic admission of guilt.

Cold wave in Bangladesh kills at least 165

DHAKA, Bangladesh — Hundreds of homeless people huddled around small fires across Bangladesh this week to fight a cold wave that has killed at least 165 people, news reports said Monday. Dense fog accompanying the two-week-long cold spell has delayed air traffic, halted ferries and disrupted long-distance road travel. In northern Bangladesh, temperatures dipped to 46 degrees Sunday, the Independent newspaper said. Temperatures above freezing can kill people in tropical Bangladesh, where half of the country's 120 million people can't afford enough food or warm clothes.

Compiled from wire reports

Netanyahu wins budget approval by narrow margin

JERUSALEM (AP) — In a first test of his government's strength after the resignation of its foreign minister, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu today won narrow approval for his 1998 budget in parliament. The spending plan passed 58-52, with one abstention. Despite the victory, Netanyahu's government still has not fully weathered the crisis with parliament preparing to hold a vote of no confidence next week. After Foreign Minister David Levy's resignation Sunday, Netanyahu's ruling coalition is left with the thinnest of majorities in the Knesset, or parliament — 61 of 120 seats. Netanyahu can also count on the support of two far-right legis-

lators who are not part of the coalition, while rebels in his Likud Party have threatened to bring him down. Talk of early elections — perhaps by spring — swept Israel today following Levy's decision to step down in a dispute with Netanyahu over social policy and the peace process. Levy's resignation becomes final Tuesday.

Netanyahu faces another hurdle Jan. 20 when President Clinton expects him to present a detailed plan for a troop pullback in the West Bank. Moderates in Netanyahu's coalition have said they would bolt if there is no pullback, while hardliners have threatened to topple the government if any land was handed to the Palestinians.



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College of Southern Idaho

CUSTODIAN IS CSI LANDMARK

By Darnen Clow
Times-News writer

He hasn't seen it all, obviously, but when it comes to College of Southern Idaho athletics, odds are he's seen more than most.

Sixty-two years old and counting, Bill Peterson has been watching Golden Eagles football for almost a quarter-century.

Peterson was a student at CSI when he took a job as a custodian in 1970, three years after an industrial accident in a Buhl feed mill took his right hand and arm.

He left for five years "when gas prices went up," worked in his hometown school district and earned a degree in agricultural business from the University of Idaho before returning to CSI.

Among the Buhl resident's duties are changing light bulbs and cleaning the locker rooms, rest rooms, offices and gymnasium floors.

Then there are the practices.

"I'll just stop a little bit while I'm working and watch them," Peterson said. "I get to know the players pretty personally."

I talk to him, find out where they're from.

Peterson has seen his share of games, too. He has outlasted every coach the Golden Eagles ever had, although he didn't know the first coach, Eddie Sutton, because the team played in the high school gymnasium then.

Peterson has seen everything from the spectacular (a last-second 40-foot shot that lifted Rickis to victory) to the ridiculous (the 31-29 sleeper loss to Spokane in 1970) to the record-breaking (the saw-coach Fred Trenkle's extensive home winning streak end at the hands of Utah Valley).

.. The most intense game, according to the custodian, was the night a bomb scare had the campus in a panic. Security guards brought in their dogs to patrol the buildings, which caused some concern among the fans.

"As I swept the gym floor, the visiting mascot - a huge bear - began to pester me," Peterson recalled. "I wrestled the brain to the floor and Coach counted him out as I pinned him."

Focus on



Bill Peterson

CSI custodian

QUESTION AND ANSWER

1. Present company excluded, who was your favorite Golden Eagle to watch?
"Victor Kelly (CS), Univ. of Hawaii and Atlanta Hawks. He was a quick little point guard. He could go in and dish off to the big men inside or he could hang in the air and score. Just an all-around good athlete. Probably the most spectacular player, as far as crowd pleasing goes, was Joey Johnson."
2. What's your favorite spectator sport?
"Basketball. You get more of an up-and-down tempo, more excitement, I think."
3. What was the wildest thing to happen at a CSI game since you've been going?
"Probably the wildest thing was when coach Trenkle got ejected from a basketball game. He couldn't go in and dish off to the big men inside or he could hang in the air and score. Just an all-around good athlete. Probably the most spectacular player, as far as crowd pleasing goes, was Joey Johnson."
4. Think you'll ever retire?
"I'll be eligible to retire in about two and a half years, but if they let me, I'll work part time. I enjoy working there. They've been good to me."
5. Who sweats more, the men or the women?
"Probably the men - they do sweat harder. I think. I'll get myself in trouble with coach Bate and the girls, but they're both pretty good about picking up the locker rooms."

CSI NOTES

A brief look at the College of Eastern Utah and Colorado Northwest Community College, the two teams on the College of Southern Idaho's schedule this weekend, as CSI gets its first taste of life on the road in the Sun Belt West Athletic Conference: CEU and CNWV occupy the bottom two spots in both the men's and women's conference standings, but have a number of players listed near the top in many statistical categories... Steve Beniz of Colorado Northwest is the conference's leading scorer at 22.3 points per game and is fourth in 3-point percentage (.48) and sixth in free-throw percentage (.84). Eastern Utah's Pete Mauro is third in scoring at 21.2 ppg and fourth in steals, with 3.2 takeaways per game... Among the women, Magic Valley product Tanya Romer is tied with CNCC teammate Heather Johnson with 9.5 rebounds per game to lead the conference and Eastern Utah's Catherine Hale and Jonny Angel are third and fourth in the conference with 16.3 and 14.8 ppg, respectively.

-Compiled by Darnen Clow for The Times-News



Don Sutton wipes away a tear during a news conference announcing he was elected to the baseball Hall of Fame.

Sutton enters Hall

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Don Sutton's career was consistent, not flashy. So was his election to the Hall of Fame.

"I had tears and goosebumps when I found out that I didn't have the objection for it," Sutton said Monday after he was voted in on the fifth try. "I never, Cooperstown, is a special place where the holy grail of baseball is."

Sutton, who fell nine votes short of the required 75 percent last year, was listed on 386 ballots this time (81.6 percent), 31 more than the 355 needed for election. Tony Perez was second with 321, no others appeared on more than half the ballots cast by 18-year members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

"There have been a lot of tears shed and before this night is over, there will be a lot more," Sutton said during a news conference in Marietta, Ga. "I'm proud that this has allowed me to enjoy a little different life than maybe the son of a shrapnel-creeper in south Alabama should enjoy."

Sutton, tied with Nolan Ryan for 12th place on the career victory list, had a 324-256 record in 23 seasons. He compiled a 3.26 ERA and finished with 3,574 strikeouts, fifth on the career list.

Sutton and Ryan, a duo-in to be elected next year when he appears on the ballot for the first time, are the only pitchers not inducted into the Hall among the 20 with 300 wins.

Sutton received news of his election when a cell phone rang while he was at the 14th tee of the White Columns Golf Course.

"I was having a good day when I got the call and it was even a better day," he joked.

Sutton was 1 under par when he received the news. He bogeyed No. 16 and finished at even-par 72.

"It cost me a fistful, too," he said.

Last year, fellow 300-game winner Phil Niekro was elected, also after missing his first four tries.

"I diminished the anticipation, it didn't diminish it," he said.

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Phillips fits the Bill in Buffalo, fills Levy's shoes

The Associated Press

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. - Wade Phillips succeeded Marty Levy as coach of the Buffalo Bills on Monday and made it clear this team has a long road back to the Super Bowl.

"People remember the Super Bowls," Phillips said. "This isn't a Super Bowl team. We have a big job to do, and we know that."

Phillips, the defensive coordinator under Levy, was the only person interviewed for the job, which was offered within 24 hours of his meeting with team owner Ralph Wilson last Friday.

Sources said Phillips signed a four-year deal averaging between \$750,000 and \$800,000 a season.

He follows the most successful coach in team history - Levy - who guided the Bills to four consecutive appearances - and losses - in the Super Bowl, retired Wednesday with a 123-78 record in 11-plus seasons.

"Certainly, I'm not Marty Levy," Phillips said. "I'm going to be my own man. There are going to be some changes. We're going to keep the first-class attitude and a lot of things that Marty started here."

The Bills have their work before them if they are to return to their glory days. Buffalo finished 6-10 and missed the playoffs for the second time in four years.

Phillips immediately made linebackers coach

Ted Cottrell his defensive coordinator. The two worked closely together for three years and built the Bills' defense into one of the NFL's best.

A search started for an offensive coordinator to replace Ben Fleming, who was with the Bills for one season. Buffalo's offense was largely blamed for the poor record. The defense was credited for the victories and keeping the score close in the losses.

That left Phillips the top candidate for Levy's job.

"The choice was very obvious," Bills general manager John Butler said. "We did not all the qualifications. I remember (thinking) that this is the guy to replace a great coach. I believe we have another one coming."

Phillips has been a favorite of Buffalo players Defensive end Bruce Smith and running back Thurman Thomas, among others, have said they respect Phillips for his calm demeanor and knowledge of the game.

"The fact that Marty Levy retired was devastating," Smith said. "Nobody was prepared for it. The best thing this organization could have done is hire Wade Phillips as head coach and Ted Cottrell as defensive coordinator."

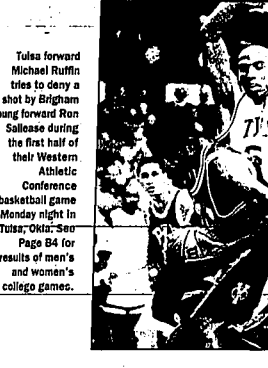
Buffalo has promised to be active in free agency in hopes of turning around the franchise. It has the ninth pick in the NFL draft in April.

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Wade Phillips smiles as he answers questions after being introduced as the new Buffalo Bills head coach.

THINK AGAIN



Tulsa forward Michael Ruffin tries to deny a shot by Brigham Young forward Ron Saleau during the first half of their Western Athletic Conference basketball game Monday night in Tulsa, Okla. See Page B4 for results of men's and women's college games.

Network lobbying plays role in final football poll

By Josh Dubow
The Associated Press

Who will ever forget Nebraska quarterback Scott Frost's teary-eyed plea for a share of the national championship at the conclusion of the Orange Bowl?

"If all the pollsters honestly think after watching the Rose Bowl and watching the Orange Bowl that Michigan could beat Nebraska, go ahead and vote for Michigan by all means," he said to a national television audience.

"But I don't think there's anybody out there with a clear conscience who can say that Nebraska and that great man Tom Osborne doesn't deserve a national championship for this at least a share."

In addition to their usual self-promotion, there was an awful lot of politicking on ABC, CBS and ESPN during and after the Rose and Orange

Frost's soliloquy would have been fine, had a Michigan player been given equal time - particularly since poll voters were just about to cast their ballots for the nation's No. 1.

"We all know how that turned out."

"That was the only thing we could have done differently," CBS host Jim Nantz said. "But we didn't go in thinking Nebraska would win in a landslide. We had no idea what Frost was going to say. He said nothing different than what Charles Woodson and Brian Griese said at the Rose Bowl."

A college coach was going to let a college quarterback make up his mind for him," Nantz said, "than Frost ought to scrap his plans for the NFL draft and go straight to law school."

For the record, after his team beat Washington State 21-16 at the Rose Bowl, Griese said: "We played the toughest schedule in the country by far. To come to the Rose Bowl and

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Sutton

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When balloting was announced last week, Sutton was at a loss with his name on the ballot...



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Phillips was 16-16 in two seasons on the bench before being fired after 22 years in the NFL...

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play a very busy Washington State team... ask you: Is there anything else you want us to do?...

And Larry Dool will be among the top candidates. Sutton, a four-time All-Star, becomes the 23rd member of the Hall and the 176th player...

special teams and defense. Part of my strength is coaching, and I want to continue to do that. I want my input on the NFL...

diminish the importance of the Orange Bowl, spent its progamme show reminding fans that Michigan hadn't won the championship yet... To back up Nebraska's case during the game, CBS showed statistics that favored Nebraska...

won 14 or more games each year from 1969-78, he never won a Cy Young Award and won 20 games in one season only once, going 21-10 in 1979 for the Dodgers...

Ron Santo, a nine-time All-Star shortstop, led the 1964-65 ball club for the 15th and final time, with 204 votes - 151 short...

Those staying are wide receivers coach Charlie Joiner, special teams coach Bruce DeHaven, assistant coaches Chuck Lester and strength and conditioning coach Rusty Jones...

ESPN's Lee Corso spent much of his air time between the Rose and Orange bowls making a case for Nebraska. When the coaches agreed, Corso praised the split decision... "It's interesting, but not unprecedented," he said, "if it affected the national title, it would be a bigger deal."

