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Council soaks up water word

By William Brock
Times-News writer

Situation requires complex solution

TWIN FALLS—The city's top strategy to quench future demand for water eroded like a sand castle under a firehose Monday — and city leaders now concede there's a single, simple solution.

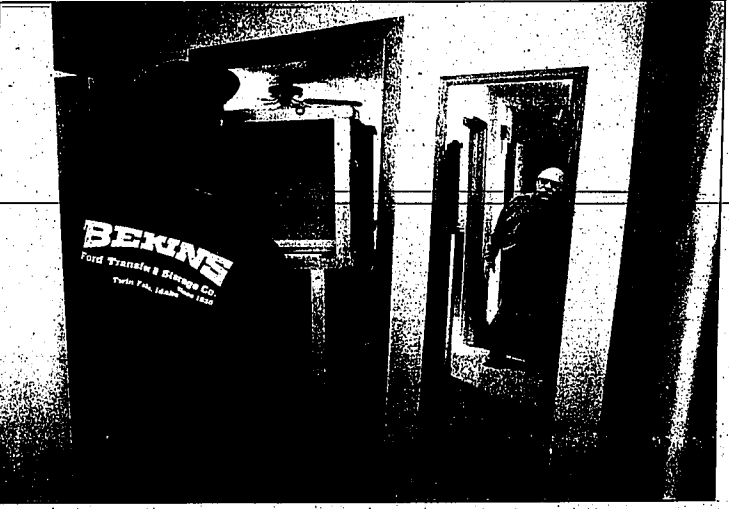
— a second set of underground pipes so homeowners can irrigate their lawns and gardens with water that isn't fit to drink. Higher water rates for residential and commercial users also are looming on the horizon.

brightened by a timely offer from the state's Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund for up to \$5 million. The state would charge a 12 percent interest over the 20-year life of the loan.

pressing upgrades to the city's water system — and reduce the water supply issue from a bill to a nuisance.

Idaho was a popular destination during 1997

By Pat Marcantonio
Times-News writer



KIMBERLY — Betty and Serge Azzolini haven't unpacked all the boxes at their new Kimberly house, but they feel right at home.

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Clinton will attempt to refocus nation



WASHINGTON — Facing a national television audience full of questions about his personal behavior, President Clinton will try tonight to steer the nation's attention back to Medicare, child care and what to do with an overflowing pot of federal money.

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President is expected to make only oblique references — if any — to allegations that he had sexual relations with a White House intern and then told her to lie about it.

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton appeared with President Clinton at a White House luncheon for after-school child care Monday, demonstrating her belief in the strength of her marriage. Story, Page A5.

Experts say teen-agers can learn from scandal

Fort Lauderdale, Fla. — The news about President Clinton's alleged infidelities is posing an awkward question for parents.

Dr. Daniel Castellanos, an assistant professor of psychiatry and pediatrics at the University of Miami School of Medicine, had to face the issue head-on when his 10-year-old son, Daniel, asked him, "What's all the commotion about?"

Dr. Castellanos skirted the lurid details of the scandal's accusations while using the moment as a springboard to discuss their own family's values. He recommends that other adults try to do the same.

Attorney general's opinion starts abortion battle

BOISE — Armed with an attorney general's opinion that said there are some constitutional problems with Idaho's abortion laws, anti-abortion advocates started revising their proposed bill on Monday.

Legislature

Lance met with legislative leaders Monday morning, then released a 20-page opinion on three anti-abortion proposals.

Dennis Mansfield, executive director of the Idaho Family Forum, a conservative Christian coalition, said he will meet with other sponsors to revise the abortion bill based on Lance's review.

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Court to review phone deregulation

WASHINGTON (AP) — The fate of telephone deregulation into the next century shifted to the Supreme Court Monday.

The court agreed to decide whether the federal government or the states should play the dominant role.

Court officials said the dispute will not be handled until the court's 1998-99 term, which begins in the fall. No decision is expected until sometime in 1999. Until then, analysts don't expect an impact on phone customers or companies.

The cases at issue involve who will control opening the \$100 billion, local telephone market to

competitors — something sought as part of a 1996 telecommunications law.

They arise from a series of decisions by the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals last year.

The most important decision, issued in July, said the Federal Communications Commission has no authority to tell local phone companies how much they can charge competitors to hook into local networks. Potential rivals need to do this to offer competing local phone service.

The court ruled that such pricing authority resides with individual states, not the FCC. The FCC and long-distance com-

panies AT&T and MCI want the Supreme Court to overturn the lower court's ruling and have pleased the high court "decided to hear the case. They argue that a state-by-state patchwork of pricing policies discourages local phone competition and delays the day when telephone customers, particularly residential ones, have the same widespread choices for local phone service as they now do in long-distance."

A uniform, national pricing policy, they argue, makes it easier for local phone competitors to break into the business and ensures that local phone competition comes more quickly. In theory, such com-

petition would lower local phone prices.

State regulators and local phone companies, including the regional Bells, want to preserve the lower court ruling. They argue that states are in the best position to adopt pricing rules because they know their local phone markets and their phone customers' needs.

"Different parts of the country have different realities in terms of costs to provide service and the federal government should respect the jurisdiction and judgment of the states," said BellSouth's associate general counsel, William Barfield.



A teenage victim, left, and her mother stand in front of the former home of Walter Booher in Ford City, Pa., Wednesday. The teenager was one of seven who claimed they were raped by Booher over a three-year period.

Rape victims' parents say 'don't blame us'

FORD CITY, Pa. (AP) — Mistifs in a derelict town; seven teenage girls used to hang out at the home of a man who allowed them to smoke, drink and watch scary movies like "Rosemary's Baby" and "The Exorcist."

The freedom came at a high price. For three years, they say, they were raped and molested by the man, Walter Booher, who threatened them with black magic and Mafia reprisals if they told anyone.

Booher, 47, is a seedy, big-bellied man who eked out a living mowing grass and umpiring Little League games, was charged with 334 sexual offenses. Last week, though, he struck a deal with prosecutors and pleaded guilty to only five counts. The rest of the charges were dropped.

That angered the girls' parents.

Then they were even more enraged to hear the prosecutors suggest that they were to blame for not being more attentive.

"He threw his hands up," the mother said. "He said, 'Where were you as a parent?' He put all the blame on the parents."

The mother, whose name was withheld to protect her daughter's identity, admitted she might have done more.

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Teacher unions move closer toward merger

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's two largest teachers unions announced "substantial progress" toward a merger Monday in a joint statement that laid out what a new 3-million-member organization might look like.

Negotiators for the National Education Association and the American Federation of Teachers reached a preliminary agreement on a framework for merging after four years of stop-and-go talks.

"We are moving forward to present our members with what we believe is a visionary design for a new organization," said NEA President Bob Chase.

IF delegates of both unions approve the proposal at their separate conventions this summer in New Orleans, officials then would draw up a new constitution and the unions' members would be asked to vote. The merger could take place in 2002.

"There's still a lot of details to be worked out," one official cautioned. "This is not a done deal."

There are some stark differences between the two organizations' operating structures and interests, but by coming together they would create a massive new union.

Colorado GOP Schaefer retires

DENVER (AP) — Republican Rep. Dan Schaefer said Monday he has accomplished what he set out to do in his 15 years in the House and will retire in November.

"I remember the great Ted Williams-of-baseball-fame who hit a home run and ran the bases in his last game... then went on to other things," the 62-year-old congressman said in a statement.

The former educator and public affairs consultant did not say

what he plans to do next.

Schaefer was elected in 1983 to replace Jack Swigert, the Apollo 13 astronaut who died before he took office.

In Congress, the former Marine has concentrated on "energy issues," including restructuring the power industry, and on veterans' benefits.

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Astronaut gets skinpappy suit to fit properly

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — By loosening some straps, astronaut Andrew Thomas managed to squeeze his belated, stretched-out body into his skimpy Russian space suit Monday, guaranteeing his spot aboard Mir for the next 4 1/2 months.

Without a properly fitting suit for use in an emergency evacuation, Thomas could not have remained aboard the Russian space station. He would have had to turn around and come back to Earth.

"It fits the way it was supposed to fit to begin with," reported space shuttle Endeavour's commander, Terrence Wilcutt.

The 46-year-old engineer declared victory after adjusting straps in the armpits and around the waist of his tough suit.

"It worked out fine," he said. "I feel good about it."

Wolf, a 41-year-old doctor who flew to Mir last September, will be aboard Endeavour when it undocks from the station Thursday. He should be back on Earth Saturday, 125 days after roasting in orbit.

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Clinton marriage a puzzle

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dressed in sunny yellow and smiling, Hillary Rodham Clinton strode before the cameras with something to prove.

Her official topic was the importance of child care; the unstated one was the strength of her marriage.

As President Clinton fends off new allegations of infidelity, Americans' eyes are also on his wife. And she's not flinching.

The Clintons' marriage has baffled many ever since the couple first emerged on the national stage early in 1992. Clinton's presidential campaign was in turmoil after Gennifer Flowers' claims of a 12-year affair and other rumors of womanizing.

Six years ago Monday, the Clintons planted themselves side by side on a couch in an extraordinary TV appearance on "60 Minutes." They told Americans their marriage was solid even as Clinton all but acknowledged he had been unfaithful.

"It's hard when you're in public life to sustain a marriage," Mrs. Clinton said in that appearance, pleading for a "zone of privacy."

The ensuing years have shown just how difficult it can be.

Whispers about marital shouting matches and lamps thrown in anger have alternated with images of the couple cuddling in a hammock or dancing on the beach.

On Monday, the first lady made a very public show of support for her husband, appearing beside him at a child care event where he made his most forceful denial yet of the alleged affair.

Cameras whirred as she leaned over to whisper in his ear. Her demeanor also will be closely watched Tuesday night as she watches his State of the Union address from the congressional gallery.

Curiosity about their relationship is inevitable.

"I don't know anyone who's not thought about it," said Jean Bethke Elshain, a professor of social and political ethics at the University of Chicago. Americans may have understood Mrs. Clinton's forgiving attitude toward Clinton six years ago, she said, but they wonder how often she should have to excuse his behavior.

"The public perception of the Clinton marriage has always been that it revolves around power and governing," said Robert Schmalz, a professor of American studies at Notre Dame University. "And at its core, it is a very strong partnership in that regard."

Even in the White House, there are mixed opinions.

But, Mrs. Clinton's closest friends insist that through it all, this is more than a political partnership held together by a mutual appetite for power.

One former White House aide, speaking on condition of anonymity, recalls frosty times when there was a clearly distance between the two. "It's not a shoulder thing," that crops up in any marriage. But he is quick to add:

"I have been in a room with them in which I was uncomfortable because there was so much affection. I cannot tell you the number of times in which they held hands all through dinner."

Clinton's lawyers seek 'expedited' trial

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — President Clinton's lawyers asked a federal judge Monday to move up Paula Corbin Jones' sexual harassment trial.

They said allegations that Clinton had sex with a White House intern called for a "speedy resolution" of the case. Mrs. Jones opposed the move.

In a motion filed with the U.S. District Court at Little Rock, lawyers said the case has become so much of a distraction for Clinton to effectively run the country — even though the U.S. Supreme Court last May said it was proper for Mrs. Jones' lawsuit to proceed before Clinton left office.

They accused Mrs. Jones' lawyers and Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr of wanting "to destroy the president."

"The events of the last few days have shown that the higher court's confidence that this case could proceed without undue distraction to the nation's business was unfounded," the lawyers said.

"So too, was reliance on plaintiff's assurances that she would not seek to inquire into the defendant's conduct as president," they said.

Lewinsky accused of forging letter

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Lewis & Clark College officials encouraged an employee to give Whitewater investigators a document that was allegedly forged by Monica Lewinsky, a spokeswoman said Monday. The allegedly phony letter on school stationery was written to help someone Lewinsky knew continue receiving unemployment benefits. The Sunday Oregonian reported, quoting an unidentified source.

The newspaper also reported that Lewinsky, who attended the school from 1993 to 1995, bragged of having an affair with a married man.

College spokeswoman Jean Kempe-Ware said the school encouraged an employee who kept a

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copy of the letter to turn it over to Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr.

"I think it is fair to say that the employee believes that it may be an issue of forgery," Kempe-Ware said, although she refused to discuss the specific contents of the letter or identify the employee who kept a copy of it.

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Where are the Democrats when Clinton needs them?

WASHINGTON (AP) — In its current, unbridled state, President Clinton's political future will be shaped by the support he commands from congressional Democrats.

This far, at least, few of them have come forward with a forceful defense.

The party's top leaders in Congress, Sen. Tom Daschle of South Dakota and Rep. Dick Gephardt of Missouri, have yet to expand on brief statements they issued last week that stopped short of saying they believed the president.

