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GOOD MORNING

WEATHER

Today: Cloudy with a chance of afternoon rain. Highs in the mid 40s with lows hovering in the upper 20s.

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MAGIC VALLEY

Juvenile offenders: The state Senate Monday voted to make the names of juvenile sex offenders public.

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Parental accountability: Twin Falls City Council today will consider holding parents accountable for their children.

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SPORTS

Bruins and Bobcats and Spartans, oh my! Twin Falls and Burley square off at boys' A-1, Region III tournament. Minico faces the Highland Rams.

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U.S. Hockey thrown for a loss: The men's hockey team loss make them a long shot for a medal.

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U.S. gets speedskating medal: Chris Wittz takes home bronze at Nagano.

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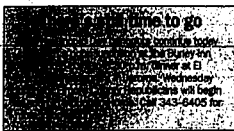
GOP banquet draws an overflow crowd

By Liz Wright
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Ron Black dispelled any rumors about his candidacy for state schools superintendent during the Republican Lincoln Day Banquet in Twin Falls Monday evening.

Taking aim at GOP incumbent Anne Fox, the Twin Falls state representative said the superintendent, not the state Board of Education, should lead education in Idaho.

"That's written in the constitution," Black said. A smattering of applause followed Black's remarks at the Turf Club, where twice as many Republicans as usual turned out. They attended the banquet to meet state and local candidates and to pay tribute to



Gov. Phil Batt. Earlier this month, Black had said the four GOP candidates, including himself, should consider dropping out to prevent Fox from winning because of a fractured vote. Black said he received overwhelming

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Idaho Gov. Phil Batt, middle, greets Speaker of the House Mike Simpson, a candidate for the 2nd Congressional District, and Dan Haganson, right, of Coeur d'Alene at the Lincoln Day Banquet Monday evening at the Turf Club in Twin Falls.

READY, AIM, FIRE!



Encouraged by the presence of photographers, an Iraqi boy practices aiming an AK-47 under instructions of an Iraqi soldier during a break in military training for civilians Monday. Training for volunteers is still ongoing in Iraq in the face of possible U.S. military intervention.

Washington targets power structure

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — As President Clinton and his top advisers embark this week on what amounts to a marketing campaign for airstrikes on Iraq, the trend in their evolving war plan goes well beyond the emphasis in public on damaging prohibited weapons programs, according to participants in the ongoing internal debate.

Defense and foreign policy officials said the president's national security team remains divided over the aims and expectations of the intended bombardment, and frustrated senior officers said the target lists accumulating in the converted Bedouin village of Eshan in Saudi Arabia, the U.S. Central Command's forward air headquarters, are still subject to daily revision.

But as bombing plans have expanded to encompass what one senior flag officer described as "thousands of aim points" in Iraq, a large share of the intended violence is now directed at the apparatus maintaining Iraqi President Saddam Hussein in power, from networks of secret police to

Baath Party organs. Apart from the long-shot hope of a change of government, officials said, the aim is to crush Saddam Hussein's defiance by threatening his most valued assets of internal control.

The administration does not wish to advertise this intention, according to several accounts, because it fears the plan may not work. "In our public discourse of this we need to focus on an achievable objective," said one senior administration official.

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Opposition rises as Americans question bombing

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Opposition to bombing Iraq is gaining ground as Congress struggles over how far it should go in supporting military action. Catholics and Protestants, former military and intelligence officers, long-time anti-war groups and Arab Americans say air attacks would do little more than kill Iraqis.

Opponents are scattered across the political spectrum. Some insist the bombing wouldn't go far enough, including conservative Republicans on Capitol Hill who believe the ultimate goal should be to remove Saddam Hussein from power.

Others fear a U.S. attack would go too far, killing thousands of innocent Iraqi civilians, destroying Mideast peace efforts, and bypassing Congress in making war on another nation — all to punish the Iraqi president. Rep. Les Hamilton, D-Ia., one of the capital's most respected foreign affairs voices, said he backs Clinton's Iraq policy but doesn't think force would diminish the threat of Iraq's weapons or its ability to threaten its neighbors.

"The administration, I think, has a very heavy responsibility now to articulate with very great precision what our purposes are in Iraq," Hamilton told Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, who trooped to Capitol Hill nearly every day last week to talk about Iraq. To bolster support, President Clinton



Kate Hood of Eastham, Mass., holds a sign during an anti-war rally of about 70 people on the Village Green Monday in the Cape Cod town of Hyannis, Mass. Religious groups, former military and intelligence officers, longtime anti-war groups and Arab Americans say air attacks would do little more than kill Iraqis.

plans a speech Tuesday at the Pentagon to make the case for why the United States may launch air strikes on suspected chemical, biological and nuclear weapons making sites in Iraq, which Saddam has ruled off limits to U.N. inspectors.

Complaints abound from SNRA hearing

Floating restrictions, cabin fee hikes draw more fire

By N.S. Nokkentved
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Ron Gillett wants a congressional investigation of what he calls rampant, excessive restrictions on all users of the Sawtooth National Recreation Area.

Gillett of Stanley has been a whitewater outfitter on the Salmon River for 28 years. He testified Monday at a hearing convened by U.S. Sen. Larry Craig to discuss SNRA management.

The area was established in 1972 to protect the area's natural and historic values and to enhance recreational opportunities. Craig is chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management.

Reps. Mike Crapo and Helen Chenoweth also attended the hearing at the College of

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Committee approves 3rd abortion bill

The Associated Press

BOISE — Despite a warning that Idaho could lose \$1.1 million in federal funds, House Speaker Michael Simpson said Monday he plans to press ahead with legislation adding abortions to the list of medical procedures for minors requiring parental consent.

Among other things, it would forbid family planning centers from giving contraceptives to minors unless the parents consented.

It could come to a debate and vote in the full House on Thursday.

Legislative leaders tentatively decided to stall another abortion bill, sponsored by Rep. Dan Mader, R-Coeur, and Right to Life of Idaho, and a third proposal from the Idaho Family Forum so the three can be debated on the same day.

Monday's vote was 11-8 as the State Affairs Committee gave "do pass" approval to the Simpson bill, co-sponsored by the Idaho Christian Coalition.

When enacted about the possible loss of federal funds now going to pay for family planning, birth control and contraceptive information from the state's public health districts, Simpson said he didn't think it would happen.

Regardless, he said, he didn't want the federal government to insist on a state law allowing minors to receive medical prescriptions, including contraceptives, unless the parents consented.

"If the federal government tells the state that we have to allow for dispensing drugs without parental consent, we ought to tell them to sit on their \$1.1 million," said

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THE REGION

Camas Prairie High: 43 Low: 16 Cloudy with a chance of snow in the morning, changing to rain in the afternoon. Mostly cloudy tonight.

Treasure Valley High: 46 Low: 26 Cloudy with a chance of rain. West coast winds 5 to 15 mph. Mostly cloudy tonight still with a chance of rain.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley High: 37 Low: 13 Cloudy with a chance of snow in the morning, increasing to rain in the afternoon. Mostly cloudy tonight.

Eastern Idaho High: 38 Low: 25 Patchy morning fog otherwise increasing clouds with a slight chance of rain. Occasional rain and snow showers.

Northern Idaho High: 43 Low: 32 Increasing clouds with a slight chance of rain or snow in the afternoon. Northeast wind 5 to 15 mph.

Northern Utah High: 40s Low: 30s Patchy fog possible early in the morning, otherwise increasing clouds with a slight chance of snow tonight with a chance of snow.

Northern Nevada High: 40s Low: 30s Mostly cloudy with scattered snow showers. Tonight clearing and cooler. Wednesday cloudy.

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Weather forecast for Magic Valley from Tuesday to Saturday. Includes icons for sun, clouds, rain, and snow, along with high and low temperature ranges.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Table showing weather statistics for Twin Falls, including precipitation, wind, and temperature for yesterday, last year, and normal.

Idaho Highs/Lows

Table listing high and low temperatures for various Idaho cities like Boise, Boise, Boise, etc.

The Nation

Table showing high and low temperatures for major US cities such as Albuquerque, Atlanta, Boston, Dallas, Denver, etc.

NATIONAL Weather logo and a map of the United States with weather systems and fronts indicated. Includes text: 'The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Tuesday, Feb. 17'.

ROAD INFORMATION section with a table listing routes, distances, and estimated travel times. Includes a section for SKYWATCH with sunrise and sunset times.

ACROSS THE NATION: Idaho High pressure moved into the Idaho area, bringing sunny skies to most of the state Monday afternoon.

SNRA

Continued from A1. Gillett and others are upset about restrictions on floating the upper Salmon River to protect endangered salmon.

River closure

Trouble in the SNRA came to a head last year when spawning salmon led the Forest Service to close a section of the Salmon River.

effects of floating on salmon, that we have observed," Mealey said. The survival of eggs to young fish has remained fairly constant over the past 30 years, he said.

But the head of the National Marine Fisheries Service disagreed. "Will Stelle maintains that protecting salmon that reach the upper end of the Salmon River is vital to the species' survival."

The Forest Service has the authority to disagree with NMFS decisions. But if it does disagree, it must be able to show scientific bias.

Supervisor Bill DeVere said. Other cabin owners suggested they be allowed to buy the property with attendant restrictions.

Money skirmishes: Regardless of who it belongs to, some folks say the Forest Service is trying to charge too much for summer cabin leases.

Retired Twin Falls banker David Mead and several other cabin owners lamented the proposed new lease rates.

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Blackwell responded that while the Forest Service budget has been rising, the allocation to the Intermountain Region has gone down.

Pondering protection: Crapo prays the scenic beauty of the Recreation Area, saying: "We must make sure we use it properly."

GOP

Continued from A1. support from legislators and the public after his comments. Extra tables were moved into the packed Turf Club to accommodate roughly 250 Republican supporters.

Abortion

Continued from A1. Simpson, a Blackfoot dentist. Richard Schultz, administrator of the Idaho Division of Welfare, said the state gets about \$1.1 million for public health districts.

state Land Board, "we fought the environmentalists," she said. "I've stayed on the course with the things you asked me to do."

"What would you have to have parental consent for a get a tattoo, but you do not have to have parental consent to have an abortion?" Simpson asked.

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LOTTERY UPDATE JACKPOT ALERT: Wednesday's Powerball jackpot will be worth \$46 Million or 25 annual payments of \$1.6 Million.

Iraq: Continued from A1. But President Clinton's stated intention - to damage forbidden weapons stocks from the air.

weapons programs, Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright declared last week that "we reserve the right for a follow-up strike."

Farmers, processors at odds over proposal

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dairy farmers and processors are at odds over a proposal to set a minimum price for milk, one that could increase the cost of a gallon by 10 cents but which might save many farmers from insolvency.

The Agriculture Department begins hearings Tuesday on a petition filed by Dairy Farmers in America to set the floor price at \$13.50 per hundred pounds of milk sold for drinking and for such products as ice cream and yogurt.

The Springfield, Mo.-based Dairy Farmers cooperative, which represents about 22,000 producers nationwide, says the floor price is crucial to a trend that has seen more than 32,000 farmers quit the dairy business since 1992.

The bottom line is, the price isn't high enough compared to the escalating costs of production," said John Wilson, the co-

op's vice president for fluid milk. "Farmers are getting more production per cow, but not enough to keep up with costs."

The main culprit, Wilson said, is higher feed costs, but farmers also face high-priced machinery and steep loan costs. The supply of affordable milk in the long term could be threatened if more and more farmers get out of the business.

The current, market-driven basic milk price paid to farmers is about \$13.25 per hundred pounds, but it has fluctuated widely over the past few years and was as low as \$10.70 earlier this year.

"We need to have some predictability," Wilson said.

But a coalition led by the International Dairy Foods Association, the Grocery Manufacturers of America and the Food Marketing Institute is gearing up a lobbying campaign to defeat the floor price proposal.

States raise test standards for teachers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Virginia's governor, James S. Gilmore, meant to shock his audience this month when he reported that as many as one-third of would-be teachers in the state flunked a national test of basic reading, writing and mathematics.

If it was bad news for Virginia, it was worse for the nation. Virginia has the country's highest cutoff score for the Praxis I, used in 20 states to screen teacher college candidates and beginning teachers. Scarcely more than half the students who took the test nationwide would have made the Virginia cut.

"Virginians students would be doing much better than the national average," said Charlotte Solomon, in charge of the Praxis examinations for the Educational Testing Service, a private compa-

Teaching has become less attractive for women and minorities since barriers to other, more lucrative and prestigious jobs have been lowered.

ny that supplies the tests to states. "It begs the question of whether it's good enough."

Around the country, state education officials are asking whether tests of general knowledge and of specific subjects are rigorous enough to ensure that able people become teachers. The issue has risen in importance because of widespread efforts to raise standards for what children should know and be able to do.

For some states, it means setting standards for the first time. Last October in New Hampshire, the board of education voted to adopt Praxis I starting this fall after years of opening the profession to anyone with a college teaching degree who could find work. Democratic Gov. Jeanne Shaheen vetoed legislation that would have required the tests for teachers who already have jobs.

Some 35 states use Praxis I or more advanced tests in the Praxis series used to certify graduates for general knowledge, professional skills and subject knowl-

edge. Some states have their own tests.

Explanations vary on why scores are low, but poor pay tops the list. "It clearly holds back who it is that's entering," said Gordon M. Ambach, executive director of the Council of Chief State School Officers.

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Education officials also point out that not everyone with low test scores goes on to teach or even get an education degree.

U.S. to reward states moving welfare recipients into jobs

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration has decided to distribute \$1 billion in federal bonuses to states that are most successful in moving welfare recipients into jobs and keeping them there.

Guidelines to be sent to states this week spell out for the first time precisely what they must do to compete for the coveted "performance bonuses" created by the 1996 welfare legislation.

In issuing the guidelines, the administration answered the long-standing question of whether success in welfare reform would be measured on the basis of declining caseloads, a figure many governors are fond of quoting because of straining welfare rolls in their states.

Advocates for the poor had feared that distributing bonuses based on caseload decline would encourage states to push recipients off the rolls whether or not they had become self-sufficient. But the new guidelines make it clear that the administration has chosen to reward states primarily for helping recipients find stable employment.

"These bonuses are an important part of our strategy to ensure that the centerpiece of welfare reform is moving families from welfare to work," said Health and Human Services Secretary Donna E. Shalala, whose department is in charge of overseeing welfare reform.

An administration spokesman said President Clinton would focus on the bonuses in his remarks next week to the National Governors Association, reiterating his hope that states will change the culture of welfare offices to emphasize work.

According to the guidelines, \$20 million will be distributed each year, beginning in the current fiscal year, based on four broad measures: "job entry

rates," "success in the work force," "improvement in "job entry rates" and "improvement in work-force success."

The 10 states that rank highest on each of those measures will receive a portion of the bonus.

Job entry rates are the proportion of adult welfare recipients entering employment for the first time each year, whether or not they stay on the rolls.

Success in the work force will be based on job retention and improvement in earnings for recipients.

The final two categories will reward states that show the most improvement from one year to the next on their job entry and work-force success rates.

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NATION



A group of surfers enjoy large swells off the Malibu, Calif., coast Monday as waves up to 12 feet crashed ashore. A break between storms allowed Southern Californians to enjoy sunshine and prepare for an expected battering of wind and rain later Monday.

More rain batters California

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — After a weekend break that included a little sunshine, a new El Nino-enhanced storm rolled ashore Monday with more rain for sodden California.

And as many as four more storms could strike Northern California this week.

"This year is definitely making a run and is on pace to certainly catch up with the wettest year in history, '82-'83," said James Bailey, assistant chief of the state Flood Operations Center.

"It would appear at this time, if all the quantity of precipitation that is forecast comes through

Sunday, it looks like it could be the second wettest week of the year," Bailey said.

In 1982-'83, when the El Nino phenomenon was first identified, California had twice its usual number of winter storms.

During an El Nino, warm water normally situated off Australia sloshes eastward to the west coast of South America, adding heat energy to weather systems. It was named for the Spanish words for baby Jesus because it usually hits South America around Christmas.

California measures annual rainfall in a "water year" begin-

ning Oct. 1, and most of the year's rain falls during the winter. Bailey said eight state water-measuring stations north of Sacramento are already showing 185 percent of a normal year and by the end of the week they could surpass 200 percent.

This week's storms were predicted to be cold ones, producing snow at low elevations in the mountains and producing relatively little runoff. That is good news for stressed dams and levees along the huge Sacramento and San Joaquin river systems that drain California's fertile Central Valley.

Lilly endowment becomes largest in nation

The Washington Post

Propelled by heavy Prozac sales, an unexpected private endowment in the Midwest rose to the forefront of American philanthropy last year: the Lilly Endowment.

Started 60 years ago with stock from drugmaker Eli Lilly,

the charitable fund has surpassed the Ford Foundation to become the largest philanthropic fund in the nation. The Lilly Endowment grew to \$12.7 billion in 1997, according to the Chronicle of Philanthropy. The Ford Foundation, at \$9.4 billion, had been the nation's largest charitable fund for the past 30 years.

Officials concede that alleged fraud scheme had a lot of flair

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Richmond seemed the perfect place for a man with the imposing title of Baron Otto von Bressendorf.

The old Confederate capital fancied itself a center of culture and class, where pomp and pedigree count for something.

The city's elite quickly took to von Bressendorf and his wife, Elena, when they arrived from Los Angeles in 1993 and brought along Lyons Capital Inc., the investment house he started in Los Angeles in the early 1980s.

The couple bought an old mansion and stuffed it with \$500,000 worth of antiques, and joined the local symphony, ballet and arts scene. Visitors raved about their European manners, their 14-year-old son Michael's fluency in Spanish and Mandarin Chinese, their museum-quality paintings.

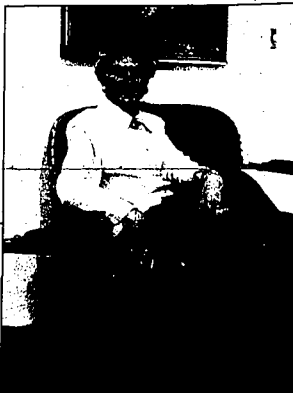
It was all supported by fraud on a grand scale, the FBI contends.

On Jan. 21, federal and state authorities showed up at the von Bressendorfs' door with a 209-count indictment.

The couple are accused of faking just about everything about Lyons Capital in order to scam millions of dollars from small-time entrepreneurs. If convicted of the charges of wire fraud and money laundering, they could spend the rest of their lives in prison — he is 70 and she is 50.

"The allegations are essentially that most of his life has been a fraud," Assistant U.S. Attorney Andrew McBride wrote in court documents.

According to investigators, Lyons Capital attracted entrepreneurs seeking capital to start or expand business ventures. All the



Elena von Bressendorf of Richmond, Va., shown in this 1994 photo, is accused in a 209-count indictment charging her and her husband, Baron Otto von Bressendorf, with fraud.

applicants had to do was pay Lyons a finder's fee, usually \$10,000 to \$30,000, bringing Lyons about \$1 million annually, according to court documents.

"During this time, not a single client received any financing through Lyons Capital despite the fact that Lyons Capital represented that it had a 70 percent

success rate in obtaining financing for its clients," FBI agent Erwin Jack wrote in an affidavit. Some ventures, like the Amherst, Va., golf course planned by Nancy Ann Schmitz, went bankrupt after giving the barnon most of their capital and seeing no return. She and her partners lost \$15,000.



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NATION

Laws could curb appetite of paparazzi

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Together, the images form a photo album of an American dilemma:

A mob of cameras outside the Lewinsky house waits for a glimpse of Monica. Alec Baldwin brings his newborn daughter home from the hospital. The photographer in the process. Arnold Schwarzenegger and his wife, newscaster Maria Shriver, are cut off in their Mercedes by a couple of videographers while driving their son to school.

Ever since Britain's Princess Diana died in a Paris tunnel last year, snuff photographers and a pack of paparazzi, the nation has been torn between its appetite for candid pictures of famous people and its distaste for the methods used to get them. Lawmakers have tried for years to rein in a tabloid media and still protect the public's right to know, each time running afoul of the First Amendment.

But legislation sponsored by Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., and slated for introduction later this month could turn the tables in the skirmishes between the famous and the photographers who pursue them — not to mention assuage the conscience of a nation hopelessly star-struck, but still believing that even celebrities need some space.

The Personal Privacy Protection Act, which Feinstein plans to tout at a Los Angeles news conference Tuesday, would preserve the age-old right to photograph celebrities in public and sell the film, but would crack down on actions that could jeopardize their safety in the process.

Unlike earlier proposed laws, this one does not attempt to regulate what the media use or whom they photograph. The bill expressly states that publication of even illegally obtained material is not against the law.

Nor does it give celebrities special legal status not afforded anyone else.

The bill addresses only the action a photographer takes to get a picture — specifically forbidding "persistent chasing or following" — and only if the picture is intended for sale.

To engage in such activities would be a federal crime punishable by up to a year in prison, at least five years if bodily harm results and at least 20 years if a death occurs.

The bill would also update the definition of trespassing to include zoom lenses and other enhancement devices, a provision intended to stop photographers from peering into bedrooms and back yards without actually stepping on private property. Use of

Celebs wind up in trouble fighting with press

WASHINGTON — With nothing on the books to curb media behavior, it more often has been the case that the photographers "wind up" on the wrong side of the law.

Tommy Lee, drummer for the rock group Mötley Crüe, was sentenced last month to a 12-hour anger-management program and 250 hours of community service after injuring a photographer outside the Viper Room

nightclub in Hollywood. Alec Baldwin, who tussled with a photographer who videotaped his newborn's homecoming, was acquitted of battery by a jury in 1996, although a \$1 million civil suit is still pending against the actor.

Actor Beau Press got a \$100 fine and a 90-day suspended jail term for a 1985 scuffle with a photographer outside a Nashville, Tenn., hotel.

"This is terrible. This isn't fair," one paparazzo protested, declining to be identified. "Celebrities don't have any rights. When they choose to become famous, they

give up their rights. This is unconstitutional."

American Civil Liberties Union officials also question the bill's constitutionality and said they do not believe they can support it.

"It burdens the First Amendment," said Ramona Ripston, executive director of the ACLU of Southern California. "A lot of the crimes mentioned are already covered by state law, and we don't need more national crimes regulating the press."

But several other legal experts, even those who have found previous legislative attempts targeting paparazzi unconstitutional, say this bill is different.

Workers narrowly vote to end strike

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — About 2,500 Honeywell employees ended a two-week-old strike, approving a new contract by only eight votes. Teamster members approved the four-year contract Sunday by a margin of 1,024 to 1,016, and workers returned to their shifts later in the night.

union local, said the strike by production and maintenance workers was over even though a challenge was expected.

Michael Bonsignore, Honeywell chairman and chief executive officer, said in a statement that the company's priority now is to put this strike behind us as soon as possible.