Buhl Invitational this weekend

Buhl - Buhl High School will host 17 teams in the Buhl Invitational wrestling tournament this weekend at the Buhl School...

Koetter names 3 more coaches

BOISE - New Boise State football coach Dirk Koetter announced appointment of three assistant coaches on Monday to complete his new staff...

Utes' running back heads to NFL

SALT LAKE CITY - Utah running back Chris Fuamatu-Ma'afala intends to give up his final season of college football...

Defector worries about friends

MIAMI - Although Orlando Hernandez knows he would make more money if he seeks asylum in a third country, the pitcher known as "El Duque" says he's more concerned with the fate of seven people who escaped Cuba with him...

Raiders seek Belichick meeting

OAKLAND - The Oakland Raiders recently contacted the New York Jets about top assistant Bill Belichick as part of a widespread campaign to gauge potential interest if coach Joe Bugel is fired...

SPORTS IN BRIEF

In what the source describes as "a shagun process," Oakland has approached former coaches and has asked teams for permission to talk to assistants... Neither Belichick, 45, nor Jets coach Bill Parcells was available for comment Monday...

Late Hawaii player to be honored

HONOLULU - One of the NCAA's most prestigious awards will be presented posthumously Sunday to Shannon Smith of the University of Hawaii...

During an outing on the island of Kauai last March, Smith died while saving the life of Cody Cook from a crocodile...

Santiago's condition improves

PORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. - Toronto Blue Jays catcher Benito Santiago expects to recover in time for his next season following a head injury which has kept him sidelined...

Pirates' pitcher agrees to deal

PITTSBURGH - Ezequiel Loriaz, 14-11 with a 4.13 ERA for the Pittsburgh Pirates last year, agreed Monday to a two-year contract worth \$1,925,000...

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Table listing various sports events, including basketball, football, and hockey, with dates and times.

Packers vs. Niners pits teacher against student

Speedskating team boasts personality

By Bonnie DeSimone Chicago Tribune

MILWAUKEE — The faces smiling back from the U.S. speedskating Olympic team photos are a mosaic of newcomers, converts and comebackers.

With a record of 100 consecutive Olympic appearances, ultra-long-distance events, the long-track team is shipping up as most insiders thought it would in this transition year.

A new wave of skaters is preparing to roll into the Milwaukee area. The Olympic speed skating will be contested next month in Nagano, Japan. In the next five weeks, the biggest question is how to improve the athletes and their foreign rivals can expect to squeeze out of the revolutionary changes that have taken place in the world records, doused some careers and revived others.

"Now, we have five skaters with medal potential ... and we've got them from completely different parts of the country and from different sports. Hopefully, this is just the starting point for the team."

Thomer named five-skater he thinks should be in the medal mix: Christine Witty, world record holder in the 1,000 meters; Glen Elynn sprinter Becky Sundstrom; distance skater Kirstin Holm; in-line crossover skater Casey FitzRandolph, whose specialty is the 1,000. Bonnette, 27, is the only one over 22.

Based on this season's World Cup results, the United States' biggest shot for the medal would appear to be Witty, 22, who grew up in nearby West Allis. But over the last two years, a host of Olympic trials, many skaters said they are just starting to feel at ease on the cuspstakes, which are more difficult to master.

"I was a little afraid it could be too much to win on my birthday," she said. "Instead I did it. I'm so satisfied."

She beat Germany's Hilde Gerg and Slovenia's Spela Pretnar, who were the U.S. slalom stars Kristina Koznic sharing fourth with Switzerland's Karin Rutenfranz. "I'm glad and consistent this season. It's a little bit ahead to the next World Cup meet and the Olympics," said Koznic, who had never placed better than 10th before this season.

Now, she considered quitting last season, had never finished higher than fifth before the season.

"I'm new to me to be so popular, and somehow embarrassing," Nowen said. "People surround me, they want to know of my private life. I have always been by myself in the past."

On Monday, she covered the almost flat but tricky course in a total time of 1:10.27.41 seconds. She shared the first-run lead with Slovenia's Urška Hravit, who fell midway through the second run.



Green Bay Packers' coach Mike Holmgren, left, and San Francisco 49ers' coach Steve Mariucci will pit their teams against each other during Sunday's National Football Conference championship game. Mariucci was quarterback coach for the Packers for four seasons under Holmgren and is well liked and respected by the Packers. Mariucci is completing his first year with San Francisco.

Francisco (14-3) advanced with 38-22 win over Minnesota on Saturday.

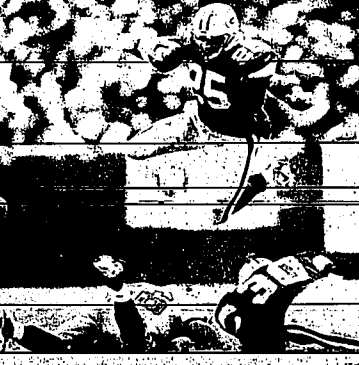
The NFC title game is Sunday afternoon in San Francisco for the right to advance to its first Super Bowl site on Jan. 25 in San Diego against either Pittsburgh or

Denver. The Packers have defeated the 49ers three straight times, including 35-14 a year ago in the playoffs, at rain-drenched, muddy Lambeau Field as Green Bay marched to its first Super Bowl title in 30 years. Two years ago, the Packers upset the 49ers

27-17 in San Francisco before losing to Dallas in the NFC championship.

"Mariucci, 42, left the Packers after the 1995 season to become head coach at the University of California. He replaced George Seifert to become the 13th head

NFL gets what it wanted: Fearsome foursome in finals



Green Bay running back Dorsey Levens, who gained 122 yards against Tampa Bay Sunday, is one of the key reasons for the Packers' recent success.

the winning score? "I have all kinds of faith in Kordell," coach Bill Cowher says of Stewart, who is in his first year as a starting quarterback. "I truly believe that the best starting quarterbacks there is in the game."

"Now we've got them in our place," says linebacker Ken Norton. "Let's see what happens here."

"True enough. If this game were at Lambeau, the Niners probably would have taken the 1987 title."

What's more, Stewart played in college at Boulder, but there's a side issue.

Yes, the Broncos finally proved they could win on the road in the playoffs, something they hadn't done since Elway tied Cleveland with "The Drive" 11 years ago in a game Denver won in overtime.

"The great San Francisco team actually were better on the road. They held the league record with 18 straight road victories from 1986-1992. And they were in some title games there — to the Giants in 1990 and the Cowboys in 1992."

One key is the 49ers' running game. San Francisco hopes how Garrison Hearst back, although Terry Kirby gave them 120 yards against the Vikings on Saturday.

The key to Pittsburgh's offense is Jerome Bettis, who had since the "Bus" day against the Broncos, 125 yards in 24 carries. In their 19-10 win over the Chiefs, the Broncos, whose full defense has been marginal all year, held Kansas City's

But the Steelers have now won eight straight at Three Rivers Stadium since an opening-week loss to Miami and Terry Davis, who needs to be in top form, was a little tentative Sunday because of bruised ribs.

The oddsmakers have Pittsburgh as an early favorite by 11/2 points. If Davis remains tentative, that sounds about right.

The other is Brett Favre and his receivers near the San Francisco corners, the one weak area of an otherwise outstanding defense. Rod Woodson isn't what he used to be. Martez Pope is OK and nickel back Tyrone Knox/Forde is barely adequate.

More important may be Stewart's play. It's a given that if Elway gets the ball with the game on the line, he'll do something to pull it out.

Green Bay (14-3) at San Francisco (14-3)

Two seasons ago, the Packers came to San Francisco and upset the 49ers 27-17, the only time this decade a seeded team failed to make it to the NFC title game.

Denver (14-4) at Pittsburgh (12-5)

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GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — A rising star pupil coaching against a Super Bowl champion teacher.

That will be among the most compelling storylines Sunday, when the Green Bay Packers visit San Francisco. Abers, with the NFC championship at stake.

First-year 49ers coach Steve Mariucci was quarterback coach for the Packers for four seasons under Mike Holmgren, who grew up in San Francisco and was offensive coordinator for the 49ers before becoming head coach of Packers in 1992.

"I am very proud of the job Steve has done," Holmgren said Monday, likening his feelings to those one has for a successful family member. "Both coaching staffs know one another. There are friends in both organizations. It makes the game that much more interesting, really."

Packers tight end Mark Chmura said players loved "Moosi" when he was in Green Bay.

"He's a fun guy to be around," Chmura said. "He knows how we do things around here. It will turn into a chess match."

Holmgren and Mariucci talked only once during the season, and that was to discuss details about three weeks ago to congratulate his coaching rival.

"I purposely had not contacted him," Holmgren said. "I really don't need anything from me. I said, 'I am proud of the job you are doing.' I feel good about that."

There are no phone calls going this week. Both teams want this game desperately, and it is going to be one of those great games that need anything from me. I said, 'I am proud of the job you are doing.' I feel good about that."

The Packers (14-3) defeated Tampa Bay 21-7 on Sunday. San

By Dave Goldberg The Associated Press

Even before the Kansas City-Denver game, one thing was clear: The NFL would have four of its best teams — if not the four best — in the Super Bowl semifinals.

Denver won 44-10 on Sunday and now sits atop the AFC. The Packers and the Broncos are indeed where they should be. The Broncos, the best team in the NFL for the first half of the 1997 season, clinched their eighth straight AFC title.

"They have great players, we have great players," said Tony Stewart, the Chiefs' starting quarterback. "Their great players carried them through."

Are they great enough to stop the NFL's Super Bowl streak, which now stands at 13 straight? Millions of teenage fans who have never seen an AFC team win would love to know.

But one interesting sign for the AFC — defense usually wins championships. And in the eight quarters of this weekend's two AFC games, there were only 10 touchdowns. NFC runs scored 11.

A look ahead to the two championship games:

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The Chiefs haven't won a playoff game in four years, or since the day before the Northridge earthquake. Schottenheimer is 5-11 in playoff games at Denver and Cleveland, and he is 8-14 against Denver overall.

To his critics? "I can't argue with them," he said, with narrow eyes and an eerie half-smile.

To himself? "I said a long time ago that if I could go to the mirror every day and say 'I did everything I could do, then that would be enough. Now, there are times when I didn't do enough. But everybody in that locker room

gave every ounce of effort they had."

Who the Chiefs have not even made a Super Bowl in Schottenheimer's nine seasons despite a 641 regular-season wins percentage.

The siege has been directed by five quarterbacks (Steve DeBerg, Dave Krieg, Joe Montana, Steve Bono and Garb) and has included AFC semifinal losses to Indianapolis ('95 season) and now Denver in Arrowhead Stadium, where opponents are reduced to inaudibles, and nearly 80,000 wear red and yell themselves blue. In both seasons, Kansas City's playoff loss was its first at home.

"No, I don't feel cursed," Schottenheimer said, "but I think it's a very legitimate question. The way around it would be not to get into the playoffs at all, but then you won't be here very long."

Schottenheimer will be around if he wants to be. This is still the NFL's island of class. In Miami, Jimmy Johnson hangs off offensive coordinator Gary Stevens out to dry, in Dallas, finger-pointing has caused an epidemic of carpal tunnel syndrome. Here, Alvin Hunt owns the team. He always has. He stood in the locker room and said, "I'm disappointed, but I never would have dreamed we'd be 13-3."

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Pilot girls slide past Hagerman; Indians handle Bulldogs

The Times News

GLENN'S FERRY — The Glenn's Ferry girls' basketball team didn't have any problem jumping to a lead over the Blue Devils at Midland on Monday night. The Pilots had it harder after that. Glenn's Ferry, which led by seven points after a strong opening quarter, had to remain in the second half, a defeat of the Hagerman Pirates 66-62 in a non-conference basketball game Monday night.

"There was a lot of good defense on both sides," Bulldogs coach John Miller said. "We had a ton of opportunities but we just couldn't drop them. Shoshone has very good ball control and got after it."

The Indians' Anna Cox led her team with 14 points. Kimberly (3-10) travels to Glenn's Ferry on Friday.

Wood River 39, Dietrich 29
HAILLEY — The Dietrich girls' basketball team's most in the second half was not enough to stop the Wood River girls from defeating it. "We were able to create short passing lanes instead of long ones," said Wolverine coach J.C. Nemecek. "We played the game at our pace."

High school sports

Wood River (9-4) plays Jerome on Thursday.

Wendell 51, Gooding 39

GOODING — Wendell's Cindy Chandler's five 3-point goals and 19 points were difference as the Trojans defeated Gooding in a girls' A-3 conference game. "It was a very well played ball game," Gooding coach Jeff Lacroix said. "We ran good offense and good defense, but it simply didn't come out for us."