"These are serious allegations, which the president has denied, and which deserve an investigation that should be conducted quickly and fairly," Daschle said in a written reaction to allegations that Clinton had sex with a former White House intern and urged her to lie about it.



Congressional Democrats, from second from left: Rep. Time Roemer, D-Ind.; Rep. Jim Moran, D-Va.; and Rep. Cal Dooley, D-Calif., walk down a Capitol hallway after a meeting with Vice President Al Gore Monday on Capitol Hill.

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts has proved an exception.

"I believe the president will be vindicated," he has said.

A part from him, Democrats have come up with a variety of ways to avoid saying whether they

believe the president. "I want to believe him," said Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts. Sen. Christopher Dodd of Connecticut was asked whether he believes Clinton's denial. "I think all of us do at this point," he replied.

Rep. John Lewis of Georgia, more robust than many Democrats, issued a statement Sunday that criticized Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr for conducting a "partisan, agenda-driven fishing expedition, with very little to show for it." This president has my support," Lewis said. In a curious postscript, he added, "As the Great Teacher reminded us: We have all sinned. For those without sin, let them cast the first stone."

Still, the polls thus far show continuing support for Clinton's job performance in office, and most

lawmakers aren't due in Washington until today, when Congress convenes at noon and the president delivers a prime-time State of the Union address.

After Clinton issued a fresh denial of the allegations Monday, Vice President Al Gore met privately with about three dozen moderate House Democrats and, professed his own belief in the president. At a session that had long been scheduled, he urged the lawmakers to show their support for the president and his agenda today, tomorrow night (when the State of the Union is delivered) and into the future, "according to one person at the session.

Some lawmakers, including Rep. Calvin Dooley, D-Calif., had afterwards, they "believe in the president," but others were more cautious. Rep. Jim Turner, D-Texas, told

reporters everyone was "waiting for the facts to come out." And Rep. John Tanner, D-Tenn., said of the allegations, "It's pretty obvious that if they're true it's one set of circumstances, and if it's not that's another."

The moderate Democrats constitute Clinton's political base in Congress. Three years of triangulation politics by the White House left many of the liberal rank and file on the outside on issues such as welfare reform and a balanced budget, and there is little reservoir of patience.

The weaker the president appears politically, the more they fear he will be forced to accept compromises with Speaker Newt Gingrich, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott and other Republicans. And that is the opposite of what they want heading into the 1998 election campaign.

Clinton draws sharp line of defense, strongly denies affair

WASHINGTON (AP) — Making a forceful bid to save his presidency, President Clinton Monday emphatically denied having a sexual relationship with Monica Lewinsky, the former White House intern who raised the stakes by offering to cooperate

with prosecutors in exchange for immunity. Sources said over the weekend that Ms. Lewinsky was willing to testify that she had an affair with Clinton. Such testimony would clash squarely with Clinton's statement and jeopardize his political future. Democrats and Republicans alike have warned that if Clinton is lying about the affair, he could be forced to leave office.

Clinton, silent on the matter since last Thursday, wasn't looking for wiggle room. "I want to say one thing to the American people," he said in extraordinary remarks. "I want you to listen to me. I'm going to say this again. I did not have sexual relations with that woman, Miss Lewinsky."

His unequivocal remarks set the stage for a "potential showdown

with the 24-year-old woman. Her attorney, William Ginsburg, provided Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr an outline of how she could help his investigation. Starr must now decide whether he wants to meet the terms. Ginsburg has said he was demanding full immunity for his client.

"The ball is totally in Judge Starr's court and Judge Starr has to tell us what he will do," Ginsburg said, jostled by a swarm of photographers and reporters as he made his announcement. His offer sent shock waves through the White House, coming one day before Ms. Lewinsky's scheduled appearance before a federal grand jury.

Ginsburg, who has negotiated with Starr's office for days, told reporters that Ms. Lewinsky "is getting stronger. She does not like

being isolated." Hours earlier, when Clinton delivered his dramatic 20-second statement, it buoyed his supporters and riveted attention on the woman whose voice was captured in audio tapes in which she described sexual relations with Clinton and efforts by him to deter her testimony in the Paula Jones sexual harassment case.

With his wife standing at his side, Clinton wagged his finger at TV cameras and declared: "I never told anybody to lie. Not a single time. Never. These allegations are false and I need to go back to work for the American people."

The scope of Ginsburg's formal testimony offer was unknown, including the critical question of whether Ms. Lewinsky was prepared to testify that Clinton urged

her to deny having an affair with him.

There is no timing back now. Bruce Buchanan, a political scientist at the University of Texas, said Clinton's statement "sounded pretty categorical to me. I don't see any wiggles words."

Clinton's legal team was searching Ms. Lewinsky's background for material to use against her if she becomes a cooperating witness.

Ms. Lewinsky told a friend she had an affair with Clinton but later denied the claim in an affidavit. She spent several hours Monday with her attorneys, both at her Watergate apartment and a law office.

Starr's team met into the evening to consider Ginsburg's offer and prepare to question witnesses today in front of a federal grand jury.

Friends say Chelsea copes well

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — In the latest sex scandal to hit the White House, there is no subject of greater interest to the media than Clinton's 13-year-old daughter, Chelsea, who is being examined in graphic detail.

But there is one name that has even the most scrupulous pundits to stop and stammer in embarrassed silence: Chelsea Clinton.

"I think everyone feels the way she is," said Les Gifford said on her television show Monday. It is the thought of 17-year-old Chelsea that elevates this scandal from dry facts to a painful, real-life ordeal. No one, however he feels about the president, can forget that he is also the father of a teenage girl who idolizes him.

Jesse Jackson was invited to the White House to watch the Super Bowl with the Clintons and a few Cabinet members. Sunday night, he spoke by phone for more than 15 minutes with the president's daughter, at college in California. "She has an inner strength and a maturity that is beyond her years," Jackson told the Associated Press. "Their family unit is very strong."

"She's fine," said Marsha Berry, a spokeswoman for the first lady. "From behind the veil of privacy that has surrounded Chelsea, the reports are that she is 'very, very strong' and handling the latest news-reports surprisingly well. Her father called her last week to say the allegations were true; his daughter responded by asking what she could do to help. She's been 'very supportive,'" a source said.

For the moment, her life is proceeding as normally as possible. She is attending her second quarter of freshman classes at Stanford University and will not be in Washington for the State of the Union address tonight.

She turns 18 on Feb. 27. Under Clinton's privacy policy, do not give out any information on individual students, but Chelsea has been spotted at Stanford and will not be unfazed by the handful of camera crews assembled in Palo Alto.

A car that brakes for Starr

The Washington Post

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EDITORIAL

Repeal term limits a piece at a time, if necessary

The nonsensical remnant of Idaho's term-limits law looks too big for our cautious Legislature to swallow whole. Very well. If tiny nibbles are all the Legislature can stomach, let the nibbling begin.

One bill before the Legislature would exempt county prosecutors from term limits. Another would exempt local school boards. Yet another would exempt all county officials.

If this keeps up, not much will be left of term limits. Good. The less left, the better.

They didn't get what they bargained for. Federal courts soon ruled that state voters can't limit congressional terms. Idaho's term limits suddenly applied to everybody except congressmen. Ridiculous.

So, Exempt school boards? You bet. They don't even get paid. Just filling the seats can be a challenge for small communities.

Exempt prosecutors? Sure. If a good lawyer wants to make a career of fighting the crime, why should the law force him to stop?

County officials? Yep. As long as voters can eliminate ineffective leaders at the next election, why force good ones out with an arbitrary time limit?

Of course, that same argument can apply to any elected official. Voters can re-elect or reject any incumbent. Term limits actually reduce the voters' power to make choices.

So toppling the whole law makes more sense than chipping away at it. But lawmakers are reluctant to repeal an initiative. Especially in an election year.

Too bad. An election year is the best time for it. If repealing term limits upsets the voters, the voters can kick their legislators out of office right away.

And if voters do that, they'll prove once again that they don't need term limits to help them remove offending politicians.



Criminalization of sex worries some critics

Informed citizenship in our great nation requires a certain flexibility. My favorite moment, so far, was hearing a scholar on CNN present a biblical exegesis of the theory that oral sex does not constitute adultery.

By that time, the scandal already had its own logo: "Crisis in the White House," just like the Gulf War and Dead Diana. As columnist Frank Rich of The New York Times put it, "All Men Are the Time." By the time we got to the allegations of the president's dried semen on a dress preserved by Lewinsky as a souvenir, even the most conservative seem to have concluded that there are some things we'd just as soon not know.

For a brief but heady moment, the notion that President Clinton would address us all during half-time of the Super Bowl game floated over our dazed eyes. What a country. What a ratings spectacular.

James Carville and the usual suspects fanned out on the Sunday talk shows, condemning the president's enemies with the vigor they deserve. But the real problem is not the president's enemies—it's his friends. Disappointed, disapproving, disbelieving and bitter, most of them have already concluded that it would be better if the president resigned.

I, for one, do not think the president's sex life has squat to do with his job after 30 years as a political reporter. I wish I could report some direct connections between marital fidelity and high performance in public office, but I've never been able to find one. Clinton's problems now are not and credibility, and built are gone. Listening to him talk the morning of Jan. 26 about an excellent after-school program for kids was just painful.

If he resigns in the next few days, he can leave a trail to an unscrupulous prosecutor and bad law, and perhaps



MOLLY IVINS

something can be done to fix both. If he drags out a techno-legal defense, it is quite not to be successful. Eviction Kenneth Starr trying to convince a Washington jury to convict the president for having consensual sex with an adult, which is what this sorry case comes down to, using probably inadmissible tapes illegally acquired and obvious entrapment for evidence.

The president's larger problem is not legal—it is political. Both trust and credibility are massively and probably irreparably damaged. He cannot lead the country.

In one of the most helpful takes so far, Jeffrey Rosen, a law professor at George Washington University, wrote in the Times of the "explosive collision of two novel, illiberal and dangerously unstrained areas of law: sexual harassment doctrine and the Independent Counsel Act. Together, they have created a constitutional crisis that confirms the worst fears of critics who have lamented the criminalization of sex and the criminalization of politics."

Rosen wrote: "Much of the problem stems from the ill-defined nature of sexual harassment litigation itself, which often spills out of control because civil suits lack the procedural protections necessary to guard the privacy of the accused and all others with whom he comes into contact."

For, for example, were the lawyers for Paula Jones permitted to go on a fishing expedition into the president's sexual history? ... In criminal trials involving se-

rious sexual allegations, like rape, courts scrupulously limit inquiries into the sexual histories of both the accuser and the accused. ... Confronted with questions about sexual relationships, it's not impossible to imagine that a man or a woman might be inclined to shade or deny the truth. Of course, lying under oath is never a trivial matter. But the instinct to conceal sexual indiscretions is, at least, entirely human, and it's not the kind of sin that we ordinarily associate with thunderous legalisms like "obstruction of justice."

Why, we should also ask, is Starr still here after four years and \$30 million spent investigating a 29-year-old Arkansas land deal? Why didn't the wrap that up years ago, and what does it have to do with sending six FBI agents and a pack of lawyers swooping down on Lewinsky in a hotel bar and keeping her for nine hours without a lawyer?

Justice Antonin Scalia, not normally one of my heroes, said in his dissent from the court's decision to uphold the Independent Counsel Act that special prosecutors are appointed to investigate a particular person and work their way backward to identifying a crime—unlike ordinary investigators, who begin by investigating a particular crime and then proceed to focus on particular individuals.

The House Judiciary Committee, packed with Republican zealots, is now free to begin its own investigation of the president's sex life, as Rosen notes, "armed with the rough force of subpoena power and unrestrained even by the relaxed rules of evidence that apply in civil trials." And he's trying to convince our best young people that going into politics is the highest form of public service.

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

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LETTERS

Stop bashing Dennis Maughan

I think it's time to stop bashing Dennis Maughan for doing something that any Democrat would probably have done, given the current political climate.

Dennis may have changed his political affiliation, but he hasn't changed his stripes. He is still a fine, fair, honest, caring commissioner. He still listens and pays attention to what people have to say. These things don't change.

What changes sometimes is the vehicle by which you choose to get your destination. In this case, he had to change from a fairly weak, undercapitalized party on a steam engine to a health, well-hoisted jet plane. I realize that the gut his party to quit crying about what it doesn't have and concentrate on what it does have. It makes more sense to find a qualified candidate to run for county commissioner rather than bashing the one on the seat. Had Dennis felt he had a supportive, winning team, he might have stayed aboard that steam engine.

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I read in the Bible today about this micro-nexus between the ruler and the ruler's belly. The ruler wanted a quick abortion but a friend and confidant convinced the ruler otherwise (thanks be to God). The friend, no doubt with a bit of divine intervention, pricked a place in conscience. A terrible liability could become an incredible asset—when entered instead of made war against. With a little faith, the balance sheet turns from red to black.

