

Good morning

Today's forecast:
Sunny with highs 15 to 25 degrees.
Light west winds. Lows 5 to 15 degrees.
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Magic Valley

Caution urged on slick roads
State police are warning drivers to slow down this winter. In 1992, five people died on icy Magic Valley roads.
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Stubbs rejects statewide run

State Rep. Mark Stubbs said Wednesday he will not run for attorney general next year.
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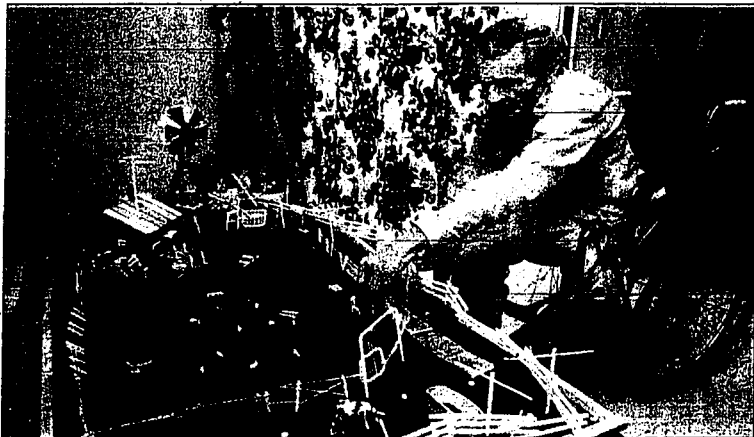
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Handmade homestead



Ken Loveless is creating a farm scene from straws, discarded items and colored paper in the smoking room at West Magic Care Center.

Stranded in Twin Falls

Iowa man labors to create paper farm

By Sean L. McCarthy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Ken Loveless does not want to spend Thanksgiving here. But Loveless, diagnosed with two forms of cancer, is too sick to leave Twin Falls.

The pain is enough to keep the former farmland and antique restorer from Iowa in a wheelchair at a local care center. If the pain were bearable, he would get up and go, Loveless said last week.

"Believe me, I'm tempted," he said. But with no family to support him and no home to return to, Loveless has nowhere to go.

In every hallway at the West Magic Care Center sit senior citizens in wheelchairs — waiting for someone, waiting for something.

But around a corner and down another hall, Loveless labors on a farm he is building from colored paper, drinking straws, and assorted odds and ends.

With only "a limited time left," Loveless said his project allows him to express the creative energies he once used

in the restoration of antiques in Des Moines.

"I wanted to use my imagination — to see if I had any left," he said.

And building this farm has required more creativity because he has been limited by the materials people have given him, he said.

"People discard things and don't realize the value," he said.

A straw becomes a section of fencing. A piece of scratch paper becomes a staircase or a drinking trough.

Some workers and fellow residents have contributed to the farm in their own way, donating miniature farm animals, toy cars and paper.

Loveless, still a pack-a-day smoker, works on the farm in the center's smoking room.

But the farm is just the beginning in Loveless' 1950s scenic landscape, he said. A table has been cleared and awaits the town he wants to build next, he said.

Building the farm has partly filled the void left in his life after his wife died three years ago.

"I had no desire to accomplish any-

thing," he said.

Feeling "sort of lost," Loveless wore out two cars while driving sometimes aimlessly across the country.

When he learned he had prostate and bone cancer, he became more adventurous. "If there was a storm I'd head into it," he said. "I was looking for excitement."

His body could not sustain the pressures of driving, though, and from time to time he would fall ill and check into a nursing home.

"I was in three to four nursing homes in the Midwest," Loveless said.

Eventually, the pain became too much and he stopped driving altogether and got on the bus.

When Loveless was touring the country this summer on a 30-day Greyhound bus pass, he did not intend to end up in Twin Falls.

"Oh no," he said. "I was just going, really."

But it was here, that the pain put a stop to his traveling days.

After a brief stay at the Magic Valley

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There's snow, then there's Pomerelle

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

ALBION — Like Joe Bipsik from "Lil' Abner," Woody Anderson is followed by a cloud wherever he goes.

You can see it get winter or summer, from almost anywhere in the Magic Valley — see it hovering over Mount Harrison like a bad mood.

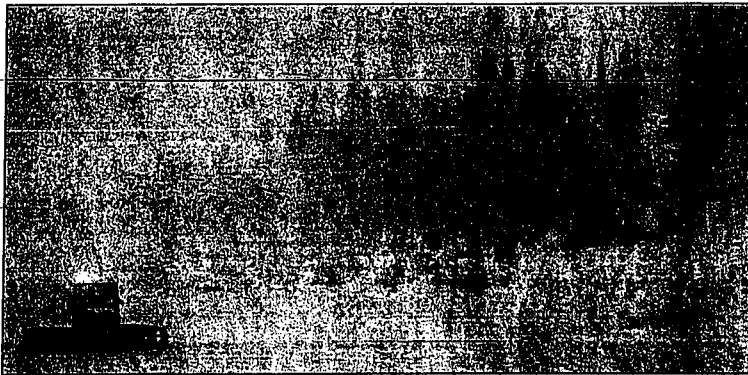
"I'm no meteorologist, but I've spent 20 years on this mountain," says Anderson, who with his wife, Sandy, runs Pomerelle ski resort. "All I can tell you is that if there are no clouds here, we'll get some soon."

The National Weather Service doesn't keep track of such things, but Pomerelle, 90 percent of the way up the shoulder of the tallest mountains south of the Snake River, must qualify as one of the snowiest and wettest spots in Idaho.

Snow surveys show the Albion Range, which juts into the Snake River Plain like a hitchhiker's thumb, with snowpack comparable to parts of the Tetons and Sawtooths — even when the surrounding area is drier than Burley on a Sunday night.

"Fifteen feet of packed snow isn't unusual," Anderson said. "What people don't understand is that it takes 500 inches of snow to make 15 feet of packed snow."

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Although still waiting to open, a Monday storm brings snow to the Pomerelle ski resort, which is usually known for its heavy snowfall.

Today's menu: Turkey, trimmings and toxins too

WASHINGTON — The classic Thanksgiving menu contains roast turkey with all the trimmings — nuts, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes and pumpkin pie — and a dash of aflatoxins, nitrates and malonaldehyde.

And those fearsome-sounding chemicals are not add-ons, says the American Council on Science and Health. They are all natural ingredients — in microscopic, harmless

amounts — in dishes that will be on many American tables.

But what the presence of trace amounts of substances that can poison or cause cancer or mutations says about chemical additives is the subject of holiday contention.

The council has made its chemically annotated menu a holiday tradition.

Its intent is not to scare Americans into avoiding natural foods, but to allay concerns about the chemicals that get into the food supply from pesticides and additives,

said Elizabeth Whelan, president of the New York-based council.

"If we treated our holiday dinner the same way we do Alar and EDB and pesticide residues, we would have nothing to eat on Thanksgiving because it would be banned," said Whelan.

The group's fancy menu is laced with toxins, including the hydrazines — a carcinogen — in the mushrooms that go into the soup; aflatoxins in the mixed nuts; a carcinogen called eugenol in the cranberry

sauce; arsenic in the baked potatoes; nitrates in the pumpkin pie and malonaldehyde in the turkey itself.

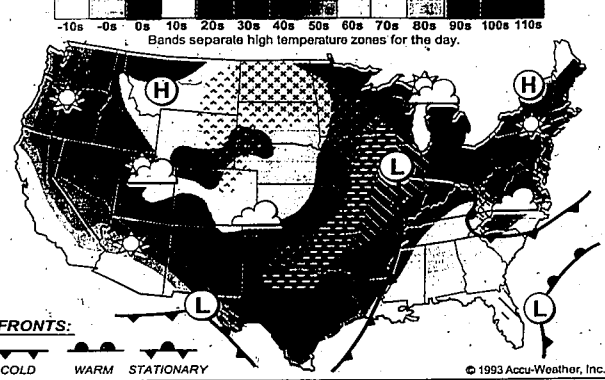
But before you push the platter away, the council calculates a person would have to ingest 3.8 tons of turkey for the malonaldehyde — a chemical that tests have shown to be mutagenic — to do any harm.

Even the caffeine in the postprandial cup of coffee can kill you — but only if you drink 966 cups at once. "You'd probably drown first," said Whelan.

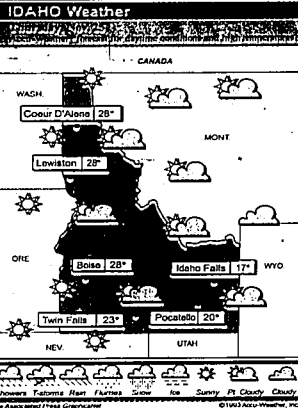
Weather

NATIONAL Weather

The Accu-Weather® forecast for noon, Thursday, Nov. 25



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Dallas	47 34	48 38	31 22
Denver	7 21	48 38	31 22
Des Moines	44 28	48 38	31 22
Detroit	44 38	48 38	31 22
Honolulu	78 66	48 38	31 22
Houston	75 56	48 38	31 22
Indianapolis	59 49	48 38	31 22
Kansas City	30 23	48 38	31 22
Las Vegas	53 41	48 38	31 22
Los Angeles	69 51	48 38	31 22
Memphis	65 53	48 38	31 22
Miami Beach	82 67	48 38	31 22
Milwaukee	42 41	48 38	31 22
Minneapolis	35 29	48 38	31 22
New Orleans	73 45	48 38	31 22
New York	37 45	48 38	31 22
Oklahoma City	33 28	48 38	31 22
Omaha	18 10	48 38	31 22
Phoenix	72 53	48 38	31 22
Pittsburgh	53 38	48 38	31 22
Portland, Me.	48 34	48 38	31 22
Portland, Ore.	49 31	48 38	31 22
Reno	38 16	48 38	31 22
St. Louis	58 51	48 38	31 22
Salt Lake City	28 14	48 38	31 22
San Francisco	50 43	48 38	31 22
Seattle	35 19	48 38	31 22
Spokane	20 5	48 38	31 22
Washington	50 38	48 38	31 22

Forecasts
 Twin Falls, Burley, Rupert, Jerome and Gooding: Sunny today, Highs 15 to 25. West winds 5 to 10 mph. Tonight clear. Lows 5 to 15. Friday sunny. Highs in the lower 30s.
 Camas Prairie and Wood River Valley: Patchy morning fog on prairie otherwise sunny today. Highs 15 to 30. Tonight mostly clear except patchy fog late. Lows 15 below to 5 below. Friday patchy morning fog otherwise sunny. Highs in the mid-20s.
 Extended forecast: Southern Idaho - Saturday fair. Lows in the single digits east and teens west. Highs in the 30s. Sunday and Monday cloudy and warmer with a chance of rain or snow. Lows in the teens and 20s. Highs in the 30s and 40s.
 Northern Utah and Nevada: Utah - Partly cloudy and cold today. A slight chance of snow showers near the mountains early. Highs mid-20s. Tonight partly cloudy and continued cold. Lows 10-15. Friday fair and not as cold. Highs near 30.
 Elko County - Fair today and tonight. Lows from zero to 15 above zero. Friday increasing high clouds in the west. Mostly sunny east. Highs in the mid-20s today and mid-30s to mid-40s Friday.

Weather summary
 An Arctic front moved out of Idaho, leaving cold air gripping the state Wednesday. The weather system causing the snow to the east was part of an upper-level disturbance along the Montana-Wyoming border. This system moved out Wednesday evening, leaving clear skies and cold temperatures. Snow depths over eastern Idaho ranged from about 1 to 3 inches and up to 8 inches in the central mountains Wednesday afternoon. Light to moderate snow was still falling in the afternoon at Pocatello, Malad City and Hiale. Elsewhere, skies were partly to mostly sunny. Wind chill kept conditions near and below zero over the west and well below zero in the east. Temperatures in the central mountains and the north were mainly in the teens. Mostly clear and cold weather will dominate Idaho weather for the next couple of days. Satellite images show a weather system out in the Pacific that could bring warmer temperatures and a chance of more rain and snow into the region. The highest temperature in the state Wednesday was 26 degrees at Caldwell. Stanley reported the lowest at 17 below zero. Elsewhere in the nation Wednesday, the highest temperature was 86 degrees at Presidio and McAllen, Texas. Jordan, Mont., reported the lowest at 28 degrees below zero.

Cold, snow spread east to make Thanksgiving feel right
 The Associated Press
 Temperatures hit record lows Wednesday as bitterly cold air continued pushing southward into the Northwest, northern Rockies and northern Plains. Snow fell from the Rockies to the Great Lakes. Winter storm warnings were in effect through today over parts of South Dakota. The storm had piled up as much as 13 inches of snow by midday near Aberdeen, S.D. Winter storm watches were in posted for parts of Minnesota, Iowa and South Dakota, the National Weather Service said. Winter weather advisories were issued for parts of North and South Dakota, Minnesota, Nebraska and Iowa.

Weather summary
 At midday, snow extended from the northern two-thirds of the Rockies across the northern half of the Plains and the upper Mississippi Valley toward the upper Great Lakes and Hiale. Heaviest snowfall during the six hours up to 11 a.m. MST was 3 inches at Aberdeen, S.D.; and 2 inches at Bismarck, N.D. and Salt Lake City. Rain was scattered over the middle Mississippi Valley, the lower Great Lakes and the Florida Peninsula. Overnight temperatures were unusually low across much of the northwestern quarter of the nation. Record lows were zero at Boise, Idaho; 19 below zero at Casper, Wyo.; 8 below at Chelyenne, Wyo.; 15 at Eugene, Ore.; 31 at Eureka, Calif.; 2 below at Klamath Falls, Ore.; 17 at Medford, Ore.; and 23 at Paso Robles, Calif.

California dump site put on shelf

Los Angeles Times
 In an abrupt change of policy toward a proposed nuclear-waste dump in California's eastern Mojave desert, Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt has bowed to the concerns of opponents of the dump. He declared Wednesday he will not transfer federal land for the site until the courts have addressed environmental safety issues. Babbitt's decision could postpone final approval of the Ward Valley operation for at least a year, giving the opposition valuable time to refine its arguments and raising the possibility that California Gov. Pete Wilson, the dump's most powerful supporter, could be out of office before the final showdown. In a letter to Wilson Wednesday, Babbitt indicated he was abandoning a course of action he had proposed only three months ago — to hold an administrative hearing of limited scope on the environmental safety issues in time to make a decision on the land transfer by early 1994. The site is owned by the federal government and the state must acquire it before operations at the dump could begin. Babbitt's initial proposal last August for a speedy hearing provoked anger and baffled environmental and anti-nuclear groups who believed there was a sympathetic administration in place in Washington.

Chemical arms treaty OK sought

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration asked Congress Wednesday to approve a treaty to ban chemical weapons signed during the Bush administration. The treaty would ban manufacture, use, stockpiling and transfer of chemical weapons, including mustard gas, nerve gas, herbicides and riot-control agents in warfare. President Clinton, in a letter to Congress released Wednesday, said the Chemical Weapons Convention would "significantly strengthen United States, allied and international security, and enhance global and regional stability." The treaty was negotiated by a 39-nation coalition in 1992 and signed by the United States on Jan. 13, 1993, in Paris.

Farm

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 Regional Medical Center, he was sent to West Magic; he is happy with the care he receives here, he said. "They care here — that's so important. At some places they don't," he said. The staffers have become his family. "I guess that's why I appreciate them so much," he said. "They're just like daughters." Loveless has worked on farms in Kansas, Nebraska and Iowa, and he has seen over 35 states in his travels. But now it is Twin Falls he calls home, and he said he will likely spend his last days here. He has not kept track of his age, he said, but he guessed it to be somewhere near 68. "Age doesn't mean much," he said. "It's how you use the life you do have." Perfectionism kept him from making money at his restoration work, he said, but now it is the time in the flower bed in the miniature house on his makeshift farm. "I'll make 10 things of something before I'm satisfied," he said. "I'm just waiting for someone to throw something away."

Pomerelle

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 All of which means there's snow at Pomerelle even when there aren't skiers. "We've operated many Memorial Days, and as far as the snow is concerned, we could stay open every day into June," Anderson said. "We run out of skiers long before we run out of snow, and that's OK. By that point, we're ready to head for the sun and get our toes in some sand. Why do you want to open every day if it doesn't nearly by the subject of some perfectly sound meteorological explanations — and a fair amount of speculation by Anderson, an amateur meteorologist, and Bill Galkin of Twin Falls, a professional one. The simplest explanation seems to be that the Albion Mountains, which form the right leg of a rough "V" that describes the Goose Creek Valley, block cold air moving east across the Snake River Plain, or funnel it toward the river. Those clouds tend to drop their loads along the spine of the Albion Mountains, including 10,339-foot Pomerelle, 9,650-foot Mount Independence, and its northern terminus, 9,265-foot Mount Harrison. "What people don't realize is that our altitude (about 8,000 feet at the lodge) is high," said Jodi Burrows, the mountain manager. "Anyplace at 8,000 feet is going to get a lot of snow." "There isn't a month — June, July, August, September — when it doesn't snow up here," Anderson said. "Our mountain is roughly comparable to (Sun Valley's) Baldy." A lot of snow is not an unalloyed blessing for the Andersons. "There are times when we can't plow it out fast enough," Anderson said. "All the snow in the world doesn't do you much good if people can't get up the mountain. As a result, the Andersons long since learned to stop giving reports of weather conditions to skiers who call the lodge from the valley floor. "Somebody calls from town, and the sky is in blue and there are no clouds," Woody said. "By the time they get here, there's a blizzard and they say, 'Hey, you guys lied to me.'" Anderson owns a whole array of weather equipment to sniff the atmosphere and monitor the wind, but experience is often a better predictor. "I don't why it is, but on the few days during the winter when there's an east wind, it's beautiful up here," he said. "And just miserable down in the valley." The temperature inversions that dominate Magic Valley winter weather almost always leave Pomerelle dry and warm while the flatterlands shiver. "Those pockets of cold air get trapped on the valley floor," Woody said. "Up here, the sky is blue and it's 10 degrees warmer." But that sky never lasts long atop Mount Harrison, and there's the irony. At the beginning of Pomerelle's second-biggest ski weekend of the year, the resort didn't have enough snow as-of Wednesday night to open. "Send some this way, will you?"

Idaho road report

BOISE (AP) — Snow let up in most areas but Idaho highways remained icy and slick Wednesday afternoon, the Idaho Department of Transportation reported. **Road conditions:** U.S. 95 — Rigby-Whitebird Hill, icy spots; Grangeville-Lewiston, icy spots, broken snow floor; Lewiston Hill-Moscow, icy spots; Weiser-New Meadows-Oregon line, icy spots, broken snow floor. Interstate 84 — Oregon line-Mountain Home, dry, icy spots; Mountain Home-Glenns Ferry, dry; Bliss-Twin Falls, wet; Twin Falls-Burley, dry, wet, icy spots; Burley-Utah line, icy, high winds. Idaho 55 — Horseshoe-Bend-Donnelly, icy spots, broken snow floor; Donnelly-New Meadows, broken snow floor. Idaho 21 — Boise-Idaho City, dry, icy, deer on road; Idaho City-Barner Summit, icy spots, broken snow floor. U.S. 20 — Mountain Home-Fairfield, broken snow floor; Snow; Fairfield-Carey, icy spots; Arco-Ashton-Montana line, broken snow floor, snowing. U.S. 26 — Idaho Falls-Wyoming line, icy spots, broken snow floor, snowing; Blackfoot-Arco, icy. Idaho 51 — Broken snow floor. U.S. 93 — Nevada-Twin Falls, dry-Twin Falls-Carey, broken snow floor; Carey-Arco, icy spots, broken snow floor; Arco-Salmon, wet, icy spots, broken snow floor, snowing; Lewiston-Trail Falls, icy spots, snow, wet, snowing. Idaho 75 — Shoshone-Ketchum, icy spots; Galena Summit, snow floor; Interstate 86 — icy, snowing, drifts. Interstate 15 — Utah line-Malad Pass, dry; Pocatello-Idaho Falls, icy, broken snow floor; Pocatello-Twin Falls, Dubois, icy spots, broken snow floor, snowing; Montida Pass, icy. U.S. 30 — icy, snowing, drifting.

Correction

Due to a copy editing error, a caption was missing from a sports photograph in Wednesday's newspaper. The photograph showed CSI bodyguard Peter Graves, who is excellent for the Eagles at the national tournament in Miami. The Times-News regrets the error.

Idaho lottery

BOISE (AP) — Winning numbers drawn Tuesday in the Powerball game are: 2, 4, 25-26-27; Powerball 38 (two, four, twenty-five, twenty-six, twenty-seven; Powerball thirty-eight). Estimated jackpot: \$20 million.

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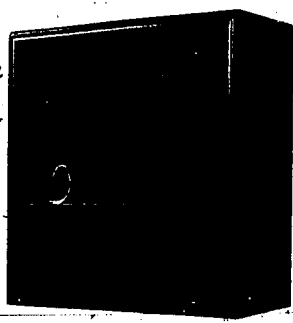
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Nation

Homeless man's death strikes a nerve

WASHINGTON (AP) — He didn't push a shopping cart, or jangle a cup of change, or wipe car windows with a dirty rag.

The middle-aged man who squatted silently in front of the building housing the Associated Press offices was easy to pass by.

Then suddenly the patch of sidewalk where he kept his bedroll was empty. And word passed through the glass and marble tower at 2121 K St. that The Homeless Man — a few knew him as "Mike" — was dead.

His absence was haunting. In death, Mike Shiko received more attention and emotion than he had in life.

Many of the journalists and doctors and secretaries who had walked past this man every day for months began to talk about him — wondering who he was, remembering the slightest contact with him, voicing regret that they hadn't done more for him.

"You never realize something was special until it's gone," said Jeff Smith, a recipient for the Multiple Sclerosis Society who had befriended Mike.

"Mike makes you realize that everyone is special, and at some point you have to care and do what you can," he said.

Mike showed up on K Street about three years ago, spending cold winter days inside a sandwich shop and sleeping wherever he could get out of the wind or rain. Once he and some other homeless men were forced away from the door at 2121 K because of tenants' complaints.

Last spring he settled into a corner of the building's front alcove. Day and night he stood there, unassuming and watchful. Most people walked by without speaking to Mike, but he made a few friends. They stopped to chat and brought him coffee or cigarettes or money.

"The woman who runs the hot dog stand out front trusted Mike to watch her goods when she took short breaks. A delivery man — stung recently by a robbery — was reassured when Mike began standing protectively by his truck."

FCC to enforce indecency rules in prime time

WASHINGTON (AP) — Government regulators are returning to their policy banning indecency on the airwaves between 6 a.m. and 8 p.m., the agency said Wednesday in response to a court ruling that threw out broader rules.

In rejecting an extension of the ban until midnight, the federal appeals court was directing the Federal Communications Commission to "fine tune" its regulations, Interim Chairman James Quello said.

"The court recognized that the government has a compelling interest in regulating broadcast indecency to protect children, but found that neither Congress nor the commission has properly balanced the government's interest against the interests of older minors and adults to have access to indecent materials on the broadcast medium," he said.

The return to the old policy represents no practical change, since the FCC had held up the new rules and has been "enforcing 6 a.m.-to-8 p.m. all along," pending the court decision, Quello said.



AP photo

The Rev. William Wendt, left, and David Quammen, right, take part in a memorial service for Michael Edward Shiko, 47, Friday in Washington, D.C. Shiko, a Vietnam veteran, died Nov. 8 of a heart attack.

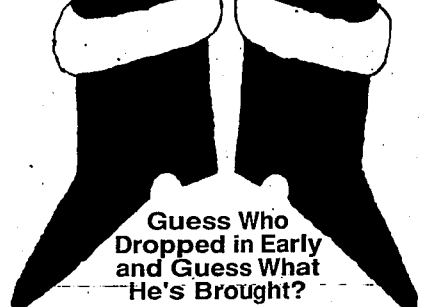
Pennsylvania. He had a raspy voice and a sly smile. He liked pizza. He especially liked brownies from the coffeehouse down the street.

He was Catholic and carried a rosary. He said he occasionally shoplifted food from the Safeway around the corner. He loved a good bargain.

He never asked strangers for money. He kept his graying beard trim. He noticed everything.

"He liked to talk about whatever I was wearing," said Katherine Rizzo, an Associated Press reporter. "He would always find something to touch — just the corner of a hem — never in a threatening way, but just that little bit of contact."

He was dignified, and reluctant to accept charity. One woman tried to give Mike a sweater but he rejected it — saying it was too large. He did accept a jacket and T-shirts from others.



Guess Who Dropped in Early and Guess What He's Brought?

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finding a shelter bed or other help to get off the street.

"I don't think he had any interest," said Bobby Nelson, whose family owns a bookstore in the office building.

The weather was just turning chilly again when, in the early afternoon of Nov. 8, Mike began coughing up blood and collapsed on the sidewalk. The medical examiner's office said he died of a heart attack.

He might have died a John Doe. But only three days earlier, Mike had trusted his friend Smith with precious information: his mother's name, telephone number and address in Shamokin, Pa.

"He wanted me to call his mother and let her know he was OK," Smith said. "I was going to call her the Monday that he died."

Instead, Smith gave the number to the chief engineer, who notified the police and called Mike's mother, Philomena Koback, to say that her son was dead.

Mrs. Koback had not seen her only son since he left her home 10 years ago. She had hoped he would come live with her again.

"His nerves were very bad ever since he came back from Vietnam," she said. "He just wasn't the same."

The morning after he died, someone left a red rose in Mike's sidewalk corner. More flowers followed, and cups of coffee.

Nelson overheard people talking about how much they missed Mike and decided there should be a memorial.

With information from Mike's mother, a service was planned by David R. Quammen, a homeless advocate who sometimes worked in the Nelsons' bookstore. He also took donations to help pay for Mike's burial.

"Whether or not he was homeless, he needs to be remembered for who he was and what he did," Quammen said.

On Friday, on the sidewalk where Mike lived, about 50 people who work at 2121 K joined in prayer and song as traffic rumbled past.

Quammen told Mike's story: His name was Michael Edward Shiko, 47. He joined the Army right after graduating from high school in Shamokin and rose to sergeant in a transportation battalion in Vietnam. After the war, Mike was admitted to Veterans Administration hospitals several times for psychological care. He tried truck-

ing and other short-lived jobs, but he no longer fit into civilian life.

Once he was prescribed medication that seemed to help, but then he suddenly fell town. He apparently feared becoming a burden to his mother, who is now 68.

Over the years, Mrs. Koback received only a few telephone calls from Mike.

Several times he urged her to visit the Vietnam Memorial — the long wall listing the names of the dead. He said it gave him comfort.

She planned a trip to the wall but canceled it when Mike's stepfather, Martin Koback, was hospitalized. Martin Koback was still in the word of Mike's death came, and he died Nov. 13 — the same day Mass was held for Mike in his hometown.

Mike's ashes were buried next to his stepfather on Friday.

"Everyday, people walked by here, what did they see?" the Rev. William Wendt asked those gathered at the sidewalk service here.

"Did they see just another homeless, sad man?"

"Did they see somebody who had a name, who was a veteran, who had given time and love to his country?"

Wendt urged mourners to do more next time: "Whenever you see a homeless person, think of Mike."

Another man, one who wears an Army jacket, now sleeps nights in Mike's alcove.

Contributions to help Mrs. Koback pay funeral expenses for Mike and his stepfather, a World War II veteran, may be sent to the Friends of Mike Fund, First American Bank NA, 2000 K St. NW, Washington DC, 20006.

Power gets 5 years on federal theft charge

BOSTON (AP) — Longtime fugitive and '60s radical Katherine Ann Power was sentenced to five years in federal prison Wednesday for her role in a 1970 theft at a National Guard armory. The sentence handed down by U.S. District Judge Nathaniel Gorton is to be served at the same time as Power's eight- to 12-year state prison sentence for a bank robbery.

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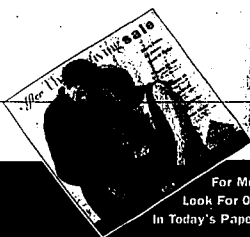
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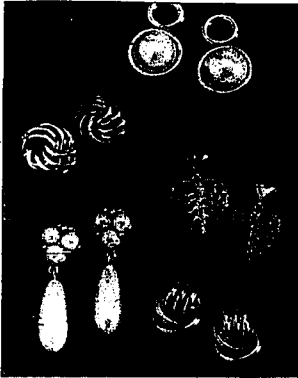


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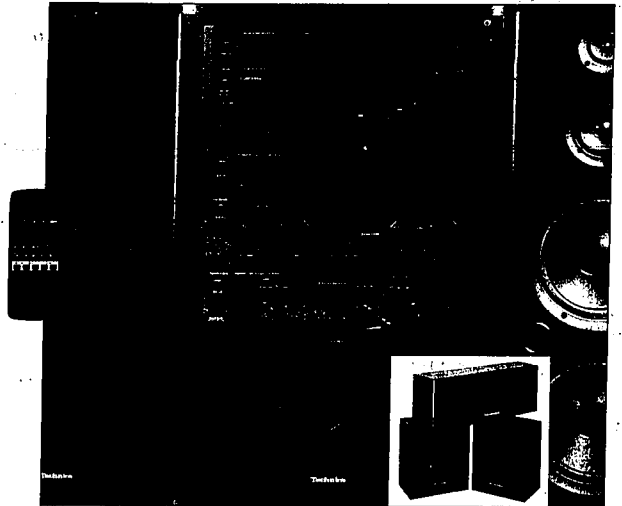
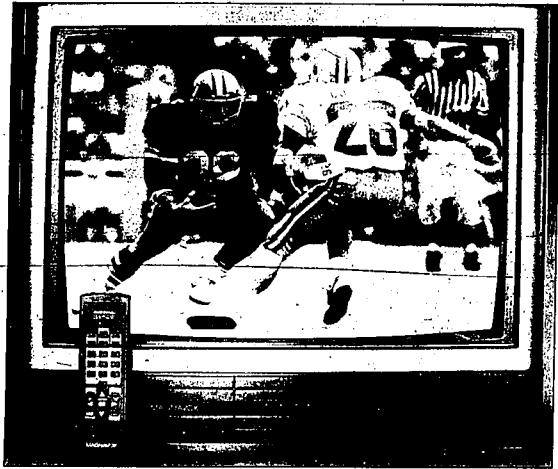


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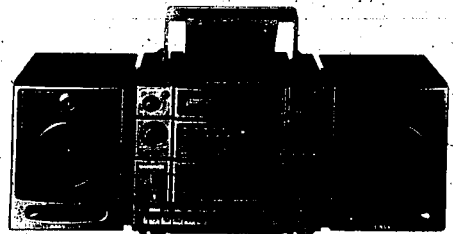
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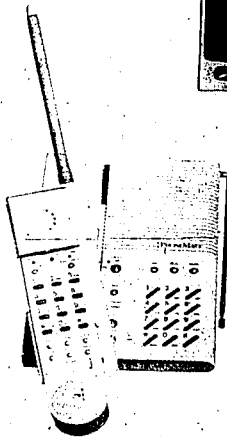
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Tradition of free medical care for doctors lives on

BOSTON (AP) — Ever wonder if doctors get better treatment than the rest of us? Well, a survey finds they enjoy at least one major advantage — they rarely pay a doctor bill.

The reason is "professional courtesy," the age-old custom of giving free or cut-rate care to fellow doctors and their families.

The survey found it remains strong, even though it usually involves a practice that some find to be ethically and even legally questionable — billing only the insurance company, not the patient.

"We thought it would have gone out with the black bag," said Dr. Mark A. Levy. He found that 96 percent of U.S. physicians offer professional courtesy, and most see nothing wrong with it. In fact, the vast majority said it was an honor to take care of other doctors, and most felt it strengthens bonds between doctors and makes good business sense.

Some medical school doctors, though, take a dim view of the practice.

They argue that, among other things, it unfairly shields doctors from the high prices

they expect their patients to pay.

Among the critics is Dr. Robert Steinbrook, a deputy editor of the *New England Journal of Medicine*, which published the survey in Thursday's issue.

"As the debate over health care reform intensifies," he wrote, "physicians should consider the long-term advantages of playing by the same financial rules as their patients which they seek care for themselves."

The survey was conducted by doctors from the Medical Center of Central Massachusetts in Worcester and the University of Pittsburgh.

They mailed questionnaires to 4,800 physicians randomly drawn from American Medical Association lists; 2,223 responded.

Three-quarters said that, when treating colleagues and their families, they bill only insurance companies and don't ask the patients for copayments. Insurance companies typically require doctors to seek copayments, and state law in Colorado requires it.

"It's not fair. It reinforces the myth that if it's covered by insurance then nobody really pays," said Kyl Green, director of managed care at the Health Insurance Association of

America, which represents commercial insurers.

The survey also found that half of doctors care for colleagues for no charge, and one-quarter give discounts.

The survey found that professional courtesy is almost as common now as it was 25 years ago, the last time a major survey was done on the subject. Since then, the financing of medical costs has changed profoundly. Prices have risen greatly and virtually all doctors and their families are now covered by medical insurance.

How early is too early for babies?

BOSTON (AP) — Doctors exploring the limits of life outside the womb conclude they should try aggressively to save premature babies born at 25 weeks gestation but not those born before 22 weeks.

The study found that those born at 25 weeks have a good chance of surviving without major birth defects. Those who enter the world at 22 weeks are almost surely doomed to die.

"At 23 and 24 weeks is where the dilemma is," said Dr. Marilee C. Allen. "There were many deaths and many had severe abnormalities."

Once such tiny preemies were almost certain to die. But in recent years new technology has given doctors the power to at least try to save them.

However, if babies are born too young to benefit, such treatment will only prolong their deaths, not save their lives.

The new study was based on a review of 142 babies born at 22 to 25 weeks gestation over 2½ years at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. The findings were published in today's *New England Journal of Medicine*.

When babies are born too soon, their lungs are so immature that they cannot breathe on their own, and their heads are so fragile that they often suffer brain damage.

The doctors found that none of the infants born at 22-weeks gestation survived for at least six months. By comparison, 15 percent born at 23 weeks lived at least six months, as did 56 percent born at 24 weeks and 79 percent at 25 weeks.

However, survival did not necessarily mean good health. Only 2 percent of those born at 23 weeks escaped severe abnormalities, compared with 21 percent born at 24 weeks and 69 percent at 25 weeks.

Allen said she hoped the findings will be used to help parents decide how their child should be treated, assuming there is time for a discussion before premature labor begins.

Babies are considered to be premature if they are born before their 37th week in the womb. Prematurity is the major cause of newborn deaths and health problems.

Another report in the journal raised concerns about one of doctors' major drugs for preventing premature births. The medicine, indomethacin, has been used for 20 years to stop premature labor.

However, the study found that when the drug fails to work, it seems to harm the health of premature babies.

Dr. Mary E. Norton and others from the University of California, San Francisco, studied 114 babies born between 24 to 30 weeks gestation.

Winch kills worker

NEW YORK (AP) — A 16-ton winch toppled into a 450-foot shaft leading to a new city water tunnel Wednesday, killing a construction worker and injuring seven others.

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Editorial

Our valley's blessings: Too many to count

A Thanksgiving prayer for 1993: It's been another wonderful year. Lord, the snow came down and the crops came up, and our little valley prospered once again. Children grew taller and smarter, and home teams won some of the time.

Forgive us, Lord, if we don't think about these good things often enough. Most of the time, we seem to be preoccupied with paying the bills and fighting the weeds.

But today is the day we set aside to count our blessings. So here's a sampling of items (both grand and mundane) for which we in the Magic Valley give thanks:

1. Mountains. All winter, our geological piggy banks store a treasury of snow. Come spring, they release their liquid assets - a wondrous gift, unearned but much appreciated.
2. Climate. We had no hurricanes here this year, and no devastating wildfires or flooding rivers. From time to time, we do have a little more wind than we thought was absolutely necessary, but we won't nicker. Compared with lots of places, our weather behaved itself admirably.
3. Mashed potatoes. No explanation needed.
4. Gravy. Ditto.
5. Open spaces. Vistas define where people see themselves in the world, and you've left ours open and free. To be able to step outside our front doors this morning and see tomorrow is a blessing too few of us count.

6. Peace. The world remains a dangerous neighborhood, and a few regions got mugged this year. But nobody sent armored personnel carriers down the streets of Twin Falls, and no artillery shells fell on Shoshone. Thank you.
7. Prosperity. It was another year in which most of us had jobs - and were comfortable enough to help our neighbors who didn't. Forgive us if we didn't do as much as we might have.
8. Forks. These humble tools don't get much publicity in this age of laptop computers, and cordless screwdrivers. But today, after we heap our plate with turkey and trimmings, we'll reach for a fork, and we would be disappointed to find a cordless screwdriver in its place.
9. Families. A great invention: They are obliged to love us, even when we are unlovable. When they show up for dinner today, grant us the goodness to be glad to see them.
10. Neighbors. We have a social compact, we Idahoans, that a friend is just a stranger you've already met. That would be naive, even dangerous, in much of the world. In our communities, though, we can still believe that no one with a neighbor is ever alone. Help us to keep it true.

We could name more blessings, Lord. But since 10 was a good enough number for You and Moses, we'll stop there too.

Thanks again.

Amen.



Letters

Game managed ineffectively

Let us pray that there will be no more harsh winter, drought, winter kill, wet memorial weekends, and there is an awakening of our game biologists and game managers.

If anyone believes the excuses we have been offered then we deserve poor hunting in the future. Management and guns determine the health of a deer herd. You can shoot only so many and then you have to pay the piper.

When is a deer or antelope any lesser animal than the bighorn or elk, or the pheasant any lesser than the mountain quail or raptor? But we seem to manage our game to the more glamorous animal. It was no problem for the department to move the elk from Idaho National Engineering Laboratory or the bighorn to the South Hills.

If we have a problem with deer, we kill them with a deprecation hunt. If they need feed, we let them starve to death.

Sportsmen buy licenses to hire people that should know what they are doing. The decline of deer started three years ago, and in my opinion, we can't blame it on last winter. I am glad that someone woke up and canceled some hunts. I think the department is on the right track with road closures and the two-point system. The next big step would be to limit the doe harvest and make rest areas for deer during the season as we do geese. The plus side is that the range is in good condition and will support a large number of deer in the future.

If something is not done soon to halt the decline, you may wish you had saved the lower jaw to show your grandchildren what you hunted.

The appeal will bounce around our criminal court system for five or six years until it comes before that citadel of jurisprudence, that bastion of courage and compassion, that fortress of fortitude - our very own Idaho Supreme Court. (It should be noted that the social profile of the court has been recently augmented by the two hand-picked quota-system jurists who apparently passed the prevailing "absolutely no executions" litmus test.)

Of course, the court will overturn Wood's sentence on the grounds that the court bailiff's fly was open during the hearing, and Wood will return to his accommodations and begin the process all over again.

If the foregoing remarks about lawyers and judges appear to be unduly severe, it is because that is the intent. However, easy as it is to lump all members of the profession together, not all should be wrapped in the same blanket of condemnation. But how can the good players make the cut when, by accepting the status quo, they do nothing to reinstate real justice to our judiciary?

JACK LINTELMANN
Mountain Home

I have two older sisters and one younger brother. I am honestly and very proudly say that Mel never abused any of his four children physically, mentally, emotionally or sexually. Mel was a loving, caring father who worked hard to provide for his family. These recent charges of child abuse of improper touching and battery to some of his students are completely out of order. I am outraged at the fact that the word of a few 12-year-old girls can ruin an innocent man's reputation and career. I do not understand how a school teacher can be put on suspension when the school principal, nor the school superintendent, nor the school board, nor a police officer, nor a county sheriff has yet to even ask an innocent man for his side of the story.

We live in a sorry society this day and age where innocent, law-abiding citizens have to walk around in fear and paranoia of what someone else may accuse us of. But what is worse, the accused is automatically guilty until proven innocent when it comes to the word of a child. I know, without a shadow of any doubt, that Mel Rayborn is completely innocent of the recent accusations.

I love my father and am proud to have the Rayborn name and am proud to be Mel Rayborn's son.

RANDY RAYBORN
Twin Falls

Reinstated Jerome teacher

Several weeks ago, a friend and fellow educator had an allegation made against him, and he was suspended with pay. Yet to date, no charges have been made.

Yes, I am talking about Mel Rayborn, a teacher from the Jerome School District. The district has not made any attempt to speak with him or to get him back on the job of teaching students.

I have known Mel for more than 20 years, both as a pastor and a teacher, and I have found Mel to be a loving and caring person who has everyone's interests at heart. Mel would not hurt or harm anyone, and it is beyond me how anyone could make such accusations against him.

It would be to Jerome's advantage to get Mel back on the job as soon as possible. I would like to say publicly that I think Mel Rayborn is above reproach and should be back teaching.

PAUL REMALEY
Twin Falls

DOE projects hurt our health

Our good neighbors from the Department of Energy have a lot to be thankful for this Thanksgiving.

Sens. Dirk Kempthorne and Larry Craig continue to use the word "safe" when convincing the public and the Senate to continue new nuclear experiments in Idaho, over our aquifer. Despite the flaws and dangers noted in the documents from the DOE that I showed Dirk on the Integral Fast Reactor, Dirk could be seen on Channel 7 saying, "Idaho has earned the right to demonstrate the IFR." Gee, while we're waiting to furnish the Center for Disease Control's study of Idaho's fun dose of cancer-causing materials from the first 40 years, I figure Idaho's "earned the right" to not be experimented on!

Maybe it's like gang rape - we've been had so many times, once more won't matter ... much.

If they were to store their foreign fuel and conduct their nuclear experiments around Washington, D.C., the Congress would quickly admit there is no solution to this deadly nuclear dilemma that stop producing new problems.

The DOE is also thankful that Gov. Andrus cheerfully signed the Record of Decision for Pit 9 to take credit for "clean-up" of plutonium particles buried over our aquifer. Although Cecil was promised in 1970 that "all waste would be removed," this plan - in the small print - will bury the plutonium particles over the aquifer! What's a few billion deadly plutonium particles between friends?

I asked, at the proper scoping hearings, to calculate the health risk from reburial of the huge amount from the whole project. Instead of doing the calculation that would stop the project, the DOE officially responded that my comments are noted. Ignorance is bliss.

While I'm not thankful for how the DOE bribes politicians with my tax dollars, I am thankful to be free to fight them.

PETER RICKARDS
Twin Falls

James Edward Wood kidnapped 11-year-old Jerome Underwood, raped her, killed her, cut up her body in pieces and dumped them in the Snake River. He should be put in a sack and drowned.

However, under our present judicial system, he will live out his natural life in the safety and comfort of Idaho's Hoosgow Hilton. Wood will be afforded more comfortable accommodations and dine on more nutritionally prepared food than many middle-class wage earners.

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Trivia question: Why is Cassia still the best area to hunt pheasants and Hungarian partridges?

Sportsmen have put down their guns. Now is the time to pick up your pen and don't be afraid to speak your mind. Remember, biologist doesn't mean brilliant. They can learn from us.

NICK ROKICH
Burley

Judicial system lacks justice

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Protectionism popular thinking

In October 1900, when Seattle was a raw town of 30,000, across the continent in Cambridge, Mass., a Harvard philosopher, George Santayana, addressed an undergraduate literary club, delivering a pointed poem, "Young Sam's First Wild Oats," which began:

Mid Uncle Sam's expanded acres
There's an old, sealed glad
Where grey Puritans and Quakers
Still grow fervid in the shade;
And the same great elms and beeches
That once graced the ancestral farm,
Bending to the old men's speeches,
Lend their words an echo's charm.
Laurel, elemite and vine
Weave green trellises about,
And three maples and a pine,
Shut the mucker-village out.
Yet the smoke of trade and battle
Cannot quite be banished hence,
At the air-line to Seattle.

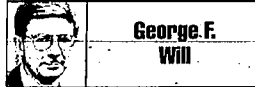
Whitizes just behind the fence.
Back then, before the birth of Seattle's Boeing corporation, an "air-line" was a first train. In Santayana's poem, such a train symbolized the mingling of booming commerce and imperial politics which much of Harvard's faculty considered unesthetic, ("mucker-village") and immoral. McKinley's re-election campaign and the angry debate about the Philippines - America's acquisition of Pacific empire - were boiling ahead. Santayana was indicting people whose politics amounted, he believed, to a feckless wish that the world would spin another way.

Today protectionism is a popular form of wishful thinking - more popular and durable than NAFTA has been approved. But protectionism cannot deflect the forces that have turned this nation's attention to the ocean on the left side of the continent.

When Secretary of State Warren Christopher says "Eurocentric" policies are anathematic because "Western Europe is no longer the dominant arm of the world," his words express what the president's behavior expresses. Clinton has not been to Paris, London or Bonn but has been to Tokyo and Seoul.

The Asian orientation of U.S. policy is part a result of Europe's decadence. Just two years ago there was much dreamy rhetoric about "Euro 1992" ushering in a new age. But 1992 came and went and in 1993 old Europe is paralyzed about ethnic cleansing, mean-spirited toward emerging democracies and market economies to the east, and stagnates beneath a blatted welfare state. And American experts to Asia exceed those to Europe.