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Passenger survey ranks airports

ROMULUS, Mich. (AP) — Detroit Metropolitan Airport ranks last and Tampa, Fla.'s airport is best among the nation's 36 top airports, according to a passenger survey.

In four of eight categories — speed of baggage delivery, ease of reaching gates, available ground transportation and ease of following signs — Metro Airport earned the lowest scores of any airport in the survey of about 50,000 passengers.

In the remaining categories — cleanliness, quality of restaurants, attractiveness, and closeness of parking — the 68-year-old airport rated near the bottom.

The private survey by Los Angeles-based Plog Research Inc. was commissioned by the 36 big airports. Passengers were surveyed in the first six months of last year and the study was completed late last year, but airport officials refused to release the findings. It was obtained last week by The Detroit News, which published a story Monday.

Airport and airline officials acknowledge there are problems at Detroit, but say most of them cited in the survey have been fixed.

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Lessons in destruction

Engineers learn from deconstructing I-15

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The rusted metal jutting out of the crumbling concrete looks like the aftermath of an earthquake.

Instead, the structures were expected to support the highly-travelled Interstate 15 in case of an earthquake.

"Some of the worst things in the world are being torn down now. They were really, really sufficient," said Lawrence Reaveley, professor and chairman of the University of Utah Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering.

As contractors rebuild I-15, U. researchers are conducting a "structural engineers' autopsy," deconstructing the old road to find clues to help make the new interstate better.

Reaveley, who did extensive research on structures damaged by the 1994 Northridge, Calif., earthquake, said roadway reconstruction is long overdue.

"I know professors who will not drive on some sections of the freeway," he said. "It's frightening because we've been running trucks over this stuff."

Slabs of the old road are tested for strength and earthquake resistance on a unique test frame which enables researchers to study what goes wrong when roads and buildings fail and then develop strategies to prevent breakdowns.

They study concrete mixes, welds on construction beams and assess the benefit of reinforcing structures with carbon fibers. The findings are shared with Utah Department of Transportation officials responsible for I-15 reconstruction and planned work on I-80.

The research is funded in part by a state engineering initiative and matching funds from federal



Lawrence Reaveley, right, and Dr. Janis Trautner look over an old I-beam that was damaged with the crane device in the background as part of studies of seismic strength. The I-beam is from the I-15 reconstruction project.

agencies and private donors.

Last year, the \$80,000 state investment toward the U's test frame generated more than \$265,000 in matching and in-kind support from local construction companies and building suppliers, David Pershing, dean of the

College of Engineering, told lawmakers recently.

This year, the initiative's sponsor, Sen. Craig Peterson, R-Orem, is seeking \$1 million to be divided among engineering programs at the state's nine colleges and universities.

Turbine program addresses fish passage

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory engineers are moving into another phase of creating a "fish-friendly" dam turbine that may destroy far fewer salmon and steelhead migrating to the Pacific Ocean.

They are part of a U.S. Department of Energy and hydropower industry-backed effort called the Advanced Hydropower Turbine System Program.

It has important ramifications for the fish and the Northwest's hydropower industry. Energy spokeswoman Isabelle Valle-Carpenter said.

"Number one is the importance of hydropower as an electricity resource," she said. "But in order to do that, they have to make it environmentally safe so every-

"Number one is the importance of hydropower as an electricity resource. But ... they have to make it environmentally safe."

— Isabelle Valle-Carpenter, spokeswoman

body can buy into it."

An increasing number of biologists say miles of slackwater created by eight dams on the lower Snake River in Washington and the Columbia River are driving salmon and steelhead trout to extinction. Officials are debating the prospect of breaching some

dams to boost the surviving fish. Each year, millions of smolts migrate from central Idaho to the ocean where they spend their adult lives before heading upstream to spawn. Turbines on the dams chop many to bits.

The two-year, \$750,000 first phase was completed last August. Alden Research Laboratory Inc. and Yoichi Hydro Inc. came up with several new design concepts.

Alden's design uses only two blades, minimum length on the blades and large flow passages to lower pressures and reduce hazards fish are subjected to as they are sucked through the turbine.

The second phase is building and testing models, and the third is creating full-size prototypes at the dams.

Environmentalists criticize report for not considering role of clearcuts in mudslides

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Environmentalists are criticizing the Forest Service for failing to acknowledge how often the combination of roads and logging causes mudslides.

The criticism is one of several launched by the Ecology Center, the Clearwater Biodiversity Project and Friends of the Clearwater after the Forest Service issued its final report early this month on the slides that devastated the Clearwater National Forest during the winter of 1995-96.

"The environmental groups hired a former Forest Service scientist for their own study of mudslides on the Clearwater forest. Among other things, the Forest

Service report failed to consider where both clearcuts and roads were responsible for triggering the approximately 1,000 slides that pummeled the forest, said Bill Haskins of the Ecology Center.

The report also did not consider how clearcuts may have magnified some slides, he said. If many areas below slides had not previously been logged, there would have been trees to slow or stop many of the slides.

The agency did not tally any slide smaller than 25 cubic yards, said Charles Pezeshki of the Clearwater Biodiversity Project. And the Forest Service relied too much on aerial photos and too little on actually looking at the

slides, he said.

"I think they are totally missing the boat," Haskins said. "I find many unsupported conclusions and statements that amount to nothing more than putting themselves on the back for spending \$192,000."

But the study commissioned by the environmentalists hardly constitutes proof that the Forest Service's report is incorrect, agency officials said.

"They only looked at a small portion of the forest, yet they say they are able to make detailed criticisms based on their limited data," said Doug McClelland, the Forest Service's regional geotechnical engineer.

Number of people on Utah's welfare rolls falls by 40%

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — Nearly 7,500 welfare recipients have dropped off the state's rolls since Utah began requiring recipients to look for work or enroll in school five years ago.

The Department of Workforce Services said last week that the total numbers of families receiving aid has fallen to 10,931 in

January of 1993 there were 18,366, a decline of just over 40 percent.

The state's welfare case load hit its highest point ever in 1993. That was the year Utah introduced a program to push welfare clients into work or school.

Russell Smith, technical manager for the Department of

Workforce Services, said that since then the decline has been steady.

In 1995 it was 17,068, down to 14,591 in 1996 and to 12,864 in 1997.

Under the state's program, clients must find work or schooling or lose part of their financial aid.

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4th Democrat launches superintendent campaign

BOISE (AP) — Former lawmaker and veteran educator Richard Adams launched his campaign for the Democratic nomination for state schools superintendent on Monday, promising to lead an initiative broadening the sales tax base to finance school building construction.

"It is not likely this proposal would pass the Legislature,"

Adams, a teacher at Clearwater Valley High School in Kootkai, said, "I think the people would pass it."

He said he would launch the initiative, probably aimed at tax-exempt services, right after the November election if he wins.

Adams becomes the fourth Democrat to seek the party's nomination for the job that has been

held the past three years by Republican Anne Fox. Also in the May 26 primary field are Meridian School Board Chairman Wally Hedrick, West Park Elementary School Principal Marilyn Howard of Moscow and Dierich School District Superintendent James Harshfield.

Battling Fox for the GOP nomination are state Rep. Ron Black of

Twin Falls, Twin Plymouth School District Superintendent Ryan Kerby and Cassia County School District Superintendent Thomas Morley.

Hedrick, the former director of the state Lottery, has the unqualified endorsement of former Democratic Gov. Cecil Andrus, who made children and education a cornerstone of his

last two terms in office.

But while Andrus remains a formidable political force, Adams believes he has solid support among other party leaders and unlike the others in the field can appeal to the loggers, miners and others natural resource workers with a big stake in the school superintendent's votes on the state Land Board.

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



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EDITORIAL

Let's work on reasons behind truancy, not just symptoms

Before long in Twin Falls, Burley and Buhl, it could be illegal to walk down the street at 10 in the morning if you're 14 years old.

Daytime curfews are the cutting edge of a new ordinance being considered by those three cities and others in the Magic Valley, designed to hold truant kids and their parents accountable.

The heart of the new approach — and the centerpiece of a state-funded pilot program — is a mediation process that seeks to keep kids in school. It's a fine goal, but we question whether turning cops into truant officers is the best way to achieve it.

It seems to us that the first impulse of too many public officials nowadays is to solve problems by passing more laws, including criminalizing "status offenses" such as truancy.

Let's remember that the object should be making kids want to go to school, not dragging them into the classroom.

The best way to accomplish that is to make what you learn relevant to their needs and interests. That's why programs such as School To Work are so valuable.

Kids who cut class are rarely criminals. They often represent a failure of the school system and a crisis of family.

We think it's possible to involve

parents in resolving those issues before they become emergencies — and without the intervention of the juvenile-justice system.

Of course, doing that will require imagination and flexibility on the part of the public schools, and a shift in priorities away from

merely tolerating marginal students and toward engaging them.

Truants tend to be students who live on the fringes of education — kids who haven't made a connection with a dedicated teacher or a favorite school-related activity.

To be sure, integrating those youngsters into the community of learning isn't an easy job. It's labor-intensive and it requires compromising some cherished assumptions about what schools are in business to accomplish.

But the school system is far better equipped to do that than the cops and the courts.

Police have better things to do between 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. than to cruise the Magic Valley's fast-food emporiums and video arcades looking for children playing hooky. Tossing them and their parents into the criminal justice system would be treating a symptom, not the problem. The concept of mediation is a sound one, but it's the schools' job, not the law's.

Speak out

The Twin Falls City Council is scheduled to discuss the proposed juvenile curfew at its meeting, which starts tonight at 8 p.m. at City Hall.

"I can't believe that!" said Alice. "Can't you?" the Queen said in a pitying tone. "Try again: draw a long breath and shut your eyes." Alice laughed. "There's no use trying," she said. "One can't believe impossible things."



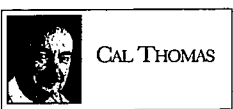
*From "Through the Looking Glass" by Lewis Carroll

The lessons Watergate can still teach us

One of Watergate's convicted co-conspirators tells me that the Nixon team had a plan in 1973 for dealing with independent counsel Archibald Cox, which he thinks is relevant to Clinton's battle with Kenneth Starr. This person, who doesn't his name not to be used because he doesn't want to attract media attention (again), says the plan was to say and do nothing about Cox unless it appeared he had gathered sufficient evidence to force Nixon from office. Then they were to attack Cox, hoping to shift public attention from the president to the independent counsel and his "unfair" tactics in the midst of a "world crisis."

Sound familiar? It does to this former Nixon man who escapes from the criticism of Starr that "he must have the goods on Clinton, otherwise there is nothing to be gained by attacking him."

Twenty years ago this October, Cox was ordered fired by Nixon in what came to be known as the Saturday Night Massacre. Attorney General Elliot Richardson and Judge DeLoach, William French Smith, refused to obey the order. They were fired. The parallels between Watergate and the current tangle of Starr vs. Clinton and his successor, Leon Jaworski, were emphasized not only by investigative



CAL THOMAS

headquarters, but also a number of abuses unrelated to Watergate. It is the same with Starr, who began with Whitewater and now is authorized to look into allegations of lying and suborning perjury. That's how these things go. A character flaw in one area often leads to immoral and illegal behavior in others, which is a prime argument against the notion that one can separate one's private morals from public ones.

It is fascinating to return to the Watergate era and consider what those caught up in the scandal think about it with the advantage of hindsight. Gerald and Deborah Hart Strober interviewed each of the living players for a book, "Nixon: An Oral History of His Presidency" (Harper-Collins, 1994). While the Clinton people seek to shift attention away from the current president and onto opinion polls about how the public feels Starr has treated Monica Lewinsky's mother, Cox reminds us of a higher principle: "...the real question (between himself and Nixon) was a struggle for the rule of law — by this I

mean the ancient rule, going back before the Magna Carta, that the highest officials — including the King of Britain — are subject to the law.

Ruckelshaus never thought Nixon would fire Cox. He recalls a conversation with Richardson in which the attorney general said of the Nixon people: "They seemed determined to try to stop Cox and have him discharged." Ruckelshaus said, "My reaction was, 'Don't worry about that; once they face the reality of it, they'll never do it.' That shows how little I knew." Nixon's press secretary, Ronald Ziegler, speaks words that sound as if they could be coming from the Clinton team: "Cox deserved to be fired. That doesn't mean that the cover-up should have succeeded; it simply means that Archibald Cox should have been fired because he was a partisan extremist in the pursuit of Richard Nixon. He was not conducting a balanced inquiry into the process; he was conducting a politically biased inquiry into the presidency of the United States."

"Virtually the same words are now being uttered by Clinton's staunchest defenders. Will history repeat itself with Bill Clinton, Ken Starr and the tapes? Or will this president — whose cover-up skills seem far greater than Richard Nixon's — survive? We should know soon.

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LETTERS

Wolf legislation is nonsense

Recent Times-News reports on the status of introduced wolves in Idaho show our congressional crew lined up with Farm Bureau in support of a controversial — and totally impractical — legal ruling that would capture and remove all the imported wolves.

A key argument in the legal objection to imported wolves says the introduced wolves will dilute the genetic makeup of any native wolves still present in Idaho and adjoining states. That's supposed to be bad for the native wolves. So the introduced animals must be removed.

This reasoning would lead us deeper into a quagmire of nonsense legislation. Are we to stop all hatchery stocking of salmon, trout and steelhead for fear of legal restraints based on a law against non-native wolves?

And — just in passing — my compliments to The Times-News for making space for the recent story about the record of the Idaho congressional crew on issues related to protecting our environment. Their votes rated Idaho dead last in the nation, cornered Craig and Kenneth both scoring rock-bottom zero.

JIM PARUNY
Twin Falls

this day. Fourth place is simply not good enough. The gods have judged him unworthy of a place on Mount Olympus. He puts on a stonk face of resignation and reveals his misstep over and over and over in his mind. A brief, polite applause and his life is ended. The history books of the 21st century do not record the "also rans."

Another Olympian in the real time of my mind's eye.

On the pond in the hollow behind the barn, little Kenny skates to the tune of a drummer only he can hear, oblivious to the gathering gray clouds, portents of snow. He flops and skids and slips and glides and falls and gets up and falls again.

Only daddy is watching, and mother. Little Kenny never practiced his routine for each moment it is ever new. Finally, he skidders over to his parents. His eyes await their judgment. Mother smiles and claps her hands and daddy lifts him up and gives him a big hug. Very nice, Kenny.

As the snow begins to fall amidst the trees that ring the pond, the wind creates mycils swirling pinpoints of white on the empty ice. It is as if the applause of 100 million angels quietly chants through the branches as little Kenny scores a perfect 10.

Come home now, Kenny, and let's all have some warm cocoa together.

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Write to us

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Let's get back to some non-Lewinsky topics

As we were saying when we were so rudely interrupted — E.L.L. (Before L'Affaire Lewinsky), we were trying to have this national dialogue on race.

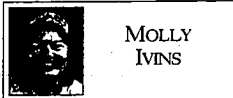
Fortunately for all of us, the most extraordinary book has just come out, and it gives us not only a chance to jump-start our dialogue about race but also an opportunity to do so with a sense of the history behind today's contests that is priceless.

The book is the second volume of Taylor Branch's magnificent three-volume biography of Martin Luther King Jr., "Pillar of Fire: America in the King Years 1963-1965." This is not just a biography of one man — it is a social history of the United States of the highest caliber.

In the first volume, the story of King himself seemed to me the major theme, such an extraordinary, and unwilling, leader.

In the second volume, the civil-rights movement is already far larger than King, and he knows it, although white America has yet to get any of it.

For some reason, what kept grabbing my attention in "Pillar of Fire" was not the players — not King or my old hero Bob Moses or John Dear or any of the vast tapestry of characters who gradually shaped and moved the civil-rights movement into one of the most awesome and effective forces for non-violent change in all history. What kept grabbing at me was the meanness — the sheer, stupid meanness — of the white response.



MOLLY IVINS

Time and again, civil-rights workers would come into a community, try to get a voter-registration drive started or even a meeting about such a thing and ... nothing. No response. Zip. Whole effort a total failure. And then, as though it were part of some ritual of the Japanese Kabuki theater, some local official would inevitably decide on retribution — some mean, low, ugly way of getting back at whoever was suspected of being "uppity." And that retribution, that unfairness, would spark off the movement: People who had been terrified of coming to a meeting or going on a march would suddenly find the courage in their anger, their outrage.

Two examples: In early 1963, three Nashville students (trained in non-violence by James Lawson), the Nashville students became the shock troops of the sit-ins) came to Hattiesburg, Miss. You cannot imagine how long it took just to convince one black preacher to let his church be used for a meeting about registering to vote. Their fear, of course, was well-founded.

Clyde Kennard, a former paratrooper in Germany and Korea, had returned to Hattiesburg to run a farm for his ruling moth-

er. He applied to finish his degree at Southern Mississippi, the only college in the area, but neither his outstanding record nor his family circumstances excused such uppityness — applying to a public university! Harassment of Kennard began as once and culminated when local law enforcement arrived one morning to discover five bags of stolen chicken feed in his barn. On the shaky testimony of a single witness, this obvious frame-up got Kennard seven years in the Parchman penitentiary, and then they left him there without medical care while he wasted away from cancer.

Next door in Lafayette County, not a thing was stirring when the county commissioners decided to cut off all food relief to punish all 18 Negroes who had tried to register to vote. The cutoff affected 22,000 people — more than 40 percent of the total population, including whites. There was famine in the Delta that winter. It was this kind of abuse, inflicted by whites not just the heroic organizing efforts of the civil-rights workers — that touched off mass meetings and marches.

So it comes to me that as we have this national dialogue about race — trying to figure out why blacks don't earn as much as whites, why black kids still don't do as well in school — maybe we ought to be looking at what's wrong with white people, too, and how racism affects them.

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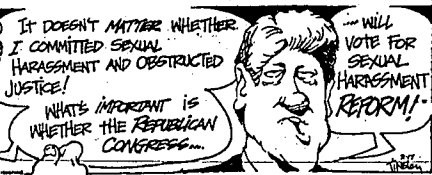
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WORLD



Brijewasan Paswan, a 70-year-old dalit, or member of a low caste, makes a cane basket at Lakshmanpur Bathe, the village that witnessed a brutal massacre of 60 dalits by upper-caste Hindus two months ago. Paswan lost six family members.

Caste conflict, massacre shadow Indian parliamentary election

LAKSHMANPUR BATHE, India (AP) — They stormed in at night, methodically shooting 58 villagers to death and leaving a clear, bloody message: Lower castes should not challenge those who traditionally have held power.

Two months after the attack blazed on an upper-caste militia, 20-year-old Shanno Devi is careful to show she knows her place. She doesn't dare guide a reporter to the village leader, who is of a high caste, fearing he will be offended if an "untouchable" even approaches his home.

India's last elections in 1996 were seen at the time as the dawn of a new era for low-caste Indians and for untouchables, whose status is so low they are considered untouchable.

Regional parties representing them were for the first time poised to play a national role, at least as kingmakers in a coalition federal government.

Two years later, with elections for a new Parliament under way, life has changed little in places such as Lakshmanpur Bathe, a village in Bihar state 500 miles southeast of New Delhi. Hopes for a new social order have drowned in violence, corruption and self-serving politics.

Gajjanand Pandey, a prosperous upper-caste farmer and a

right-wing activist in the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party, said the rise of low-caste parties only made things worse for ordinary people by sharpening caste rivalry.

"Bihar is witnessing a fierce caste war, thanks to politicians," he said.

His own view of the lower castes is clear when he dismisses the plight of his neighbors in Lakshmanpur Bathe. He contends the only ones suffering are those who did not qualify for the \$5,000 in government compensation given to relatives of people killed in the Dec. 1 massacre.

"Those who haven't lost anyone are unhappy," he said.

In addition to the death compensation, a typical official gesture after disasters in India, the 16 affected families received about \$800 each to transform their mud and thatch huts into homes built of bricks.

Lakshmanpur Bathe has no paved roads, no electricity, no telephones. It does have a dilapidated school, but teachers haven't shown up for work in two years because they rarely were paid. Bihar is the poorest state in a poor country.

But it is caste, not development, that has been the central campaign issue in a state that will send 54 representatives to

the 545-seat national Parliament. It is the second largest contingent among India's 26 states.

Neo-Nazi issue rises
BONN, Germany (AP) — Neo-Nazis have no legal right to join the army, the Defense Ministry said Monday until reports that right-wing extremists are signing up as a way to get weapons training.

The statement countered recent charges by the opposition Social Democrats, who have accused Defense Minister Volker Rühle of playing down the danger of right-wing extremism in the military.

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Turkey moves to curtail Islamic headwear in schools

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Turkish leaders ordered religious schools to stop letting their female students and teachers cover their heads in the Islamic manner, the Education Ministry said Monday.

The issue is a volatile one in Turkey, a constitutionally secular nation with an overwhelming Muslim majority.

"Head scarves - which some devout women wear to cover their hair, in keeping with Islamic custom - have been banned in schools and government offices since the foundation of the secular Turkish republic. In recent years, they have been tolerated at the religious schools.

But the pro-secular govern-

ment, which followed an Islamic-oriented one forced from power by the military, has been adamant about carrying out the military's demands to reduce the influence of religion in public life. One of its first acts after taking power in July was to shut down the junior high sections of Islamic schools.

"We just reminded school officials of the existing law," an Education Ministry spokesman, speaking on condition of anonymity, said of the renewed prohibition against head scarves.

But the directive did not seem to have made any impact on the Islamic schools, back from a three-week semester break Monday.

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WORLD

Firefighters inspect buildings that were hit when a China Airlines A-300 crashed near Taipei's Chiang Kai-shek airport Monday. The jetliner, returning from Indonesia's Bali with 197 people on board, crashed and burned while approaching a landing.



AP Photo

Plane plows into Taipei neighborhood; 205 die

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — A China Airlines jet trying to land in fog crashed into a country neighborhood Monday, ripping the roofs off houses before skidding into a rice paddy and erupting in flames. Authorities said all 196 aboard and nine people on the ground were killed.

Firefighters went house to house in the blackened neighborhood, putting out the flames licking doors and windows and searching for survivors. Searchlights illuminated a life raft from the Airbus A-300, wrapped around a broken tree stump. Seats from the plane were scattered in the dirt, one with a body trapped beneath it.

China Airlines said the dead included the governor of Taiwan's Central Bank and other key financial officials; four

Americans and many Taiwanese families returning from vacations in Bali. Victims on the ground included a 2-month-old baby.

Witnesses said the plane hit several hundreds yards short of the runway at Chiang Kai-shek airport, 25 miles west of Taipei. It tore through homes along a highway before coming to rest in flames in the rice paddy.

"It came down — I heard a loud explosion and a fireball. And then I thought the chances for any survivors were slim," said a vendor in the area, who identified himself only as Mr. Yang.

The fiery impact scattered charred bodies and body parts throughout the area. Authorities sealed off the neighborhood, leaving families of passengers to congregate at hospitals and the airport.