Boys' basketball

Oakley 63, Burley JV 61
OAKLEY — The Oakley boys' basketball team was down by three at the half, but was able to put things together to

beat the Burley boys' junior varsity. "We came out quick in the third quarter," Hornets coach Jeff Harrah said. "We tied it right in the beginning of the quarter, came out pretty hot and played hard."

Hansen 52, Camas County 50
FAIRFIELD — The Hansen boys' basketball team took control of the game by slowing down the pace in conquering Camas County.

two of Hansen's points in the fourth quarter. "They got Myers the ball and he scored," Anderson said. "Our leading scorer didn't take a shot in the fourth quarter."

In the fourth quarter alone, Camas County was 2-7 in field goals and 1-4 at the line. Hansen improved on that, attaining 4-9 in field goals and 12-20 at the line.

Wrestling

Mars, Meter earn honors

OAKLEY — Glenn's Ferry wrestler Akbar Mars, who won the 125-pound championship, was named one of the outstanding wrestlers in the Oakley tournament. Kimberly wrestler Steve Meter was named as an outstanding wrestler, as he won the 160-pound championship.

Shoshone 31, Kimberly 26

KIMBERLY — This Shoshone basketball game was not as exciting as the Bulldogs fell in a girls' non-conference basketball game Monday night.



Orlando Magic guard Derek Harper, left, tries to steal the ball from San Antonio Spurs' guard Jaren Jackson during Monday's NBA game at Orlando Arena.

Robinson, Spurs block Magic; Ewing-less Knicks fall again

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — David Robinson didn't make many shots, so he did the next best thing for San Antonio and started swatting them out of the air.

Pro basketball

Wizards 113, Knicks 106
NEW YORK — No one had scored more than 106 points against the Knicks this season, and no one had shot better than 50.7 percent.

Rockets 126, Raptors 90

TORONTO — Kevin Willis scored 20 points and Matt Bullard added 19 as the Houston Rockets beat the Toronto Raptors.

Bucks 98, Trail Blazers 92

PORTLAND, Ore. — Glenn Robinson scored 26 points, including four in the last 20 seconds, as Milwaukee snapped a six-game road losing streak with a victory over Portland.

to move above 500 for the first time this season. The Bulls snapped their 14-game losing streak at Madison Square Garden that dated back to Jan. 21, 1991.

Clemson knocks off Cavaliers

CLEMSON, S.C. (AP) — Ailey Clemson's latest upset of a Top 10 team, Virginia coach Dabo Swinney said it's time the Tigers were ranked.

Utes make women's poll for first time

This time, Utah got noticed. Off to its best start and with some good victories on the road, Utah broke into the women's basketball poll for the first time history.

Montana St. downs ISU, 100-56

BOZEMAN, Mont. (AP) — Danny Sprinkle scored 18 points and all five Montana State starters reached double figures Monday night as the Bobcats routed Idaho State 100-56 in Big Sky Conference play.

Brigham Young 73, Tulsa 53

TULSA, Okla. — Ron Sellers scored 22 points, all in the second half, as the Cougars won their final 33 seconds as Brigham Young stunned Tulsa.

Women's college basketball

UCLA 83, Gonzaga 64
No other information was available at press time.

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since Arizona State (114-1-1) beat the Bruins in 1989. The Bruins haven't beaten a ranked team since a double overtime upset of Arizona in 1995.

No. 5 Arizona 91, Southern California 72

TUCSON, Ariz. — Miles Simon converted two three-point plays during the 19-0 run in the second half for the Wildcats (113-0-2, 20 Pac-10).

No. 7 Stanford 89, Oregon 67

EUGENE, Ore. (AP) — Kris Weems scored a career-high 34 points as Stanford remained unbeaten.

No. 25 West Virginia 84, Georgetown 70

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Damian Owens scored 27 points as the Mountaineers averaged a loss to the Hoyas last week.

Campbell 69, No. 21 FIU 67

BUTES CREEK, N.C. — Ashley Moore scored 22 points and Campbell posted its first win over a ranked team, defeating No. 21 Florida International.

Tennessee received all 38 first-place votes after decisively answering two new challenges. Playing for the first time in nearly two weeks, the Lady Vols (15-0) routed Arkansas by 30 points.

AROUND THE VALLEY

Youth pleads guilty to aiding murder plot

TWIN FALLS - An Idaho Falls man accused of plotting to kill his girlfriend's father so they could run off to Las Vegas and get married has pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting aggravated battery.

Christopher Bleak, 19, entered the plea at his trial in court before 5th District Judge Daniel Meehl. He had been charged with battery with intent to commit murder and attempted first-degree murder.

Meehl did not set a sentencing date.

Bleak, his 16-year-old girlfriend and Jeff Price, 18, also of Idaho Falls, were arrested in November, accused of trying to kill Dean Crommiller of Buhl.

Price committed suicide Dec. 15, 1997, in Twin Falls County Jail, hanging himself with bed sheets in his cell.

Price filed charges of battery with intent to commit a serious felony and attempted first-degree murder for Meehl. Crommiller never the head with a shovel, injuring but not killing him, Buhl detective Karen Trent said.

Bleak's girlfriend, Evia Crommiller, was charged as a juvenile with battery with intent to commit murder and attempted first-degree murder. All court proceedings in her case are closed to the public.

Work-release center escapee heads to prison

TWIN FALLS - A work-release center escapee is headed back to prison.

Kyle Eugene Wynia, 35, ran from the Twin Falls Community Work Center Nov. 6, 1997. Cassia County sheriff's deputies arrested him a month later.

Wynia had been sentenced in Canyon County to two to 10 years in prison for forgery, and was released to the work center last spring. He had a tentative release date of April 15 when he fled.

Wynia was charged with parole violation and escape by a convict on parole. Working from a plea agreement, District Judge Daniel Meehl sentenced Wynia to 18 months in prison for parole violation.

Parolees who violate their release typically are returned to prison to serve out the remaining time up their sentence, prison officials say.

Extradition of manslaughter defendant experiences delay

JEROME - A Florida man charged in connection with the death of a Jerome toddler should be in the Jerome County Jail by the end of this week, Jerome County Sheriff Jim Weaver said.

Michael B. Ellison, 22, of Orlando, Fla., was charged with manslaughter stemming from the September 1997 death of 22-month-old Zachary Nolan.

Nolan died of a head injury consistent with Shaken Baby Syndrome, according to police reports.

Ellison was being held in jail near Orlando on \$100,000 bond, but he waived extradition to the Jerome County Jail. A Florida judge ordered Ellison moved by Monday, Jerome County Prosecutor John Lohtsch said.

The judge recently granted a two-day extension of the deadline, Weaver said.

Vandals leave high school walls a spray-painted mess

TWIN FALLS - Vandals spray-painting walls at Twin Falls High School left a mess that will cost about \$500 to clean up, school officials estimate.

School officials reported graffiti sprayed on the high school Friday night or early Saturday morning in Twin Falls. Police reports say three cans of gold spray paint apparently used in the vandalism were found on the front lawn of the school, the report said.

Gun dealer reports theft of pistol at Saturday show

TWIN FALLS - A gun dealer reported a new pistol stolen during a gun show Saturday.

Charles Setzke of Setzke Armors in Boise reported a new 380-caliber semi-automatic pistol stolen from his display table during a gun show at the Weston 1350 Blue on Saturday.

Twin Falls police reports say the pistol was in the manufacturer's box, and worth \$99, the report said.

Several TF businesses report weekend burglaries

TWIN FALLS - Several Twin Falls businesses reported break-ins last weekend.

Victims included Riverwest, 574 Blue Lakes Blvd., and a printer store Saturday night. Twin Falls police reports said. Auto Phone Corp.'s office at 333 Valley St., reported a solder station, phone, and computer docking station and printer stolen the same night, police reports said.

Jerome mayor lets police chief stay

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

JEROME - After two controversial false starts, Jerome's mayor-elect has opted to keep Police Chief Jim Dahl for another two-year term.

"I'm just glad to be back to work," Dahl said Monday.

Mayor-elect Dennis Moore announced last month he wouldn't re-appoint Dahl. He later said he would keep Dahl as interim chief until an outside agency could audit the police department's performance.

His announcements came shortly

after three police detectives were removed from a temporary office in the Jerome County Courthouse. Moore had supported moving the detectives and putting them under the Jerome County sheriff's authority. But members of the City Council said they'd been told nothing about the move and demanded that the detectives be sent back.

Dahl, Moore and other city officials will be sworn in during tonight's Jerome City Council meeting, beginning at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Dahl said Moore "just figured the differences we had weren't insurmountable after all."

Moore said he changed his mind about letting Dahl go after receiving discussions with Dahl and other officials.

But he declined to say exactly what was discussed or what differences he had with Dahl in the first place.

"Those issues were discussed in executive session," Moore said.

Councilman Ralph Peters - the sole incumbent to remain a council seat - said he didn't think outside pressure had much to do with Moore's decision.

"He had to come to his own conclusions," Peters said.

The council has received proposals

from a few agencies willing to audit the police department, but it probably will take at least a month to choose one, Peters said.

The tension between Moore and the council has died down, he said.

"I think we'll see things toned out," Peters said. "We've got to, or the people will throw us all out."

"Sometimes out of controversy, when very good things happen," Moore said, "that's what we think we are with the police department."

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State Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, attends a legislators' tour Monday of the reopened Idaho Food Quality Assurance Laboratory in Twin Falls.

Ag lab may pursue state funds

Legislators, commodity group representatives tour facility

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Industry will foot most of the bill to reopen the state's agricultural lab that will test Idaho crops for chemical residue, but eventually the state could be asked to offer more support.

A group of about 20 legislators and representatives from commodities groups Monday toured the Food Quality Assurance Lab on the College of Southern Idaho campus.

The lab has sat empty since Gov. Phil Batt closed it two years ago because of negligent testing procedures. The state spent more than \$2.2 million to build the 100,000-sq-ft facility in 1994 and continued to contribute operating costs. Now a state, consumer and producer partnership is asked to reopen the lab.

The Idaho Potato Commission, Idaho Wheat Commission, Idaho Mint Commission and Idaho Alfalfa Seed Commission have pledged to pay for three years' services totaling \$225,000 a year. The Potato Commission is the main contributor, pledging \$200,000 annually for the next three years. The state will contract for services and is providing

some in-kind help.

"When the lab proves it can succeed, its operators could return to the state to ask for financial support, said Wayne Thiesten, chairman of the Idaho Food Quality Assurance Institute, a Batt-appointed commission responsible for the lab.

"In my heart, I don't think they should have to operate without state money," said Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, a vice chairman of the Legislature's budget-writing Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee.

The lab's shaky beginning requires it to prove itself, Bell said. She hopes it eventually will earn state operating support because of agriculture's importance to Idaho.

"It's still the engine that pulls the economic train in this state," Bell said.

The UF will manage the lab's daily operations. When it opened the first time, the Department of Agriculture had managed the lab.

Bringing the UF into the picture is the smartest thing the commission could have done, she said.

"It's a good tie between CSI and UF, said state Rep. Jim Kempton, R-Boise. CSI students can earn practical experience

and advance to UF science programs.

"In my mind, it's a wonderful facility," Kempton said.

Kempton said he thinks the lab's legislative intent is to be supported by industry, and the lab must demonstrate the practical need it serves before it can seek state money.

"The Food Quality Protection Act of 1996 has made the state lab even more crucial for Idaho, said UF scientist Greg Moller, who manages the lab.

The federal legislation means many of Idaho's minor crops will lose chemical insect controls. Minor crops are a major part of the commodities produced in Idaho and include potatoes. The state lab can help determine whether the chemicals meet federal guidelines and can remain in use.

The lab will test for chemical residue in raw crops and processed foods. It will perform regulatory enforcement testing for the state, which now contracts for such testing with Oregon. It eventually will test agricultural chemicals for product registration.

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New DUI law cuts the carnage

TWIN FALLS - So far, Idaho's tougher new drunken driving law is delivering what its backers promised - fewer deaths and injuries from alcohol-related accidents.

Magic Valley northern says it'll take more time to tell what effect the law is having, but in southern Idaho, the law also has caused what overaged prosecutors feared: more arrests.

Effective July 1, 1997, the state dropped the level where a motorist is presumed driving under the influence, from 0.10 percent to 0.08 percent. Idaho was one of 15 states making this move, neighboring Washington is expected to consider the change this year.

The .08 percent standard has been viable because it allows more prosecutions, said Idaho State Police Sgt. Robert Storn.