Did you guess who I'm talking about? Saul was about to snuff David, you know, King David, the guy who wrote all those Psalms. "Cause Saul thought he was a threat to the way Saul wanted to run his kingdom. Jonathan intervened and Saul had a change of heart. (You can find the ex-

ing details in Samuel 19:19)

What's so special about that? Well, on the precise anniversary of the institution of the American Neo-Nazi killing machine (Koo-va-Wade) the God-of-the-universe sees fit to define in the calendar of Bible readings for the Universal Christian Church an upbeat story about an abortion that almost happened. The special life was none other than perhaps the most famous person (outside of Jesus) in the whole of biblical history.

Don't know about you, but I think that's pretty neat of God. Better than the daily "horror" scope.

Reminds me, too, that in a semi-pagan nation such as ours that real change usually doesn't take place in the marbleized halls of Boise, but on the streets and in the coffee houses of

Twin Falls and Jerome and Hansen and Curry. Where real people talk to real people about real issues of life and death, one way or another.

PHIL ALTHOFF
Berger

Paula Jones' lawsuit should wait!

Both Democrat or Republican: Our president should not be subjected to a woman's lawsuit before he leaves office.

I think it is a disgrace to our country since this was supposed to have happened before he was elected. The judges were wrong to allow this lawsuit now. No wonder other countries have no respect for the United States of America!

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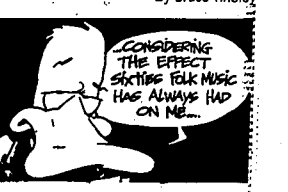
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IDAHO

Panel downplays college money woes

BOISE (AP) — A student body president, a recent graduate whose children are in college and a business leader gave the state's highest education system solid marks Monday.

Their report card potentially could undermine any campaign to divert more state support to the four schools.

"We're doing a very good job of delivering a quality education in a cost-efficient manner," Boise Cascade Corp. Vice President Ted Crumley told legislative budget writers. "The cost to students is relatively inexpensive and is not prohibitive."

University of Idaho student body president Jim Dalton of Jerome and Owen Sullivan, a teacher at Clearwater Valley High School who graduated from Lewis-Clark State College five years ago, agreed with Crumley and Boise State University Professor Charles Davis that improvements could be made.

But none was specific, leaving

members of the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee wondering.

"I think they missed an opportunity to identify some critical needs and make a case for them," said Republican Sen. John Hansen of Idaho Falls, a budget committee member and former chairman of the Education Committee who remains active in those issues.

The chairmen of the House and Senate budget panels renewed their commitment to "do the best for higher education."

But Senate Finance Chairman Atwell Parry, R-Mojo, pointed out that the panel presentation was intended as a chance for people involved in different aspects of higher education to offer criticism and they did not.

"That leaves the impression the system is functioning adequately,

he said, could well work against higher education when the state's limited tax receipts are disbursed.

"With it being in the back of our minds, if push comes to shove and money gets tight, it might make it easier for us to back away," Parry admitted.

"That could come into play over the \$12.5 million that the Board of Administration wants to squeeze out of the underground economy and lawmakers are leery of because of the two dozen extra tax collectors the governor wants to hire to do it.

In the budget for the year that begins July 1, the Board of Education asked for \$9 million in general tax revenue to finance new programs and upgrade existing ones. But Gov. Phil Batt asked that back to \$1.4 million.

Combined with cash for pay increases and inflationary adjustments, Batt's recommendation is still the largest increase in years in state support for the University of Idaho, Idaho State University,

Boise State University and Lewis-Clark State College.

Included in the board's budget proposal for education overall is \$1.5 million that Batt did not specifically recommend for special classes and programs targeted at what it termed the "unprepared and underprepared" for college.

Hansen and Democratic Sen. Bruce Sweeney of Lewiston, citing reports that 50 percent of the freshmen at the four state schools drop out by the second year, questioned whether students are being properly prepared by the public school system.

"It seems wasteful," Sweeney

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IDAHO LEGISLATIVE LOG

The Associated Press

For Monday, Jan. 26:

HB328 (Finance) — Makes an emergency \$21,000 allocation to the Revenue and Taxation Department.

HB1328 (Finance) — Makes an emergency \$69,100 allocation to the Agriculture Department.

SB1325 (Education) — Provides pay incentives to teachers certified by the National Board For Professional Teaching Standards.

SB1330 (Resources and Environment) — Imposes a late fee for filing water rights claims.

SB1331 (Judiciary and Rules) — Requires parents, stepparents, grandparents, step-grandparents, guardians and all others having care, custody or control of a child to report abuse.

SB1332 (Judiciary and Rules) — Includes drug trafficking among reasons the juvenile can be tried as an adult for.

SB1333 (Judiciary and Rules) — Revises law on the appointment of trustees.

SB1334 (Judiciary and Rules) — Provides for appointment of guardians when children are neglected, abused, abandoned, homeless or whose parents cannot provide a home.

SB1335 (Judiciary and Rules) — Expands the crimes for which a court can issue a no-contact order.

SB1336 (Judiciary and Rules) — Exempts from consideration for issuance of a protection order whether the respondent is in jail.

SB1337 (Judiciary and Rules) — Imposes intensified penalties on persons assaulting victim coordinators and probation officers.

HB329 (Education) — Authorizes Legislative Council to appoint a committee to study public school enrollment contracts.

HB505 (Appropriations) — Supplemental appropriation for Fish and Game Department including fund shift for Craig Mountain Wildlife Management Area.

HB506 (Education) — Requires districts with low achievement or budget deficits to report to Department of Education how they are going to correct the problems.

HB507 (Education) — Requires new teachers to have three semesters of instruction in phonics reading instruction.

HB508 (Education) — Requires at least 45 minutes daily instruction in phonics reading instruction in kindergarten and first grade.

HB509 (State Affairs) — Places new weight on expenditure of public funds by governmental agencies on election matters.

HB510 (Education) — Places time limit for county commissions to correct legal description of a school district's boundaries.

HB511 (Education) — Allows school districts to establish professional-technical schools.

Introduced in Senate

SB1326 (Finance) — Makes an emergency \$55,000 allocation for the Land Department.

City, county work on water issue

POCATTELLO (AP) — Mayor Greg Anderson is asking the city to pull back on its pending lawsuit intended to force Bannock County to clean up groundwater pollution in Fort Haul Canyon.

Anderson on Monday recommended the City Council ask the court to hold off scheduling action in the suit.

The city alleges carcinogenic solvents detected periodically in some of the municipal wells have flowed downhill from the coun-

ty's landfill in the canyon to the drinking water aquifer. As a result, the treated wells were shut down.

He said he is seeing progress in the county's efforts with the state Division of Environmental Quality to re-establish a time line for studying and possibly cleaning up the contamination.

Anderson said the suit will be pursued if the county does not meet deadlines and remediation steps.

Rare gull shows up

ABERDEEN (AP) — Hundreds of bird watchers from throughout the country are showing up at American Falls Reservoir to observe a Ross' gull that has made its first confirmed visit to Idaho.

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MIAMI (AP) — Julianne Prudhomme, the 5-year-old Caldwell girl who received five organs in a rare transplant 11 months ago, was released from a Miami hospital Monday.

A spokeswoman said the child was moved from Jackson Children's Hospital to a bed-and-breakfast about five minutes away and will still be closely monitored by doctors.

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Washington worries over influx of poor Idahoans

The Associated Press

Alarmed by stories of Idaho and Oregon welfare families crossing the border for public assistance, legislators in Washington state are rushing to provide broad police powers to fraud investigators.

The bill, which cleared the House, would create the Office of Chief Investigator, charged with cutting fraud in Department of Social and Health Services programs.

Armed investigators with the power to execute search warrants and issue subpoenas would help them crack down on people suspected of "ripping off the state," said Rep. Marc Boldt, R-Vancouver.

Welfare reforms launched last July make tougher fraud enforcement a necessity, he said. He fears Washington's benefits and its five-year limit on getting welfare are drawing poor families from neighboring states. Idaho and Oregon offer smaller welfare checks and

limit benefits to two years.

National studies show that poor families usually move to be near relatives or job opportunities. But that does not happen very often because of the expense involved.

There has been no statewide influx, Washington welfare officials say. So few northern Idaho families have made the short trip to Newport, Wash., that the welfare office there quit counting. Instead, welfare rolls are shrinking faster than anticipated.



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UP College of Southern Idaho CLOSE Pressured point

By Damen Clow
Times-News writer

SALT LAKE CITY - While her College of Southern Idaho teammates were chatting among themselves or staring blindly out the bus windows, Courtney Leybold was deeply engaged in a Sports Illustrated.

The article described the intensity of today's women's college recruiting system. Leybold, an avid reader, finished the seven-page article in the time it took the team to go from the Golden Eagles' game-day practice at Salt Lake Community College to their hotel a few miles up the road.

The best schoolgirl athletes have nearly all the opportunities that their male counterparts have and experience the same pressures. "Leybold silently took in.

Yada yada yada. She has been there and done that. Having turned 18 last October, the 5-foot-7 freshman point guard is the youngest on the team and is one Janie Ward away from being the smallest. But like Ward, she has the role of point guard, a position that imposes leadership.

Almost as impressive as her quickness and unselfishness on the court are her basketball pedigree and resume and the fact that Hollywood screenwriters had nothing to do with the writing of either.

Leybold comes from impressive athletic stock. Her father is a chief financial officer who played basketball at the University of Portland. Her younger brother is a talented multi-sport athlete at age 12. ("He thinks he's pretty hot," she said) and her 15-year-old sister "is a genius. She's in the same math I am."

Throw that family into West Linn, Ore. - a Portland suburb known nationwide for its girls basketball program - and you have the makings of a future star.

Tim Leybold coached his oldest daughter's Catholic school team in fourth and fifth grades and her AAU team in sixth and seventh grades, which included a trip to the national tournament in Florida.

At West Linn High School, Leybold reached varsity halfway through her freshman year. Her sophomore year featured a tournament in Japan, during which the island was rocked by an earthquake. The next year, her team took the consolation title at the state tournament, where she ranked second in assists.

Just before her senior year, the season toward which she and her four best friends - her teammates since the 8th grade - had longed looked forward as the season they'd finally beat nationally-ranked Oregon City, the family moved like it had done many times before.

"I was going to stay with my aunt and uncle and just go to school," Leybold said. "It turned out it wouldn't have worked out. We wanted to stay together as a family."

Despite having threatened to quit basketball if the family moved, Leybold played her senior season in Roseburg, three hours south of Portland. Without the West Linn caliber posts to catch her passes and put them in for points, her assist statistics began to drop. (The two West Linn posts now play at Montana State and Portland State.)

The colleges - Washington State, Portland, Santa Clara, Northern Arizona - had, for the most part, stopped calling. Having lost interest in basketball and determined to concentrate solely on academics, Leybold had already sent her deposit at the University of Portland when, on the day of her senior prom, she got a call from CSI coach Joel Bates.

"He said he saw me play - after my sophomore year at a tournament in Oregon City - and he'd been trying to get ahold of me," Leybold said. "He called my old school and they didn't know who I was. This lady who happened to walk by the phone heard my name and knew where I was." At first reluctant to go to a junior college, especially one far away from home, Leybold agreed to sample any literature Bates sent. After a campus visit, the family was hooked. They agreed it would be a great way for the incoming freshman to get her first two years of college education.

Returning to a nationally-ranked program has also given her back the interest in the game she had lost after leaving West Linn.

"I love it. I'm glad I made the decision I did," she said. "I don't have any regrets."

QUESTION AND ANSWER

1. As a point guard, what's the first thing you look for after an inbound pass?
"Any fast break opportunity. I love fast breaking. I want to make a good pass - that's why I'm here."
2. How has girls' high school basketball changed?
"There's a lot more pressure from parents and coaches. There was this girl (at West Linn) whose parents would sit up there and keep score. When I missed they wouldn't talk to my family because they felt my parents were taking me away from the team. When we still visit, they won't say a word to me. It's just getting way too serious. You're supposed to have fun."
3. What do you do in your spare time?
"I talk on the phone a lot. I was doing homework last night (on the team bus). I like to read, do crossword puzzles, talk with Shelly (roommate Kumi)."
4. What's the strongest part of your game?
"Passing. I'm sure everyone would say that. I can't shoot any more, and I'm not fast any more."
5. It's illegal to pump your own gas in Oregon. What's up with that?
"What's up with having to get out of your car and do it yourself? I thought it was weird when I came here and you HAD to pump your own gas. I never know how. The first time I did it, I drove off with the cap off and I lost it. I had to go buy a new one."

Rebounding and free throws

Golden Eagle men, women must improve on both

By Damen Clow
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - If there was only enough room in the CSI gymnasium, the men's and women's basketball teams could save time this week by practicing together.