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Investigating panel clears Netanyahu

JERUSALEM (AP) — An investigating panel appointed by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu cleared him of blame Monday in the botched assassination of a Hamas leader in Jordan. Netanyahu insisted Israel would stick to its policy of striking at terrorists "in any place."



Benjamin Netanyahu

Israel's relations with Jordan remained deeply strained over the attack, however, and Jordanian officials said they would not resume security cooperation with Israel unless Netanyahu fires the Mossad chief who masterminded it.

The Sept. 25 assassination attempt sparked a crisis in Israel's relations with Jordan and infuriated Jordan's King Hussein, Israel's best friend in the Arab world. The king still wants Mossad spy agency chief Danny Yatom fired, said a senior Jordanian official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The three-member panel of inquiry pinned most of the blame on Yatom, but said it was up to the prime minister whether to dismiss him.

Netanyahu approved the hit on Hamas political strategist Khalid Mashaal without consulting his Cabinet — including his foreign minister, who subsequently threatened to resign — and Israeli newspapers said he didn't bother to get an opinion from the chiefs of military intelligence or the domestic Shin Bet security service.

Nazis' gypsy victims seek compensation

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — About 2,000 Gypsies who were persecuted by the Nazis during World War II will seek compensation from Germany, the leader of Poland's Gypsies said Monday.

Roman Kwiatkowski said he gave a list with the first 137 names to the German ambassador in Warsaw, the PAP news agency reported. It was unclear when the rest of the names would be presented.

Gypsy victims of the Holocaust around Europe are trying to obtain compensation from Germany. But it is proving difficult because many were unregistered in their native lands, or unregistered by the Nazis.

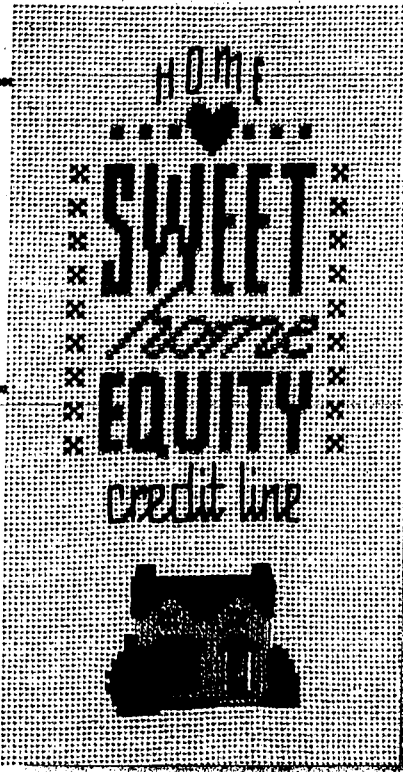


PET OF THE WEEK

Never judge a book by its cover! Many nice dogs and cats are no farther than your Twin Falls Animal Shelter. This spayed female Heeler cross is but one example of animals who only ask for a responsible human caregiver. The Animal Shelter will be closed February 17-20. A list of lost and found animals will be posted outside at 139 6th Ave. W. 736-2299.

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UP CLOSE

College of Southern Idaho

'Big Dog' is much Moore than size

By Damien Clow
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - He's listed at 6-foot-7 and 240 pounds, but his presence in the key at the CSI gym makes freshman Chico Moore look like a lot more.

Chico (pronounced "CHEE-koh") wasn't always a walk-up code. In fact, "Chico" actually means "petite." His aunt gave him that nickname because as he was so small as a child, the moniker seemed to fit more with his birth name, LaMontre (pronounced "CHEE-koh").

Focus on

"When you're large, people expect more of you," Moore said. "You have to live up to your potential. Basically, it's a lot of hard work."

It's even harder work for the man they call "Big Dog," a long-time bronchitis sufferer whose recent reaction to a new medication sent him to the bench for two weeks.

The bronchitis, he said, usually acts up in winter. Though this has been a mild winter by Twin Falls standards, Moore explained that winters in Alabama are tough enough.

"When it snows in Alabama, nobody goes to school, nobody goes to work," Moore said. "You're just sitting around the house all day, waiting for it to melt."

When the illness began cutting back his playing time, he was leading the league in field-goal percentage. Now, Moore has fallen too far behind in shots attempted to be calculated among the conference leaders.

In his absence, the Golden Eagles lost just their third conference game of the year in a rebounding mismatch at Rexburg to the hometown Vikings.

"I've been getting better every day," Moore said of his recovery. "In the games, my mind is telling me I've got to play, and my body tells me not to. But I've got a role to play."

Moore had four points and five rebounds in his first game back, an 85-77 win at North Idaho.

The beefed-up Moore was a three-sport athlete in high school and attracted the eyes of Div. I basketball coaches Wimp Sanderson (Arkansas-Little Rock), Henry Bibby (Southern Cal), Deane Crum (Louisville), as well as Southern Idaho coach Jim Thrush.

"When coach (Thrush) first called me, I was like, 'There's no way in the world I'd go to Idaho,'" Moore explained, but the Div. I conference eligibility requirements soon forced him to look at other options.

"My mom thought it would be good, I'd be so far away that I'd have no other choice than to do my work. Now that I'm here, I love it," said Moore, 18.

After CSI, Moore hopes for resume talks with the coaches that looked at him in Lafayette. Until then, he should play a major part in the upcoming regional tournament, which could feature a rematch with Ricks on the Vikings home court.

If that happens, the Eagles, whom Moore calls "one big family," will have their big brother watching over them.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

- When did you first notice you were bigger than everybody else?
"In sixth grade, I was kinda short and chubby. By seventh grade, I'd grown to six feet - I grew five inches that summer."
- When did you get the nickname "Big Dog"?
"I had it before I came to CSI but I didn't stick. Then Coach Thrush and Wild Bill (custodian Bill Peterson) started calling me that, and it stuck."
- How has your game improved at CSI?
"That thing I've improved most is my fundamentals. (In high school) it was just up and down the court and get the ball inside, and that hurt me a lot."
- You grew up in Alabama, not too far from Auburn University. Was your family divided between the Tigers and the Crimson Tide?
"Basically everyone went for the Crimson Tide, but there were a few oddballs - like my uncle and his daughter - they go for Auburn."
- The bald thing: does it work with the leaded?
"The bald thing... (laughs), I tried growing it out, and it just didn't work. It just wasn't me. So I cut it off, and I had about four or five ladies tell me I looked sexy, so I kept it off."

CSI NOTEBOOK

The scenic West Athletic Conference continues to help out the Golden Eagle men. A day after CSI lost to Ricks, league-leading Dixie fell to Salt Lake Community College, creating a three-way tie for first between the Rebels, Bruins and Golden Eagles... Charlotte Norman had 35 points against Ricks and Sarah Nelson led the Golden Eagles with 31 points at Coeur d'Alene, the first times this season that a Lady Eagle has broken the 30 point plateau... This weekend's action: North Idaho and Ricks travel for games at Eastern Utah and Colorado Northwestern, Utah Valley and Salt Lake come to CSI and Treasure Valley, and travel partners Snow and Dixie face off in St. George... Check Scores and Stats for the CSI-North Idaho men's box score.

-Compiled by Damien Clow

Bruins hurdle feisty Burley

Twin advances to play Pocatello

By Karen Baumert
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - It wasn't a track meet, but the Twin Falls boys' basketball victory over Burley Monday may have been just the hurdle the Bruins needed to get over.

The Bruins pulled out a 59-54 overtime victory to advance in the Region III tournament and draw a game against Pocatello today at 7 p.m. in Pocatello. Burley takes on Minico at 7 p.m. today in a loser-out game. The winner of that game plays the loser of the Twin Falls-Pocatello game on Thursday.

After beating Burley twice in the regular season, the Bruins faced a much tougher Bobcat squad Monday. Burley played such a suffocating defense on Twin Falls standout Mark Thrush that the Bruins leading scorer did not get a field goal. He scored 12 points from the line.

With Thrush taken out of the offensive flow of the game, Twin Falls scored a boost from the other starters and the bench.

And the Bruins got it.

The hard part is pinpointing who stepped up the biggest at the most crucial time.

With 1:27 left in regulation and the score tied at 47, Twin Falls' Blake Rambo hit one of two free throws to give the Bruins the one-point lead.

Burley followed with a chance to go up one on the next possession when a Bobcat went to the line. But two misses and a Burley foul on the rebound put Thrush to the line with 26 seconds to play.

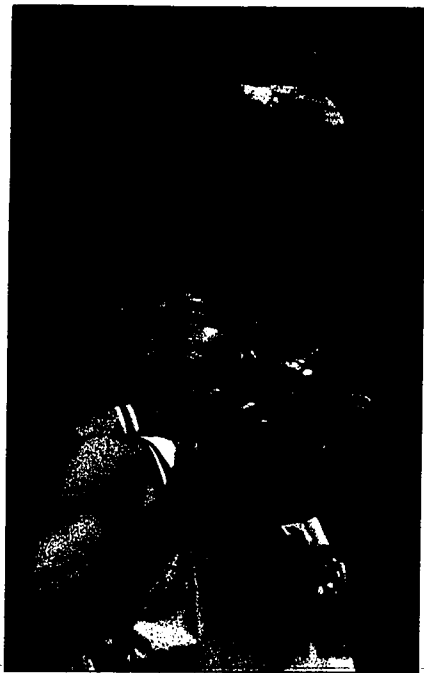
The senior hit the first one to put Twin Falls up 49-47.

That's when Burley's Aaron Bradley hit a huge shot for the Bobcats.

With five seconds on the clock, Bradley hit a baseline jumper to send the game into overtime.

Twin Falls was the first to score in the extra period when Rambo scored on a putback.

But Burley answered with two from Ryan Thomas at the free-throw line.



Twin Falls Bruin Blake Rambo pivots on the baseline Monday at Twin Falls High in an attempt to get by Burley defender Aaron Bradley. The Bruins squeaked out a win in overtime 59-54.

Speedskater ends drought

By Paul Newberry
The Associated Press

NAGANO, Japan - Growing up in the blue-collar suburbs of Milwaukee, Chris Wittly encountered the hard lessons of life at an early age.

Her father was laid off from his job as a welder when Wittly was 12 years old. Her mother worked, but barely made enough money to keep food on the table. In those trying times, speedskating seemed like a luxury that wouldn't fit into the family budget.

"I remember coming home from school and say-



U.S. speedskater Christine Wittly celebrates her third-place finish in the 1,500 meters Monday in Nagano.

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ing, Dad, do you have a job today?" Wittly recalled. But Wittly decided not to give up on speedskating - even when it meant taking the ice in rusty-bladed skates that were too big for her feet.

"I held in there for a few years and it paid off," Wittly said. "I knew what I was capable of."

With that, she glanced down at the Olympic bronze medal hanging from her neck. On Monday, Wittly gave the Americans their first speedskating medal of the Nagano Games with a third-place finish in the women's 1,500 meters, topped only by Holland's Marianne Timmer, who set a world record, and German great Gudrun Niemann-Stirnemann.

The panic light that was flashing when the U.S. team failed to win a medal in the first six races at M-Wave can be turned off now.

No need to ask Bonnie Blair and Dan Jensen to come out of retirement.

"I think the Americans were a little hard on us, especially because Bonnie and Dan were gone," Wittly said. "They didn't think there would be any

Hockey team must regroup

By Mike Nadel
The Associated Press

NAGANO, Japan - No more exhibitions disguised as "statement" games. No more time to get used to the big international ice sheet. No more opportunities to mesh as a team.

The U.S. Olympic hockey team is six victories away from a medal round - or one less away from a long, sad flight home.

"Some people work all their lives for a shot, one downhill race. We're lucky enough to play in this," said Brian Leitch said Monday.

"We're here for a medal. If you don't bear down early, you can be home before you know it."

So far, it's been a struggle. Co-favored with Canada going into the Olympics, the Americans lost 4-1 to the Canadians on Monday to finish round-robin play with a 1-2 record.

To get an early start on the golden one that many predicted before the first Olympics ever to feature NHL stars began - they must win Wednesday in the quarterfinal round.

There, they will face off against a World Cup favorite going undefeated: great Dominik Hasek and multi-talented Jaromir Jagr.

It will be the first look at how the best U.S. Olympic team ever assembled will respond to its first game back since the 1994 World Cup.

"We know the explosiveness of our team," Jeremy Roenick said. "We know what we can do."

Street: 'I just didn't want to risk anything'

By Steve Wilstein
The Associated Press

HAKUBA, Japan - By nature, Pkaco Street is as cautious as a bicycle messenger in Manhattan or a currency trader in Tokyo.

Crazy, some would say. Fearless, certainly. Possessed of a yen for danger.

She's been that way since she was a kid, and she skied that way to win the super-G gold last week. Not by Monday. And it cost her an Olympic downhill medal.

"I just didn't want to risk anything," said Street, the silver medalist in the downhill at

Lillehammer. "I don't need to go down again. I tried my hardest to get up there on the podium, but it's not worth risking my health at this point... to win a medal or hit the fence. I've hit the fence too many times."

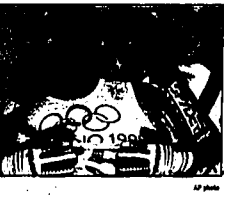
A wise choice, given the treacherous conditions and the time she's missed on the slopes with knee injuries. A mature decision, though the ever-bullient Street, who chatters as fast as she skis, runs the notion of growing up even at 25.

"Yikes, what a scary word," Street said-not long ago-when someone suggested she was show-

ing maturity by listening to her coaches and slowing down her comeback.

Hardly anyone else would have come even this far 14 months after knee surgery, minus the gold in the super-G and finish sixth in the downhill. And it was only 2 1/2 weeks ago that Street flew out of court for a World Cup downhill in Ares, Sweden, and suffered a concussion. Street needed another medal far less than she needed to make sure she avoided another crash.

"The downhill has a risk factor that's really scary, really dangerous," she said.



Pkaco Street, right, hugs teammate Jonna Mendez during the women's downhill Monday.

Heels run away with No. 1 rank

The Associated Press

North Carolina, Duke, Arizona and Kansas held the top four spots in the AP college basketball poll Monday, continuing to separate themselves as the possible No. 1 seeds for the NCAA tournament.

The Tar Heels (26-1) again claim the runaway No. 1 choice with 68 first-place votes and 1,748 points, 108 more than Duke (23-2). Arizona (22-3) had the other two No. 1 votes and 1,605 points, while Kansas (27-3) had 1,587 points.

At the seventh poll this season, including the preseason rankings, where these four teams held the top four spots in some order.

Purdue (22-4), which beat Indiana and Illinois last week, moved up three spots to fifth and had 1,379 points. Utah, Connecticut and Kentucky—all of whom lost one game last week—each dropped one spot to sixth, seventh and eighth, while Princeton moved up one place to ninth.

Sanford, which rebounded from losing three of four games with road wins over UCLA and Southern California last week, moved up four places to round out the Top Ten, the biggest jump of the week in the past 10 weeks.

New Mexico again led the Second Ten and was followed by UCLA, South Carolina, Michigan State,

Men's top 25 poll

Mississippi, Arkansas, Cincinnati, Massachusetts, Texas Christian and West Virginia.

The last five were Syracuse, Michigan, Illinois, George Washington and Maryland, a win over Cincinnati following the loss to Purdue that snapped a seven-game winning streak. The Illini were ranked for seven weeks last season, including the last five in a row, reaching as high as No. 4.

Illinois is the sixth Big Ten team to be ranked this season, a total second only to the Atlantic Coast Conference's seven.

The ACC teams were North Carolina, Duke, Maryland, Florida State, Clemson, Wake Forest and Georgia Tech. The Big Ten teams were Purdue, Indiana, Michigan, Michigan State, Illinois and Iowa.

Three leagues—the Southeastern Conference, the Atlantic 10 and the Western Athletic Conference—have each had five teams ranked.

Rhode Island (18-6) fell out of the rankings from No. 25 following a split of last week's games, a win over George Washington and a loss to Temple. The Rams had been ranked for six straight weeks, fell out for one week, then re-entered last week.

Wild ride haunts No. 1 Blue Devils

The Associated Press

Voters in The Associated Press weekly basketball poll have taken Duke on a wild ride.

Duke reached the season ranked 15th, climbed to 11th, then fell to 25th before the Blue Devils climbed back to 11th—just short of its first Top Ten ranking since 1988.

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It shouldn't take long if her



Vanderbilt's Jennifer Holmes, front, falls as she fights Tennessee's Bryan Laxton, left, and Kellee Jolly during the Lady Vols' 91-60 win Monday.

Women's top 25

team continues playing, the way it has the past months. The Blue Devils (18-5) have won four straight and eight of nine to move into first place in the Atlantic Coast Conference at 11-3.

Tennessee remained a unanimous No. 1 in the poll and moved closer to a rare feat. With only three polls remaining, Tennessee is on track to become only the fourth team to stay No. 1 all season.

Texas was the last to do it in its 1985-86 national championship season. Louisiana Tech remained No. 1 throughout the 1980-81 and 1981-82 seasons.

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Chamique, Tamika pace Lady Vols

The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Chamique Holdstock scored 28 points and Tamika Catchings added 25 as the Lady Vols survived a slow start Monday before routing No. 14 Vanderbilt 91-60.

Tennessee (29-3, 10 Southeastern Conference) looked worn out early in the first game in 10 days.

Lady Vols hit only two of their first nine shots and trailed 16-17 as Vanderbilt (18-6, 8-5) put together a 12-0 spurt.

That didn't last long in front of Vanderbilt's third largest crowd.

Catchings turned to their defense, and the Commodores had trouble breaking the 3-point line, let alone getting near the basket.

Vandy turned the ball over seven times and missed seven shots as the "Meeks" scored the next 17 points, taking the lead for good—at 18-16 on a Catchings basket with 8:35 left. Semeka Randall capped the run with two free throws for a 24-15 lead, and Tennessee was up 32-23 at halftime.

Randall finished with 19 points for Tennessee.

College basketball

- Men**
- No. 4 Kansas 81, Colorado 72
BOULDER, Colo. — Eric Chenoweth had 15 points as No. 4 Kansas won its 11th straight Big 12 game and seventh in eight years.
 - Foul-plagued Raef LaFrentz finished with 13 points, and Billy Thomas had 15 for the Jayhawks (28-3, 12-1 Big 12), who beat Colorado for the 18th straight time and improved to 7-0 since LaFrentz returned from a broken leg injury hand.
 - No. 19 Texas Christian 79, SMU 70
FORT WORTH, Texas — Mike James scored 24 points and Malcolm Johnson added 21 as No. 19 Texas Christian clinched the WAC Pacific Division title by beating Southern Methodist.
 - Poor shooting by TCU (23-4, 12-0 Western Athletic) kept SIMU (15-8, 5-7) within striking range most of the game.
 - Willie Nailon had 18 points and 12 rebounds for TCU. Luke David had 25 points for the Mustangs.
 - No. 20 West Virginia 174, Marshall 58
CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Greg Jones scored 24 points and No. 20 West Virginia won without leading scorer Brian Owens.
 - West Virginia (21-5) finished its nonconference season 11-0 — the Mountaineers' first undefeated season outside the Big East. Owens, averaging 18.3 points, sat out the first half after playing 19 consecutive games.
 - Marshall (10-12) had a three-game winning streak snapped.
 - No. 21 Syracuse 69, Villanova 64
PHILADELPHIA — Ryan Belloran had a career-high 23 points as No. 21 Syracuse beat Villanova to stay alone in first place in the Big East 7.
 - DeDe Burgess had 13 points and eight rebounds, while Eran Thomas added 12 points, four rebounds and five blocks. Syracuse (20-5, 9-4 Big East) won its third straight game and averaged Villanova's 10-point win in last year's Big East tournament.
 - John Celestano had a career-high 24 points for Villanova (10-14, 7-8), while fellow reserve Rafal Burgos had 12 points, all in the first half.
 - Xavier 96, No. 24 G. Washington 86
CINCINNATI — Gary Lumpkin scored a career-high 31 points as Xavier rallied from a 10-point deficit Monday night.
 - Xavier (17-6, 4-4 Atlantic-10) spoiled its jockey season by hitting 45-of-63 from the foul line and pulling it out in the second half of four players limited by fouls. The 45 free throws tied the school record.

Mushers gain state berth; Ketchum keeps hope alive

By Dmen Glow Times-News Staff

SHOSHONE — The fourth-seeded Camas County Mushers set a trip to the A-4 boys' state basketball tournament Monday night with a 64-55 upset over No. 2 Carey in the Northside sub-district tournament.

In Monday's early game, Ketchum Cutthroats kept their dream season alive with a 61-58 overtime win over Dietrich. The Cutthroats and Panthers are guaranteed a spot in the inter-district tournament, and play tonight at 7:30 p.m. for a berth at the state tournament.

Camas County aims to be the Carey-Ketchum winner to decide the Northside champion next Monday at 7 p.m.

A-4 Northside Tournament

made some key shots and they missed some shots they normally make."

After playing to a 13-13 first quarter tie, the teams made a total of two field goals over the next four minutes. Simpson had eight points in the second period and Blodgett answered with seven as Camas County took a 29-25 lead at halftime. Carey battled and trailed by three going into the final quarter.

Eight of the Mushers' final 10 points came from the free-throw line in the final two minutes, and Carey managed just two Mike Cenarrus 3-pointers, including one at the final buzzer.

Camas County 64, Carey 55

Nick Smith and Junior Dusty Blodgett each had 20 points for the Mushers, who opened the fourth quarter with a 10-0 run to break open the previously tight game.

"I thought we did a good job of spreading (the Panthers) out," said Mushers coach Lou Anderson. "We felt if we spread them out, we had some guys who could get to the basket quicker."

Justin Frostman had 12 points for the Mushers, and Danny Simpson led Carey with 23 points and was the only Panther in double figures.

"They played their game plan very well," Anderson said for Carey. "We just happen to have

Ketchum 61, Dietrich 58, OT

"Our guys wanted this game very desperately," said Cutthroats coach Mike Wade. "No Community School team, in 15 years, has ever gotten out of the conference tournament."

The Cutthroats were shooting less than 50 percent from the free-throw line with less than a minute left in regulation, but hit nine of their last 10 attempts—including five of six overtime—to come away with the victory.

"Normally, we're a pretty good free-throw shooting team," said Wade, whose team was in a double-digit lead for most of the fourth quarter. "We weren't tonight, but we made them down the stretch."

Minico falls to Highland in 1st round; Trojans, Bulldogs cruise in Canyon

The Times-News

BROCATTELLO — Highland unceremoniously sent Minico to the losers' bracket with a 66-38 win in boys' A-1, Region III basketball tournament action Monday.

The Rams jumped on the Spartans early and managed to hold them for two quarters.

By the time the teams headed for the locker rooms, Highland had an 18-point lead.

Duke Frostman had 12 points for the Trojans, and Jeff Robinson had 10 for the Bulldogs.