In other states, DUI arrests have gone down and the percentage of impaired drivers is that the level is low so they'd better not drink as much, and they don't. That is what we wanted in the first place, fewer drunk drivers," Storn said.

"Drunk driving I don't think has come up, but I can't say it's been reduced, based on my own observations," said Falls County Sheriff's Capt. Dan Hall.

"If we're seeing less fatalities and injuries, we're halfway to where we wanted to go," said State Senator Rick Riggs, R-Coeur d'Alene. "I'm glad we did it."

Supporters of the change contended it was based on the fact that persons violating people not to risk drinking and driving.

The Office of Highway Safety in the state Department of Transportation said alcohol-related traffic deaths dropped 14 percent in the first five months of the new limit. Injuries dropped 20 percent.

Carl Johnson, Boise legislative liaison for Mothers Against Drunk Driving, said that the goal was saving lives, not making more arrests.

Agest numbers are up statewide, but authorities say that's more because of increased emphasis on patrols.

Sherriff's deputies look for impaired drivers as they always have, Hall said.

"If they're impaired, we'll stop them and take them in for arrest. They're under .10 we can charge them before."

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Probation for teen-aged burglar upsets victims

By Kent McCleary
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - An admission of guilt and five years' probation isn't enough to satisfy some victims of a burglar, but prosecutors say the sentence was necessary to protect a defendant.

Daniel Ben Nogara, 19, Twin Falls, Monday was sentenced to probation and to pay restitution for his part in a string of burglaries. Twin Falls police Sgt. Brian Saper and David Brian Sapper, 19, also of Twin Falls, stole more than \$78,500 worth of merchandise and equipment in 11 smash-and-grab burglaries between April 19 and July 29, 1997.

Police recovered the stolen property in a Twin Falls apartment shared by the two, more was packed into a car the two were driving when South Lake Tahoe, Calif., police stopped them Aug. 12, 1997. Recovered items included stereo equipment from The Sound Company, handguns from Idaho Coin Galleries and driver's license manufacturing equipment from the Twin Falls office of the T1 smash-and-grab burglaries between

April 16 to July 29, 1997, including thefts of driver's license identification equipment from a state motor vehicle department office in Twin Falls.

Daniel Nogara was sentenced Monday in connection with a string of burglaries committed from April 16 to July 29, 1997, including thefts of driver's license identification equipment from a state motor vehicle department office in Twin Falls.

New ordinance could draw line between large, small dairy operations

By N.S. NorkEntved
Times-News writer

BUHL - Some longtime county residents may get some of what they want.

They have long asked the county to differentiate between small and large dairies, and a proposed livestock confinement ordinance may do that.

The Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission Monday afternoon put the finishing touches on what might become the county's long-coveted regulation of the dairy industry - met-fac-to-face with the head of the state's dairy inspection program.

Mary Patten, chief of the state Department of Agriculture's Dairy Bureau was in Buhl Monday evening to explain and defend his dairy inspection program and discuss issues with the Twin Falls Network, a chapter of the Idaho Rural Council.

The group has called for a moratorium on new and expanding dairies until the county's zoning laws can be updated

to recognize the differences between small and large livestock operations.

Darcy Thornborough, group co-chairman, said that an agricultural zone there may be little anyone could do about the influx and expansion of dairies.

Group members are concerned about the effects when 150- to 300-head dairies become big dairies with more than 1,000 head.

"Small dairies affect the rural quality of life in a ways small dairies don't," Thornborough said. Small dairies are less intrusive, while large operations have greater potential for damage in the event of a spill, and bring with them more traffic, odors, lights, dust and dust.

Large new dairies have reduced property values and changed the rural quality of life in her neighborhood, Thornborough said.

But setbacks and siting of dairies or other livestock operations are zoning issues, Patten said.

And the Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission is working on a livestock confinement ordinance to resolve some of these issues.

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Officers close in on murder suspect

By Penelope Reedy
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Police are being tight-lipped about evidence they've gathered over the past week in the Gustavo Tafalla homicide case.

"Until we get our subject in court, we don't want to slip our hand," said Clark Rollins, spokesman for the Idaho Bureau of Investigations in Twin Falls.

"No warrants have been issued yet."

Monday afternoon, Lt. Alan Smith of the Cassia County Sheriff's Department said detectives spent the day catching up on paperwork. He said he expects a warrant to be issued for the suspect's arrest within three days.

Tafalla's frozen body, wrapped in a garbage bag and quilt, was found Dec. 30 in a car trunk on

the old Pocatello Highway west of the Raft River Store. An autopsy revealed Tafalla died of multiple gunshot wounds.

Authorities believe Tafalla, who had been missing since Dec. 1, may have been killed at a house in Declo.

"We've been finding out new information about the actual murder," said Cassia County Sheriff Billy Crystal.

Crystal said he was surprised

Tafalla, 18, was so young.

"From what I know about him and his activities, I expected him to be much older," Crystal said.

He said he is confident his department and FBI will have a suspect identified and in custody soon.

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Course offers instruction on kids' behavior problems

The Times-News

DECLO — Tonight is the first meeting of a course designed to teach local parents how best to reach children with attention and behavior problems.

Declo Elementary School Principal Lee Bruegger said the course will have limited openings for Cassia County parents who want to "learn" a "bout Attention Deficit Disorder and hyperactivity."

It's for helping them, more than anything, with their school work," Bruegger said, "to make them more successful."

Bruegger said the program normally costs \$500 per child, but through a grant written by the school district and the Spanish-Rite Learning Clinic, it's entirely paid for by the Albertsons Idaho Community Foundation Education Fund.

The eight-week course will meet every Tuesday night, 7:30-9:00 p.m.

"We're just trying to make it so everyone is successful academically," she said.

A voluntary coordinator for the learning clinic's coordinator said the class

Space open

The parenting skills class that starts tonight is open to Declo and Raft River parents, but Declo Principal Lee Bruegger said there will probably be openings for a few others. The course is free.

If you want to find out more, contact Bruegger today at 654-2391. The first meeting of the 8-week program is tonight at Declo Elementary at 7.

City attorney ends 28-year tenure at Burley post

By Kurt Friedmann
Times-News

BURLEY City attorney of Bill Parsons' proudest moments as Burley's city lawyer were helping create the joint law enforcement contract with Cassia County, and keeping the city "relatively free of litigation."

Parsons became the city's lawyer in 1970, at age 37. Now, 28 years and 650 council meetings later, Parsons said it's time for some new blood.

Monday was his last official day as Burley's attorney.

Parsons said he enjoyed working with everyone at the city and was proud he never left the council "naked" or without a lawyer in all his years of service.

"I want to look in the mirror and say I did my best," Parsons said. "That's all I can ask."

But there has been Parsons' secretary since he started as city attorney and said her boss "has just done an excellent job."

"I think he's the tops," Thrall said. "I don't think anyone could ask for anything more."

That opinion was echoed by many who know him. Manning said Parsons had done a terrific job for the city.

"Bill has served the city faithfully for many years," Manning said. "But I think Randy will do a fantastic job."



Bill Parsons relaxes in his modest office near the end of his last official day as Burley's city attorney.

"Parsons said he will be available to help Stone fit into his role."

"Randy will do an excellent job," he said. "He is a very bright lawyer especially in knowing the law and finding the law."

In his almost three decades serving the city, Parsons said, he had the opportunity to learn a few things. He passed on this bit of

wisdom: "Recognize your role as an advisor."

"As city attorney you are not a policy maker," he said. "You try to help the council from a professional standpoint and advise them in the law."

Leaving the council will be a change, he said, but it may afford him a little more time to spend

with his wife Bev and poodle Meg. He still plans to continue his private law practice.

Retiring Burley Mayor Frank Bauman said even with his busy schedule, Parsons had served the city well, and he would miss it.

"He's done his very best to keep the city out of trouble," Bauman said.

Wyoming oil tank explosion injures 4 employees

MANDEVILLE, Wyo. (AP) — An oil tank explosion at a Big Horn County refinery Monday afternoon injured four workers, two of whom may be flown to an out-of-state hospital for treatment, authorities said.

Big Horn County Sheriff Dave Mattis said two of the workers are employees of KCS Mountain Resources Inc., and the other two work for KCS subcontractor.

Neither Mattis nor KCS spokeswoman Tracy Glanz of Worland

had information on the conditions of the injured workers.

Mattis said all tanks in the Manderson oilfield apparently exploded shortly before 4 p.m. He said the explosion occurred in the same oilfield, but at a different

work site, than an explosion that killed a KCS worker two months ago.

In the Nov. 14 explosion, Mark Beckley, 27, of Ten Sleep, was killed when a 6-inch fuel line ruptured, Big Horn County authorities said.

Hunger strike, death lead officials to ask ethics questions

PHOENIX (AP) — Outraged that prison officials wouldn't provide him the special diets that he said conformed with his religion, Abate's protest ended last summer. Jailers got permission from the courts to force food him, but he yanked out the tubes.

Prison officials say they did all they could. But Abate's death on Saturday — the only case experts can recall of a U.S. prisoner inmate killing himself by starvation — leaves a question: What could and should the state have done to save Abate?

Access to the records of his 125 days in the hospital and his earlier psychiatric evaluation were not immediately available, but health workers say their options were limited all along.

Abate could have been treated against his will if the courts ruled his incompetent to make his own decisions, but doctors who examined the Ethiopian-born inmate found him competent.

The state Department of Corrections went to court anyway, arguing that it had the right to override Abate's individual rights. The state argued that round. But when Abate's resistance led to infections, the balance shifted again, and doctors decided they could no longer keep inserting tubes and depriving him of nutrients.

"We attempted every known method of care and management," said Dr. Tom Lutz, the department's chief of medical services. "We did the him down and restrain him, but he was still able to take out his feeding tubes."

Even when they are restrained, patients can resist. The state argued that round. "People can do unbelievable contortist movements even with restraints on them," and Abate not only "consistently pulled and yanked the tubes" but was "even biting tubes in half" while tied down.

VALLEY IN BRIEF

Arraignment set for suspect

BURLEY — Donald Mull is scheduled to be arraigned on a second-degree murder charge Thursday in 5th District Court.

Mull was arrested in Oregon in November 1997 on a Cassia County warrant and charged with the murder of Raymond Wilford Urban in the Schluper Campground near Rock Creek in May.

Mull pleaded innocent in Magistrate Court recently.

Truck driver pleads guilty

TWIN FALLS — The driver of a truck that wrecked and injured several bowhunters has pleaded guilty to aggravated drunken driving.

Michael S. Fleming pleaded guilty Monday to aggravated driving under the influence of alcohol in connection with an Aug. 30, 1997, wreck. Fleming was driving a pickup west on

Rogeson Road, about three miles east of Magic Mountain ski area, when he wrecked.

Shane A. Orr and Richard J. Myers were riding in the truck bed, and both were thrown out, Twin Falls Sheriff's reports say. Orr suffered a head injury, Myers suffered a broken leg.

Orr, now 30, was in a coma for 62 days, and was not recovered from his injuries, deputy prosecutor Calvin Campbell said at the hearing. Orr did return to his parents' home for Christmas.

Campbell said District Judge Daniel Meehl ordered a presentence investigation for Fleming, sentencing will be set when the investigation is done, usually in about six weeks.

Items on the agenda include, the U.S. Highway 93/South Greenwood highway project, engineering water projects for Highways 93 and South Canyon and the final plan for Riverview Subdivision.

The mayor will be sworn in and council appointments will be made.

Probe leads to abuse charge

TWIN FALLS — A Pocatello man faces felony charges of sexually abusing a child.

Louis D. Scroggs, 19, is charged with lewd conduct with a minor. He was arrested on a warrant after an investigation by Twin Falls police, and arraigned in Twin Falls County Magistrate Court on the charges Monday.

Scroggs is charged with sexual abuse involving a 5-year-old girl, Twin Falls police reports said.

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State Department of Motor Vehicles.

Nogara admitted to four burglaries. He helped police with the investigation by telling them who he involved, his attorney, M. Lynn Dunlap, told District Judge Daniel Meehl.

Jonathan Brody said the probation recommendation for Nogara came in exchange for Nogara's agreement to plead guilty to a charge against Sapper. Sapper, who has never talked to police, is still awaiting trial, but prosecutors expect him to plead guilty and face with Nogara's testimony.

But two victims attending the

Shoshone council to meet

SHOSHONE — The Shoshone City Council will meet at 8 p.m. today at the City Hall, 207 S. Rail St. W.

"He was very quick to say he had troubles with his family and his stepfather," Ernie Kendrick said. "Nobody takes responsibility. It's always somebody else's fault."