Both teams have a share of the scenic West Athletic Conference lead with 7-2 records. Both are coming off a loss to Utah Valley State College, and both owe a large part of their struggles to free throws and inconsistent rebounding.



The men missed 10 free throws in each of the last two games for a 36-48.58 performance. Luckily for CSI in its double-overtime win over Salt Lake Community College and its one-point loss to UVSC, the two opponents combined for similar 38-of-57 free-throw shooting.

On the boards, the Golden Eagles were outrebounded 24-13 in the first half in Salt Lake City, but hit the glass harder after the break and finished with 44.

The Golden Eagle women (16-4, 7-2) shot 35 free throws in Oregon, making 22. The Wolverines out-rebounded coach Joel Bates' squad, 48-27, in CSI's 10-point loss.

"Our rebounding was unacceptable," Bates said. "It's a total commitment to put a body on someone, and it wasn't there this weekend."

The teams have a light week this week. Please see CSI, Page B2.

BE-DEVILING BLOCK



Hagman's Rochelle Barbite tries to get a shot off from close range, but is fouled by Tobee Jo Bell of Murtaugh during first half action Monday. The Pirates held on for a 54-40 Southvalle Conference victory over the Red Devils. For details on this game and other high school sports action, see Page B3.

Agassi falls in 5 sets

'Little Matador' strikes back against 'bull'

By Steve Wilstein
The Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia - For the first time, Andre Agassi played the role of the bull, snarling and charging and pushing around Spain's Alberto Berasategui.

Then the little matador struck. Working out of the far left corner of the court, holding that spot and refusing to yield for most of the next hour and a half, Berasategui wounded Agassi with punishing rallies before finishing him off with the strangest and perhaps most lethal forehand in tennis.

Agassi rolled over and out of the Australian Open on a chilly Monday night with a look of utter astonishment. What featured he a romp turned into a 3-6, 3-6, 6-2, 6-3, 6-3 loss to the 5-foot-9 conqueror of U.S. Open champion and No. 2 seed Patrick Rafter two nights earlier.

In another quarterfinal match, second-seeded Lindsay Davenport swallowed hard after losing the first set in 17 minutes, and began to develop a rhythm of her own, sending the ball deep into the corners, coming forward after them, and slowly, steadily carving out a 1-6, 7-5, 6-3 victory against 17-year-old Venus.

Berasategui is now a quarterfinalist, and he has done the promoters and TV folks no favors by knocking out the two most popular men in successive rounds.

"I just did not even consider it a possibility that he would be able to start controlling points," Agassi said. "That was kind of gnawing at me."

"His speed makes up for the real estate that he gives up. And he just started smacking the ball bigger. I can't get to his backhand, he's going to present all sorts of problems to you."

Agassi's coach, Brad Gilbert, couldn't believe what had happened: Berasategui had never come back from two sets down, and Agassi had rarely lost from that position.

"I wouldn't be shocked if it," Gilbert said as he rose from his court-side seat.

Agassi's wife, actress Brooke Shields, had just arrived in Australia, a long trip from home.

"He better win the whole damn thing," she said of Berasategui. "That's all I've got to say."

With only one seeded player on his side of the draw, Agassi saw a clear path to the final of the tournament he won on his first visit in 1995.

It certainly is disappointing because it was a beautiful opportunity," he said. "I felt like, geez, if I pick up my tennis one more level, I'm just straight into the finals. I gave up con-

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One day later fans ask: Will Elway be back?



Bronco fans line up as they wait to enter Mile High Stadium, the site of Monday's action to honor the Super Bowl champs.

By Dave Goldberg
The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO - Wishful thinking by Mike Shanahan and Terrell Davis, or an accurate reflection of John Elway's mindset?

The Denver coach and Super Bowl MVP believe their 37-year-old quarterback will return next season.

"I would really be surprised if he retired," Shanahan said Monday after a night of celebration.

Denver's 31-24 victory over Green Bay was the first for the franchise in five shots at the title game and ended the AFC's Super Bowl losing streak at 13. It also served as the centerpiece in Elway's brilliant career.

And he remained the focal point after what was probably the best Super Bowl ever - just as he was before the game in his bid to finally win the ring that had eluded him three previous times. The Broncos lost those Super Bowls (1987, 1988, 1993) by 1/2-point underdogs Sunday.

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Davis had his heroics - 157 yards on 30 carries and three 1-yard touchdown runs, including the winner with 1:45 left. But Elway - his quest fulfilled, his NFL future uncertain - provided the lasting imprint.

That was even true for his 8-year-old son, Jack, whom Elway carried on his shoulders into the locker room after celebrating on the field for half an hour.

"John's little boy got into the locker room and he started asking where the rings were," Shanahan said. "We had to tell him that it will take a few months to get them."

Elway, who has had a variety of injuries to his shoulder and arm, plans to take a few weeks off to think about his future, then talk to Shanahan and owner Pat Bowlen about a possible 16th season.

He is financially set, having netted approximately \$80 million by selling his seven Denver-area car

dealerships to Wayne Huizenga, owner of the NFL's Miami Dolphins, baseball's Florida Marlins and the NFL's Florida Panthers.

But Shanahan says Elway has considered retirement after the past three or four seasons. And his teammates believe - hope? - he will be back in his second straight title.

"I told him that he'd better not retire," Davis said.

Shanahan ended up making what sounded like a plea.

"Do you retire just because you won a championship?" he asked. "If he's playing in a competitive level, why not come back?"

As for the game, the main question concerned Green Bay's decision to take Davis score on second-and-goal from the 1 - instead of attempting a time-consuming goal-line stand. After the touchdown, the Packers had 1:45 and two timeouts to come back.

On Monday, Packers coach Mike Holmgren said he mistakenly thought it was first-and-goal when Davis scored on the second-and-

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SPORTS

SCORES AND STATS

Ex-champs brace for more losses

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Table listing girls' basketball games and scores.

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HOCKEY

NHL standings

Table showing NHL standings for Eastern Conference and Western Conference.

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The Green Bay Packers' Super Bowl loss may have just the beginning.

The Packers have six starters who are unrestricted free agents, including running back Dorsey Levens and cornerback Doug Evans.

Then, there's coach Mike Holmgren, who's made no secret of his desire to be a coach and general manager.

Green Bay offensive coordinator Sherman Lewis wants to talk about Dallas, and he got that chance on a two-hour meeting Monday morning with Cowboys owner Jerry Jones.

They met in a conference room at the NFL headquarters in New York City.

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IN THE BLEACHERS

By Steve Moore



"I can't take it anymore. If he gets in my face again, I'm gonna go. Sprewell on the guy."

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'97-'98 season will be ISU coach's last

POCATELLO (AP) — Idaho State basketball coach Herb Williams, with his team mired in a 5-13 season, announced Monday he will resign at the end of the season.

Williams, in his eighth year at Idaho State, had a 92-103 record entering this season. The Bengals lost their final game Saturday night to drop to 3-7 in Big Sky Conference action.

Idaho State Athletic Director Irv Croc announced earlier that he did not intend to renew Williams' contract after the current season.

Several Idaho State basketball players have gotten into trouble with the law the last two seasons.

CSI

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week and they start the second half of the SWAC season by facing conference travel partner Tennessee.

The last time men's coach Jim Thrash's team (19-7-7) beat the Chukwas was a 104-81 CSI win during the Golden Era.

"We're going to continue to try and pound the ball inside," Thrash said. "If we run our offense and execute it the way it's designed, we have no problem scoring 30 or 35 points."

CSI committed half as many turnovers as its guests, scoring 34 points off takeaways to TVCC's eight.

"We've struggled with turnovers," Thrash said of the recent road trip. "We've got to a better job of getting the ball to people when they're open."

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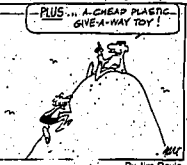
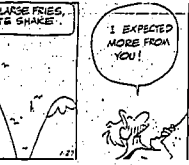
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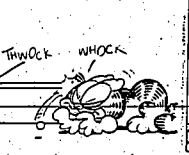
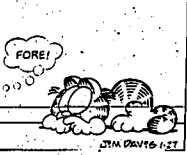
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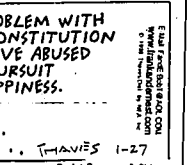
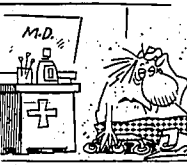
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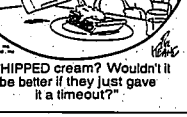
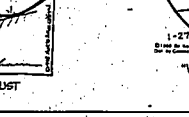
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Japan: Not many pass bar exam

In Japan, about 25,000 law graduates take the bar exams every year, and only about 700 pass. That's how the Japanese keep a lid on their national lawyer count. Saloons of yesteryear offered free lunches and just about all the free lunches were evenly matched. A mediocre executive, male or female, with a good secretary, male or female, is far more valuable to a company than a good executive with a mediocre secretary. So contends one seasoned job finder. No other pigment is as abundant as chlorophyll. Laws of the tiger beetle check sideways, not up and down. If you run across a bear in the wild, consider that it may be possible to calm down the big beast by talking reasonably to it in a normal tone of voice. So says a bear expert. Interesting. If true. Try it. Understand it even works better if you whisper in its ear. All volcanoes spew sulfur.

WHAT'S WHAT? L.M. Boyd

Surveys indicate "gold disposition" ranks No. 1 among those qualities needed for happy marriage. Unhappiest spouses, it's shown, are touchy over sensitive sorts given to chronic complaining. But our Love and War man asks, "What does marriage have to do with it? Aren't the complainers the unhappiest unmarried people, too?" Believe so. It was 48 years after Englanders developed vacuum canning (in 1810 "before" one "Ezra Warner" of Waterbury, Conn., invented the can opener. Necessity may be the mother of invention, but she was in labor overlong on this one, not to mention Add Uncredited "Net Lines": "You never really live to sweat until you learn to drive."

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Grid for Monday's Puzzle Solved with letters filled in.

HOROSCOPE Sydney Omarr

IF JANUARY 27 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are headstrong, inquisitive, a natural humanitarian and will fight when cause is right. Life without love is a life for you - because of this, you tend to attract those who prey on your idealism. Arles, Libra purges play important roles in your life, have these letters initials names: A and R. Current cycle relates to fresh start in new direction, invitation to be in force. July more memorable for you. Arles, Arles (March 21-April 19): You will be assisted by those who are friendly as loyal friends. It is crystal clear that you are not alone. Focus on public appearance, decision relating to marriage. APRIL (April 20-May 20): Make inquiries concerning money that may be due. Relative in transit has good news will contribute to you. Keep up-to-date regarding fashion. Gemini, Sagittarius persons play roles. APRIL (May 1-June 23): You practically are on top of ultimate goal. Focus is, don't stop now! Focus on diversity, exploration, willingness to revise, review and rebuild. Scorpio is in play. CANCER (June 21-July 22): Learn more about legal nuances - you have more than a few to talk to. Focus on publicity, cooperative efforts, partnership and marriage. Gemini will supply surprising role. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Family member expresses support, will explain, "I have learned more since last we talked." Attraction revolves around design, remodeling, color. Taurus, Libra, Scorpio in dynamic roles. AUGUST (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't pull punches. You have right to know where you stand in connection with career, romance. Element of deceptivity in play - protect self in close quarters. Pices, represent. SEPTEMBER (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Spotlight on building, production, successful utilization of friends as an order - expect surge of energy. Reward due in connection with entertainment, music. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): No need to carry a burden you were foolish to assume. Start over. Special study of language necessary in connection with legal, employment, relationship will sizzle. Arles involved. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Take serious note of limited class or office. Study outline of history. You'll be in a tight situation. You're in a tight. Leo will become powerful ally. Let go of status quo. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Individual who attempts takeover is in for rude awakening. Hold tight to copy right. Almost all by magic. Lament bully. Cancer native and another Capricorn play prominent roles. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You gain on leaders. What was promised last month will be delivered in elaborate fashion. Focus on advertising, public relations, promotion. Sagittarius plays top role. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Whales come true, almost all by magic. Lament position highlights ability to win friends and influence people - good fortune in finance, romance. Taurus, Gemini in scenario.

Whiteout: Officials are looking for ways to pay the high cost of clearing Howell Canyon road. Page C3

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AROUND THE VALLEY

TF sets county road speed limit at 50 mph

TWIN FALLS - Slow down. The Twin Falls County commissioners Monday set a speed limit of 50 mph on the county's 1,300 miles of road, unless otherwise posted.

When the state upped the speed limits on some Interstate highways to 75 mph in 1995, unposted county roads went to 65 mph. The new speed limit makes more sense on many county roads. Many rural roads are not suitable for high speeds - on some even 50 mph is too fast.

"It gives us a tool for enforcement to get people to slow down," said Capt. Dan Hall of the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office.