Boys' high school basketball

- Trojans handled the Pilots with ease, 75-43, setting up a match with Kimberly Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.
- Cody Sears had 16 points for Wendell and Bernabe Ortiz for Glens Ferry, which meets tournament host Gooding in a double match tonight at 8 p.m.
- Wendell (18-11, 11-4 WAC) vs. Glens Ferry (15-13, 10-2 WAC) 7:00 p.m. on TV
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A-4 Southside sub-district

Oakley 50, Raft River 38

FILER — Oakley stepped up its offense in the third quarter behind a hot hand in the hands of Murtha-Castleford's eighth point to beat Raft River in the A-4 District 4 Southside sub-district tournament Monday night at 6:30 p.m.

The Hornets take on top-seeded Hagerman for a berth at the state tournament, while Raft River meets Astoria in the quarterfinals. Murtha-Castleford loses at match Wednesday at 8 p.m.

ASTORIA (18-11, 7-8) vs. Raft River (17-11, 7-8) at 8:00 p.m. on TV

Oakley (28-4, 10-2) vs. Hagerman (25-7, 9-3) at 7:30 p.m. on TV

Castledo 53, Hansen 50

FILER — Hansen led throughout the first half before a third-quarter surge led Castledo to a 53-50 win in the Southside sub-district tournament Monday night at 6:30 p.m.

CASTLEDO (17-11, 7-8) vs. Hansen (22-9, 9-3) at 7:30 p.m. on TV

Buchanan (17-11, 7-8) vs. Filer (19-11, 7-8) at 8:00 p.m. on TV

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CSI beats Dixie, improves to 5-0

The Times-News

ST. GEORGE, Utah — The College of Southern Idaho baseball team took its 1998 record to 5-0 with a 1-2-4 trouncing of Dixie College Monday.

The Mustangs called one inning short so BYU could use the baseball field in a following game.

But by the eighth inning, the game was all over anyway.

Just Colvers led the Golden Eagles at the plate, going 3-for-4 with two doubles and four RBIs.

Justin Nakagishi got his second win of the year at the mound, striking out four in the game.

"We're doing well," said CSI assistant coach Boomer Walker. "If we're still here in 20 games, we'll be very disappointed. But for this early in the season, we're doing a lot of things you don't do until the middle of the season. As long as we keep improving, we should be pretty tough."

The Golden Eagles return home to host Treasure Valley Feb. 28.

Examination leaves Horry with questions

reliever. Nick Van Exel, who has experienced chronic pain in his left knee, felt a popping sensation in the knee when he underwent MRJ on Tuesday.

Lakers coach Del Harris said he doesn't want to hear any more talk about the injury, told All-Star week and had on his four All-Stars. "We can't use that any more," he said.

"That's a response to recent loss starts, Harris' asking his players to arrive earlier for games.

"Guys have got to go here sooner so they can get to their locker room in the second half of the game and the media, and still get their injuries and their taping done, and have more quiet time before a game," Harris said.

"We need to work on our mental preparation before a game. You know, we're still bringing people up there and they're not ready for the game plan.

"That's just something that might make a difference, but the

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Pasha fizzles; it must be the twizzle

NAGANO, Japan — If you want to see a sport that gives new meaning to the term "sport," you should check out ice dancing.

Ice dancing is not to be confused with pairs figure skating. Pairs skating is the event wherein a man and a woman, both of whom are dressed in some variation of a Tinkerbell outfit, skate around making big money eyes at each other. Their body language is conveying the romantic message: "We are passionate lovers, and we purchase our clothing at Mr. Pierre's House Of Spangles."



HUMOR
Dave Barry

So just when you think the ice skaters are about to perform an illicit sex act right there on the ice, suddenly, for no apparent reason, they stop. Their body language is conveying about 25 feet. You'd think she'd go running straight to the police, but instead she skates back to the man so he can throw her again. She is nothing but a love slave.

In ice dancing, on the other hand, the man is not allowed to throw the woman. There are big signs around the rink that say, "NO SMOKING OR THROWING WOMEN." That means no throwing. The bad news is, the sport is fixed. Really. According to every knowledgeable skating journalist I talked to, the judges basically agree, before the competition starts, who they think is the best couple, and the second best, and so on, and that is the order in which those couples finish, no matter how they actually skate in that competition. In terms of legitimacy of competition, ice dancing makes professional wrestling look like the Boston Marathon.

The current reigning ice dancing champions are a pair of Russians who always win, no matter how they compete wearing snow shoes, or carrying live ducks in their armpits, and the judges still would score them the highest. So the question is: Why bother to hold the competition? Why not just hand the medals to the pre-selected winners?

The answer, as far as I can tell, is that everybody wants to take a gander at Pasha. Pasha prefers to be called by just one name, like "Madonna" or "Godzilla" — is the woman partner in the team that always wins. (The male partner's name is "The Guy Who Dances With Pasha.") Pasha is an extremely dramatic, chemically blond woman who idolizes Sharon Stone and has a reputation for being very ... um ... let's say, *outrageous*. In fact, one time at a restaurant in Hollywood, another ice dancer grabbed Pasha by the hair and slammed her head against a bar because Pasha had been engaging in acts of outrageousness with the other dancer's husband.

I went to ice dancing on the night of the compulsory tango. This is part of the competition wherein every single couple — we're talking about 24 couples — had to dance to exactly the same song, an Argentine tango. When the man lunged into the air and slammed her head against a bar because Pasha had been engaging in acts of outrageousness with the other dancer's husband.

No, seriously, the judges, to nobody's surprise, had Pasha and The Guy Who Dances With Pasha in first place. I watched them dance, and although I personally know very little about the sport, I can pass along this technical observation, which I expressed to a journalist who regularly covers this sport: "She's not wearing underwear."

After the competition, I watched as Pasha was interviewed by a group of reporters who were — let me see if I can, using my extensive vocabulary — pinpoint their dominant group characteristic — men. Somebody asked Pasha how she thought her performance went, and she answered, "I swear, 'I was having problems with my twizzle.'"

Twizzle problems? You hate for that to happen, during the Olympics! Pasha also said she would like to be a famous movie actress. "I would prefer to have a leading role in a movie," she said, "but I assume I will have to take some acting lessons. In the next four years, I hope to win an Oscar." And I bet she will assuming that the Oscar voters are the same people who judge the ice dancing.

So there's your update on the exciting sport of Olympic ice dancing. I hope to be sending you reports on the other Winter Olympic competitions, although a lot of them are being held outdoors, and if you're not careful, you can freeze your twizzle off.

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NAGANO Olympics

Hometown heroes continue to thrill Japanese

NAGANO, Japan (AP) — The snow fell as the Japanese skiers soared, turning the Nagano Games into the most successful Winter Olympics ever for the host nation.

The Japanese team of Takano Okabe, Hiroya Saito, Masahiko Harada and Kazuyoshi Funaki flew to the Olympic gold medal in 120-meter ski jumping, outstanding runner-up Germany and third-place Austria before an ecstatic crowd of some 50,000.

Standing in swirling snow, the victorious Japanese hoisted their skis to raucous cheers from the hometown fans. Funaki, who had previously won a gold and a silver, became the first man to win three medals in Nagano.

"I felt enormous pressure on my entire body, really," Funaki said afterward. "But the result was the gold. It's great."

Okabe and Harada both soared to the longest jumps in Olympic history today (Monday night EDT) — 137 meters — to upset defending midist Germany.

It was the eighth medal of the Nagano

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7:30 a.m.	Winter Olympics Opening Ceremony
8:30 a.m.	Winter Olympics Closing Ceremony
9:00 a.m.	Winter Olympics Medal Ceremony
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11:00 a.m.	Winter Olympics Medal Ceremony
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Games for the host nation — their highest winter total. The 4 golds, 1 silver and 3 bronzes top the previous high of 7 set in Albertville. It's also the first time the Japanese have earned more than one gold in a Winter Games.

Germany led the medals table with 19 (6 gold, 7 silver, 6 bronze), followed by Norway with 16 (5-7-4) and Russia with 15 (6-4-1). The United States, with seven

medals (2-4-1), was tied for seventh.

• **SKIING:** Katja Seizinger of Germany won her second gold medal in as many days with sparkling runs through the snow with the first and second legs of the slalom in the women's combined.

Seizinger led a German sweep in the Olympic women's combined event, winning in 2 minutes, 40.74 seconds. Her top competition — defending Olympic champion Pernilla Wiberg of Sweden — fell on her first run down the 2,400- and 1,100-meter courses.

A potential star of the future, 18-year-old Caroline Lalloué of Steamboat Springs, Colo., finished seventh — the best result by an American woman in the combined event since Gretchen Fraser's silver medal in 1948.

• **FIGURE SKATING:** Sassy skating star Pasha Grishuk sailed smartly into history with partner Yevgeny Platov. They became the first couple to win the ice dancing gold medal in consecutive Olympics as the Russians repeated their

Lillehammer success and stretched their winning streak to 22 events.

The silver medal went to the winner's top Russian competitor, Angelika Kravtsov and Olga Ovsyannikova. Marina Anisina and Gwendal Peizerat of France took the bronze.

Five-time American champion Elizabeth Punsalan and Jerod Swallow of Pontiac, Mich., were seventh, and the United States' best Olympic showing since 1988 and eight spots higher than they finished in 1994.

• **FREE STYLE SKIING:** Three Americans survived the preliminaries in Wednesday's medal competition. Stone was in fourth after a treacherous opening round that featured some scary spills — including one that blew out American skier Mariano Ferrario's knee and patella tendon.



Michelle Kwan practices Monday at White Ring in Nagano.

Rivalry has American skaters on edge

NAGANO, Japan (AP) — Their awkwardness was glaringly obvious when they were asked to pose together for a picture on the ice.

Michelle Kwan, Tara Lipinski and Nicole Bobek were doing their best to look chummy, but nobody wanted to get too close. Squeezing them into the same frame took some doing.

Toomany, yes. Best buddies, no way.

Perhaps that's inevitable. These three very different, very competitive young women are under enormous amounts of pressure to do the very same thing in an Olympic gold medal.

"This is not like a bobsled, where they're all pushing the same sled," said Frank Carroll, Kwan's coach. "You're out there by yourself."

Women's figure skating, THE glamour part of one of the Olympics' most glamorous sports, begins Wednesday.

It's the event America has waited for because it's the event America can't sweep.

Russia has won all the figure skating gold medals awarded so far, pairs, men's and ice dance. But Kwan, Lipinski and Bobek are three excellent reasons why Russia may not do so well this time.

Each will go about the business of winning very differently because, aside from wearing the same medal, they have practically nothing in common. Not their styles, not their backgrounds, not their personalities.

Kwan was thrust into the spotlight four years ago as a shy, sweet-faced 13-year-old, a subplot in the Nancy-Tony soap opera. A talent phenom with an independent streak — she disobeyed Carroll and took her Olympic qualifying test while he was out of town. She was the designated "other woman," in case Tony Harding was killed in the Olympics.

She went about her business quietly, practicing by herself in a rink in Oslo, Norway. And when Harding was

cleared to skate, Kwan became just another spectator. No one kept track of her every move. No one peppered her with incessant questions.

Fast forward four years. A two-time U.S. champion and the gold-medal favorite, everything she does is news and her every move is monitored by either Carroll, her parents or her agent. At news conferences, she often looks at Carroll first before answering a question.

She arrived in Japan late, slipping the opening ceremony, and she's not staying in the Olympic Village.

"Michelle wants to feel very comfortable and be in an environment where she can sleep well and she's shown no intention of doing the very best performance she can do here for the United States," Carroll said.

And when Kwan's on, her best is just about perfect. The 1996 world champion received 15 perfect marks at the U.S. championships last month, and she's shown no effects from the stress fracture that sidelined her for two months before. The doubts that shook her psyche last season when she lost her world championship title have been erased.

Her skating can be summed up in one word: beautiful. She floats across the ice, a look of pure joy on her face. Her jumps are stylish, her footwork masterful, her artistry and precision exquisite.

"I enjoy being the Olympic favorite," Kwan said. "But you don't think about winning Olympic gold. My winning program is to skate well, and that's what I'm here to do."

Her biggest competition will be Lipinski, the youngest world champion ever last year at 14, she's a human jumping jack who launches herself into triple after triple without breaking a sweat.

While she doesn't have the presence on the ice Kwan does, her artistry is improving. Her expressions no longer look forced, and her music suits her perfectly lit, airy numbers that portray her youthful spunk.

U.S., Canada women square off for gold

NAGANO, Japan (AP) — This is a grudge match eight years in the making. Time hasn't dulled it. Familiarity hasn't softened it.

If anything, the U.S. and Canadian women's hockey teams are more combative and competitive than ever as they play for the Olympic gold medal.

"We don't want to hear the American anthem. We don't want to see them hootin', hollerin' and saluting their fans," Canadian forward Lori Dupuis said. "We want to win the final for those reasons and for the gold medal."

"We've gone through a lot with this team," U.S. defenseman Tara Mouney countered. "Of course that lingers in everybody's mind. You want a gold medal to erase that, leave it in history where it belongs."

It will be the fifth time since 1990 that the teams have fought for the title of best in the world — but the first time with an Olympic medal at stake.

In the previous meetings, Canada won cleanly until last April, when the fourth Women's World Championships ended with a fluke goal in a questionably refereed overtime game.

The stakes rose with the attention given the Olympics. Canada won seven exhibition games leading up to the

Men's medal round could be thrown into tizzy

The Czech Republic has proposed an idea that would change the medal round in the men's slalom round. A medal is expected this afternoon at evening.

Winter Games and the United States won six. Each had 37 goals total in the series.

Everything seemed even until Saturday's highly preliminary round game, the last chance the rivals had to size each other up — or perhaps cut each other down to size.

The United States won it 7-4 with a six-goal comeback in the final period. The teams also generated 48 minutes in penalties and a controversy over whether a U.S. player had made a slide remark about a Canadian's recently deceased father.

The United States, allowing that rude remark was exchanged, denied the story and tried to put it aside.

"We're a very focused team and we didn't let that bother us one bit," Mounsey said. "We know what happened. It's their problem. Let them deal with it. If they want to blow it out of proportion, blow it out of proportion. They're only going to affect themselves."

Controversy of short-track returns

NAGANO, Japan (AP) — Bonnie Blair is gone, Dan Jensen, too. But Cathy Turner, one of the most prolific U.S. medal winners in Olympic history, is back — and that means controversy and turmoil probably are, too.

Short-track speedskating, that fast-moving and often quarrelsome hybrid of long-track and roller derby, returns to produce medals and mayhem at equally rapid rates.

Turner, now 35, won four medals in 1992 and 1994, a 2-1-1 record. She matched among Americans only by Blair in long track. Between them, Blair and Turner combined for one-third of the United States' medals in the last two Olympics, including Turner's two golds.

"In 1994, all you heard about was Dan Jensen and Bonnie Blair, but it took Dan four times to win a gold," U.S. short track coach Jeroen Otter said. "All Cathy does is show up and win medals."

But while Blair quit three years ago and never looked back, Turner was coaxed

out of a third retirement for the 1998 Olympics. Given her reputation for winning at all costs, the news was greeted with trepidation both nationally and internationally.

Some felt America would be better off giving her spot to one of the new crew of young skaters.

Most in their teens, who train year-around and give the team hope for future Olympics.

"It used to be that some (speedskaters) went to the Olympics to win medals and some went for the staff." U.S. skater Eric Flaim said.

"But this group, they're young and fast and want to win. It's serious business."

Indeed, Turner, who spent the last three years filming commercials and starring in Grade-B movies, was beaten out by 19-year-old Erin Porter and 20-year-old Erin Clendenen in the 500 meters, which Turner won in 1992 and 1994.

But Turner was picked for Tuesday's 3,000-meter relay, the race in which the Americans won silver in 1992 and bronze in 1994.



Short-track speedskaters from the United States work out Monday in Nagano.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Stabbing may result in attempted murder charge

TWIN FALLS - A domestic dispute escalated into a stabbing Friday night and could result in attempted murder charges.

Twin Falls County sheriff's deputies were called to a home at 411 Homins Blvd. at 2:12 a.m. Saturday, a sheriff's report said. When deputies arrived, a woman walked out of the home, and they could see a man in the house with a knife, bleeding from the head.

The woman, identified by sheriff's reports as Carrie Ann Boyle-Janson, 19, is the youngest of a divorce, and when her husband, Jason A. Janson, 21, arrived at her house Saturday morning, they began to argue, the report said.

Another man, Doyle Webb Jr., 22, became involved in the dispute and was cut by Jason Janson, the report said. Webb was bleeding heavily from a cut on the head and the side of his neck when deputies arrived.

Deputies became involved in an altercation with Jason Janson, who had the knife. The blunt side of Janson's knife at one point was pressed against a deputy's back, but other officers took the knife away and the deputy was not hurt, the report said.

Janson, who also had cuts, and Webb were taken to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center for treatment, the report said.

Janson was arrested on suspicion of aggravated assault on an officer and assault with intent to murder, and taken directly to jail after being released from the hospital, the report said.

Webb was treated and released, the report said. Boyle-Janson was not hurt.

SNRA strives to protect elk with new access restrictions

FAIRFIELD - In an effort to protect wintering elk, the Sawtooth National Forest has announced new access restrictions in its northern districts.

A snowmobile closure along the South Fork of the Boise River has been extended to the forest boundary just east of Featherhills. Elk wintering in the Shake and Willow creek drainages have been spotted much closer to Featherhills than in previous years, so the closure has been ordered to protect the herd.

Portions of the Warm Springs and Deer creek drainages, north and south of Ketchum, have been closed to all entry. Maps of the closed areas are available at all Sawtooth Forest offices.

Winter snows have driven resident elk down to lower elevations in the Warm Springs and Deer creek drainages. As more cross-country skiers visit the area, the elk - already weak from the ravages of winter - waste even more of their energy as they wallow through the snow to flee.

Snow closes Pomerelle ski resort, 184, stops snowplows

BURLEY - As much as two feet of snow, blown by wind, created wintery conditions Sunday night, stranding drivers and creating an unsafe driving situation for highway crews. The thick snow even closed Pomerelle Ski Resort Monday.

Interstate 84 was closed from the Interstate 86 split to the Utah border at 8:45 p.m. Friday night and wasn't reopened until 10 a.m. Monday, Idaho State Police reports say.

Drifting snow shut down snowplows along Idaho Highway 77 from Albion to Conner Creek from Sunday night until 1 p.m. Monday. The road was reopened and Howell Canyon Road was cleared at around 5:30 p.m., Cassia County Sheriff's Department reports said.

Shoshone council holds planning, zoning hearing

SHOSHONE - The Shoshone City Council will meet at 7 p.m. today at City Hall, 207 S. Ball St. W.

A public hearing on planning and zoning ordinance 455 is first on the agenda. That's the update of the whole planning and zoning ordinances to reflect the city's new comprehensive plan.

The city will hold a work session on the U.S. Highway 93/Greenwood Highway Project at 3 p.m. Friday at the City Hall. The public is welcome.

Jackpot moves advisory meeting because of holiday

JACKPOT, Nev. - The Jackpot Advisory Board's February meeting will be held today, because Monday was a holiday. The meeting will start at 10 a.m. in the Jackpot Convention Center.

Offenders may have less privacy

Senate OKs public access to list of juveniles convicted of sex offenses

The Associated Press

BOISE - Trying to remove the cloak of secrecy that has surrounded serious juvenile crimes, the Senate Monday voted overwhelmingly to create a list of juvenile sex offenders and make it available to the public.

Our whole intention is to protect kids in the school, protect kids in the home, protect your kids," Judiciary Chairman Denton Darrington, R-DeCo, said.

The legislation, which now goes to the House for final action, is similar to the expanded adult sexual offender measure that the Senate forwarded to the



Denton Darrington

House last week.

It requires juveniles over 13, after being released from custody, to register annually with law enforcement officials if they have been convicted - as juveniles - of sexual crimes that would be felonies if committed by adults.

The names would be automatically removed from the register at age 21 unless a prosecutor convinces a judge that continued registration is in the public interest.

A year ago, lawmakers voted to make previously secret juvenile court records and proceedings open to the public when the crimes involved would be felonies if committed by adults.

Darrington justified the sex offender registry with statistics from the latest attorney general's report on sex crimes. Those showed another dramatic increase in juvenile offenders to 127 cases involving 163 victims. Over 70 percent of the victims were under 12 years old.

"We're finding the offenses are more serious, being committed at a little younger age and the numbers are up," Darrington said.

But as he did in opposing the adult sex offender registry, Republican Sen. Cecil Ingram of Boise objected to open access to the registration list, citing one case where a juvenile's sex offense became known and he killed himself.

"Some of these bills are well-meaning, but they also have unintended consequences," Ingram said.

While his was the only vote against the bill, he was not the only skeptic. Sen. Grant Ipsen, R-Boise, raised con-

cerns about vigilantism, as he did in last week's debate. But this time, he buttressed his case with an analysis by a public interest research group in Washington.

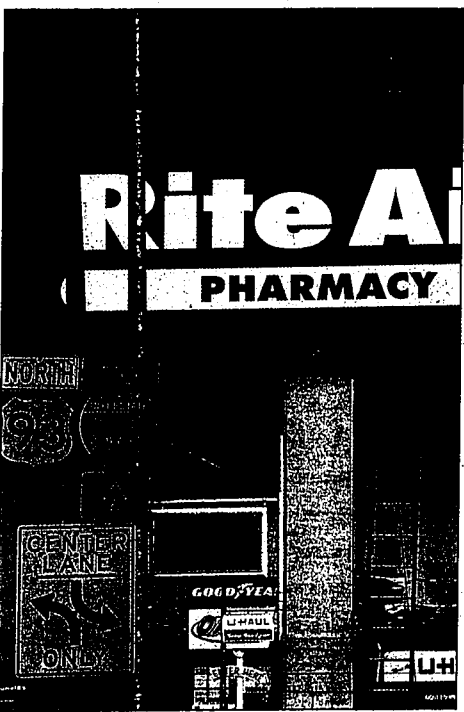
The study cited dozens of instances of harassment and vigilantism in New Jersey, Oregon and Washington, ranging from simple harassment to threats with guns, assault and offenders' homes being burned to the ground.

And, Ipsen pointed out, not one case was prosecuted.

"There is a select enforcement of the laws," he said, citing a case in England where the home of a convicted sex offender was burned down while a child was inside. He said the child died.

"We can and should do more to try to protect innocent people," he said. But laws like the registration law "can breed mischief and are breeding mischief."

RIGHT ON THE MONEY



Corey Welch of Boise crawls across the top of the new Rite Aid sign while replacing the former Payless display Monday on the corner of Blue Lakes Boulevard and Addison Avenue. The new owners of the Payless stores began switching the store's look on Friday after buying the chain last summer.

Wreck in stolen car may be linked to string of thefts

BUHL - When a stolen pickup knocked down a Kimberly Road street light as its driver tried to elude police last week, the crash was felt in Buhl.