Twenty percent of all jobs in Seattle, which is a sailing day closer to Japan than Los Angeles is, are involved in trade. Last



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year the state of Washington exported \$33.5 billion worth of its products, from apples and timber to aircraft and software.

Boeing's exports to Asia last year earned \$5 billion. By 2010 China, which last year bought one of every six aircraft Boeing made, will need \$40 billion worth of aircraft - 800 aircraft in 17 years. Seattle's Microsoft corporation says revenues from the Asian nations represented at last week's APEC conference are growing 60 percent a year, twice as fast as revenues from Europe or America.

Today, 209 years after the first American ship - the Empress of China - sailed from New York to Asia, patterns of trade are infuriatingly perplexing to people eager to understand the world in terms of a tidy us-versus-them dichotomy. For example, Taiwan's largest exporter of electronic equipment is AT&T. The absence of clarity encourages a politics of anxiety and a continuing quest for protection.

Sixty percent of House Democrats opposed NAFTA, which would not have passed if a Republican were president. Lane Kirkland, head of the AFL-CIO, has a better head on his shoulders than sits on 99 percent of Washington shoulders, and he has a canning that deserves a better cause. He has demonstrated that a huge, diverse constituency, animated by both economic interests and cultural concerns, can be mobilized against free trade.

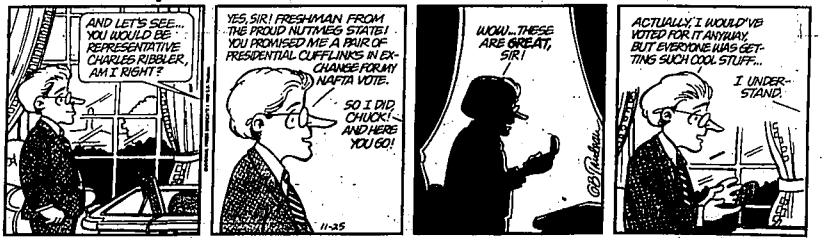
But, you say, does not the NAFTA vote reflect the strength of free-trade principles? Hardly. The truth is in this vignette:

As the NAFTA vote drew near, a pro-NAFTA Republican and said, hopefully: "We seem to have solved your problem about sugar and citrus." The fence-sitter replied with one word: "Tomatoes." Principled believers in free trade were a minority in the pro-NAFTA majority.

So, as the argument about protectionism continues, proponents of free trade would do well to stress a certain kinship between America and its trading partners along the Pacific Rim. In their overflowing energy and their often raw practices, including their protectionism that they must outgrow, the Asian nations resemble America in the post-Civil War "gilded age," when roaring steel mills made the rails over which whizzed the air-line to Seattle.

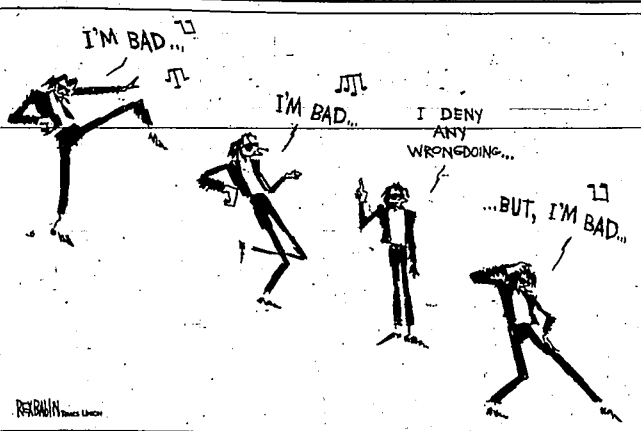
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BY GARRY TRUDEAU

Opinion



Congress should adhere to laws

Although President Clinton's health-care plan was supposed to cover all of America, there's one key group that will escape its reach: Congress. Members of Congress as well as other federal employees have successfully lobbied to postpone coverage under the Clinton plan for at least five years, presumably because they prefer their present system, which gives them a wide choice of health plans.

There's nothing unusual about this. In fact, Congress regularly treats its "quintessential pigs" — that's you and me — with experimental medicine it isn't willing to swallow.

Most Americans have no idea that Congress has exempted itself from numerous laws that apply to the rest of the country. These include the 1964 Civil Rights Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Freedom of Information Act, the National Labor Relations Act, the Occupational Safety and Health Act, the Equal Pay Act, and the Family and Medical Leave Act.

In short, Congress doesn't have to comply with the same anti-discrimination, labor, health and safety, and ethics laws that you and I would be legally penalized for violating. Members of Congress making employment decisions, for instance, can discriminate with virtual impunity.

Furthermore, even when members of Congress violate the laws that do apply to them, the bodies that judge their guilt or innocence are not public and independent courts, but secret hearings controlled by Congress. In some cases there is no prospect for public appeal.

Many who oppose applying all the laws Congress passes to Congress itself — usually lawmakers themselves put their arguments in constitutional terms. They say that if many of the aforementioned laws applied to Congress, the executive and judicial branches would be able to use those

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laws to harass and intimidate legislators into enacting political agendas into law. But the Supreme Court has repeatedly ruled that applying all laws to Congress easily passes constitutional muster so long as it doesn't interfere with the legislative process Congress seeks to protect.

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Besides, the framers of the Constitution themselves clearly intended that Congress should apply all laws it passes to itself. Thomas Jefferson wrote that the architects of the Constitution took "care to provide that the laws should bind equally on all, and especially that those who make them shall not exempt themselves from their operation." Madison expressed similar sentiments both when writing "The Federalist Papers" and speaking as a member of the House of Representatives. He concluded that without equal application of the laws, "every government degenerates into tyranny."

Indeed, Congress' refusal to accept the standards it sets for everyone else prevents its members from experiencing the burdens of federal law that others must routinely shoulder. Congress has no way of knowing the nuisance and expense of employee leave rules, requirements to make the workplace accessible to the handicapped, information disclosure law, and health and safety regulations — annoyances with which businesses must struggle on a daily basis.

audit of the Capitol once found violations of which Congress would have had to pay nearly a million dollars in fines had it been a private business. Members of Congress have no idea how much such measures cost employers in time and money precisely because they don't have to live under them.

Such exemptions foster a dangerous arrogance on the part of lawmakers. For example, Rep. William Ford, D-Mich., once argued on the House floor that "There isn't an American worker anywhere in this country who... doesn't deserve to be told 60 days before he or her job is eliminated." It is difficult to reconcile that sentiment with his 1990 decision to give six weeks notice of their jobs' end. Making Congress subject to the laws it passes would help lawmakers understand the cost of putting such pious pronouncements into law.

Congress' exemption from the myriad of regulations it places on other people, businesses and public agencies is neither fundamentally fair nor helpful in creating sound public policy. Making Congress subject to the laws it passes — with the same enforcement, liability, procedures and penalties the private sector endures — would almost certainly result in greater sensitivity to the burdens those laws impose, and to the possibility of bureaucratic abuse or inattention. Most important, making Congress subject to the laws it passes would begin to restore the confidence of the American people in their government by assuring voters that legislators are fellow citizens of a constitutional republic and not a ruling class that places itself above the law.

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Gays, the courts and the military

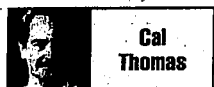
A federal appeals court, made up of liberal judges appointed by Jimmy Carter, has ruled that the military ban on homosexuals is based on prejudice and serves no legitimate purpose. The court compared the military's position that homosexuals threaten unit cohesiveness and undermine morale and discipline to segregation once practiced by the armed forces. It said the military used the same excuse in an attempt to maintain segregation in that both are unconstitutional.

While the court ruled on the old policy that banned gays outright, it is unclear whether the new "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" policy is affected by the decision. That policy allows gays to serve but requires the dismissal of anyone who announces his or her homosexuality or practices it.

The court said that while instances of civilian judicial involvement in the military ought to be rare, the Constitution is not invalidated when one enters the armed forces.

Maybe not, but the appeals court ruling is flawed in at least two ways. First, it accepts the homosexual's argument that race and behavior are equal, which they are not. Second, while it says respects to precedent, it rides roughshod over a mountain of precedents.

In Chappel vs. Wallace (1983), the Supreme Court reiterated that "the need for special regulations in relation to military discipline, and the consequent need and justification for a special and exclusive system of military justice, is too obvious to require extensive discussion; no military organization can function without



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out strict discipline and regulation that would be unacceptable in a civilian setting."

In Orloff vs. Willoughby (1953), the Supreme Court noted, "Many of the Framers of the Constitution had recently experienced the rigors of military life and were well aware of the differences between it and civilian life. In drafting the Constitution their response was an explicit grant of plenary authority to Congress 'to raise and support armies,' 'to provide and maintain a Navy,' and 'To make Rules for the Government and Regulation of the land and naval forces.' That's from Article I, section 8 of the Constitution, which the recent appeals court ruling seeks to circum-

The Supreme Court has nearly always deferred to the military in matters of discipline because, as it has noted, "Judges are not given the task of running the Army." That's why Congress has again stepped in, asserting its constitutional right to set the rules for the armed forces.

Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman Sam Nunn, D-Ga., wrote the new policy, which was approved as part of the fiscal 1994 Pentagon budget by the House and Senate. The Nunn policy instructs the military not to ask whether a person is homosexual, but it leaves the decision whether

to reinstate the question to a future defense secretary.

More importantly, the Nunn policy states that open declaration of one's homosexuality poses an unacceptable risk to morale, good order and discipline.

The military ought not be a laboratory for social and political experimentation. Already there are reports of a decline in the quality of new recruits. Official approval of homosexuals in the ranks would further erode that quality as significant numbers of people who might otherwise join would not see the military as having surrendered.

The gay rights lobby sees the military as the embodiment of the nation's moral flame. If it can extinguish that flame, the resistance to the rest of the gay agenda will have been overcome. After all, if gays can openly serve in the military and risk their lives, why shouldn't they be able to marry and adopt children and so forth?

This debate isn't about gay rights to engage in private, consensual sex, which they have in many states. It's about forcing those with a moral aversion to homosexual behavior to accept it as a standard and to teach public school children that gay is OK.

The military is the currently approved vehicle for arriving at this goal, but thanks to courageous senators like Sam Nunn and Indiana Republican Dan Coats, Congress is putting a roadblock in their and the appeals court's way.

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Around the valley

Crapo plans meetings during holiday break

TWIN FALLS — With Congress finished for 1993, U.S. Rep. Mike Crapo has scheduled two "town meetings" in the Magic Valley.

The first meeting will run from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 8 at the Glenns Ferry Moose Hall, 502 E. First. The second is scheduled from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Dec. 9 in the Burley City Council chambers, 1401 Overland.

At both meetings, Crapo will discuss the various health-care reform plans pending in Congress. The public is invited to attend.

Twin Falls County borrows from itself to pay jail debt

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Magic Valley

Around the valley

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Holiday hat



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* Changing the five-year phase-out of the waiting period to four years, giving the attorney general the option of adding a fifth.

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The program will be similar to one in which Mormons, many of whom learn other languages during their

"If we could help the Olympic teams, we surely ought to be able to help a parent understand a child's teacher," Fowler said. "The LDS Church has ready access to people who speak every language. I'm sure, that is represented in this valley."

Official denies claims grand jury investigating Michael Jackson

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP) — A county official contradicted comments by Michael Jackson's lawyers, saying Wednesday that no witnesses were summoned for grand jury testimony in an investigation of the entertainer.

County judge Tuesday that a Santa Barbara County grand jury was about to indict Jackson.

Fields argued that, since a criminal act appeared imminent, the civil case should be postponed because Jackson risked incriminating himself during the civil proceeding.

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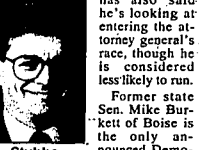
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Gainesville, Fla., said the world is a confusing place for young people, "and we need to address that."

Stubbs

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Services

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Memorial Chapel in Burley.

Hospitals

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER Admitted
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Rasmussen of Declo; Simona Cruz of Minidoka; and William Blunt of Murtaugh.

Births
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Obituary

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had since resided. She was a member of the Ruth Roberson Lodge No. 107, the CoLax LPM in Twin Falls and was past president of the Association LPM of Idaho.

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Chase

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and 20 novelty condoms. After Wednesday's arrest, the escapee was taken 186 miles to St. Anthony's Youth Services Center.

Wall Auctioneers
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The following items will be sold in public auction located at 643 2nd Ave. West, TWIN FALLS, IDAHO.

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MISCELLANEOUS
Luggage - Ice maker - Microwave - Walker - Kitchen cart - Kitchen stool - TV trays - Lamps

NOT MUCH MISCELLANEOUS, SO COME EARLY!

NOTE: Flo is moving to a retirement center & needs to sell all that she is not taking.

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FLO HARRINGTON: Owner

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Mini-Cassia

Rupert ponders care for strays

By Liz Wright
Times-News writer

RUPERT - City and county taxpayers must decide whether stray dogs should be killed or cared for humanely at a new Minidoka County dog pound.

The cheap alternative is a holding tank for the animals before they are killed. This is much like what the county used to have, and the conditions for the dogs were "deplorable," Minidoka County Commissioner John Remsburg said.

The cost of staffing and operating an adoption center is unclear at this early stage, Remsburg said.

"If the people want to spend the money for a place that's good for the dogs and will get people coming in to adopt, then we'll do it," Remsburg said.

Until a new shelter is built, Minidoka's strays are being taken to the Burley Animal Shelter - at \$5 per animal.

The shelter would cost around \$80,000 to build. A joint city-county committee is seeking volunteers to help, which could bring the costs down to about \$30,000, said Don Dustin, public

works director for the City of Rupert.

The costs of running the pound will be spread evenly among the cities and the county according to population, Dustin said. License and impounding fees would help pay back the money spent on the project.

"Bulldozers razed the old shelter as part of the demolition at the county landfill.

In early September, a joint city-county committee tossed plans for a proposed new site after neighbors said it would cause more traffic, noise and smell.

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The building would house up to 30 dogs a day, with a special room set aside for cats. It would employ two full time and one part-time animal control officers, Dustin said.

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Remsburg said he hopes the cities and county can rewrite their dog ordinances to coincide with the joint city-county shelter.



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LIZ WRIGHT/The Times-News

Briefly in Mini-Cassia

Rupert holiday lighting set

RUPERT - In keeping with tradition, Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus Friday evening will throw the electric switch for lights that will turn Rupert into the glittering Christmas City U.S.A.

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The Clauses will sit with children in the gazebo after the lighting ceremony. Several new decorations have been added this year to the square, including a new Santa and sleigh sculpture and new wreaths. Roberta Christiansen of the Christmas Lighting Committee said.

Several miles of Christmas lights were strung up by city workers, covering at least 15 blocks downtown. All proceeds go to the Christmas Lighting Committee for next year's festivities, Christiansen said.

Bank honors area students

BURLEY - D.L. Evans Bank recently awarded scholarships to four Mini-Cassia area high school students based on academic achievement and intent to enter the field of finance, economics or general business at Idaho State University.

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Fire engulfs Twin Falls trailer home

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TWIN FALLS - Fire destroyed a trailer home Wednesday evening, but no one was injured.

The Twin Falls Fire Department received a call at around 4:30 and responded to a fire at 268 Buena Vista St., said Battalion Chief Bill Windsor.

A shed on the property apparently caught fire and started the trailer home burning, Windsor said. By the time firefighters arrived, the trailer home could not be saved, he said.

"These (trailer fires) are one of the hardest fires to put out," Windsor said. "They burn so fast."

Three engine companies and 11 firefighters responded to the blaze. Barbara Jones owned the home, Windsor said. Four adults and one child lived in the trailer, he said.

It was unclear how many people were home when the fire started, but Windsor said a neighbor had noticed the flames and warned them that the back of their home was on fire.

Cause of the fire had not been determined Wednesday evening. Investigators will examine the scene today, Windsor said.

Windsor advised homeowners and others to install fire detectors and make sure they have fresh batteries.

Man tries to kill himself at canyon

GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK, Ariz. (AP) - A man who told rangers he had the idea to kill himself in the Grand Canyon from news reports of an auto suicide there last week was hospitalized with slashed wrists, park officials said Wednesday.

The 30-year-old Las Vegas man, whose name was withheld, was found by rangers with his wrists slashed Monday night at the base of a 30-foot cliff off a canyon trail, said park spokeswoman Maureen Oltrogge. He was using the trail had reported when they thought was a collapsed hiker.

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Environmentalists point out the Salmon is federally protected as a wild river.

Either way, the tickets are tinder to ignite a new round of debate about the undeveloped airstrip. Two years ago, the Forest Service launched an investigation about another tree-cutting incident there.

Rep. Larry LaRocco, D-Idaho, specifically calls for Wilson Bar to be opened to the public in his wilderness bill. But Dennis Baird, a Sierra Club member, said he hopes LaRocco and Congress will drop the Wilson Bar provision from the bill.

"We certainly can't have illegal activities governing the operation of that non-airstrip," Baird said.

LaRocco said there are two different issues at play. His bill tries to recognize that a legitimate airstrip should be open to the public.

"When I was down there I decided those trees on the end of the runway better come down for safety reasons so I knocked them down. It wasn't a political statement or anything."

A Nez Perce National Forest officer ticketed Hill for the misdemeanor violations. The landing and tree-cutting citations carried penalties of \$35 and \$75, respectively.

Some have questioned the modest amounts. But Hill also faces civil damages for cutting the trees.

Salmon River District Ranger Robert Abbott said the 17 trees Hill cut contained about 345 board feet of timber.

Located little more than a mile from a private airstrip at Mackay, Bar, Wilson Bar is coveted by pilots.

Jeanne Walters of Mountain-Bird, which operates Salmon Air Taxi, said she has pushed since 1984 to keep Wilson Bar open.

"There will be a whole lot of people supporting Frank on this one from both in and out of state. Frank won't be alone on this," she said.

Briefly

Dispute threatens timber businesses

IDAHO FALLS — Logging and grizzly bears can coexist in eastern Idaho, but time is running out for tree cutters, Idaho Falls community leaders say.

At a meeting Tuesday, loggers warned that unless a dispute between the U.S. Forest Service and environmentalists is resolved soon, there will be no timber industry left in the area.

"We will be out of business in a year," said Bill Shurtleff of Call Forest Products in Idaho Falls.

The Sierra Club sued the Forest Service earlier this year to force it to close roads and tighten standards for protecting grizzlies on the Targhee National Forest. The suit and Endangered Species Act restrictions have prevented the agency from selling timber from 95 percent of its timber base.

Idaho Power decreases construction

BOISE — Idaho Power Co. plans to spend 11 percent less next year on power plant construction than it did this year.

The utility is scheduled to spend just under \$47 million, about three-fourths of its hydroelectric projects. The biggest segment is \$11.9 million for expansion on the company's Twin Falls project on the Snake River.

The final stages of expansion at Swan Falls Dam south of Boise will cost \$10.6 million. Idaho Power also will spend \$3.9 million to expand fish hatcheries, \$2.9 million for parks and recreation facilities and the rest on other hydro-related work.

More than 26 projects are covered in the \$12.2 million budgeted for construction at three coal-fired power plants. The bulk of the money will go for work at the Jim Bridger plant in Wyoming.

Andrus will light up Christmas tree

BOISE — Gov. Cecil Andrus will throw a switch next Wednesday to turn on the 4,800 lights on the State Christmas Tree on the Statehouse steps.

There will be an "admission price" of sorts. Those attending the 6 p.m. ceremony are urged to bring a gift of canned or nonperishable food to be donated through the Salvation Army Food Bank.

Forest Service worker joins commission

BOISE — Francis Wallace, a Forest Service employee at McCall, is a new member of the Valley County Commission.

Gov. Cecil Andrus appointed Wallace on Wednesday to succeed Carl Kerriek who resigned to become a magistrate judge in Lewiston. Wallace recently was re-elected to the McCall City Council. Ernest Woods, McCall, was the other candidate nominated by the Valley County Republican Central Committee.

Alpine voters turn back bond proposal

ALPINE, Utah — Voters have defeated a \$1 million bond proposal for new roads and improvements.

The proposal was voted down by 638-242 in a special election Tuesday. "Holy Geronimo! Did we make that kind of headway?" said Ben Shippen, a planning commission member and outspoken opponent of the bond.

Shippen said the defeat shows that Alpine residents want to know specifics before they give the city government a blank check for \$1 million.

Compiled from wire reports

Almanac ranks area.

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Due primarily to a lot of smog in 1972, the Salt Lake-Ogden metropolitan area has been ranked in the bottom third of 75 metropolitan areas in the "1994 Environmental Almanac."

Salt Lake tied with New Haven, Conn., for 53rd in the rankings based on 1992 federal reports on air quality, toxic releases, Superfund sites, energy consumption and how motor vehicles and public transit are used.

Salt Lake ranked low because of the number of days with bad air quality.

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Briefly

Dispute threatens timber businesses

IDAHO FALLS — Logging and grizzly bears can coexist in eastern Idaho, but time is running out for tree cutters, Idaho Falls community leaders say.

At a meeting Tuesday, loggers warned that unless a dispute between the U.S. Forest Service and environmentalists is resolved soon, there will be no timber industry left in the area.

"We will be out of business in a year," said Bill Shurtleff of Call Forest Products in Idaho Falls.

The Sierra Club sued the Forest Service earlier this year to force it to close roads and tighten standards for protecting grizzlies on the Targhee National Forest. The suit and Endangered Species Act restrictions have prevented the agency from selling timber from 95 percent of its timber base.

Idaho Power decreases construction

BOISE — Idaho Power Co. plans to spend 11 percent less next year on power plant construction than it did this year.

The utility is scheduled to spend just under \$47 million, about three-fourths of it on hydroelectric projects. The biggest segment is \$11.9 million for expansion on the company's Twin Falls project on the Snake River.

The final stages of expansion at Swan Falls Dam south of Boise will cost \$10.6 million. Idaho Power also will spend \$3.9 million to expand fish hatcheries, \$2.9 million for parks and recreation facilities and the rest on other hydro-related work.

More than 26 projects are covered in the \$12.2 million budgeted for construction at three coal-fired power plants. The bulk of the money will go for work at the Jim Bridger plant in Wyoming.

Andrus will light up Christmas tree

BOISE — Gov. Cecil Andrus will throw a switch next Wednesday to turn on the 4,800 lights on the State Christmas Tree on the Statehouse steps.

There will be an "admission price" of sorts. Those attending the 6 p.m. ceremony are urged to bring a gift of canned or nonperishable food to be donated through the Salvation Army Food Bank.

Forest Service worker joins commission

BOISE — Francis Wallace, a Forest Service employee at McCall, is a new member of the Valley County Commission.

Gov. Cecil Andrus appointed Wallace on Wednesday to succeed Curt Kerrick, who resigned to become a magistrate judge in Lewiston.

Wallace recently was re-elected to the McCall City Council. Ernest Woods, McCall, was the other candidate nominated by the Valley County Republican Central Committee.

Alpine voters turn back bond proposal

ALPINE, Utah — Voters have defeated a \$1 million bond proposal for new roads and improvements.

The proposal was voted down by 638-242 in a special election Tuesday. "Holy Gerontimo! Did we make that kind of headway?" said Ben Shippen, a planning commission member and outspoken opponent of the bond.

Shippen said the defeat shows that Alpine residents want to know specifics before they give the city government a blank check for \$1 million.

Compiled from wire reports

the tickets another frustration in a bureaucratic fracas to preserve access to the airstrip surrounded by the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness.

Environmentalists point out the Salmon is federally protected as a wild river.

Either way, the tickets are tinder to ignite a new round of debate about the undeveloped airstrip. Two years ago, the Forest Service launched an investigation about another tree-cutting incident there.

Rep. Larry LaRocco, D-Idaho, specifically calls for Wilson Bar to be opened to the public in his wilderness bill. But Dennis Baird, a Sierra Club member, said he hopes LaRocco and Congress will drop the Wilson Bar provision from the bill.

"We certainly can't have illegal activities governing the operation of that non-airstrip," Baird said.

LaRocco said there are two different issues at play. His bill tries to recognize that a legitimate airstrip should be open to the public.

"I'm not up to speed on the legal action of what happened there. If it was illegal or destructive, I'm not trying to condone that. My bill came first," LaRocco said.

Hill himself said the tree cutting was nothing more than a precaution.

"When I was down there I decided those trees on the end of the runway better come down for safety reasons so I knocked them down. It wasn't a political statement or anything."

A Nez Perce National Forest officer ticketed Hill for the misdemeanor violations. The landing and tree-cutting citations carried penalties of \$35 and \$75, respectively.

Some have questioned the modest amounts. But Hill also faces civil damages for cutting the trees.

Salmon River District Ranger Robert Abbott said the 17 trees Hill cut contained about 345 board feet of timber.

Located little more than a mile from a private airstrip at Mackay Bar, Wilson Bar is coveted by pilots.

JoAnn Wolters of Mountain-Bird, which operates Salmon Air Taxi, said she has pushed since 1984 to keep Wilson Bar open.

"There will be a whole lot of people supporting Frank on this one from both in and out of state. Frank won't be alone on this," she said.



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Almanac ranks area

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Due primarily to a lot of smog in 1972, the Salt Lake-Ogden metropolitan area has been ranked in the bottom third of 75 metropolitan areas in the "1994 Environmental Almanac."

Salt Lake tied with New Haven, Conn., for 53rd in the rankings based on 1992 federal reports on air quality, toxic releases, Superfund sites, energy consumption and how motor vehicles and public transit are used.

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Idaho

Flu emptying Idaho classrooms

BOISE (AP) — Idaho's early flu season is leaving some schools half empty even before the Thanksgiving break.

In the Boise School District, up to 30 percent of the students in some schools were out sick Monday and Tuesday with fever and coughs, Boise schools dismissed early Wednesday afternoon for the Thanksgiving holiday.

"Every kid I've seen had over 100-degree temperatures," said Sally Ryehert, nurse at North Junior High School.

"I've had teachers tell me half the kids in some classrooms are gone," Meridian School District spokeswoman Bev Stoddard said some grade schools are missing more than 100 children.

Influenza has covered a lot of ground in the two weeks since Idaho health officials first detected it in the Burley area. Thousands probably have been stricken since then, said Bob Medlin, state immunization coordinator.

"This is much faster than anyone would have thought it could spread," he said.

Reports from physicians indicate the bug lays victims low for three to seven days, he said.

Six cases of influenza A have been confirmed statewide: one in Boise, one in Pocatello and four around Burley and Declo. By mid-December, tests should confirm the strain of influenza A is the same one in this year's flu vaccine, Medlin said.

U of I may hire headhunter for provost search

MOSCOW (AP) — University of Idaho President Elisabeth Zinser is considering whether the school should hire a "headhunter" to find a new provost.

Zinser appointed a committee of teachers, administrators, staff and students earlier this month to find a replacement for Provost Thomas Bell, who will retire next October. Bell is the school's chief academic officer.

The panel would retain responsibility for the search regardless, Zinser said Tuesday, but she is considering paying a professional search firm to help out.

She estimated such a service would cost about \$25,000.

"Businesses pay a lot more money than that on searches," Zinser said.

She conceded setting the idea in a public university setting could be more difficult than it would be in the corporate world.

"If people aren't comfortable about it, it won't happen."

The search committee is preparing to rewrite the position in the Chronicle of Higher Education.

A headhunter could attract a candidate pool of higher quality, she said, including administrators who might not respond to a magazine ad.

One headhunter from Los Angeles already flew to Moscow at his own expense to meet with Zinser.



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Jury clears Idaho Falls man of his brother's murder

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Jurors acquitting an Idaho Falls man who admitted killing his brother say prosecutors were unable to prove the death amounted to second-degree murder.

"Personally, I just didn't feel the evidence was there," said Susan Barnes, who served on the eight-

women, four-man jury.

J. Neil Clifford, 38, admitted he shot and killed his brother Gregory, 44, during a June 8 confrontation at his apartment, but he maintained throughout the seven-day trial that he acted in self-defense after his brother, an expert in martial arts, threatened to kill him and

then turned and charged him. Clifford immediately dialed the 911 emergency number, but his brother was dead within an hour from a single gunshot wound to the chest.

The jury deliberated nine hours before returning the verdict late Tuesday night.



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Sports

CSI volleyballers capture nationals

Golden Eagles rally after dropping 1st game

By David Kilmer
Times-News correspondent

MIAMI — Southern Idaho Coach Ben Stroud worried all week about how good his women's volleyball team was. Well, coach, good enough to win a national championship.

The Golden Eagles, making their first appearance at the NJCAA women's tournament, defeated San Jacinto, Texas, 7-15, 15-13, 16-14, 15-12 in the finals Wednesday night.

Stroud worried about a young team being

tight, being there for the first time. But he also knew they were tall and talented. And he found out they had toughness.

The Eagles got into the finals with a 15-4, 7-15, 15-2, 15-8 semifinal win over Kankakee, Ill.

Against San Jac (51-4) the Eagles (44-10) came from behind all match to win.

They lost the first game, hurting themselves with mistakes — three carrying calls that led to a 10-0 deficit. They came back in game two as Amber McEwen became offensively aggressive and Tara

Please see CSI/B10

Young team doesn't disappoint CSI coach

By David Kilmer
Times-News correspondent

MIAMI — The human ball of Golden Eagle bodies formed on the Miami-Dade gymnasium floor.

The chain of celebration broke out as CSI fans raced onto the court after the Eagles captured their first NJCAA women's volleyball title Wednesday night.

Then there was Coach Ben Stroud, sitting and staring at the joy unfolding with a look of almost disbelief after the 7-15, 15-13, 16-14, 15-12 victory over San Jacinto, Texas.

Players tried to find the words, the perspective of being the best in the land.

"No words can explain it," said Amber McEwen, the 6-4 middle blocker, who smashed 24 kills in the championship match. "This is once in a lifetime. Or second thought, maybe it's not. Hopefully, we can do it again."

— Repeat talk already.

"Amazing how we gained momentum and played better and better every game," said Stroud. "We have five or six players who won at least one high school state

Please see CHAMPS/B10

Bruins place 3 on All-State high school gridiron squad

By Larry Hovey
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Although several Magic Valley all-state football players will have their educations paid for by a football program, the highest profile is carried by Twin Falls kicker John McClusky.

McClusky booted the state's record 58-yard field goal against Capital in September and consistently drove kickoffs into the end zone.

"He's getting contact from everyone," said Twin Falls Coach Jon Jund. "Just today (Tuesday) University of Nebraska called to say they needed a video tape of him kicking in practice and another of a game film. They flew it in overnight and said they wanted it flown out of here Wednesday."

Iowa, West Point, all in-state schools and several intermountain schools have contacted McClusky rather seriously. Others have begun getting acquainted.

"I think he will go to a very prominent program. Everyone who sees him is impressed with his style," Jund said. "(Pocatello and former ISU coach Jim) Koetter said he's the best looking high school kicker he's seen from the standpoint of attacking the ball, really going after it. And we felt Koetter had a pretty good kicker himself this year."

Jund said perhaps the news of McClusky's 58-yarder was prompting some of the attention "but John has been going to these kicking camps on the coast every summer and, if anything, the word gets out better from there."

McClusky was one of three Bruins named all-state, joined by three-year, two-way tackle starter Geoff Pierce.

"Pierce had a lot of enthusiasm for this game when he started and it's never diminished," said Jund of the 265-pounder. "He's been hearing from all three in-state schools, Washington State, Utah and some others. We look for Geoff to play in a major program."

The third all-stater is running back Josh Amundson who basically was responsible for all of Twin Falls' offense for two years. When he went down with a leg injury as a junior, the Twin Falls' point output dipped sharply.

Amundson picked up 1,576 yards in 12 games and had 2,156 all-purpose yards. He amassed 184 and 174 yards in the two state playoff games Twin Falls played in this fall.

Amundson also is hearing from a lot of people, the three Idaho universities, Washington State, Utah and Wyoming among others.

Carey contributed two to the all-star roster in running back Lyman Kirkland, a 6-1, 180-pound senior. Kirkland, son of coach Heber Kirkland, picked up 654 yards rushing and 347 more receiving — but the Panthers were so seldom pressed that Kirkland seldom played more than a half. He averaged seven yards per carry and 27 yards per catch.

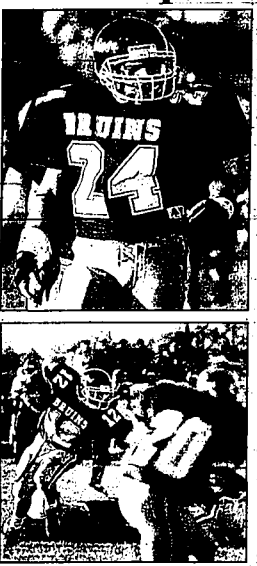
Neil Baird bins a huge all-state offensive line. In fact, of the seven linemen selected, he is third lightest.

"Neil lost about 20 pounds from last year and picked up his mobility well," said Coach Kirkland.

Idaho State has talked to the youngster.

"It would be a major adjustment going from eight-man football to major college 11-man and from perhaps one of the largest to just one of the boys," Kirkland said. "It would take a lot of work but Baird is a 4-point student and I think he could do it."

Please see PREP/B10



At left, Twin Falls' 265-pound linemen Geoff Pierce (No. 72) should take his enthusiasm to a 'major program,' Twin Falls High School Coach Jon Jund says. At top, kicker John McClusky's accomplishments include a state record 58-yard field goal. Above, running back Josh Amundson picked up 1,576 yards in 12 games for the Bruins.

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Briefly

Assistant assumes head coaching post at EWU

CHENEY, Wash. — Mike Kramer was named football coach at Eastern Washington on Wednesday, replacing Dick Zornes, who left after 15 years.

Kramer was an assistant under Zornes for five seasons. Zornes will remain in the university's athletic department, handling other duties.

Zornes had a record of 89-66-2, including 26-28 mark in the Big Sky Conference. His 1993 team was 7-3.

Nevada athletic director takes reins after coach departs

RENO, Nev. — Nevada athletic director Chris Ault said Wednesday he would return as coach of the Wolf Pack football team to fill the void left by the sudden departure of coach Jeff Horton to UNLV.

most important thing right now is to let the student athletes know we're not going to let this boat sink," Ault said at a news conference Wednesday.

He received a standing ovation from supporters when he made the announcement.

The return of the highly-successful Ault was the latest chapter in an odyssey that began last week with the pending resignation of UNLV coach Jim Strong.

UNLV officials tried to lure Ault to Las Vegas, but he declined. Then Horton, who just completed his first year as head of the Nevada program, resigned abruptly Tuesday to take the UNLV job.

President debates football team's future at Weber State

OGDEN, Utah — Whether Weber State University continues to have football will depend on how close to \$450,000 the school raises for the program in the next three weeks, the school's president said.

President Paul Thompson, speaking Tuesday to a group of 250, mostly students, said the meeting was a wakeup call to the community that the football program, running an \$850,000 deficit, desperately needs financial support.

He said if the \$450,000 goal is met in three weeks, "we'll continue to have football. If we get a lot less than that, then we probably wouldn't have football."

Brett Chiugg, student body president, was lukewarm about Thompson's suggestion of a \$15 hike in student fees.

"We're paying as much as we can afford," he said.

More than one person at the meeting charged that Thompson isn't supporting football. He said he loved that, but "There are more important things on this campus than football. The library is one of them."

Compiled from wire reports

Sportsquote

It's not like coming down the stretch in a major. Good gracious. If you make a mistake you still have 11 other guys helping you.

— Jack Nicklaus, pooh-poohing the idea of Ryder Cup pressure

Highland, Lewiston dominate All-State picks

The Associated Press

The Highland Rams, who captured the state A-1 Division I championship last weekend, and A-1 Division II champion Lewiston Bengals, landed the largest number of players on the 1993 Associated Press All-State, High School Football Team.

Idaho sportscasters and sportswriters selected six Highland players and five Bengals, including both starting quarterbacks, to the team that was

dominated by seniors.

The 32-player squad represents all six divisions of Idaho prep football.

Offensive lineman Clayton Rogers of Fruitland and defensive lineman Geoff Pierce of Twin Falls were the top individual vote-getters.

Rogers was a three-year starter and twice selected to the Western Idaho Conference all-conference team. Pierce was also a three-year starter and played on offense as well.

Only three juniors made the team —

defensive lineman Travis Bastian of West Side, who was credited with 69 tackles including seven for losses; defensive

lineman Andy Carson of Moscow, who had 49 tackles including 10 sacks; and defensive back Whitney Mayer of American Falls, who had a team-high 85 tackles and five interceptions.

Highland quarterback Brian Carlson completed 11 of 198 passes for 2,093 yards and 20 touchdowns while Lewiston's Jake Blazzard was 120 of 216 for 1,819 yards and 19 touchdowns.

The 1993 All-State Football Team

Here is The Associated Press All-State High School Football Team selected by the state's sportswriters and sportscastrors.

OFFENSE

Linemen — Clayton Rogers, Fruitland, Sr., 6-3, 240; Hyrum Weaver, Highland, Sr., 6-2, 260; Neil Baird, Carey, Sr., 6-2, 250; Scott Auer, Lewiston, Sr., 6-6, 310; Rob Rainville, Lewiston, Sr., 6-6, 285; Bill Vasas, Snake River, Sr., 6-1, 220; Jim Sanford, Pocatello, Sr., 6-3, 225.

Receivers — Tyson Youngberg, Weiser, Sr., 6-0, 165; Ryan McClain, Fruitland, Sr., 5-10, 155; Rocky Barlow, Sr., Timberline, 5-8, 155.

Running backs — Josh Amundson, Twin Falls, Sr., 6-1, 198; Devin Walker, Weiser, Sr., 5-9, 175; Lyman Kirkland, Carey, Sr., 6-1, 180.

Quarterbacks — Brian Carlson, Highland, Sr., 5-9, 165; Jake Blazzard, Lewiston, Sr., 6-3, 200.

Kicker — John McClusky, Twin Falls, Sr., 5-11, 179.

DEFENSE

Linemen — Geoff Pierce, Twin Falls, Sr., 6-2, 265; Shawn McEntire, Highland, Sr., 6-2, 205; Kelly Nosworthy, Coeur d'Alene, Sr., 6-

2, 210; Travis Bastian, West Side, Jr., 6-3, 215; Andy Carson, Moscow, Jr., 5-9, 185; Jeff Rice, Lewiston, Sr., 6-3, 190; Stature Nye, Madision, Sr., 6-4, 195.

Linebackers — Jared Cooper, Highland, Sr., 5-11, 190; Spencer Turpin, Burley, Sr., 5-9, 190; Ryan Skinner, Lewiston, Sr., Joe Soteshal, Glenn Ferry, Sr., 6-0, 180.

Backs — Whitney Mayer, American Falls, Jr., 5-10, 185; B.J. Sparrow, West Side, Sr., 5-9, 150; A.J. Watson, Highland, Sr., 5-8, 150; Bryan McEntire, Lewiston, Sr., 5-8, 155.

Punter — Tom Ruffell, Burley, Sr., 6-1, 185.

Husker-Sooner game carries big impact on poll picture

The Associated Press

POLLY DOWNS' National championships? Forget about it.

When Nebraska plays Oklahoma on Friday, it wouldn't matter if the Cornhuskers and Sooners were 0-10 and 2-8 instead of the reverse. All that would mean anything is the sight of each other at opposite sidelines.

If they're not supposed to answer any questions on the polls or the bowls, we're supposed to be focused on Oklahoma," linebacker Ed Stewart of the second-ranked Cornhuskers said. "None of that makes any difference if we lose Friday."

"I think Nebraska and Oklahoma has been a big rivalry for a long time. I don't think it takes much for guys to get fired up about this game."

Exactly, added Sooners quarterback Cale Gundy.

College picks

The Associated Press

Nebraska-Oklahoma and Florida State-Florida are two of the fiercest rivalries in college football. This year, both games are even more important than usual.

If second-ranked Nebraska beats No. 16 Oklahoma on Friday and top-ranked Florida State defeats No. 7 Florida on Saturday, the Cornhuskers and Seminoles will play for the national championship in the Orange Bowl.

Nebraska (10-0) already has clinched the Big Eight championship, but Oklahoma (8-2) can spoil the Cornhuskers' national title hopes with a victory in Lincoln.

The Cornhuskers, who are favored by 9½ points, will win a close one. ... NEBRASKA 27-24.

For Florida State to keep its title hopes alive, the Seminoles (10-1) must do something no team has done in the last four years — beat Florida in Gainesville.

The Gators (9-1) have won 23 straight at Florida Field, the nation's second-longest national title picture. The Cornhuskers already clinched the Big Eight crown and a trip to the Orange Bowl. If they beat Oklahoma, they'll

play for the national championship against Florida State, Or West Virginia, Or Notre Dame.

"Oklahoma is a good enough team that we have to worry about winning the game first," said Nebraska linebacker Terry Alberts.

Also worrying about games on the final full weekend of the regular season are No. 8 Texas A&M (9-1) and Texas (5-4-1), which play try at College Station for the Southwest Conference title and the host's spot in the Cotton Bowl. The other games today are Georgia (4-6) at Georgia Tech (5-5) and Louisville (7-3) and headed for the Liberty Bowl at Tulsa (4-5-1).

On Friday, No. 5 West Virginia (10-0) is at No. 11 Boston College (8-2); No. 13 North Carolina (9-2) is at home for Duke (3-7); No. 19 Arizona (8-2) at Arizona State (6-4);

Please see COLLEGE/B10

Hot shooting fuels Celts over Pistons

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — The Boston Celtics, held to 71 points in their previous game, hit 20 consecutive shots from late in the first half until early in the fourth quarter, and got 20 points from Robert Parish in a 118-103 victory over Detroit on Wednesday night.

Boston, which shot just 38 percent from the field Monday night in a 102-71 loss to Indiana, connected on 65 percent against the Pistons, including the 16-minute streak without a miss from the floor.

Pro basketball

After making their last five shots of the first half to take a 56-51 lead, Boston went 14-for-14 in the third quarter. Despite the perfect shooting, however, the Celtics only expanded their lead to 87-79.

Dino Radja got the streak to 20 straight early in the fourth, then missed a jumper with 1:11 to play. The NBA does not keep records on consecutive shots made by a team.

Cavaliers 113, Bullets 107

RICHFIELD, Ohio — Mark Price had 28 points and 12 assists as Cleveland returned from its longest road trip of the season and beat Washington.

The Cavaliers improved to 2-2 at home after going 2-4 on their six-game western trip. The Bullets, who lost for only the second time in six games, have lost six straight at Richfield Coliseum.

Cleveland took control with a 17-2 run that began when it ran off the final five points of the first half for a 53-47 lead, then pulled ahead 65-49 early in the third period.

Rex Chapman led the Bullets with 21 points, 15 of them in the second half.

Hornets 141, Lakers 124

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Larry Johnson had 28 points and 22 rebounds as the Charlotte set a franchise record for points in a game while defeating Los Angeles.

The Hornets, who managed just 91 and 98 points in two losses after scoring more than 100 in their first eight games, rediscovered their shooting touch against the Lakers, whose record fell to 3-9 with their fifth consecutive loss. They remain winless on the road at 0-6.

Alonzo Mourning added 20 points for the Hornets, while Muggsy Bogues had 14 points and 19 assists, tying his career high, and seven rebounds. Anthony Peeler scored 21 points for Los Angeles, which never threatened after falling behind 43-23 in the first quarter.

Warriors 108, Heat 102

MIAMI — Latrell Sprewell scored 10 of his 27 points in the final 2:20 as Golden State overcame a 17-point deficit



AP Photo

Washington's Don MacLean finds himself pinned along the baseline by Cleveland's John Williams, left, and Chris Mills during NBA action Wednesday night in Richfield Coliseum.

Rookie Chris Webber had 24 points and 16 rebounds for Golden State. Steve Smith led Miami with a career-high 32 points.

Timberwolves 107, Nets 106
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Indiana Pacers 97
INDIANAPOLIS — Reserves Dana Barros and Tim Perry scored season highs of 22 and 20 points, rallying Philadelphia over Indiana.

The Sixers scored 100 points for only the second time in 11 games this season and beat the Pacers despite 25 points from Rick Smith.

Philadelphia led just 79-77 entering the fourth quarter before Barros and Perry combined to score 15 of the team's first 15 points in the period.

Perry hit 10 of 11 shots in the game, while Barros was 10-for-13, including a

The Nets lost for the third time in four games — all in the final minute — despite a season-high 36 points and 15 rebounds from Derrick Coleman.

Coleman was both the hero and goat. In the final 12 minutes, he turned the ball over twice, missed two free throws and a 17-foot jumper at the buzzer as the Timberwolves scored the last seven points.

Spurs 109, Bulls 84
SAN ANTONIO — The San Antonio Spurs got 20 points from Willie Anderson and outscored Chicago 31-14 in the third quarter to rout the Bulls 109-84 Wednesday night.

The defending NBA-champion Bulls, led by Horace Grant's 18 points, lost their third consecutive game and sixth out of seven, Chicago, at 4-7, is off to its worst start since 1985-86.

The Spurs used the big third period to build a 85-63 lead going into the final 12 minutes.