Driving too fast for conditions is a major contributing factor in more than a day old, he said. No matter what the speed limit, drivers still need to adapt to road conditions, Hall said. And in Twin Falls County, many paved roads became gravel with little warning, and farm animals can suddenly appear on the road.

The county's highway districts still have the authority to post different speeds where they deem it necessary. Most county roads are not posted, and the change will not require new speed limit signs.

Police continue search for abandoned baby's parents

JEROME - There were no breaks Monday in the search for the parents of an infant found outside a Mormon Church in Jerome, police Chief Jim Dahl said.

"We've still checked all the agencies around here that help with children," Dahl said.

The Caucasian girl - estimated by doctors to be not much more than a day old - was found Friday evening in a cardboard box atop a heating grate, Dahl said.

The box also held stuffed animals and a note saying, "Please help my baby, its future says I can't keep it," Dahl said.

Dahl said the infant was healthy Monday under the care of a Jerome foster family.

Old Towny becomes home of new city parks office

TWIN FALLS - The Parks and Recreation Department office has moved out of City Hall and into new digs. The new office is at 136 Maxwell Ave., now from the Old Towny Bridge over Rock Creek.

The office is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 5 p.m. For more information, call 736-2265.

Bill to fund vocational education clears first hurdle

BOISE - The House Education Committee Monday unanimously voted to introduce a bill that would fund vocational and technological classes in schools.

The bill's sponsor, House Majority Leader Rep. Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, said the bill would help schools that emphasize work training, such as those in the Magic-Cassia area and Blaine County.

The measure would initially cost \$400,000, and eventually cost about \$3 million yearly. Many of the offerings would focus on computers, and students would take the courses in lieu of classes.

In addition to state money, J.R. Simplot Co. Inc. of Heyburn and Ore-Ida Inc. have offered private funds "because they have specific needs that aren't being filled" locally, Newcomb said.

The bill is likely to return to the House Education Committee for hearings and debate.

Citizen vote would be result of legislative initiative

BOISE - Under a proposal sponsored by Rep. Jim Kempton, R-Albion, the Legislature could put issues to voters on the ballot, like a citizens initiative.

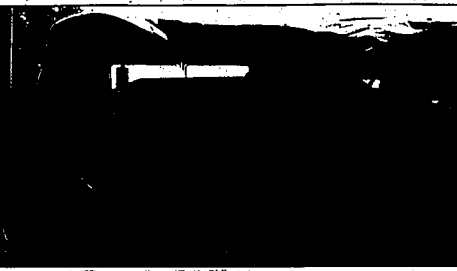
The idea sprang from a longstanding debate on whether lawmakers should pass a law to use sales tax revenues to help relieve property owners of their tax burden, Kempton said. Last year, Kempton favored putting the idea to voters through a referendum, but it was too late in the session to propose a constitutional amendment.

"Ultimately in cases like that I think you need to go to the people ... because it resolves it for once and for all," Kempton said.

The House State Affairs Committee last week unanimously approved introduction of the bill. House Joint Resolution 4. It will return to the committee for debate.

Compiled from staff reports

Oakley man dies in trailer fire



Leland and Marge Gorrings' home can be seen through the burned-out bulk of what used to be Guadalupe Lopez's home. The Gorrings made the 911 call that brought firefighters running to the small plot across from the high school.

Cigarette started blaze, officials say

By Kurt Friedemann
Times-News writer

OAKLEY - For the second time in less than a week Oakley firefighters were called out only in the morning to a fire that had engulfed a small silver trailer.

But unlike the previous fire, this one, next to Oakley's new high school, took a man's life.

Guadalupe Lopez, 59, died in the blaze that officials say may have started from a cigarette.

The 911 call came at 4:16 a.m. from Leland and Marge Gorrings' home, said Lt. Jim Higgins of the Cassia County Sheriff's Department.

"A passerby noticed smoke from the trailer," he said.

Marge Gorrings said her good friend Joe Schaeffer woke her up, pounding on her front door, saying the trailer across the street was on fire.

"He was in shock from the fire," Gorrings said. "He asked me to call 911."

Schaeffer then ran back across the street when he discovered someone was in the trailer, but he was unable to get inside and the smoke drove him back.

Higgins said the initial investigation indicated the fire was accidental.

"There was no sign of foul play," he said. "We know he was a smoker and the fire most likely started on the sofa."

Thirteen firefighters rushed to 510 W. Main St. to battle the blaze but were forced to take a "defensive position," Oakley Fire Chief John Clark said.

The fire had wholly consumed the small trailer and firefighters were simply standing guard so no other structures would burn.

"(Lopez) never knew what happened," Clark said.

Gorrings speculated that Lopez had fallen asleep on the sofa where firefighters found his body.

"It really is sad to see that burned metal frame," she said. "I don't think anybody should have to perish that way."

Property assessment bill dies in committee

By Liz Wright
Times-News writer

BOISE - A proposal that would have given county assessors better tools for determining property taxes died by a 4-4 vote in the Senate Local Government and Taxation Committee Monday.

The proposal, sponsored by Rep. Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, would have required real estate agents to disclose to a county assessor the price of each home they sold.

Opponents said it would violate property owners' rights to privacy.

"I don't find any support among my constituents, except assessors," Sen. Stan Hawkins, R-Ucon, said. But he felt "a little hesitant not to print the bill" for debate, he added.

Proponents pointed out the \$1,000 fines that could be levied against any assessor who shares the sales price information. Any Realtor refusing to

disclose the final price of a home would face only a \$100 fine.

The committee Chairman Sen. Jerry Thorne, R-Nampa, a former Realtor, favored the proposal, calling it "the most valuable tool" assessors have.

Realtors did not take a position this year on the measure, Jaquet said.

Jaquet told the committee that property assessment will get worse, not better, without her legislation. In a forum in Blaine County late last year a majority of attendees favored changing the law, she said.

Meanwhile, 30 percent of Realtors voluntarily disclosed sales prices in Blaine County in a survey conducted last year, she said.

"As values accelerate in our growing state, assessors will find it more difficult to obtain information," Jaquet said. "I'm disappointed, I hoped I had the votes to print the bill," Jaquet said, later.

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Gould considers allowing governor to appoint justices

By Liz Wright
Times-News writer

BOISE - Letting the governor, rather than voters, choose members of the Idaho Supreme Court could be the best way to ensure qualified candidates are picked, one Magic Valley lawmaker says.

Rep. Celia Gould, R-Buhl, is exploring the idea of issuing a November referendum asking voters to amend the constitution to allow governors to appoint justices. Under such an amendment, voters would decide whether to retain justices for successive terms.

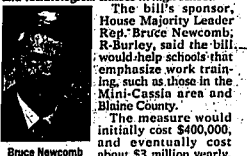
The electorate may not be aware of the

best choices, because judicial candidates are bound by ethics not to disclose their philosophical leanings, Gould said. The Idaho Judicial Council would recommend the top candidates to the governor.

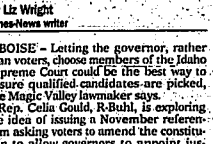
The seven-member judicial council includes the chief justice, a district court judge, two lawyers

and two lay members.

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Bruce Newcomb



Celia Gould

Trans IV faces funding crunch

Use rises, but shrinking federal support threatens public bus service

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Betsy Caudill, a volunteer in the foster grandparent program at Dworth Elementary School in Burley, relies on Trans IV Buses to get to the school.

"If it wasn't here, there probably would be some of us that wouldn't be here," Caudill said.

The Mini-Cassia area's only public transportation service, which carries mostly senior citizens and handicapped individuals, faces an uncertain future.

In addition to senior citizens, a standard bus route includes handicapped adults who regularly must see doctors or who need a ride to work, bus driver Ed Spiers said.

Though the bus doesn't stop at a passenger's front door, it gets close, Spiers said. It's a curb service.

Trans IV loses about \$27,000 annually on Mini-Cassia routes, director Jim Vining said. Other areas of the Magic Valley subsidize the service. Because Trans IV is short on money, the Mini-



Betty Caudill, a foster grandparent at Dworth Elementary School in Burley, boards a Trans IV bus with the assistance of driver Ed Spiers.

Cassia area's routes first in line for cuts. But enough money might be available to get the service through another year.

BRIGHT IDEA



Dave Dozey of Twin Falls Sign Co. replaces a neon bull in the sign for the Amazing Grace Fellowship on Eastland Drive in Twin Falls Monday.

The statistics

Trans IV Buses reported 7,760 fares in the Mini-Cassia area in 1997 in the following categories:

General public boarding	2,998
Handicapped, nonwheelchair	1,751
Handicapped, wheelchair	767
Elderly, nonwheelchair	2,185
Elderly, wheelchair	1,559

The Idaho Transportation Board should review the matter in March, said Larry Falkner, public transportation administrator for the Idaho Department of Transportation. The extra money is federal dollars not being used in the Boise area.

Still, a long-term solution is needed, Vining said.

The state does not support public transportation financially, Falkner said. A bill will be submitted to the Legislature this year, proposing to increase the tax on vehicle title transfers by \$2.50, which would generate an estimated \$1.1 million annually toward public transportation.

Trans IV's funding relies mostly on federal money distributed by the state. Local support amounts to only a small amount.

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Pair heads to court on drug charges

The Times-News

JEROME - A Jerome man, who police say unwittingly tried to deliver drugs to detectives, faces a felony drug charge.

Russell E. Larson, 38, was in Magistrate Court in Jerome Monday, but his arraignment was rescheduled for today so Larson could confer Monday with his attorney.

Larson faces a felony charge of possession of methamphetamine with intent to deliver and misdemeanor counts of carrying concealed weapons and driving with a suspended license.

He was arrested Friday along with James F. Orr Jr., 33, also of Jerome.

Orr was arraigned Monday on felony charges of possession of methamphetamine and possession of marijuana with intent to deliver.

A preliminary hearing for Orr is set for Feb. 10.

Orr and Larson were being held in

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FAMILY LIFE

Couple asks: Did he cheat or didn't he?



DEAR ABBY
Abigail VanBuren

no way nullifies the marriage vows. In my opinion, only when there is intent to dissolve the marriage and a suit for divorce has been legally filed are the vows voided.

I say he cheated on me and had an affair. He says not. Abby, what do you say?

UNABLE TO FORGET DEAR FORGIVING: I, too, say he cheated on you when he had an affair. However, you were selflessly committed to each other for the marriage to have withstood his infidelity.

Since this is still a bone of contention, you would be wise to seek counseling to discharge your

lingering anger. It will undoubtedly strengthen your union.

DEAR ABBY: My wife has allowed our 16-month-old daughter, "Alicia," to sleep in our bed (off and on) for some time. My wife gets tired of waking up in the middle of the night to rock Alicia back to sleep, so she picks her up and brings her back to our bed.

I try to help out by going into Alicia's room and rocking her and eventually laying her back down in her crib. This usually works, but when my wife brings her into our room, she destroys the progress I was making in keeping the baby in her own bed.

I love our daughter very much, but I end up with little feet hitting my chin and I don't sleep well. My wife doesn't seem to mind, but I want our bed back. Alicia has a beautiful crib and I think in time, she will learn to sleep in it, but my wife says she can't stand to hear her cry.

Abby, what do pediatricians say?

CROWDED BED DEAR CROWDED BED: Pediatricians differ on this issue. While many believe otherwise, most American families keep their babies in separate beds. In some other cultures, it is normal for a baby to share the parents' bed until mid-childhood.

An infant will adjust to the style the parents choose. You and your wife must determine where you want Alicia to sleep, then be consistent in establishing a pattern. It may take several nights of crying, but Alicia can learn to sleep comfortably in her own bed, if that is what you choose to teach her.

MOVIES - JAN 26, 27
THE ORPHEUM
1415 MAIN AVENUE • TWIN FALLS, ID
11:30am • 2:00pm • 7:30pm • 9:30pm
Good Will Hunting - 7:00-9:30

JEROME CINEMA 4
1400 WEST MAIN, IDHILL 83414
11:30am • 2:00pm • 7:30pm • 9:30pm
Titanic (13) 7:45
Spice World (PG) 7:00-9:15
Richter or Beaver (12) 7:15-9:30
Hard Rain (R) 7:45-9:30

TWIN CINEMA 12
1010 LASH AVE. IDHILL, ID 83414
11:30am • 2:00pm • 7:30pm • 9:45pm
Spice World (PG) 7:30-9:45
Fallen (R) 7:15-9:45
As Good As It Gets (12) 6:45-9:30
Firestorm (R) 8:15
Titanic (13) 7:45
Tomorrow Never Dies (13) 6:45-9:30
Phantoms (R) 7:30-9:45
Hail Baked (R) 7:30-9:45
Star 80 (PG) 7:00
Mousetrap (PG) 7:00-9:15
Amistad (R) 7:30
Hard Rain (R) 7:30-9:45
Deconstructing Harry (R) 7:30-9:45

ENGAGEMENT

HEMSELEY-TREVINO

RUPERT - Richard and Julian Hemseley and Julieann Trevino announce the engagement of their daughter, Jann Hemseley to Matt Trevino, son of Bob and Leslie Trevino of Rupert.