The Kimberly officer following the pickup as it sped from a burglarized storage unit early on the morning of Feb. 4 discovered only after the wreck that the truck was stolen from Buhl three days earlier. It's one of a string of car thefts that Buhl Police Detective Karen Trent

suspects may be related.

The first in the string came on the night of Jan. 4.

A red Mustang was stolen from the parking lot of Jules Harrison Ford in Buhl, Trent said. The same night, a set of license plates were stolen from a mobile home park across the street, she said.

The Mustang became stuck alongside the road about three miles from the car lot, apparently when the thief stopped to put on the plates, Trent said. The same night, a car was stolen from a house on 1300 E. about two miles from the spot

Suzuki teacher leaves legacy of music, love

By Rachel Denry
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Julienne Hill Slaughter is remembered by many as a woman full of love.

Slaughter, 67, who brought music to Twin Falls, died Sunday morning of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis - better known as Lou Gehrig's Disease.

Though suffering from ALS, Slaughter lived a full life and touched hundreds of musicians in Twin Falls. She was an accomplished violinist and musician at age 10, and she taught music for more than 46 years.

Kathy Harris, one of Slaughter's first students, said Slaughter brought the Suzuki process of teaching music to hundreds of children and adults in Twin Falls in the 1960s.

Funeral, remembrance details

Julienne Slaughter was born in Proctorville, Mo., May 9, 1930, and died February 15, 1998. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lewis Slaughter, and her son, Ronald Slaughter. Her daughter, Julie Slaughter, is also deceased.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 20 at the 13 Ward LDS Chapel, 421 Main St. A 10 a.m. service will be held at the same time with an interment following at Sunset Memorial Park.

Slaughter's family suggests that any contributions be made to Primary Children's Medical Center, ALS Association, or Magic Valley Staffing. Contributions can be mailed to White Mountain, PO Box 845, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0845.

"She made her students love music. She was always very loving, very gentle.

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TF council hears from judge about juvenile issues

By William Brock
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley's principal judge for juvenile offenses will speak to the City Council today about truancy, curfew, running away and the oft-obsolete concept of parental responsibility.

Today's council meeting begins at 5 p.m. in City Hall and the public is welcome. A public hearing on a zoning amendment to bar more billboards is set for 6 p.m.

Magistrate Judge John Varin's remarks will be the first of the council to consider an ordinance aimed at holding children - and their parents - more accountable for incorrigible behavior. Twin Falls County already has adopted a similar ordinance; several other Magic Valley cities are considering it as well.

After pondering the proposed new ordinance, the council will hear from Twin Falls parent Sue Strobel about the

drug problem confronting local youth. In particular, Strobel said she will discuss ways to keep drug dealers - "predators," she calls them - at bay.

"I'm not saying, 'Let's go after them,'" Strobel said. "I'm saying, 'Let's insulate them from our kids and starve 'em out so they'll go elsewhere.'"

The no-new-billboards amendment is patterned after similar ordinances that have withstood court challenges, said LaMar Orton, the city's planning and zoning director.

"It grandfathered all existing billboards," Orton said, adding that the change would allow any new off-premise signs, as billboards are known.

The amendment also would formally permit business owners to put noncommercial messages, such as "Don't forget to vote" or "Repent: The end is near," on their signs.

Times-News staff writer William Brock can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 264.

Mini-Cassians among hundreds of 'slamming' victims

Companies secretly change customers' phone carriers

By Kurt Friedemann
Times-News writer

BURLEY - It's called "slamming," and local phone services say the fraudulent practice is costing more than 44,000 phone customers hundreds of dollars every month.

The typical scenario goes like this: a phone bill arrives from a local provider, such as U.S. West Communications, all the normal charges are there, but the



For more information on the FCC report that regulates long-distance carriers visit The Times-News Online's NewsLinks page.

Go to <http://www.magicvalley.com> and click on NewsLinks icon.

Protect yourself

It's a good idea to be sure you are getting the best long-distance carrier and service for your money. Make sure to ask for all the charges included before you call. The council will be holding a public hearing on this issue on Friday, Feb. 20 at 5 p.m. in City Hall. For more information call 733-0931.

West, only to discover the company has nothing to do with it, a long-distance company the customer has never heard of is charging for service he or she didn't ask for.

When long-distance providers are suddenly, without warning or permission, switched, the phone customer has been "slammed."

It's a widespread problem and it is getting worse, U.S. West Spokesman Jerry Brown said.

"There has always been some slamming, when the company or mistaken, and some level the long distance companies have been a victim as well," he said. "But over the last year it has become strikingly different, they have begun to switch people out of blue."

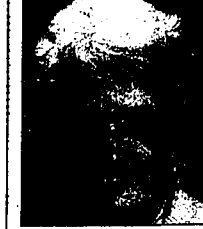
The companies set up "biller routes," and call all over the United States, Brown said, making outrageous claims

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OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-9333, ext. 278, between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. weekdays or ext. 282 between 2 and 5 p.m. Saturdays. Deadline is 4:30 p.m. for next-day publication. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 8 p.m. every day.

TWIN FALLS



Julieanne Hill Slaughter, wife, mother, teacher, friend, Julieanne Hill Slaughter, 67, of Twin Falls, passed away Sunday morning, Feb. 15, 1998, at her home, ending a frustrating but strong battle with ALS.

Julianne was born May 9, 1930, in Pocatello, the daughter of William and Lillis Hill. She grew up in Pocatello, where she met Richard D. Slaughter, Julieanne and Dan were married in the Logan LDS Temple on May 22, 1950, and made music together from that day on.

Julianne was a pianist and a teacher and musician at even a young age. Music was her life, her love and her legacy. An accomplished violinist and musician at even a young age, Julieanne was a pianist and a teacher and musician at even a young age.

Julianne was survived by her husband, Don; two sons, David W. (Connie) Slaughter of Sandy, Utah, and Mike W. (Thelma) Slaughter of Las Vegas; two daughters, Linda (Robert) Seaman of Twin Falls and Kathryn (Randy) Collier of Sandy, Utah; two brothers-in-law, Edward D. Hill of San Francisco, Calif., and William S. Hill, Jr. of Boise; and six grandchildren.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 20, 1998, at the 13th Ward LDS Chapel, 421 Maurice St., N. in Twin Falls, with Bishop Jay Dodds conducting. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls, and from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Friday at the funeral home. The family suggests contributions may be made to Primary Children's Medical Center, 425 S. Association, or Leah Marshall Staffing. Contributions can be mailed to White Mortuary, P.O. Box 624, Twin Falls, ID 83401, or given to a funeral director at the time of service.

Co. Board of Directors. Ellis was involved in the development of the Twin Falls Soil Conservation District and served as a supervisor in the district for more than 20 years. In 1959, he was honored as the Twin Falls Soil Conservation District Supervisor for his early work in establishing the use of dryland grasses for range use. He was the first to use crested wheat in southern Idaho grazing practices. He attended the Twin Falls First Baptist Church and worked as a volunteer with the Magic Valley Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind. Ellis and Arlene enjoyed traveling for many years and toured every state except Florida. For several years, they were active members of the Good Sam Club. He found great pleasure in doing woodworking and cabinetry, sharing the products of his hobby with all who had the time to spend with his family and friends was always the highlight of his day.

He is survived by his children, including Carol (John) Wells of Castleford, Ore. (Fritz) (Donna) Fuller of Twin Falls, Fran (Smith) of Osceola, Ore., and Ellen (Doris) Taylor of Twin Falls. Also surviving him are 11 grandchildren, including Todd and Roger Wells of Castleford; Jeanette (Larry) Curtis, Luke and Sarah Fuller, Rox (Shannon) Taylor, Jill and Bill Fuller, and four great-grandchildren, Michon and Auguste Curtis, Brian and Theresa Smith of Coocoda, Mich. Two great-grandchildren, Bitch and Auguste Curtis, died in infancy. He was preceded in death by his wife; his parents; and his sister, Helen.

He is survived by his wife, Arlene, who was preceded in death by his wife; his parents; and his sister, Helen. He will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, 1998, at the Twin Falls First Baptist Church. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls, and from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Friday at the funeral home. The family suggests memorials may be sent to the Idaho State Hospice, P.O. Box 800, Idaho Falls, ID 83407-9921. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

BURLEY
Verna Mozell Ross Price
Verna Mozell Ross Price, 71, of Burley, died Saturday, Feb. 14, 1998, after a courageous battle with cancer.

She was born Dec. 23, 1926, in Mountain Home, Ark., to Olin and Bernice Ross. She started her education at Idaho Falls, Rick Price and Myrna Reese of Boise; sisters, Judy Holland of Hazelton, Shannon Reed of Alaska, and Cheryl Anderson of Boise; brother, Lorin Ross of Boise; and 11 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by an infant sister and her mother.

Verna found great joy in teaching people to read, and over the last 28 years, she tutored literally hundreds of adults and children through numerous educational programs. Her influence on the body, mind and community can best be measured in the minds of those she helped.

Memorials may be made to the Idaho State Hospice, P.O. Box 800, Idaho Falls, ID 83407-9921. The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18, 1998, at the First Christian Church of Rupert with Pastor Robb. Celebration of Life for Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary Chapel and one hour before the service Wednesday at the church.

JEROME
Teresa L. Wood
Teresa L. Wood, 19, a Jerome resident, died Sunday, Feb. 15, 1998, at the Gooding County Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. C.W. Stone of Greensville, N.C. She was preceded in death by her father, Norman Frank Wood in Jerome. A funeral will be conducted 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18, 1998, at the First United Methodist Church by the Rev. Mark Cox. Burial will follow at the Jerome Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 to 7 p.m. today at Demary's Wendell Chapel.

Morris Vandiver, 61, of Jerome, went to see with his Lord on Tuesday, Feb. 10, 1998, following a courageous battle with cancer.

He was born Nov. 15, 1937, on the Camas Prairie, the first son of Herschel and Arlene Morris Vandiver. He traveled with his parents to Oregon where his father worked in the shipyards during World War II. They later moved back to Idaho, settling in Jerome, where he was reared and educated. Morris spent his summers working in Sun Valley at the lodge and at the Camp with his family. He had a love of nature and music. Following graduation in 1954, he attended Idaho State University for two years and then joined the Navy in 1957 and was proud to be in the service of his country. On Feb. 16, 1958, he married Lois Jean Mergoy, who was also in the Navy in San Diego. Following his Navy retirement in 1975, Morris and Jeanie moved back to Jerome. He was a successful real estate agent, owning his own company with his wife and friends. He was also the proud owner of the "Happy Hooker Worm Inn," which he and his wife loved his children and found great joy in his grandchildren. He also was very active in the community, and one of his special interests was the Jerome City Park. He never knew a stranger and was a friend to all he met. He was truly missed by all who loved him.

Survivors include his wife of Jerome; one son, Ryan (Genia) Vander; one daughter, Sherry; two daughters, Giselle (John) Boers and Michelle Irene (Keith) Zumb; both of Jerome; his mother, Arlene Vandiver of Jerome; a brother, Gary (Marilyn) Vandiver of Richland, Wash.; a sister, Betty (Robert) Mergoy of Jerome; and five grandchildren, Lois and Elaine Boers, Tonya Holt and Alyson and Amanda Vandiver in Idaho. A memorial service for Morris Vandiver will be conducted at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, 1998, at the Jerome Bible Baptist Church by the Rev. R.B. Yeager. Arrangements are under the direction of the Hope-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

HAGERMAN
Evelyn Mae Shotwell
Evelyn Mae Shotwell, 80, of Hagerman, died Saturday, Feb. 14, 1998, after a courageous battle with cancer.

She was born June 13, 1917, in Glonwood Springs, Colo., the daughter of Harry and Hulda Nims. She moved to Jerome with her parents in 1923 to join her grandparents, John D. and Gorruda Nims, who founded the Northern News in 1903. She graduated from Jerome High School in 1935 and went on to attend Link's Business School in Boise. She worked for Link's with a certificate in bookkeeping. She was employed with Idaho Power in Boise. She was married to Harry M. Shotwell on April 8, 1939, in Boise. They returned to the area in 1973, residing in Hagerman. They were married 38 years at the time of Ralph's death in 1977. Evelyn worked for Link's in Hagerman for 15 years until retiring in 1990. Evelyn enjoyed crocheting, reading, traveling and working in her flower and vegetable gardens. She was a devoted mother and grandmother and especially enjoyed family gatherings.

She is survived by four daughters, Elizabeth (Dick) Cristofal of Hagerman, Pat (Myron) Wintner of Hagerman, Kathy (Dave) Williams of Twin Falls, two sisters, Nina Hopping of Alameda, Calif., and Betty (Bill) Mergoy of Boise; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents and one brother.

Senate receives tobacco restriction bill

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Compromise legislation to severely restrict juvenile access to tobacco products has been sent to the full Senate for a vote.

There was only one dissenting vote as the State Affairs Committee endorsed the measure on Monday. It represents an accommodation between the state Parent-Teacher Association and tobacco retailers that replaces \$55

a year retail licenses with free permits and relies on tax money — not license revenue — to finance at least two inspections of every retailer each year.

"We think it's a reasonable bill, a national bill for decreasing access in many ways to tobacco by minors," Roseanne Hardin of the

Department of Health and Welfare told the committee. The bill essentially bans vending machines and requires retailers to move tobacco products behind the counter so they cannot be shopped by minors. It takes effect in 1999.

The major change is the elimination of the license fee that was to finance the inspections of retailers statewide.

OBITUARIES



KIMBERLY

Kimberly Allen, 75, of Kimberly, died Saturday, Feb. 14, 1998, at the Rock Creek Rehabilitation and Medical Center.

She was born March 19, 1922, in Kimberly, the daughter of Don and Elvira Batty Sudweeks. She was married to Avis Lee Allen on March 15, 1947, in Boise. She graduated from Kimberly High School in 1938, attending Albion State Normal School, Brigham Young University and Idaho State University. She

earned her bachelor of arts degree in education. She began her successful teaching career at the age of 20, teaching at locations in Utah and Idaho, receiving recognition at state and national levels. Hansen was the location where she taught her first 24 years. She was an active member of the LDS Church, dedicating her life to service to all of those around her. She was a successful, loving and devoted wife, mother and daughter. She was an avid reader, guiding all four sons to the rank of Eagle Scout.

She is survived by her husband, Avis Lee Allen of Kimberly; four sons, Kenneth (Rick) Alan of Lyman, Utah, Keith Alan of Pocatello, Brent Allen of Fort Worth, Texas, and Allan Allen of Idaho Falls; 13 grandchildren; one great-grandson; two brothers, Kenneth and William of Kimberly; and Clinton Sudweeks of Brentwood, Calif.; and two sisters, Lorraine Burnham of Chino, Calif., and Helen Boaz of Rigby. She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Harold Sudweeks; and two sisters, Lorraine and Helen.

A funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 17, 1998, at the Kimberly 2nd Ward LDS Church. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from 1 to 4:45 p.m. before the service at the church. Burial will be in the White Mortuary in White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

JEROME

Altus Hawkins
Altus Hawkins, 78, of Jerome, died Saturday, Feb. 14, 1998, at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center.

He was born March 15, 1919, in Purcell, Okla., the son of Matthew and Francis White Hawkins, and was reared and educated in Oklahoma. Altus worked as a welder in the Houston shipyards from 1940 to 1943 and then joined the Army. Following his discharge, he worked at Tinker Air Force Base near Oklahoma City until his retirement in 1980. He moved to Jerome in 1995.

Survivors include three sons, Jim (Jo) Hawkins of Jerome, the Rev. Jack (Sue) Hawkins of McCallsister, Okla., the Rev. Gary (Bronnda) Hawkins of Laurel, Del.; one brother, Marvin Hawkins of Moore, Okla.; and one sister, Emma Ruth Green of Purcell, Okla. Also surviving are two granddaughters, one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by 12 brothers and sisters.

A memorial service for Altus Hawkins will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18, 1998, at the Hope-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Park. No viewing is planned.

SERVICES

Fern Pratt Dunn Brown of Rupert, 11 a.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel; friends may call one hour before the funeral at the mortuary.

Fern Pratt Dunn Brown of Rupert, 11 a.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel; friends may call one hour before the service.

Beatrice Merrill of Jerome, 2 p.m. today at the Hope-Robertson Funeral Chapel; friends may call from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

Kenneth Orr Higginbotham of Jerome, 11 a.m. today at the Jerome LDS 3rd Ward Chapel, 825 E. Ave. B; friends may call from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. at the church (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Lee Kennie Smith of Twin Falls, 11 a.m. today at the LDS 9th Ward chapel on Elizabeth Boulevard; friends may call from 10 to 10:45 a.m. at the church (White Mortuary of Twin Falls).

Owen E. Ryan
WENDELL — Owen Emmett Ryan, 83, of Wendell, died Monday, Feb. 16, 1998, at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome.

DEATH NOTICES

Eula I. Fouk
TWIN FALLS — Eula Irene Fouk, 98, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Feb. 16, 1998, at the Twin Falls Care Center.

A private family service will be held. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demary's Wendell Chapel.

HOSPITALS

CASSIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
Some names omitted at patients' request.

Admitted
Beth Jones of Burley; Sara Breeding of Declo; Richard Medinger of Rupert; Arlene Ruppert of Burley; Stephanie Stubbs of Hazelton; and Marvin Tremayne of Westminster, Calif.

Deaths
Babies were born to Jay and Stephanie Stubbs of Hazelton; and to Nathan and Melanie Knowles of Declo.

Released
Sebastian Soto of Burley; Melanie Knowles of Declo; Cynthia Luna of Rupert; and Bobbie

Georgannna Ingerson of Rupert.

MINDOKKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
Some names omitted at patients' request.

IDAHO ROAD REPORT

BOISE (AP) — Here are Monday evening's road conditions from the Idaho Department of Transportation.

Interstate 84 — Dry, Inland 345, wet, rain; Snake-Idaho City, dry, deer on road; Idaho City-Lowman, dry, slash, icy spots, rocks; Lowman-Banner Summit, icy spots, brush, snow flow; Banner Summit-Stanley, broken snow flow.

Interstate 91 — Dry, broken snow flow; Ketchum-Challin, broken snow flow; Clayton-Clayton, wet, rain.

824 NEW CHANGES CALLED "TAX RELIEF". (And you didn't think the government had a sense of humor.) Real tax relief comes when you sit down with us. Last year we got over 10 billion dollars back for our customers. Working together, we'll help you get everything you have coming.

Weather doesn't hurt numbers of skiers

By Susan Bailey
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY - A Saturday snowstorm that kept many skiers off Bald Mountain probably prevented 1998 Presidents Day weekend skier counts from exceeding last year's.

Otherwise, the holiday weekend showed signs of beating the big snow year of 1996-97. "The weather like it was on Saturday hurts our skier count for that particular day," said Sun Valley Co. spokesman Jack Sibbach. "The skier numbers have to do with weather."

Sibbach thought a sunny Saturday would have allowed the

weekend to outstrip last year's number of skiers, he said. "It's a big family weekend," he said. "The kids are out of school."

Company figures indicate an average of 20 percent fewer skiers hit the slopes on stormy days with poor visibility, Sibbach said.

A total of 16,286 skiers bought tickets to ride chairlifts on Bald and Dollar mountains during Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Last ski season, that total was 17,200, a scant 914 more skiers. The only holiday that brings more skiers to Bald Mountain Ski Area is Christmas, Sibbach said.

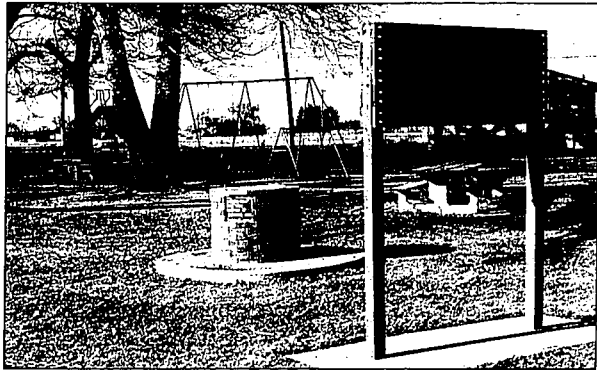
Sunday, when 6,769 skiers rode the lifts, was the weekend's

biggest day. In 1997, 7,200 skiers came out on Sunday of Presidents Day weekend.

Sibbach said projections are for 1998 to exceed last year in overall business, due to aggressive marketing by the resort. He said Sun Valley has been selling itself to corporate groups, with the result that January 1998 saw 6 percent more business for the resort than January 1997. Resort management estimates the 6 percent gain over a year ago will hold for February, Sibbach said.

Bookings for overnight accommodations at the resort are stronger.

"We're ecstatic we're up over last year," Sibbach said.



Formation of a Minico Recreation District will mean more to youth and families than a few picnic tables and swings. Districting will enable the county to qualify for tax and grant money for major projects such as swimming pools, racquetball courts, biking and hiking trails and summer youth programs.

Mobile homes top Jerome council agenda

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

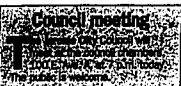
JEROME - The City Council today reported to establish a temporary 120-day moratorium on placement of mobile homes within the city limits.

Mobile homes built prior to 1976 would be affected.

On Feb. 3, city staff was instructed to prepare an ordinance establishing the moratorium, which would allow time for revision of the current ordinance on placement of mobile homes within the city.

Other business on today's Jerome council agenda:

• An ordinance allowing the city to charge developers for the cost of subdivision plat review is scheduled for a vote. The city currently doesn't charge developers for plat reviews. However, the municipal code requires the plans be reviewed by the city's contracted engineer, who charges



the city for the review.

A typical subdivision review costs about \$150. Over a year's time, Jerome taxpayers pay several thousand dollars for plat reviews. If the ordinance passes, a resolution establishing a fee schedule will be introduced and a public hearing will be held.

• An ad hoc volunteer committee is being organized to assist city staff in management of Jerome's urban forest. The five-member tree committee will deal with right-of-way and utility conflicts, tree disease and beautification.

• An Arbor Day proclamation will be read naming May 15 as the day to plant trees in Jerome.

A tree planting will be held in the A Street park May 15 to help landscape for the new water-storage tank. The tree committee should be up and running by then to assist with the planting.

• The council will discuss a proposed speed limit increase on Tiger Drive between 8th and 16th avenues. The police department recommends continuing the existing speed limit of 25 mph from a.m. to 4 p.m., but raising it to 35 mph after 4 p.m., during weekends and on holidays.

The primary concern is the location of schools in the area. Horizon Elementary is on East 10th Avenue, and the side of the school property runs along Tiger Drive for about a block. Also at that location, Tiger Drive is a narrow street with constant pedestrian traffic.

Times-News correspondent Dixie Thomas Reale can be reached in Jerome at 324-3670.

Recreation petition circulates

Proponents say activities district for youth is a must

By Penelope Reedy
Times-News writer

RUPERT - The last of three informational town meetings about forming a Minico Recreation District will be held 7 p.m. tonight at Heyburn Elementary School.