Nogara said the burglaries were not fun.

"It was frightening. Like, my adrenaline would rush, but it was not enjoyable," he told Meehl.

It was just that two laptop computers were stolen from Computer Mart, Ernie Kendrick said.

"They took the time to destroy our computers. We have an alarm, so they had a few minutes. They took the two computers, but then they threw the other computers in a big-pile on the

Sentence

floor," he said.

Nogara said he was never incarcerated for the crimes he committed as a juvenile. He spent about two months in jail after being arrested and later extradited to Twin Falls.

The Kendricks attended the sentencing because they wanted to ensure Nogara's probation is contingent upon payment of restitution. Nogara said he works 50 to 60 hours per week distilling copper.

If Nogara violates probation, he would face four to eight years in prison.

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The proposed ordinance is expected to be ready for a public hearing during the commission's regular meeting on the evening of Feb. 12.

The ordinance would limit the density of livestock operations and differentiate between large and smaller operations.

The ordinance could call for a acre-size-unit of dairies larger than 500 animal units in more populated agricultural areas, and operations larger than 3,000 animal units in less populated areas.

A review committee would consider public health and safety, welfare, property rights, and density issues. The ordinance would limit density by requiring

Dairy

each operation to control enough land for disposal of solid and liquid wastes, and by limiting the size of operations that have a residence within one mile of the operation.

The ordinance also would give the county the power to revoke a final occupancy permit if any livestock operation failed to violate federal, state or local laws.

Following the public hearing, any comments would be considered and might be included in the ordinance, which would then be turned over to the county commissioners for more hearings before becoming law.

Times-News staff writer N.S. Norkkoten can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 237.

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We could only charge them with the violation that we stopped them for, and have somebody come get them out of the car.

Either way, deputies don't allow impaired drivers back on the road, Hall said.

Kootenai County Prosecutor

Bill Douglas said the new law has had an impact. The main effect has been the strengthening of DUI-cases previously considered marginal. Alcohol testing equipment can have a 10 percent margin of error.

"We're seeing a lot more guilty pleas for the .10, which was the

former limit," he said. "What formerly were marginal cases, .10, .11, are certainly now classified as stronger cases."

The new administrative license suspension law — allowing officers to immediately seize the driver's license or anyone who fails an intoxication test, and sus-

pend it for 90 days — combined with the .08 standard should have the most impact, Storm said.

Riggs, an emergency room physician, said an average 170-pound male could reach 0.08 percent by having four drinks in about an hour.

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Eagle count will help with game management decisions

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Last year, a statewide count showed there were nearly 700 bald eagles and 127 golden eagles in the state.

A similar count continues this year through the end of next week, and what bird-watchers and scientists find will help with land use decisions.

"These birds are excellent indicators of the health of the ecosystem," said Tim Reynolds of the Environmental Science and Research Foundation.

He will be in charge of counting eagles in several statewide zones. His zone covers the Idaho National—Engineering and Environmental Laboratory and the rest of Blaine and Clark counties.

Representatives of the foundation, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will participate in the count.

The Idaho counts are part of the national Midwinter Eagle Count, one in its 30th year. Since its inception, the count has provided evidence of increasing eagle populations. In response, the bald eagle was downlisted from an endangered to a threatened species in 1995.

On and around the federal research site, the count will be expanded to include sightings of birds of prey including hawks, falcons, owls, ravens and shrikes. Ravens are included because they function ecologically as raptors.



An adult bald eagle dines on a fish in the branches of a snow-covered tree near Wolf Lodge Bay on Lake Coeur d'Alene in early December.

Shrikes, which are predatory songbirds known to impale their prey on thorns and barbed wire,

are included because of concerns about declining populations.

Woman on Idaho's death row claims her rights were violated

BOISE (AP) — The only woman on Idaho's death row is accusing authorities of manipulating the judicial system to deny her constitutional right to an attorney and trick her into making incriminating admissions.

The alleged ruse should invalidate the conviction and condemnation of Robin Row for murdering her husband and two children by burning down the family's townhouse nearly six years ago, appellate attorney Roll Kehne told the Idaho Supreme Court on Monday.

But Deputy Attorney General Kenneth Robbins maintained that Row's rights were honored and she should not be allowed to hide behind the constitution after admitting her guilt.

The hour-long argument was punctuated by repeated questions of both sides from all five members of the high court, which will issue a decision later this year.

Kehne claimed that authorities kept Row in jail on an unrelated theft charge in lieu of what he said was an unusually high \$100,000 bond for five weeks after the Feb. 10, 1992 fire while they searched for more than circumstantial evidence to charge her with the murders of her husband Randy, 34, and children, Joshua, 10, and Tabitha, 8.

Then on March 20, formal charges were filed against her, but she was not brought to court until March 23, he said. The court appearance triggers the right to an attorney, and Kehne said all others charged on March 20 with Row were in court that afternoon.

Authorities did announce on March 20 that murder charges had been filed, and "at about the same time Row made phone calls — taped by police — to friend Joan McHugh to contradict her initial claim that she had stayed at McHugh's house the night of the fire.

Kehne, contending McHugh was a police agent and authorities enticed Row into making the calls, argued that the initial court appearance for Row — and requirement for a lawyer — was intentionally delayed because authorities "hoped she would make some incriminating statements."

Although Row said she left the

inside of the house just to meet with a psychiatrist, Row said, the psychiatrist was never found, casting doubt on the story.

Row, who had taken out \$276,000 in life insurance on the family the preceding year, had another son die in a 1980 California fire that was ruled accidental.

Robbins admitted that there was no explanation in the court record for why Row's initial court appearance was delayed, but he also disputed the assertion that

Row, who did have an attorney on the theft charge, was tricked into anything.

"It was Robin Row who was placing the calls," Robbins told the court. "She had been advised at early stages by her attorney that she was to talk about these matters with him and him alone, and she completely disregarded it."

"The fact is that sometimes the criminal does stub his toe, and he should not be able to invoke constitutional authorities because he disregarded his rights," Robbins said.

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State board proposes tax incentives for parents saving for kids' college

MOSCOW (AP) — The state Board of Education is asking the Legislature to provide tax incentives for residents to save for college long before enrolling.

Four years, the age of a college education has grown faster than the rate of inflation. The average graduate of an Idaho university or college leaves school more than \$15,000 in debt, legislative analysts report.

Board staffer Mike Killworth said the regents decided last fall that providing some incentive to save money for school could help increase enrollment.

The proposed measure would allow for postsecondary savings accounts. Taxpayers

could deposit up to \$5,000 per year, and the money would not be included as taxable income.

"A number of other states are doing similar things," Killworth said, although some allow prepaid tuition to the schools, rather than savings accounts and tax deductions.

Eighteen states have approved savings accounts or prepaid tuition, according to statistics from the College Savings Plans Network, sponsored by the National Association of State Treasurers.

Killworth considers creating an account system is a "very cumbersome and tricky thing to do."

But, he feels since the bill is similar to a medical savings account law already passed by the Legislature, the state board's measure has a good chance.

"We pretty well modeled the college savings accounts on the medical savings accounts," he said.

Any person could establish an education account in the name of a spouse, child, grandchild or sibling. A husband and wife could create separate accounts and take two deductions on their taxes.

Killworth said the \$5,000 figure is an arbitrary one selected by the board and could be changed by lawmakers.

Current cattle cycle drags on

The Associated Press

The current cattle cycle affecting Idaho ranchers is unlikely to turn around before 2000, the U.S. Department of Agriculture predicts.

National feeder cattle supplies will continue to tighten through at least 1999, as the calf crop declines and more heifers are retained for the breeding herd, the agency forecast in a Dec. 30 report.

These supplies will drop through at least 1999, stopping then only if even more heifers are kept for herd expansion this fall and bred next summer to calves in 1999.

This reduction in feeder cattle supplies and reduced calf slaughter will hobble beef production down until after the turn of the century.

For the second year in a row, the USDA report for Jan. 1, 1997 indicated, cattle producers nationwide were holding onto a larger number of heifers for breeding that summer than actually entered the herd.

However, in each of the last two years, conditions deteriorated and a large proportion of heifers were marketed as feeder animals rather than breeders.

On Jan. 1, 1997, producers indicated they were retaining 2 percent fewer beef replacement heifers than the year before. However, in the July 1 inventory report, ranchers reported they were keeping 4 percent fewer than July 1, 1996.

Beef cow slaughter remained high at the beginning of 1997, but has been down about 20 percent from a year earlier since the spring.

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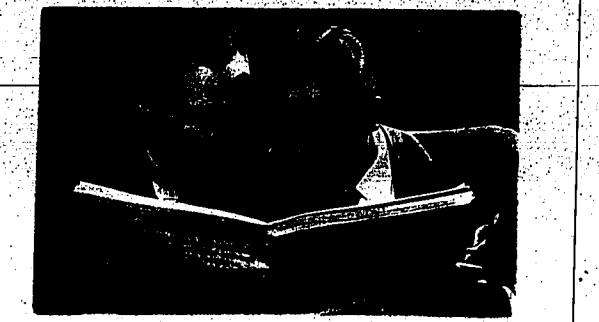
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Home school trend brings new element to college admissions table

The Baltimore Sun

Because she was home schooled from the age of 14, Rachel Nugent's application to the University of Maryland lacked a central element—high school grade point average.

When Nugent's American College Test scores came in at the low-end of the university's acceptable range, admissions officers at College Park said they needed more evidence of her abilities. They asked her to enroll in freshman English and pre-calculus courses at the two-year Montgomery College.

"They made me prove herself a little more," said Nugent's mother, Elisa Carbone-Nugent, an aspiring medical student from Silver Spring, Md., posted grades of A-and-B for the two classes. Maryland accepted her.

The hasty attention paid to Nugent's application was indicative of how colleges are responding to their small but growing number of applicants from home-schooled students.

Because home schoolers either lack high school grades or are graded by lesser-known correspondence schools, colleges are considering a mosaic of factors—including standardized test scores, essays, interviews, recommendations and performance on community college courses—to evaluate their applicants.

"The real proof" is in the standardized tests," said Robert J. Massa, the Johns

Hopkins University's dean of enrollment, who noted that his school pays significantly more attention to home-schooled applicants' scores on a supplemental battery of subject tests called the "SAT-II" (Scholastic Aptitude Test-II) than it does for students from traditional

"It's important for home-schooled students to show up at the admissions office, meet face to face with admissions officers and key it out in front of them."

— Robert J. Massa, dean of enrollment at Johns Hopkins University

high schools. Other factors are also given heightened attention, such as essays from home-schooled applicants. Descriptions of the curricula home schoolers followed and projects they completed can also help fill the "grades gap."

"The home-school candidates I've seen have all had records of their work," Massa said. "Instead of a letter grade transcript, it's more like a narrative transcript."

But admissions officers also say that home schoolers need to take steps to introduce

themselves to prospective colleges, including scheduling interviews—even if the school doesn't require them.

"It's important for home-schooled students to show up at the admissions office, meet face to face with admissions officers and lay it out in front of them," Massa said.

Despite the challenges, most colleges say the door is open. The University of Maryland-College Park is, for example, recently assigned an admissions officer to specialize in home-schooling issues. All of the Ivy League schools and service academies have accepted home schoolers, according to the Purcellville, Va.-based Home School Legal Defense Association.

Perhaps reflecting the religious overtones—sometimes associated with home-schooling, Liberty University, a Baptist college in Lynchburg, Va., founded by Jerry Falwell in 1971, offers \$2,000-a-year scholarships to all home-schooled students it accepts.

"It would be easier to make a list of schools that don't accept home schoolers than those who do," said Rich Shipps, spokesman for the legal defense association, noting that the University of California, San Diego is the most prominent university known to ban home schoolers. (An admissions officer there said the university "only" accepts students who have graduated from accredited high schools.)

Boorishness runs rampant in America

Etiquette experts provide help

Knight-Ridder News Service

America is a nation of the socially inept, and etiquette experts are positively giddy over it.

"They've gotten busy recently and put out an avalanche of guides to lull pass-free living—books, columns, videos, Web pages, newsletters and high-priced seminars, all of which list the rules and regulations of almost every conceivable human activity."

But their etiquette for executives, house guests, brides, bridegrooms, Catholics, golfers, gays, lesbians, smokers, corporate types, special-needs people, pager carriers, Web surfers, e-mailers, children and lovers.

—George Wash-

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- You do not have to *hate* your food to enjoy it.
- I *know*, we don't have to *hear* your page to *know* you're important.
- And, please, *save* legs of *you*, *conduct* all exploration of *badly* *winked* and *cranked* in *private*.

about the sleek of dead for 198 years and even he has a book out on etiquette.