Blue Edwards scored 28 points for the Bulls, whose 1-9 start is their worst since opening the 1974-75 season with a 1-13 record.

Andrew Lang scored the Hawks' first points of the fourth quarter on a dunk with 6:54 left, and Elby followed with a layup to increase the lead to 73-64.

Jayhawks survive Gophers to advance

NEW YORK (AP) — The three players Roy Williams has said he'll heavily rely on this season — all came up big Wednesday night in the Princeton NIT semifinals.

Richard Scott had 20 points, and fellow seniors Steve Wojdewicz and Greg Osterstag made the key plays down the stretch as No. 6 Kansas beat No. 9 Minnesota 75-71.

Kansas will play for the title Friday night against No. 19 Massachusetts.

The Jayhawks (3-0) seemed in control against Minnesota (2-1), leading 50-38 with 15:44 to play. But the Golden Gophers started connecting from the outside and moved in front 63-62 with 5:32 left, just the second time they led all game.

"I took a timeout then to get our guys focused and make sure they played Kansas basketball," Williams said.

"Steve got some good reads against them and found Greg inside, and we got some offensive rebounds. Basically, the

College basketball

Just five minutes, we were cutting very well.

No. 19 Massachusetts 91
No. 1 North Carolina 86 OT
NEW YORK — Massachusetts couldn't hit free throws down the stretch and had to go deep into its final bench.

All that turned into the biggest victory in school history Wednesday night when the No. 19 Minutemen beat No. 1 North Carolina 91-86 in overtime in the semifinals of the Preseason NIT.

North Carolina (2-1), the defending national champion, was a 15-point favorite and held a distinct size advantage. So when the Tar Heels began the game with a 12-0, the game figured to stick to form.

But Massachusetts (3-0) hung in and attacked the boards, was as powerful as the team we finished with 28 points and 14 rebounds.

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Super Bowl QB faces oldest QB when Dallas meets Miami

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The Super Bowl MVP and the league's oldest player come together against each other at quarterback today in a matchup between the Dallas Cowboys and Don Shula's resourcelful Miami Dolphins.

Troy Aikman, well rested after a two-week absence to let a pulled hamstring heal, makes his return but he won't be facing Dan Marino's Sean Mitchell.

His counterpart on the Dolphins will be

Steve DeBerg, the 39-year-old quarterback who though his career was washed up three weeks ago until he got a 911 call from Shula.

"It's ironic," said DeBerg, who has played for five NFL teams, including the Cowboys. "I was prepared to retire thinking my career was over and now I'm on a team with a chance to win the whole thing."

Injuries to Marino and Mitchell forced the

Dolphins to sign DeBerg and Hugh Millen, who was with the Cowboys until they signed Bernie Kosar on Nov. 10.

Kosar led the Cowboys to a victory over Phoenix but couldn't get the offense clicking in a 27-14 loss to Atlanta last Sunday.

Dallas is 7-3 and tied with the New York Giants atop the NFC East. The Dolphins are 8-2 and tied with Buffalo atop the AFC East.

Aikman comes into the game with the

running wraps on after his experience three weeks ago in a 31-7 victory over the Giants. He went down in a heap when his left hamstring went out.

"I have confidence I can go full speed if I stay in the pocket," Aikman said. "I just want to make sure I don't take off on a scramble. I have to be smart about it. I hope I remember that on game day."

The Cowboys desperately needed

Aikman's return because of the condition of running back Emmitt Smith, listed as doubtful with a bruised right thigh muscle. Dallas lost two games at the start of the season when Smith was holding out in a bitter contract hassle with owner Jerry Jones.

Dallas coach Jimmy Johnson was to rule shortly before the 1 p.m. MST kickoff whether Smith would play. He's pronounced Aikman healthy this week.

High school coach's motivation backfires

LIBERTYVILLE, Ill. (AP) — A high school football coach who staged a phony shooting to motivate his players resigned Wednesday.

Libertyville High School coach Dale Christensen staged his own shooting Saturday, but one startled player said "the shock of the idea we were going to die" overshadowed any point he was trying to make.



Dale Christensen Tried to inspire team

Fanicked students scrambled for cover or fled the school cafeteria as Christensen fell to the floor. At least two calls were placed to police—emergency numbers and three police cars sped to the scene.

But police found the gun was a starter pistol that fired blanks, the blood on the coach's shirt was fake and that the whole stunt "was a skit the coach was putting on for his team to motivate them," police chief Dan McCormick said Wednesday.

It was not immediately clear how the shooting was to motivate the players.

Christensen, a 23-year coach, did not return a telephone message left Wednesday on his answering machine and the school said he was not available for comment.

"It is my opinion that using a weapon of any sort, whether real or not, is totally inappropriate," superintendent Donald Gosssett said.

Gosssett said the coach told him he "understood the limitations" of his actions. "He also believes that people in general outside the football team ... do not understand what he was trying to accomplish."

Spielman, Harbaugh continue their rivalry

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — Chris Spielman and Jim Harbaugh played against one another in college. They've been bumping into one another ever since, so to speak.

Over the course of the years, a mutual admiration has developed. Perhaps it was only natural, since both had to make it in the NFL on just average talent. They made it for their shortcomings with desire and grit.

The two will renew their rivalry today when Spielman and the Detroit Lions (7-3) host Harbaugh and the Chicago Bears (5-5) at the Silverdome.

"When I think of him, I think of a competitive guy," said Spielman, the linebacker who leads the Lions with 86 tackles. "He's a leader. He's not the greatest natural quarterback. But what he has, he used to the greatest potential."

"He's smart. He makes himself a great quarterback."

In the season opener last year, Harbaugh drove that point home forever in the Lions' minds. In that game, he drove the Bears 74 yards in nine plays, flipping a 6-yard, fourth-down touchdown pass to Tom Waddle with one second remaining.

That was enough to defeat the Lions, 27-24.

"He's not one of those 6-foot-5 guys that steps back and reads coverages and checks off three receivers before delivering a perfect spiral," Spielman said. "But he's a winner. That's what I like about him. He's a tough, competitive guy."

The odd thing is that NFL coaches and players talk this way about Harbaugh, who played his first two seasons at Michigan. Yet in Chicago, he frequently comes under fire from fans and media.

"I know he takes the heat," Spielman said. "But everybody in Chicago takes a lot of heat. Everybody except Michael Jordan."

This year, playing for a new coach and playing with an aging nucleus of veterans, Harbaugh has struggled at times. But, what's new? He struggled sometimes when the Bears were loaded, too.

It could be argued that hidden behind the Bears' 500 record is some of Harbaugh's best football. Sunday in Kansas City, for example, he threw two interceptions. But he rushed seven times for 61 yards and brought the Bears back from a 14-0 deficit to defeat the Chiefs 19-17.

It was the second straight road win for the resurgent Bears. They are suddenly back in the NFC Central title picture, two games behind the first-place Lions.

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The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — It was an early evening more than 26 years ago at a base called Con Thien — "Place of Angels" in Vietnamese, but Marines called it "The Meatgrinder."
Ron Smith was washing his socks in his helmet. Bob Wilson was packing his kit for the next day's patrol. When they heard the explosion in the old French minefield on the hill, Smith ran barefoot, hollering for another medic, but his buddy and fellow medic Wilson was already on the way.
On Wednesday, Nov. 10, this year, Smith, 46, and Wilson, 48, stood in a plush carpeted room at the Pentagon, solemn and dry-eyed as Secretary of the Navy John H. Dalton pinned Bronze Stars on their lapels for their bravery and foardliness.
But their chests heaved and tears came when a woman in a white dress emerged, weepy-eyed from the crowd at the back of the room and handed them a picture of her son, Jerald, in his dress blues. He was the young Marieje Wilson had dashed into that minefield to rescue, holding him as he lost consciousness and stopped breathing.
"Thank you," Cecelia Cardinali said through tears as she hugged Wilson and Smith. "I love you both. He was in such good company."
"I want you to know," she said

softly to Wilson a few minutes later, "he was worth trying to save."
The ceremony ended an extraordinary effort to win Smith and Wilson their medals. But it also gave some closure to an event that has haunted the medics and the families of the two men they tried to save. Until now, the medics had never met or even known one another's names.
It is unusual — indeed, counter to regulations — for the Navy or the Marines to award medals more than five years after the fact. Smith and Wilson received their stars from the Navy after the Marine Corps rejected the application because too many years had passed.
The two-year campaign for their medals was waged by two of their closest friends from their days at Con Thien — a military chaplain and a platoon commander — who saw what they did and never forgot. Recently, a documentary crew with the syndicated television program "The Crusaders" took on the story, tracking down more witnesses and encouraging Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Tex., to write a supporting letter.
Wilson and Smith credit their chaplain, Leo Stans, with keeping them alive in Vietnam. Stans, a World War II veteran who volunteered for Vietnam, held 10 to 15 services a day to accommodate the men in small groups so the casualties would be less devastating if they

were hit. Now 65 and a minister at Duke Street Baptist Church in Alexandria, Va., Stans still goes by his wartime nickname, "Chappy."
Stans kept a journal in Vietnam, jotting notes between the 200 to 300 rounds that fell on Con Thien in a typical day. His entry for Aug. 15, 1967, reads: "Two men, one KIA (Killed in Action), one WIA (Wounded in Action), Medivaced. Mines."
At Con Thien that day, Marine engineers were clearing the old French minefield to make way for more bunkers. A stone's throw from the Demilitarized Zone, Con Thien was shelled so often that the soldiers needed more places to hide.
No one knows what set off the mine. But two Marine engineers lay wounded in the field. Stans ran to the chain-link fence that bordered the minefield.
"I saw (Smith and Wilson) dilly-dip through that minefield," Stans said. "They could have waited until the equipment to clear the mines was moved in ... but they chose, rather than see those guys suffer and bleed to death, to risk their lives."
Wilson, who was 21 at the time, remembers those moments more vividly than any others in his year in Vietnam.
He was horrified to see that the wounded man's lower legs were missing. He tried cardiac massage

and mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, but within two minutes the man had died.
Peter Wymes, the platoon commander who also was watching from the fence, remembers checking the man's dog tags as he lay on the stretcher. "Jerald Bruce Weaver." He was 20, from Flushing, N.Y.

Meanwhile, Smith was tending to the other wounded man, who appeared to have taken the blast full in the face and was blinded. "Doc, I can't see," Smith remembers him saying. "Don't worry, it's just dirt," Smith told him.
Smith carried the young Marine off the field. As they waited for the

Medivac helicopter to arrive, Stans knelt at the stretcher, holding the wounded man's hand, saying the Lord's Prayer with him.
"That Marine was sort of screaming it, the Lord's Prayer," Smith recalled. "He kept saying he was concerned about his mother — what would she do without him."

'Summer of safety' will precede president's national service plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton's national service team has visions of a "summer of safety" in which young people combine their talents to fight violent crime in America.
The summer program, in which about 3,500 people would participate, would serve as a prelude to the September 1994 launch of AmeriCorps, which in its first year will enable 20,000 students to get financial assistance for college in exchange for public service work.
At briefings Monday, the Corporation for National and Community Service introduced its new management team.
"We view the people here as the energizers, the cheerleaders, the quality control part of the national service movement," said Eli Segal, the corporation's president and chief executive officer.
"Our job is to translate the poetry of national service into the prose," he said.
That includes drafting regulations for programs, initiating a public infor-

mation campaign and selecting some of the first recipients of government-national service grants.
Catherine Milton, vice president and director of National and Community Service Programs, said a summer of service program focusing on violent crime would precede the official launch of AmeriCorps. "We'll be using kids as a resource to get at crime problems," she said.
Among possible projects:
• Teaching middle-school children how to handle disputes peacefully.
• College students assisting shopkeepers in how protecting against robbers.
• Community escort services for the elderly.
The AmeriCorps program fulfills Clinton's campaign promise of creating a domestic version of the Peace Corps. The plan would allow 37,000 participants the second year and 47,000 the third.
Spending would be limited to \$300 million, \$500 million and \$700 million in the three years, respectively. Programs will be funded by the states,

and by the corporation itself.
AmeriCorps participants would be required to work 1,700 hours. They would receive a stipend equal to the minimum wage, about \$8,000, plus health care and child care benefits. They also would earn \$4,725 a year toward college tuition or repayment of student loan payments.
Segal said AmeriCorps would give young people at least 17 years old a chance to showcase the message of "rights and responsibilities."
Service would fit in one of four categories: education, human needs, environment and public safety. Segal said projects might include immunization drives, cleaning up parks, tutoring, serving as mentors or teachers' aides, working on crime control or "whatever it is a community feels is necessary."
Officials are working on a set of national priorities for community service work. One possibility might be children during the early childhood years.
"By targeting the work of really a limited number of people you can have a real impact if you narrow the range of what you're trying to achieve," said Shirley Sagawa, the corporation's executive vice president and executive director.
The corporation will look for hands-on projects that will have a direct impact on the community, she said.

'Little beavers' hit Japanese ships hard

Knight-Ridder News Service
Furious American air attacks sent from Munda on New Georgia against the Japanese air bases at Buks and Bonis had rendered these bases useless by mid-November, 1943.
With the amphibious landing on Bougainville at the beginning of the month the Japanese decided to evacuate the aviation personnel from Buks and Bonis and bring in more ground troops to hold the area. Once more, the "Tokyo Express" set sail to ferry the troops in and out.
On Nov. 25, five Japanese destroyers were spotted in the air making such a run. On patrol across their path were five U.S. destroyers belonging to Destroyer Squadron 23 under Captain Arleigh "31 Knot" Burke.
Known as "the little beavers" Burke's ships were the Charles Ausburne (flag), Dyson, Claxton, Converse and Spence. All were new Fletcher-class ships launched since the war started. They displaced 2,050 tons and carried five 5-inch guns in single turrets and 10 21-inch torpedo tubes plus a variety of 20 mm and 40 mm anti-aircraft guns.
They had a crew of 300 men. American industry sent 175 of this class to sea in two and a half years of mass production, a feat no other economy could have hoped to match. To the men who commanded these warships and the crews who served them, the Fletchers were the perfect fighting destroyers.
The night of Nov. 24 the sea between Buks and New Ireland was overcast and moonless. The visibility of 3,000 yards was frequently interrupted by rain squalls. Burke noted in his log "An ideal night for a nice quiet torpedo attack."
At 0141 hours Dyson's radar made contact. The enemy was 22,000 yards to the northeast. Burke messaged "Hello DS 23. Hang on to your hats boys, here we go."
"The Japanese ships were the destroyers Ome and Maklami providing a screen for destroyers

Amigiri, Yugiri and Uzuki serving as fast transports. The two lead warships were among Japan's newest having been launched only months before the war.
They were the same size as the American destroyers but carried six 5-inch guns in three dual turrets and eight 24-inch torpedo tubes. The transport group were older ships from the late 1920s but had the same size and armament. On paper it was an even match if not slightly favoring the Japanese by firepower.
But radar gave a decisive advantage to Burke who could see the enemy who could not see him. Ausburne, Claxton and Dyson each launched five torpedoes at the unsuspecting foe.
The salvo scored fatal hits on Ome and Maklami. A 300-foot high fireball lit the sky. The three trailing Japanese destroyers turned and ran. Burke ordered Converse and Spence to finish off the two stricken enemy warships while he led the other three in pursuit of the fleeing enemy. The Japanese entered, allowing two to escape as Burke's ships concentrated their guns on Yugiri.
Suddenly on intuition Burke ordered evasive action — just in time to avoid a salvo of torpedoes from Yugiri. An hour later, the battered enemy destroyer sank. No hits had been scored on the U.S. ships.
Burke's ships returned to Tulagi on Thanksgiving Day to a gala victory celebration. The only Presidential Unit Citation given to a destroyer squadron went to Burke's command for this action.

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Former U.S. marine pilot Myrl Allinder, left, from Clearwater, Fla., gestures to Vietnamese sixth-graders during a guest English lesson at the Nguyen Cong Tru School in Hanoi, Monday. Allinder flew 375 missions over North Vietnam in 1969-1970 and plans to visit his old bases. At right, first-grade teacher Jill Hubbs of Jacksonville, Fla., sings 'Old MacDonald Had a Farm' using a hand puppet at the same school. Hubbs is in Vietnam looking for information on her father, Cmdr. Donald Hubbs, who is missing in action. His plane was shot down in North Vietnam in 1968.

U.S. 'Friendship Force' welcomed in Vietnam

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — "I love you, and you, and you, and you," Myrl Allinder sang Monday to smiling children who knew him only as a friendly teacher, not as a man who bombed bombs on their country nearly 25 years ago.

Allinder, a retired Marine Corps colonel from Clearwater, Fla., and Jill Hubbs, an elementary school teacher in Jacksonville, Fla., received a warm welcome as they led an English class of sixth-graders in several choruses of "Old MacDonald Had a Farm."

Allinder, 58, and Ms. Hubbs, 36, came to Vietnam with a dozen other members of the Friendship Force from Florida and Georgia, seeking to mend the wounds of war. The Atlanta-based organization promotes friendship among nations through exchanges of citizens.

Both Allinder and Ms. Hubbs were on a patrol into the past.

Allinder flew 375 missions over North Vietnam in 1969-70. Ms. Hubbs was only 10 when her father, Navy Cmdr. Donald Hubbs, was shot down over North Vietnam on March 17, 1968, and listed as missing in action.

Ms. Hubbs flew halfway around the world searching for answers. She got them a few hours later during a 2½-hour meeting with American officials in the U.S. MIA office in Hanoi.

The fun of "Old MacDonald" turned to the anguish of learning that her father's name and serial number were on a Vietnamese graves registration list uncovered through archival research a year ago.

She held out slim hope that her father was still alive.

"There's nothing that I'd love more than for dad to come home," she said. "If they can find the remains, I'd like to bring them back and bury them in the United States

where they belong."

Ms. Hubbs said the MIA specialists with whom she met told her they would continue investigating her father's case.

There were more disappointments for Ms. Hubbs as well as Allinder.

'I love you, and you, and you, and you.'

— Former U.S. Marine pilot Myrl Allinder to a group of Vietnamese school children

Ms. Hubbs and Allinder were disillusioned with some of their hosts, members of the Vietnam-USA Society, a government agency devoted to working for the establishment

of diplomatic relations with the United States.

Escorts from the society never left their sides.

Instead of staying in the homes of local Vietnamese, as they had been led to believe they would, they ended up in mini-hotels.

"It seemed to me to be a frontal assault here," said Allinder. "We're coming straight up against all the lines of defense of Hanoi and we're running into the party line. We have a very tight schedule. There's no time for freedom. Things are planned. Hopefully, we can do a little bit more when we get down to Da Nang."

Allinder planned to fly Wednesday to his old base in Da Nang with his daughter, Julie Allinder, a reporter for WGST Newradio in Atlanta who accompanied the group.

"I'd like to talk some more with some of the older fellows who were involved directly in the war effort

and so far it hasn't worked that way," said Allinder. "We're talking a lot of young people that seem a little disconnected from the past, from the history of it 20 years ago."

Ms. Hubbs said she was concerned about "a big push this week to try to implant in our minds, impress upon us how important it is for them to have diplomatic relations and for the United States to lift the trade embargo."

She would like to see that happen, too. "But not until this MIA situation is completely and totally resolved."

She said one of the Vietnamese hosts told them that his country had done everything it could do to help resolve the cases of 2,248 Americans still unaccounted for in Southeast Asia.

"That's why I was upset," she said. "I don't feel they've done everything they can do. We need complete truth and honesty. We need to resolve it

for the families' sake."

The visit to the school and "Old MacDonald" seemed to make-up for a lot of the frustrations.

"It's one of those things that makes it worthwhile," said Allinder.

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Sultan's Seattle hotel of choice revealed, but now he's gone

SEATTLE (AP) — Now that the world's richest man has left town, the downtown Alexis Hotel revealed Monday it was chosen to accommodate the Sultan of Brunei during last week's visit to the city for the Economic Cooperation Gathering.

Sultan Hassanalkhalid, with a personal fortune of \$37 billion, understandably prizes discretion in those privacy to his comings and goings.

By mid-week, speculation about his whereabouts centered on the Alexis, a 54-room European-style hotel just off the waterfront — or the Four Seasons Olympic, a 450-room, four-star hotel in the heart of downtown.

On Tuesday, the Secret Service checked out the Alexis in anticipation of his stay, said Louis Richmond of Richmond Public Relations, which represents the Alexis. Clinton administration interpreters also were housed there.

For those not enticed by international trade, the fabulously wealthy sultan was the star of APEC. There was breathless speculation about where his party was staying, what they would do, where they might shop.

By the sultan's last visit — from Thursday evening until Saturday's informal summit on Blake Island — was all business, Richmond said.

That was a disappointment to Seattleites who'd hoped to catch his eye.

Vet hopes ad will bring marital bliss

Knight-Ridder News Service

MIAMI BEACH — He has been on blind dates. He has dated women he met at the gym. He even tried a dating service.

Tired of casting his net and coming up empty, Dr. X — who wants to remain anonymous to protect his veterinary practice — hatched a plan. The result: a full-page "Wife Wanted" ad in Thursday's Miami Herald Neighbors section in Miami Beach.

He could have saved most of the \$494 fee with a small personal ad. But the personals just weren't personal enough for this single.

"There are so many of them. And they're so hard to read," said the 36-year-old cat lover and fitness buff. "I want to grab people's attention. The bigger, the better. Get your point across."

His point is clear. He wants a wife. And not just any wife. The ad lists his vital statistics, along with those he requires in a mate.

Him: Six feet tall; 200 pounds; 9 percent body fat; works out daily; lives in Miami Beach; never married or engaged; parents still married; no personal debts.

Her: 25 to 30 years old; at least five feet six inches tall; athletic; never married or engaged; minimum education, a bachelor's degree; parents still married.

All others need not apply. "The bottom line is, I'm not satisfied with the quality of people I've been meeting for this single. But I'm very happy. I don't need a fatal attraction."

And he doesn't think he'll get one. That's why he made the requirements so tough. Besides, he said, his standards are high.

"Trust me," Dr. X said. "If I can't find what I'm looking for, I will never settle for second best."

Some local jewelers trotted out all their best stuff in hopes of a visit from the sultan's party.

A group of advocates for the homeless, who rallied during the APEC meetings to protest tough new city laws against urinating and drinking in public, wanted the sultan to make a contribution to the city for downtown public toilets.

There were reports the sultan was willing to pay \$50,000 to a "personal concierge" who would attend to rou-

line concerns during his visit. It's unclear whether such a position existed, but Richmond said Monday he was offered "a considerable sum" by a woman hoping to be recommended for the post.

Local media carried a report that the sultan had left a \$170,000 tip for hotel staff in Cyprus after an extended stay. Richmond confirmed a "substantial gratuity" was left for the Alexis staff, but refused to disclose the sum.

He did confirm that the sultan's

party — including the sultan's brother, Prince Jeffrey, and the sultan's personal chef as well as other household staff and officials of his nation on the northwest coast of Borneo — took two of the hotel's three floors.

And the rooms were refurbished to the sultan's tastes.

That whirlwind effort was overseen by Seattle designer David Weatherford, who went to local art and rug galleries to find appropriate floor coverings and to borrow works by

Northwest artists including Morris Graves, Paul Hornuchi and glassblowing master Dale Chihuly.

For some rooms, new draperies and wallpaper were installed, Richmond said.

"I called David Saturday night," he said, and the scramble began. Instructions called for the rooms — including an elegant salon for possible meetings with other heads of state — to be completed by noon Tuesday.

Some of the changes will be incorporated into the hotel remodeling planned for January.

Emily Moore, executive chef of the hotel's Painted Table restaurant, worked with the sultan's personnel staff on preparations for the party.

"We were informed that the sultan was so pleased... that his staff stated he would be pleased if the Alexis named a suite in his honor," said hotel general manager Stan Kott, adding that one of the suites will be referred to as the Sultan of Brunei Suite.

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Colleges seek ways to boost efficiency

The Washington Post

ST. LOUIS — Within the decade, American universities will offer a narrower range of courses than they do now, and to cut costs many will enter arrangements in which they share resources from Beowulf professors to entire science departments.

A consensus of more than 450 college presidents and leaders gathered here Friday was that a fundamental reshaping of higher education is under way, bringing the most significant changes since World War II.

After that war, the federal government helped returning soldiers pay for college educations, starting a flood of middle-class, poor and mi-

of what parents and students want, he said, because they are "in a shopping mood."

There is a concern across the country, much like that for health care, that college degrees are becoming too expensive.

John DiBiaggio, the president of Tufts University, said that in the last few decades if an alumnus made a major contribution or a foundation came through with a grant, colleges responded by breezily adding departments, programs and centers, and taking on entire new missions. "We developed things on the periphery because we got the resources," DiBiaggio said.

But now the costs of running so many different programs and departments are forcing many college presidents to decide which ones to keep and which ones they must eliminate.

Brother Patrick Ellis, president of Catholic University, said there are 18 different departments in his College of Arts and Sciences, and that in the future institutions like his may be forced to decide that instead of 18 departments, there should be five areas of study. That would reduce expenses; there would no longer be a need for all of the 18 secretaries, department chairmen and attendant computer terminals.

But Ellis also said he is worried that during a period in which consolidation is the password for universities, some small but essential programs could become victims.

"How many programs can you close in the interest of efficiency without losing the character of the university?" Ellis asked. "Which ones go?" asked Gee. "That, of course, is the \$64,000 question."

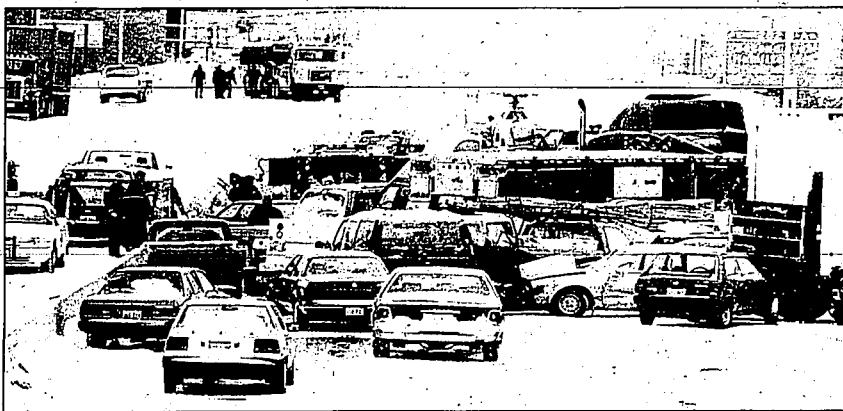
The decisions are so controversial, he said, that they already are taking a toll on university leaders. Gee has been the head of his huge university for just three years, but that already gives him the average tenure for Big Ten schools.

Carol Canwright, president of Kent State University, said it often makes no sense for an institution to construct its own medical or science facility if one already exists nearby. In the future, students will take more classes and use more facilities at off-campus sites.

For years major Washington, D.C., colleges and universities have been in a consortium that allows students to take classes at all member institutions. Many of the same schools also have library sharing arrangements. In many large university hubs, like Boston, there are similar arrangements, and students can take shuttle buses to other schools to attend courses not offered at their own.

DiBiaggio said one aspect of the prospective changes bothers him: the increased pressure to give students not just a strong liberal-arts education, but to offer them specific job skills. Universities should be thinking, he said, "not about training kids for their first job, but educating them for their last."

Winter arrives



A pile-up along Interstate 90 near downtown Spokane Monday sent several people to the hospital. More than 80 vehicles were involved in three separate accidents when an Arctic storm barreled in earlier that day.

When looking down the barrel of a gun, reality of change becomes much more focused.

— E. Gordon Gee, Ohio State University president

nority students to institutions that previously had been academies for the elite.

Now even the most prestigious American universities are bending to 1990s pressures that include plummeting public funding and demands from parents that colleges do more for the same amount of money.

"When looking down the barrel of a gun, reality of change becomes much more focused," said E. Gordon Gee, president of Ohio State University.

Like others here for what was called the biggest gathering ever on college restructuring (Gee said hard decisions must be made so colleges can better concentrate on their core areas of excellence.

"At the same time that this streamlining is going on, technology is reshaping how instruction is delivered.

As early as next year at some campuses, millions of books will be instantly available on a student's dormitory computer. At some campuses, individualized computer programs act as writing coaches. Elsewhere, computers are replacing chemistry laboratories because the experiment screens are cheaper on the computer screen and don't entail the expensive disposal of hazardous waste.

"This is a restructuring born of a reality that it is a different world out there," said Robert Zemsky, director of the University of Pennsylvania's Institute for Research on Higher Education. Zemsky leads the Pew Higher Education Roundtable, a non-profit initiative based in Philadelphia that sponsored the meeting.

Change is imminent, Zemsky said, because the public demands it. Colleges and universities must be more "customer-friendly" and aware

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11:00	Valley Madrigals	12:00	Filer Madrigal Choir	11:30	Immagu Brass, Strings, Handbells	1:30	Floyd Millor and Ruth Stutzman
11:30	Immanuel Lutheran Pre-School	12:30	St. Edward's Childrens Choir	12:00	Jump Co., Inc.	2:00	Shoy Patterson
12:00	Ruby Boone	1:00	Poppewell Ego Honor Choir	12:30	Japan Karate Do Ryu Bu Kai	2:30	Joan Gabart "School of Classic Ballet"
1:00	Buhl High School	1:30	Clayton Lutheran School Chime and Vocal Choirs	1:00	Sanyuryu Martial Arts	3:00	Patricia Ball Madorn Dance with Pat Ball and Dancers
1:30	Eaton Elementary School	2:00	Immanuel Lutheran School Choir	1:30	Ho-Top-Ta Dancers - 1 Hour	3:30	Robert Stuart Eki Campo Choir
2:00	Burt Huijs	2:30	Twin Falls High School Chamber Singers	2:00	Jason Bear and Cindy Lively, Noel Jones	4:00	Marty Moad and Les Chantouse
3:00	Jan Olson & Dabi Steinauer	3:00	St. Edward Catholic Church Choir	2:30	Magic Chords		
3:30	Joni McFarlane	3:30	Razz-Ma-Tazz	3:00	First Assembly of God Singing Christmas Tree		
4:00	Jimmy Tree Story	4:00		3:30	Rezz-Ma-Tazz		
5:00	Nielson Star Gazers - 1 Hour	4:30		4:00	Nielson's Star Gazers Danco Co. - 1 Hour		
6:00	The Grace Baptist Church Hands of Praise	5:00		4:30	Dorald Glenn Family		
6:30	Mada Garrett and Rachel Grimm	6:00		5:00	Musical Theatre Class		
7:00	Jan Olson & Dabi Steinauer	6:30		6:00	Alpen Seizers		
7:30	St. Edward Catholic Church Choir	7:00		7:00	Wassall Belles - 1 Hour		
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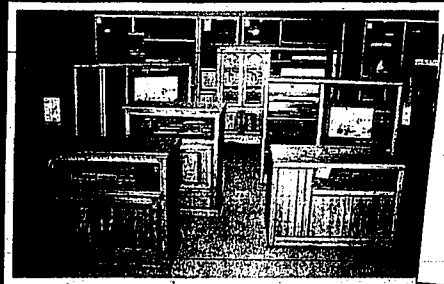
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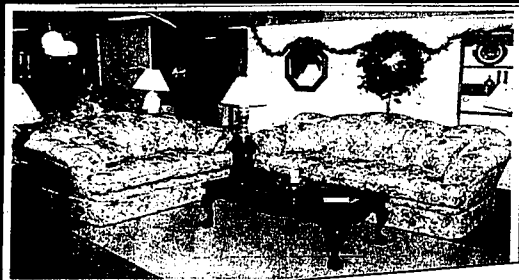
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Heavenly bodies will restage event Pilgrims saw 372 years ago

Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel

This Thanksgiving weekend you can see what the Pilgrims saw on the same date in the place: The moon getting lost in the Earth's shadow.

On Nov. 28, 1621, a few weeks after the first Thanksgiving, the Pilgrims saw their moon slowly darken and disappear as it moved into the Earth's shadow.

On Nov. 28 and 29, 1993, residents of the New World will be able to see a nearly identical repeat of the Pilgrims' first eclipse, said Jack Horkheimer, executive director of the

Miami (Fla.) Space Transit Planetarium.

It will be the first time in 372 years that there has been a lunar eclipse on the same date that the Pilgrims saw it.

"The really amazing thing is that it occurs in the same place in the sky," Horkheimer said.

During the peak of the total eclipse, starting at 11:02 p.m. MST Sunday, what's left of the moon will appear directly overhead.

Because it will be so high in the sky, away from trees, the horizon and likely clouds, "we should be able to see a wonderful eclipse," said Dave Manke, director of the Buchler

Planetarium near Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

And more people should see it. This year's total lunar eclipse should be visible to all of the Americas, making it the most-watchable lunar eclipse in 11 years, Horkheimer said.

"I think lunar eclipses are very exciting, but they are not as exciting as solar ones," Menke said.

Lunar eclipses can be seen by whole hemispheres at a time, but you have to live in a certain narrow path to see the more frequent solar eclipses, Menke said. There are, on average, four solar and three lunar eclipses a

year somewhere on Earth, but many are partial eclipses.

So people usually stay put for lunar eclipses, but some people — including Menke — travel across the globe to catch a solar eclipse, he said.

This eclipse technically starts at 8:27 p.m. MST, when the moon slides into the faint outer part of the Earth's shadow, Horkheimer said. But you won't really notice anything until 9:40 p.m. MST, when the dark inner part of the shadow travels over the moon. It will start looking like bites are taken out of the moon.

From 11:02 p.m. until 11:50 p.m., the moon will be totally in the Earth's shadow. If there is a lot of dust in the air, it will make the moon seem to disappear. But Horkheimer thinks this moon will appear bright and red.

Horkheimer, who has a nationally broadcast public television astronomy show called "Star Insider," accidentally found out about the historical ties the eclipse has.

Since 1969, Horkheimer has been naming eclipses to attract the public's attention to the celestial events. He said he was wrestling with a name for this eclipse and decided, grudgingly, to name the eclipse after the Thanksgiving holiday.

Vet's medal awaits word from family

Colorado Springs Gazette Telegraph

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Veterans Gregory DeGregorio's life slipped through the cracks.

The schizophrenic drifter fell victim to the carelessness of bureaucracy: His Army records were misplaced; his illness was misdiagnosed; even his grave site was misplaced.

An important piece from his life was snatched from oblivion by fellow veteran Charles Wickliffe. When Wickliffe read a newspaper story about DeGregorio recently, he said the name Gregory DeGregorio "really popped out there."

Wickliffe was a counselor at a Colorado Springs halfway house in 1978 when he saw workers throwing away belongings that had been left by former residents. Among the rubbish was DeGregorio's Purple Heart, given for a shrapnel wound suffered in Vietnam in 1968. "Being a veteran, I knew this isn't the kind of thing you throw away," he said.

Instead Wickliffe tossed the medal in a drawer, thinking that some day he'd track down DeGregorio.

After reading about DeGregorio's tragic life and a gruesome death last year in a Florida trash bin, Wickliffe took the medal to the El Paso County (Colo.) Office of Veteran and Military Affairs, where officials are now looking for DeGregorio family members who might want the medal.

That should be a challenge. Both DeGregorio's parents died when he was 18. After his stint in Vietnam, he married a woman in Colorado Springs and fathered two children, but after a tumultuous six years, she took the children and fled.

He later remarried and had another child, but the marriage didn't last and the child was given up for adoption.

After more than a decade of wandering, DeGregorio made his way to Daytona Beach, where he celebrated Veterans' Day 1992 and crawled into a trash bin to sleep. He never woke up. Crushed by a trash compactor, his body was buried in a military cemetery northwest of Tampa.

The Purple Heart, a symbol of DeGregorio's war wounds, lies in yet another drawer. It will stay there until someone can fill in another blank in a tragic life.

Wallace OKs snowmobiles on city streets

WALLACE (AP) — Wallace may become a mecca for snowmobilers as city officials approved an ordinance allowing them to use the streets in the Sheoshone County seat.

"Snowmobilers can wend through the town pending approval of amendments to an ordinance passed by the City Council Monday night.

Opponent Ted Roloff asked if the city will need more police officers to handle the snowmobilers.

Councilman Archie Hulsizer explained any added enforcement cost would be imposed on either the snowmobile club or the Wallace Association, adding the city would not be able to afford it otherwise.

Road maintenance was another concern.

Jud Reed, Idaho Transportation road maintenance supervisor, said he is not opposed to the idea, but if calling the office that maintains the roads for McCall, he is concerned about snowmobilers overloading drainage ditches.

"My biggest problem is drainage. If snow gets into the ditches and packs the snow it may cause flooding problems," Reed said.

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Undiscovered Montana becomes all too known

Chicago Tribune

KALISPELL, Mont. — They call it the Last, Best Place, but Montana could turn out to be the First, Next Place.

With its economy, population and culture changing as rapidly as any state's ever has, this vast but sparsely populated expanse of the West appears to be evolving into a model of, or at least a laboratory for, a future that many anticipate and some dread.

For here the modern cowboys are gathering, telecommunicating their way to work, gaining economic and political influence, transforming Montana's traditional culture — and making enemies along the way.

They are the industrial engineers, the shopping-center planners, the software designers and others who can live and work anywhere reached by fiberoptic cables. Not surprisingly, many of them want to live and work amid the cattle, elk, tall timber and rushing rivers so plentiful in Montana.

They are people like Robert Wilkins, who just moved his mail-order computer firm, Mac's Place, and its 75 employees from Redmond, Wash., near Seattle, to Kalispell in northwest Montana, partly to save money and partly because "within a 35-minute drive you're skiing, you're out on the river fly-fishing, you're river-rafting, pretty much anything you want to be doing."

And like Claud Matney, a 46-year-old Texan who went to graduate school in Bozeman, in south-central Montana, where he now runs an environmental-engineering firm. "I need a modem and a fax machine," he said. "It's the standard Bozeman story. I also need competent professionals who will work at a reasonable price. Bozeman is full of them just because it's such a great place to live. It's an employer's market because people want so much to come here. I get letters from Ivy League Ph.D.s and even from Oxford, people who want to work here just to live here."

If the trend continues, the rest of the nation might look to Montana to see if this much-discussed vision of the future is the happy, prosperous "virtual community" celebrated in so many magazine articles.

Not that these newcomers will entirely supplant the farmers, ranchers, loggers and miners. But together those farmers, ranchers, loggers and miners account for only about 11 per-

'The microbusinesses have already transformed our area.'

— George Darrow, Bigfork

'I want Montana back.'

— a logger

cent of the private work force — and, according to every projection, that percentage will decline in the next few years while the number of small businesses, and their employees, will rise.

Because there are only about 800,000 Montanans, Montana could become the first state whose political and social culture is determined by this new breed of free-wheeling, independent-minded professional.

Unlike the movie stars, TV personalities, writers and artists flocking to Montana, these high-tech businessmen are not necessarily political liberals or environmentalists crusading for more protected wilderness areas or to protect endangered species.

But much to the anger of many longtime Montanans, the modern cowboys — and the people who are following them to the state to provide them with goods and services — are electing politicians who are more open to questioning the traditional Montana view that nature's bounty is there to be used. And in some cases they are even openly opposing specific projects of the natural-resources industry.

"The microbusinesses have already transformed our area," said George Darrow of Bigfork. "They are the dominant part of our economy, the vital force." Darrow, a former Republican state legislator who now farms and owns an art gallery, was speaking only of the Flathead Valley in northwest Montana.

While Wilkins, Matney and others like them may not want to run into a grizzly in the woods, they would rather have wild bears than chainsaws nearby. So would the proprietors of the bookstores, art galleries and computer shops who follow them here.

Last year they helped elect Democrat Pat Williams as the state's lone congressman over Republican Ron Marlene, the preferred candidate of the big logging and mining concerns. While no means anti-development, Williams has sponsored a bill to add 1.6 million acres to the wilderness system.

And earlier this year, the state legislature passed a bill giving local governments more zoning power, the kind of intrusive governmental action that not long ago would have been politically impossible.

"Montanans struggle with this," Williams said. "They want to determine what Montana will look like 25 years from now. The dilemma is that the mechanics by which one does that — planning councils, strong city government — that's anathema to a lot of (longtime) Montanans."

Nowhere is the degree of change, or the conflict, clearer than in Cooke City, a tiny hamlet near the northeast corner of Yellowstone park. Cooke City is prosperous. Its population more than doubled in the 1980s as people moved in; not to cut trees or dig gold, but to fill jobs in engineering and management, health and business services.

But there is gold nearby — perhaps \$1-billion worth — and Noranda, the Canadian mining giant, has filed for patents to mine it, over the objection of local residents who fear the mine will pollute tributaries of the nearby Yellowstone River, as well as their social ambience.

State and federal laws make it difficult to prevent mining, and, in accordance with tradition, the state's political leaders had either expressed approval of the mine or stayed neutral in the dispute.

So it was something of a surprise last month when Montana's Democratic senator, the cautious Max Baucus, wrote to the president of Noranda expressing his unhappiness with the proposed mine. Baucus' letter stopped just short of outright opposition.

"(M)ining should proceed only if and when we are absolutely certain that we can protect the integrity of the greater Yellowstone ecosystem," Baucus wrote to Noranda chief Alex Balogh, at the end of a letter that seemed to say that the mine and clean water were incompatible.

"Five years ago, no Montana politician, certainly not Baucus, would

have come this close to opposing any mine," said a Democratic observer in the state. "It was just unheard of."

The response from elements of Montana's traditional culture to these changes and challenges has been to counterattack. "Everybody who is employed in the natural resources industry is sticking together," said Tamara Johnson, a mine operator from Whitehall, in southwestern Montana.

"I want Montana back," said one logger at a demonstration outside the state Capitol in Helena. Like people gathered in meetings held almost every evening somewhere in the state, the demonstrators were opposed to anything that hints at interference with natural resource extraction.

The traditionalists are likely to lose in the end, but for now they might win enough skirmishes to slow the pace of change by discouraging the kind of newcomers who prefer undisturbed nature.

Noting the changes and controversies sweeping his state, Williams says, "Montana is the last state in the lower 48 which can control its own destiny."

Still, one common reaction to the change is denial. Even some state officials are reluctant to acknowledge the extent or the speed of the transformation.

"When you consider what generates income," said state Natural Resources Director Glen Marx, "a recent study shows that it's still 60 to 70 percent agriculture, mining and timber. There are folks who say we are transitioning from this to something else, but that's not true."

Those statistics are correct, but misleading. Most of that income is from farming, which is not threatened by the changes sweeping the state. For the foreseeable future, Montanans will grow wheat and raise beef. Some will mine gold, silver and other minerals, but the

state's own projections indicate that mining employment will hardly grow from the current 6,400 jobs.

Logging, already in decline, is projected to shrink by 25 percent over the next 20 years, according to David Jackson, of the Forestry School at the University of Montana.

A decade ago, mining and forestry together accounted for almost 10 percent of the private earnings in the state. By 1990 that had declined to 8 percent, and hardly anyone doubts that it is lower now and will be still lower in the future.

But the dispute is not just about jobs, land and money; it is also about the fear, resentment and confusion of people who think their way of life is being phased out.

And that may explain why many farmers and ranchers, who have nothing to lose economically, have nonetheless joined the resistance of loggers and miners. The kinship is cultural, not financial.



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Mysterious ailments striking many Gulf War vets

Los Angeles Times

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — At the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in downtown Birmingham, researchers are hunting desperately for clues to Willie Hicks' skin rash, Walter Davis' paralysis and the unexplainable breathing problems that have put Sears McQueen, at only 38, walking with a cane.

Here, a specialized group of medical experts is treating the largest concentration of sick veterans from America's last war, ex-soldiers complaining of a cornucopia of ailments ranging from memory loss to cancerous tumors, and with some of the symptoms spreading to their spouses and children.

The Pentagon and the Department of Veterans Affairs, both under attack in Washington by desperate gulf war veterans, hope that additional medical

ories of the century. And I don't exaggerate.

Susan Ritter, who coordinates the Persian Gulf Family Support Program in Birmingham, is equally confounded. "I feel like something happened over there that made these people sick," she said. "And unless we can find out what did happen over there, we may never know how to treat them."

The Pentagon has insisted that no chemical contamination was found by U.S. detectors during the war, and that some low levels reported recently by the Czechoslovakian government did not affect U.S. troops.

Nevertheless, Jackson recently has given several patients tentative diagnoses of "chemical-biological warfare exposure" — a development that has heightened hopes for some veterans that an answer to their illnesses may be forthcoming.

In recent months, small groups of veterans have begun meeting around the city, discussing their problems, trading scraps of information they hear from doctors, loaning money to each other to keep their families going.

They gathered the other night at Hicks' home.

He is 49, with a wife and five children, and they are living in government-subsidized housing, now that his heat flashes and memory loss and skin rashes have cost him his job at a local auto parts store.

Hicks' arms are covered with red sores, many bleeding. During the meeting, he pulled out a diary he kept in the war and flipped back to January, 1991.

Jan. 17: "U.S. attacked Iraq at 12:40 a.m. ... Went to MOPP 4 (chemical attack protective gear) ... Then we took nerve gas pills."