This meeting is open to all residents of Minidoka County, including those who may have missed last week's Paul and Rupert meetings.

Public response to the plan to form a recreation district has been positive, said Les Hutchinson, recreational director for Rexburg City, but turnout at the meetings has been disappointing. Sports events may have conflicted with the times, he said.

Just Feb. 10, we had more than 400 signatures on our petition," said committee member Alice Schenk. "We're shooting for 2,000 signatures."

Twenty percent of Minidoka County's registered voters' signatures are required to put the measure on the May ballot. A simple majority vote is all that's necessary to pass the measure.

Forming a recreational district would allow the county access to a tax base as well as grant money for possible construction of a community swimming pool and recreational center. Money also could be allocated for bike and hiking trails, picnic areas, skate board ramps and summer youth programs.

Two of the issues raised at meetings concern increased taxes and where the main facilities would be located. Residents want people from Heyburn, Paul and Rupert to have easy access to the facilities.

Schenk described districting as a process, not something to be voted in and completed in one session.

"I do not see a building going up the first year," she said. "It takes time to establish the governing board and decide what it is we want to do."

increase in rent to cover land lord's living-unit shares in the assessment.

"It costs \$35,000 to take care of one juvenile in the delinquency process," Schenk said. "Four of them would equal the current Rupert recreational budget of \$140,000."

Schenk and other citizens agree that \$54 is a small price for the community benefits the proposal offers.

"Where the indoor facility will be located is something we just can't address," Schenk said.

"After we vote the district in, the council will appoint a board of directors, one from each of our three voting districts. They'll be making those kinds of decisions based on public hearings."

Times-News staff writer Penelope Reedy can be reached in Burley at 677-4042.

CONSTRUCTING A CAR WASH



John Grasse and Deen Hansen lay cinder blocks for a new car wash at Royce and Sons in Burley.

Landowner gathers railroad town memorabilia

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) - It is just a freeway exit in the middle of nowhere, just east of the Idaho-Montana state line.

Ninety years ago, it was a railroad boom town so rowdy that a person could be shot for just looking crosswise at someone, said Dean Turner, who seeks memorabilia and stories about the long-gone town of Taft.

Presidential candidate William Howard Taft once came through on a train.

"Taft was a big fellow. I mean a 300-pounder, and he was not

above talking the language of the people," said Turner, who with his sons owns 110 acres at the mountain site.

"What he said, principally, was 'Knock this off and don't be killing so many folks.' They were so impressed, the next day they built the town site for him."

Turner has been placing newspaper ads, soliciting information about the community. He eventually wants the souvenirs to decorate a restaurant or motel to be built on long-gone Taft property, "maybe next year."

His inquiries have led to fun conversations with old-timers. Some were involved in the early 1960s in tearing down the Taft Hotel, the last building there. The workers were getting ready for the interstate.

From Taft, the Northern Pacific tracks headed west over Lookout Pass. The Milwaukee Railroad trailed southeast toward Avery, through the Taft Tunnel. The Milwaukee's "Hizawa Trail" will open to mountain bicyclist next summer, bringing travelers through Taft once more.

Slamming

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for better service to get customers to voluntarily change companies or they simply just change people's service without their knowledge.

"These companies are literally like the snake-oil salesmen in years past," he said. "But instead of moving from town to town selling their remedies, these phone companies can move state to state just using the phone."

Burley resident Wiley Early Jr. said he's been a victim of this practice. He said he had hundreds and hundreds of collections for phone bills just like the town after him.

Right now the law is on the company's side, Brown said. If someone doesn't pay for service, he still owes that phone company, whether he asked for its service or not.

There are on average about 600 switches on their phone, Brown said. With such a volume, his company can't check every change and depends on the long-distance carrier's honesty.

"This group of companies is committing out-and-out fraud," he said. "We have no intention of playing by the rules, customers are being abused."

The rules are outlined by the Federal Communication Commission but aren't really enforced, Brown said, not until administrative procedures for dealing with the unlawful companies are created.

"The FCC can continue to fine these companies, but that doesn't stop them," he said. "Until we take away their economic incentive it won't stop."

Not all re-sellers are pulling the bait-and-switch on their phone customers, Jennifer Crenshaw is a customer service manager for Communication Network Services Inc. in Birmingham, Ala.

She said her company does not sell its services over the phone, and the few times an unwanted switch has happened they've called the customer and fixed the problem.

"I want to do whatever I can do to help them," she said. "When it happens, we explain the situation to them and tell them it was unintentional."

Crenshaw said companies like hers deal with such a volume of customers that it's hard to keep everyone straight and mix-ups can occur. She points to her company's web page on the Internet that explains how to guard against unwanted switches.

"The best defense against this type of fraud is vigilance, he said. "When a telemarketer calls about a new phone service or consolidating all services on one bill, ask for a name and a call-back number; if anything is fishy don't use them," he said. "And watch your phone bill, so much of it can be stopped there."

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Cost puts brakes on proposed canyon road

LOGAN, Utah (AP) - Avon resident Guy Ralphiser can see the lights at the Powder Mountain Ski Resort from his home. But if he wants to go there, it's a long trip.

That distance could be shortened if the mountain pass, known locally as Avon Road, were upgraded to provide year-round passage through the South Canyon of Cache Valley and Weber County.

The idea has been stalled in the past because of financial constraints and environmental concerns, but has found new popularity in anticipation of the 2002 Olympics.

Pulsipher, a Cache County councilman and lifelong resident of Avon, said the possibility of developing a passenger-worthy road out of the gravel one there now needs to be explored.

"It would take half the distance to get to the Ogden Valley," Pulsipher said. "I think it is eventually going to come. I'd like to see it improved."

Cache Chamber of Commerce director Jay Clark said the

improvements would help lure business to Cache Valley from nearby Olympic venues.

"There's no way we are going to get more events in Cache Valley, so we may as well make it more accessible and take advantage of the tourism this way," he said.

But the Utah Department of Transportation has been trying to turn more roads over to cities and counties and state construction money is already spread thin by Interstate 15 reconstruction, making the Avon Road less likely.

never had happened (without her)," Cox said. "Many focal points of symphonies are their string sections. She taught a lot of years and a lot of people."

Slaughter's legacy of music and life continues in the students she taught and helped.

"I'm glad she's gone, but I'm glad she's not suffering anymore," Harris said.

Slaughter had a positive outlook. In an interview with The Times-News last May, Slaughter said, "Because of my friends and family and faith, I realize how very blessed I am."

of her," Harris said. Camille Cox, another of Slaughter's former students, said that Slaughter will be greatly missed.

"She taught so much through example and love, you couldn't help but be around her and love music," Cox said. "She had a great talent, her music was gorgeous, but it was because you felt the love she had for (music) in it."

Cox said that without Slaughter music wouldn't be as good as it is in Twin Falls - especially string music.

Slaughter

Continued from C1 always encouraging, and always gentle," Harris said. "She loved and cared about me, and not just what I could do on the violin. She was always so thrilled to see the Suzuki method work because it was an experiment."

The Suzuki process incorporated repetition and encouragement to foster love for music.

Slaughter was always an example of kindness and goodness, and she did much for the Twin Falls community, Harris said. "I look at music in this valley now, and I think it's a direct result

FAMILY LIFE

Schools should help take the load off

DEAR ABBY: As a lawyer who represents injured people, and as someone who has read your letter, I read with interest the entry in your column from "An Outraged Grandparent," who was angry that her grandchild didn't get her share of backpacks from the 20 pounds of books she was required to carry to and from school each day.

I fully agree with your idea of a rolling briefcase or luggage cart. I have used one myself since my back injury. However, it is important that your student and her grandmother know that they should not view the school's policies as unchangeable. The Americans with Disabilities Act requires that schools make reasonable accommodations to persons with disabilities. A reasonable accommodation in this situation would likely legally require a school to provide a locker for the student, or be more flexible in allowing her to carry lighter books, perhaps by cutting the books into two stacks. If the student's teachers are unwilling to cooperate, I would strongly suggest that she complain to the principal. If this is ineffective, the family should file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education. An inquiry from the Department of Education often causes school officials to become far more accommodating than they previously thought possible.

—STEVEN FEINSTEIN, SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR STEVEN: I'm certain that "Outraged Grandparent" will be grateful for your professional opinion, and thank you for it. Since I printed that letter, I have received many sympathetic letters offering helpful advice on the granddaughter. Read on.

DEAR ABBY: Most kids carry their backpacks too low on their backs. It puts a lot of weight on the lower back and spine. The load should be carried high on the back, which puts more of the weight on the shoulders.

My former Marine, I've had to carry a lot more than 20 pounds, and have done so for 10 to 15 miles. I have learned that the easier it is on your back, it's not how much you carry, but how you carry it.

—AN OLD MARINE

DEAR OLD MARINE: Because backpacks are so popular, I'm sure many students will heed your years of experience. Thanks for the input.



DEAR ABBY
Abigail VanBuren

Semper Fil Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I am a college student who had many physical problems in high school.

Since the girl is seeing a chiropractor, her chiropractor should write a note to the school stating that they should not view the school's policies as unchangeable. The Americans with Disabilities Act requires that schools make reasonable accommodations to persons with disabilities. A reasonable accommodation in this situation would likely legally require a school to provide a locker for the student, or be more flexible in allowing her to carry lighter books, perhaps by cutting the books into two stacks.

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to explain politely, but truthfully, why they have stopped speaking — but after that, you should stay out of it.

DEAR ABBY: Recently, in the middle of the night, a friend had chest pains. She called a neighbor and was taken to the hospital, where she was treated. Fortunately, she is well. However, her doctor told her that what she had done was wrong. He said, "You should never call a friend or neighbor, they are not equipped to help you in an emergency. Call 911!"

She told me this story, and two weeks later, I was at a friend's for New Year's. I ate too much salty food and suddenly was gasping for breath. I had just told them the story about 911 that evening. They did not call a police officer arrived with oxygen, administering it while waiting for the ambulance. I'm convinced it saved my life.

—RUTH DAIGEN, WYATAGH, N.Y.

DEAR RUTH: I'm sharing your story with my readers because it illustrates what 911 is supposed to be used for — a life-threatening emergency. Thank you for an important letter.

DEAR ABBY: What does otto do with wedding pictures after a divorce? My daughter has given me wedding pictures and doesn't want to look at them again.

These are large wedding portraits that include many family members along with the bride and groom. Some of the relatives have passed away and the photographs are precious to me.

I hope you can help me. Please do not use my name.

—CALIFORNIA READER

DEAR READER: On the back of the portraits, write the names of those in the pictures and their relationship to you, along with the date they were taken. Then put the pictures away. They are part of your family history and some of your relatives may want them someday.

DEAR ABBY: I have been happily married to "Jake" for six years. Then last year, things started to go downhill. His sister committed suicide. I suppose I could have been more supportive, but I've never had anybody close to me die before and I couldn't handle it. Soon after, I found out alcohol hid behind his actions, which means that Jake, who had been sober for 10 years,

had started drinking again. One night, one of his female co-workers took him out and got him drunk. He said all he remembers is waking up in her bed. To his credit, he came home and admitted what he had done. Naturally, I kicked him out.

A week later, Jake collapsed on the job and was taken to the hospital where they found cancer cell all through his body. I rushed to his side. He begged me to forgive him and promised to stop drinking and to work hard at our marriage for his remaining months.

I don't know what to do. I still love him, but I don't want to get hurt again. He has broken promises before, but I just can't let him die alone. Please help me, Abby.

—TORN APART

DEAR TORN: Please open your heart and your arms to your dying husband. You will never regret it.

DEAR ABBY: This is for the 26-year-old man who wants to marry the 32-year-old woman with a teenage daughter. My mother married my stepdad when she was 32. He was 24. I was 14 years old at the time.

I know about problems with disapproving families, and even racism. My mother's family and stepdad's family didn't want to acknowledge the wedding. Despite the opposition, my mom and stepdad have been married for 11 years. Because of the union, I have a little brother I couldn't love more. I also have a great stepdad who loves and respects my mother.

In a way, my stepdad and I grew up together. He's a friend as well as a dad, and he taught me that love and trust conquer all.

—N. BOMAGAT, RENO, NEV.

DEAR N. BOMAGAT: I'm certain the man who wrote will appreciate your supportive letter. Now all up to him to decide if he's emotionally emancipated enough from his family to follow his heart. Let's hope he makes the right decision for all concerned.

Tap-dancing draws boys and well as girls

Knight Rider News Service

PHILADELPHIA — Eight other boys were already shuffle-shuffle-teaching by the time Moses Nakamura got to class. "MOSESI!" they yelled in unison, straining to make their voices one eyebrow, "tap has changed."

Seven-year-old Moses, red-checked and baseball-capped, was so eager to join in that he forgot to strap on both his tap shoes.

He scurried onto the dance floor, one foot sporting a proper tap shoe, the other still trapped inside a bulky Nike sneaker.

The class was full, but there wasn't a pair of pink tights in sight. Nobody in a Shirley Temple dress, no silky hair ribbons, no bobby pins.

That's because at 1 p.m. on Sundays, at the Moving Arts Studio, it's a boys' world. NO GIRLS ALLOWED.

This all-boy class run by Jennifer Haire is a true rarity in the dance world, where self-assured little girls usually reign supreme and uncomfortable little boys keep their distance.

But it's never the case in Haire's class.

Moses — who eventually shed his Nike and strapped on his second tap — took his place next to Andrea Hewlett, 10, who was in line near Frank Tasco, 12, who was hoofing a few steps away from David Robb, 10, and 6-year-old Sam Badanes-Katzman, brand-new to the class and a bit shy.

Slap-shuffle-step-hop. Back-two-three-four. Hit-brush-step. Bracing more or less in sync, the students in Haire's class became a chorus line of string-bean-armed-and-jelly-legged boys, leaning age-old steps that have taken a new shine.

Thanks to today's young and funky dancers such as Savion Glover (choreographer of Broadway's "Bring in da Noise, Bring in da Funk"), the awe-some Aussies of "Tap Dogs," and the inventive dance style of

"Stomp," tap is The Bomb. Forget "Tea for Two" — today, tap rocks.

"There are so many male dancers now," said Wilbert Tasco, explaining why his son, Frank, asked to take lessons. "Evidently," he said, raising one eyebrow, "tap has changed."

Shuffle-hop. Brush. Brush. Shiiiiiiiiiiii.

The boys were breaking down their new routine. Totally digging it.

"There aren't very many pervasive images of boys dancing. You walk by a dance store, and you see a girl and chignon," said Shira Badanes, whose son, Sam, had just enrolled in the class.

"It's nice to have a place where he can be a man and move and feel that his body is beautiful. And it's not basketball," added Carol Katzman, Sam's other mom.

"In ballet I was the only boy," he said. "It was weird. But I got used to it."

Ira Bernstein, an adult professional dancer who gives seminars across the nation, said he didn't start dancing until he was a college student at the University of Pennsylvania.

He didn't dance as a boy because of the stigma, he said, of being the only guy in class.

"When I was a kid, it was not cool to dance," said Bernstein, 38, who is the founder of the Ten-Ten Percussion Ensemble, with headquarters in North Carolina. "Girls would be in the basement dancing, and boys would be in the driveway playing basketball."

That was then. According to the International Tap Association, tap classes are booming, with boys signing up as fast as girls.

"Young people are seeing how it crosses over musical genres," said Jackie Stabilewski, president of the I.T.A. "You can tap hip-hop, you can tap to rap, you can tap to funk."

Airlines want to lighten the heavy carry-on load

Los Angeles Times

Hard on the heels of the heavily traveled holiday season, Northwest and United airlines say they're making gains in the fight against carry-on baggage proliferation. Their common strategy: to squeeze most coach passengers more tightly while leaving those in pricier seats largely undisturbed.

The airlines say their approaches are good news for the many travelers who are fed up with following carry-on rules, only to be inconvenienced by seatmates who have ignored them and brought three or four hefty bags aboard. But the controversy is far from over.

What the feds say: By some estimates, as many as 4,000 passengers are injured in cabin-baggage mishaps. An FAA spokeswoman acknowledged that "we've never really defined what a purse and laptop are and such count as carry-on baggage. There's a better definition needed." So in November the agency unveiled a set of proposed guidelines for airlines to use for industry public input (through March 1). Among the proposed guidelines: "Some airlines might want to restrict passengers to one bag per small item, such as a purse or briefcase." Suggested total carry-on weight limit: 20 pounds.

The FAA is already proposing guidelines. The FAA has long allowed airlines to set their own specific baggage policies, subject to general approval. An FAA spokeswoman explained that "equipment varies from airline to airline, and cabin configurations vary." For more than a decade, the agency has had a clear bottom-line requirement about keeping aisles clear and baggage stowed securely overhead underfoot. The details of achieving that bottom line, she said, are a retail issue that the federal government

shouldn't have to decide.

What the airlines found: Into this controversy stepped Northwest Airlines, shortly before Thanksgiving, with a bold policy change. Instead of allowing passengers up to two carry-ons plus plus plus, Northwest announced that coach-class passengers would be limited to one carry-on bag plus one small item, such as a purse, a laptop computer or a briefcase. First- and business-class travelers, however, are allowed two carry-ons plus purse or briefcase, as are travelers with the airline's most elite frequent-flyer status.

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Ants don't favor mint

Johns Hopkins researchers reportedly have genetically engineered mice so muscular they look like padded caricatures of a superbeed. It's illegal in Ohio's Ironton to sally forth onto the streets in drag. During the first 13 years of marriage, unhappy wives gain 42.6 pounds. To report the suryektors. They do not make clear whether it's the unhappiness that makes them gain weight or the weight gain that makes them unhappy. Both, maybe. Happy wives, they say, put on only 18.4 pounds. Fifty baby boomers now reach age 50 every seven seconds. A pollster says no survey has ever revealed how much liquor people really drink at home. Claim it almost all people who drink underreport that figure by about 50 percent. History records that for a time on one of Abraham Lincoln's desks was a big envelope labeled in his own hand "When you can't find it anywhere else, look into this."

WHAT'S WHAT? L.M. Boyd

If you find out why ostriches sometimes run around in circles, let me know, okay? Consider the half-man-half-horse centaurs of Greek mythology. Some historians think they were dreamed up by people astounded at their first sight of horseback riders. And when onlookers saw a man fall off his horse, it's believed, they thought one weird creature suddenly divided itself into two weird creatures. Nerve impulses travel more slowly through your body than electricity moves along your household wires. Ants avoid milk. So do most mammals dyed to look like trufflers. Experts say many a would-be truffler buyer is cheated that way. Not my problem.

HOROSCOPE Sydney Omarr

IF FEBRUARY 17 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Current cycle relates to rare opportunity to be rid of emotional debris. Spotlight on fresh start in new direction, love relationship, whether married or single, is exciting, romantic, fulfilling. During March you receive gift that is solid, valuable, sentimental. Capricorn, Cancer-born persons play leading roles in your life. You have natural executive ability, when pressure is on you are generous, graceful and handle emergencies with aplomb. **ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Much on your mind concerning other people's money. Cancer native involved. **TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Getting close! Decision reached concerning credit, money, market. You are on trip, visit, investment. Caught up in what you are generous, grateful and unattached. **GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** What appeared to be broken heart turns out to be temporary disaster. You'll get up and around, new romance interest helps heal emotional wounds. Taurus, Scorpio represented. **CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Lunar position highlights creativity, style, excitement of discovery. "You could be in love!" Emerge from shell, let world know. "I am proud to be who I am, not an imitation of anyone else!" **LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** More than bargained for. You win in many areas, including love and money. Domestic adjustment featured, proposals received that include career, marriage. Libra plays role. **VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Play waiting game - separation from lover, one ends within hours. Focus on adventure, young people, challenge of change, variety. Written agreement requires revisiting. **LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Those who thought you too soft to handle tough assignment are in for rude awakening. You'll meet and make deal. Priorities will be in order, you'll be looked upon with renewed admiration. **SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Cycle moves up, you'll dictate terms, be invited to travel. Reunion with former partner. Menzies becomes. You'll be capable of picking winners, being in right place. **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Area of life that were dark, dank, gloomy will receive benefit of greater light. Don't be selective, you'll get hammer words - take initiative in beginning relationship. **CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Suddenly puzzle pieces make sense, vision, meaning becomes. Focus on matters of finance, romance. Spotlight on speculation, marital status, fun cruise to together. **AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Study Capricorn message for valuable hint. Take lead in arranging. **PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** What's exciting is actually being - be ready for confrontation with member of opposite sex. Look beyond the immediate - are capable of predicting future and making it come true.

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Key nuclear waste battle looms Youthful offenders face their victims

CARSON CITY, Nev. (AP) — Nevada officials and environmentalists are gearing up for a pivotal battle in the war to keep a nuclear waste dump out of the state.

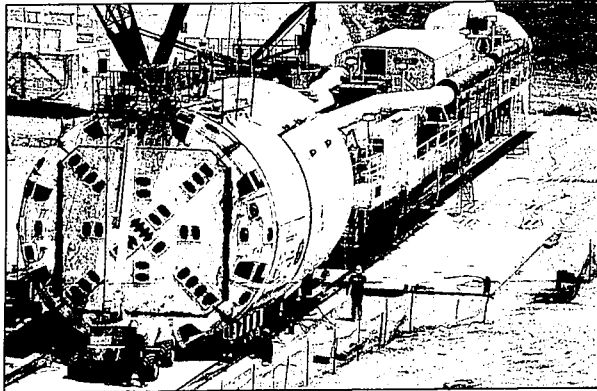
At a three-day hearing in late May, dump opponents will ask State Engineer Mike Turnipseed to deny the government's application for water rights to serve the proposed Yucca Mountain site.

"It's going to be a pretty important event," said Bob Loux, head of the Nevada Nuclear Project. "Clearly, a lot of the state's legal challenges to the entire effort could be caught up in this water case."

Loux, who has led Nevada's fight against plans for a Yucca Mountain dump, said the key issue facing Turnipseed is whether water permits can be granted for the facility when state law prohibits it.

Yucca Mountain is the only site the Energy Department is studying for storage of the nation's high-level nuclear waste. It was first proposed over a decade ago, and now Idaho Sen. Larry Craig is pushing legislation to site a temporary dump nearby to hold the high-level commercial waste until the permanent dump is opened.

Another proposed temporary storage facility in Utah's west desert has come under intense fire from Utah Gov. Mike Leavitt during the current legislative session. Leavitt and his legislative



This is a 1994 photo of the huge boring machine currently digging a massive tunnel into the desert rock at Yucca Mountain, Nevada.

allies have proposed a raft of bills that would make the facility on the remote Goshute Indian reservation an expensive, unrealistic proposition.

Opponents of the Nevada site argue the amount of water the federal government wants could

exceed what the basin around Yucca Mountain can supply.

They also contend the request could jeopardize the state's efforts to protect the endangered pupfish and other species in the area.