Some segments of the population no doubt need stern re-tu-tives. Time changes the rules. What's a grown woman to do with her retainer during a garden-church luncheon? And in an era of global enterprise, corporate types especially need lessons in international protocol to avoid committing the sort of non-naïveté that could result in a cuning or worse, both a million-dollar deal.

Yet one could argue most people aren't ready for Advanced Manners. They haven't even mastered civility basics.

What good is knowing how to handle a fish fork when you still peck at the public?

Spend some time among hordes of humanity and you will observe the nauseating, carrying, nerve-shredding truth, that despite all the books, articles, seminars, and many people, in short, are still gross.

If you think not, go to a movie. Try to get through it without having to listen to the crescendo of slurping, crunching, murmuring, sucking, belching and rustling, and the inevitable chirping of someone coughing up a vital organ or two. The nation tomorrow could practice cutesy gun-and-all things that go clunk in the quiet, and it wouldn't be soon enough.

You do not have to hear your food to enjoy it.

Likewise, we don't have to hear your pager to know you're important.

You don't have to drench or denude the universe, with your, sweating.

It will not kill you to hold a door for someone.

It is most unnecessary to stomp when you walk.

Furthermore, people who promenade through the mall with cell

Adoption: 2 sets of parents, 2 acts of love

DEAR ABBY: I am adopted, and my heart goes out to "Still Searching for My Birth Parents" who said adopted search for their "real" parents because they need a sense of connection to the universe, and branded adoption as "barbaric."



DEAR ABBY
Abigail VanBuren

Abby, I have never searched for my birth parents. My "real" parents are the mom and dad who raised me, stayed-up-with-me agent. I was sick, I might not read and write, and worried about me when I stayed out past my curfew. They are the couple who attended my football games and involved themselves in everything that was important to me, who scrimped and saved to send me to college and help me through my first job, and brought me there for me. I have two parents who love me, and that's all I could ever ask for.

Can't you comprehend "Wounded" is not adopted. It is barbaric. What is barbaric about a couple, who couldn't biologically create a child, wanting to search for the biological parents who complained bitterly about adoption, stating that many adoptees want to locate their

adoption by a wonderful, loving couple who could provide what they couldn't. My biological parents allowed someone who desperately wanted a child to have the chance to be a parent, and I'm grateful for the generosity and maturity that went into that decision.

—MICHAEL H. MOHLMAJN, LAWRENCE, KAN.

DEAR MICHAEL: Your letter echoes the sentiments of most adoptees. Thank you for emphasizing that adoption was an act of love on the part of your biological parents, as well as your adoptive parents.

DEAR ABBY: I must respond to "Still Searching for My Birth Parents" who complained bitterly about adoption, stating that many adoptees want to locate their

birth parents to find a genetic connection from their roots to the rest of the world.

I've got news for "Wounded": All of us, adopted or not, are searching for our connection to the universe. This search has spawned our religions and challenged some of the most inquiring minds. Abby, this connection isn't found in someone else, nor is it found in wealth, beauty, fame or power. It's found within ourselves.

"Wounded" stated that Ruman beings are the only species that willingly give away their offspring. Wrong! Not nurtured in biology, but I know that the female cowbird places its eggs in the nests of other birds, thereby allowing her offspring to be adopted by the nest owners. A quick reference check found that the Old World common cuckoo also exhibits this behavior.

"Wounded" bottom line for the "adoption problem" is that "men should do a better job of guarding their sperm." The sperm is the genetic material responsible for all unwanted pregnancies. Well, the last time I checked, it still takes two to

tango. Women should take responsibility for their actions about their pregnancies.

"Wounded" seems to be deeply wounded, all right, but I'm not sure that adoption is the root of the problem.

—FRANKLY FRANK IN MILL WAUKEE

DEAR FRANK: Dozens of readers wrote to dispute "Wounded's" assertion that adoption is barbaric. Most were mothers who had placed their babies for adoption at great emotional cost, and they insisted it was an act of love.

Several readers also disputed the statement that only humans give away their offspring. They pointed out that some animals do far worse with unwanted offspring—they kill or eat their young! I have read about cows adopting orphaned calves, and one loving church of someone coughing up a vital organ or two.

"Wounded," you stand almost alone. Large you to rethink your mistaken beliefs about adoption—it IS an act of kindness, and it's done with love.

Losses by elderly gamblers can be devastating

The Providence Journal-Bulletin

It's not yet noon at the Foxwoods Resort Casino in Ledyard, Conn., but already the throng of gamblers from Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island is inside the casino, adorned with a few bottles of champagne or machines whir as players or many of them elderly—job at banks of flashing buttons. Some peep through thick glasses at the flashing symbols. One woman rests a crutch against a Double Diamond machine.

Olga Mazzoni, a gray-haired woman from New Britain, Conn., used to gamble more often, before she broke her hip. Now, she moves slowly from machine to machine, resting on a crutch and find one where "I'll win," she says.

For years, researchers have relied largely on anecdotal evidence to paint a picture of gambling and the elderly.

But a new study by a Westerly, R.I., woman suggests that the dramatic increase in legalized gambling may have a devastating financial and emotional effect on some of the nation's elderly.

The study—already hailed by some in the industry as a first step in understanding gambling and elderly people—is the work of Linda Bradley, a University of Rhode Island student seeking a master's degree in marriage and family therapy.

With financial help from the Connecticut Council on Aging, Bradley this summer mailed nearly 1,000 surveys to members of the Westerly Senior Center, less than 30 minutes' drive from Foxwoods, the state's largest casino. Of that amount, 235 responded.

"They constantly yearn for that activity because it makes them feel good. And that leads to problems. It's a major problem and it's growing."

—Olga Marzilli, gambler

who responded is 74. Most—more than 62 percent—are women.

- Just over half the gamblers surveyed have an income of \$20,000 a year or less. One in five have an income between \$5,000 and \$10,000.
- Almost 36 percent of those who gamble are widowed.
- A third who gamble do so because it's fun and exciting. But nearly 19 percent gamble for something else, or to escape boredom. And 9.5 percent gamble solely to win money.
- The money-for-gambling came from pensions (more than 31 percent) and Social Security (more than 20 percent).
- What the statistics show,

Bradley said in a recent interview, is that many of the state's elderly gamblers are living on fixed or modest incomes. As a result, they are the least likely among the nation's problem gamblers to be able to recover from a gambling loss.

"For some, the loss of even \$5 a week could have a negative impact," Bradley said. "Even more seriously, they could face the loss of their life savings and assets." At age 74, she said, "there's no time to recoup that by getting another job."

Even more troubling is the fact that, for many, a trip to the casino is a way to escape loneliness, the loss of a spouse, or an illness or infirmity, she said.

That's especially troubling given the large elderly population in Rhode Island, she said.

Others agree.

"It's a major problem, and it's growing," said Sabrina Marzilli, president of the Rhode Island Council on Problem Gambling.

"A lot of seniors have lost their spouses. They're a class where they're alone with their friends, and they feel good. It's a place where they can have fun," he said.

That's fine if they limit their

spending. But some can't, Marzilli said. "They constantly yearn for that activity because it makes them feel good. And that leads to problems. It's a major problem and it's growing."

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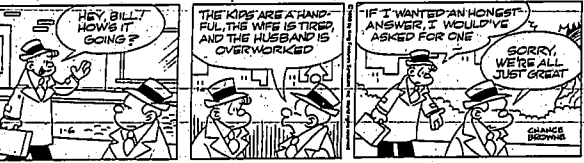
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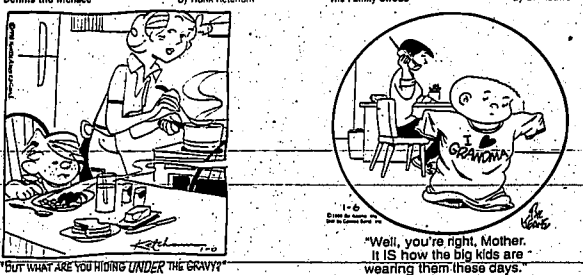


Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketcham

The Family Circus

By Bil Keane



Williams was a Navy SEAL

HOROSCOPE Sydney Omarr

Those who purport to know say the best computer programs are written by one to two people, not by large teams of programmers.

All the fictional vampires are surely dead. Q. What did you like the show best? M: I like the show because it was an intelligence officer in the U.S. Navy SEAL.

Q. What's "his prime noctis"? A. A medieval tradition through which a lord had the right within his domain to sleep first with any bride on her wedding night. Q. How much would a one-hour therapy session with significant Freud have cost? A. The equivalent of \$8.10 in the early 1980s. Q. What do you mean "Native Canadians are different"? A. The Americans long known as Indians hunted on horseback, lived in long houses and teepees, built birchbark canoes, wielded tom-

WHAT'S WHAT? L.M. Boyd

backe planted Indian corn maize, puter, and wore feathered head-dresses. except for the California Indians. They did none of it above. A third of the people in Canada's Prince Edward Island claim Irish ancestry. When romantic interest starts between a man and woman, one is likely to say, "I want to know more about you." Our Love and War man says this is a peculiar utterance during a first dinner together. He also says an occasional literary lover at this point in the conversation might say, "And the doesn't recommend it at this early time."

ACROSS

- Commercial bill
- City north of Tampa
- Indian
- Small business vehicle
- 36 Grand
- 10 leader of orchestra
- 17 To all
- 21 ornaments
- 18 Rub it in
- 25 Muzzle
- 6 Carpenter's saw
- 23 Music systems
- 11 Spicy pepper
- 29 Orderly
- 32 Transportation
- 30 Imitation gold
- 31 Looseleads snowman
- 34 Smacker
- 35 Water damage
- 37 Deceitful
- 38 Triangles up against
- 39 Ropae
- 40 Commandment
- 41 breakage
- 42 Falsa form
- 7 Canadian shape
- 10 Rusticiana lady
- 8 Up to now
- 9 Artist's seal with acid
- 12 Cat's choice
- 14 Devilish
- 15 Stripes
- 40 Stop in again
- 13 Impagine
- 55 Building front
- 56 One track
- 58 Activities
- 60 Dancer Astaire
- 61 Recumbent
- 62 Devour
- 63 Snipps
- 4 Fully full
- 64 Slightly shyly

DOWN

- 1 Slopes
- 2 Boat lift
- 3 Boat from cover
- 4 First bids
- 5 Examining and separate
- 6 Falls from
- 7 Canadian shape
- 8 Rusticiana lady
- 9 Up to now
- 10 Artist's seal with acid
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- 15 Stripes
- 16 Comparison phrase
- 17 Encouraged
- 18 Rub it in
- 19 One track
- 20 British balls
- 21 Dance in a diplo time
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- 27 Swole
- 28 July
- 31 Alternative
- 32 Mop
- 33 Pigments
- 34 Recumbent mammal
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- 37 Soles of tennis
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Monday's Puzzle Solved

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CANCER (Jan. 21-22): Those who miss one eye in a dream, awaking, recent bruise, result of betrayal, is healed. Focus on direction, mental, serious relationships, let go of change of marital status.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Highlight: diversity, entertainment, educational pursuit. Easy involvement philosophy, mysticism with humor. You'll be complimented on appearance, fashion, artistic knowledge.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Mechanical device requires repair pronto. Partner insists on reviewing, accounting procedures. He's doing "I'm not saying you're cheating, but let's have a look-see." Scorpio invades.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Pall of routines dissolves; be open to adventure, romance. Avoid self-criticism, maintain position promotes creativity, sensuality.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Scenario: dramatic, modest wisdom. Arise, Libra; serious consideration of where you live, marital status. Focus will be on making money, entertainment, benefits of interest rates.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You'll be reassured that love is reciprocal - don't permit green-eyed monster to tempt. Avoid self-criticism, maintain creative control, emotional equilibrium. You're creative, not just a pretender.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Go after what you want; material made things. You have no self-criticism, maintain business transaction ending, you prove your worth. What was immovable will move. You have no self-criticism, maintain creative control, emotional equilibrium.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Forces tend to be scatter-plot; maintain sense of humor and the ridiculous. Journey could involve two countries - focus on good will style, business wisdom. Arise, Libra; are in picture?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): New deal; promotes product, talent. You'll say, "This is some exciting Tuesday." Avoid showing love - you're not in love. You have no self-criticism, maintain creative control, emotional equilibrium.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Frank Sinatra will be honored with a special American Music Award...



Imelda Marcos



Frank Sinatra

Among past recipients are Elvis Presley, Ella Fitzgerald and Michael Jackson.