Jan. 18: "Took Mylanta for stomach ... I'm hot as hell ... Bad night. No rest. Taking nerve pills."

Jan. 20: "Iraq fired missiles ... No place to sleep. Had to sleep on truck after driving all night."

Others in the room, members of Alabama National Guard and Reserve units sent to Kuwait to build camps and maintain hospital units, recalled the screech and crash of Scud missiles in the night and described their conditions today.

McQueen lost his job at a local cast

'Whatever this is, it's in our blood. If we aren't going to get it out of us, we'd at least like to know what it is before we die.'

— Willie Hicks, Gulf War veteran

iron plant. His pockets are full of pill bottles. He sleeps all day and when he awakens he often experiences ugly mood swings.

"I've got holes in my lungs," he said, pointing to a stack of medical evaluations that attest to his breathing difficulties. "I can't draw my breath. My children sit up on their momma's lap and say, 'Momma, we're scared of Daddy.'"

Next to him on the divan is Davis, 41, once a muscle-builder, now out of work and paralyzed from the right side of his face down to his right foot. Davis rarely speaks, and when he does, his speech is slurred, his words robotic.

"All they said to me was that it was the weather that caused this," he said, laughing nervously. "They said it was cold and hot flashes. (Laugh.) They said it was all kinds of things. (Laugh.) I don't know what they're saying any more."

Davis couldn't go on. McQueen, obviously moved by his friend's suf-

fering, said: "When he came back, I cried when I saw how he looked." Then McQueen started to cry all over again, and silence hung over the room.

Finally, Hicks spoke up. "Whatever this is, it's in our blood," he said. "If we aren't going to get it out of us, we'd at least like to know what it is before we die."

Until the VA comes up with a definitive diagnosis, gulf war veterans are not eligible for disability compensation

a situation that some in Congress are trying to change because it leaves the veterans in limbo at a time they need help the most.

While the Pentagon only recently conceded that the number of the ill may be as high as "in the low thousands," 10,000 veterans have signed a nationwide registry to see if they do now or might later exhibit any of the wide range of symptoms.

At the Birmingham VA medical

center, doctors have already seen more than 600 veterans with mysterious symptoms. Another 110 patients are awaiting appointments.

Alabama sent the largest number of Reserve and National Guard troops to the gulf war, and now this state appears to have the largest number of ailing veterans.

Some of the units have seen half or two-thirds of their members come home sick, the veterans said.

'This is a real mystery. One of the great mysteries of the century. And I don't exaggerate.'

— Dr. Charles Jackson, VA physician

experiments will yield a diagnosis that so far has perplexed and evaded experts.

Was it the oil wells set ablaze by Saddam Hussein? Was it a parasitic sand fly or the heavy use of diesel fuel in the dry desert region? Was it contamination from ammonia and fertilizer plants, as the Pentagon has suggested, or fallout from chemical or biological warfare that many veterans now fear?

"This is a real mystery," Dr. Charles Jackson, a VA physician working with Alabama veterans, said in an interview this past week. "One of the great mys-

Utah alternative high school opens doors to younger students

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Central High School, an alternative school, has begun offering classes for 50 at-risk junior-high pupils.

Principal Edward Campos said the pilot program targets youths between 12 and 15 who routinely skipped classes, associated with gang members and failed to get along with teachers and students in the other 15 Granite School District junior high schools.

When counselors recognize early behavior or learning problems, the student and parents are told of Central High's new program.

After an orientation session, parent and child must agree that Central is the right place for the child to attend.

"The basic aim is to provide for the junior high schools another option for students that have worked repeatedly in the traditional schools

and have not been able to find success," Campos says.

Classes run from 11:10 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Any student who misses more than four days in a 19-day "minimester" will lose credit.

That pressure, combined with a 1-to-15 teacher-student ratio, allows for individually tailored learning. Many students felt overwhelmed by the size of the other junior high schools.

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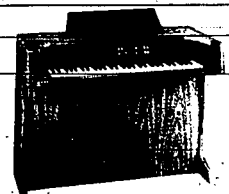
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Hit the slopes

Area warms to idea of World Cup race

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

SUN VALLEY — Pienzo Street crashing down River Run to the applause of the people she grew up next door?
Not yet, but maybe soon.
The Sun Valley Co., which has been traditionally cool to the idea of hosting a World Cup alpine skiing race, has had a change of heart.
"We think if we could get a World Cup race in Sun Valley before Christmas, we'd be interested," said Wally Huffman, the resort's general manager. "That might be possible because so many of the traditional European venues can't guarantee early season races because of the weather."

Which, of course, Sun Valley can do now because of its new \$16 million snowmaking operation.
"If we could get a date either before or following a Canadian stop on the World Cup, that would be ideal," Huffman said.
In non-Olympic years, the World Cup is the World Series of alpine skiing. There are 14 to 16 women's races and 16 to 18 men's races between the last weekend in November and the end of March — 90 percent of them in Europe.
Although ski areas in the western United States and Canada have more extensive snowmaking equipment than many European resorts, not many are anxious to bump paying customers off the slopes for the five days it takes to hold a World Cup race.

"It's a trade-off, but you have to consider how you benefit in the long run," said Carl Wilgus, director of travel promotion for the Idaho Department of Commerce and a former public relations director for the Sun Valley Co. "Alpine skiing is not a great spectator sport when you're standing at the bottom of the mountain, so you're not going to get a lot of people come to watch it. But you will get tremendous exposure for your property."
"Mid-December would be an ideal time for us because we don't have a lot of business between Thanksgiving and Christmas anyway," Huffman said. "Under World Cup rules, you're required to provide housing, and we would have housing available that time of year."

Although World Cup races are held from time to time at resorts throughout the Rockies, Cascades and Sierras, there only a few regular World Cup sites in North America: Park City, Utah; Vail, Colo.; Steamboat Springs, Colo.; Whistler Mountain, British Columbia. Most other resorts can't guarantee the snow, and so are wary about financially guaranteeing the race, which is required under International Ski Federation (FIS) rules.
"Traditionally, Park City has been the only place in western North America that's been in a position to do that," Huffman said.
To attract a World Cup race, a resort

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Where to go to find snow

Sun Valley

Open: Today through late April. The lifts run seven days a week, 9:30 a.m. through 4 p.m.
Night skiing: No.
Facilities in operation now: Challenger, Flying Squirrel and Greyhawk lifts on Bald Mountain, 3,400 vertical feet, 90 acres.
What's new? Seattle Ridge Lodge, 8,680 feet up on Bald Mountain; Seattle Ridge Quad Lift, from base terminal at the end of Sun Valley Tower Lane to an elevation of 8,670 feet; Lookout Express quad lift, from the bottom of River Run No. 1 to the top of Bald Mountain.
What's it cost? Full-day lift tickets this year are \$45 for adults and \$25 for children 11 and under. Early season rates through Dec. 18 are \$29 for adults and \$16 for children.
Season pass: \$1,250 for an adult, or \$1,200 until Dec. 11. A season discount card, available through Dec. 24, is \$125.
Sun Valley also offers an extensive series of ski-and-lodging packages. For more information, call the Sun Valley Sports Center at 622-2231.
Avoid the lines: Weekday mornings.
Ski rental? Yes. At the Sun Valley Sports Center, 622-2231.
Ski instruction? Yes. At the Sun Valley Sports Center, 622-2231.
How to get there: U.S. Highway 93 to Shoshone and Idaho Highway 75 to Ketchum from most places in the Magic Valley; within the Wood River, there's extensive public transportation available to the slopes, including from Sun Valley to Bald Mountain. Call KART at 726-7140 or the Sun Valley Sports Center at 622-2231.
More information: Sun Valley Sports Center, 622-2231.

Pomerelle

Location: On Mount Harrison, 26 miles from Interstate 84's exit 216 via Idaho Highway 77 and Howell Canyon Road.
Open: Normally mid-November through late April. The lifts run seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Night skiing: Starting about Dec. 26, 4 p.m. to 10 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday.
Facilities in operation: None yet, pending another snowstorm.
What's new? Lodge has been renovated inside, and some ski runs have been cleared.
What's it cost? Rates range from \$10 for daytime skiing Monday through Friday, except during holiday periods, to \$18 for a full weekend/day. Half-day passes are available after 1 p.m. weekends for \$14.
Night skiing rates: Start at \$8, \$12 during holiday periods.
Avoid the lines: Monday through Friday before 4:30 a.m.
Ski rental? Yes. At the lodge, 638-5599.
Ski instruction? Yes. At the lodge, 638-5599.
How to get there: Hots are widened by 90 feet, but chains or snow tires are advised. Allow about 90 minutes from Twin Falls.
Bus transportation: will be available, as soon as the resort opens, on Fridays, Saturdays and holidays. Buses leave the Twin Falls Kmart at 7:30 a.m., with stops set at the Greenwood area off I-84 at 7:50 a.m., the Buckley Inn at 8:30 a.m., B&B Market in Rupert at 8:45 a.m., the Greenway Inn at 9:15 a.m., and the Albion Ski Club at 9:15 a.m. Round-trip fare is \$5, regardless of boarding site, and fees are collected on the inbound trip.
More information? Call Pomerelle at 638-5599, the resort's 24-hour snow report recording at 638-5555.

Magic Mountain

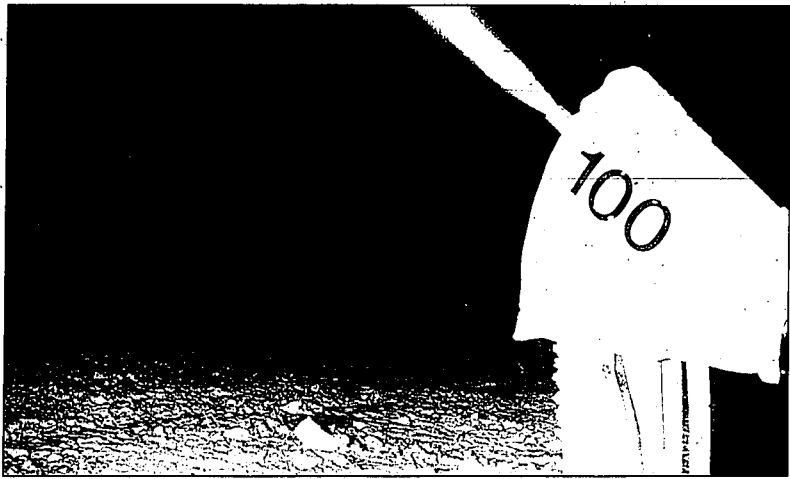
Location: South Hills, 28 miles south of Hansen. Take U.S. Highway 30 to its junction with 3800 East, turn south on Daw's Market and follow Rock Creek Road.
Open: Normally the day after Thanksgiving until late March. The lifts run Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and the resort will be open during Christmas vacation except on Christmas Day.
Night skiing: No.
Facilities in operation now: None yet, pending another snowstorm.
What's new? Runs have widened by 10 feet.
What's it cost? All-day lift ticket is \$16, half-day lift ticket \$12.
Avoid the lines: Fridays.
Ski rental? Yes. At the lodge, call 423-6221.
Ski instruction? Yes. At the lodge, call 423-6221.
How to get there: 3800 East and Rock Creek Road are plowed, but chains and snow tires are advised. Allow about 90 minutes from Twin Falls.
Bus transportation: will be available; call 423-6221 to find out what days buses will run. They leave Lincoln Plaza in Jerome at 7:30 a.m., Elevation Sports in Twin Falls at 8 a.m., K Mart in Twin Falls at 8:15 a.m., Maxie's Pizza in Kimberly at 8:30 a.m., and B&B Market in Idaho Falls at 8:45 a.m. Round-trip fare is \$4, regardless of boarding site, and fares are collected on the inbound trip.
More information? Call 423-6221.

Soldier Mountain

Location: Soldier Mountains, 10 miles north of Fairfield.
Open: Normally late November through late March. The lifts run from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Night skiing: No.
Facilities in operation now: None yet; the resort is shooting for opening between Dec. 10 and 17.
What's new? The north side of the mountain is now open for skiers who revel in powder and tree skiing. The ski area is a snow-covered run and a megal run, and the lodge has been remodelled to include a beer and wine bar and an outdoor concession booth.
What's it cost? An all-day lift ticket is \$18; a weekday all-day ticket is \$10 after Jan. 1. A half-day lift ticket is \$7.
Avoid the lines: Weekdays.
Ski rental? Yes. Call the lodge, 764-2300.
Ski instruction? Yes. Call the lodge, 764-2300.
How to get there: Soldier Mountain Road north of Fairfield on U.S. Highway 40 east and west of Fairfield and Idaho Highway 46 over Johnson Hill south of Fairfield are all plowed and sanded, but snow tires and chains are strongly recommended. Allow two hours from Twin Falls.
More information: Call 764-2300.

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Deepless in Seattle

Sun Valley's giant snowmaking capability brings in more skiers

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

SUN VALLEY — High on Bald Mountain sits Seattle Ridge, and it didn't get that name for being damp.

From the time that Count Felix Schaffgotsch stumbled off the train in Ketchum in 1935 and invented the American ski resort, the Northwest was always Sun Valley's oyster, largely because it was the only game in town.

But the seven winter winters between 1986 and 1992 changed that. America's Left Coast discovered Aspen, Vail, Telluride, Park City, Whistler Mountain and Bachelor Mountain.

And Sun Valley was left high and dry — some years literally.

But now, with the help of a new \$16 million snowmaking-operation pumping powder, Baldy is back.

"We had articles about us in all three of the major ski magazines this year," said Wendy Jaquet, director of the Ketchum-Sun Valley Chamber of Commerce. "In the ski business, that's about as hot as you can get."

That resurgence of course, isn't serendipity. It's some more of Sun Valley Co. owner Earl Holding's money being spent on marketing.

Holding's company, the Chamber of Commerce and the Idaho Department of Commerce have all carefully targeted their marketing campaigns in the Seattle area, and all three say it's paying off.

"We've had a lot of luck with Seattle," said Wally Huffman, the Sun Valley Co.'s general manager.
"Our skier numbers are up and so are our bookings," Jaquet said. "We made the decision more than a year ago to go after skiers from that area who may have skied Sun Valley in the past, or those who had heard and were looking for a different skiing experience."

"Whistler (British Columbia) and Bachelor (near Bend, Ore.) are close to Seattle, but that can't match what we have here," said Carl Wilgus, travel promotions director of the Idaho Department of Commerce and a former public relations director for the Sun Valley Co. "What Idaho has to sell is dry powder and blue sky."

"I grew up in Seattle, and we used to say powder was anything that didn't run through a pipe," Wilgus said. "They have



At top, a snow cannon blasts the slope with manmade snow, part of a \$16 million snowmaking operation at Sun Valley, the largest automated system in the world. Above, the system is controlled by computer, which is connected to 80 weather probes across Bald Mountain.

heavy, wet snow, and skiers don't like it."

Of course it isn't just the snow. Sun Valley can compete with Whistler and Bachelor as a destination resort because Horizon Airlines can provide nearly direct service and because the cost of a weekend here isn't that much more than a trip to the Cascades.

"I think Sun Valley is getting enough from the Northwest that word of mouth is spreading," Wilgus said. "And word of mouth is something you can't buy."

Sun Valley's decision to turn its attention back to Seattle came in the wake of continuing economic problems in California, which is the traditional source of the Wood River Valley's destination resort business.

"There hasn't been much growth in the California market for the past few years," Jaquet said. "People skied closer to home."

But that doesn't mean the Wood River Valley is writing off the Golden State and its 27 million potential customers.
"I mean it's not like you're marketing in downtown Malad where you can fire a shotgun down Main Street and not hit anybody," Jaquet said.

Huffman says Sun Valley's next target of opportunity is the Midwest, particularly Chicago and Minneapolis-St. Paul —

both full of skiers who now spend their money in the Colorado mountains.

"The key to that is getting decent air transportation to Twin Falls or Hailey," he said. "That hasn't happened yet, but we're working on it."

But Sun Valley is getting some of Colorado's Midwest ski business because skiers see it as a less-polished version of Aspen and Vail.

"It's getting a reputation as a skier's area," Wilgus said.
But not many of those skiers are eschewing Colorado because of the state's anti-homosexual initiative measure, approved last fall.

"We had Barbra Streisand come to Sun Valley instead of Aspen last winter," Huffman said. "But really, I don't think it's made much difference."

Nor have Sun Valley's efforts to promote itself abroad, he said.
"Not much from Europe, but we've had a few bookings for Australia," Jaquet said.
Still, it's too early for Sun Valley, which was patterned on Austrian ski resorts, to write off Europe, Wilgus said.

"Sun Valley and Jackson Hole have gotten a lot of exposure in Germany and in the British ski press," he said. "Europeans like them for the same reason Americans do: They're unspoiled."

Choose equipment to match your ability

The Associated Press

BOISE — Skiers can get in a rut as they get better and their equipment stays the same.

And the wrong equipment can cause skiers to tone down their aggressiveness on the slopes, says John Greenwood, owner of Bob Greenwood's Ski Haus, a ski shop in Boise.

"We talked with the experts, and here's their advice on moving up the ski-equipment ladder for the beginner, intermediate and advanced skier."

BEGINNER
SKIS: Ask for an entry-level ski. That means a ski that is built to help you snowplow and turn easier. You'll want a short and wider ski and one that is soft and flexes easily.

A softer ski doesn't react as quickly on the snow, thus allowing the beginner to make some mistakes without crashing. The softer ski is more controllable on uneven terrain.

Look for a light ski, so you won't get worn out lugging a heavy set of boards around.

Expect to pay around \$295.
BOOTS: Again, entry-level is the word. Most beginners will ski with a boot that has a soft all-around flex, especially a soft forward flex.

The boot is the link to the skis. The softer the flex, the more pressure it takes to turn the ski, allowing the beginner more leeway when making "I" moves.

As you progress in your skiing ability, you'll want a stiffer boot, which will make the skis react more quickly to your turning moves.

If you are sure you will make skiing a lifetime sport, look into boots with flex adjustments so you can control the stiffness as you progress in skiing ability.

Expect to pay between \$195 to \$300.
BINDINGS: Beginners have problems with slow, twisting falls. You'll want bindings that will release quickly if you get in trouble.

Expect to pay about \$89 to \$125.
POLES: Get the most inexpensive. You'll be falling a lot and may bend or break a set of poles.

A set of poles for beginners can start at about \$25.
INTERMEDIATE

SKIS: By now your beginner skis, which have a soft flex, are sliding right out from under you because your turning ability has improved.

As you progress in skiing and start skiing faster, you'll want skis that are more rigid in structure from edge to edge to give you a quick response for those moves on the slopes.

You're also looking for skis that feel comfortable at medium speeds.
All-around skis, or mountain skis, are recommended for intermediate skiers.

Expect to pay about \$300.
BOOTS: If you ski bumps and moguls, you might want to get a softer boot to take the shock of power. If you're into groomed runs and want to make quick turns, look for a stiffer boot. Still, you can buy a boot that offers flex adjustments.

Boots for intermediate skiers offer more options and adjustments as far as fit is concerned.
Expect to pay about \$325.

BINDINGS: Look for bindings that will hold your boots on the skis at higher speeds and also absorb the shock of faster skiing.
Cost: about \$195.

POLES: If you're not falling as much and bending your poles, get a more expensive pair. Poles made with a better grade of aluminum or a graphite composite are much lighter. Your arms won't get as tired as they would swinging heavier poles.
Cost: About \$100.

ADVANCED
SKIS: Advanced skiers know what styles of skiing they like and have several skis, either for racing down groomed runs and carving long turns, for skiing powder in the trees, or for bouncing over the bumps.

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Hit the slopes

Sun Valley looks forward to another big opening

Operators hope to open 3 Bald Mountain runs

By Mick Normington
Times-News writer

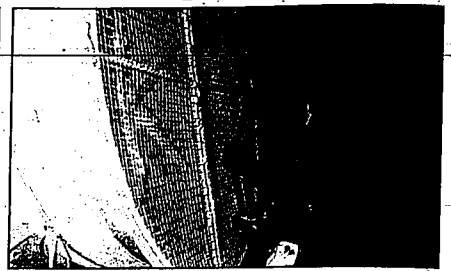
KETCHUM — Snow cannons have been blasting out man-made snow on Bald Mountain since Oct. 29 in anticipation of the new ski season that begins today.

"The season looks really good," said Shannon Besoyan, spokeswoman for the resort. "The snow needs to fall here and around the country for the phone to start ringing off the hook. It's a little early to predict anything."

Still, Sun Valley is already the scheduled destination of thousands of skiers through tour programs with chartered buses and planes. And Besoyan said the number of planned skiers is growing.

Last year was Sun Valley's fifth-best ski season ever with 414,613 total skiers. That includes the 2,907 skiers who hit the slopes last Thanksgiving.

"The last two Thanksgivings have been excellent openings," Besoyan said.



Sun Valley has seen a number of improvements for this winter's ski season, which starts today. Additions include more snow cannons for the world's largest snowmaking system, which started making snow this year on Oct. 29.

— 150 days, in all, Sun Valley tries to stay open until March 1, she said.

Earl Holding, owner of the resort, will have invested more than \$35 million in renovating Sun Valley from 1987 to 1994.

New this season will be the Seattle Ridge Lodge, on the south face of the mountain, which should open for Christmas. The 18,000-square-foot lodge will also feature terraces and a gourmet restaurant.

Skiers can reach the Seattle Ridge Lodge from a new high-speed, detachable chair lift that carries four people at a time.

Another high-speed "quad" lift has been built from the top of River Run 1 to the top of the mountain.

Also new are 68 new snow cannons to what was already the world's largest automated snowmaking operation.

The Sun Valley Co. has now spent \$16 million for its 522 automated snowmaking cannons. The cannons are controlled by a Hewlett-Packard computer attached to 80 weather probes across the mountain and run by a crew of five.

Together the system can create snow to build the base for almost 600 acres of the mountain, or about 73 percent of the groomable terrain on Bald Mountain.

Improvements to the resort have led to growing attendance and recent accolades. A recent survey by Ski magazine ranked Sun Valley

fifth in its readership survey of favorite ski resorts. Last year, Sun Valley was ranked 11th and the year before 17th.

Sun Valley boasts a 3,400-foot vertical drop from Bald Mountain, which has an elevation of 9,150 feet. Dollar Mountain also has a 628-foot vertical drop.

Sun Valley is beginning its 58th ski season.

Industrialist Averell Harriman built Sun Valley at the end of a Union Pacific Railroad spur 37 years ago as the first built-from-the-ground-up ski resort.

Now with fewer tourists using the railroad, transportation to the resort is a major concern of Holding and his Sun Valley Co. Many of the non-locals who come to Sun Valley to ski come by chartered plane or bus through Twin Falls, which is about an hour and a half from Ketchum.

In the recent issue of Snow Country magazine Holding said he wants skiers to fly directly into Friedman Memorial Airport in Hailey and he'd consider subsidizing an airline that would undertake the effort.

His business savvy has been noticed. Holding is also the owner of Sinclair Oil.

And Sports Illustrated magazine reported in 1977 that he bought the Sun Valley resort for \$12 million and declared the bargain "Earl's Pearl."

Starting today, Sun Valley will have open at least three ski runs — the Flying Squirrel Run, the Mid Warm Springs Run and the Lower Warm Springs Run.

The resort also hopes to start the Quarter Dollar Lift on nearby Dollar Mountain today, she said.

Later in the season more of the runs will open and the Sun Valley

Co. will be able to show off more of the improvements made this year.

Last season, Sun Valley had skiing from Thanksgiving to April 25

Resort owner fulfills Bald Mountain wish-list

By Michael Hofferber
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY — Skiers can thank the world's largest automated snowmaking system for a guaranteed opening of 3,400 vertical feet of skiing on Bald Mountain, top to bottom, this weekend.

And they can thank the resort's owner, R. Earl Holding, for financing a long wish-list of improvements on the popular ski mountain.

"The purpose of our unprecedented investment in skier amenities on Bald is to enrich the experience of all who visit Sun Valley," Holding said. "Baldy Mountain at Sun Valley will continue to reign as the best single ski mountain in the nation."

The new Seattle Ridge Lodge commands panoramic views in all directions — the Snake River Canyon to the south, Mount Mahoney Butte to the west, the Pioneer Mountains and Hyndman Peak to the east, and the Bowls to the north.

Without snow, none of this would be open to skiers and only the development of an extensive array of snowmaking equipment on Baldy has guaranteed a Thanksgiving Day opening and a full ski season through the end of April.

Opening of the new lodge is set for Dec. 1. The massive 17,000-square-foot log and glass day lodge is the second in a series of three new lodges planned for Baldy. Warm Springs Lodge at the Warm Springs base of Baldy opened last year. River Run Plaza, under construction at the River Run base of the mountain, is set to open for the 1994-95 ski season.

Jim Ruscito, architect of the new lodges, boasts that no living trees were cut in order to build the Seattle Ridge Lodge. Instead, it was constructed from "dead standing trees that had died of forest fires, or other natural causes."

Some of the logs for the new lodge were harvested from trees that died in the Yellowstone National Park fires of 1988, he reported.

The new Lookout Express quad picks up skiers near the top terminal of the new River Run quad, added last year, and whisks them to the summit in less than eight minutes. The lift gains 2,674 vertical feet across a distance of a mile-and-a-half and has a capacity of 1,800 skiers per hour.

By riding the River Run quad from the base of the mountain to 6,320 feet and the Lookout Express to the summit, skiers can now travel from the bottom to the top of Baldy in about 12 minutes.

The new Seattle Ridge quad replaces the old triple chair. It provides a five-minute ride from the bottom of the mountain's east-facing bowls to the 8,670-foot ridgeline near the new Seattle Ridge Lodge.

Full-day lift tickets this year are \$45 for adults and \$25 for children 11 years of age and under. Early season rates through Dec. 18 are \$29 for adults and \$16 for children. For more information, call the Sun Valley Sports Center at 622-2231.

Pomerelle waits for 1 more storm

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

ALBION — It's been a strange year at the top of Mount Harrison, where the snow didn't melt until July.

Now, on the eve of the opening of ski season, Pomerelle is waiting for snow.

"We got 4 or 5 inches (Monday), said mountain manager Jodi Burrows. "That gave us 3 feet in some places, but that's not quite enough. One more storm... we need one more storm."

"Not that anybody expects that it will be long in coming."

In the wake of a winter that at its peak left more than 100 inches at the top of the mountain, the Cassia County resort has become the traditional

Thanksgiving destination for growing numbers of opening-day skiers.

"It doesn't take us very long to get up and running," Burrows said. "If we get snow, we could be open (Wednesday) or Thursday."

Believe it or not, Pomerelle does have snowmaking equipment, although it's not extensive enough to open the mountain in the absence of another storm.

"They have a portable gun," Burrows said. "They love it."

Nineteen-ninety three has already been pretty good to Pomerelle's owners, Woody and Sandy Anderson. Business was up 8 percent over the high, dry winter of '91-'92.

"I've been here eight years, and it was the best I've seen," Burrows said.

"We didn't close until April 25."

In the short off-season, the Andersons concentrated on improvements to the inside of the lodge, which has been renovated. But more ski runs were cleared as well.

"We're ready for a good season," Burrows said. "Last winter got a lot of people excited about skiing again."

The resort will be open Monday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with skiing five nights a week beginning the day after Christmas.

Lift ticket prices are the same as last year: \$10 for daytime skiing Monday through Friday, except during the holidays, and \$18 for a full weekend day. Half-day passes are available after 1 p.m. on weekends for \$14.

Soldier-owners upgrade, look toward the future

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

FAIRFIELD — Last year, Twin Falls stockbroker Alex Sinclair did something very few other businessmen try:

He bought himself a mountain. Well, not mountain, exactly, but a bunch of ski-resort hardware, some well-worn snowmaking equipment and a dream.

The mountain was Soldier. The dream was to make the 45-year-old ski area, located 10 miles north of here, into an upscale resort almost within yodeling distance of Sun Valley.

"It's a place where knowledgeable skiers from the Wood River Valley come because of the powder," he said. "In this area, it can't be beat."

Eventually, Sinclair, who owns the resort along with Dave and Donna Armstrong of Twin Falls, would like to develop a ski complex centering on Second Peak, in the shadow of Smoky Dome, the 10,095-foot mountain that dominates the Snake River Mountains and the Camas Prairie.

To do that, they'd have to punch a road into a new base area and build a lodge northwest of the existing complex. The Second Peak area would be the high-end facilities; Soldier proper would continue to be what it is — a family ski area for the local crowd.

But that's then. For now, the owners have been concentrating on playing to Soldier's strengths — its long vertical runs, fir-clad leeward slopes, up-to-the-knees powder and the

renewed interest generated by the resort's best snow in eight years.

Developing trails on the north side of the mountain was the key to taking advantage of all that, both to extend the ski season and to make the mountain more inviting to powder hounds and tree skiers.

"Soldier has a variety of slopes, including slopes that face south-southeast," Sinclair said. "There are a lot of those kinds of trails in this area, so our goal was to develop some alternatives."

The other alternatives include a new snowboard slope — Snowboard Park — and a mogul run.

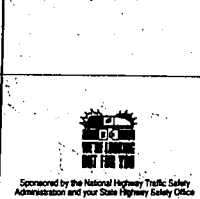
"The old owners had 100 percent groomed slopes," Sinclair said. "We wanted to add some variety."

Soldier will be open seven days a week for the first time, starting sometime between Dec. 10 and 17, with \$18 lift tickets. After New Year's Day, lift will be \$10 for weekdays, \$18 for weekends and \$14 for half-days.

The new owners remodeled the lodge, added a beer-and-wine bar and built-and-outdoor concession booth with a new deck for outdoor seating.

Sinclair and the Armstrongs also bought a used ski lift from Vail, Colo., although that won't be installed until next season, had they continue long-range plans for a 5-kilometer cross-country trail pending approval by the Forest Service.

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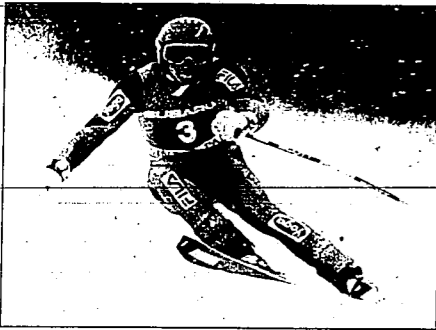
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Gorhard Koenigsrainer of Italy files down the giant slalom course in Winter Park, Colo., Monday for the gold medal at the U.S. Ski Team International. The event is being used as a warmup for the World Cup competition in Park City, Utah, this weekend. Officials in Sun Valley are eyeing the possibility of serving as a host to a World Cup race in the future.

Cup

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must find an open date and put together a bid, usually a package of financial guarantees from sponsors. The FIS usually favors bids that fit with the rest of the World Cup schedule — not placing an American race between two European races, for example — but not always.

"What is does is to give a resort great visibility in the international ski community," Wilgus said. "People come to you place and see first-hand what you have and the word gets around."

"And we'd have to have some network exposure, that would be one of the conditions," Huffman said. "It would give us the kind of exposure that's hard to get any other way," said Wendy Jaquet, director of the Ketchum-Sun Valley Chamber of Commerce.

"We'd definitely be interested," Huffman said it would take a while to put a bid together, and if it's accepted, a few years to get Sun Valley on the World Cup schedule. "The U.S. Ski Team would be all for it, but it's not the ski team's decision," he said. "It's up to the FIS."

The Swiss-based FIS is run by a council composed of representatives from 14 different countries, including two from the United States.

Hank Tauber of Salt Lake City, the vice president of the FIS council, could not be reached for comment this week on Sun Valley's prospects.

Whether such a bid will even be made has yet to be decided, Huffman said.

"At this point, we'd consider it," he said.

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Wendy Jaquet, chamber of commerce

Equipment

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Colorado's backcountry contains high danger

DENVER (AP) — Beyond the freshly groomed slopes of Colorado's ski resorts lies the backcountry, where champagne powder promises a "natural high" for those willing to take the risk. The snow and ice lure climbers, skiers, snowmobilers and others who want to test their skills against nature. The Colorado backcountry also is the deadliest area in the nation for those untrained in avalanche safety, said Scott Toepfer of the Colorado Avalanche Information Center.

"When people go into a developed ski area, there are certain laws basically assigning responsibility for public safety," said Erik Martin, winter sports program manager for the White River National Forest.

"When people leave a ski area, they basically are just going into the national forest. The bottom line is they are out in the wilds."

Colorado is on pace to set a record for avalanche deaths this season, which has renewed a debate over whether more restrictions should be placed on backcountry access in the winter.

This ski season, nine people have died so far in Colorado avalanches, two fewer than the record 1986-87 season.

Colorado avalanche fatalities totaled 126 between 1950 and 1991-92, the highest in the nation, Toepfer said. The second highest total was in Washington state, where 56 people died during the same period, he said.

Supporters of increased restrictions say they would reduce the number of avalanche-related deaths, while critics say responsibility for backcountry travel lies with the traveler.

"People sometimes think they are always going to be taken care of and there are definite risks in any sport," said Martin. "Part of the process is educating people to the fact that this isn't any different than if you go into Yellowstone (National) Park and there are a bunch of bears hanging around."

The backcountry is littered with nearly vertical "chutes" — steep drainage areas between mountain ridges where snow builds up and waterfalls of ice form.

"It's challenging. It's always virgin snow and usually deep powder," said Tom Clinton of Vail, who has skied in the backcountry for 12 years. "It's kind of like a natural high to ski deep powder."

Summit County Undersheriff Joe Morales, whose county boasts three ski areas, said the area is attractive to experienced skiers who aren't challenged by ski trails anymore. "It's very beautiful, but also very dangerous," he said.

A recent Colorado Department of Health study said most of the victims were young men.

Weather patterns are partly responsible for Colorado's avalanche death total, said Toepfer.

In Colorado, smaller storms that dump up to 6 inches of snow are the norm, creating a fragile, layered snowpack in the cold, dry air that is ideal for avalanches, he said. In addition, the wilderness is easy to reach via Interstate 70, so more skiers can get there.

Rescue efforts for avalanche victims start around \$400 and can jump rapidly if helicopters are used to an average of \$700 an hour, Morales said.

Some rescue efforts can be financed through a Colorado Division of Wildlife fund generated through fees on game and snowmobile licenses, but Morales said taxpayers pay for the rest.

After the 1986-87 season, public officials addressed some of the high avalanche hazard areas, closing off areas of Aspen Highlands and one side of Telluride Mountain, said Martin.

This season's high death toll has prompted renewed discussion. Martin said he believes the questions should be resolved locally instead of nationally.

"If the public does want areas where human use would be controlled, then that couldn't take place unless there was a responsibility assigned to an agency that there was people and manpower that could be made available to control it," he said.

Morales said he isn't sure what kind of restrictions would work in the backcountry because it isn't illegal for someone to buy a lift ticket and head out of the resort's boundaries.

"I think we're all kind of stumped right now as to how you can restrict these people," he said.

Magic Mountain looks for another good ski season

By Mick Normington Times-News writer

HANSEN — The Magic Mountain Ski Area is hoping to repeat last year's successful ski season.

"We doubled the number of skiers last year. All that snow brought a lot of people out," said Sheri Jacobs, who owns Magic

Mountain resort along with her husband, Marty.

Magic Mountain is located 28 miles south of Hansen in the South Hills of the Sawtooth National Forest.

Magic's ski season started the day after Thanksgiving during the last two seasons.

Last year, Magic was open for 72 days of skiing last year

because of 13 feet of snowfall, Jacobs said. By comparison, Magic had averaged 50 days of skiing in previous ski seasons.

For this ski season, Magic has widened its runs by 10 more feet with the help of the resort's new snow tractor that packs the snow, she said.

Magic features 11 ski runs with three lifts — a two-person chair

lift, a rope tow, and a poma tow. — Skiing at the top of the mountain — at an elevation of 7,200 — features a vertical drop of 800 feet.

Magic Mountain will again be open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

And Jacobs said they intend to operate the lift every day when local children get out of school

for the holiday break, although Magic Mountain will be closed Christmas Day.

And North Side Bus Co. will provide weekend bus shuttles from the Magic Valley to the Magic Mountain.

Buses will run in the mornings from Jerome to Twin Falls to Kimberly to Hansen and then to Magic Mountain.



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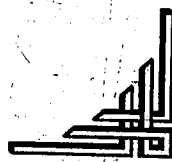
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Going to Yellowstone? Take a driver's license

The Associated Press

If you plan to go snowmobiling in Yellowstone National Park this winter — take your driver's license.

Because of an increase in the number of snowmobile accidents involving young drivers, Park Superintendent Robert Barbee decided the powerful machines must be driven only by licensed drivers or those with learner's permits under the direct supervision of a licensed driver over age 21.

Snowmobilers have the run of Yellowstone's 200 miles of groomed roads in the winter. Cars and trucks are banned.

The only recent fatality was a snowmobiler who hit a bison, said park spokeswoman Cheryl Matthews. Bison and elk aside, Yellowstone's winter roads are far more like a highway than a local park trail, which is why the driver's license requirement was needed. Drivers under age 16, the usual age for a driver's license, don't have the experience or ability to handle the 400- to 500-pound machines under those conditions.

Most snowmobile drivers obey the rules. There were only 65 citations issued to snowmobilers last winter, down from 163 the previous year. The record was 234 in 1987, Matthews said.

Up to 1,600 machines a day run the park's roads. The snowmobilers must

stay on those roads; no backcountry running is allowed.

Last year, the park had 143,000 visitors during the winter season.

In the last six years, youthful operators contributed to 27 of 173 accidents, or 16 percent. But they make up only 5 percent of the operators, Matthews said.

In addition, Matthews said, underage drivers are involved in 27 percent of all serious accidents — those in which a victim is treated in a medical facility.

During the winter season, the only auto access to the park is on the entrance road to Mammoth Hot Springs.

It takes a snowmobiler to get to the landmark geyser Old Faithful, to the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone River, or to many other places.

The Old Faithful Snow Lodge is open for winter visitors, as are some of the park's service stations and restaurants. The park also operates some warming huts for snowmobiler drivers.

Matthews said an important caution to snowmobilers in Yellowstone is to respect wildlife.

"Bison and elk are going to be along the roads," she said. "Snowmobilers in Yellowstone need to be aware of that and be careful. A good rule of thumb is if they are reacting to your presence at all, you're too close."

Winter coats: Practical, but with flair

The Baltimore Sun

Coats this winter have to be long, bold and beautiful. They can be practical, too, but they have to cut a swath to be in fashion. Those all-weather, all-purpose coats of every woman's wardrobe have worked too hard for too many seasons and need to be relieved by a coat with dash, and designers and manufacturers have responded with looks that are quite grand.

There are coats with fullness and sweep nearly to the ankles. Not since the maxi-coat of the late '70s and rears of "Masterpiece Theatre" costume epics has so much dash been built into coats.

There are important officer greatcoats with swirls of braid and button trims. Even the ordinary seaman's pea-coat has been reinterpreted in luxury fabrics and silky linings.

Coats are the heroes of fashion's romantic revival, and no ornament is too frilly or fabric too opulent to be considered — velvet, brocade and tapestry are all part of the cloth.

Velvet frames the collar of traditional chesterfield cuts. Braided frog closings and soutache braid are used to accent flared coats with an Empire feel. Embroidery and fancy silver buttons enhance Tyrolean huntsmen's coats. Corded and tasseled ties trim deep-plush opera gowns. Horn buttons and leather accent English country tweed balmaines.

Shearling lamb is the status luxury coat of the season. Not the traditional sheepskin toppers of the past, but butter-soft suedes that are long, full and unconstructed.

Shearling appears to be the politically correct compromise between the fur wearers and animal rights activists, with the suede turned to the outside after a former existence as a lamb chop.

Minimal, but with maximum impact, are the monastic coats devoid of all ornament and getting their strength from strong lines and cut. In black they are awe-inspiring.

In knits they are more genteel, and may be designed to match pants and longer tunics.

Strong design needs very little strong color, and most designers have stayed with neutrals.

Black dominates, but deep browns, greens, grays and bur-



Coats this year are long and bold, marking a romantic revival in the world of fashion.

gundies have equal impact with added depth. Boots are the necessary base to carry the weight of the big, important coats and they upstage all other shoes this season. All this coat drama just begs for props. It's the season to try on hats just for their play-acting potential, learning how to tilt a beret, snap a brim or crush a cloche. And don't forget glove practice. The film costumery of "The

Alcohol, snowmobiles make deadly mixture

Knight-Ridder News Service

BEULAH, Mich. — The snowmobiles approached each other at 1 a.m. on a rural airport runway, two from one end and three from the other. Reginald Parent accelerated to about 80 m.p.h. as he tried to drive between two of the three machines speeding toward him.

Detective Sgt. Joe Barone of the Benzie County sheriff's department said Sharon Burgess, 37, died almost instantly in the head-on collision as Parent's snowmobile rode up over hers. Parent, 34, died a few hours later. Their spouses' machines avoided the crash.

The two friends were among 21 killed in snowmobile accidents since November in the same number of days of last winter and far more than the long-term average of 15-17. And in years past, half the toll was from machines breaking through ice; this year there has been no drowning.

Most experts cite two primary factors. One is the incredible speed of modern snow machines. But more dangerous by far is drunken driving, which has caused some towns to curtail snowmobile activities.

It has snow machine manufacturers so concerned, they are starting a nationwide education campaign. In Michigan, they are curbing support to the Houghton Lake Tip Up Town, an event one manufacturer's representative told "is turning into a drunken fiasco."

Parent's blood alcohol level of .16 was far above the .10 limit at which he could have been charged with drunken driving. Burgess' level was .03.

Ernie Gustafson, recreational safety supervisor for the Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division, said many people treat snowmobiles "as toys rather than high-powered machines. Most of the people in these accidents would never think it was rational to get drunk and drive their car over a bumpy road at high speed, but they'll do it on a snowmobile."

Michigan's 193,000 registered snowmobiles have more than 5,000 miles of approved trails, most in the northern Lower and the Upper Peninsula. Gustafson said a typical outing for many is buzzing through the woods from bar to bar.

"One of our officers stopped two

guys recently when he saw them driving erratically," Gustafson said. "At first they denied they'd been drinking, but they said they had maybe one beer. When he tested them, one had an alcohol level of .17, the other was .23. Like the old joke said, it was a good thing they were driving, because they would drunk to land."

Robert Mason of Houghton Lake is a manufacturer's representative for Arctic Cat, whose 900cc, 100-m.p.h. Thundercat is the fastest made. He said no one worries more about snowmobile safety than the manufacturers, and added that blaming fast machines ignores the root cause.

The problem is so worrisome, the Miller Brewing Co. and several snowmobile manufacturers are about to kick off a national campaign against drunken driving. Snowmobiling is enjoying an upswing after several years of recession, but the drunks could turn that around, Mason said.

"Munising used to let snowmobilers drink just about anywhere," he said. "Now I understand people in Kalkaska want to impose restrictions. If we don't control the drinking, the big majority who don't ride drunk are going to pay for it."

Gary Fische, a Tip Up Town, N.D. It's ostensibly an ice fishing contest and winter carnival, but about 6,000-7,000 of the estimated 30,000 people who throng Houghton Lake bring snowmobiles. Many make a beeline for the beer tent. At night the bars are filled with riders swilling down enough to get them to the next tavern.

While the local chamber of commerce tries to defend Tip Up Town as a family fun, recreational event, snowmobilers discovered a new sport there last year — tearing across the ice at night and deliberately crushing to death several dozen mallard ducks.

Gary Fische, a Tip Up Town spokesman, bristles at the event's image: "We bill this as a family event. We separated the beer tent from the (carnival) site. I don't see why they have to make a family fun event out of it. We don't promote Tip Up Town as a snowmobile event. That's just people's perception of it."

There's no hiding a mistake with a coat

The Baltimore Sun

A coat-mistake is serious business.

A bad choice of blouse can be ignored or covered up with a jacket or sweater, but there's no hiding a wrong coat.

So think it over, over lunch or dinner before you make the final decision and investment. Here, a checklist of reminders:

- No coat is an island. Before you're swept away by romantic new designs, think about the rest of your wardrobe. The fashion followers who can afford to change silhouettes with each season don't have to worry; they've already ditched their boxy blazers and shoulder pads in favor of a leaner line.
- The rest of us, who are still holding on to some old favorites, should remember that many of the oldest-but-goodies will not fit under a fit-and-flare shape. Even the fashionettes will have some problems. The beauty of the greatcoats is in the detail of lavish cuffs and collars — which do not allow room for the lavish cuffs and collars that are the feature of so many jackets and shirts. It's a major fashion dilemma: How many cuffs too many?
- Ease can be annoying. Some of the most dramatic new designs are cut as generously as a bathrobe and look dashing and urbane when they step out along the boulevards. Women who spend many miles and hours in a car may want less in a coat. Factor in a seat belt (you always buckle up, don't you?), gear shifts and all-that-fabric-volume, and you could feel smothered.

gundies have equal impact with added depth. Boots are the necessary base to carry the weight of the big, important coats and they upstage all other shoes this season. All this coat drama just begs for props. It's the season to try on hats just for their play-acting potential, learning how to tilt a beret, snap a brim or crush a cloche. And don't forget glove practice. The film costumery of "The

Age of Innocence" adds a whole new dimension to the appeal of romantic dressing. The way Daniel Day-Lewis removes Michelle Pfeiffer's glove gives one warm thoughts about the cold season ahead.