Hemseley graduated from Minico High School and Ricks College. She is attending Idaho State University in Pocatello.

Trevino graduated from Minico High School and attended Ricks College and the College of Southern Idaho. He is employed by Priest Custom Cabinets in Burley.

The wedding is planned for Friday at the Mount Timpanogas Temple. A reception to honor the newlyweds will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday at the Best Western Burley Inn, 800 N. Overland Ave.

Jann Hemseley and Matt Trevino

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WORLD IN BRIEF

Pioneer of music instruction method dies

TOKYO — Shinichi Suzuki, who pioneered a method for teaching toddlers to play musical instruments the same way they learn to speak — through imitation and constant repetition — died Monday. He was 93.

Suzuki, whose approach popularized musical instruction for the very young, died of heart failure at his home in Matsumoto in central Japan, said Hiroko Yamada of Suzuki's Talent Education Research Institute.

Expert: Tests identify bones of last czar

MOSCOW — Scientific tests prove conclusively that nine skeletons exhumed from an unmarked pit are the remains of Russia's last czar and his family, the head of Russia's Forensic Department said Monday.

The department submitted an exhaustive 750-page report, the most detailed analysis to date on the remains believed to belong to Czar Nicholas II, his wife, children and servants, who were executed in 1918.

President Boris Yeltsin wants to bury the czar, perhaps as soon as this year. The lengthy report should wrap up years of tests on the bones, exhumed in 1991 outside the Ural Mountains city of Yekaterinburg.

Queen's mother undergoes hip replacement

LONDON — Well-wishers brought bouquets and waited outside the hospital Monday where Queen Elizabeth II's widely loved 97-year-old mother underwent hip replacement surgery after a fall.

With the Queen Mother Elizabeth allowed no visitors for now, the queen remained at Sandringham, the royal estate in eastern England where her mother stumbled and fell Sunday while viewing horses.

The operation, performed Sunday night with six doctors in attendance, was a success, Buckingham Palace said, adding, "Her Majesty passed a comfortable night."

OPEC ministers hold emergency session

VIENNA, Austria — Several OPEC ministers, concerned about a devastating plunge in crude oil prices, met in emergency session Monday to see if they could suggest a way to bounce back.

Prices are at a four-year low, thanks largely to the economic crisis in Asia combined with a mild winter and OPEC's own decision in November to pump more crude.

On Monday, crude prices reversed course, rising more than \$1 a barrel partly on the group's efforts to push up prices and on jitters over possible military action in a standoff between Iraq, an oil producer, and the United Nations over weapons inspections.

Analysis predicted little immediate action from the meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, and the group's ministers have said nothing publicly about their strategy.

Arab summit would discuss deadlock

LONDON — An Arab summit will be convened to discuss the deadlocked Middle East peace process, Yasser Arafat announced Monday after meeting with British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

The Palestinian leader has been trying to drum up support for a summit of Arab leaders since his meeting with President Clinton in Washington on Friday failed to produce major progress.

After leaving Washington, Arafat flew to North Africa, then on to Britain, which holds the rotating presidency of the European Union, for nearly an hour of talks Monday with Blair. He flew to Cairo later in the day.

The time and place for an Arab summit were still under discussion, Arafat told reporters.

Compiled from wire reports

Economy dampens Asian holiday

Asians celebrate New Year amid monetary crisis

HONG KONG (AP) — The Year of the Tiger starts Wednesday. This year, a sick tiger seems more apt.

Because of its economic woes, much of southeast Asia is preparing to mark its biggest holiday, the Lunar New Year, with more of a whimper than a roar.

Like Christmas, Thanksgiving and New Year rolled into one, the Lunar New Year is a time for joy, family reunions and button-popping overindulgence.

But this year, belts are being tightened. Families are trimming spending, cutting back on presents and feasts, or giving up vacations abroad.

Many Asians are pinching pennies because their economies and dreams of prosperity have been wrecked by the disastrous plunge in regional currencies and securities markets since last summer.

The crisis has had knock-on effects worldwide, and forced three of the worst-hit countries — Thailand, South Korea and Indonesia — to take multibillion-dollar bailouts from the International Monetary Fund.



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"I usually spend over 10,000 baht giving my children special New Year's money, but not this year," said Purnthip Nontanuntjari, a 41-year-old mother of 10 in Bangkok.

A year ago, 10,000 baht was worth \$400. Now it's worth half that. Little wonder Purnthip was scorching Bangkok's Chinatown for a good luck scroll, traditionally hung in homes over the New Year to bring good fortune.

"I never bought a blessing sign before, but this year I felt I wanted to," she said.

Hong Kong's New Year preparations are proceeding as usual. Its famed skyline is a blaze of color at night, with skyscrapers adorned with lights. Office lobbies and shops are filled with dwarf tangerine trees, favored because their Chinese name sounds like "good luck."

But beneath the glitter lies a depressing malaise. Tourism is

down, investment firms have folded and workers fired. To make matters worse, a ban on chicken imports imposed after an outbreak of "bird flu" that killed six people won't be lifted until after the New Year, meaning families will go without their traditional fresh chicken dinner.

"This year has been a disaster," said Tony Yeung, a Hong Kong property broker. "The economy is in shatters and all the tourists are gone. We can't even eat chicken during New Year."

Pre-New Year shopping has been anemic, with sales down as much as 50 percent, said Philip Ma of the Retail Management Association.

"People are not in the mood to spend money," he said.

Sales are also down in Vietnam, where New Year is known as Tet. Many companies were only able to pay workers nominal year-end bonuses, usually used for Tet shopping sprees.

Families in China are holding out for their cash as layoffs and economic uncertainties mount. Retail sales grew 1.7 percent last year, down from 1.1 percent in 1996.

In Malaysia, New Year coincides with Hari Raya, a two-day Muslim celebration that ends the fasting month of Ramadan. Hundreds of thousands of well-heeled Malaysians usually head

for foreign climates, but this year they are being urged to stay home and economize.

"If it is absolutely necessary to go for a vacation, then choose a local destination," said Kong Choy, head of the youth wing of the Malaysian Chinese Association.

Newspapers published tips on how to economize cheaply: don't rent tents and chairs for outdoor parties, cut chicken into small pieces for meat curries and bulk up on potatoes.

Bangkok's Chinatown still bustles with gold traders and roasting motorcyclists piled high with goods. But the talk on the street is cutbacks.

A banker said he would use principles instead of apples for New Year offerings to the gods, because they're cheaper. A businesswoman said she would use a smaller piece of pork. Strings of firecrackers, lit to ward off evil spirits, likely will be shorter.

In South Korea, where Lunar New Year is called Solal, companies have canceled or cut back on the gifts they usually give to workers.

"With many enterprises cutting wages and bonuses and laying off staff, what company can give Solal presents like in previous years?" the Korea Times quoted an industry official as saying.

Iraq says U.N. cooperation could stop if military strike is launched

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Iraq could stop all cooperation with U.N. weapons experts if a military strike is launched over the inspections impasse, Iraq's U.N. ambassador said Monday.

Faced with Iraq's refusal to allow inspectors into Saddam Hussein's presidential palaces and other sites where it is suspected of hiding biological and chemical weapons, the United States and Britain have begged up their forces in the Persian Gulf in preparation for possible military action.

Iraq is taking the threat seriously and has mobilized forces, registering all its university and high school students for military training, the country's ruling Baath Party said Monday.

"Obviously if there will be a military action against Iraq, Iraq would have to respond," said Iraq's ambassador to the United Nations, Nizar Iliadood.

"I think its premature to say right now what Iraq intends to do," he said, but added: "One of the options is to stop cooperation with the Special Commission."

"The commission on Iraq is trying to determine whether Baghdad has complied with U.N. orders issued at the end of the 1991 Gulf War to eliminate long-range missiles and weapons of mass destruction."

That is the main condition for

the council to lift crippling economic sanctions imposed in 1990 after Saddam's forces invaded Kuwait.

Diplomats from several countries have warned there is growing concern that military force would backfire. It could prompt the Iraqis to kick out all U.N. inspectors and refuse any U.N. surveillance, leaving the Iraqis free to step up efforts to rebuild their arsenal.

"Among the five permanent members of the Security Council, only the United States and Britain have refused to rule out military action. France, Russia and China have all opposed using such force."

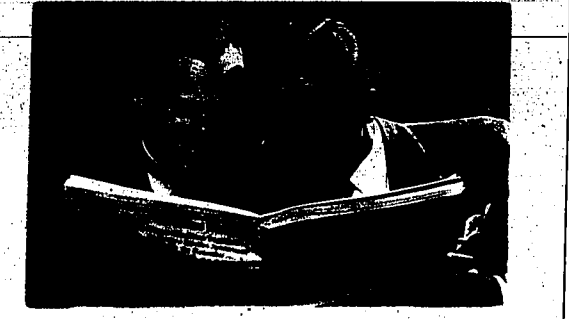


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TWIN FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT #411 NOTICE OF SCHOOL PLANT FACILITIES PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, according to law, and the requests action of the Board of Trustees of Twin Falls School District #411, Idaho, that a School Plant Facilities Levy Election has been called, and will be held Tuesday, February 10, 1998, at the Twin Falls County Courthouse, 100 N. Main St., Idaho, at all the various polling places hereinafter designated, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of said district their vote and determination, the following question, to-wit:

Sewtlow Elementary School, 1771 Stadium Blvd., Twin Falls, ID Morningdale Elementary School, 701 Morningdale Blvd., Twin Falls, ID Oregon Trail Elementary School, 660 Park Avenue, Twin Falls, ID QUALIFICATION OF VOTERS Any person residing in, or owning to, in any school district, at the time of the election: 1. A qualified elector is a person, a certified qualified elector of the district who has resided in the district at least thirty (30) days prior to date of election, eighteen (18) months prior to the election, with the meaning of Article 6, Section 2, of the Idaho Constitution; and 2. A bona fide resident thereof.

informed against on the ground that he is not a citizen, an alien, or a national citizen, in consideration of an award, said award, said by Terry Schultz PUBLISH: January 27 and February 3, 1998

REMEMBER That birthday you placed some time ago in The Times-News? It's time to come pick up your pictures. Stop by The Customer Service Dept today! PUBLISH: January 28 and 29, 1998

ASSISTANT BUYER Immediate Opening! Minimum 1-2 years of purchasing & negotiating experience. Must possess good communication, organizational, verbal & written communication skills. Salary commensurate with experience. Send resume to: 818 S. Onondaga, #402, Rupert, ID 83350

INVITATION TO BID SOUTHERN IDIHO REGIONAL SOLID WASTE DISTRICT WASTE TRANSPORT SERVICES SEALED BIDS will be received by the Southern Idaho Regional Solid Waste District (SIRSWD), Burley, Idaho, on or before February 27, 1998 at 11:00 P.M. for the SIRSWD SOLID WASTE TRANSPORT SERVICE. Bids must be sealed in an envelope bearing the title "Waste Transport Services" and the name and address of the bidder and bid opening time and date. Submit one (1) copy of the bid each bearing original signature, and to reject for good cause any or all proposals upon a finding that it is in the public interest to do so, and to waive irregularity in the bids and/or in the bidding.

be accepted. Bid opening will be in the Conference Room, 1080 West 400 South, Burley, Idaho. Interested parties are invited to attend. The bid shall be accompanied by a bid bond of \$10,000.00. The amount of the bid bond shall be 10% of the total amount of the bid. Bid Specifications may be obtained from the SIRSWD, Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. BIDDING: January 28, 1998. SIRSWD reserves the right to reject all bids or any bid not conforming to the intent and purpose of the Bid Specifications, to reject any bid in compliance with all applicable laws, including procedures and regulations, and to reject for good cause any or all proposals upon a finding that it is in the public interest to do so, and to waive irregularity in the bids and/or in the bidding. SIRSWD hereby notifies all bidders that bidding and women's business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against.

FOUND female American Terrier, brindle color, NE of Hansen, Call 423-6226 LOST - Dachshund Terrier X, black and tan, gray muzzle, female, NE of Hansen, Call 423-6226 LOST - Chocolate Labrador, vicinity 250 W. Main, Burley, ID 83401. LOST 1 yr old male X dog, all white with red spots over ears & left eye. Call: 325-4548. STOLEN white male Pitbull, 1990 Ford, 1995, 4-cyl, 1600 cc, 1995, 4-cyl, 1600 cc, 1995, 4-cyl, 1600 cc. Please check your ad for correctness on the first day that it runs, as The Times-News is not responsible for errors after that time.