"No matter what the decision

is, the loser is going to challenge it," Loux said.

Among protesters are the Citizen Alert environmental group, Amargosa Town Board Water Committee and Southern Nevada Water Conservation District.

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The teenage car thief teared up when his victim, a Salt Lake City teacher, told him how badly she needed the station wagon he had stolen last October.

The single mom depended on her car to get her children to school and to the hospital when her ill son had convulsions, she told the red-headed boy last month during an experimental mediation session.

Damage to the station wagon was estimated at \$7,000, but the victim promised she would forgive part of the restitution if the boy performed well academically and participated in after-school activities.

"This face-to-face encounter is part of the 3rd District Juvenile Court's victim-offender mediation program — which has won high praise from Utah's top jurists. After a year of success in Salt Lake County, the program is being set up in neighboring Wasatch Front counties, said Kathy Elton, a program coordinator with the state Administration Office of the Courts.

"This program has great potential for getting youth out of the juvenile system sooner, and keeping them out," Chief Justice Michael Zimmerman told lawmakers during his Jan. 17 State of the Judiciary Address. "It also has the added advantage of giving victims, your constituents, a much greater sense that the system cares about them."

Last year, 94 youthful offenders went through mediation. They learned about their crimes from the victim's perspective and negotiated restitution.

"The process makes a strong, positive impact on offenders," Zimmerman said. "It makes them aware of their victims and understand the results of their acts in very personal terms. That has changed their behavior."

In the case of the stolen car, the victim said she was hesitant

to meet the 13-year-old boy who drove off with her car.

"This kid could figure out where I lived," said the victim, who asked that her name not be used. "I have three kids and no DeLongars or baseball bats."

But when she met the delinquent, she was convinced of his remorse and took an interest in his welfare.

The youth told her he had been walking home late one night when he broke into her parked station wagon. Two weeks later, the car was recovered near the apartment where the boy lives. The interior was torn apart and the young thief promised to pay for the damage.

"I work with kids. I can tell the phony baloney," said the victim. "We set up a contract. He's going to high school next year. He's not a great student, but he's very intelligent. The deal is he is going to work part-time, full-time in the summer, and pay back a little or a time. He loves football. If he makes the team we knock off some of the restitution. For every A he gets, we knock off \$200, for every B, it's \$100."

The woman is among the more than 90 percent of participating victims who reported a positive experience with mediation.

"I made the right decision," she said. "I hope other people given this opportunity don't hide their head."

Participating youths are about half as likely to re-offend and are also more likely to pay their restitution.

"It gives them an opportunity to take responsibility in a really personal way," Elton said. "It gives them a connection."

Juvenile Court Judge Andrew Valdez has seen mediation repair relationships in a really personal way. He recently handled the case of a young burglar who met with his neighbors whose home he had plundered. The boy had nothing against the people he victimized, but vowed to do work on their behalf.

Drug traffickers subsidize anti-drug law enforcement

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — An unclaimed fortune discovered in a child's pillow aboard a Skywest Airlines plane likely will end up in Salt Lake International Airport's anti-drug budget.

Maintenance workers were cleaning out the plane last month when they found the money sewn inside the pillow, according to a scene from the Disney movie "101 Dalmatians." Authorities called everyone on the flight's manifest, but no one would claim the cash, said Deputy Salt Lake County District

Attorney Clark Harms.

The Jan. 26 seizure added to the thousands of dollars Utah police rake in every year from suspected drug traffickers.

"It's saving taxpayers money by allowing us to upgrade our equipment," said sheriff's Sgt. Darren Carr. "This way, dealers are subsidizing narcotics enforcement."

A supervisor in the sheriff's neighborhood narcotics squad, Carr recently seized \$34,050 off a Greyhound bus after a passenger shot himself to death.

Salt Lake City is at a crossroads of interstate drug traffic, which occasionally means seizures of large shipments of dope and cash by local police.

"We are a central stopping spot for money going west. The drugs move through here going east," Harms said.

The money in the pillow started its January journey to Salt Lake City on an afternoon Skywest flight from Grand Junction, Colo. The cleaning crew called airport police when they discovered the cash.

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The Times-News

Tuesday, February 17, 1998

COMING EVENTS

Barry Park takes on new look

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Computer User Group will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Family History Center, 401 Maurice St. N.

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TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls High School Band and Orchestra will present its 1998 Winter Concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the John W. Roper Auditorium.

TWIN FALLS - A swimming party for those who attend Narcotics Anonymous at the Magic Valley Fellowship Hall is planned for noon Saturday at Silgar's Resort.

RUPERT - An open house for the Middle High School Greenhouse will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the school, 100 S. 300 W.

DECILO - The annual Leader's Council Banquet for Cassia County 4-H leaders will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Southside Electric Building.

BURLEY - The Southern Idaho Fire Academy will be held Friday through Sunday at the Burley Inn. For more information, call Jerry Morton at 423-4519.

BURLEY - The 4th District 11th Winter Camp is set for the February 27 and 28 and March 1 at the 4-H Camp north of Ketchum.

WENDELL - Donna Clark's fourth-graders will perform "Sitting in the Right Seat" at 10:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. Wednesday in the multipurpose room at the Wendell Elementary School. The public is invited.

KETCHUM - The Environmental Resource Center's annual meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Friday at the Ketchum City Hall.

For more information, call 726-4333 or stop by the ERC at Sixth and Leadville. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

JEROME - A contest is on to name the Jerome County Fair. The fair board has set a deadline of March 2 for receipt of all ideas for the fair name that will set the theme and emphasis of the annual parade that opens the fair and the decor used during the annual community event. Entries should be sent to Jerome County Fairgrounds, 200 N. Fir, Jerome, ID 83338. The winning entry will receive two free tickets to one fair attraction.

By Joan Bean Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Thanks to gifts of \$1,500 from the Blue Lakes Rotary Club and \$400 from the Twin Falls Rotary Club, the Harry Barry Park will soon have a new sign.

The original sign was erected in memory of Harry and Harriet S. Barry, who died in an automobile accident in 1954. It will now also honor their granddaughter, Patricia Ann Barry Lincoln, who succumbed to cancer last April at age 47.

Her father, Warren Barry, said Patricia and her older sister grew up there and played in the park. As young teenagers, they made themselves useful as well.

"They helped organize the younger kids and work with the city and kids games," he said. "They taught them to play soccer and kept them involved in city recreation programs all summer long."

Harry and Harriet Barry's home was on the corner of Heyburn Avenue and Blake Street. After their tragic accident, the city approached the family about using the fields around the Barry's home for a park and playground. The Barrys agreed, even though land in that area was being developed and was quite valuable.

"We could have platted it into lots and done well, but we said, 'No, we'll make a park out of it,'" Warren Barry said. "And we've been grateful ever since, because it's been a wonderful park - probably the best family-used park in the whole town."

Soon after the park opened, the city asked the family if they had any objection to a swimming pool in the park. Barry said they gave them the go-ahead, and the city's children were taught to swim at the park.

"It was not a big pool, but almost every child in Twin Falls from about 1956 on learned to swim at Harry Barry Park," Warren Barry said. "The city had an extensive learn-to-swim program, and that pool and that park was just well suited to be a swimmer's pool."

When the new city pool opened in 1989, the Harry Barry pool was closed. The hole was filled in with dirt, and a large concrete pad poured over top. It is now a picnic shelter.

Today, all that is left of the original sign is a 6-foot cement silhouette of the state of Idaho that stands at the corner of Blake Street and Heyburn Avenue. A brass plaque on it dedicates the park to the memory of Harriet and Harry Barry. The sign also displays the Rotary Club emblem.

Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Superintendent Dennis Bowyer said it started out with 8-foot-tall wrought iron



Warren Barry, looking over Harry Barry Park in Twin Falls, has always considered it an honor that the city of Twin Falls has chosen the name of his parents as a memorial. A new sign will soon be constructed at the residential park as well as improvements to the facilities.

on each side of the silhouette, a concrete arch about 12 feet long by 2 feet wide and iron letters identifying the park. Children used the arch to climb on, making it shake. Due to the fear that the concrete would fall and crush someone, the arch was removed.

The cement Idaho shape is still there, but is not easy to see anymore. When it was erected in the 1950s, there was a little tree behind it. Now, the tree is 40 feet tall and its branches almost hide the sign.

This overgrowth will be trimmed when the renovation takes place. The brass plaque on the Idaho silhouette, with its dedication to the Barrys, will be cleaned and polished. Above it will be mounted the city of Twin Falls logo.

Bowyer said a 3/8-inch thick 5-by-10-foot steel plate will be placed behind the cement monument, with foot-high brushed aluminum letters that say Harry Barry Park, Est. 1956.

Ruce R. Bacon, president of the Blue Lakes Rotary Club, said the money given

by the club thus far is earmarked for the sign. Another \$2,500 is to be donated for a new restroom facility.

"Initially, that money was for renovation of the bathrooms," Bacon said. "And then the city decided it would be better to tear down the existing cinder block building and put in new bathrooms, etc. They also told us that that would not cost as much as renovation."

Bowyer said the old Hunt relocation building that houses the existing restrooms has served a number of purposes since the mid-50s. It was used for kids arts and crafts, Art Guild meetings and lessons and was the home of the first Boys and Girls Club. The Twin Falls Soccer Club also used it for meetings and storage.

The building is not vandal-proof so it had to be locked at all times. Anyone planning a gathering at the park had to pick up keys from the Parks and Recreation Department.

"The restrooms were 40 years old and weren't the best looking ones we have,"

Bowyer said. "With our new facility, it will be similar to maybe one of the restrooms at Harmon Park - metal building, probably."

In the past couple of years, with the help of the Boy Scouts working on their Eagle projects, Bowyer said the city has put in a sand volleyball pit at the park. New playground equipment has been installed along with a half-court basketball backboard and rim.

During the summer, people schedule, through the Parks and Recreation Department, three or four family gatherings and company picnics a week at the four-acre park.

"Harry Barry is probably the most popular neighborhood park for small get-togethers," Bowyer said. "I think it's the ideal of a neighborhood park and with the new restrooms it's really going to even improve it more."

Renovation of the Harry Barry Park sign will be completed some time in March, with the dedication in early summer.

Jerome girl searches for that perfect match

H. R. Weibel Times-News correspondent

JEROME - A frail, yet cheerful little girl rests quietly in her Jerome home, waiting for the right person to give her a bone marrow transplant that will give her the gift of life.

Lizzy Wiersma is 10 years old. She has had acute lymphocytic leukemia for half of her lifetime. The disease was in remission for about 2 1/2 years, but she has taken hold of the little girl's body again, making it necessary for her to take weekly treatments at the Primary Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City.

Her doctor, Barton Adrian, said the little Jerome girl has the type of leukemia that will go into remission, but is at high risk that it will recur. A bone marrow transplant is required to change the blood forming cells and must come from a person who has an exact match, a requirement that has sparked an all-out search to find the individual who can match the sick girl's blood composition and who will willingly be the bone marrow donor.

"Whoever that is will rescue her life," said Cindy Wiersma, Lizzy's mother.

Three sisters and the parents of Lizzy were tested as potential donors, but their blood was not an exact match. A community-wide drive to collect blood samples for testing will be held Wednesday from noon to 7 p.m. at the Twin Falls Reform Church, corner of Poleline and Grandview and at the New Life Community Church at 180 East Ave. B in Wendell.

Results of the samples are placed on an international register.

"There are many, many people needing a bone marrow transplant, but their



Lizzy Wiersma, second from left, is surrounded by brother-in-law Dan DeKruyf, left, nephew Braden Wiersma, third from left, and dad Kurt Wiersma, who shaved their heads in a show of support.

chances of finding an exact match is very rare. It's like winning the lottery. Our slogan is 'give someone a chance at a lifetime - give the gift of life,'" Cindy Wiersma said.

About three million potential donors are currently on the transplant list. None of them is an exact match for the Magic Valley girl, who has been the "sweetheart" and best friend of many people throughout the area.

"Lizzy and I were best friends in kindergarten and we met again this year," said Jessi Ward, a 10-year old student at Central Elementary School. "She's always so happy, but when she got sick again and didn't come to school, I just had to call her. I send her e-mail too."

Another classmate, Zach Dickinson, 11, said, "I knew she had this (leukemia) before she was in first grade and I've known her since then. She is so much fun, running around laughing all the time and playing jokes

on us. But she was real good in class. When friends laughed at me for nothing, Lizzy would tell me she was just like that."

Lizzy's teacher, Barbara Hadlock described her student as a very determined and persistent student who would never give up.

"She is an above-average student, happy all the time and played a lot of tricks and jokes on the other kids," Hadlock said. "She is the kind of student who keeps trying until she finishes."

"Lizzy is like my own kid and has always been one of my favorite patients," Dr. Adrian said. "She always has a twinkle in her eyes, and is real mischievous, but she also always gets upset when things were out of control with her disease. She is a very determined little girl."

In a telephone interview, Lizzy said, "I know I'm going to get better because so many people are wanting to help

me. I wish I could play with my cat Cook and my dog Donut, but they won't let me until I get better."

Kurt Wiersma, father of Lizzy, her 4-year old nephew, Braden Wiersma, and brother-in-law Dan DeKruyf, shaved their heads so they could join Lizzy in appearance.

"We're in this together," they all said.

Donating bone marrow is a non-surgical procedure and does not require hospitalization.

"You end up with a Band-Aid and a little soreness in the hip," Dr. Adrian said.

There is no cost to the donors.

Funds to pay for the blood sample testing are also needed by the Wiersma family, insurance does not pay for sampling of anyone outside the immediate family and does not pay for the bone marrow search. Each test costs \$40. Tax deductible donations can be sent to the Mountain States Tumor Institute, Farmers National Bank, 890 Shoshone St., Twin Falls, or taken to Mark Allen Marich, 500 N. Main Street, Twin Falls. For more information, call coordinators of the drive, Patty Southfield at 536-6429 or Ann Brandsma at 536-6435.

Mark Allen Marich, Nephew of the Tumor Institute, can be reached at 1-800-845-4624, e-mail address: allen@almc.org.

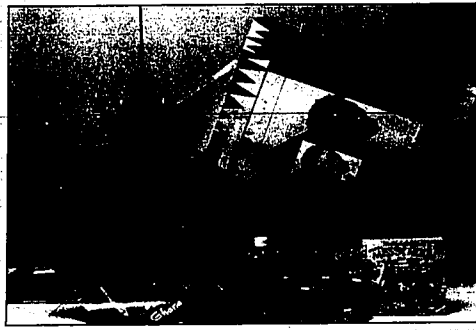
Dr. Marichich said, "We care for children like Lizzy and understand how devastating it is when a child is ill like this." "As a 'champion' in her competition to beat the leukemia, we want to do whatever we can to help." The doctor was a 1994 Olympian, competing in the Alpine downhill race, and said she sees Lizzy as a "champion" in her competition to beat the leukemia.

"She has a lot of us fans cheering for her," Marichich said.

We want your news. If it's news to you, we want to hear about it. We are April Grish and Amy Perini. It is our job to find the news. Community meetings, Celebrations, Individual achievements, Sports and their athletes. We will send to you photos of special events in the life of the community. We are interested in our readers. Please send your news to: Community Editor, P.O. Box 1448, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303. For more information, call 733-0931.

COMMUNITY

HELP WHERE NEEDED



The Natural Helpers at Flier High School recently met at the home of Viole and John Albertson. Instead of exchanging gifts, they brought items to donate to Valley House of Twin Falls. The Natural Helpers program at Flier High School works to create a better school and community atmosphere. For more information, call Anita Jones, student assistance specialist, at 326-3494 or 328-6944.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Web pages constructed

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Computer User Group will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Family History Center, 401 Myrtle St. N. Jeff Altan will present "Basics for Building a Web Page" and how the "history list" in Netscape can be used. Garnetta Gee will show how old documents and maps can be cleaned up using Picture Publisher or a similar program. For more information, call Howard Johnston at 423-4293 or send e-mail to how@micron.net.

Activity levels go up

TWIN FALLS - A "Get Heart Smart" session is planned for 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Sage Room at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Education Center (located just north of the main hospital building). "Exercise for a Healthy Heart: Ways to Increase Your Activity" will be presented by Sharon Gerberding and Joe Cotterell, MPT.

Gerberding is the cardiovascular coordinator for the South Central District Health Department, and Cotterell is with Reliability Services. Admission is free, and the public is invited.

Group offers support

TWIN FALLS - The Circle of Care Assisted Living Family Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Woodstone Garden Room, 491 Caswell Ave. W. Meetings pertain to caring for the aging and elderly and the services and support systems available. Discussions will be held to help meet the needs of the aging and the caregivers. The informal group meets the third Thursday of each month and is conducted by the administrative staff from Heritage-Woodstone Residential Care Centers. For more information, call 734-6062.

Spring activities set

TWIN FALLS - The Literary Services Committee of the Magic Valley Arts Council will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at Barnes & Noble Bookellers. Members are urged to attend. Discussion will focus on details of The Book Doctor's visit in May, a poetry reading and other spring activities.

Africa trip highlighted

TWIN FALLS - The Art Guild of Magic Valley will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the K&N Community Room, 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. W. Marvin Stroppe, professor of earth sciences at the College of Southern Idaho, will present a program on "Kilimanjaro and Beyond." He will show slides of his recent trip to Africa. For more information, call Gayleen Zambic at 733-1655.

Winter Concert planned

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls High School Band and Orchestra will present its 1998 Winter Concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the John W. Roper Auditorium. The orchestra, jazz band and symphony band will perform selections covering a wide variety of styles, including music by Peter Tchaikovsky, Emmanuel Chabrier, Duke Ellington and Andrew Lloyd Webber. Kevin Howard directs the orchestra, and the band is directed by Ted Hadley. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for students.

Blood drive scheduled

BUHL - A Red Cross blood drawing will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday at the Buhl Moose Lodge. Chairman Sandra Wisecaver encour-

ages everyone to donate. She says blood donations can save lives. For more information, call 543-2737.

Swimming party slated

TWIN FALLS - A swimming party for those who attend Narcotics Anonymous at the Magic Valley Fellowship Hall is planned for noon Saturday at Sligar's Resort. Cost is \$3 per person or \$5 with a Jacuzzi.

LDS 8th Ward reunites

TWIN FALLS - Anyone who was ever a part of the Twin Falls LDS 8th Ward is invited to attend a 30th reunion reception in honor of the bishops. The event is planned for 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday at the Harrison LDS Stake Center, 667 Harrison St. A program is scheduled for approximately 8 p.m.

Garden club says quit

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Garden Club is calling it quits. At its January meeting, the club decided it had come to the end of an era and it was time to dissolve. The club was founded in 1938. During the last 60 years, there have been many changes but not the club's theme: "To cultivate a garden is to walk with God," nor a change in the club's aim: "To restore, improve and protect the quality of environment through programs of conservation, civic improvement and education." Television, videos and the Internet are now able to bring a wealth of gardening information into everyone's living room. The remaining fund of the garden club will be donated to the local Red Cross.

A few last words of wisdom from the club: "Despite all of its accomplishments, human kind still owes its existence to a 6-inch layer of top soil and the fact that it rains."

Library service available

TWIN FALLS - Service to senior citizens is the focus this month at the Twin Falls Public Library. Susan Ash, adult services supervisor, says senior materials account for more than 25 percent of those circulated at the library. She says learning is a lifelong process, and the library is an excellent place for senior citizens to pursue their interests, needs and goals. Books, periodicals and videos about investments and finance, including "Value Line" and "Morningstar," are easily accessible on the business refer-

ence table in the reference department. New books on travel, recreation fitness, health and even the psychological aspects of getting older are popular choices of senior citizens. Latest issues of "New Choices," "Retirement Life" and "Elderhostel" are available for 50-plus readers. Videos on wills and trusts, fitness over 60 and travel are available for home viewing. Circulating magazines and videos can be checked out for seven days. Several Internet stations are located in the adult services area. Popular web sites for seniors include those for the American Association of Retired Persons, Social Security and Internet Cruise Travel Network. New fiction and non-fiction large print titles are constantly being added to the library's collection. To access the computerized catalog, a large print and voice computer terminal is available. Magnifiers also are available at the front desk or reference desk.

TAKING OATH



Bud Ruffing, past president of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees Chapter 1959, left, installs the organization's new officers. Officers are, from left, Russell Rossman, president; Bud Moske, treasurer; Helen Miller, secretary; Les Ute, first vice president; and Jim Fischer, second vice president. The installation took place at the Jan. 20 meeting.

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Workshop aids parents

TWIN FALLS - A workshop for parents of students with disabilities will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday in Sage Room 276 of the Taylor Building at the College of Southern Idaho, 315 Falls Ave. "Employment Options for Individuals with Disabilities" will focus on the vocational rehabilitation services that are available to eligible students to assist them in securing employment. Eligible students have a broad range of disabilities. Admission is free for participants by pre-register. It is sponsored by Idaho Parents Unlimited Inc. and the Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

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EVENTS ELSEWHERE

Fire Academy planned

BURLEY - The Southern Idaho Fire Academy will be held Friday through Sunday at the Burley Inn. The event is a training weekend for emergency services people from around the state. Classes to choose from include The Essentials of Firefighting, Wildland Fire Suppression, Extrication and others. An evening of fun also is planned. It will be a Monte Carlo Night where

folks can gamble away funny money and buy raffle tickets for chances to win some of the many prizes donated by area businesses.

The annual event is hosted by the Southern Idaho Firefighter's Association, Idaho State Emergency Services and the College of Southern Idaho.

For more information, call Jerry Morton of the Rock Creek Fire District at 423-4519, send e-mail to morm@ber-highway.net.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Snow wins competition

Melissa Snow, an eighth-grade student at O'Leary Junior High School, won the school level competition of the National Geography Bee on Jan. 8 and with it a chance at a \$25,000 college scholarship. The school-level bee was the first round in the 10th annual National Geography Bee, sponsored by National Geographic and Sylvan Learning Centers.

The program will be produced by Maryland Public Television and will air on PBS stations.

Symphony receives grant

Alice E. Hennessey, President and Executive Director of the Idaho Community Foundation, has announced that the foundation, through the auspices of the Guy Shearer Memorial Fund, has awarded its 1997 \$1,000 grant to the Magic Valley Symphony Orchestra with Theodore Hadley as music director. The grant will help the symphony to

continue to provide quality classical music to the Magic Valley while enhancing the musical education of the community's adult and youth musicians.

Buffington earns honors

Kristy F. Buffington of Flier has been named to the honor roll for the fall term for earning a 3.5 to 3.99 grade-point average at Western Oregon University in Monmouth, Ore.

Emery makes dean's list

Shannon Emery of Twin Falls has been named to the dean's list at the University of Washington in Seattle for the autumn quarter for earning a 3.5 grade-point average or better.

Hooley earns high grades

Isaac Hooley of Flier has been named to the dean's list at Heston College in Heston, Kan., for maintaining a 3.9 to 4.0 grade-point average.