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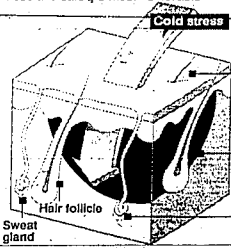
Hit the slopes

Frostbite and how to treat it

One of winter weather's dangers is frostbite, freezing of the skin and underlying body tissues. How to recognize and treat frostbite:

What frostbite is

Injury from exposure to extreme cold temperatures; hands, feet, nose and ears are most vulnerable.



Who is most at risk

- Infants and children; parents should make sure they are dressed adequately
- Elderly people
- People with circulatory diseases
- Remember: Alcohol, fatigue and lack of oxygen from high altitudes can affect judgment, causing you to disregard the cold

What to do

- Get the person inside as soon as possible and get medical help
- Meanwhile, shelter victim from the wind, give warm, non-alcoholic drinks and cover frozen part with extra clothing or blankets
- Do not apply direct heat or rub the affected area

SOURCES: Georgetown University Medical Center; American Medical Association; Family Medical Guide; Reactions by PWT CAPS

KRT Infographics

Skier not ready to tone down

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — Diann Roffe-Steinrotter's brown, squinty eyes glint with determination. She's miles from the nearest ski slope, yet Steinrotter can't mask the natural intensity that marks her personality.

It's evident in her appearance at a hotel to discuss the upcoming ski season. Her perfectly combed brown hair hangs neatly over her shoulders and her sweater and slacks are more function than fashion.

At 5-4, 132-pounds, Steinrotter is a very intimidating, but her temper often gets her into hot water.

A perfectionist, Steinrotter had a habit of chewing out teammates and coaches. She left a trail of hurt feelings, and in the process, became something of an outcast on the U.S. team.

"I haven't mellowed, but I'm not as caustic as I used to be with the other athletes," she said smiling.

Marriage to her childhood skiing buddy gave Steinrotter a sounding board at home. And winning an Olympic silver medal in 1992 satisfied a lifelong dream.

"I'm obsessed and intense," she said. "I feel a drive to not be shoved into the background."

There's little chance of that happening.

At 17, she won the gold medal in the giant slalom in the 1985 World Championships and earned the only World Cup title of her career at Lake Placid, N.Y.

After taking second in giant slalom at Albertville, Steinrotter took a hard look at the 1992 season with the help of her husband, Willi.

Although she didn't say so, retirement was on her mind.

But Willi convinced her to commit through the 1994 Winter Olympics, now less than three months away.

"Two years later, it's just blown by," she said. "There's more electricity in the air, you can't deny that."

Steinrotter, 26, is looking to improve on last season's mixed results. She won the giant slalom title in her favorite event in the U.S. Championships and finished 10th in the GS and 13th in the Super G



Steinrotter

in the World Championships in Japan, but was outshone by several of her teammates during the World Cup season.

"It reminded me that no matter what I've done or where I've been, I've got to do the work and look forward," she said.

Steinrotter believes preparation is the key to success. She's already checked out the rolling, twisting giant slalom course at Hafjell, Norway.

"The confidence doesn't come from results. It's knowing that I'm doing things well," she said. "You can't win a medal being conservative. There's no chance."

She says skiing is 60 percent mental and 40 percent ability. She's always had the ability, strapping on skis at age 3 and racing at 5 in upstate New York.

It's the mental part that has tortured Steinrotter. When conditions weren't right or people annoyed her, she would blow up.

"It's anger at not performing my best," she said. "The fire is irrelevant if you haven't had a good session of training."

Last summer, Steinrotter trained for two weeks in South America, skiing alone 10,000 feet — "I felt like I had a hangover for a week." Then it was on to Canada and Europe.

This season, Steinrotter has an on-the-spot helper and supporter. Her husband is taking a leave from his job as coach of the ski, soccer and lacrosse teams at Clarkson University to travel the circuit with her.

Married life agrees with Steinrotter. She and her husband grew up skiing together, and enjoy fishing, golfing and horseback riding.

Her rival, Carole Merle of France, got married and maintained her status as one of the world's top women skiers, winning the World Cup giant slalom title last season.



Bend, Ore., youths take advantage of some early recreation on Mount Bachelor, which does not open officially until today. AP photo

Know your snowboarder

The Times-News

In the late 1980s, snowboarders were a young, hip, authority-questioning subculture. Now anyone can be a snowboarder.

The November issue of Snow Country magazine reports the sport is splintered into sub-clubs identified by speech, clothing and outrageous behavior.

Here are some of the known factions, their characteristics and pointers for spotting them:

• **Ski-Boarders:** They dress like skiers with matching sweaters and racing pants — some even use poles. They hang out in the same places skiers do. When snowboarding, they lean so far over when making turns that they look as if they're falling. They use very technical lingo when talking about snowboarding techniques. They are an overly friendly bunch that loves to talk about the sport. (15 points)

• **Snow-skiater/Yo-boarders:** Yo-boarders tend to ride in large packs, dress like their favorite rapper and use obscenities in every phrase. They are obnoxious, sarcastic, belligerent, adolescent, anarchistic

and foul-mouth (10 points)

• **Sno surfers:** Snurfers believe their abilities on the ocean translate directly to the snow, so they usually go for the gnarliest cliff and hurl themselves over the edge. Their overconfidence creates chaos on the slopes. "Duude, that was soo gnarled!" is a good clue, as is the permeating smell of marijuana. Snurfers are friendly and love to talk about how great the snow was yesterday, probably because that's how far back they can remember. (18 points)

• **Snowboarding sub-clubs:**

• **Blow-boarders** — Speak constantly and loudly about snowboarding (20 points). **Glow-boarders** — Just want to wear the Day-glo clothes (30 points).

• **Hobo-boarders** — Homeless snowboarders who ask to sleep on your couch for one night and stay for the season. (50 points). **No-boarders** — Skiers who used to "Winterstick" in the early '70s, but haven't had the courage to try it again (100 points). **Show-boarders** — Image-conscious wannabes who think being seen on a snowboard will improve their flagging public personas. (5 points).

Numbers favor women

The Times-News

Single men appear to far outnumber single women in ski towns — at least that's what the men believe.

To quantify the state of single-dom, Snow Country magazine recently put 47 ski towns through a statistical meat grinder. Using data from the 1990 U.S. Census and from updated 1992 figures, the magazine compared everything from the raw numbers of resident single men and women to the incidence of divorce, to the number of bars in town. The findings appear in the November issue.

The fact is that the snow country single scene is not much different from the rest of the country. Lump all 47 ski towns together and the ratio is 126 men to 100 women, or 5-to-4. Nationally, the singles ratio is 122-to-100.

If ski town men are more numerous, it may be because they are young, diaper-phobic males who fly under the Census radar.

Women may be fewer because they're less tolerant of the cold and less likely to move to a ski town.

The widespread feeling among women is that the typical ski bum has neither the inclination nor the resources necessary to undertake a proper courtship. Usually a date is a rendezvous at the bar, rarely dinner and never flowers.

Ski town women don't generally complain they can't find the men to date; they complain they can't find the right men to date.

California lands Women's World Cup competition

MAMMOTH LAKES, Calif. (AP) — The Women's World Cup of skiing will be hosted by the United States for the first time when the 1994 competition is held March 9-10 at Mammoth Mountain.

"This is probably the biggest event we will have," Pam Murphy, the executive marketing director for Mammoth Mountain, said Monday when the decision was announced. "This is the creme de la creme of skiing. It will allow us to gain some notoriety and footage in the industry."

"The town of Mammoth Lakes has a chance to really shine."

The Women's World Cup was originally scheduled to be held in Vail, Colo., but Vail declined the race after it won bids to host the World Cup Finals, which begin March 14.

Heavenly Valley Ski Area also pulled its bid for the cup. Mammoth Mountain then completed and submitted its bid in three weeks and will have only four months to prepare.

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A visitor to Boreal Ski Area near Truckee, Calif., heads for shelter Monday in the middle of a snowstorm. Snowfall was light, but strong winds made visibility poor.



AP photo

Resort developers face uphill battle to establish ski areas

BOISE (AP) — Building a huge ski resort from scratch, like the faltering Valbois project near Cascade, is a long-term gamble in an industry where growth is virtually nonexistent.

"If you're in the destination ski business, you were a born optimist," said Wallace Huffman, general manager of the Sun Valley Co. "These projects take years and years and years. They're risky financial ventures at best. That's just a fact, so financing is difficult. Add to that the environmental permits, and it's a labor of love for five years just to get started," said Huffman, whose company owns and operates Sun Valley Ski Resort in central Idaho, the nation's first winter destination ski area.

No one understands the trials and tribulations of getting a resort off the ground better than the developers of Valbois, who were dealt a severe — if not fatal — blow Oct. 22 when the Forest Service canceled their permit to finish planning the proposed \$120 million project.

As far as the Forest Service is concerned, the 10-year-old Valbois saga is history, although Valbois officials say they aren't giving up. "Valbois is not dead yet," Boisean Dennis Taggart, founder and a major Valbois investor, told reporters. "We're not here to tell you we're closing down."

Valbois is one of the state's largest private real estate ventures — had 45 days to appeal the decision by the Forest Service, which owns most of the 3,463 acres where the resort would be built on the west side of Cascade Reservoir. Taggart, who introduced Valbois in 1983, said investors haven't decided what action they will take next.

Ski industry experts say Valbois's troubles aren't surprising, given the difficulty of the market. The odds of successfully completing a major destination resort — which includes overnight accommodations, restaurants and retail shops — are slim, they say.

Proof: The last major destination ski resort to open in the United States was Beaver Creek near Vail, Colo., in 1980. Ski resort construction was at its strongest during the 1970s.

"When you get into the resort business, you've got to realize there will be ebbs and flows," said Pat Peoples, director of communications for Vail Associates, the holding company that owns Beaver Creek and Vail resorts.

"It seems that the tempo right now is to expand and refine resorts rather than add resorts," she said.

Other developers, however, are working on destination resorts despite the long odds. One notable example is Lake Catamount near Steam Boat Springs, Colo. But even that project has been in the works for more than seven years.

In today's market, developers can count on at least a 10-year uphill climb to get a major destination resort built. Challenges to obtain financing and win environmental permits from a host of federal, state and local agencies have slowed new construction to a virtual standstill.

And if a resort is built this decade it will face daunting competition for a niche in the crowded destination ski market. "It takes 20 years just to get one going. Beaver Creek went for 8 or 10 years (after it opened) before there was any kind of crowd," said Kent Rose, a former mayor of Vail, Colo. "It was a kind of secret, in town. When Vail Mountain, which we all love to ski because it's got so much terrain, got busy on selected weekends, why, we'd go to

Beaver Creek. That's changing now finally."

Bill De Forrest, a vice president for Copper Mountain in Colorado, characterizes the market this way:

"The possibility for future development in the ski industry is limited," he said. "It's a difficult business because it's very capital intensive, labor intensive and weather dependent. Because of that, it will limit those people interested in developing new resorts."

Taggart knows that song. Underscoring his project have been off-again, on-again problems among the 18 French and American investors backing Valbois.

"I think we can say the partners are unwilling or unable to continue funding the project in its current status," Taggart said in an interview this fall with The Idaho Statesman. "With 18 people, you have various reasons. Some certainly are demoralized by the process and particularly some public statements by some governing officials."

"Public support is another critical component for such massive projects."

"You just can't do it by yourself. There's a lot of public and private involved in it. Somebody has to develop the mountain itself and somebody has to do the infrastructure. It would have to be done together," said Rose, whose town is known worldwide for alpine skiing.

Public support is particularly critical for a ski resort in an isolated area — like Cascade — where access to an airport is essential, he said.

"You spend a lot of money on infrastructure to support the crowd," he said. "Vail has 30,000 people in the winter, about half that in the summer. We need a bus system (to transport them) and water and sewer."

Taggart contends that Valbois has never been given "the public support it deserves."

The Forest Service maintains its concerns about the project's financial viability are fair. Indeed, Valbois developers acknowledged this spring that they were having financial problems. That news prompted the Forest Service to turn up the heat on a project that already was under sharp criticism from Gov. Cecil Andrus, who owns land on Cascade Reservoir.

Developers met a critical Oct. 12 deadline when they gave documents to the Forest Service they said proved their financial wherewithal.

After examining the documents, Boise National Forest Supervisor Steve Mealey disagreed. He said the documents didn't prove Valbois had the financial backing needed for the project.

Claiming public officials haven't been fair, Taggart pointed out that Mealey and other key Forest Service employees responsible for overseeing Valbois were on vacation the week before and of Oct. 12, when developers had questions about the financial documents they were preparing.

In any case, construction of the proposed four-season resort two hours north of Boise could not start until Valbois completes its master plan and obtains necessary state

and federal environmental permits. Vail's Rose said Valbois and other developers also face an almost unavoidable clash between residents who want growth and those who don't. Opponents complain that a ski resort will damage the terrain that attracted visitors in the first place.

Even after that battle is won, a resort has to carve a niche for itself in the competitive ski business.

De Forrest said demand at ski resorts hasn't caught up with capacity, in part because America's population is aging. That caught the industry's attention during the 1980s, when resorts began promoting themselves as family destinations, with entertainment, restaurants, retail shops and other activities besides the ski hill.

Idaho doesn't command much of the national destination ski market, but what success the state has achieved revolves around the resorts' emphasis on year-round, family oriented facilities.

Schweitzer and Silver mountains near Coeur d'Alene in northern Idaho are good examples. The two resorts, which have spent millions on renovations over the past few years, have experimented successfully with joint marketing campaigns to advertise their year-round resorts.

Huffman said Valbois and Sun Valley could have done the same thing to help promote skiing in central Idaho.

"We would have competed for the local regional market," he admitted. "But I think it would have created some opportunity to market Idaho."



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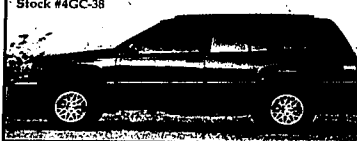
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David Hocklander
Hunting

Restrictions on some calibers and new taxes on all ammunition will make reloading more appealing to all hunters and shooters. The reloader would be able to manufacture ammunition which might not be available on the market.

The greatest advantage of taking up reloading has always been the savings over purchasing factory ammunition. If high taxes are added as ways to finance health care costs of individuals injured by firearms, the savings could be the difference between hunting and selling your firearms.

Reloading is not difficult to learn, and the start-up costs are reasonable, especially considering the possible alternatives.

A simple press, a set of dies and a few simple accessories and the average hunter has the ability to keep the rifle loaded.

One strategy might be to go together with some hunting or shooting companions and purchase reloading equipment together.

Set up the equipment in one's basement and you'll have another good excuse to spend time together loading up for the next outing.

Reloading equipment needs components to be of any value and that means cases, powder, primers and bullets. Fortunately all of these items can be easily stock-piled and stored. I am not suggesting a frantic buying spree, but it might prove beneficial to take advantage of sales, purchasing an extra 1,000 primers, an 8-pound can of a favorite powder or several boxes of a popular bullet.

All of these items store well. When stored in a dry location with consistently cool temperatures, powder and primers have indefinite shelf life. Both should be kept in the original factory containers and the storage location should be secure.

A side advantage of buying bulk quantities of powder and primers is that you can get matching batch numbers which allows you to use the same loads without risk of variations in pressure.

For the sportsmen who already reload, bullet casting is another skill which might prove valuable in providing bullets for specific calibers or in reducing the cost of shooting. Casting equipment costs are about the same as reloading. The principal obstacle to casting is securing an inexpensive source of lead.

Needless to say, lead now has a bad reputation and is becoming more expensive and harder to find.

A significant advantage of casting bullets, however, is that the lead bullets can be retrieved and reused with little loss in material. Shooting in a bullet trap makes collecting the lead easy, but using the same spot on a soft dirt hill also allows "mining" of the used bullets.

Commercial ammunition can also be purchased in bulk with a savings. As with powder, cool and dry storage is important and security is critical.

For most sportsmen, cost will be the restrictive factor in building up a supply of ammunition or components. You may have to prioritize your calibers and uses, and invest in supplies for the combination you use and enjoy most.

If money is a prohibitive factor—and it always is—in taking up reloading, buying components, or extra ammunition, then perhaps you could take advantage of the upcoming holiday season by making a Christmas shopping list of desired items that can be given to any interested shopper.

A reloading press under the tree will mean more shooting options next year.

David Hocklander is a teacher at Gooding High School.

Dogs increase hunting success

Proper care necessary to maintain animals' health, ability

By Stu Murrell
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — Dog poor and happy fits my current situation perfectly.

With a yellow Lab and a black Lab plus a recently acquired Griffon, my dog feed and vet bills have gone up significantly. However, I also have ample companions to share my hunting days afield.

There is no question a properly trained hunting dog increases your chances of success and enjoyment of the hunt. Proper care during and after those hunts are important to maintain the dog's healthy and hunting ability.

The owner's concern begins with the young dog's diet. During the critical first year of growth, proper quantities of a good quality puppy starter is important. After that first year, a high-protein dog food designed for adult animals will keep the dog healthy, strong and energetic.

No matter how old your dog is, it can be in trouble if you allow it to run free. Car accidents, irate neighbors and bad habits learned without proper supervision are some of the possibilities.

Dogs roaming in upland or big game habitat stress wildlife, too. The best practice is to kennel your animal and exercise it daily.

Transportation is another consideration. Many people carry their valuable hunting dogs unleashed in the back of an open pick-up truck. The chances are high for serious injury or loss if the dog falls out. The proper method is a dog carrier in the pick-up bed or inside the vehicle.

I am a firm believer in the training method of getting a pup at seven weeks of age and obedience training if early.

There are numerous good books available on this training procedure. Exposing the dog to game smells and actual hunting situations is the best learning experience.

There is tremendous personal satisfaction in watching a dog you have trained make a great point or retrieve.

I try to direct them in the field silently with hand signals to prevent birds from flushing wild due to excessive hunter noise.

It bothers me to hunt with others who are constantly blowing their dog whistles and shouting at their canines to control them.

Once in the field, dogs can come to grief in numerous ways.

Ever since I lost an older springer spaniel during a dove hunt in California,



Hunting dogs like these, properly trained and cared for, can increase the success rate of hunting trips.

I have been concerned about preventing heat exhaustion.

On hot dove and chukar hunts, I now carry an extra quart canteen for my dog and make every effort to give it water breaks at springs and creeks.

If your dog does collapse from heat exhaustion, immerse it completely in water as soon as possible to cool it down. Carrying water for your dog is important for much of our upland game hunting in southern Idaho, even in cold weather.

My dogs commonly collect all types of debris and seeds inside their eyelids

after a hard season of husting brush. A cotton swab dipped in mild boric acid solution works well to clean eyes at the end of the day.

Minor cuts on pads or elsewhere will heal better if you apply betadine or neovisnol to help clean them and then periodically apply an antibiotic ointment. Major cuts should be seen by a vet.

The most important attribute a dog owner can have is common sense. Be aware of the dog's needs and the condition it is experiencing in the field, then treat that faithful companion right.

Report: 9 salmon species headed for extinction

By Scott Sommer
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Nine of 10 major salmon species in California and the Northwest are headed for extinction without changes in natural resource management, environmentalists said Tuesday in releasing new maps of fish habitat.

The Wilderness Society said in an accompanying report that fish-protection measures in President Clinton's Northwest forest-management plan don't go far enough to save the salmon, trout and steelhead.

"Today we are at a crossroads — a point at which resource managers and the public must determine whether the Pacific salmon will recover or cease to exist in large segments of its range," the report said.

The conservation group released what it said was the first comprehensive mapping of salmon habitat in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and California.

Habitat loss and population declines have been so dramatic in this century that it now appears that wild salmon are only about 20 percent as abundant in the region as they were historically," said Mike Anderson, a forest resource analyst and principal author of the report.

"It is likely that most populations will be permanently lost if current conditions persist or worsen."

Species that are imperiled across broad areas include coho, chum, sockeye and spring- and summer-run chinook salmon, summer-run steelhead and sea-run cutthroat trout, the study said.

Fall chinook and winter steelhead fare slightly better, but still are threatened in large portions of California, southern Oregon and the Columbia Basin, it said.

Pink salmon are faring best, generally considered not to be declining across three-fourths of their range, the report said.

The National Marine Fisheries Service has declared the Snake River's sockeye

salmon an endangered species and its chinook runs as threatened under the Endangered Species Act.

"Decades of excessive logging and overgrazing on federal lands, urbanization and other development in the region have ruined fish habitat and helped push many salmon stocks to the brink of extinction, and in many cases, to extinction," society President Karin Sheldon said.

"Now our maps provide the first concrete evidence of where the damage has been done to salmon habitat and clearly federal lands are a logical starting point for repairing that damage and restoring wild salmon," she said.

The report, two years in the making, estimates 38 percent of all salmon spawning and rearing habitat is found on federal lands, primarily national forests.

Only 11 percent of the habitat in the region is contained in federally protected areas, such as wilderness or national parks, the study said.

It concludes that efforts by the Clinton administration to address the loss of salmon habitat in its proposed Northwest forest plan "fall short of providing the level of protection needed to ensure the long-term survival of wild salmon on federal lands."

The report urges wider buffer strips than Clinton wants where logging would be banned along rivers and streams. It calls for closing or demolishing logging roads that send excessive sediment into streams and for protection efforts to be extended to private lands.

"We need a comprehensive regional strategy that includes protection of spawning and rearing habitat on federal and non-federal lands," said Jeffrey Olson, director of the group's Bolle Center for Forest Ecosystem Management.

Spokespersons for the White House and the Agriculture Department said Tuesday no one was immediately available to comment on the report.

Specific findings on 10 major salmon species in Northwest

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Wilderness Society said in a report Tuesday that nine of 10 major salmon species in Idaho, Oregon, Washington and California are extinct or at risk of extinction across most of their historical range.

The specific findings on the 10 species are:

- Fall-run chinook** — Historical range covered about 39 million acres over the four states. They are extinct in 19 percent of their range, endangered or threatened in 25 percent, of special concern in 36 percent and not known to be declining in 20 percent.
- Spring and summer chinook** — Historical range covered about 54 million acres over the four states. They are extinct in 63 percent of their range, endangered or threatened in 24 percent, of special concern in 7 percent and not known to be declining in 6 percent.
- Coho salmon** — Historical range covered about 69 million acres over the four states. They are extinct in 55 percent of their range, endangered or threatened in 33 percent, of special concern in 5 percent and not known to be declining in 7 percent.
- Chum salmon** — Historical range covered about 15 million acres over California, Oregon and Washington. They are considered to be extinct in 37 percent of their range, endangered or threatened in 30 percent, of special concern in 11 percent and not known to be declining in 22 percent.
- Sockeye salmon** — Historical range covered about 2 million acres over Oregon, Washington and Idaho. They are extinct in 59 percent of their range, endangered or threatened in 10 percent, of special concern in 16 percent and not known to be declining in 15 percent.
- Sea-run cutthroat trout** — Historical range covered about 21 million acres over Oregon and Washington. They are extinct in 6 percent of their range, endangered in 4 percent, threatened in 61 percent, of special concern in 29 percent. Nowhere is the species considered not to be declining.
- Winter-run steelhead** — Historical range covered about 67 million acres over California, Oregon and Washington. They are extinct in 29 percent of their range, endangered or threatened in 29 percent, of special concern in 18 percent and not known to be declining in 24 percent.
- Summer-run steelhead** — Historical range covered about 52 million acres over all four states. They are extinct in 45 percent of their range, endangered or threatened in 10 percent, of special concern in 27 percent and not known to be declining in 18 percent.
- Pink salmon** — Historical range covered about 9 million acres in Washington and California. They are extinct in 21 percent of their range. Generally not considered to be declining in the rest of its range.

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Selkirk recovery program

The Selkirk recovery program is a comprehensive effort to restore the natural habitat of the Selkirk region in Idaho. The program includes the following components:

- Habitat Restoration:** Replanting native species and removing invasive plants.
- Wildlife Management:** Monitoring and protecting native wildlife populations.
- Public Access:** Creating trails and recreational areas for visitors.
- Education:** Providing information and resources to the public about the Selkirk region.

The program is a joint effort between the Idaho Department of Conservation and the Selkirk Recovery Program. For more information, contact the Idaho Department of Conservation at 202 N. Myrtle Street, Boise, ID 83724.

Man says wild turkeys tastier than domestic

By Bill Schulz
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Looking for a tastier turkey? Rob Keck says take a walk on the wild side.

Keck is executive director of the National Wild Turkey Federation and says there's just no comparison between the leaner wild birds and their plumper domestic cousins.

"I think I could prepare the wild and domestic turkey and you would prefer the wild over the domestic," he said.

What would be missing is the beauty of the domestic bird roasting in the oven and the hours of aroma wafting through the house. Wild birds, which are more streamlined with long, strong legs to run away from predators, don't roast well.

But make it fried, smoked or grilled, and Keck says there's no choice.

The two birds are closely related. Today's domestic bird is descended from birds raised by the Aztec Indians in Mexico and taken to

Europe by the Spaniards a century before the English set foot on Plymouth Rock.

Breeding left a white bird with short legs and a huge breast that can barely fly.

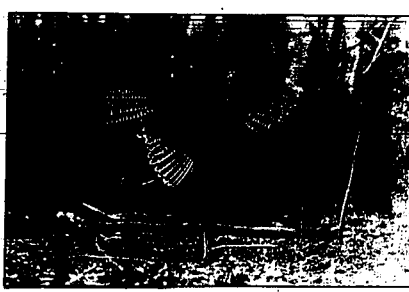
Even as domestic flocks grew in North America, the wild turkey retained intense popularity and was hunted nearly to extinction as its habitat was destroyed.

But thanks to habitat improvements and nationwide restoration efforts, the wild turkey now thrives far beyond its historic range. There are an estimated 4 million wild turkeys today and there are hunting seasons in every state but Alaska.

The wild bird is so popular it has been introduced to areas as far away as New Zealand.

Keck's Thanksgiving turkey was smoked whole. But he also likes to slice wild turkey breast across the grain, and chops the meat up into a thick dip in whipped egg and Italian bread crumbs and deep fry it.

"You can take meat, from the oldest, toughest gobbler and break it



Wild turkeys don't roast well. They have to be fried, smoked or grilled.

apart with a fork," he said. "I fixed that dish Friday night at a deer camp. I had two breasts, which was too much for the small group, but by noontime the next day there was not a piece to be had."

He boils the legs and thighs (a pressure cooker speeds the process) and chops the meat up into a thick gravy to pour over the fried breast.

"We call that runnin' gear gravy," he said. He also fries the sliced turkey

breast in butter or chops it into bits and stir fries it.

It may take a little bit away from the Thanksgiving tradition, but those three options are just out of this world," he said.

While there is some dispute whether the Pilgrims ate wild or domestic turkey on that first Thanksgiving, Keck says there's no argument that those who cooked wild turkey didn't have any leftovers.

Environmental group files suit over endangered chub

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — An environmental group has filed a lawsuit against the federal Fish and Wildlife Service over the agency's failure to designate critical habitat for the endangered Virgin River chub.

The suit was filed Wednesday in U.S. District Court by the Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund on behalf of the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance.

The Virgin River chub, native to the Virgin River basin in southwestern Utah, northwestern Arizona and southeastern Nevada, was declared endangered in August 1989. Dam projects and competition from non-native species are believed responsible for the chub's dwindling numbers.

Under the federal Endangered Species Act, the Fish and Wildlife Service is required to designate critical habitat, or geographic areas that contain physical or biological

features essential to the conservation of a species.

Environmentalists fear that a series of water development projects planned throughout the Virgin River basin will further decimate the chub population.

Fish and Wildlife Service spokesmen could not be reached Wednesday. However, an employee who asked not to be named said officials were aware the suit was to be filed.

The agency is planning to designate habitat for the endangered fish, the employee said, but had not done so for lack of funding and staff to complete the plan.

SUWA also has filed a notice of intent to sue the wildlife service over the agency's failure to proceed with the Endangered Species Act listing of another native Virgin River fish, the spinedace.

Letter

Last winter's snowfall damaged deer population

In spite of the drought, the 1992 deer herd was strong and plentiful. Large populations could be seen by anyone who drove in the South Hills or who drove toward Lake Cleveland. Those of us who hunted in 1992 found an abundance of deer. Because the deer herd numbers were high, Fish and Game made these 1992 management decisions:

For Unit 54 (South Hills): (1) a September archery hunt; (2) 1,030 rifle permits for bucks and (3) 1,250 rifle permits for does for a total of (4) 2,280 rifle permits.

For Unit 55 (Albion, Elba and Almo): (1) 875 rifle permits for bucks and (2) 850 rifle permits for does for a total of (3) 1,725 rifle permits and (4) either sex archery hunt in November and December.

No one blames Fish and Game for last year's severe winter. The Magic Valley citizens prayed for snow, and we were blessed with snow. But the heavy snowfall damaged our deer population. While I know nothing about low-fat content on a deer's

body following a drought, by July 1993, I personally knew our local deer herd was in trouble. My pre-season scouting gave me clear and convincing evidence of a severe winter kill. I drove the hills in the evenings. I sat on ridges at dawn and I gazed valleys during dawn-dusk hours. This past summer, I saw few, if any, deer. Full sportsmen who took time to pre-season scout were reporting the same thing. Those of us who frequent the hills all knew the deer herd was in serious difficulty. When we expressed our concerns to Fish and Game, we were told that the deer were still there, they were simply spread out more because of the abundance of food and water.

By October 1993, virtually every archer knew that this year's deer herd was only a fraction of last year's herd. With its awesome array of talented specialists and access to data, Fish and Game had to have had the same (if not superior) information. Disregarding its knowledge of shockingly fewer deer in the South Hills and in Albion, Elba and Almo, the Fish and Game shamefully allowed the same number of rifle

permits in 1993 as it did in 1992 (as listed above). Fish and Game was obviously more interested in the revenues the permits generated than it was with the deer population. It simply sacrificed the deer herd to keep its own expensive bureaucracy running.

Finally, after hearing the archers complain, after hearing the rifle permit holders complain, after hearing concerned non-hunters complain and hearing complaints from their own check-station personnel, Fish and Game publicly announced its one and only 1993 management decision to protect the local deer herd — a decision that doesn't become effective until Thanksgiving Day. That decision seems to have been made not with the deer herd in mind but as an appeasement to the growing cry of sportsmen and deer lovers to do something. Fish and Game simply had to respond. Even then, its one and only decision to protect our local deer hunting was political rather than practical. Its only management decision will have zero effect on the local deer population.

There is a late season archery hunt in Unit 55 above Burley. Relatively few archers participate. The few remaining deer are already jumpy because the rifle season has just been completed. The late-season hunt is generally accompanied with harsh weather conditions which keep many bow hunters indoors. Those of us that participate in that hunt are generally bow hunters anyway. Few, if any deer will be saved by this last minute move by Fish and Game. To believe that a "buck only" ruling on the late season archery hunt will somehow strengthen the deer herd is the same as believing I lose weight when I shave. While the theory is correct, the scales won't show it.

I may be alone in the level of my displeasure, and I recognize I carry little or no influence on Fish and Game management decisions, yet I think they owe gun hunters, the archers and the citizens of the Magic Valley an apology.

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Wolf opponents want biologist to resign



Foes of wolf reintroduction into Yellowstone National Park say Ed Bangs, federal biologist in charge of an environmental impact statement on the proposal, lacks credibility.

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — Some foes of wolf reintroduction in Yellowstone National Park say the federal biologist in charge of an environmental impact statement on the proposal should be removed from the post.

They contended that Ed Bangs, leader of the team writing the statement, lost his objectivity when he questioned the professionalism of a scientist who attacked the government's wolf proposal in a hunting magazine.

The No Wolf Option Committee of Cody, Wyo., is calling for Bangs' resignation over the incident, spokeswoman Ariane Hanson said.

And Bob Budd, director of the Wyoming Stockgrowers Association, said Bangs' actions raise questions about the credibility of the entire environmental impact statement.

"If a scientist cannot have a different view and express that, then something's wrong," Budd said. "These tactics are questionable."

But Bangs, a Helena-based biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, said he only was trying to set facts straight. Bangs said those facts were distorted by Charles Kay, an independent-wildlife ecologist who works for Utah State University, in an article in the August issue of *Petersen's Hunting*.

Federal employees even received threats after the article appeared, Bangs said.

And in a Nov. 9 letter to Sen. Al Simpson, R-Wyo., the Fish and Wildlife Service said Bangs had handled the situation "in a professional and appropriate manner."

In the article, Kay alleged that the federal wolf recovery proposal represents "a masterful job of deception" because it will involve many more wolves than federal officials say. Wolf numbers released in the plan "are little more than an elaborate game orchestrated by the federal government and others," Kay wrote.

Bangs wrote a reply published in the magazine, calling Kay's allegation's "unprofessional and false."

By implying the existence of a government conspiracy, Bangs said, he encouraged illegal killing of wolves and even violence against those officials now working on the environmental impact statement.

In recent months, Bangs said, he and other members of the team have had their lives threatened and have received bomb threats.

"These government conspiracy kind of arguments increase the risk of that," Bangs said. "Where is the responsibility for someone who publishes erroneous information that threatens people's lives?"

Although Kay wrote that the government had overlooked problems of wolf reintroduction, the points were addressed by a draft environmental impact statement released this year, Bangs said.

That document, which evaluates various wolf recovery options, was reviewed by independent scientists, he said.

A public comment period closes at the end of this week and a final document is expected in March.

Fish, Wildlife Service plans wolf searches

The Associated Press

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service plans searches for wolves in several areas of northwestern Wyoming early next year, an agency staff member said.

Joe Fontaine, the agency's gray wolf recovery coordinator, said this week he's beginning to organize aerial and ground searches for the endangered animals beginning in January.

"If there are wolves there, let's find them. If there's not, there's not," Fontaine said from his office in Helena, Mont. "We need to know one way or the other."

The USFWS has proposed releasing Canadian wolves into Yellowstone National Park beginning in October 1994. However, if a breeding population of the animal is discovered in the region before federal regulations prohibit introduction of a new population.

There have been reports of wolf sightings in and around the park in recent years, but the service has not been able to confirm whether a breeding population exists in Wyoming.

Fontaine said the upcoming searches are an effort to look for the

animals in areas where there have been numerous reports of wolf sightings in recent years.

"We're going to go over the sighting data and pinpoint those areas where there are concentrations of sightings," he said. "We won't be able to go everywhere, but we should have pretty wide coverage over the state. It should be pretty effective."

Fontaine said he plans to ask the state Game and Fish Department to look for wolves while biologists conduct serial surveys of elk and deer winter ranges.

On the ground, search teams may include representatives of the Forest Service and officers from other government agencies, Fontaine said. He said he also plans to contact Wolf Haven International, a Washington-based organization that has conducted wolf surveys in Idaho and Montana.

Fish and Wildlife has proposed releasing wolves in Yellowstone under an "experimental population" designation, which removes some of the protection the animal has under the federal Endangered Species Act. Under certain circumstances, federal and state agents and ranchers would be able to kill wolves caught preying on livestock.

Wolf return by 1994 possible, but still subject to change

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) — A federal goal of returning wolves to Yellowstone National Park and central Idaho in 1994 could still be achieved, according to a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service official.

But Ed Bangs, project leader for the Fish and Wildlife Service, said it would take only a minor disruption to further delay return plans.

"As tight as the timetable are, I can easily see how we could miss the time frame," he said. "I've seen all kinds of things happen."

The Fish and Wildlife Service has extended the comment period for its plans to put 30 wolves in

Yellowstone and central Idaho. Under the plan, the wolves would be designated as an "experimental population" and could be killed if they left the park and preyed on livestock.

Bangs said even with the comment period extension, the Fish and Wildlife Service could begin to return wolves by 1994.

But he noted some people have threatened lawsuits to stop the return, which could set back reintroduction efforts.

He added a delay could give wolves more time to migrate into the park on their own.

Bangs said a Fish and Wildlife Service team is examining comments submitted on the plan.

Elk manager: Reintroduction of wolves would be beneficial

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) — Reintroduction of wolves to Yellowstone National Park could make management of an elk herd more difficult, but a wildlife manager says the potential benefits outweigh the possible problems.

Mike Hedrick of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which is in charge of wolf introduction, said the plan to introduce wolves to the park would help National Elk Refuge managers keep the population of the 9,000-animal herd under control.

But Hedrick, manager of the 24,734-acre refuge, said the wolves could drive more elk from remote areas to the refuge, increasing feeding pressure.

Hedrick, who worked eight years at the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska, said officials there allowed a wolf-hunting-and-trapping season to keep the predators' population under control.

He said he expects hunting and trapping of wolves would be allowed on the elk refuge, once the wolf population reaches a sufficient number. Hedrick predicted it would be several years before wolves even appeared on the Wyoming refuge.

Hedrick said wolves' main food source is elk and elk carcasses, adding the predators would not be attracted to domestic pets or livestock. He estimated wolves would kill about 200 elk during the winter.

Hunters report wolf at Yellowstone

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) — Another wolf sighting has been reported in the Hayden Valley of Yellowstone National Park.

The early October sighting came from three men who said they know the difference between wolves and coyotes. Wolves were thought to be wiped out from the Yellowstone area by the 1930s, and the federal government has proposed to reintroduce the species.

Sporadic sightings have occurred over the years, including a videotape of a suspected wolf in Hayden Valley in the summer of 1992. The latest reporting also was caught on videotape, but it was of low quality and unlikely to prove anything, officials said.

But the men, who were hunting in the Jackson Hole area before touring the park, said this week that were sure of their video prey.

"There wasn't any question in anybody's mind," said Mike Moore of Liberal, Kan. "We saw it clearly, close by. It was a gray wolf."

Moore, who's in the oil and gas business, said he has seen wolves while hunting in Alaska and knows what a

coyote looks like. "Coyotes are a pretty common animal," Moore said. "There's a difference between a wolf and a coyote any idiot could see."

The three hunters said the animal was larger than a coyote, had a different tail and thicker neck, and moved differently.

The men first spotted the animal about 100 yards away while driving through the valley. Knowing about the wolf controversy in Yellowstone, they stopped to film the animal.

Scott Nellis, a financial advisor from Cleveland, Ohio, described the animal as "very blotchy gray with some tan beige streaks through it."

Nellis said he knows less about wolves than Moore and the other companion, a Kansas rancher who did not identify himself. Nevertheless, the group came across a coyote later in the day and Nellis said the difference was noticeable.

The coyote was playing in full sight of people while the wolf seemed to know when it was being watched, he said.

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Cliffhangers: Face to face with old man mountain

Guides eke out living on rocks' cracks, crannies

By Paul Tolme
The Associated Press

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CONWAY, N.H. — The Conway Granite cliffs loom at the edge of town, tantalizing rock climbers.

They come by the thousands every year, lining up to scale Cathedral Ledge.

Some local climbers have challenged Mount Everest and scaled peaks in Alaska and the Andes, but they return to Conway for its quiet lifestyle.

Others learned to climb here, fell in love with the area, and took night jobs to support their high-altitude habit.

The cliffs aren't as big as out West, but climbers say the rocks around this sporting community are challenging enough.

"The routes are long if you want them to be, short if you want them to be, or hard if you want them to be," said Michael Hardert, a guide.

Fall is a favorite time to climb. It's cooler, there are fewer climbers, and the foliage blazes with color. And those pesky insects are gone.

"If you're hanging on by your fingers and toes and you don't feel like prying loose your fingers to scratch, then it can be a pain," said Rick Wilcox, who owns International Mountain Equipment, a climbing supplies store.

True to New Hampshire's "Live Free or Die" motto, climbers in the White Mountains are free to risk their necks unhindered by the hand of government. Climbing is forbidden or helmets required in some parts of the country, but not in New Hampshire.

Some climbers say Cathedral Ledge — a 450-foot vertical face — is tops in the Northeast. There also is White Horse Ledge, an 800-foot vertical drop.

Twenty-five miles to the west, Cannon Mountain offers longer climbs. The face on New Hampshire license plates — the Old Man of the Mountain — looks out from Cannon over a broad, deep valley.

"You can go right up his face and hop out on his forehead," Wilcox said.

Conway long has been on the map as an outpost for tourists and skiers visiting the White Mountains. As climbing's popularity has grown, so has the town's population of climbers. There are three climbing schools, two large climbing

equipment stores and guides galore. But long before climbers dreamed of squeezing themselves into tight and neon helmets, George Clough was clawing his way up these cliffs.

"I'd have given anything to have the equipment they have these days," said Clough, peering down at a group of brightly dressed climbers scaling Cathedral Ledge.

Clough, 53, didn't even use ropes. His high-tech footwear? "Work boots, or sneakers," he said.

Clough recalls a hair-raising climb he and a group of friends took up Cannon Mountain during his holiday in the 1960s.

They were about 450 feet up, with no ropes, when one of his companions got spooked and decided he couldn't go any farther.

"Clough told his friend he had to be crazy if he thought it was possible to climb down backward. So Clough sucked in his stomach, got beneath his friend, and boosted him onto his shoulders, allowing them to continue."

"I'd pay a million dollars to have that picture," he said. While such exploits make great stories, modern climbers say they are foolhardy and unnecessary. Improvements in equipment and the spread of climbing knowledge has made the sport safer than driving, some climbers say.

Even so, there have been fatal slips, including one this summer. After slipping, the climber fell several feet, bounced off a ledge with his feet, fell over backward and hit his head. He then slid down the rock, upside down and head first, before being stopped by his rope.

Marc Chauvin was one of the first people to come to the climber's aid, and found him hanging unconscious about 35 feet from the ground. Chauvin helped lower the climber and did CPR, but to no avail.

"His head was banged up pretty badly," said Chauvin, the senior guide at International Mountain Climbing School.

The death was the first in many years to occur during a climb. More people have been killed poking around the cliffs or after having finished a climb, according to the sport's enthusiasts.

Regardless of the statistics, the sight of a climber scaling a vertical face with nothing but thin cracks and nubs the width of a



Above, Debble Lashley of Maryville, Tenn., climbs her way up Cathedral Ledge in Conway, N.H., last month.

Climbing has become a popular sport, and with the latest equipment and guides almost anyone can scale the walls safely. At right, Uwe Schneider, of Conway, N.H., rappels down the face of Cathedral Ledge. Schneider, a guide for rock climbers, is establishing a new challenging route up the rock face.

finger nail to hang onto appears death-defying to non-climbers. Climbers say films such as Sylvester Stallone's "Cliffhanger" have reinforced misconceptions about the sport.

"People think we're a bunch of Stallones up here," said Hardert, preparing to lead some students up Cathedral Ledge. "It's really much more intelligence than strength."

People think climbing is crazy, added Thomas Henninger, but sometimes it's just about having lunch someplace cool, hanging out and seeing a view.

Climbers come in all types. Debble Lashley, one of a group of five climbers from Tennessee, sat atop Cathedral Ledge perspiring after her climb and looked out. A river lolled through the valley and bursts of autumn color punctured the dense pine forest like campfires at night, and Lashley reflected on her day.

"We looked at the cliffs last night with these big black clouds rolling over them and thought 'Wow,'" she said. "Now, to sit up here and look down and know I climbed it — it feels really good."



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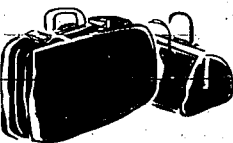
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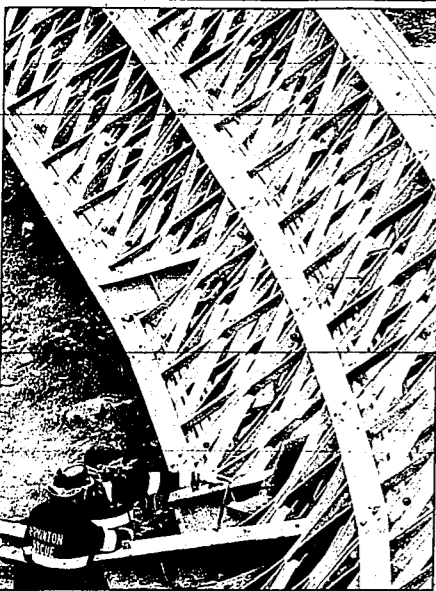
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Rescue workers survey the remains of a collapsed temporary bridge and attempt to remove the body of one of two construction workers killed Wednesday at the Hopkinton, N.H., site.

Bridge falls, killing at least 2 workers

HOPKINTON, N.H. (AP) — A temporary highway bridge collapsed Wednesday while it was being dismantled in a construction area.

It missed traffic below but killed two workers and injured a third, police said.

The single-lane span alongside a bridge carrying U.S. 202 collapsed and fell about 20 feet onto a busy local road, police said.

The temporary bridge, about 90 to 100 feet long, was built to carry traffic while the regular highway bridge was resurfaced this summer, said Leon Kenison, chief state highway engineer.