103 CHILD CARE SERVICES A PRECIOUS TIME & WARM, loving atmosphere. Affordable. A baby is, if your looking for quality care. 736-7570, 734-8825. GAINING MOTHER, child for you child in my home. Mon. - Fri. Call 843-8928. CHILD CARE 24 hrs., CPR, 1st aid, drop the phone, call 736-6256. Fun pre-school activities! 1 day trial... no charge. 736-6256. HANDED KIDS Child Care - 12 mos & older - snacks included. Day care & a lot more! Call 736-6256. LITTLE ANGELS DAY-CARE 3 PT openings. New moms & up. Certified and trained staff. 736-6256. NEW DAYCARE OPENING Enrollment starting now. Please call 208-342-6716. STAY at home mom to care for children in my home. Lots of TLC & meals included. 342-1909

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PROJECT LIST - AVAILABILITY - The Burley Field Office of the Department of Health and Management announces the availability of the following list of pending projects and authorizations added also to the Department of Health and Management. If you are interested in obtaining a copy please write or call: Bureau of Land Management - (these comments postmarked to Health and Welfare - on or before February 5, 1998. PUBLISH: January 28 and 29, 1998
FAX YOUR AD TIMES CLASSIFIED DEPARTMENT 208-734-5538 on 208-877-4543 (BURLEY)
APARTMENT MANAGER Resident Management Team wanted for Rupert, Idaho. Must have: 2+ years experience, Maintenance background, a plus, self-starter, must be able to work evenings. Send resume to: P.O. Box 1717, Twin Falls, ID 83303, Attn: J. Gooding

SOFTWARE ENGINEER Campbell Scientific, Inc. a Logan UT based manufacturer of scientific instruments... Successful applicant will specialize in Windows based user interface design and implementation...

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304 INVESTMENTS PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY Dig profits usually mean big risk. Before you do business with a company, check it out with the Bot for Business Bureau.

305 CONTRACTS & MORTGAGES UP TO \$200,000 For contracts, mortgages 208-734-8742

BUY HOMES 208-735-1170 APROME - by owner, 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 car garage, 1/2 acre lot, covered rear wood deck, pool, central air conditioning, near Park Ave. 6622 days. Call 324-7556

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512 FARM/RANCHES/DAIRIES JEROME, 320 acres NW of Jerome, 250 acres NW of Jerome, 250 acres NW of Jerome, 250 acres NW of Jerome...

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SALES oriented publishing company has contract opening for representatives to call on potential advertisers. Can earn you \$30K plus per year!

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306 FINANCIAL SERVICES Avoid Bankruptcy. Free debt consolidation application. 800-818-1092

307 SCHOOLS/EDUCATION Swedisch training center. Swedish training center. Starting Feb. 6-8 hrs. 12 weeks. 500-214-0000

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1000 Transportation TRAILER FOR CAR \$2000, best offer. Call 934-9129. WW CARGO - 6x12 trailer, tandem & torsion wire. \$5200. Call 324-4882

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1005 ANTIQUE AUTOS & COLLECTIBLES CHEVY '53, 5-w/2nd. 152 cu. in. 4-cyl. \$1900/off. Call 733-9403

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1010 VANS & BUSES FORD '91 Airo Star, 4x4, Exc. cond., excel. storage capacity. 100 truck, never hit, 48,000 miles. Call 877-4408

PLYMOUTH, Grand Voyager, Exc. 1996, Grand Voyager, Great Shape! Great price! \$15,800. 733-5661

1020 AUTOS FOR SALE BUICK 1992 Century, 4-cyl., 1300 miles, 1 owner, air, cruise, AT, new tires. \$12,995. 324-6195

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CHEVY '95 extended cab, 1.9L 4-cyl., 4-cyl. 1600 cc, 4-cyl. 1600 cc. \$16,500. 734-7021

1988 Isuzu i-Mark Loaded with all the options, super clean. \$5295. Now \$2,995 or 99.99

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1989 Dodge Daytona Excellent condition, air cond, cruise control, auto transmission. Was \$4995. Now \$3,495 or 116.71

1990 Mercury Sable LS Sedan Air cond, auto trans, cruise control, AM/FM cassette. Was \$5995. Now \$4,795 or 126.95

1986 Volkswagen Scirocco Karmann Ed. 43,000 miles, super clean, excellent cond, locally owned. Was \$4995. Now \$4,995 or 166.80

1990 Pontiac Grand Prix Auto trans, air cond, cruise control, excellent cond. Was \$6995. Now \$4,895 or 144.08

1991 Ford Aerostar Van XLT pkg, auto trans, air cond, cruise control, super clean. Was \$5995. Now \$5,995 or 158.72

1992 Buick Skylark Loaded, auto trans, air cond, cruise control, locally owned, super clean, white in color. Was \$8995. Now \$7,495 or 177.46

1993 Subaru Legacy 4dr 4x4 Sedan Air cond, cruise, AM/FM cassette, pwr windows & locks. Was \$11895. Now \$8,495 or 199.99

1996 Honda Accord LX Loaded, auto trans, air cond, cruise control, 30,000 miles. Was \$17995. Now \$15,199 or 299.99

PONTIAC MUST SELL! 1994 Grand Am SE 4 dr, exc. condition, low miles. \$6900/off. 324-8755

1987 AUDI ADOOS 4 DOOR, WHITE WITH 5-SPEED \$2675. 1987 GMC SAFARI CARGO VAN \$2950

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COMING EVENTS

- *TWIN FALLS** - College of Southern Idaho students will hold a "Mid Winter Night" poetry reading at 7 p.m. Friday at Barnes & Noble, 1239-A Pole Line Road. The students will be reading from Shakespeare and other original works in Renaissance costumes. Admission is free.
- *CASTLEFORD** - The Castleford Men's Club has planned its annual community benefit auction for 10 a.m. Saturday in the cafeteria at the Castleford High School. For more information, call Andy Holderness at 537-6712, Terry Kramer at 537-6895 or Gary Heidel at 537-6513.
- *SHOSHONE** - The Lincoln County Adventure Club will hold a Three-In-One fund-raiser from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Catholic Parish Hall. A spaghetti dinner will be served. Cost is \$7 per person or \$15 per family. A one-day snow removal or spring yard cleanup will be raffled. An auction will feature children's framed paintings and others by Carol Boudreau and Pat Hamilton. For more information, call Penny Ridinger at 886-7129 or 886-2958.
- *RUPERT** - The Mindoko Soil and Water Conservation District is accepting orders for the annual tree sale. Scheduled to arrive in mid-April, the trees and shrubs arrive bare-root. They are sold in bundles of 10 with prices ranging from \$10 to \$20 per bundle. For more information, visit the office at 98 S. 200 W. (across from the Rupert Elks Lodge) or call 436-4202.
- *BURLEY** - Two free family concerts featuring motivational speaker and musical entertainer Steve James are planned for this week. Concerts will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Saturday at the Burley High School auditorium.
- *GOODING** - Two art-related classes are starting the first week of February at the College of Southern Idaho North Side Center. Award-winning local watercolor artist Roy Mason will teach Painting with Watercolor. Class will meet from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 4-25, at the North Side Center. Cost is \$20, plus supplies. The class is for beginning calligraphy students. For more information, call 934-8578.
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Wendell Community Arts Council goes out with a flash

By Steve Koehler
Times-News correspondent

WENDELL - The final curtain has been drawn on the Wendell Community Arts Council, but the organization leaves behind a brighter stage. In its last act before disbanding, the arts council on Jan. 16 donated its remaining money - \$1,500-plus dollars toward new stage lights in the Gay Petersen Auditorium at Wendell High School. The lights, purchased jointly with the school, solve the problem of inadequate frontal lighting of performers on stage.

"Now everybody on the stage can be seen," Principal Roy Parson said. "The lights make the stage more attractive to groups who will use it, and open up more possibilities for our use."

Arts council founder Ramona Allen said the red, yellow and blue lights can create different moods.

Parson sees the new lights as a boost toward developing a complete stage-lighting system.

"We really appreciate it," he told Allen and longtime arts council treasurer Carol Kinnaman after they delivered the check.



Wendell Community Arts Council founder Ramona Allen, Council Treasurer Carol Kinnaman, center, and Wendell High School Principal Roy Parson convene at the high school's Gay Petersen Auditorium stage, where the council donated \$1,500-plus toward newly installed stage lights.

Allen and others founded the arts council in 1987. The organization sponsored numerous live stage performances at the old Ace Theater, idle at that time.

"It started out as a community project," Allen said. "The local merchants really did support the founding of the arts council. The City Council let us use their meeting room and donated a piano."

"Venna and Melvin Jones owned the theater, then, and let John Hall install a stage," Allen said.

"The very first production was a bicentennial musical titled 'Is Anybody There?' A community choir with members from Hagerman, Gooding and throughout the county donated their time."

A children's anti-drug musical, "Play it Smart," came next and was produced by a local couple, Roger and Merri Ann King.

Wendell High band instructor and English teacher Ant Jerome Smith, wrote and directed the popular plays "A Desert and a Dream." It was a story about early-day life in Wendell during irrigation development in the Magic Valley.

Wendell composer and musician

Ernie Sites, the Magichords; Twin Falls barber shop singers; talent shows, spoken word on Halloween nights and "The Gentle Witch" were other productions that featured local talent.

The arts council, which received grants from the state, also sponsored regional talent including readings by cowboy poets and Missoula, Mont.,

Children's Theater productions. Allen recognized Kinnaman's contribution as pianist.

"Carol has been so involved from the beginning," Allen said. "She accompanied so many of those plays."

The arts council earlier donated its sound system to Wendell High where it's to be stored and manned by faculty

and trained high-school students. The system is designated for use in Wendell School District and community productions.

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

Jerome man teaches area youth responsibility

By H. R. Wetzel
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - Helping young boys find and join "good gangs" is the goal being accomplished by Carroll C. Cone of Jerome.

For 15 years, this Everyday Hero has been a scout leader, devoting his time doing what he says is his joy.

"It's the kids who are the heroes, not me," Cone said.

The Cub and Boy Scout leader started his work with the scouts in December 1982 in Opal, Wyo.

He and his wife, Donna, moved to Jerome in 1993 and promptly took over leadership of a Cub Scout pack of four boys.

Today, the pack has grown to as many as 48 Cub Scouts plus more than 21 in the Boy Scout troop that meets in the First Methodist Church, sponsor of the scouting program. More than a half dozen of the boys have achieved the Eagle Scout award under the leadership of Carroll Cone. Six Cub Scouts received the Arrow of Light award in December.

Cone said his main goal is to teach boys to be better Americans, to do something to make America better, and to do away with bad gangs.

"I tell them, with the scouts, we are members of a good gang," Cone said.

The scout leader is well known for his ability to teach boys how to be self-reliant, know first aid techniques and how to keep from getting lost.

"But, really the reason I'm into scouting is because it's fun and I like to go camping," Cone jokingly said.

Following Boy Scout guidelines, Cone takes his scouts camping at many of Idaho's scenic campsites.



Everyday Hero Carroll Cone, far left, returns a salute from his Boy Scout Troop #139.

Cone attributed the success of the Cub Pack and Boy Scout troop to the parents.

"The parents are really the ones making it so good. I'm just a small key in the whole thing. Scouting is a family organization and we have some great volunteers in Jerome," he said.

The Everyday Hero said he has had some really troubled boys in the troop,

but many of them turned their lives around.

"One parent said she didn't even like her son, but then the boy joined the Boy Scouts and it made such a difference in him, that now she really loves her son," Cone recalled. "Kids have too much time to watch TV, so I want to give them something else to do. I try to take the garbage out of them and make

them into leaders," he said.

"This is one man who really shows he cares about the boys," said Kathy Roemer, a parent of one of the scouts. "And he does all this even though he has no boys of his own in scouts."

Donna Cone, Carroll's wife, serves as committee chairwoman for the scouts. They are the parents of two grown sons, Clint and Travis.

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COMMUNITY

Class teaches the art of taxidermy

By Mary Lou Potts Times-News correspondent

BURLI - As part of a variety of classes offered through the Buhl Community Education and Recreation Association Inc., Eric Sommer of Buhl instructed several sessions of taxidermy.

Sommer begins each class with a duck or small bird specimen. The project is completed during the class session.

In the first session, Sommer instructs the students on how to cut the bird and remove necessary parts. The second session runs all day and students complete their projects. Students are asked to bring a small, sharp knife, scissors and a hair dryer.

Sommer is in his second year of instructing and says he learned about taxidermy by having a keen interest and a lot of practice.

Anyone interested in learning more about taxidermy can call Sommer at 533-2457.

Dennis Knapp and his son Alan work on a ruffed grouse at a recent taxidermy class by the Buhl Community Education and Recreation Association Inc.



MARY LOU POTTS/The Times-News

Purple lilac, rugosa rose, Nandina cherry and flowering almond shrubs also are available.

Scheduled to arrive in mid-April, the trees and shrubs arrive here. They are sold in bundles of 10, with prices ranging from \$10 to \$20 per bundle.