Wagner recognized

Nancy M. Wagner of Twin Falls has been named to the dean's list at the University of Dallas in Irving, Texas, for earning a 3.5 or higher grade-point average for the fall semester.

Achievements honored

Several Magic Valley area students have been named to the fall dean's list at Westminster College, Salt Lake City, Utah. Peter Peterson, psychology major John C. Peterson, nursing major Julie A. Butters, and Nathan B. Astin, all of Twin Falls. To earn a place on the dean's list, students must maintain a 3.5 or better grade-point average.

Volunteers commended

The Twin Falls Loyal Order of Moose No. 185 Adopt-A-Highway Chairman Robert Glesler traveled to the State Highway Board meeting in Boise recently, where he was presented with an award for District IV's outstanding Adopt-A-Highway Volunteer Group for 1997.

Several times a year, the local Moose lodge and Women of the Moose clean the two-mile stretch of highway just north of the Perrine Bridge.

SENIOR CALENDAR

<p>Thursday Pinocle at 1 p.m. Friday Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Blood pressure checks from 10 a.m. to noon. Bingo. Monday Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.</p>	<p>Jackpot at 1 p.m. Thursday Crafts at 1 p.m. Friday Bingo at 11:55 a.m. Pinocle at 1 p.m.</p>	<p>Wednesday Exercise class at 10 a.m. Thursday Quitting at the center. Bingo after meal. Evening meal and cards. Friday Exercise at 10 a.m. Saturday Exercise at 10 a.m. Monday Exercise at 10 a.m. Evening lunch at 5:30 p.m. and cards.</p>
<p>All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$2.50. Wednesday: Meatballs over noodles Friday: Spanish rice Monday: Cheese burger</p>	<p>West End Senior Citizens Inc. 1010 Main St., Buhl All meals at noon, Tuesday through Saturday, 1 p.m. on Sunday and 5:30 p.m. on Monday. Thrift shop open every day from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Today: Liver and onions Wednesday: Liver and onions Thursday: Roast beef Friday: Roast beef Saturday: Barbecue beef on a bun Sunday: Turkey loaf Monday: Beef stew</p>	<p>Flier Senior Haven 222 Main St., Flier Dinners served at noon on Tuesday and Thursday and at 6 p.m. on Friday. Suggested donation is \$2 for seniors. Home delivered meals available each meal time. Today: Pork chops Thursday: Roast beef Friday: Beef stroganoff</p>
<p>Thrift shop open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.</p>	<p>Today Ceramics at 1 p.m.</p>	<p>Today Bingo from 7 to 9 p.m.</p>

Woman says she was asked to lie

New information helps Clinton

WASHINGTON (AP) — Providing a legal boost for President Clinton, a Richmond, Va. woman has told the president's lawyers that she was asked to lie about a friend's allegation that Clinton made a sexual advance in the White House.

The court by the woman, Julie Hartz Steele, raises questions about the claims of Kathleen Willey — an acquaintance of Clinton who reportedly said in a deposition that the president made a pass at her in November 1993.

Ms. Steele's lawyer, John West of Richmond, said in an interview Monday that lawyers defending Clinton in Paula Jones' sexual harassment lawsuit against him recently contacted her.

West said Ms. Willey had told his client, "It would be okay if you lied."

Steele's account cannot help Ms. Jones' attempt to prove that Clinton had a practice of making unwanted sexual advances. The lawsuit contends that as government employees, Clinton rewarded women who succumbed to his desires — while denying Jones any advancement because, as a state employee in 1991, she rejected his advances in a Little Rock hotel room.

Dan Gecker, Ms. Willey's attorney in Richmond, said seeking contact by telephone calls seeking contact.

In a separate criminal investigation of an alleged presidential affair and cover-up, the Justice Department's former White House intern Monica Lewinsky renewed his attacks on Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr, said William Ginsburg, said he joins several Democratic members of Congress in seeking a Justice Department investigation of Starr's "abusive behavior." He told The Associated Press Monday that the department should consider turning the Starr case over to independent prosecutors.

"We have a prosecution system that's out of control," said Ginsburg who criticized a nine-hour meeting between Starr's investigators and Lewinsky without her attorney present, the apparently questioning of Ms. Lewinsky's mother, Marcia Lewis, in the grand jury, and the refusal of Starr to honor the Ginsburgs' agreement for Clinton about job opportunities.

Clinton's immunity from prosecution.

Starr has repeatedly said he only was trying to get at the truth of Lewinsky's allegations that she had an affair with Clinton and he asked her to lie about it. The president has vigorously denied the allegations, but has not provided details about his relationship to the former White House intern and Pentagon employee.

According to West, Ms. Steele received two phone calls in the spring of 1997 from Ms. Willey, who was a longtime friend.

Ms. Willey explained that she had just told a Newsweek reporter of her alleged encounter with Clinton in the White House, and also told the journalist and the visited Steele's home the same day and relayed the story.

In fact, Ms. Steele "was not aware of any meetings" or any other conversation — between the two women when the alleged incident occurred in November 1993, West said, to help a friend.

Nonetheless, to help a friend, Ms. Steele gave the reporter the same account after "Ms. Willey said something to the effect of, 'I just need you to do this for me,'" West said. Ms. Willey also told her friend that the discussion with the reporter would be off the record and she visited Steele's home to "help her," according to West's account.

Ms. Steele told the reporter that Ms. Willey explained how she was allegedly groped by Clinton and was distressed over the incident.

Last July, West related, Ms. Steele was informed that Newsweek would soon run an article about Ms. Willey, and decided "she wanted to set the story straight." Ms. Steele "had not seen Ms. Willey the day of the alleged incident and had not ever heard any allegations of improper conduct by President Clinton from Ms. Willey until she received that phone call," West said.

Willey's alleged encounter, first reported by Newsweek, was made public when Linda R. Tripp, a former White House secretary who taped some 20 hours of conversations with Lewinsky, said she and Willey came to the Oval Office after an encounter with Clinton. Willey, who was having financial problems, had come to speak with Clinton about job opportunities.

THE CLINTON CRISIS

WHO'S WHO

A look at key players in the White House scandal:

THE WHITE HOUSE CIRCLE

1 Bill Clinton
President
Role in crisis: Donias having sexual relations with Monica Lewinsky, a former White House intern; denies urging her to lie about it under oath

3 Hillary Rodham Clinton
First Lady
Role in crisis: Working behind scenes to rally friends and staff

2 Betty Currie
Day Job: President's personal secretary since 1992
Role in crisis: Asked Vernon Jordan to help Lewinsky find a job; cleared Lewinsky into Oval Office, according to sources

4 Leon Panetta
Former White House chief of staff
Role in crisis: Says he has no personal knowledge of relationship between Clinton and Lewinsky; Lewinsky was an intern in Panetta's office

5 Monica Lewinsky
Began White House internship at age 21; moved to paid position in the Office of Legislative Affairs; transferred to Pentagon, where she was an assistant with top-secret clearance; quit in December
Role in crisis: As witness in Paula Jones suit, swore she never had sexual relations with president; was caught on tape by Linda Tripp admitting to 18-month relationship

William H. Ginsburg
Malpractice lawyer and Lewinsky family friend
Role in crisis: As Lewinsky's lawyer, is demanding full immunity in exchange for her cooperation

6 Linda R. Tripp
Social events planner at Pentagon; former White House aide in Bush and Clinton administrations
Role in crisis: Secretly taped conversations with friend Lewinsky and offered tapes to Kenneth Starr; Starr and FBI later used Tripp with hidden microphones to record Lewinsky

Lucianne Goldberg
Literary agent who published Mark Furhman's book on C.J. Simpson trial and other tell-all books
Role in crisis: Urged friend Linda Tripp to secretly tape conversations with Lewinsky

Andy Bleiler
Teacher
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Former White House vice presidential secretary
Role in crisis: Allegedly claimed Clinton fondled her in private study in 1993; Linda Tripp recounted incident to Newsweek trial and prompting Robert Bennett to call Tripp a liar

Robert S. Bennett
Washington lawyer
Role in crisis: Hired in 1994 to defend Clinton in Paula Jones sexual harassment suit; may have prompted Linda Tripp to tape conversations with Lewinsky by calling Tripp a liar

Kenneth W. Starr
Independent counsel since 1994; has investigated Whitewater, "Travelgate," "Filegate," inform sex scandal
Role in crisis: With permission of Justice Department, probing possible perjury and obstruction of justice by Clinton in Paula Jones sexual harassment suit

ACCUSERS AND OTHERS

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A look at the West Wing of the White House, 1994-95:

Office of:
1. President Clinton
2. Betty Currie
3. Hillary Clinton
4. Leon Panetta
5. Monica Lewinsky
6. Linda Tripp

White House Council
Vice president's office
1. Hillary Clinton
2. Leon Panetta
3. Monica Lewinsky
4. Linda Tripp

Legislative offices
Second floor of West Wing
First floor of West Wing
Cabinet room
Oval Office
Old Executive Office Bldg.
White House
West Wing
Treasury Dept.

SOURCES: News reports; research by ADAM MARK and KAT INTERACTIVE

Prosecutor's private practice draws criticism

Where does he get the time for it?

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Kenneth Starr is busy. So busy that some wonder how he can handle the duties of President Clinton can moonlight as a private lawyer for Wisconsin, an aircraft company and a chain of music stores.

But with the newest phase of his government investigation — the Monica Lewinsky matter — in high gear, Starr's private law firm is slowing down.

Starr was hired with much fanfare in 1995 as a private lawyer to defend in court Wisconsin's largest school choice program that

allows low-income Milwaukee children to attend religious schools at parents' expense.

Starr's work — at a rate of \$390 an hour — accounts for \$51,320 in the billings through September 1997, according to Starr's total of \$387,693 from the case over the same period, state records show.

But those same records show Starr worked for just 3,75 hours in the first nine months of last year, the latest records available. And state officials say Starr won't have time to argue the case when it returns to Wisconsin's Supreme Court next month.

"He's been active all along but obviously he's got a bigger case going on right now," said Kevin Keane, a spokesman for Gov. Tommy Thompson.

Starr is a lifelong Republican, a former federal appeals judge and U.S. Solicitor general who argued President Bush's case before the Supreme Court.

In August 1994, he was appointed by a federal court to be the independent counsel to investigate President and Mrs. Clinton's Whitewater business dealings in Arkansas.

Over the last three years, that investigation has been expanded to include the FBI files controversy, the White House travel office firings and now the Lewinsky matter.

Over the same time, Starr has landed several lucrative contracts for his Chicago-based law firm, Kirkland and Ellis.

Starr was retained in December by Meineke Discount Muffler Shops to appeal a \$390 million verdict against the Charlotte, N.C.-based chain. He is expected to argue the case before an appeals court in the spring.

Starr also represents Hughes Aircraft, and last year argued its pension case before the U.S. Supreme Court. Other clients since 1994 included the Brown & Williamson tobacco company, the NFL Players Association and Chiquita Brands International.

His private work has left him open to criticism that he's not spending enough time on the probe, or that he may have conflicts of interest in representing clients who have might like to see the president prosecuted.

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Washington sex scandals over a quarter century

The Washington Post

1974: Rep. Wilbur Mills, D-Ark., gives up chairmanship of the House Ways and Means Committee after being stopped in his car with Anabella Bartisella, known as "Fannie Foxe, the Argentine Firecracker." Foxe jumped into the Tidal Basin near the Jefferson Memorial while Mills was being questioned.

Mills did not seek re-election.

1976: Rep. Wayne L. Hays, D-Ohio, resigns amid revelations about his sexual relationship with Elizabeth Kay, a clerk in his office. Hays goes on to win a seat in the Ohio Legislature.

July 20, 1984: House formally censures Reps. Gerry E. Studds, D-Mass., and Daniel B. Crane, R-Ill., who admitted sexual relations with House pages.

March 11, 1988: Gary Hart, once the front-runner, officially ends his bid for the Democratic presidential nomination following reports of his affairs with Donna Rice and other women.

May 8, 1990: Rep. Donald E. "Buzz" Lukens, R-Ohio, loses GOP primary to Rep. John A. Boehner, R-Ohio, after 1989 conviction for having sex with a 16-year-old girl.

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Political pros look for explanations of Clinton popularity

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — When Stanley Greenberg first read the allegations that President Clinton had sex with a White House intern, he braced himself for the worst.

A veteran of the Clinton draft and sex scandals of the 1992 novel debut, Greenberg thought would happen, "We are all running to catch up to reality."

As the controversy of Clinton's relationship with Monica Lewinsky continues to unfold, political professionals of both parties have been forced to rethink their old assumptions

about where the public draws the line on sex and politics.

Their preliminary theories are all over the map.

Only Clinton could survive these charges.

The baby boomers just don't care. Forgiveness is easy when your bank account is bulging. Who are we to judge, Bill and Hillary have their own unique way of living. Voters are not as quick to reach conclusions as the Washington press corps and independent counsel Kenneth W. Starr. Sex is a part of life in the GOP, but Democrats are free to roam.

"The problem with this is we are not going to learn the real impact for years," said GOP ana-

lyst-pollster Frank Luntz. "It is going to leave an indelible mark on our psyche but I don't know what the mark will be. ... There is no history, there is no example."

Republicans, many of whom saw moral issues as their ticket to the White House, are bitterly dismayed over the sex scandal confronting Clinton. "There is a lot of discouragement in Republican, conservative circles about the stratospheric approval ratings," said Ralph Reed, a leading GOP operative and former executive director of the Christian Coalition.

Everyone seems to agree — and the polls show — that perjury and coverup charges against the president could prove very damaging, even if the sexual allegations do not. But none of the political experts claims to know how far the sexual revolution has moved the nation's moral boundaries. "It is this the

last gasp of the 1960s or a validation of them?" asked William J. Bennett, one of the Republican Party's moral banner-carriers. "I don't know."

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Want to air your opinion on the Lewinsky scandal? Write a Letter to the Editor for The Times-News.

Get out and stay out!

(Of debt, that is)

The Orange County Register

It's either already here or coming any day now, hanging over your head like a 40th birthday and just as unavoidable.

Worrying it a minute below all over the country: the much-decreased credit-card bills from holiday shopping.

When you break it down, as many as 60 million households carry an average \$7,000 in debt on their cards and pay about \$1,000 a year in interest charges alone, according to the Consumer Federation of America.

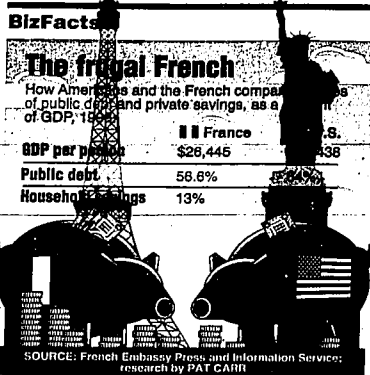
It seems that some consumers have had enough and are trying to put the brakes on their borrowing. If you're one of those who have made digging out of debt a New Year's priority, read on for some smart strategies.

Get on the bleeding. You'll never pay off your credit cards unless you stop using them. Put yourself on a budget and live within your means.

Debt author Mary Hunt suggests putting your plastic on ice—literally. To break her spending habits, she froze her credit cards in water. Or she had the plastic thawed, her urge to spend had passed.

Or try this: Figure out how much you owe in interest each year. To get a rough idea, multiply your total credit-card debt by the average interest rate you pay. Say you owe \$12,000 on your credit cards—adding from 12 percent to 14 percent. That's about \$1,500 in interest charges a year. (\$1,500 multiplied by 0.13.) If you don't do this, nothing will.

Consolidate. If your debt is scattered over several cards, consolidate it into one or two cards. Not only will it be easier to keep track, it may give you more clout with your credit-card company if you have a higher balance and,



thus, pay more interest.

Don't be late. The punishment these days for paying your bills late is brutal. Some banks automatically hike the interest rate for late-payers to 22 percent or more. And that's not including the late-payment fee, which can cost another \$20.

Pay often, pay early. If you are carrying a balance, it's in your best interest to pay a credit-card bill as quickly as possible. Don't wait until the due date. In fact, if you find yourself with extra cash, send it to the bank immediately rather than waiting for the next bill. By law, banks must credit your payment as soon as they receive it.

Why the rush? Most banks calculate their interest charges based on the average daily balance, including new purchases. So when you are carrying a balance, interest on new charges will start accruing immediately, regardless of the month-end grace period. The sooner you reduce that average daily balance, the less interest you'll pay.

Get a low-interest card. If you have good credit and are paying more than 15 percent, you're not trying very hard, says Robert Heady, publisher of Bank Rate

Monitor, which tracks credit-card rates. The market is full of competitive interest rates. To find them, contact Ram Research (visit www.ramresearch.com or send \$5 to CardTrak, Box 1700, Frederick, Md., 21702) or Bank Rate Monitor (www.bankrate.com).

Don't minimize the problem. Most banks require that you pay at least 2 percent or 3 percent of the balance each month. That's called your minimum monthly payment. But if you don't pay more than that each month, you'll never make headway.

A borrower who makes the minimum monthly payment on a \$5,000 debt (with a 15 percent interest rate) will need 50 years to repay the loan. And interest alone will cost about \$7,800.

But add just an extra \$10 each month and the borrower will repay the debt in nearly half the time and save \$3,000. Add \$75 to the monthly payment and the borrower will be debt-free and clear in a little over four years.

The end is in sight. It will help motivate you if you can set a goal to repay your debt in a certain time frame. For example, if you owe \$5,000 on a 15 percent card, you could be out of debt in three years by paying \$175 a month.

scanner data to retailers with their grocery sales surveys. Downey is a much smaller company, with revenue of \$13 million to \$18 million, according to company officials. But Downey executives say their system gives more detail about each product and transaction and is interactive in ways that Nielsen's reports are not.

Downey recently has convinced the military, having just beaten out both Nielsen and IRI to win this third contract.

The company's business begins with rough magnetic tapes that hold scanner information on thousands of different products. It codes each tape into a usable, searchable format by identifying dozens of characteristics for every item — not just name, manufacturer and price, but also flavor, size and even whether the product is low-fat or low-salt.

With instant access to that kind of information, Downey officials say, a retail chain can look at its sales by geographic region, over time, by price, compared with the industry average and even by category within a store. The inventory buyers can see how well frozen potatoes have sold versus other frozen vegetables, or whether low-fat or low-salt frozen potato products sell better than others on the shelf.

"Most of the computer applications today are transaction-based — they're focused on getting data into the system and they're very good at getting data out of the system," said G. Glenn Grimes, president of Downey's data-processing division, Data Management Services. "We focus on what does all that data mean collectively — over time and geographies and product categories, so the trends and patterns begin to appear and the data begin to speak to you."

Stores learn from checkout scanners

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Standing idly in the supermarket checkout line, scanning the scandals on the magazine and the data can provide a supermarket executive with guidance about the following:

Which brands, sizes and flavors sell the best.

How changes impact purchase patterns.

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What products tend to be bought together.

Which brands a store should stock to satisfy the most shoppers.

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The company and the expense — scanner data analysis has kept this kind of sophisticated merchandising tool out of the hands of most supermarket chains, said Michael Sussole, senior vice president of the Food Marketing Institute, a trade group for the grocery industry. Downloading data about millions of purchases, thousands of different products requires huge computing power, and it is prohibitively expensive for most supermarkets to build such a system in-house.

Downey faces competition in the supermarket data business from powers such as Nielsen and Information Resources Inc. or IRI, both of which provide

Worrywarts just won't let us enjoy ourselves

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A specter is haunting the republic: the specter of Americans making choices in a free economy. All the powers of the nanny state have entered into a holy alliance to exercise this specter: government and media. Gingrich and Gore, ascetic souls and professional worry-mongers.

It's a frustrating job. Dragged into the show trials and persecution of tobacco, Americans start smoking cigars. Indocinated for years about the evils of automobiles and how small is beautiful, Americans instead buy sport-utility vehicles. Beaten about the ears for being out of shape and unhealthy, Americans continue to fancy red meat and fatty foods.

One option is to ask the bank to extend the teaser rate for another six months. If you are a good customer, the bank may make a deal rather than lose your account.

No equity, no thanks. A home equity loan may help you repay credit card debt, but your interest rate and take advantage of the tax write-off. Most lenders today will loan you up to 95 percent of the value of your home.

No borrowing to invest. If you owe a balance to credit-card companies, it doesn't make sense to keep a fat savings account, invest in stocks or to make contributions to your retirement plan, such as a 401(k) plan. By repaying credit-card debt, you are guaranteed a rate of return equal to the interest rate of your card. If you repay \$1,000 on a 16 percent credit card, you just earned a 16 percent return.

Compare that to the 5 percent you're earning on a certificate of deposit. Although the stock market has been going strong, there are no promises.

Worse, the market economy aids and abets this insubordination to the people of a big country. And Americans cheer them on. Victorian taboos handed down by our betters in the seldom.

Sport-utility vehicles are a striking example. The intellectual elites hoped the "energy crisis" of the 1970s would crush Americans' love of big, powerful cars. The old tanks did indeed go away, but soon the marketplace started offering roomy, comfortable four-wheelers perfectly suited to the people of a big country. And Americans cheer them on.

And then innovators in the market place will deliver some new pleasure to be fretted over. That's what Procter & Gamble

is doing with its fat substitute, olestra [which tastes divine in Pringles, by the way, and no stomach upset for your columnist]. But instead of celebrating this miracle that took 30 years and \$200 million dollars to develop, the scolderati are livid.

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Some of their political dimensio, these conflicts echo eternal human ambivalence about our mortal traits and the material world. Various Christian heresies held that matter itself was evil, never mind a Ford Explorer.

Today, the conflict has the potential to reach new intensity. The speed, creativity and efficiency of the new economy is destabilizing old elites even as it is delivering more goods to more people. Many of those goods will carry risks and societal costs. But the new religions of post-modernity are the environment and healthiness — here the long-suffering scolds are finding a mass audience.

A salutary result of this paradox is moderation and market place activity that reduces waste, pollution and dangers.

But there's also the ugly temptation toward coercion, even fanaticism.

All the good intentions that underlay the nanny state's rules slowly erode freedoms bought so dearly since 1776. It happens so slowly that most people don't notice, especially when they are deprived of historical knowledge and are under the optate of capitalist affluence. Now there's an irony for the Marxists.

Resources for responsible investing

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Want to help save the world? Well, one good way might be to invest in socially responsible companies that gear their business energies toward bettering society and the environment.

Here are a few organizations where you can find out about socially responsible companies and investing in them: SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND.

Web site: www.socialinvest.org/origindex.htm
Address: 1612 K Street NW, Suite 600, Washington D.C. 20006-3524

Organization that spotlights companies dedicated to building strong communities, and promoting sustainable development and environmental awareness. Web site contains an extensive list of socially responsible mutual funds.

THE GREEN MONEY ONLINE GUIDE.
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Another strong Internet site that provides links to groups and organizations that monitor, assess and summarize socially responsible companies.

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