The permanent bridge was reopened about three weeks ago. The temporary bridge's deck was removed Tuesday and four workers were taking down steel beams Wednesday, Kenison said.

"They had removed some ... but the last one they removed caused the whole configuration to go unstable, and over it went," Kenison said.

"There is an awful lot of traffic" on Sugar Hill Road below the span, said police Chief Ira Migdal.

The injured man and a fourth

Nurse's aide claims baby swap ordered

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — The biological parents of Kimberly Mays said for a criminal investigation Wednesday after a former nurse's aide who once said she knew nothing about a baby swap at a hospital 15 years ago said the switch was intentional.

Patsy Webb said Tuesday that a doctor at Hardee Memorial Hospital in Wauchula in 1978 gave the order to switch Kimberly with another, ailing baby.

"I will ask the sheriff in Hardee County to open an investigation to follow up all the leads that come from this statement," said John Blakely, a lawyer for Ernest and Regina Twigg. "Sometimes when people come out and say 'I lied before, this is the truth,' it breaks a code of silence and other people start to come forward."

The Twigg's, who have long claimed the swap was intentional, are appealing a judge's ruling last summer denying them any claim to Kimberly.

Blakely conceded a criminal investigation would have no effect on the case unless it points to Robert Mays, who raised Kimberly from birth and who has been affirmed by the courts as her legal father.

"Bob Mays is not involved — it's not a concern of ours whatsoever," Mays' attorney, Arthur Ginsburg, told a news conference Wednesday.

He added that Mays was investigated by the FBI, passed a polygraph and completely cleared.

The Twigg's have publicly suggested Mays was behind the baby swap. Mays has denied any involvement.

Ginsburg said he would welcome any investigation, but called the latest claim a "non-occurrence" since it has no effect on where Kimberly will live. The judge ruled on the girl's well-being, he said, not on whether the switch was intentional or not.

In an interview with CBS broadcast Wednesday, Webb said three hospital doctors knew about the swap. She did not identify the doctors.

"You could look at those two babies, the Mays' baby, the one that



Webb Mays

she had, had a heart condition," Webb said. "They're bluish white looking when they have a heart condition like that and the other one was pretty little pink."

Lawyers for Webb offered no corroborating evidence and refused to provide a motive or comment beyond her statement.

The baby swap came to light when the child raised by the Twigg's developed heart problems and blood tests showed she wasn't their biological daughter. After Arlene Twigg died in 1988, the Twigg's began a search that led them to Kimberly and Robert Mays, who raised her.

Webb told CBS that she believes the switch was made because Mays' wife had cancer and had tried for a long time to get pregnant. Barbara Mays died in 1981.

Last summer, Circuit Judge Stephen Dakan ruled that Mays is the girl's legal father. Dakan said the Twigg's have no right even to visit her. The ruling is under appeal.

Webb "was asked by one of the treating physicians to switch the Twigg's and Mays babies but she refused," according to Tuesday night's statement released by Webb's attorney. "Upon arrival at work the next day she immediately saw the infants had been switched."

"She was informed that if she said anything about the babies being switched, she would be immediately terminated from her employment at the hospital."

According to her statement, Webb's own child was sick with leukemia at the time and she remained silent to maintain the health insurance.

In sworn statements given during the dispute between the Mays' and Twigg families, Webb said she knew nothing about the swap.

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Yappers in, woofers out in Florida

INDIAN CREEK, Fla. (AP) — On this island haven for the extremely rich, pedigree is important — even for dogs.

The City Council on Tuesday outlawed six breeds known for their tendency to bark, snarl or generally scare people. Dogs no longer accepted by those in Indian Creek, human population 44: American Staffordshire terriers, Staffordshire bull terriers, German shepherds, Doberman pinschers, Rottweilers and American pit bull terriers.

Canes that yap rather than bark can still mingle with such residents as singer Julio Iglesias and golfer Raymond Floyd.

The ordinance is an attempt to put a leash on the Rottweilers of Saudi Prince Turki bin Abdul Aziz, an occasional island dweller.

Neighbor Norman Braman, a car dealer and owner of the Philadelphia Eagles football team, complained that the burly beasts barked a lot and made trouble.

President pardons first turkey

WASHINGTON (AP) — Saying he feels right at home with turkeys, President Clinton followed a 46-year-old tradition by accepting a national turkey at the White House Wednesday.

He granted it his first presidential pardon.

"That's a very well behaved turkey," Clinton said as the Rose Garden ceremony ended quietly, unlike the year that a huge turkey startled President Reagan by suddenly flapping its wings.

It was rumored that White House turkeys were sedated after that, although officials said that wasn't the case Wednesday.

The 50-pound bird will go to a farm operated by the Fairfax County park

'It's a little easier because I've been around turkeys all my life.'

— President Clinton

system in Northern Virginia. "It is my first presidential pardon," the president joked.

The president turned the ceremony into a children's event, inviting the fourth grade class from Springfield Estates Elementary School, in Springfield, Va. The children took turns patting the turkey; Clinton did, too, and he calmed it once when it

appeared ready to jump off the table.

Clinton, in a blue blazer and grey slacks, laughed about the ceremony of a president accepting a turkey.

"So many of my predecessors have participated in the ridiculous aspects of it, I felt right at home," the president said. "It actually didn't mind it. I think it's kind of funny. It's an annual ritual.

"It's a little easier because I've been around turkeys all my life ... I come from a state that grows a lot of turkeys," he said, noting that Arkansas is the nation's fourth largest producer of the birds.

"We also have a huge wild turkey population at home, too. So it's not as alien an experience for me as it would be for some people."



President Clinton greets a 30-week-old 50-pound turkey given to him Wednesday. The bird received the traditional presidential pardon and will retire to a Virginia farm.

Clinton meets with author Rushdie

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton met with British author Salman Rushdie Wednesday to demonstrate his support for the writer, who was forced underground by an Iranian death sentence for his novel "The Satanic Verses."

Rushdie, who had been snubbed by the Bush administration, saw Clinton at the conclusion of a meeting with Secretary of State Warren

Christopher and Anthony Lake, the national security adviser.

Rushdie, who has been in hiding for four years except for rare public appearances, requested the meeting, said White House spokesman Mark Giam.

The White House used the opportunity to demonstrate support for freedom of speech for "someone who has been the victim (of a) legiti-

mized death threat for something he has said and written," Giam said.

He said Clinton "just literally said 'Hello' to him."

On a previous visit, Rushdie was refused an audience he sought with Bush.

Rushdie surfaced unexpectedly at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Tuesday night to accept an honorary visiting professorship.



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Relief reaches afflicted

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Food convoys reached central Bosnia for the first time in a month Wednesday as the warring sides, at least for a day, kept their promises to let relief trucks pass unhindered.

Two convoys arrived in central Bosnia, and three more reached or were approaching Muslim enclaves in eastern Bosnia. In all, they carried more than 630 tons of desperately-needed food.

"Today has been a really good day, but we have to repeat today's success every day for the next five months," said Peter Kessler, a spokesman in Sarajevo for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees. Relief efforts have taken on extra urgency because of the early arrival of winter and a four-week gap in deliveries to central Bosnia. Convoys there were suspended Oct. 26 after a Danish driver of an aid truck was shot to death.

Blockage of aid has been used as a weapon by all sides in the 19-month-old war, which started when Serbs rebelled against a vote by Bosnia's Muslims and Croats to secede from Yugoslavia.

An estimated 2.7 million Bosnians are at risk from cold and starvation.

Bosnia's Institute of Public Health said Wednesday that 11 people had died of hunger or cold in the past week, including seven at a hospital for the mentally and physically disabled in Pazaric, 12 miles west of Sarajevo.

Kessler appealed to residents of central Bosnia for patience if they did not receive food immediately.

"More convoys will come," he said. "There's no need to be anxious."

The food from the convoys to central Bosnia will go mainly to Muslims.

Kessler said U.N. officials hope as many as 10 convoys can move into the region within a week — assuming the warring sides stick to their promises.

The leaders of Bosnia's Serbs, Croats and Muslim-led government agreed last week in Geneva to stop blocking relief convoys. Similar accords have collapsed in the past.

The biggest convoy, composed of 36 British army trucks, reached Zenica in central Bosnia after stopping in Vitez to unload 10 of the trucks. It used a major supply route that had been closed by the Bosnian Croat militia for nearly two weeks.

Driving in Russia: A (side) walk on the Wild Side

MOSCOW (AP) — The writer Nikolai Gogol noticed it 150 years ago. Comparing all of Russia to speeding horses, he said, "What Russian doesn't like fast driving?"

Some things never change, they just get worse.

For a glimpse of the chaos and class struggle of the new Russia, don't bother visiting the burned-out parliament building. Just take a drive down the crowded, potholed streets of Moscow.

Russia's rush to commerce has turned the sleepy boulevards of Soviet times into a honking, smog-belching free-for-all.

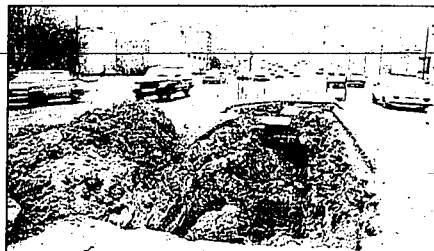
Legions of ordinary Russians in rusted Zhigulis, Ladas and Volgas enter the fray each day as gypsy-cab drivers — as a cross-town fare of a few thousand rubles (a few dollars) pays far more than most hourly wages.

Flatbed trucks with loads of bouncing cement blocks press their 5-foot-high tires against neighboring cars in what passes for "merging."

And cutting through them all with the boldness of ambulances are the BMW and Mercedes sedans of the newly rich. In St. Petersburg, traffic cops have had to ban the use of sirens and flashing lights by private cars. "This is what happens when society changes too fast," said Vadim Sokolov, an engineer-turned-gypsy-cab driver, waving his hand in dis-



The efforts of two elderly Moscow women to scramble over a railing and onto the sidewalk draws a chuckle from a passing boy. A small safety barricade in front of a huge hole in a busy Moscow street is typical of Russian construction work.



AP photos

gust at the creeping traffic around his lime-green Zhiguli on Moscow's major Garden Ring road.

"If more people were working instead of driving around doing nothing, this country would be a lot better off," said Sokolov, who quit his steady job to try to make more money.

Traffic planners, road crews and driving schools haven't kept up. Siberian-steepled potholes and the occasional open manhole turn engines to borsch, but drivers hardly slow down.

One city motorist was killed not long ago when his car fell into a "yama," or pothole, full of boiling water from a leaking pipe.

Some drivers try to flee by using the sidewalk, where it's easier to get up some speed so long as pedestrians are nimble.

Sidewalks also are popular for parking, just as the fast lanes of busy highways are choice for on-the-spot car repairs.

Not surprisingly, both the number and the severity of traffic accidents are up. In the first six months of this

year, there were 613 people killed on Moscow roads, up 10.8 percent from the same period last year. And 1992 was itself a record year for traffic deaths in the city, with 1,360 over 12 months.

And forget seat belts. Despite a buckle-up law, some drivers take offense if you reach for the belt.

Others have loosened it so it coils in your lap and slides off your shoulder at turns.

Headlights, too, are considered as useless as old ruble notes.

"The glare could get in someone's

eyes and cause an accident," explained Misha, another engineer who moonlights as a chauffeur, as he slammed into yet another pothole hidden in the dark.

Then there is Russia's passion for changing the Soviet-era names of streets and squares, rendering many maps obsolete.

Of course there are traffic police. They generally stand in the street and wave cars over apparently at random to check "documents." Some drivers say they pay a fine and never see a ticket.

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College defends use of cadavers

BONN, Germany (AP) — Chastised by the Vatican and under fire from the government, Heidelberg University promised Wednesday to prove it got relatives' consent to use cadavers in car crash tests partly financed by Washington.

The university and an American official defended the research as vital in the effort to make cars safer for the living.

The revelation that the bodies of 200 adults and eight children were used in car safety research since 1975 created a public uproar in Germany, a country sensitive to medical experiments because of those carried out by the Nazis.

Klaus von Trotha, research minister of Baden-Wuerttemberg state, where the university is located, stepped short of ordering a halt to the tests. But he told Heidelberg to deliver a comprehensive report on how many tests were conducted and to prove relatives gave permission for use of the corpses.

Drunks in Moscow succumb to winter

MOSCOW (AP) — Seven drunks have frozen to death on the streets of Moscow so far this month, the city's health department said Wednesday.

Eighteen others suffered frostbite but were picked up by ambulances in time to be treated. The seven who died were not homeless, said Igor Nadezhdin, a spokesman for the city medical directorate.

Nadezhdin said the number of drunks who have died from exposure was about average for the month, despite unusually cold weather.

World

Briefly

NAFTA good for Mexico, president says

MEXICO CITY — Mexico will be "a winner" under the North American Free Trade Act, President Carlos Salinas de Gortari told the country in a major television address.

Salinas said he looks forward to the implementation of the world's largest trade zone in January as the fruit of much hard negotiation between Mexico, Canada and the United States.

"However, we must not expect immediate and great change," he said Tuesday night, warning that NAFTA will only gradually eliminate barriers to most cross-border trade over 15 years.

NAFTA, which was ratified last week by the U.S. Congress, will phase out most trade barriers between the United States, Mexico and Canada over the next 15 years.

N. Korea accuses South of interfering

TOKYO — North Korea was silent Wednesday about President Clinton's overtures for better relations but accused South Korea of "trying to do harm to fellow countrymen" by interfering in its talks with Washington.

Clinton, speaking at a news conference Tuesday with South Korean President Kim Young Sam, offered a broad new relationship with the North if it complies with international laws against the spread of nuclear weapons.

The North's Korean Central News Agency, monitored in Tokyo, did not report any official response to Clinton's remarks today.

South Koreans, the North Korean news agency reported, were trying "to get something for themselves by putting the brake on ... talks ... for the solution of the nuclear problem on the Korean Peninsula."

Israelis kill opponent of PLO peace pact

JERUSALEM — Israeli forces shot dead the leader of the main guerrilla group opposing the Israeli-PLO peace pact in the Gaza Strip on Wednesday, the army said.

The army statement described Imad Aqal as "the most dangerous fugitive" in the Gaza Strip. He headed Izzedin el-Kassem, military wing of the fundamentalist Islamic Hamas organization.

Aqal huddled from a car paramilitary police had stopped at a roadblock in Gaza City, Israel radio said. He shot at police, and was felled by a hail of return fire, it said. A passenger escaped.

As the news of Aqal's death spread, a call went out from mosque loudspeakers calling for a general strike today in his memory.

German terrorist guilty of Haig attack

FRANKFURT, Germany — A German terrorist already serving a life sentence was convicted Wednesday in the 1979 bomb attack on former NATO commander Alexander Haig.

A Frankfurt court immediately sentenced Rolf Klemens Wagner to another life term. Wagner is a former member of the Red Army Faction, a leftist group responsible for a series of attacks on German and U.S. targets during the 1970s and 1980s.

The court found Wagner, 49, guilty on three counts of attempted murder in the June 25, 1979, attack on Haig's car in Belgium.

Haig, who later became U.S. secretary of state, escaped unhurt, but three bodyguards were injured. The bomb only damaged the back of the car that was carrying Haig, because the vehicle was moving fast.

Hunters rescued from major B.C. storm

FERNIE, British Columbia — Dozens of hunters were rescued from the Flathead Valley in southeastern British Columbia after a major snowstorm, authorities said Wednesday.

The hunters were stranded in sub-zero temperatures after more than three feet of snow fell overnight Sunday.

Forty or 50 hunters managed to shovel and drive their way out on a logging road Monday, said Royal Canadian Mounted Police Constable Denise Cecile. Police and emergency crews rescued another 20 hunters. Two other men were found trying to walk out of the woods. They suffered mild frostbite.

Police believe all the hunters have been rescued. However, they planned one more helicopter search Wednesday, Cecile said.

Refugees taken from Swedish convent

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — Refugees from Yugoslavia, Lebanon and Bangladesh wailed and cried as police loaded them onto a bus after a raid Wednesday at a state church convent.

Dozens of police officers moved into the convent after the government denied the foreigners' asylum requests. Police said 20 people were arrested, including eight children. Nuns at the convent put the number of arrests at 30, including 15 children.

Most of the foreigners were released by Wednesday night, said deputy police chief Bjorn Nordin in Uppsala, 40 miles north of Stockholm.

Compiled from wire reports

British boys convicted of murder

11-year-old pair will spend 'very many years' in detention

PRESTON, England (AP) — A jury convicted two schoolboys Wednesday of murdering 2-year-old James Bulger, a crime that shocked people worldwide because of its brutality and the age of the murderers.

The judge sentenced the 11-year-old boys, who lured James away from his mother while she bought sausages in a shopping mall, to indefinite detention — "very, very many years" — in a secure facility.

The defendants, Robert Thompson and Jon Venables, looked at the jury foreman but showed no reaction as he read the verdict. But both were sobbing when they were led out after sentencing.

"Yes," James' father, Ralph, said quietly when the verdict was read. The detective who directed the investigation went over to James' mother, Denise, kissed her on the cheek, and shook Ralph Bulger's hand.

Ray Matthews, James' favorite uncle, was heard saying: "How do you feel now, you little bastards?"

Both boys had pleaded innocent, despite one boy's confession and the other's admission that he witnessed James' death.

Once friends, the boys blamed each other for killing James.

By court order, the boys had been identified in news reports only as Child A and Child B. Following sentencing, Judge Michael Morland lifted the order that had forbidden naming Robert Thompson (Child A) and Jon Venables (Child B). Venables' parents were in court, and his father



Security cameras recorded the toddler taking the hand of an older boy and being led away from the shopping mall onto a busy street.

Those haunting last images of James, the brutality of the murder and the age of his accused killers, then 10, won the case international attention.

Sixty-one people remembered seeing James with two older boys that day. Many witnesses said they felt uneasy, but the few who intervened said the boys told them they were taking the toddler home or to a police station.

The defendants, who had skipped school on the day of the attack, did not testify.

The jury of nine men and three women heard much about the crime, but almost nothing about the motive, which was not an issue in the trial that began Nov. 1.

Prosecutors had to prove that the boys killed James and knew what they were doing was wrong.

"He said he felt like it," Thompson had told police abjuring his one-time friend. "He had a smirk on his mouth."

Venables told police that Thompson "was probably doing it for fun or something" and was "laughing his head off" as he battered James with bricks and an iron bar.

In 12 hours, 23 minutes of tapes that was the closest the prosecution came to answering the troubling question: "Why?"

"He has never explained why," attorney Laurence Lee said of his client, Venables. "We still haven't got a full story of what happened on the railway and will never get from him the truth of who did what."

The jury also found the boys guilty of abducting James. But jurors could not reach a verdict on a charge that the two boys also attempted to abduct a second child, and the charge was dropped.

Denise Bulger, mother of murdered toddler James Bulger, leaves Preston Crown Court Wednesday with her husband, Ralph, and an unidentified family member, slumped in his seat and covered his eyes when the verdict was read.

James suffered a violent and prolonged attack at the end of a 2½-mile walk across Liverpool on Feb. 12. He died of 30 blows from bricks, an iron bar, feet and fists.

Paint was poured on his face and his half-stripped body was left on a railroad track, where it was cut in half by a passing train.

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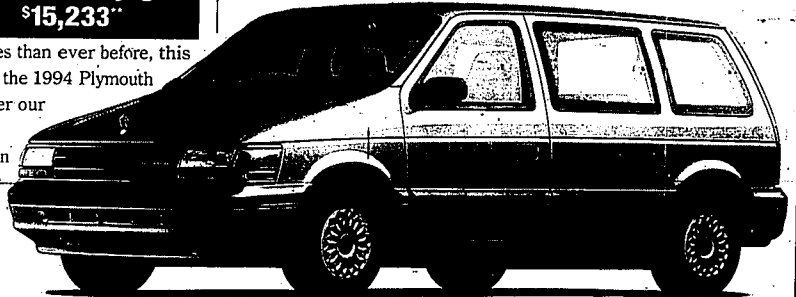
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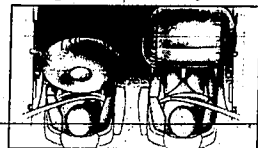
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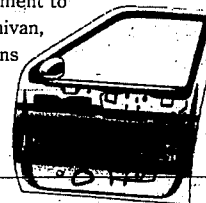
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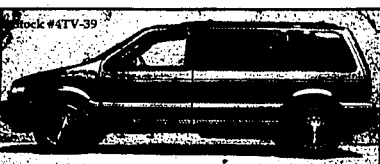


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A battle won - a war lost?

Union's move in American strike shows weakness, labor experts say

Briefly in business

OPEC won't reduce output to boost price

VIENNA, Austria — The world's leading oil producers decided Wednesday against reducing oil production in the coming months, gambling that demand would rise in winter and lift sagging prices.

OPEC Secretary-General Suwayd made the announcement after two days of talks that centered on whether restraining supplies would push up prices, which are now around three-year lows.

The 12-nation Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries was under pressure to further limit production beyond the current output ceiling of 24.5 million barrels a day for the October-March period. Before the talks ended, analysts had predicted a failure to curb production would send prices tumbling. Rumors that the group would not cut back caused prices to fall some if international markets Wednesday.

Judge's ruling gives lift to hostile bid for Paramont

WILMINGTON, Del. — Paramont Communications Inc.'s merger plans with Viacom Inc. absorbed a setback Wednesday as a Delaware judge stripped the entertainment concern of a key defense against hostile bidder QVC Network Inc.

In doing so, the judge faulted the Paramont board for its failure to meet with QVC before rejecting QVC's latest bid. The judge also struck down stock options awarded to Viacom stock as its friendly merger deal fell apart.

Paramont and its chosen partner Viacom announced plans to appeal the decision to the state Supreme Court in a hearing expected to be held Dec. 9. Paramont said it was "wrong on both the facts and the law."

If the ruling stands, it would give QVC chairman Barry Diller a better chance to compete with Viacom for Paramont.

Dow rises 13 in preholiday trading; factory orders help

NEW YORK — The Dow industrials rose 13 points to close at 3637 Wednesday in preholiday trading, helped in part by better-than-expected data on October durable-goods orders and a relatively stable U.S. Treasury bond market, and in part by good-sized gains in Dow components IBM, Caterpillar, and McDonald's.

Moreover, speculative fervor in the market was reinforced when a Delaware court ruled in favor of QVC Network Inc.'s attempt to invalidate parts of Viacom Inc.'s merger deal with Paramont Communications.

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Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — American Airlines' flight attendants have a right to crow about their victory in their short, bitter showdown with the company.

They put American on the defensive. They drew national attention to their cause. They got their jobs back. And they staved off American's threat to hire permanent replacements.

But that's the score at the end of Act 1. Act 2 hinges on the binding arbitration to which the union and company agreed Monday at the urging of President Clinton, and on another round of negotiations.

And the results of the talks and arbitration, say union officials and labor law experts, could erase the celebrations that erupted among the striking attendants when the decision by the company and union was announced.

"It's a roll of the dice, and the record on (arbitration) has not been very good," said Bob Kalaski, a spokesman in Washington for the International Association of Machinists, the union that has strongly opposed arbitration as a way to resolve contract disputes.

Unions traditionally dislike arbitration because they believe it robs them of the advantages of face-to-face negotiations and undermines the collective bargaining system.

"Bargaining is a situation of power and negotiating skill. Arbitration is not generally a power situation," explained Jim Gross, a professor at Cornell University's Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations.

Labor experts say the attendants saved their jobs while putting economic pressure on American by causing the airline to lose millions during their five-day walkout, but they also say the union's moves are more a sign of organized labor's weaknesses than its power.

The union slated an 11-day strike, explaining that if it stayed out any longer American would be able to bring in replacement workers.

"It underscores the fact that the picket line is not as effective as it once was," said a labor expert. "The union is in a dangerous place. You can be replaced," said Harley Shaiken, a labor expert at the University of California at Berkeley.

Indeed, experts say the union's decision to strike, the risk and strike American reflects



American Airlines flight attendants celebrate the end of their strike Monday against the Texas-based carrier. The sides agreed to binding arbitration, which some claim removes unions' use of power and negotiations.

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many workers' feelings of frustration and powerlessness and their need to somehow regain their footing.

"There is great alienation and anger. Couple that loss of faith in the employer with a

Factory orders increase

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Orders to factories for durable goods hit a record high in October, fresh evidence of modest improvement for U.S. manufacturing.

The government also reported better-than-expected news on jobs.

Ordered by customers for transportation orders, primarily aircraft and automobiles, overall orders jumped 2 percent to a seasonally adjusted \$135.8 billion, the Commerce Department said Wednesday. That broke the record of \$134.8 billion set in December 1988 and marked the third straight monthly gain.

Orders rose 1.1 percent in September, according to revised figures, even stronger than the department's 0.7 percent initial estimate. They were up 2.5 percent in August.

The broad October gain "shows the manufac-

turing sector is doing better than it was a few months ago," said Daryl Delano of Cahners Economics in Newton, Mass. "Even jobs are starting to look marginally better."

The industrial sector had declined through much of the first half of the year. But with the recent advances, orders during the first 10 months were 9.1 percent above the same period a year ago.

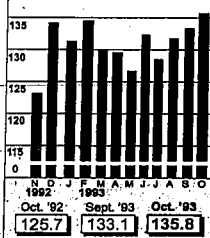
Commerce Secretary Ronald H. Brown said the latest report "is evidence that the turnaround triggered by lower interest rates is now spreading through the manufacturing sector of the economy."

The Labor Department, meanwhile, said the number of newly laid-off workers filing first-time applications for unemployment insurance rose 1,000 last week, to 339,000.

That was far fewer than the 7,000 that many analysts had expected.

Durable goods

New orders, billions of dollars, seasonally adjusted



Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce

Mortgage rates hit highest level since summer

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Thirty-year, fixed-rate mortgages averaged 7.31 percent this week, the highest in five months, the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. said Wednesday.

This week's average was up from 7.08 percent a week ago and the highest since rates averaged 7.34 percent during the week of July 24. The average hit a 25-year low of 6.74 percent last month, but has been above 7 percent for the last four weeks.

On one-year adjustable-rate mortgages, lenders were asking an average initial rate of 4.30 percent, up from 4.20 percent last week.

Markets

Dow-Jones

Stock	Change
Dow Jones	+13
S&P 500	+10
NASDAQ	+15

Most actives

Stock	Volume	Change
IBM	1,450,000	+2
Microsoft	3,370,000	+3
Intel	1,280,000	+1

Local interest

Company	Change
Abbott Labs	+1
Boeing	+2
Comcast	+1

Closing futures

Commodity	Change
Crude Oil	+0.12
Gold	+1.20
Wheat	+0.05

Beans

Commodity	Change
Soft White	+0.02
Soft Red	+0.01
Hard Red	+0.01

Grains

Commodity	Change
Wheat	+0.05
Corn	+0.02
Soybeans	+0.01

Potatoes/onions

Commodity	Change
White Potatoes	+0.01
Yellow Onions	+0.02
Red Onions	+0.01

Sugar

Commodity	Change
Raw Sugar	+0.01
Refined Sugar	+0.02

Livestock

Commodity	Change
Cattle	+0.02
Hogs	+0.01
Poultry	+0.01

CATTLE

Commodity	Change
Feeder Cattle	+0.02
Yearling Cattle	+0.01

POULTRY

Commodity	Change
Broilers	+0.01
Eggs	+0.02

POUR BELLE

Commodity	Change
Aluminum	+0.01
Copper	+0.02
Gold	+1.20

NATIONAL STOCK EXCHANGES

Exchange	Change
NASDAQ	+15
NYSE	+10
AMEX	+5

Metals

Commodity	Change
Aluminum	+0.01
Copper	+0.02
Gold	+1.20

NEW YORK (AP) —

Final Dow Jones averages for Nov. 24: DJIA 3624.58, S&P 500 1278.97, NASDAQ 2718.54. NYSE volume: 1.1 billion shares.

CHICAGO (AP) —

Final soybean futures trading on the Chicago Board of Trade: Soybean futures up 1/4 cent to 32 1/4.

NEW YORK (AP) —

Final futures trading on the Comex: Gold futures up 1/4 cent to 377.25.

NEW YORK (AP) —

Final futures trading on the London Metal Exchange: Aluminum up 1/4 cent to 1.0275.

NEW YORK (AP) —

Final futures trading on the London Metal Exchange: Copper up 1/4 cent to 1.0275.

Business

Bank mergers face minority lending test

By Jon E. Hilsenrath Knight-Ridder News Service

Analysis

WASHINGTON — Banks are facing an increasingly rigorous test of their minority lending records when they come to regulators for approval of mergers...

merger, banks with a poor record of lending to minorities are likely to have a tough time expanding operations through mergers.

In the most dramatic example of the new focus on lending to minorities, the Federal Reserve Board last week rejected a request by Shawmut National Corp. to buy a New Hampshire bank...

The rejection of the Shawmut merger was the third time this year the Fed has rejected a bank's expansion request because of inadequate lending to minorities in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods.

According to one of the Fed governors who voted against the Shawmut

While Lindsey played down reports that there had been a sea change in views at the Fed, he did acknowledge that regulators are increasingly likely to look at a bank's performance when

evaluating merger requests, rather than "future promises."

"If banks have had problems in the past with fair lending, then I think it is going to be a problem for them," Lindsey said.

The effort has been spearheaded by the Clinton administration, which has directed bank regulators to toughen their stance on discrimination in lending.

Lindsey's comments should be a clear signal to the industry that federal regulators are cracking down when it comes to enforcing fair lending laws.

As a governor of the independent Fed, he had been among the regulators most sympathetic to banks when regulators were called up to Congress to explain enforcement of fair lending laws.

Regulators have already announced that the Justice Department and the Department of Housing and Urban Development plan to pursue more

mortgage discrimination cases.

In addition, the Comptroller of the Currency is planning to send out undercover testers to banks; to check how minority loan applicants are treated when they present the same credentials as whites.

And in the coming weeks, regulators are expected to announce tough new rules enforcing the CRA.

The new rules will require banks to have similar market shares for loans in low- and moderate-income areas in their region as they have for other areas, Lindsey said.

Regulators also will evaluate bank investment in, and services to, low-income areas.

"I think we have a very aggressive program out there. I think it is going, for some banks, be quite a culture shock," Lindsey said.

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"This sounds like a step in the right direction," said Hal Ross, president of Mapes & Ross communications research.

Stock listings

New York

Table of stock listings for New York, including columns for stock symbols, prices, and other market data.

Labor

Continued from F1 was not as important an issue Tuesday for the Association of Professional Flight Attendants, which represents American pilots...

Any issues that cannot be worked out in bargaining will be submitted to binding arbitration, said Rob Chapman, an attorney for the attendants union.

While the company and union try to resolve the dispute, American officials say they expect the attendants to work under the contract imposed by the company Nov. 1.

The Fort Worth, Texas-based airline imposed the contract after a 30-day cooling-off period and after negotiations reached an impasse.

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Capital Improvements 140,012.76
Rodeo 44,645.52
Administration 7,081.48
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33-00073	08-06-1913	1.60
33-00074	04-01-1913	6.80
33-00075	10-15-1913	3.20
33-00076	04-01-1913	1.60
33-00080	05-01-1908	0.80
33-00081	05-01-1908	0.80
33-00082	05-01-1908	0.80
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Case No. CV93-3408.
NORMA PETERSON and LEE PETERSON, wife and husband
Plaintiffs

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Plaintiff

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Defendant
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS.

PROBATE Case No. NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the matter of the Estate of
CHARINE BEATRICE FENTON
Deceased

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said decedent are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Mick Hodges, Attorney at Law, at P.O. Box 2176, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-1185, or filed with the Court. Dated this 3rd day of November, 1993.

Mick Hodges
Personal Representative
c/o Mick Hodges, Esq.
P.O. Box 1198
Twin Falls, ID 83303.

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Tory Lee Johnson
Attorney for Plaintiff
PUBLISH: Thursday, November 25, December 2, 9 and 16, 1993.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said decedent are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Mick Hodges, Attorney at Law, at P.O. Box 2176, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-1185, or filed with the Court. Dated this 1st day of Nov, 1993.

Kathy Box
Personal Representative
PUBLISH: Thursday, November 11, 18 and 25, 1993.

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"Great play," gushed a victimized to the declarer. "You did it so smoothly that I never suspected I was being conned."

"Maybe you should have given it more thought," said a not so enthusiastic East.

If one looks at all four hands, the result will appear routine. The defenders will get a trump and the club ace, and the slam will fall by one trick. What did South do to sell West the Brooklyn bridge?

When West led a normal diamond Jack, South covered with dummy's queen. East covered as expected and South won his singleton ace. The play of dummy's diamond queen was diabolical. At the cost of "wasting" a useless card, South gave West a false picture of the hand.

After South entered dummy in spades to take the losing trump finesse, West tried to collect the setting trick in diamonds, and South sprang the trap. He ruffed, drew the missing trumps and discarded all of dummy's clubs on his long spades. Making six!

Why was East unimpressed by the "magnificent deception"? He asked why, if South had held a small diamond and the club ace, he had not cashed his club ace to try to lead clubs to a sure trick. The answer might have been in diamonds on dummy's K-Q of clubs.

NORTH 11-5-A
♦ Q 10 7 4
♥ K 8 7 4
♦ K Q 8

WEST
♦ 6 4
♥ 5 2 2
♦ J 10 9 5
♥ 9 6 4 3

EAST
♦ 5 3
♥ 4 2
♦ K 6 3 2
♥ A J 10 7 5

SOUTH
♦ K Q J 10 7 2
♥ A 3 9 7 5
♦ 2
♥ 2

Invitation to Bid
Sealed bids will be received by the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, at the office

BID WITH THE ACES JUNE 8

South holds:
♦ 5 3
♥ 4 2
♦ K 6 3 2
♥ A J 10 7 5

North ?
1 ♠

ANSWER: Two clubs. Do not muddy the waters by bidding one diamond. This hand is worth one forward move, and it's best to support clubs.

Send bridge questions to The Aces, P.O. Box 13863, Dallas, Texas 75213, with self-addressed, stamped envelope.

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Legals-Announcements-Employment-Fin-Instruction-Real Estate/Sale/Rent 101-620

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Continued THE STATE OF IDAHO, COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS...

LEGAL NOTICE

201 LOST & FOUND Found: Blue Heeler in Hofer...

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202 ADMINISTRATION/MANAGEMENT

EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING COUNSELOR... 209 RESTAURANT/LOUNGE...

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Food & beverage servers. Applying openings, Tue-Sat...

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Under financial duress? Concerned about business collapse?...

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202 ADULT CARE

Need live-in help for care of elderly man, must be able to cook and clean...

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Food equipment operator for dairy farm. Must have good equipment operations skills...

204 CHILD CARE

KIDS GALORE DAY CARE: openings for full time, all ages, Monday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Injection molding technician/foreman, night shift. Must have strong mechanical aptitude...

216 EMPLOYMENT

AMERICAN TEMPORARY AGENCY: We can help you with your temporary, seasonal, PT...

502 HOMES FOR SALE

1 mile E Hogarden, house, garage, on 6.2 acres, Fish Evans, 337-4915...

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12x65, 3 bdrm, 1 1/2 bath, floor in, living dining rm with new carpet...

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Request a Zoning District Change and Zoning Map Amendment from R-4 and R-6 density to R-4D density...

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Ask me how to lose weight and eat what you love... 736-2521...

205 MEDICAL

CARE GIVERS: Must be good motivator, organized, possess a willingness to expand your horizons...

212 TRADE

Ambitious, Responsible individual needed to install water heaters...

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Five 5 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath homes, 320 Center E. Kimberly, Family room, 2 fireplace, sprinkler...

520 REAL ESTATE SERVICES

1st & 2nd mortgages, home equity loans, bid assistance...

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113 CHILD CARE SERVICES

Affordable quality daycare. Includes infants & toddlers. Call: 324-5440...

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 2-20 month old geldings, Doc Bar and Flying Bob breeding. Call 544-7525.
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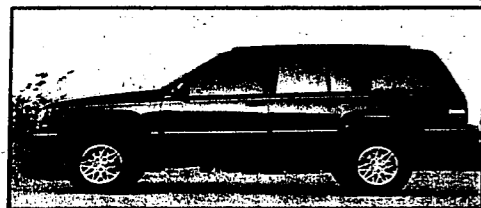
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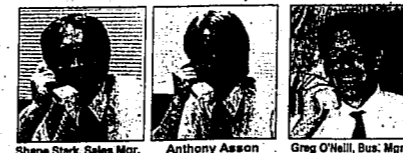
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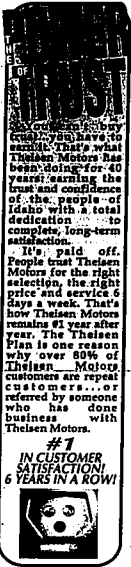
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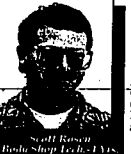
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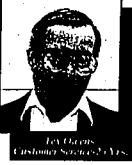
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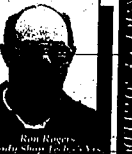
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Focus: JFK

THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY November 22, 1963



"Oh my God, they have shot my husband"

—First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy

The rifle

Using the alias "A. Hidell," Oswald purchased a 6.5 millimeter Mannlicher-Carcano rifle and scope by mail-order for \$21.45 eight months before the assassination. In April he fired six missive notes to Army Gen. Edwin Walker.

Walker's Dallas office found Oswald's name on a list of names under Wood County, Texas, in Dallas. Oswald was found in the Dallas area in 1963. Oswald was found in the Dallas area in 1963. Oswald was found in the Dallas area in 1963.

President Kennedy's trip to Dallas on this fatal day was part of a political errand designed at once to shore up his chances in the big state in the 1964 presidential elections, and to aid the re-election chances of liberal Texas Sen. Ralph Yarborough. Kennedy had barely won Texas in 1960. The journey had been under consideration for a year and was publicized by Dallas papers Sept. 13. A month later, Lee Harvey Oswald got a job at the Texas School Book Depository. Three days before the assassination, Dallas papers ran detailed maps of the motorcade route, showing it passing by the depository.

The horrifying scene that unfolded in Dealey Plaza at 12:30 p.m. was intensified by the presence of First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy. Her cry of "Oh my God, they have shot my husband!" reported minutes after the shooting, was the first indication to the outside world that Kennedy had been hit. And her shaken appearance in Washington beside her husband's casket, with her dress smeared with blood, shocked the nation.

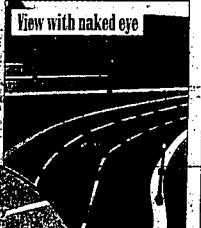
Attention remained riveted on Kennedy and on his solemn and sublime funeral rites over the next two days. But in the 30 years since, the focus has returned to Dealey Plaza and the many questions that surround the assassination. Many conspiracy theories have been debunked. But the concern that conspirators were responsible — and got away with it — remains.

CHRONOLOGY

- 11:40 a.m.: Kennedy arrives Dallas' Love Field.
- 11:50 a.m.: Motorcade starts.
- 12:30 p.m.: President's limousine turns onto Elm St. and Kennedy is shot.
- 12:33 p.m.: Oswald leaves Texas School Book Depository, passes Robert MacNeil of NBC.
- 1:00 p.m.: Kennedy declared dead at Parkland Hospital.
- 1:15 p.m.: Oswald murders Officer J.D. Tippit.
- 1:22 p.m.: Oswald's rifle found.
- 1:50 p.m.: Oswald seized after scuffle in Texas Theater.
- 2:15 p.m.: President's casket loaded onto Air Force One.
- 2:38 p.m.: Johnson sworn in as president on the plane.
- Sunday, Nov. 24, 1963
- 11:21 p.m.: Jack Ruby shoots Oswald, televised on NBC.
- 1:07 p.m.: Oswald dies at Parkland Hospital.



Lee Harvey Oswald

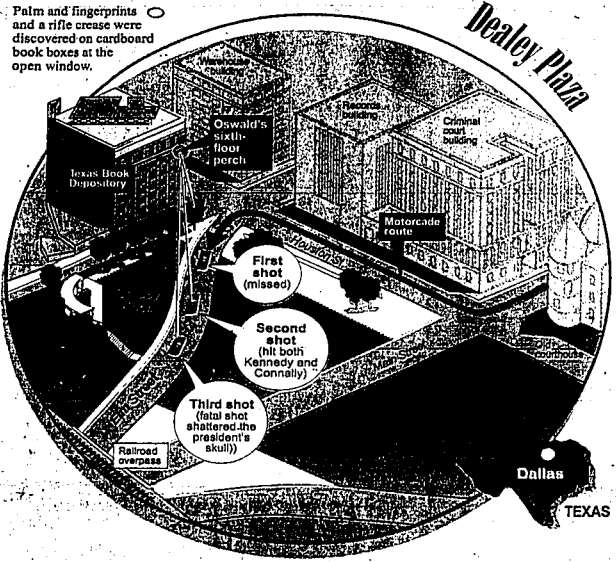


Palm and fingerprints and a rifle crease were discovered on cardboard book boxes at the open window.

THREE SHOTS

No clear audio tape of the assassination exists. But many witnesses, including reporters, police, and secret service agents, testified to three shots. A Dallas radio reporter had a tape, later crased, indicating three shots. The Warren

Commission said two hit: the first passed through JFK's neck and Gov. Connally's chest and wrist, lodging in his thigh; the second struck Kennedy, fatally, in the head.

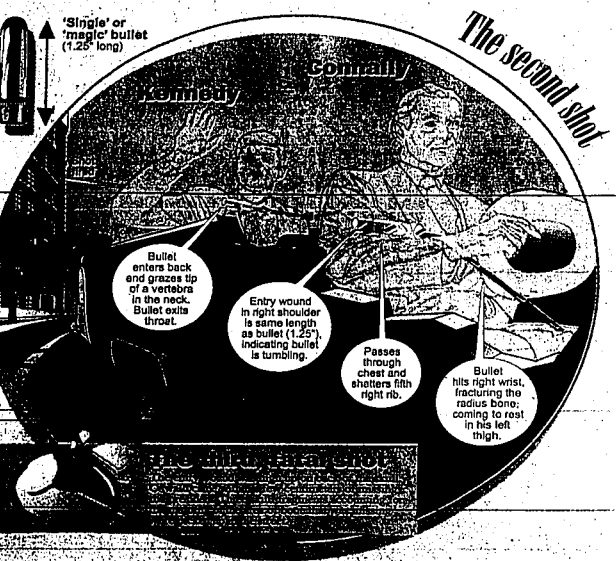


THE WOUNDS

Kennedy's neck wound was judged to be non-fatal. Much debate has centered on this first "single bullet" and whether it could have done so much damage

to two men without becoming badly deformed. Conspiracy theorists also say fatal head shot came from front-right, not from book depository. Several

independent studies have supported single-bullet theory and confirmed that head shot came from rear.



The limo

Modified 1961 Lincoln Continental convertible limousine, D.C. plate No. GG 300. Bullet damage to the inside-front windshield helped support arguments that Kennedy was shot from behind. Lack of bullet damage elsewhere in interior supported single-bullet theory.



Three ejected bullet casing were found on the floor of Oswald's perch. A fourth bullet was found still in the shooting chamber.

KEY THEORIES

Oswald and the KGB

The Soviet KGB monitored Oswald's presence beginning with his decision in 1959 to renounce U.S. citizenship. A 1992 investigation on Oswald's KGB file found no traces of a Soviet agent. Soviet psychologists who examined Oswald came to same conclusion: Oswald's American counterparts: he was dangerous and unstable.

The lunchroom debate

Conspiracy theorists argue Oswald could not have walked from sixth-floor sniper's nest to the second-floor lunchroom in the 1 minute, 31 seconds between shooting and moment when Dallas motorcycle policeman Martin Baker briefly detained him. Warren Commission reconstruction of scene confirmed Oswald could have covered distance in under that time.

The puff of smoke

Of 178 witnesses in Dealey Plaza whose statements were reviewed in 1978 by House Assassinations Committee, 12 percent said shots came from grassy knoll. A few claim to have seen puff of smoke rising from knoll. Supporters of the Warren Commission point out that modern gunpowder is smokeless.

Sources: The Warren Report; Kennedy and Lincoln, Medical & Ballistic Comparisons of Their Assassinations, Dr. J. K. Lattimer; Case Closed, Lee Harvey Oswald and the Assassination of JFK, Gerald Posner; Six Seconds in Dallas, Joseph Thompson; Reasonable Doubt, An Investigation into the Assassination of John F. Kennedy, Henry Hurt

Focus: JFK

Why millions think there was more to it than Oswald

WASHINGTON (AP) — The mob did it. Fidel Castro did it. The KGB did it. The right wing did it. The left wing did it.

The government did it. Thirty years after the murder of John F. Kennedy, most Americans think that someone other than Lee Harvey Oswald killed Kennedy. Or they think Oswald had helpers, never apprehended, in a plot that's never been investigated.

They reject the Warren Commission's conclusion that Oswald was a warped loner who acted alone, without the knowledge of anyone else.

If the Kennedy family itself accepts the commission's conclusion, why is it so widely doubted? Even Bill Clinton and Al Gore told reporters last year that they doubted the official version.