Wearing dark glasses and clutching a bouquet of roses, Imelda Marcos returned home to the Philippines on Monday after treatment for former glaucoma in the United States.

She said she may need to go back to Boston so doctors can check the results of her treatment.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Her twin brother, Crispian Jones, was in a hospital Monday after falling ill at the Grand Ole Opry House.

Ferdinand Marcos thanked the Philippine Supreme Court for overturning a travel ban.

NEW YORK (AP) — "L.A. Confidential" was named the best movie of the year by the National Society of Film Critics.

The banjo-playing 84-year-old felt dizzy after his second show Saturday night and was taken to the hospital by ambulance.

Mrs. Marcos, 68, said she received laser treatment in both eyes and was operated on at a private clinic for a "clogged optic nerve."

Curtis Hanson, director of the dark thriller about corrupt cops in the 1950s, was honored as best director Sunday by the group of critics from 48 newspapers and magazines.

Baptist Hospital said Jones was in stable condition but on intensive care unit. The hospital gave no further details.

It was the first time she was allowed to leave the country since she was convicted of graft in 1993 and sentenced to up to 24 years in prison. Now in congress...

"Kundun," director Martin Scorsese's drama about the early years of the Dalai Lama, was honored for best cinematography, and "La Promesse," a Belgian tale of a rebellious 15-year-old boy for best foreign language film.

Several other groups, including the New York Film Critics Circle and the Los Angeles Film Critics Association, have cited "L.A. Confidential," which stars Kevin Spacey and Kim Basinger.

The Washington Post

Dreams are often filled with strange images that trigger strong emotions. Now, new research offers clues about how and why.

while sleeping. During rapid eye movement (REM) sleep, when most intense dreaming occurs, activity occurred in the more primitive parts of the brain like the limbic system, which is known to mesh large emotions and long-term memories.

NEW-YORK (AP) — George Segal doesn't want to hear the word "hit."

At the same time, areas like the prefrontal cortex, involved in "higher-order" mental processing, remained completely shut down, according to a report in the Jan. 2 issue of Science.

Anthropologists discover false tooth

The Washington Post

George Washington may be the most celebrated historical figure in the United States, but apparently was far from the first.

of the first century A.D. and was buried in a 14th-century Roman grave near the present-day city of Essonne, France.

Now, he's visible all over with a show that has built a solid fan base.

French anthropologists have found the remains of a metal tooth that may have been used around 1,500 years ago.

The wrought-iron false right upper molar is believed to be the earliest documented artificial tooth. It was made of a single piece of metal and is 100 percent successful, fully functional dental implant. Its owner was a 30-year-old man who died around the end of the first century A.D. and was buried in a 14th-century Roman grave near the present-day city of Essonne, France.

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TWIN FALLS - The Lazy J Homeowners will meet at 1 p.m. Wednesday.

TWIN FALLS - The Falls District of the Snake River Council Boy Scouts of America will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at the scout office. For more information, call Bob Daniel at 735-0865.

TWIN FALLS - The Diabetes Center Foundation is sponsoring an IDEAL Youth Skating Party from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at Skareland on Kimberly Road. Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP before Friday by calling Ann Ryboes at 733-3700, Ext. 174, or 324-7316, or Barbara Holloway at 736-8336. In the Burley/Rupert area, call Melinda Keurti at 532-4500 or 431-4501.

WENDELL - Wendell High School's Winter Homecoming is under way. The theme is "School Spirit." Activities are planned throughout the week. Everyone is encouraged to attend the games and show "School Spirit."

A snow queen and king will be announced from names selected by each class. Candidates are seniors Dave Brown and Stacey Briggs, juniors Justin Hougland and Jamie Stande, sophomores Joe Rieker and Jalya Kaufman and freshmen Rich Lary and Eliana Vega. Boy's basketball vs. Declo starts at 4:30 p.m. in Wendell.

JEROME - The Jerome Chamber of Commerce will meet for a chamber board luncheon at noon Wednesday in the conference room at Con Paulos Auto Dealership on South Lincoln.

SHOSHONE - The Desert Sun Dancers Square Dance Club will meet Friday at the Masonic Hall on West B Street. Rounds begin at 7:30 p.m., with squares following at 8 p.m. Bring finger foods. For more information, call 886-2808 or 886-2510.

GOODING - A flea market is planned for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday at the Gooding Senior Center, 308 Senior Ave.

BURLEY - Dr. Jack C. Zarybaisky, Dr. Delbert Oman and Dr. Robert M. Wilkes, Mt of Burley Eye Care Center are donating free eye examinations for eligible, low-income workers and their families who have no health insurance.

Interested individuals should call 1-800-766-4666 (VISION USA) before the end of January to be screened for eligibility.

RUPERT - Free blood-pressure checks sponsored by the Church of Christ are being offered from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at the church, located on Fourth-South and H streets.

BURLEY - The Mini-Cassia American Association of Retired Persons will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Golden Heritage Senior Center, 2421 Overland Ave.

RUPERT - The Mini-Cassia Chapter of the American Red Cross will offer a free Introduction to Disaster Services class at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at 707 F St.

HEYBURN - Dancing at the Spanbauer Barn in Jerome is the destination when the Mini-Cassia Singles meet at 7 p.m. Saturday to carpool from 1500 W St.

The Times-News

KING HILL - One by one, the children of Glen and Thomasee McLeary were sneaking pictures out of the house.

"I was looking for a picture to show a friend of mine holding a sack of potatoes and couldn't find it," Glen McLeary said. "My daughter said her husband was teaching her how to scan photos on the computer, and gullible me, I believed her," said Thomasee McLeary.

But just about the time the McLearys started to get suspicious, the mystery was revealed.

For their 50th wedding anniversary,



For information on the National Patchwork Association, see the Times-News online.

Go to www.magicvalley.com and click on NewsLink

McLeary's six children sent them on a trip to Branson, Mo., and presented them with a quoniam quilt featuring pieces of their life.

"At first we said it would be a wall quilt," said daughter Sarah Lorenz. "We had trouble narrowing it (the photos) down."

"The idea came from daughter' Glenn." "She is our artist," Thomasee McLeary said.

"Everybody sent pictures," said Lorenz. "It was a combined effort."

After collecting photos from their parents and from their own collections, the sisters took them to Kinko's. Kinko's makes reverse copies of negatives, resulting in an iron-on to be transferred onto a muslin fabric.

To use the photos, the sisters found reprinted copies of antique fabric.

"My youngest remembered a piece I had on an old quilt that was done a long time ago," Thomasee McLeary said.

"The biggest challenge was organizing the pictures," said Lorenz. "We got a book at a quilt store that said how to piece it. We just started with the middle and worked our way out. We put the pictures on a big banner board on a wall and stuck the pieces on it. The biggest one on a row decided how big the row would be. It was done in three days. We made an



Glen McLeary holds up the quilt his children made in celebration of the 50th anniversary of his marriage to Thomasee.

assembly line and just went to it."

Lorenz was joined by her sister Thomasee Blevins in the sewing and the quilting was done by a woman who owns a quilting machine in Lorenz's hometown.

"We would have waited another five years if we had done it by hand," Lorenz said.

In the center of the quilt is a copy of Glen and Thomasee's marriage certificate, dated Oct. 30, 1947.

Retired during the years when they first met, Glen McLeary is to the right of the marriage certificate and Thomasee McLeary is to the left.

At the center of the quilt, then, takes a journey through the McLearys' life with pictures of their children, their farm, their home and their grandchildren.

Glen and Thomasee McLeary raised six children, four girls and two boys.

According to Glen, they all turned out real good.



Wendell American Legion commander Vi Slogowski, Mayor Owen Rost and Farmers National Bank officers Walt Nelson and Jerry Martin unite at the bank where the legion pledged \$500 toward a new traffic light for the city of Wendell.

American Legion donates funds for new traffic light

By Steve Koehler Times-News correspondent

WENDELL - Wendell needs a stop-and-go traffic light at the intersection of Main and Idaho streets, and the Wendell American Legion has pledged \$500 toward a fund-raising effort to pay for it.

Last October, Mayor Owen Rost reported to the City Council that the Idaho Transportation Department said there is now sufficient traffic along State Highway 46 in town, Idaho Street, to justify a traffic light at the Main Street intersection. The intersection now has a caution-and-stop light.

Since then, police have reported that traffic has increased on Shoshone Street, part of which passes through a residential area, as motorists seek to avoid the congested intersection.

Wendell School District superintendent Larry Manly said the stop-and-go light would facilitate bus travel because the morning traffic is heavy.

"I think it light there is highly desirable," Manly said. Rost said the city would bear one-fourth the light system's cost with the

state paying the remainder.

Total cost for the project could be \$250,000, said Devin Rigby, Transportation Department district engineer in Shoshone.

Rost said the state transportation board will meet in February to address the matter and reach a decision in August.

On Dec. 18, The Wendell American Legion pledged \$500 toward the city's portion of the expense. The pledge went into a new traffic light account at Farmers National Bank.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the fund should make checks to the "City of Wendell."

Ethel and Louis Gorman will jointly chair a traffic light fund-raising committee. They welcome volunteers to join the committee which will meet to decide how to raise money. Ethel Gorman may be reached during the day at Wendell High School, 536-2100, or in the evening at home, 536-2910.

Times-News correspondent Steve Koehler may be reached in Wendell at 536-2545.

CLUB PROFILE JEROME CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Members of the Jerome Chamber of Commerce are, back row from left, Bonny Ross, board member; Dennis Moore, board member; Rick Bernsen, president-elect; Kent Lee, treasurer; and Neil Allen, board member. In the front row, Laromna Blom, board member; Lauri Kaufman, executive director; and Melinda Bann, board member.

Purpose: To provide leadership, organization, support and a vision for the future. To serve as a catalyst, creating an economic partnership of business and professional people through education, information and positive attitudes for the benefit of the community. Goals of the chamber are to promote and market Jerome and the Magic Valley, require appropriate and effective service from the government through Chamber participation, communication and education, to develop new partnership for successful services and events, develop and maintain a strong and effective organization, involve and build an active membership, provide beneficial services to members and have fun.

Meets: At noon the second Wednesday of the month at various Jerome restaurants.

DUES: Timpani, retired, \$50. Individual or nonprofit, \$75. Agricultural, sole proprietorships or small business, \$125. Medium business (6 to 19 employees), \$175. Large business (20 or more employees), \$275. Corporate business, \$325. Membership dues are tax deductible.

Major Projects: Publishing a business directory and newsletter, developing a Jerome Chamber of Commerce web site, promoting Jerome through use of media and billboards, working with government agencies, providing "Welcome to Jerome" packets, assisting with grand openings and ribbon cutting ceremonies for new businesses, conducting "business after hours" social and business promotion events, sponsoring educational seminars ranging from new legislation, how to market a business, team development, telephone etiquette, and use of human resources, assisting in community and business development efforts and long-range community action plans. The chamber also works to link schools with companies, assisting in community and business development efforts and long-range community action plans. An information center, located at 101 W. Main, Suite 86, is also run by the chamber.

For more information, call: 208-324-2711.

Profile your club

The Times-News would like to profile your organization. Send your information along with your name, a photo and your phone number to April Cunniff, Community Editor, P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83301.

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COMMUNITY

Donations help club continue to grow

TWIN FALLS—The Boys & Girls Club of Magic Valley recently received a \$1,868.72 donation from the Junior Club of Twin Falls. Funds were raised at the Junior Club's Turkey Shoot in November. The gift was awarded to the club at the new Boys & Girls Club site on the College of Southern Idaho campus. This amount was approximately three times the original amount pledged of \$500.

The completion of a two-year study conducted by public/private ventures, a national association of organizations that seeks to improve social policies and programs, measured the effectiveness of three of the country's largest voluntary youth service organizations with a mission and history of promoting healthy childhood and adolescent experiences. Boys & Girls Clubs of America, Girls Incorporated and YMCA.

"This study statistically validates the belief that organizations like ours make a difference in the lives of children, teens and their families," said Kristin Patton, executive director of the Boys & Girls Club of Magic Valley. "We have been a safe haven where the children of Magic Valley can have fun, develop leadership skills, forge positive relationships with adults and more. This study is important because it shows that reliable research from Boys & Girls Clubs can make an important difference in the lives



The Boys & Girls Club of Magic Valley recently accepted a check from the Junior Club for \$1,868.72. Pictured are, from left, Neva McGregor, Connie Albrecht and Karlan Toolson.

of young people. The Boys & Girls Club is a sound investment for our community which is striving to improve the lives of our youth. The Boys & Girls Club would like to

extend a special thanks to the Junior Club, the Twin Falls Garden Club, their board of directors and wives for making the Turkey Shoot such a success for children.