Sales are not limited to residents of Minidoka County.

Office hours during the sale will be 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays. Order forms also may be obtained at the Natural Resource Conservation Service, 1361 E. 16th St. in Burley.

For more information, visit the office at 98 S. 200 W. (across from the Rupert Elks Lodge) or call 435-4202.

SQSA is the world's largest all-male singing organization. It preserves a rich heritage of American music for future generations through public performances, competitions and festivals, music publishing and youth outreach.

Huynh youth recognition

Tony Huynh has been chosen the Fourth Grade Music Student of the Month for January at White Plains Elementary School in Burley.

Huynh is the son of Thoi and Le Huynh of Burley and a student in Mrs. Wyatt's class.

According to Mrs. Augsburger, music instructor, students of the month are chosen for listening well, always doing their best in class and cooperating.

Other students of the month for January are Ellen Vargas from Mrs. Austin's fifth grade class, Wesley Adams from Mrs. Williams' sixth grade class and Clara Hansen from chorus.

Ruben Vasquez has been selected as District High School's All-American Vocational Student.

Recipients are determined by a faculty committee. The nation's top vocational students are honored in this program, sponsored by Servistar and Coast to Coast stores in Tuols for Tomorrow, a national initiative in support of vocational education.

Vasquez is the student body president at Dietrich High School this year and was student body vice president in his junior year. He also serves as secretary of the National Honor Society and has served in various chapter- and district offices for Future Farmers of America.

As a local winner, Vasquez will receive a \$100 U.S. savings bond and will represent Dietrich High School in the state and national competition. State winners will receive a \$500 savings bond and special merit honor students will receive a \$500 savings bond. Ten national winners will each receive a \$1,000 savings bond and an all-expense-paid trip to Dallas, Texas, to participate in an awards ceremony.

Winners will be announced during National Vocational Education Week, Feb. 8-14.

Vasquez will graduate in May with a 3.9 grade-point average. He is the son of Ruben and Dalila Vasquez of Paul.

HONOR ROLLS

High grades promoted

KIMBERLY - The first trimester honor roll at Kimberly High School has been announced. Students who earned high grades are listed below.

High Honors: Eriq Saldivan, Matt Berry, Stephanie Bodden, Beth Brietley, Gabriela Calderon, Chad Conley, Monique Dorado, Shelby Draper, Jodi Egusquiza, Aaron Evans, Eric Feldhusen, Alex Fuchrer, Kevin Henry, Teolu Hernandez, Jeremiah Hines, Stephanie Lierman, Richard Luff, Misty Maier, Jason Meritt, Megan Molyneux, Tom O'Neil, Justin Rubins, Joshua Shobe, Lisa Soderstrom, Lassei Stocking, Sara Summers, Jennifer Talbot,

SENIOR CALENDAR

Table with 2 columns: Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center and West End Senior Citizens Inc. listing various events, dates, and times.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Poetry reading slated

TWIN FALLS - College of Southern Idaho students will hold a "Mid Winters Night" poetry reading at 7 p.m. Friday at Barnes & Noble, 1239-A Pole Line Road.

The students will be reading from Shakespeare and other original works in Renaissance costumes. Admission is free.

Benefit auction planned

CASTLEFORD - The Castleford Men's Club has planned its 11th annual community benefit auction for 10 a.m. Saturday in the cafeteria at the Castleford High School.

The auction features service and gift certificates, collectible items, commodities, new and used items, baked goods and handicraft items. Lyle Masters of Buhl, Gary Osborne of Gooding and Carl Van Tassel of Rupert will be the auctioneers.

Registration will be available near the Red Barrel.

Proceeds will go to the Jean Kinyon Sports Park, Men's Club community projects, college expenses and scholarships. For more information, call Andy Holdren at 537-6712. Terry Kramer at 537-6895 or Gary Heide at 537-6513.

CLASSES

Investing tips offered

TWIN FALLS - A class to provide understanding of how financial investment works will be offered from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 29 through Feb. 19 in Shields 102 at the College of Southern Idaho.

Topics of investing will be taught by Gene Sturgill. All types of savings and investments will be covered. The fee is \$30.

Registration may be completed in the Taylor Building Records Office. For more information, call 733-9354, Ext. 2288.

Class designed for seniors

TWIN FALLS - A "Computers and Seniors" class will meet from 9 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays, starting Feb. 11, in Canyon 101 at the College of Southern Idaho.

The class is designed for beginners who would like to learn at a leisurely pace. Hands-on instruction will include using the keyboard, navigating Windows '95 and using the Microsoft Office programs.

Cost is \$65. Registration may be done in the Taylor Building Records Office. For more information, call 733-9354, Ext. 2288.

EVENTS

Spaghettini dinner served

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Dinner and raffle tickets are being sold by Adventure Club employees and children.

Proceeds will be used for snacks, toys and games. For more information, call Penny Rüdinger at 886-7129 or 886-2958.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Initiation ceremony held

"Kell" McCabe has been initiated into Tau Beta Pi, a national engineering honor society. She is a senior metallurgical engineering major at the South Dakota State University of Mines and Technology in Rapid City and the daughter of Vicki and Joe Leach of Idaho.

M McCabe is a member of Tau Beta Pi, an engineering major and in the top fifth of the senior class or top eighth of the junior class.

Walker nominated

Matt Walker is the Filer High School nominee for the Ination Computer Arts Scholars program for original computer-generated art. He is now eligible for national awards and scholarships. The program is sponsored by Ination Corp., American Association of School Administrators and the National Art Education Association.

Walker is a sophomore at Filer High School.

Huish elected VP

Burt Huish of Twin Falls has been elected to a volunteer position as vice president for chapter support and leadership training in the barbershop harmony society.

Huish will oversee activities for the societies' Evergreen District, which encompasses 2,200 barbershop singers in Washington, Oregon, Alaska, Montana, Idaho and the provinces of British Columbia and Alberta in Canada.

Huish has been a barbershop for 35 years and held numerous positions in the society, particularly in administrative and leadership roles. He is a past president and director of the Twin Falls chapter, past president of the Evergreen District in the Northwest and member of the international board for several years. He served as international president of the organization in 1981. His brother, Sterling, sings in the Phoenix Arizona Chorus. Huish recently retired as an insurance agent in Twin Falls for more than 30 years. He sings lead in the Magichords and also in a quartet called The Remnants, which will be seen as the school band in the Diluantes productions "Music Man."

Music and administrative education for barbershoppers is one of many activities sponsored by the Society for the Preservation of the Endorsement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America Inc. With more than 34,000 members in the United States and Canada, the SPQB

SERVICE NEWS

Black completes basic

ARMY BROT L. Black has graduated with basic military training at Fort Jackson in Columbia, S.C.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, core values - honor, courage and commitment, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first-aid, and Army history and traditions.

Black is the son of Ron and Gaele Black of Twin Falls.

Servicemen gain skills

Navy Seaman Recruit Robert J. Taylor and Nicholas B. Winch and Navy Airman Recruit Joseph E. Coleman have completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Taylor, Winch and Coleman completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first-aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis is placed on physical fitness.

Recruits received instruction on the Navy's core values - honor, courage and commitment - and how to apply them to their military performance and personal conduct.

Taylor is a 1990 graduate of Irving High School in Irving, Texas, and the brother of Airman Recruit Joseph E. Coleman.

Winch is the son of George and Brenda Winch of Elko, Nev., and a 1997 graduate of Spring Creek High School.

Coleman is the son of Toni L. Forbes of Elko, Nev.

Armstrong up for duty

Marine Capt. Daniel J. Armstrong recently reported for duty with the 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marines, 2nd Marine Amphibious Brigade in Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Armstrong's new assignment is an example of how navy and Marine Corps men and women are assigned to ships, squadrons and shore commands around the world. Whether serving in the Persian Gulf near Iraq or in the Adriatic Sea near Bosnia, people like Armstrong are making a difference. They work to provide military knowledge and skill as part of the most highly technical naval force in history.

Armstrong is the son of Sheila Wilcher of Elko, Nev., and a 1984 graduate of Lincoln High School. He joined the Marine Corps in February 1996.

A working partnership
Dual-career couples want the flexibility to support each other

The Associated Press
NEW YORK — For most working couples, juggling two jobs isn't a drag on either career — it's a safety net for higher flying, a study found Tuesday.

The nation's 28 million dual-earning couples, who make up 45 percent of the work force, overwhelmingly prefer two incomes, they can take more risks, including quitting a job if they're not satisfied, reported Catalyst, a New York research organization.

Most also feel that their careers are equal in importance, and a high proportion of both men and women want the flexibility to support each other's careers.

59 Catalyst surveyed 500 dual-earners and interviewed 25 couples in depth.
"Make no mistake, This isn't about what women want. This is about what 45 percent of the work force wants," said Catalyst president Sheila Weigman at a breakfast meeting. "The nation must heed that voice."

Sill, the day-to-day balancing act car-

ried out by couples isn't easy, a panel of dual-earners told the audience of business representatives.

One couple, both managers with Kraft Foods, told of going to work early on

Two-thirds of men and women surveyed said that as a result of having a second income, they're more likely to leave their jobs if they're not happy.

alternate days so they can spend more time with their 10-month-old twins. "We're constantly redefining our roles," said Barry Knobloch, a senior project engineer.

Terry McGuire, a compensation director at Price Waterhouse, changed to a job that required less travel and overtime so he could spend more time with his two children.

"I wouldn't say I'm in a holding pattern, but I'm not doing the kind of crazy (hours) I used to do," said McGuire,

whose wife is a dentist.
McGuire feels confident that he won't be punished for his choices because he said his company increasingly allows flexibility.

"We were in the past very much a face-time organization," he said, referring to the traditional need for workers to be seen at the office even if they had nothing to do. "That's not an issue anymore."

Still, McGuire emphasized that having a working spouse has given him the confidence to take risks. "If things don't go well, you have a safety net," he said.

Two-thirds of men and women surveyed said that as a result of having a second income, they're more likely to leave their jobs if they're not happy.

And overwhelmingly, what they want is flexibility — both formal part-time and job-sharing programs — and the freedom to leave early, late, or go to the school play or a soccer game "without fearing their careers will suffer," Wellington said.

Down edges up 12, but broader indexes lose ground Monday

Knight-Ridder News Service

NEW YORK — Blue-chip stocks finished marginally higher, but the broader market lost some ground Monday as uncertainty continued to hurt investor sentiment.

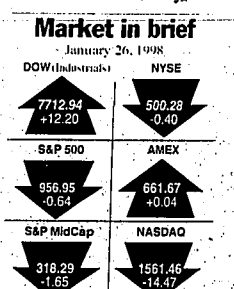
The Dow Jones industrial average gained 12.21 to close at 7712.95, after moving in a narrow 67-point range.
Fluctuations say the near-term outlook for the market seems bleak because of the Asian financial crisis and its effects on U.S. corporate profits. But more discerning, right now, they argue, are allegations involving President Clinton, who denies having had sexual relations with Monica Lewinsky, a former White House intern, and denies having asked her to lie for him under oath.

Wall Street observers said that such accusations of Clinton threaten the future of his presidency, and such uncertainty shakes up investor confidence in the stock market.

With the possible presidential scandal in back, the market moves with little conviction, little leadership and a lot of tentativeness," said Alan Ackerman, chief market strategist for Falmestock & Co. He said that not little was really known about this case, "much depends on the president's State of the Union address and any new disclosures."

The Dow briefly traded in negative territory toward the end of the session as a large block of shares were sold. Buying early in the session was fueled by buying in big-capitalization firms.

The S&P 500 finished slightly lower, with the S&P 500 down 0.63 at



NYSE Diary table with columns for Advances, Declines, Unchanged, Total Issues, New Highs, and New Lows.

Composite volume: 668,901,920
NYSE avg. comp. vol.: 6,302,215,250

956.95, the NYSE composite down 0.40 at 500.28 and the Russell 2000 index down 3.29 at 421.01.

Compaq expansion continues with purchase of Digital

BOSTON (AP) — Compaq Computer Corp. agreed Monday to buy industry pioneer Digital Equipment Corp. in a \$5.9-billion deal that continues Compaq's expansion beyond home PCs into high-end corporate machines.

By selling a full range of business

computers, Compaq will be able to strengthen its presence in the lucrative market of helping businesses set up, run and service their vast computer networks.

Digital, with a work force of 54,000 and revenue of \$13.1 billion, is a major

maker of the big computers that run networks of smaller machines. But after pioneering the computer network as an alternative to the mainframe, Digital missed the explosion in demand for desktop computers and has slipped badly in recent years.

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Table of New York Stock Exchange data including Most Active, Gainers, Losers, and various market indices.

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Table of closing futures prices for various commodities including wheat, soybeans, and corn. Columns include contract name, price, and change.

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