A week after the assassination, a Gallup Poll said only 29 percent of Americans believed that Oswald alone killed JFK. In a 1988 poll, only 13 percent thought Oswald was responsible.

And a poll conducted for The Associated Press earlier this month found that the majority of people still reject Oswald as the sole culprit. Fewer than 15 percent said he acted alone.

One reason for the skepticism is obvious: the case is so implausible. Consider:

A 19-year-old former Marine defects to the Soviet Union at the height of the Cold War and marries a Russian woman. Three years after his defection, Soviet authorities allow him to return to this country. He drifts to Dallas and on the day that the president is to visit, he is able to sneak a rifle into his work place, overlooking the route of the presidential motorcade.

He fires three shots in short order, killing the president and wounding Texas Gov. John Connally. Then, despite the intense scrutiny that accompanies any president, he gets away from the murder scene on foot.

But he is arrested and jailed. Two days later, while being transferred from one jail to another, a night manager with ties to the mob manages to get into the jail with a gun and to kill Oswald.

It seemed preposterous 30 years ago, it seems preposterous still. Small wonder the intense scrutiny of small it remains beyond belief.

And that's not all. The official commission created to investigate the murder made mistakes of its own, starting with the way it conducted the investigation.



Jack Ruby, right, kills Lee Harvey Oswald Nov. 24, 1963, at a Dallas police station, thus eliminating forever the chance for the man accused of killing President Kennedy to tell his story.

Instead of hiring independent investigators, the Warren Commission depended on the work of the CIA and the FBI, the very agencies that some saw as part of the conspiracy.

And when the House Select Committee on Assassinations restudied the Kennedy case in 1979, it concluded that the slaying "probably" was the result of a plot. But having decided that, it disbanded. No government body followed up.

The writer of a recent best seller that finds fault with the Warren Commission's work but endorses its fundamental conclusion points to an additional factor to account for the skepticism.

Oswald never was put on trial. Because of that, said Gerald Posner, author of "Case Closed," the American adversarial system of justice — in which two sides lay their cases before a neutral judge or jury — was denied the opportunity to work.

Compare Oswald's fate to that of James Earl Ray, who was brought to court in the murder of Martin Luther King Jr. and pleaded guilty. Ray subsequently wrote a book asserting that he was part of a conspiracy.

"But we don't pay him much heed because Ray had his day in court," Posner said.

"Oswald never had that 'day.' If he were sitting in jail today and saying there was a conspiracy, some people might listen to him, but it would not be the same," Posner said.

And beyond that, there have been scores of books making the case for one conspiracy or another. Until Posner came along, few people were making the radio talk show rounds arguing that Oswald alone was the villain.

Distrust of the government runs strong and feeds the skepticism, said Tulane University psychologist Fred Koening.

"People believe in things that fit their world view," he said, "and conspiracy theories fit their world view that you can't trust the government." (His own view: "Oswald did it and that's that.")

The sense that a massive conspiracy and cover-up existed was reinforced for the millions who saw the 1991 Oliver Stone movie, "JFK." Its theme was that the military-industrial complex, fearful that Kennedy would withdraw from the Vietnam and ruin business for the

arms makers, hatched the plot.

Those who believe a conspiracy existed may not agree on the nature of the plot, but they find it ludicrous even to ask why people believe in conspiracy theories.

"The short answer is that they have reason to believe that," said David Wrono, a history professor who teaches a course on the Kennedy assassination (and who believes, "We don't know what happened to President Kennedy and no one in the government does either.")

Finally, there is this philosophical reason for people to grasp at conspiracy theories: The mind rebels at the thought that so enormous a crime could be committed by so puny a criminal.

William Manchester, the historian who wrote the Kennedy family sanctioned book about the killing, put it this way:

"If you put six million dead Jews on one side of a scale and on the other side put the Nazi regime — the greatest gang of criminals ever to seize control of a modern state — you have a rough balance: greatest crime, greatest criminals. But if you put the murdered

Poll: Truth of Kennedy killing remains hidden

NEW YORK (AP) — After 30 years of investigations and re-examinations of the death of President Kennedy, just 12 percent of the American people believe they have been told the whole truth, according to an Associated Press poll.

Seven in 10 suspect a conspiracy, and those who were young on Nov. 22, 1963, are especially likely to be among the 82 percent who believe the truth has not been told. In keeping with many recent polls that show Americans suspicious and distrustful toward government, 78 percent think there was an official cover-up.

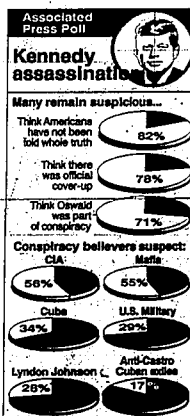
There are other reasons why the truth could have been obscured: sloppiness by the Warren Commission investigators, a lack of hard evidence, a desire to close a wound to the national psyche. But the poll shows the public suspicions lean heavily toward conspiracy theories.

While 15 percent accept the Warren Commission conclusion that Lee Harvey Oswald was the lone assassin, 71 percent in the poll think Oswald was part of a conspiracy. That's a much more conspiracy-minded tilt than the 48 percent to 29 percent result for the same question in an AP poll 15 years ago.

The rest of the respondents in both polls were unsure — a percentage that is not growing as the years pass. One striking finding about the AP poll, taken by phone Nov. 5-9, is that adults who were unborn or toddlers when the assassination occurred were even more likely than elders to have an opinion.

ICR Survey Research Group of Media, Pa., part of AUS Consultants, polled 1,026 adults. Results have a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

For the 71 percent who said Oswald was part of a conspiracy, the poll posed a list of organizations



and individuals that have been mentioned by theorists.

Fifty-six percent of the conspiracy believers said the CIA or the Mafia was involved. The other suspects were the Cuban government, 34 percent; American military leaders, 29 percent; President Lyndon Johnson, 28 percent; anti-Castro Cuban exiles, 17 percent; and the Dallas police, 16 percent.

To better understand the breadth of these suspicions, the percentages also can be figured as a share of all respondents. In that case, CIA-or-Mafia involvement was suspected by 39 percent of all Americans — conspiracy believers, Warren Commission admirers, those who glaze over at talk of single-bullet theories — everyone.

president of the United States on one side of a scale and that wretched wail Oswald on the other side, it doesn't balance. You want to add something weightier to Oswald.

It would invest the president's death with meaning, endowing him with martyrdom. "He would have died for something."

Passage of time adds detail, no real change

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the two days after a rifle's crack shattered the festive tableau of a presidential motorcade, the anatomy of the Kennedy assassination emerged.

And after 30 years of investigating, it remains essentially unchanged. Extensive probing by government commissions, private sleuths, and experts in forensics, acoustics, metallurgy and the mob have added tremendous breadth to our understanding of the case.

But that vast record tells us surprisingly little that wasn't known in the frenzied 48 hours after the crime.

To the police and FBI, Lee Harvey Oswald appeared to be a lone shooter. They had his gun, his bullets, his palm prints, a few eyewitnesses who actually saw him fire the shots from his sixth-floor perch, and an open-and-shut case on his killing of Dallas Patrolman J.D. Tippit later that same day.

They also knew they had a potential conspiracy case on their hands. There were persistent claims of shots coming from the grassy knoll. There were Oswald's communist ties. And there was his murder at the hands of a shady Dallas nightclub owner named Jack Ruby with links to the mob.

"It was a good shooter investigation," said Notre Dame law Professor G. Robert Blakey, chief counsel to the House Select Committee on Assassinations. "Within 30 hours we knew with roughly the same degree of certainty what we know now after 30 years. Oswald shot the man, he fired three times, hit him twice. That's true beyond a reasonable doubt. The sticky question is: Alone or with someone else?"

Investigators swiftly developed the single-gunner portrait of the case. At 2:45 p.m. Dallas time, 15 minutes after the assassination, a Dallas Police dispatcher, using information provided by eyewitness Howard Brennan, broke into Channel One with the following alert: "At Elm and Houston, reported to be an unknown white male, approximately 30, slender build, height five feet 10 inches, 165 pounds."

In the next 65 minutes, police found the Mannlicher-Caro semiautomatic rifle, the three spent cartridges, and Oswald's palm print on a box by the sixth-floor window of the Texas School Book Depository. At about the same point police in Dealey Plaza learned that Oswald was the only de-

pository employee missing from the building, patrolmen were closing in on Oswald in the Texas Theater after his slaying of Tippit.

Questions about a conspiracy developed with equal speed. Seconds after the assassination, a policeman in the motorcade ran his motorcycle onto the curb and ran up the grassy knoll looking for a shooter. An hour later, in a news conference at Parkland Hospital after the announcement of Kennedy's death, Dr. Malcolm Perry said the nonfatal wound in Kennedy's throat may have been the point of entry for the bullet. The remark raised questions about whether Kennedy was shot from the front-and-rear simultaneously.

The research conducted over the next three decades tended to do one of two things: support the single-gunner case by disproving various conspiracy allegations; or add tantalizing detail — but no solid scenario — to those pursuing the conspiracy case.

Here are some of the key developments: • Sept. 24, 1964: The Warren Commission releases its report arguing that Oswald acted alone. It taps extensive physical, documentary, and eyewitness evidence, but finds no clear motive for the killer.

• 1966: Publication of the first major critiques of the Warren Report. "Whiteash" by Harold Weisberg, "Rush to Judgement" by Mark Lane, and "Inquest" by Edward Jay Epstein challenge the theory that a single bullet went through Kennedy's neck and into Texas Gov. John Connally, and the validity of other evidence.

• 1967: Josiah Thompson publishes "Six Seconds in Dallas" using Za-

pruder film to argue JFK was shot from the front-right, not the rear.

• March 7, 1967: Jack Anderson column reveals a CIA-mob plot to kill Cuban leader Fidel Castro and raises speculation that Castro ordered Oswald, a Cuban sympathizer, to kill JFK.

• 1968: A panel appointed by Attorney General Ramsey Clark concludes JFK was shot from behind. It is first of several forensic panels that will support the original autopsy.

• 1975: A House subcommittee reports that the FBI destroyed a note from Oswald to a Dallas agent delivered weeks before the assassination, raising questions about whether the agency concealed other information.

• March 1975: Geraldo Rivera airs the Zapruder film for first time on national television. The apparent move-

ment of president's head to the left stirs conspiracy theories.

• 1976: Dr. Luis Alvarez, a Nobel Prize-winning physicist, publishes a study explaining how a shot from the rear could account for Kennedy's head movement to the left.

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President John F. Kennedy is slumped in the back seat of his car after being shot Nov. 22, 1963. Jacqueline Kennedy leans over the president with a Secret Service agent nearby.

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Kennedy legacy changed but enduring

HYANNISPORT, Mass. (AP) — Ed Cliggott has stood guard — literally and figuratively — over the Kennedy legacy.

As a policeman, he manned the entrance to the Kennedy compound. Then he became a teacher, answering President John F. Kennedy's call to public service.

But that was long ago. These days, Cliggott has trouble conveying JFK's impact to his young students.

"I've found it impossible to relate to my kids the feeling of those three years," said Cliggott. "The kids know the celebrity aspect of it. I don't think they understand the idealism."

Even in this community so long associated with John F. Kennedy, his image has begun to blur three decades after his presidency ended with an assassination that shocked and riveted the world.

"I've heard JFK was such a great president, but we weren't there," said Megan Ough, 16, a student in Cliggott's honors class in U.S. history. "To us, the way he died is the only thing that makes him different."

"When a president gets assassinated, you only hear about the good things," she said. "Then there are all the movies and the books and everything. It's kind of confusing."

Indeed, considerably more has been alleged about Kennedy in the last 30 years than was widely known during his lifetime, when by contemporary accounts he was perceived as far above the baser vices.

The re-examination more or less began with Chappaquiddick, which raised questions about the judgment of U.S. Sen. Edward M. Kennedy and whispers about the libido of his brothers.

Then there were accounts of affairs with Marilyn Monroe and Judith Exner, said to have been the mistress of mobster Sam Giancana as well. And tell-alls about Jacques

line Kennedy Onassis, once the sainted queen of Camelot.

Others asked: Did someone ghost-write Kennedy's Pulitzer Prize-winning book "Profiles in Courage"? Did the Kennedy administration disguise a lackluster performance behind brilliant public relations?

A rape charge against Kennedy's nephew, William Kennedy Smith, further strained the family's esteem though he was acquitted.

Time, too, has dimmed the glow of Camelot.

Larry Newman, a friend and neighbor of the Kennedys, said the buses that still clog the narrow streets of picturesque Hyannisport bear older people or foreign tourists — not young Americans — who hope to glimpse the famous compound.

They get only a view of the fence that surrounds the three main houses and the rolling lawn that fronts the harbor.

"Most of the young people today really have no idea who he was or what he was about, because it's a long time ago," said Newman. "They don't know what happened the day before yesterday, never mind 30 years ago."

"Between his assassination and Bobby's assassination and the war in Vietnam, America has changed completely," Newman said. "We're a great deal more cynical."

Perhaps the greatest evidence of the alarm about preserving Kennedy's memory is in Boston's JFK museum, which has been revamped to make its subject relevant to people who do not remember Kennedy.

Among the changes: the addition of interactive computers, 25 new videos and a replica of "Main Street, 1960," along which JFK might have campaigned.

Kennedy's daughter, Caroline, noted when the new museum was opened last



Barnstable High School teacher Ed Cliggott worked as a policeman guarding the Kennedy family at their Hyannisport, Mass., compound. He now teaches his students about the JFK era.

month that most of its visitors were not yet born when he was president. But those who are old enough — and especially those who knew him — have no need for such a reminder. "My recollection of him is of a charming, intelligent and extremely effective man, who had one qualification: He was always interesting," said John Kenneth Galbraith, an economist and JFK adviser. "You never came away from Kennedy without some fresh insight. Kennedy had a wonderful capacity to say what most people merely think."

As for the dark histories of the Kennedy years: "I take it for granted that if somebody is writing another book about Kennedy, they have to say or invent something different," said Galbraith.

Others, less noted, feel the same way. "I like to believe the good in people and I try to forget the bad," said 63-year-old Pauline Johnson, a retiree who visited a dry and otherwise deserted JFK memorial fountain near Hyannisport this month.

"I get a little upset when I start to see these books," said Nalbert Teron, a retired

firefighter browsing through a Kennedy exhibit that was opened last year in Hyannis by the Chamber of Commerce.

"Why now? Why 30 years later do they have to come out with this stuff? If you take all the things he was accused of doing, the man would have had to be 150 years old," he said, standing amidst the JFK coffee mugs, tote bags and refrigerator magnets in the Hyannis exhibition's gift shop.

"The point is," he said, "that people don't forget him."

Test JFK assassination theories for yourself Details

NEW YORK (AP) — A new software company has started selling a program that allows ordinary people to closely examine films and documents from the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Medio Multimedia Inc. rushed to finish the \$60 compact disc program so it could be sold around Monday's 30th anniversary of the event.

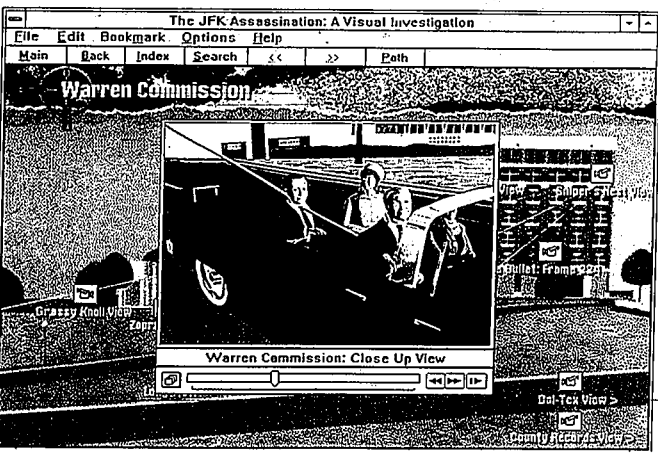
Called "JFK Assassination: A Visual Investigation," the program contains four films of the shooting, including the famous Zapruder film; 850 pages of findings of the Warren Commission investigation; the text of "Crossfire," a book by conspiracy author Jim Marrs, and 22 precisely-scaled animations that allow a person to assess different theories of bullet trajectories.

The product is an example of the growing power of multimedia CDs in personal computers. The discs hold hundreds of times more information than regular floppy disks, allowing better graphics, sound and video.

Author Gerald Posner used multimedia PCs for research and animation in writing his recently-published book "Case Closed," which concludes that Lee Harvey Oswald was the only assassin.

Although he hasn't seen Medio's product, Posner said, "I'm a big believer that you don't have to be deep into the case to still find value in information presented this way."

The designers of "JFK Assassination: A Visual Investigation" said



This is a sample screen from a computer program called "JFK Assassination: A Visual Investigation," by Medio Multimedia Inc. they tried to present an objective view. "What we tried to do is compile information that was not easily available elsewhere," said Raphael Laderman, a New York software developer who created the program. He said he was conscious of the potential to create an exploitative product but, with the exception of the Zapruder film, there are no bloody scenes in the program.

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• 1979: The House Select Committee on Assassinations supports much of Warren Report but says acoustical evidence from a dictabelt tape indicates a second gunman on the grassy knoll fired at Kennedy and missed. Its report says the mob had "means, motive and opportunity" to execute plot.

• Oct. 4, 1981: Oswald's body is exhumed and through dental records, confirmed to be Oswald, laying to rest theories of a double or an impostor.

• 1982: A panel of 12 scientists headed by Harvard Professor Norman Ramsey finds the acoustical evidence cited by the House select committee "seriously flawed." The dictabelt contains "cross talk" indicating that the pulses examined by the House were not gunshots.

• February 1992: Researchers examining Dallas Police files find that "three tramps," long thought to have been conspirators involved in the assassination, had been arrested and were, in fact, tramps who were sleeping in a box-car at the time of the slaying.

• 1992: Frank Ragan, attorney who had represented Hoffa, says that Hoffa ordered JFK killed and

that he conveyed the order to Marcello and Trafficante. Some question Ragan's veracity and accuse him of trying to pump up sales of a book.

• August 1992: The Russian newspaper Izvestia reports that the Soviet KGB never recruited Oswald to be an agent or to assassinate Kennedy during the period beginning in Oct. 1959 when Oswald lived in the Soviet Union.

• August 1993: Oswald's CIA file made public at National Archives; material provides new detail on his mental condition and violent tendencies.

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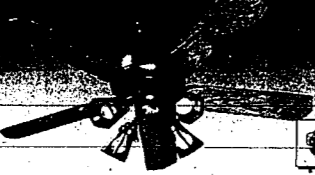
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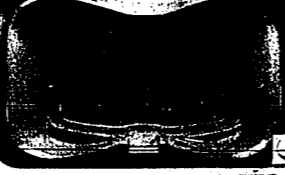
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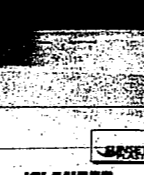
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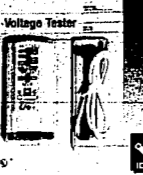
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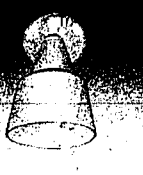
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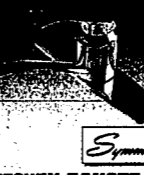
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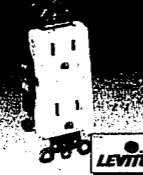
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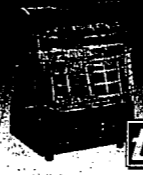
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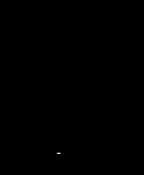
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Focus: JFK

30 years after, we still ask: Who killed JFK?

By Mike Cochran
The Associated Press

DALLAS — In death as in life, John Connally could not escape the echoes of gunfire 30 years ago in Dealey Plaza.

As the former Texas governor lay in state in Austin this summer, researchers were demanding bullet fragments from his body. They insisted tests would prove President John F. Kennedy's slaying was the result of a conspiracy.

"It's an appalling attempt to capitalize on Governor Connally's death to gain publicity for worn-out theories," said Julian Read, a Connally confidant.

The attempt failed. The fragments from the horror of November 1963 were buried with Connally. But the theories were not.

Indeed, they have never been more pronounced than today, as a generation of Americans born after the assassination reaches adulthood.

It is almost as if the trauma of Kennedy's death and the memory of his Camelot cannot compete with the clamor about conspiracy.

The question these three decades later, it seems, is not "Who was JFK?"

It is "Who killed JFK?"

A beautiful day

The sky was overcast that Friday morning, but the autumn sun melted away the chill and the cloud cover as Air Force One made the short hop from Fort Worth to Dallas' Love Field.

It was Nov. 22, 1963.

At the urging of local politicians, Kennedy ordered the reflective glass shields atop the presidential limousine removed.

"We can't have you hiding from the people," one official complained.

And, after all, politics had brought the president to Texas, a pivotal and welcome state in his 1964 re-election plans.

Huge, enthusiastic crowds greeted the motorcade. Kennedy, his wife Jackie at his side, smiled and waved from the back seat. Up front, John and Nellie Connally beamed at the Texas welcome.

Just before 12:30 p.m., the motorcade slipped out of the glass and steel canyons of downtown and zigzagged toward Elm Street and a drab, seven-story brick building.

Moments before the limousine reached the Texas School Book Depository, Mrs. Connally turned to Kennedy. And in one of the ironies of history, she said, "No one can say Dallas doesn't love and respect you, Mr. President."

"You sure can't," he replied. The first shot sounded like a firecracker. The second and third shots were unmistakably gunfire.

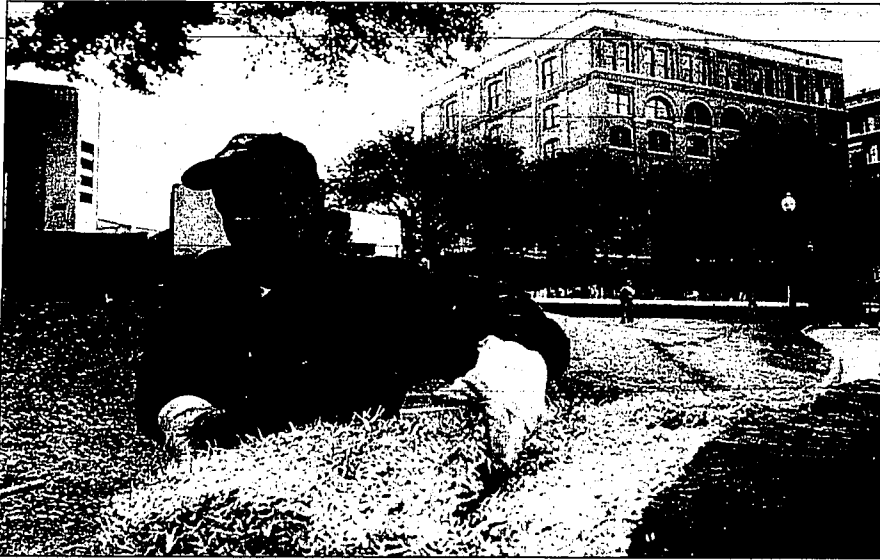
The controversy starts

In 1964, the Warren Commission concluded that three shots were fired on the motorcade; all from the depository building's sixth floor and all by Lee Harvey Oswald.

Soon, however, the first wave of conspiracy buffs were arguing over how many shots were fired, from where and by whom. The grassy knoll next to the book warehouse would become, as one writer called it, "an elevation on the American landscape as prominent as Mount Rushmore."

Significantly, no one reported seeing a second gunman that day, and virtually everyone reported hearing no more than three shots.

Even so, the Warren Report came under attack almost immediately, and a zealous district attorney in New Orleans launched an investigation that eventually resulted in the



Dallas city worker Marcus Strong prepares to resod the grassy knoll in front of the Texas Schoolbook Depository at Dealey Plaza. Lee Harvey Oswald reportedly fired at the President Kennedy from the sixth-floor, second-from-the-corner window of the building.

only criminal trial connected to the bloodshed in Dallas.

Jim Garrison prosecuted businessman Clay Shaw on conspiracy charges in a trial that included 34 days of testimony and less than an hour of jury deliberations. After the acquittal, Garrison arrested Shaw for perjury, but the courts dismissed the case, branding it outrageous and inexcusable persecution.

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Unconvinced

But so many, still, refuse to believe. Partly, it's because Kennedy's death was such a consuming event; partly, it's because in subsequent years — during Vietnam, throughout the Watergate scandal, at so many other junctures — the government lied.

Under pressure from researchers, journalists and Congress, the federal government released some 900,000 Kennedy-related documents in August, the largest single disclosure ever. National archivists assembled the "Kennedy collection" from such sources as the CIA, the House Select Committee on Assassinations and the Warren Commission.

In addition, the City of Dallas opened its long-secret files on the assassination at the behest of a city councilman.

In both cases, the stacks of material contained intriguing gems of trivia, but no bombshells. But it's not just in the airless warren of government files that the fascination with the events of Nov. 22, 1963, continues.

The 1990 feature film "JFK," which ingrained the Zapruder images on a new generation, had a cinematic subplot for everyone — and was nominated for a Best Picture Academy Award.

As expected, a new flurry of books and television specials appeared for this year's 30th anniversary. Among the offerings were the NBC movie "Fatal Deception," Ma-

rina Oswald's story, and a PBS "Frontline" project devoted to her husband. A favorite tour stop in Dallas now is The Sixth Floor, a museum located, appropriately, in the Texas School Book Depository.

The Dallas County Historical Foundation overrode the city's collective sense of shame and opened the exhibit in 1989.

It was an instant hit, and already has attracted more than 1.5 million visitors — many drawn to the eerie sniper's nest in the sixth floor's southeast corner.

And the JFK Assassination Information Center remains open in Dallas as a commercial, conspiracy-fa-

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— Stephen Ambrose, presidential biographer

sive proliferation of theories and disturbed by profiteering, members of the Kennedy family have remained largely away from the conspiracy spotlight.

Instead, they focus on the slain president's confidence, optimism and inspiration, his contributions to the space program, the Peace Corps and civil rights, his courage during the Cuban missile crisis.

President Clinton, flanked by Kennedy's cousin, grandson of the slain president in such words while helping dedicate the remodeled JFK Library last month in Boston.

"The 21st century can be our century if we approach it with the vigor, the determination, the wisdom and the sheer confidence and joy of life that John Kennedy brought to America in 1960," Clinton said.

The library contains a new section on the assassination, but the museum clearly is aimed at memorializing Kennedy's life and not the tragic way he died.

"Of all he did, my brother would take the highest pride in the legions of young Americans he inspired and whose lives he touched and changed," Edward Kennedy said through an aide.

More than anything else, the senator said, President Kennedy gave the nation a revival of spirit.

"He brought us a belief that we were equal to any challenge, that the greatest challenge of all was to be faithful to our best ideals — and with courage he led us in a time where one false step could have doomed the world itself."

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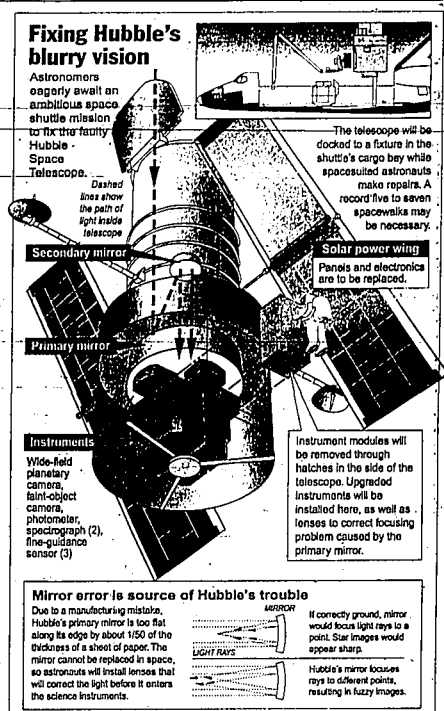
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Focus



Dr. Fixit
 NASA astronaut Story Musgrave (left) trains in the clean room at Johnson Space Center's Weightlessness Environment Training Facility rehearsing for the Hubble Space Telescope repair mission that will be launched from the Shuttle Endeavour next month. Musgrave and other astronauts will be working to correct Hubble's blurry vision.



From farm fields to orbit

Hubble mechanic wears many hats: Surgeon, pilot, mathematician

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP)—More than a half century ago, on a 1,000-acre dairy farm in the Berkshire Hills of Massachusetts, a 5-year-old boy learned the art of tractor repair. Know your tools. Know your machine. Keep it going — improvise, if need be.

"I got used to tools and wrenches. I got used to making do, keeping things running," he says now. "I really think that kind of making do when you're that young, it's a learning you get and you never forget it."

"So here I am now, working with Hubble."

"Here I am, a Hubble mechanic."

Story Musgrave — 58-year-old astronaut, surgeon, mathematician, computer analyst, pilot, paramechist, ex-Marine, student of the humanities and metaphysics, believer in intelligent life in outer space — is about to tackle the biggest repair job of his life.

He talks freely of his belief in "life forms out there that are millions, hundreds of millions of years older than us that are incredibly tuned to things" and how he tries to communicate with them when he's in space.

"I've got nothing to lose," he explains. "While I'm circling around out there, I'm not going to be there for long."

'...the night before launch, I go down and I lie in the ocean and look at the stars and I see some satellites going overhead and I say 'Tomorrow you're going to be one of those.'

No one imagined so many repairs would be needed so soon.

NASA launched the celebrated \$1.5 billion telescope in April 1990. Two months later, the space agency suffered one of the greatest embarrassments in its 30-some years — the telescope was found to have an improperly ground mirror that blurred its view of extremely distant objects.

Other problems followed: Gyroscopes broke, solar panels sputtered, magnetometers faltered, computer memory boards failed.

Major surgery was needed. Musgrave was put in charge early last year. Musgrave and three other experienced spacewalkers will go out in pairs to work on Hubble, at least five and perhaps seven times. They plan to insert corrective lenses, about the size of a phone booth, install a new camera and replace as many defective parts as possible. The pressure is intense. Musgrave says this mission has put "more weight on my shoulders" than any other. He's tried to deflect pressure from his crewmates.

"If somebody from up above is going to whip on somebody, they can whip on me," Musgrave says, his words soft and slow, as always, but firm.

He adds: "I don't think you can whip me."

Musgrave refuses to define mission success, or failure.

"I'm not an accountant. I don't work that way. I do NOT work that way," he insists. "I know other people do. Other people have to set criteria. They need to draw a line: if these things get done it's a success. When I get back, then I will say whether I considered it a success or not."

Musgrave and the other spacewalkers — Jeffrey Hoffman, Musgrave's partner, and Tom Akers and Kathryn Thornton — have spent nearly 400 hours underwater, training for the spacewalks, and as much if not more time in the gym and at home building up their muscles.

Musgrave is seldom without a small rubber ball, constantly squeezing it to strengthen his hands, which bear the brunt of spacewalk work. A hand injury nearly cost him the mission; his fingers were frostbitten while testing Hubble tools inside a frigid vacuum chamber at Johnson Space Center last May.

Seventeen years separate Musgrave and Thornton, the youngest Hubble spacewalker at 41. And eight years separate him and the oldest spacewalker to date — cosmonaut Gennady Strekalov, who stepped outside Russia's Mir station at age 50 three years ago.

But Musgrave is in prime condition

— he is 5-foot-10, 152 pounds, and runs, scuba dives and goes soaring. And age, he says, assists the spacewalker.

"As things get more and more complex, experience counts for more and more. It is not a simple task that requires some brute force or some simply instinctual reaction," he says.

"Thirty is not the prime of life. Neither is 40 or 50. I'm still looking for it. Things are still getting better."

Twice-divorced and currently single, Musgrave lives with one of his five children, 29-year-old Holly. His house is just two miles from the Johnson Space Center in Houston, where work days sometimes last from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

He considers space his calling, even though "there's a myriad of paths I could have taken in life and had a glorious time" and even though it's a dangerous business.

He figures he'll probably die on the job "one way or the other."

"You know, the night before a launch, I go down and I lie in the ocean and look at the stars and I see some satellites going overhead and I say, 'Tomorrow you're going to be one of those. See that streak? That's that you-

Mirror error is source of Hubble's trouble

Due to a manufacturing mistake, Hubble's primary mirror is too flat along its edge by about 1/50th of the thickness of a sheet of paper. The mirror cannot be replaced in space, so astronauts will install lenses that will correct the light before it enters the science instruments.

If correctly ground, mirror would focus light rays to a point. Star images would appear sharp.

Hubble's mirror focuses rays to different points, resulting in fuzzy images.

When the space shuttle Endeavour lifts off Dec. 1, Musgrave will be its payload commander and chief spacewalker. His mission: to fix the Hubble Space Telescope's nearsightedness and other malades.

Over the course of the 11-day flight, he will become only the third person in the world to fly in space at least five times, the first person to fly five times on a space shuttle; the oldest person to take a spacewalk.

Not bad for a high school dropout.

But then, Musgrave is, and always has been, as unconventional as his name. Story is a family name, is actually his middle name. No one, not even his parents, ever called him by his real first name — Franklin.

This is no stolid, stoic exemplar of the Right Stuff. Musgrave admits to being terrified at liftoff. "Riding the solids (solid rocket boosters) is tough. It's very, very scary for me."

He mucks up academic degrees even faster than he racks up missions. He has two bachelor's, three master's, including one in literature earned in 1987, and a doctorate in medicine. For relaxation, he studies the humanities at the University of Houston at Clear Lake.

— Hubble mechanic
 Story Musgrave

there, I try whatever ways I can to get them to come down here and get me.

"You know, I'm a realist. The probabilities are incredibly slim. But what is the greatest thing that could possibly happen to me? In my wildest dreams, the greatest thing that I could do is to have something come down out from there and go take a space ride with them."

If this sounds like the commander of the starship Enterprise, Capt. Jean-Luc Picard, or on the television series "Star Trek: The Next Generation," Musgrave and Picard share one other attribute: Both are completely bald.

"People make the comparison "all the time," he says, unperturbed.

Musgrave left high school before there was a space program, quitting St. Mark's School in Southborough, Mass., in 1953 just weeks before graduation to join the Marines.

That led to airplane mechanics, flying, college, medical school and, ultimately, NASA. Along the way, he received his St. Mark's diploma.

He was among 11 men chosen as astronauts in 1967, six years after the first man flew in space and two years before the first men walked on the moon.

He helped design Skylab. He helped design shuttle spacewalking gear — in fact, he made the first shuttle spacewalk in 1983.

And he helped to ensure that the Hubble Space Telescope would be spacewalker-friendly, so that once it was in orbit astronauts could visit every few years and make repairs and improvements.

morrow."

"And I look over and see the xenon lights on the vehicle, or I go by early in the morning if I've got a night launch and watch the fog drifting over that thing. I tell myself, 'Hey, you're never going to do this again.' And I cannot accept that."

"I cannot give it up. I cannot walk away."

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Repair trip will feature spacewalks
 The Associated Press

Here is a brief look at the Hubble Space Telescope repair mission:

WHEN: Shuttle Endeavour is scheduled to blast off at 2:57 a.m. MST, Dec. 1.

WHERE: Endeavour will rendezvous with Hubble about 360 miles above Earth.

WHO: Seven astronauts are assigned to the mission, six Americans and a Swiss. Each has flown in space before.

SPACEWALKS: A record five to seven spacewalks are planned for Hubble repairs, each lasting about six hours. No U.S. space mission, to date, has had more than four spacewalks.

SPACEWALKERS: Four astronauts are divided into two teams of two, taking turns going out. Each has spacewalked before.

SPACEWALK SEQUENCE: Spacewalks begin on flight day four, one day after Hubble is captured with the shuttle robot arm and secured in the cargo bay, and continue through at least flight day eight. Hubble is released by the robot arm after the last spacewalk.

FLIGHT DURATION: The mission is supposed to last 11 days and end with a nighttime landing at Kennedy Space Center.

WHAT'S NEXT: If all the key Hubble components are installed, the next Hubble service call will be in 1997. If not, NASA plans another repair mission in six to 12 months.

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Yellowstone biologists charge cover-up at park

Los Angeles Times

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK — With its boiling mudpots and gaseous eruptions, the volatile landscape of the nation's oldest national park has sparked scientific curiosity for well over a century. And just as the earliest accounts of strange natural phenomena raised eyebrows, some of the more unsettling reports these days are provoking debate and dissension. Recently, two respected biologists, employed by the U.S. Park Service on separate assignments, charged that their work was suppressed because it cast doubt on the wisdom of longstanding government policies toward wildlife in and around Yellowstone.

Wildlife expert David Mattson said he was the target of "harassment and intimidation," his notes seized and computer files deleted when he challenged official claims that the grizzly bear population, listed as a threatened species for nearly 20 years, was making a recovery.

Plant ecologist Richard Keigley said he was transferred from his research site and prevented from publishing a paper that questioned the park's 25-year commitment to natural regulation — a theory that holds that Yellowstone is a self-regulating environment where plants and animals regenerate without human intervention. Keigley believes the park's northern forests may perish if humans don't step in to reduce an increasingly destructive elk herd.

The work of both men has implications beyond Yellowstone. When his research was cut short, Mattson was working on a new method of estimating population growth among bears in the wild — a task that has confounded biologists for years. Keigley's work supports the case for killing wild herbivores in order to save some Western forests from being brought to death. Park officials acknowledge difficulties with the two scientists, but say the trouble has nothing to do with their research being controversial. They said Keigley was reassigned because he ignored his original

research assignment. Mattson, they said, simply had a falling out with his immediate superior. "It is hard for me to see any of this as some sort of scandalous cover-up, when the Park Service is one of the biggest publishers around of dissenting scientists," said John Varley, the director of Yellowstone's Center for Resources and head of the park's science staff for the past 10 years. However, the issues raised by Mattson and Keigley give new life

'The Park Service has hung doggedly to research that tends to support what they are doing. People ... come along with a different view of things and tend to get in trouble.'

— biologist Frederic Wagner

to a controversy that has raged for years over the issue of scientific independence. Critics argue that the only science encouraged in the National Park Service is science that serves the political agendas of policy-makers.

"The Park Service has hung doggedly to research that tends to support what they are doing," said biologist Frederic Wagner, associate dean of natural resources at Utah State University and the editor of a new study that deals extensively with science at the parks. "People like Keigley and Mattson come along with a different view of things and tend to get in trouble."

Variations on Wagner's argument have been made repeatedly in the past. Reports by the National Academy of Science twice have urged the Park Service to give its scientists more room to conduct independent research. A study by the National Parks and Conservation Association, a nonprofit group that raises money and promotes legislation on behalf of the parks, made a similar recommendation last year, as did a panel of experts commissioned by the Park Service to critique the job it was doing.

Yellowstone has been a lightning rod for criticism since the early 1970s. Nearly 200 grizzly bears died then after park officials ignored the warnings of biologists John and

Frank Craighead and shut down park dumps that bears had been feeding from for years.

After the Craigheads accused the park of under-reporting the number of bears that had died, officials refused to renew their permit to do research in Yellowstone.

Public indignation over the loss of the bears helped launch a movement in 1975 to declare the grizzly a "threatened species," providing the animals with new protection under

the Endangered Species Act, but not ending the debate over how best to accommodate the large and fearsome predator.

Much of today's discussion revolves around how much room the bears need to re-establish a healthy population. During the past 200 years, the grizzly's numbers have shrunk from around 100,000 to well under 1,000. They now are confined mainly to isolated pockets, including Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks and nearby national forests in Montana, Wyoming and Idaho.

Because a single bear typically ranges over hundreds of miles to meet its seasonal dietary needs, the future survival of park bears depends, in part, on available habitat in adjacent wilderness areas. But with a growing human population along with the demand for wilderness access by miners, ranchers and timber companies, the struggle to preserve grizzly habitat has become highly politicized.

Mattson, 39, who has worked with the Craigheads and is widely regarded as one of the country's most knowledgeable grizzly experts, argues that the bears must have more space to survive. His most controversial contribution to the debate over habitat is a study maintaining that, contrary to official claims, the grizzly population in and around Yellowstone is declining.

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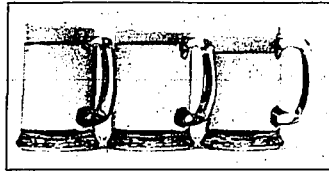
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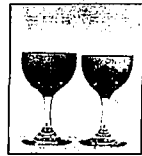
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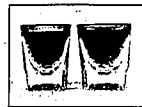
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	100	120	140	160	180	200	220		240
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2	.06	.05	.05	.04	.04	.04	.03	.03	
3	.08	.07	.07	.06	.06	.05	.05	MOST LIKELY	
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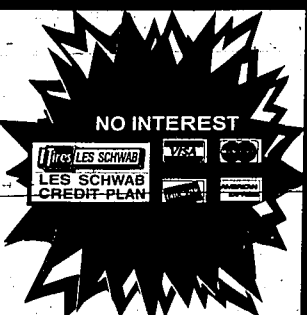
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Giving Thanks

Thankful for what they almost lost

The Associated Press

In a nation that usually celebrates its bounty, some Americans are grateful this Thanksgiving for the things they almost lost.

Michael Durant and Robert P. Casey almost lost their lives. Keith Meinhold almost lost his career. Antoine Miller and John Demjanjuk almost their freedom. Linda Leigh gave up many of the Earth's delights, and then regained them.

Together, they may represent the Thanksgiving of tough times, a throwback to the holiday's origins. These are not the well-fed Americans of plenty; these people share a closer kinship with the Pilgrims, who gave their most fervent thanks on that first Thanksgiving for having survived at all.

But long before the Mayflower, the Roman philosopher Seneca knew the mark of hardship: "The good things which belong to prosperity are to be wished," he said, "but the good things that belong to adversity are to be admired."

CLARKSVILLE, Tenn. — Michael Durant sat stiffly in an easy chair, beside his fireplace, holding his year-old son and contemplating things he took for granted before his Army helicopter was shot down in Somalia.

For 11 days last month, Durant, 32, was held in a small, dirty room in Mogadishu and endured the blinding pain of a leg bone and back vertebra shattered when his Black Hawk helicopter crashed on Oct. 3. A mob beat him and paraded him before jubilant anti-American crowds.

"I was sure I would die," Durant said. "When that mob started coming, I was pretty sure that that was going to be it."

In captivity, he said, it became clear what meant the most to him: his wife, Lorrrie, 27, and their toddler, Joey.

"I thought of three things I wanted to experience just one more time in my life. One of them was the smell of Lorrrie's hair," he said. "There were others. A kiss from his son. The smell-of-newly-mown grass."

"Later on, I thought about how nice it would be to have Christmas at home again with the family," he said.

All of these things were returned to him. So many relatives and friends are coming to visit on Thanksgiving Day that the Clarksville church the Durants attend will lend them its fellowship hall. And he will get his wish to be home for Christmas, too. His hometown, Berlin, N.H., will mark his return with a parade.

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Bob Casey lost his heart and liver in June. Six months later, he can look back at all that he has gained — an outpouring of good wishes from thousands of strangers.

The Pennsylvania governor suffers from amyloidosis, a rare genetic disorder. His liver produced an abnormal protein that built up in his organs, weakening them; his heart, doctors said, was as big as a telephone and could have stopped at any moment.

The transplant operation took 13 hours. He survived, and soon found that he had friends he never knew.

Casey and his wife, Ellen, received more than 3,000 get-well greetings — cards, letters, prayers, children's drawings. Suddenly, they felt like they were part of one, large, extended family.

"The prayers and expressions of support and encouragement ... sustained us in our most difficult days," Casey said.

Now, the 61-year-old Casey hopes to return to work in the new year. And he celebrates a Thanksgiving he would never have seen, but for an organ donor and the efforts of a team of surgeons.

"We're thankful that we have each other, and a wonderful, supportive family," Casey said. "And we're especially thankful for the caring and compassionate spirit of the American people."

PALO ALTO, Calif. — Keith Meinhold says he is thankful for two things — one of them expected, one of them surprising.

First, there's his "family," a group of some two dozen gay and lesbian friends and their straight relatives who gather each year at this time.

Then, there's the Navy — the same branch of the service that tried to eject him when he disclosed his homosexuality on national television. A federal judge later ordered him returned to work, though the case is being appealed.

The Navy, Meinhold says, gave him the means to get out of the small Florida town where he grew up, and provided a future and a career.

"I really do love the Navy," said the one-time high school dropout who wears his uniform or red, white and blue sweaters when he's interviewed.

When he decided to enlist, Meinhold said, "I was a 17-year-old kid going nowhere."

"They fed me, clothed me, gave me an education and, most importantly, they gave me self-respect, which I didn't have," he said.

Meinhold, a popular sonar instructor aboard submarine hunters, soon will transfer with his unit to a base near Seattle. He plans to retire from the Navy in six years, go to law school, and then run for Congress.

Someday, he says, he plans to become Secretary of the Navy or Defense.

LOS ANGELES — For Gwen Mayfield, the greatest joy of Thanksgiving is that one seat at the family table will be filled.

Her 21-year-old son, Antoine Miller, had been charged with attempted murder in the attack on trucker Reginald Denny during the Los Angeles riots. He faced a life term; prosecutors argued that by opening the door to Denny's cab, he was an accessory to others who tried to kill Denny.