NATURE'S BEAUTY



Evan Aardema, right, watches as teacher Verna Sharretts, left, holds a monarch butterfly. Students at Immanuel Lutheran collected monarch caterpillars from milkweed and brought them into their classroom. The students watched as the caterpillars grew and spun themselves inside chrysalis. Then they waited for the butterflies to emerge from their cocoons. Some facts they learned were that the monarch butterfly weighs no more than a paper clip but can fly over 1,000 miles. Monarchs gather by the millions on the Monterey Peninsula, Calif., from October through March. They can be seen in clusters on various Pacific Grove trees in the area. These trees are so popular with the butterflies they are known as the 'Butterfly Trees.' The monarch lives less than a year.

COMMUNITY

EVENTS

Homeowners to meet

TWIN FALLS—The Lazy J Homeowners meet at 1 p.m. Wednesday. Magic Valley Regional Medical Center will present its LifeLine program. Refreshments will be served.

Skating party scheduled

TWIN FALLS—The Diabetes Center Foundation is sponsoring an IDEAL Youth Skating Party. The party is on Saturday at Skateland on Kimberly Road. A snack and information break will be at 11 a.m. Bring your meters and a liability release from a parent.

Children and youth with diabetes will be admitted free. Admission for family members and friends is \$3.50 with treat or \$2.50 without. Skates are provided. An Old teens who would like to serve as mentors for the younger children are encouraged to come along.

Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP before Friday by calling Ann Bybee at 733-3700, Ext. 174, or 324-7316, or Barbara Hopway at 726-8336. In the Burley campus area, call Melinda Koenig at 532-4500 or 431-4501.

Council sets meeting

TWIN FALLS—The Falls District of the Snake River Council Boy Scouts of America will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at the scout office.

For more information, call Bob Daniel at 735-0865.

EVENTS ELSEWHERE

Free eye care available

BURLEY—Dr. Jack G. Zarybnisky, Dr. Delbert Oman and Dr. Robert M. Wilkes Jr. of the Burley Eye Care Center are offering free eye exams for low-income, low-income workers and their families who have no health insurance.

Interested individuals should call 1-800-764-466 (VISION USA) before the end of January to be screened for eligibility.

These Burley optometrists are volunteers for Volunteers in Service to Our Nation, a nonprofit, tax-exempt charity developed by doctors associated with the American Optometric Association. The program began as a pilot project in Kentucky in 1985 and spread to other states. Most states have a program during the annual "Save Your Vision Week" in March, but the Burley doctors will conduct exams in February.

An estimated one million low-income families nationwide cannot afford insurance or the cost of ordinary eye care. Eligibility requirements include being a resident in an area of a household with one member working at least part time, having no insurance that covers eye examinations, having an income below an established level based on household size and having not had an eye examination within the past 24 months.

Checks test health

RUPERT—Free blood-pressure checks sponsored by the Church of Christ are being offered from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at the church, located on Fourth South and H streets.

Retired persons meet

BURLEY—The Mini-Cassia American Association of Retired Persons will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Golden Heritage Senior Center, 2410 Overhill. Meeting is guest speaker Jeff L. Cole, Burley Post-

master since May 1994; will speak about the new post office. Before moving to Burley, he graduated from Highland High School in Pocatello and worked for the postal service in Pocatello, Rexburg and Idaho Falls. He has four children ranging in age from 16 to 18.

Red Cross offers class

RUPERT—The Mini-Cassia Chapter of the American Red Cross will offer a free Introduction to Disaster Services class at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at 707 F St.

The course is a prerequisite to disaster service training. It provides a behind-the-scenes look at the impact of disasters on people and communities and the role of the Red Cross volunteer in prevention, preparation, response and the aftermath of disasters.

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer is encouraged to attend. For more information, call 436-7339.

Singles meet to dance

HEYBURN—Dancing at the Spanbauer Barn in Jerome is the destination when the Heyburn Singles meet at 7 p.m. Saturday to carpool from 1901 W St.

Cover charge is \$5 for dancing. The group is not affiliated with any church and is geared for singles ages 20 and older.

SHIBA give information

BURLEY—The Senior Health Insurance Benefits Advisers will be available by appointment at the Cassia Regional Medical Center.

SHIBA is a free public service of the Idaho Department of Insurance and the CRMC volunteers.

The program provides information on Medicare, Medicaid and other related programs and counseling and assistance about physician's limiting charges, open enrollment, the 10 basic plans and other aspects of public and private insurance.

Volunteers are trained to counsel seniors on what kind and how much insurance is needed and assist in finding the best coverage. They will assist with Medicare billings, serve as a liaison with Medicare and help with Medicaid applications.

To schedule an appointment or for more information, contact Geri Alejandro at 677-6526.

Winter celebration set

WENDELL—Wendell High School's Winter Homecoming is under way. The theme is "School Spirit."

The pep assembly will begin at 1:45 p.m. Friday, also known as Blue and Gold Day. The community is invited. A snow game and singing will be announced from nominees selected by each class. Candidates are seniors Dave Brown and Stacey Briggs, juniors Justin Hoagland and Jamie Standlee, sophomores Jeff Kiekerk and Jolyn Kaufman and freshmen Richy Lara and Eliana Vega. Boy's basketball vs. Declo starts at 4:30 p.m. in Wendell.

Saturday features the girl's basketball game with Hagerman at 6 p.m. in Wendell. The winter homecoming dance and karaoke night sponsored by the senior class will be held from 9 p.m. to midnight. The evening event is open to all students in Magic Valley high schools.

Lunch-time activities are scheduled for 12:10 p.m. each day with first, second and third-place winners receiving prizes each day. Prizes also will be awarded to the best-dressed student and teacher each day. On home-game days, students who dress up will have their photos taken in the gym. Three names chosen during half-time of the varsity game (winners must be present to collect prizes). Prizes also will be awarded to the spirited audience.

Chamber plans lunch

JEROME—The Jerome Chamber of Commerce will meet for a chamber board luncheon at noon Wednesday in the conference room at Con Paulos Auto Dealership on South Lincoln.

A special review of motivational speaker Randy Morgan is planned. The Jerome Chamber has been asked to hold a cooperative four-hour seminar with the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce with Morgan as speaker. Discussion will continue at the Jan. 14 board meeting at the Jerome Center.

Square dancers meet

SHOSHONE—The Desert Sun Dancers Square Dance Club will meet Friday at the Masonic Hall on West B Street.

Rounds begin at 7:30 p.m., with squares following at 8 p.m. Bring finger foods. For more information, call 886-2808 or 886-2510.

Flea market scheduled

GOODING—A flea market is planned for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday at the Gooding Senior Center, 309 Senior Ave.

Household items, soap, salad, homemade cinnamon rolls and beverages will be available for purchase. Individuals may rent table space to display and sell their wares.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Keene recognized

Joe Keeney, ninth-grade math teacher at Robert Stuart Junior High School, was chosen as Teacher of the Month for December by the Parent Teacher Student Organization. He was given a gift certificate donated by Mann Inc.

Orton earns degree

Orion C. Orton graduated from the University of Washington School of Dentistry on June 13, 1997, with a doctor of dental surgery degree. He is serving as a dentist in Italy. He and his wife and daughter will be in Sicily, Italy, for the next three years. Orion is a 1988 graduate of Twin Falls High School and the son of LuMar and Rosalie Orton of Twin Falls.

SENIOR CALENDAR

<p>Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center 616 Eastland Drive Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$2.50 for seniors. The cost is \$3.50 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.</p> <p>Wednesday Today: Fried chicken Wednesday Lasagna Thursday: Salad bar Friday: Chicken or fish Monday: Salisbury steak</p> <p>Activities Library, Pool Room, and Bargain Center with cards, games, color television, puzzles and movies. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.</p> <p>Wednesday Quilting Thursday Pinocle at 1 p.m. Friday Quilting Lunch Bingo. Saturday Super Bingo Sunday Dance from 2 to 5 p.m. Monday Quilting from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.</p> <p>Agelos Senior Citizens 310 Main St. N, Kimberly All dinners at noon. Suggested donation \$2.50. Wednesday: Salisbury steak Friday: Meat loaf Monday: White beans and ham</p> <p>Thrift shop open Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.</p> <p>Activities Today Ceramics at 1 p.m. Wednesday</p>	<p>Blood pressure checks Thursday Cruffs at 1 p.m. Friday Bingo at 11:55 a.m. Saturday Pinocle at 1 p.m.</p> <p>West End Senior Citizens Inc. 1010 Main St., Burli All meals at noon, Tuesday through Saturday 1 p.m. on Sunday and 5:30 p.m. on Monday. Thrift shop open every day from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Today: Hamburger casserole Thursday: Roast beef Saturday: Barbecue meatballs Sunday: Chicken Monday: Ham or sausage</p> <p>Activities Today Quilting at the center. Bingo from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday Exercise at 10 a.m. Thursday Quilting Bingo after meal. Evening meal and cards Friday Exercise at 10 p.m. Saturday Exercise at 10 a.m. Monday Exercise at 10 a.m. Evening meal and cards at 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Filler Senior Haven 222 Main St., Filer Dinners served at noon on Tuesday and Thursday and at 6 p.m. on Friday. Suggested donation is \$2 for seniors. Home delivered meals available each meal time. Today: Meat loaf Thursday: Roast beef Friday: Corned beef</p>
<p>Marge and Jack Skinner of Burli were the winners of the annual residential holiday decorating contest sponsored by the Burli Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association.</p> <p>Festive lights encircled the house, garage and trees. Next year, the Skinners will be able to participate in the master's division, which is reserved for past winners of the residential contest.</p> <p>Winners of the master's division this year were Chris and Gary Paulson at Kanaka Rapids Ranch.</p>	<p>She holds an associate degree in elementary education and currently enrolled at Boise State University.</p>
<p>Hillary S. Brown has been awarded a six-month internship at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla., beginning Jan. 20.</p> <p>Brown was selected from more than 50 applicants at Boise State University through a series of interviews. She will have the opportunity to attend many of the Disney Corp.'s leadership seminars and will be required to complete 45 contact hours while at the Walt Disney World College Program. She will reside on Disney property with 5,000 other college students from around the world.</p> <p>Brown is the daughter of Richard R. and Jacque Brown of Twin Falls, a 1991 graduate of Twin Falls High School and a 1996 graduate of the College of Southern Idaho.</p>	<p>Adam Wynant, son of George and Betty Wynant of Shoshone, has been selected to serve as a first-term legislative page in the second regular session of the 54th Idaho legislature. The announcement was made by Rep. Wendy Jaquet of Ketchum.</p> <p>Wynant will work five or six weeks under the supervision of the sergeant-at-arms. He will perform such duties as filing bills, delivering messages, running errands, making copies and assisting legislators and staff in numerous ways. He will learn the basics about our government as well as how the process works over time.</p> <p>Pages are hired on a political patronage basis. They must have a good scholastic record to be excused from school, and school work must be made up in the student's spare time. Students interested in the position for 1999 should call Jaquet this summer at (208) 726-5100 for an application.</p>

MARKETS

CLOSING FUTURES

Table of closing futures prices for various commodities including grains, beans, and oilseeds. Columns include contract name, price, and change.

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Stocks falter in run at new highs

NEW YORK (AP)—A key interest rate reached an all-time low, but stocks managed only scattered gains Monday as lingering worries undermined a run to record levels.

The Dow Jones industrial average recovered from a 52-point loss Tuesday to close at 7,978.59, but it suffered a 70-point gain that had put it above 8,000 for the first time in nearly a year.

Broad-market indicators also struggled, although the technology group managed some sizable gains despite a profit warning from Internet software maker Netscape Communications.

As the yield on the 30-year Treasury bond plunged to 7.3 percent in the morning, the Standard & Poor's 500 and the New York Stock Exchange composite index flirted with new highs. But the indexes suddenly pulled back with the Dow around midday.

The long-term bond yield, a benchmark used to determine the interest rate charged on mortgages and many other loans, had never finished a day below 5.7 percent, a record low.

Analysts said stock investors would likely remain cautious until they finally get some concrete answers over the next few days about how much the Asian economic crisis hurt company profits in the final three months of 1997.

Yet, the rise in the fourth-quarter earnings reports coming up and it keeps the market from going to new highs for now, said Joe B. Bland, chief investment strategist at Gruntal & Co.

Bonds rallied Monday as traders reacted warmly to a Saturday benchmark used to determine the interest rate charged on mortgages and many other loans, had never finished a day below 5.7 percent, a record low.

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