"Antoine was my only child for 20 years, and to think they'd take my baby away for life" Mayfield said. She paused. "We did a lot of praying, and God said this time it won't go down that way."

Miller received probation Nov. 9 after two co-defendants, Damian Williams and Henry Watson, were acquitted of trying to kill Denny.

The baby-faced Miller had a tough upbringing in South Central Los Angeles. He never knew his father, and he was raised by his maternal grandparents. As a teen, he saw his grandmother shoot his grandfather to death.

Then came the riots, 17 months in jail, and freedom. He's not ready yet to talk about it all, but he is looking for work. If that fails, he'll go back to school, his mother said.

Thursday, then, will bring a quiet family dinner.

"I think I'm the most blessed mother that I know," she said. "We're just going to have dinner together and praise God. Antoine doesn't need a lot of excitement right now."

SEVEN HILLS, Ohio — For the first time in at least seven years, John Demjanjuk will spend Thanksgiving with his entire family.

The 73-year-old retired autoworker spent the last seven years in an Israeli prison, fighting charges that he was "Ivan the Terrible," a sadistic Nazi guard who helped kill Jews at the Treblinka concentration camp in Poland during World War II.

The Israeli Supreme Court overturned his conviction and death sentence after ruling that evidence suggested another man was the real Ivan. He was freed two months ago, but U.S. government says it will try to deport him, and Jewish activists continue to picket his house.

Still, there is rejoicing in the Demjanjuk household.

"I don't think I've had a feeling of satisfaction like I do for this Thanksgiving, because we will be sitting all together as one family," said his son-in-law, Ed Nishnic.

His father isn't speaking publicly; he is likely to spend at least part of the holiday playing with his grandchildren.

"It's great to see him getting to know his grandchildren," said his son-in-law, Ed Nishnic. "I didn't want my children to grow up reading in history books that their grandfather was this Nazi beast."

ORACLE, Ariz. — No one took Linda Leigh's friends or food away, or depleted her oxygen. She accepted these things voluntarily.

The 42-year-old botanist celebrated the past two Thanksgivings in the sealed ecological laboratory of Biosphere 2. Her two-year stay ended Sept. 26, and now she's out — and grateful.

"The things I'm thankful for are very basic," Leigh said.

"I'm glad to be out ... to have completed this, thankful to have had so much support from so many people," she said. "I'm thankful for the opportunity of having done it."

Inside Biosphere 2, oxygen levels dropped continually, sapping some crew members' strength, and two cloudy winters hampered food production to the point that a full stomach wasn't always a given.

For friendship beyond-the-crew, Leigh and her seven colleagues had to reach out by phone or computer network. She'll spend this holiday in Los Angeles meeting friends she made electronically.

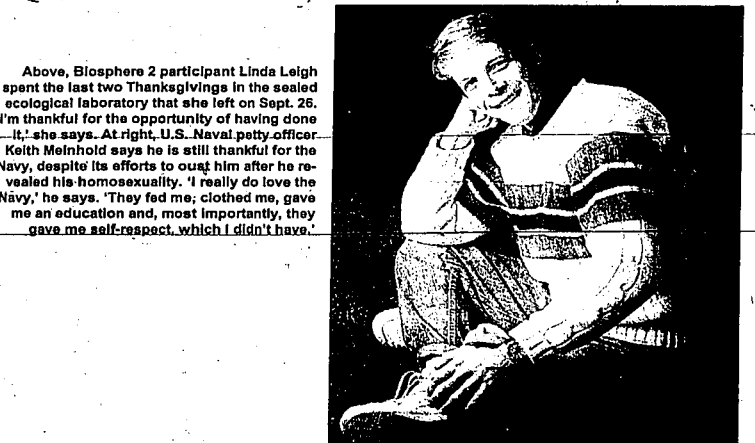
She says it all made her realize how much she, and each of the many others she takes for granted on Biosphere 1 — all the Earth.

"That experience of coming face-to-face with what makes us live is something I feel very thankful for," Leigh said.

"These are very basic things that let us live, and in that sense it almost sounds like a kindergarten kid saying 'I'm thankful for life,' but in a sense that's what I'm saying."



Above, Michael Durant, captured in Somalia after his Blackhawk helicopter was shot down over Mogadishu, is looking forward to spending Thanksgiving and Christmas with his family, which includes his wife, Lorrrie, and son, Joey. ... I thought about how nice it would be to have Christmas at home again with the family.



Above, Biosphere 2 participant Linda Leigh spent the last two Thanksgivings in the sealed ecological laboratory that she left on Sept. 26. I'm thankful for the opportunity of having done it," she says. At right, U.S. Naval petty officer Keith Meinhold says he is still thankful for the Navy, despite its efforts to oust him after he revealed his homosexuality. 'I really do love the Navy,' he says. 'They fed me, clothed me, gave me an education and, most importantly, they gave me self-respect, which I didn't have.'

Focus

Toys, Toys, Toys

No holiday megahits, but barking dogs, babies on wheels are hot Christmas gifts

NEW YORK (AP) — The sounds of Christmas may be a little peculiar this year — along with bells and carols, there'll be dogs barking at TV sets and the crash of baby walkers bumping into the furniture.

There'll be that guffaw again, the one that delights children and makes parents cringe.

These are the sounds of the hottest toys this Christmas, some of the dolls, stuffed animals and action figures that are the heart of the U.S. toy industry.

Once again, there's no megahit. Fads of the magnitude of Cabbage Patch Kids during the mid-1980s seem to have gone out with the recession and slow recovery.

But a range of toys will do well. "After weak sales through most of the year, (the industry) will end on a strong note," said Paul Valentine, who tracks toy companies for Standard & Poor's Corp.

Traditional toys will be big sellers even with the continuing popularity of video games. Many Christmas wish lists will have toy animals, including a dog and a bear with high-tech gadgetry under cuddly, plush exteriors.

Yes Entertainment, a company founded by Donald Kingsnorth, who once headed Teddy Ruxpin creator Worlds of Wonder, offers Toy Teddy, a Ruxpinesque bear who watches videos and offers comments on them such as, "Finding out things together is fun."

Teddy's rival among toy TV critics is Toby Terrier, made by Tiger Electronics. Toby also watches TV but barks in response to the videos he sees because of an electronic sensor attached to his collar.

Toby and Teddy are selling well, said Jim Silver, publisher of The Toy Book, a trade publication. Which toy parents buy may depend on price — Toby lists for less than Teddy — but it also may depend on whether a child prefers watching TV with an ursine or canine companion.

Dinosaurs, from the guffawing Barney to Kenner's more frightening Jurassic Park figures, continue to be big sellers. Plus versions of Barney come in talking and silent versions, and companies are also selling games, compact discs and other products based on him and his TV show.

Animals are the basis of one of the most popular toys for girls, Littlest Pet Shop by Kenner, one of Hasbro's divisions. The line features small animals, even lizards, and accessories like cages.

This year's doll theme seems to be babies in walkers, Mattel's Baby Walk 'N Roll and Tyco's Giggles 'N Go, purportedly inspired by the hawking baby in Dupont carpet commercials. "I look like those two will compete (to be) the hot doll," Silver said.

Mattel's Barbie still reigns supreme. Her new house is expected to be a big item, as is Tyco's Falk-

ing Family Dollhouse, which contains computer chips that allow inhabitants to converse.

Some hits of recent years are fading somewhat.

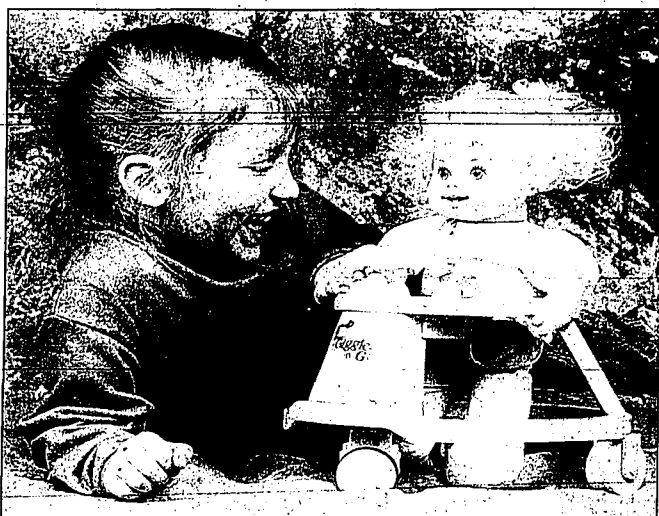
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, though still popular, no longer dominate the market for action figures, opening this category up for other manufacturers. The hottest action figures this year are Mighty Morphin Power Rangers, a line based on a TV show and made by Bandai America.

Valentine said the Rangers are selling out and some parents may be hard-pressed to find them. Also doing well are the X-Men, action figures from Toy Biz, and the Star Trek line from Playmates, the company that makes the Turtles.

Silver said video game sales are expected to exceed \$1 billion, partly because of popular software like "Mortal Kombat," a martial arts game.

While many parents have been worried about kids becoming hooked on video games, they may be heartened by a resurgence in activity toys — toys that children use to make things.

The manufacturer Toymax has revived Creepy Crawlers and Vec-U-Former, toys from the 1960s that made bug and bodies for racing cars and monster trucks. Both toys — perhaps aided by the fond memories of baby boomer parents — are selling well, Silver said.



Danielle Roussos, 4, plays with Tyco's new Baby Giggles 'N Go in New York. Baby Giggles 'N Go is expected to be one of the best-selling dolls this Christmas.

Picking the right toys tricky, but worth the effort

Knight-Ridder News Service

LEXINGTON, Ky. — When Kathy Waller buys Christmas toys for her 7-year-old daughter, Ashley, she considers it an investment worthy of careful consideration.

After all, purchasing toys can get expensive. For example, she bought a doll for Ashley called Samantha from The American Girls Collection for about \$90. And she plans to buy another doll from the collection.

"This is something that will last and keep, and she could pass onto her children," Waller said.

But to invest wisely in toys during the holidays, do some homework first, compare prices, start early and don't overspend, experts said. Experts suggested this as the shoppers' mantra: The best toys might not be heavily advertised.

"A lot of products have a good concept, but you need something a product appropriate for their age and some-thing that grabs their attention," said Tom Kerr, editor of Early Childhood News, which ranks the top new toys each year.

Most toy companies have been through a rough year because of sluggish retail sales and competition from video games, said Paul Valentine, toy analyst for Standard & Poor's Corp.

But Valentine said new products this year should boost toy sales 5 percent over last Christmas. Dinosaurs will be far from extinct.

The hottest of the new toys, Valentine said, will be the Mighty Morphin Power Rangers from Bandai America. The action figures are based on a TV show in which teenagers are empowered with the spirits of dinosaurs. The toys cost about \$10 each.

Because of the toy's popularity, retailers said, the Mighty Morphin might be difficult to find. There are also talking Barneys such as the \$35 version for ages 3 and older from Playskool. Squeeze or hug the 18-inch-tall doll and he'll speak.

One of the dolls Valentine expects to sell briskly is the award-winning, a product appropriate for their age and some-thing that grabs their attention," said Tom Kerr, editor of Early Childhood News, which ranks the top new toys each year.



Rajib Ghosh looks at a Mighty Morphin Power Rangers power gun/sword at Toys R Us in New York. Toys based on the Power Rangers TV show are among this year's hottest sellers.

Toys can be dangerous, group says

Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Something as innocent as a toy pirate's sword or a beloved dinosaur sleeping bag could injure or kill a child if misused, a toy safety watchdog group warned on Thursday.

The Institute for Injury Reduction, a group of trial attorneys, physicians and consumer advocates, held news conferences in West Palm Beach and Washington to highlight toys it deems dangerous.

Among the toys: a \$19.99 bow-and-arrow set that can puncture an apple and the \$22.99 Barney Slumber Bag Comforter, which officials in West Palm Beach set ablaze for reporters.

"Suppose a child is going to be in

there," said Pedro Garcia, a pediatrician, as a child smokes a rose from the tiny blue comforter. "That burns like that, and what if the child doesn't have an adult to help him out?"

There were 30 toy-related deaths nationwide between January 1992 and Sept. 30, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

Retail toy sales were \$17 billion last year, according to institute statistics.

The report said consumers should watch out for toys with small parts or cords that could cause choking or strangulation, toys with sharp edges or projectiles, flammable toys and toy chests with lids that slam down.

The Toy Manufacturers of America, a trade association of U.S. toy companies, blasted the report, saying most of

the 33 toys listed are safe, no longer for sale, already designated unsafe by the federal government or not toys at all.

"The purpose of all of these (toy watchdog) groups is to frighten parents about perfectly safe toys ...," the trade group said in a written statement.

Institute for Injury Reduction officials also took aim at the Consumer Product Safety Commission, saying the federal agency lacks the staffing and the drive to ban dangerous toys.

Safety commission spokesman Ken Giles defended the agency's record. Last year, the agency recalled 185 toys. "We have worked on toy safety for 20 years."

Here's a list of top-notch toys

Knight-Ridder News Service

The Oppenheim Toy Portfolio began in 1989 as an independent consumer review of books, toys, videos and other products for children.

The organization tests the products and compares their performances based on the judgments of parents from many professions.

New toys that are listed in the latest Oppenheim buying guide and were awarded awards for being the most innovative are:

For infants: Fold 'n Go Play Around Mat (\$34, Playskool); Peek a Boo Play Mirror (\$12, Winmer-Ferguson); Velvetene Circus Animals (\$14 to \$31, North American Bear Co.); and Baby Gumballs, a toy gum-ball machine, (\$10, Playskool).

For toddlers: Peek a Boo Sucker, stacking toys (\$7.99, Kidditots); Hide Inside fabric toys (\$16.98, Discovery); Duplo Air-pon with control tower and aircraft (\$36, Lego); Super Sports Car riding toy (\$45, Today's Kids).

Preschoolers: Talking Barney (\$35, Playskool); Press N Dress Doll, a fabric doll (\$29.95, Fosters of Learning); Recycling Trucks (\$17, Little Tikes); Air Nikko Remote Control Jet (\$38, Nikko).

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Avoid a case of nerves during a stressful season

Tips to help you overcome problems with people

Colorado Springs Gazette Telegraph

The old joke about offices — that they'd be great places to work if it weren't for the customers — also applies to the obligatory holiday vacations that reunite far-flung families.

These "obligations" would be great if it weren't for the family.

When family members are trapped under one roof, eating too much food, drinking too much alcohol, and listening to too much holiday music, even the best-planned Kodak moment can turn into a horror show.

Part of the problem is that many people expect the gathering to be as perfect as a Charles Dickens story, and are dashed when family members rekindle old arguments, start new ones, and engage in maddening passive-aggressive behaviors.

So what the Dickens are people to do? How can they get through the season with their nerves and relationships intact?

To find out, the Colorado Springs Gazette Telegraph asked four Colorado Springs psychotherapists — Mark Clinton, Carol Schreuder, Elizabeth Bunting and Richard Patton — how they'd handle problems ranging from the most minor to the most serious.

Here's what they had to say.

NERVOUS HABITS. Finger drumming, nail biting, teeth grinding, eye jingling, tuneless whistling, etc.

Bunting: "If you can remove yourself from the situation, do it. If you feel comfortable enough, say, 'This is really annoying me. Can you stop?'"

Clinton: "Talk out worst-case scenarios beforehand with a spouse, loved one or good friend. Say, 'If my father does his whistling thing again, I'm gonna punch a hole in the wall.' Diffuse it so it doesn't create as much inner turmoil when it actually occurs."

Patton: "We all have obnoxious habits. Try and put your mind somewhere else. You're not going to change those kinds of things over turkey dinner."

Schreuder: "If it's anger they're

expressing ... ask what they're angry about."

NEVER-ENDING STORIES. Long, thousand-times-told tales that lead nowhere.

Bunting: "I wouldn't interrupt. I would say, 'Oh my gosh, I just remembered I needed to make a phone call.'"

Clinton: "Ask a question about an area of the story you know less about."

Patton: "Don't say, 'So, what's your point?' That won't fly well over Grandma's Christmas goose."

Schreuder: "Take them aside and tell them you'll give them a clue so they'll know when they're embarrassing themselves."

EMBARRASSING STORIES. A relished recounting of someone else's childhood and adolescent fumbles.

Bunting: "It's appropriate to say, 'Mom, if you don't mind, I wouldn't like you to share this story with the whole group.'"

Clinton: "Ask them why they repeat that story so often. Say, 'It's painful time in my life.'"

Patton: "Don't say you're uncomfortable when there are 15 relatives on the spot and they've got to be defensive. Take them into the kitchen for a cup of coffee."

Schreuder: "I would try to interrupt, and tell them it makes people feel uncomfortable."

SELF-CENTREDNESS. People who hijack conversations so they can talk about themselves.

Bunting: "If you can't stand it, remove yourself. Or you can choose to say to the person, 'I believe so-and-so just started talking about something else.'"

Clinton: "Try to get the conversation onto some deeper level. Very few people can maintain that."

Patton: "You're not going to get them off their pedestal. Try to find the humor in it."

Schreuder: "A power play sometimes needs to be enacted. It helps if a couple of people in the family agree that they're not going to let Dad take over the conversations this year."

NOTHING IN COMMON. Even TV shows.

Bunting: "Focus the conversation on the other person. Say, 'What have you been doing with yourself? How's the job going? What do you do in your spare time?'"

Clinton: "Acknowledge the situation. Say, 'Has it occurred to you we have hardly anything in common?' What's there to do that's rewarding for both of us?"

Patton: "How do you make somebody feel comfortable at a cocktail party? You say, 'Gee, that's interesting, tell me more, even if you aren't particularly interested.'"

Schreuder: "Help in unifying. Help make brownies, popcorn or pizza. Sit down together and write the sales pitch for a company letter."

THE DEAD-BIRD DILEMMA. Keeping the peace between meat-eaters, vegetarians and those who profess allergies to practically everything except water.

Bunting: "If you're a vegetarian, you shouldn't eat meat just to please somebody. But never try to convert anyone."

Clinton: "If you go into an olive without any preparation, it's a setup for failure. Air potential disastres beforehand, and make sure you have an ally."

Patton: "There's no accounting for taste, so don't bother. In New Zealand, raw fruit bait is a delicacy."

Schreuder: "Announce ahead of time that you eat vegetarian food. If that's a problem, say, 'I'll be glad to bring a contribution for everybody so you don't have to go out of your way.'"

SINGLES SEX. When the hosts forbid unmarried couples to share a bed.

Bunting: "People with strict beliefs might want to drop a note saying they've fixed a lovely room for Joan on the east side of the house and another room for John on the west side. If the people want to sneak into each other's rooms in the middle of the night, that's their choice."

Clinton: "I would suggest renting a motel room."

Schreuder: "I would always honor the wishes of the host-couple."

Boston Globe

Every Thanksgiving, Kathy Behan and her husband, Patrick Beatty, pack up their three children — Cullen, 8, Brendan, 5, and Taryn, 2 — and drive the three hours from Southbury, Mass., to Vermont to spend the weekend at his parents', where as many as 25 family members gather around the Thanksgiving table.

For Behan, there is little that is comforting about the scene. She comes from a family of three children. Her husband is one of 10. The difference in family styles is enoriated, and the difference is exaggerated at a time like Thanksgiving. "My feelings get unnaturally hurt," Behan says.

Some of her hurts are small: The same menu each year, with a clam dish centerpiece everyone knows she dislikes. The way the rituals and games focus on her husband and his siblings rather than on the children.

Then there are the bigger hurts. One year, she got up the nerve to introduce a tradition of her family's to his family, only to have it pooh-poohed. She worries about her children's feelings, too: "There's no way in a throng of 10 grandkids that my three get the attention I think they deserve."

So will they go to Vermont again this year?

"Oh, yes," says Behan without hesitation. What she can be thankful for is that she's learning to cope.

If you are one of the many families who will spend Thanksgiving weekend with relatives, there is a good chance that someone will come away feeling hurt. The nature of the visit partly explains why.

When you go home, you bring yourself as a child, says parent educator Linda Braun. Even if you have two kids tugging at your sweater and a baby at your breast.

Braun has some explanations for why these things happen.

activities for everyone — a baby pool, a playground, a place for Dad to jog? Are there restaurants that welcome families that fit our budget and have food the kids will eat?

When we go to visit families, though, says Braun, "We abandon all that good common sense. Somehow, because this is family, there's an overall gestalt of, 'Oh, we'll have a great time.' No one stops to think about how each individual's needs will be met."

So what parents need to do is plan a Thanksgiving weekend at relatives' the same way you plan a summer vacation, advises Braun, who is executive director of Families First, a parent education program of Massachusetts's Wheelock College.

If someone likes to jog, build it into the schedule so he doesn't feel guilty about doing it. If a child needs to nap or do homework, or have a physical activity each day, plan for it.

It's not enough to plan this in your mind, however. And it doesn't work to announce Thanksgiving morning that you're taking the kids to the playground and you'll help set the table when you get back.

No, what Braun has in mind is advance planning over the phone: "Peter has been running every morning, so don't take it personally when he doesn't eat your breakfast biscuits. He runs on an empty stomach."

"I think the kids will have an easier time sitting through Thanksgiving dinner if I get them to the park that morning. When do you think would be a good time?"

Still, planning and good intentions may not solve all the problems. Bernete Rashba of Newton, Mass., remembers the Thanksgiving she and her husband Allan unwittingly devastated her mother-in-law.

Almost every year, they would travel to Pittsburgh, usually by plane, with their daughters, Jill, now 13, and Sara, now 9. When the girls were little, they stayed with Allan's mother in her small apartment, crammed into one bedroom — a toddler and a baby, two adults, two portacabins, suitcases, toys ...

"We did get some sleep," Rashba says. "We were never up all night."

Still, when Allan's sister's invited them to stay in her nearby home, they accepted, reasoning that everyone, including Allan's mother, would be more comfortable.

But Allan's mother "took it very personally," Rashba says. Even though they explained it was just a matter of space, even though they just slept at Allan's sister's and spent their time with his mother. "She was very unhappy," Rashba says.

Clinical psychologist Sanford Forney, co-author of "Traveling with Kids" (Harvard Common Press, 1984), is sympathetic to the plight of parents visiting relatives. Being in that situation with his own kids is what prompted him and his wife, Joan, to write their book.

He remembers only too well the things that would drive his mother crazy: his kids' fingerprints on her mirror, their handling of her bric-a-brac, no matter how "put away" it was, their "poor" eating habits.

Usually the Forneys would drive 11 hours to Pittsburgh with Caitlin, now 19, David, now 17, and Timothy, 8. And as much planning as the visit would take, the trip itself took more.

"Every family needs to find the driving schedule that works best for them," he advises. He and Joan would leave early in the morning, carrying the kids to the car in their pajamas. When they woke up a few hours later, "they'd dress in the car and breakfast would be the first stop," he says.

That wasn't their only secret to success.

Before every car trip, Sanford and Joan would make a Secret Tape of songs, games and other activities. There was always an interactive aspect to it, where you would stop the tape while everyone had a turn to respond to a question, and at the end, the "announcer" would tell them to look in the glove compartment for a "secret surprise" for each child.

Even today, with the older kids 17 and 19, whenever we travel together, they want a Secret Tape," says Sanford.

Make effort to be a good guest at get-togethers over holidays

Nowadays

"Don't hit the person across from you with bits of toast."

"And don't, when dinner is nearly through, say 'Who's the host?'"

It isn't done.

Elizabeth Mayhew was hopping mad. Before her last dinner party, many of her guests failed to RSVP. They just assumed she knew they were coming to the party.

"People have become incredibly lazy and insensitive," said Mayhew, an assistant to the food and entertaining editor at House Beautiful magazine. "They get busy or they forget about it, and they don't respond to the invitation. It gets to the point where I have to get on the phone and call people up and ask them if they're coming to my party."

This sort of confusion happens all too often today, turning a pleasant holiday get-together into an exercise in frustration. To sidestep tensions in socializing, we polled etiquette experts on how to be a good guest.

Here's what they said:

- RSVP. It doesn't matter how you respond — by mail, phone or voice mail — just make sure you do it.
- People think to themselves: 'What's one more person?' so they just show up without giving the host or hostess

... there's nothing worse than running out of food or plates because you've miscalculated the number of guests.

— Elizabeth Mayhew, party hostess

notice beforehand" said Mayhew. "But there's nothing worse than running out of food or plates because you've miscalculated the number of guests."

Before shopping for a gift, check with the hosts. If they say not to bother, respect their wishes. If you want to bring something anyway but you're not sure what to get, experts suggest a bottle of wine. "It's not too expensive or elaborate and if the hostess doesn't want to serve it that evening she need not do so," said Elizabeth L. Post, author of several books on etiquette, including "Emily Post on Entertaining" (Harper & Row, \$5).

Neither a gift nor a note sent later is necessary, said Post; a verbal thank you is sufficient. But a phone call the next day to say how much you enjoyed the evening is welcome.

- Try to be charming and friendly. According to manners mavens, guests have a responsibility to talk to other people, including people they've never met. Post said a good guest is "enthusiastic, congenial and considerate."
- Also, she suggested that spouses or good friends separate during the course of the evening, so they are more likely to talk with other guests.
- Know when to stay and when to leave. Guests, said Post, should remain at a party at least an hour after dinner, because it's hardly complimentary to the hosts to "eat and run."
- At a small gathering, she said, try to leave long before everyone else seems ready to go, since your departure may break up the party.

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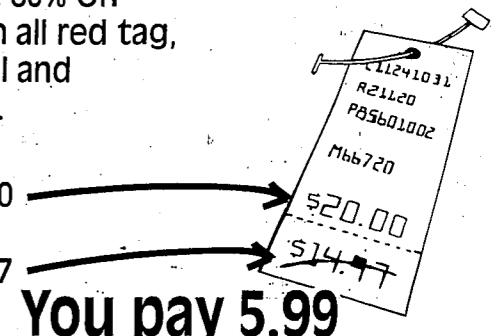
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I say that it is an essential part of character development that he should have learned years ago. His grandmother maintains that there are other things more important. Please settle this.

- GRANDPA
DEAR GRANDPA: Must your grandson either complete his education and stay straight OR keep his room neat and orderly?

I say he should complete his education, stay straight, AND keep his room neat and orderly.

DEAR ABBY: The lady who

carried her own tea bags in her purse when she went to a restaurant reminded me of my own situation.

I own a florist shop, and I have had people come in with a cheap potted plant they bought in a grocery store, asking me to please "wrap it pretty" for them, and also please tell them how to take care of it. Can anybody top that?

- BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

DEAR BIRMINGHAM: Yes. Another florist wrote to say that he had sent several floral arrangements to a particular funeral home. Two days later a family member of

the deceased drove up to his shop with her backseat filled with flowers, asking if he would take the flowers back to sell again - and would he mind giving her credit for the flowers.

DEAR ABBY: Several months ago, a friend of mine took what I consider to be a very unflattering picture of me.

When I saw the picture, I tore it up. My friend became very angry and said it was her picture, but I say the picture was of me, and therefore I had every right to destroy it.

Please settle this so we can remain friends.

- TORN UP IN ATLANTA

DEAR TORN UP: Although it was a picture of you, it belonged to your friend. However, if your friend is truly a friend, she will forgive you.

DEAR ABBY: I live in a retirement facility - and please don't call it a "nursing home." We are not sick; we're just getting on in years.

Anyway, we love to swap stories, and every now and then I hear one I've never heard before. Here it is:

A middle-aged woman got a position in a large office. About two weeks into the job, she kept staring at a nice-looking unmarried man about her age.

He felt her eyes on him, and finally asked, "Why are you staring at me?"

She replied, "Because you remind me of my fourth husband." "Your fourth?" he said, somewhat startled. "How many husbands have you had?"

She smiled and replied, "Three."

- MILLIE IN MOLINE, ILL.

Bowling tournament will help fight against Muscular Dystrophy

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - The annual KTFI/Muscular Dystrophy Association Santa Bowl has been planned for 3 p.m. Dec. 5 at the Bowladrome, 220 Eastland Drive N.

Four-person teams can be registered by stopping by the Bowladrome or calling MDA at 384-5886. Participants should obtain pledges to raise money for MDA. Prizes, including a grand prize of a night on the town for two, will be given away.

A minimum of \$50 in pledges is required in order to bowl free. For

\$75, the participant receives a T-shirt; for \$125, a crying towel and T-shirt; for \$200, a crying towel and unlimited edition key chain; for \$300, an MDA sweatshirt and crying towel; and for \$400, one of each of the prizes listed above.

All proceeds will go to MDA, a voluntary health agency which does not receive any government or United Way funds but depends entirely on public contributions to provide patient and community services.

For more information, call KTFI at 733-3381 or MDA at 384-5886.

Sexuality workshop begins Monday at Filer Middle School for adolescents

The Times-News

FILER - The first of three sexuality workshops is set for 7 to 9 p.m. Monday in Room 35 at the Filer Middle School.

Sharon Lutkehus, health instructor, will facilitate the workshop and will introduce the program, "Human Sexuality: Values and Choices." The award-winning human sexuality curriculum was written by educators

who work with middle-school students. It is designed to help adolescents make positive choices about values, life and sexuality and strongly encourages parent involvement.

The parent workshops are designed to introduce the curriculum content and to allow parents to ask questions and share ideas and concerns. Workbooks will be available for \$4. Remaining sessions are planned for Dec. 13 and 21.

Dating at any age makes one feel like a teen-ager

Knight-Ridder News Service

Here comes Friday evening, the traditional night to mingle. Here you are in the general vicinity of middle age, still dealing with dating, which is fine except that here you also are still reading Mad magazine, still avidly following the careers of Shaun and David Cassidy, still sneaking snacks like you did when you were 14.

And if that weren't bad enough, you knock over your water glass at dinner and you wake up and there's a zit on your nose about where the neckline would end if your nose were a range in the Rockies. So you say, "I thought I was too old for this," but the truth is you are not.

Onward and onward? Hey, some things you never outgrow. But take heart. At least you've got company.

"I'm a 60-year-old feeling like a 16-year-old. How do I act?"

That was the question posed by a widower at a "gender excursion," a group discussion held by the group Selective Singles, recalls Ramona Martell. A teacher in Eastpointe, Mich., Martell, who was widowed six years ago, coordinates Selective Singles' Groves, Pointe-St. Clair Shores, Mich., chapter. People shouldn't feel "too old for

dating," says Martell, 59, but "the fear of rejection" is the same whether you're 16 or 60. "You may want to ask somebody out, but you're scared." These days, she adds, women are as likely to do the asking as men are. "In my generation, a girl didn't call a boy. That certainly isn't true today."

Mike Casey, 33, a Walled Lake, Mich., computer specialist, says he "felt like a kid again, calling up for a date" after his divorce. Single for four years now, Casey says he didn't feel much more mature when he got dated. "Dating is dumb," he says, "because all you do is sit there and talk about the food. We go back to the things we did in high school. We all do it wrong. You go into a bar and the stupid thing goes on."

Casey was prompted to found the Activities Group, which plans sports and cultural activities at which like-minded single people can get together. "Friday is our biggest night," Casey says. "Saturday's not as big. I think there's a lot of stigma—that Saturday night is date night. People have it in their mind that if I don't have a date I'm not leaving this house."

Something else that may make you feel like not leaving the house is acne. You had it in high school. Now you're 30 or 40 and you have it again. This time it's different, isn't it?

"In a nutshell, I think it isn't," says Dr. Peter Aronson, assistant professor of dermatology at Wayne State University's School of Medicine in Detroit. Studies done in the 1950s and 1960s suggested that acne was solely an adolescent condition. "Ninety-five percent of teen-agers get it," Aronson says, and now it's known that people old enough to have teen-agers get it. "Some people get it in their 40s. I've seen it as late as the early 50s."

So why do we get it again? We come into contact with chemicals that irritate the skin, such as certain oils (mechanics and auto workers may be vulnerable). We use certain cosmetics. As we get older and require more prescription drugs, some can cause acne as a side effect.

How do you treat it? There's always what Aronson calls "inerture of time," which means that some forms of acne will just go away. For more-severe cases and quicker fixes there are prescription drugs and the over-the-counter medicated teen-agers use. There is also Clearasil Adult Care. It has been on the market since 1985, although its existence comes as news to a lot of people.

Dr. David Harold, has never shaken off another adolescent affliction: a fondness for Mad magazine. Actually the Pontiac, Mich., urologist doesn't

consider it an affliction. "It's a blessing. There's something in every issue that gets me laughing uncontrollably," says Harold, 47. Plus, it makes him feel like a kid again.

As a youngster, "I noticed that no adults read Mad," Harold says, but he never thought about whether he'd still like Mad when he grew up. Whenever he mentions his Mad subscription to fellow adults, "They look at me with envy and say 'I wish I could do that, but how am I going to explain it to the neighbors?'"

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Turkey report will not be released until after Thanksgiving

WASHINGTON (AP) — The results of the government's surprise inspections of turkey plants will not be announced until mid-December, long after the Thanksgiving leftovers are gone.

But the Agriculture Department says it has reason to believe the Thanksgiving meals of millions of Americans will be unsafe.

The department said it needs about a month to analyze 2,000 pages of data, including interviews with 128 inspectors during the Oct. 14-Nov. 5 inspections.

The department said on Nov. 16 it conducted the inspections at 26 plants producing for nearly two-thirds of the turkeys consumed in this country. Assistant Secretary Gene Branstool mentioned the inspections Friday in testimony before a House subcommittee examining the department's safety program

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for meat and poultry.

"If you're going to put out warnings or tell the results of the inspections, wouldn't it be wise to do it prior to the season when you have the highest consumption?" asked Rep. John L. Mica, R-Fla.

Branstool said the timing had "nothing to do with the season of the year." Mary Dixon, a department spokeswoman, said the agency announced the inspections because reporters

had asked whether the Food Safety and Inspection Service had conducted any more surprise inspections of meat and poultry plants since a well-publicized round last year.

"The consumers should have no special alarm go off because we haven't released the details in this report," Dixon said. "The consumer on the other hand should probably feel good about the fact that USDA is being

aggressive on inspecting meat and poultry plants, including turkey plants."

"The timing of it is a little bit awkward," said Joel Brandenberger, spokesman for the National Turkey Federation.

"There would be a lot greater concern if the release had intimidated major problems," he said. "I think the release intimidated things we've generally OK with some isolated corrections needed."

At Friday's hearing, members of the subcommittee on human resources and intergovernmental relations passed the chicken, not the turkey, Chairman Edolphus Townes, D-N.Y., held the uncooked turkey by a quarter-truck clutches a football as he asked the meaning of a nickel-sized seal on the package that says "Inspected for wholesomeness by USDA."

"It seems to me it should say 'Inspected by the U.S. Government and used at your own risk,'" said Townes, conducting the second of a series of hearings under which the department came under sharp bipartisan criticism.

"I look at this seal and to me it's a Good Housekeeping seal of approval, and it would make me more likely to buy this product," said Rep. Thomas M. Barr, D-Wis.

Branstool, assistant secretary for Marketing and Inspection Services, said its open to changing the seal, adding that the department's proposed safe-handling labels would essentially modify it.

"This seal indicates to me that that bird has been processed in a plant that has been inspected by USDA, in a plant that has met with the requirements as to equipment, cleanliness and so forth," Branstool said.

Club calendar

THURSDAY
Adult Children Anonymous
7:30 p.m. at Episcopal Church in Burley.

Adult Children Anonymous (ACA)
A support group for adult children of alcoholic/dysfunctional families meets at noon at the First Presbyterian Church, 209 Fifth Ave. N. in Twin Falls.

Alcoholics Anonymous
Noon and 8 p.m. for men's stag at Magic Valley Fellowship Hall, 801 Second Ave. N. For more information, call 736-0918.

Alcoholics Anonymous
Noon until 1 p.m. at Cherrywood Apartments, 2026 Elizabeth Blvd. For more information, call 734-0590.

Buhl Rotary Club
12:05 p.m. at Ramona Restaurant.

Buhl Senior Citizens
Cards at 7 p.m. at center.

Buhl TOPS
7 p.m. at Buhl Church of Christ. For more information, call Mary Morris at 543-4334 or Joyance Stone at 736-0783.

Burley Alcoholics Anonymous
7 p.m. at H&R Block Building, 1650 Overland Ave.

Burley Overeaters Anonymous
7:30 p.m. at Law Enforcement Center Conference Room 129, East 14th Street.

Eden-Hazelton Senior Citizens
Noon at senior center.

Filer Senior Citizens
Dinner at noon at Filer Senior Haven.

Friends and Recreational Opportunities Group (FROG)
A handicapped consumers group, 3 p.m. at Danken's in Twin Falls.

Glenns Ferry Senior Citizens
Dinner at noon at Three Island Senior Center.

Gooding Senior Citizens
Dinner at noon at senior center.

Gooding TOPS No. 251
5:30 p.m. at Senior Citizens Building.

Hagerman Senior Citizens Center
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for arts and crafts and noon for lunch.

Hailley Rotary Club
Noon at Deacon Blue Restaurant.

Jerome Kiwanis Club
Noon at China Village Restaurant.

Jerome Senior Citizens
Dinner at noon at senior center.

Lincoln Alcoholics Anonymous
8 p.m. at Senior Citizens Building in Shoshone.

Magic Valley Credit Professionals International
7:30 a.m. at Weston Plaza Hotel & Convention Center, 1350 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

Magic Valley Duplicate Bridge Club
7:30 p.m. at Magic Valley Bridge Center, 246 Falls Ave.

Magic Valley Spinners (a group of spinning wheel users)
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Filer Public Library, 219 Main Ave. For more information, call 326-5637.

Medicare And Supplemental Insurance Assistance For Senior Citizens
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Minidoka County Senior Service, 702 11th St. in Rupert.

Mini-Cassia Area Narcotics Anonymous-Rupert Group (open smoking meeting)
7 to 8:30 p.m. at 524 Oneida. For more information, call the 24-hour hotline at 678-1330.

Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center
English and Spanish classes taught from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the center, 702 11th St. in Rupert. For more information on either class, call the center at 436-9107.

Mount Harrison Quilting Guild
1:30 p.m. at Burley Public Library.

Narcotics Anonymous
10 p.m. at Magic Valley Fellowship Hall, 801 Second Ave. N. For more information, call 736-0918.

Sex Anonymous (non-smoking)
Noon at Magic Valley Fellowship Hall, 801 Second Ave. N. For more information, call 736-0918.

Southern Idaho Gay and Lesbian Meets every other Thursday at a member's home. For more information, write to SIGLA, P.O. Box 2540, Twin Falls ID 83303.

Stop Light Club
A diet club, this group meets at 1:30 p.m. at the senior center in Hagerman.

Twin Falls Al-Anon
8 p.m. at Magic Valley Fellowship Hall, 801 Second Ave. N. in Twin Falls.

Twin Falls Kiwanis Club
Noon at Turf Club.

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center
Dinner at noon and pinocchle at 1 p.m. For more information, call 734-5091.

Wendell Limes Club
Members' home. For more information, call 536-6696.

Women in Recovery
Noon to 1:15 p.m. at Walker Center, 219 Shoshone St. N. in Twin Falls.

FRIDAY
Alcoholics Anonymous
Noon, 5:30 p.m. and midnight at Magic Valley Fellowship Hall, 801 Second Ave. N. For more information, call 736-0918.

Alcoholics Anonymous
Noon until 1 p.m. at Cherrywood Apartments, 2026 Elizabeth Blvd. For more information, call 734-0590.

Alcoholics Anonymous "On the Edge" Jackpot Group
Noon at Hope Lutheran Church, Cactus Pete's-Trailer Park in Jackpot, Nev.

Al-Anon (non-smoking)
Noon at Magic Valley Fellowship Hall, 801 Second Ave. N. For more information, call 736-0918.

Buhl Senior Citizens
Dinner at noon at senior center.

Burley Lions Club
Noon at Price's Cafe, 2444 Overland Ave.

Compassionate Friends
7 p.m. at Reform Church of Christ, 2026 Elizabeth Blvd. and Grandview Drive.

Filer Senior Citizens
Dinner at 6 p.m. at Filer Senior Haven.

Gooding Grange
Noon and 8 p.m. at Grange Hall, 2148 S. Main St.

Gooding Rotary Club
2:15 p.m. at Lincoln Inn.

Hagerman Senior Citizens
Dinner at noon at senior center.

Jerome Senior Citizens
Dinner at noon at senior center.

Magic Valley Duplicate Bridge Club
8:30 p.m. at Grange Hall, north of Shoshone.

Magic Valley Duplicate Bridge Club
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Narcotics Anonymous
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Narcotics Anonymous
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8 p.m. at Episcopal Church, 902 Sixth St. in Rupert.

Serenity Seekers Al-Anon
8 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 516 Main St. in Buhl. For more information, call 547-5792.

Shoshone Golden-Years Senior Citizens
Lunch at noon at senior center.

SATURDAY
Alcoholics Anonymous
Noon and midnight at Magic Valley Fellowship Hall, 801 Second Ave. N. For more information, call 736-0918.

Alcoholics Anonymous
Noon until 1 p.m. at Cherrywood Apartments, 2026 Elizabeth Blvd. For more information, call 734-0590.

Al-Anon Family Group
9 a.m. at Canyon View Hospital, 228 Shoup Ave. W. For more information, call 734-5222.

Buhl Senior Citizens
Dinner at noon at senior center.

Burley Senior Citizens
Dance from 8:30 to 11 p.m. at senior center.

Cocaine Anonymous
5:30 p.m. at Magic Valley Fellowship Hall, 801 Second Ave. N. For more information, call 736-0918.

Magic Valley Chess Club
6 to 10 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 910 Shoshone St. E. in Twin Falls, use Ninth Street entrance to basement.

Magic Valley Duplicate Bridge Club
1 p.m. at Magic Valley Bridge Center, 246 Falls Ave.

Mini-Cassia Area Narcotics Anonymous-Burley Group (open meeting)
8 to 9:30 p.m. at 1650 Overland in Burley. For more information, call the 24-hour hotline at 678-1330.

Narcotics Anonymous
7 p.m. at Magic Valley Fellowship Hall, 801 Second Ave. N. For more information, call 736-0918.

Overeaters Anonymous
10 to 11:30 a.m. at Walker Center, 219 Shoshone St. N. in Twin Falls.

Seasonal Alcoholics Anonymous
8 to 9:30 p.m. at Walker Center, 219 Shoshone St. N. in Twin Falls.

Wood River Center Grange No. 87
8:30 p.m. at Grange Hall, northwest of Shoshone.

SUNDAY
Adult Children Anonymous (non-smoking)
A support group for adult children of alcoholic/dysfunctional families meets at 5 p.m. at Magic Valley Fellowship Hall, 801 Second Ave. N. For more information, call 736-0918.

Alcoholics Anonymous
Noon and 8 p.m. at Magic Valley Fellowship Hall, 801 Second Ave. N. For more information, call 736-0918.

Alcoholics Anonymous
Noon until 1 p.m. at Cherrywood Apartments, 2026 Elizabeth Blvd. For more information, call 734-0590.

Alcoholics Anonymous "On the Edge" Jackpot Group
7 p.m. at Hope Lutheran Church, Cactus Pete's-Trailer Park in Jackpot, Nev.

Buhl Senior Citizens
Potluck dinner and social hour at 1 p.m. at senior center.

Mini-Cassia Area Narcotics Anonymous (open smoking meeting)
7 to 8:30 p.m. at 524 Oneida in Rupert. For more information, call the 24-hour hotline at 678-1330.

Narcotics Anonymous
7 p.m. at Canyon View Hospital, 228 Shoup Ave. W.

MONDAY
ACBL Beginning Duplicate Bridge and Rubber Bridge Game
7:30 p.m., with plus from 9:50 master points eligible to play at the Magic Valley Bridge Center, 246 Falls Ave. An instructor will be present to help the novice player with bidding and playing problems.

Al-Anon
8 to 9 p.m. at Walker Center, 219 Shoshone St. N. in Twin Falls.

Alcoholics Anonymous
Noon and Spanish-speaking at 7

p.m. at Magic Valley Fellowship Hall, 801 Second Ave. N. For more information, call 736-0918.

Alcoholics Anonymous
Noon until 1 p.m. at Cherrywood Apartments, 2026 Elizabeth Blvd. For more information, call 734-0590.

Alcoholics Anonymous "On the Edge" Jackpot Group
Noon at Hope Lutheran Church, Cactus Pete's-Trailer Park in Jackpot, Nev.

8 p.m. at Senior Citizens Building in Shoshone.

Al-Anon
8 to 9 a.m. at Orchard Valley Head Start, 1998 Bob Barton Road in Wendell. For more information, call Judy Christ at 536-6661.

Buhl Chamber of Commerce
Noon at The Home Place.

Buhl Senior Citizens
Lunch at noon and cards at 6 p.m. at center.

Burley Immunization Clinic
9 to 11:30 a.m. in the basement of the Cassia County Courthouse. For more information, call 678-8221.

Cocaine Anonymous
7 to 8 p.m. at Walker Center, 219 Shoshone St. N. in Twin Falls.

Hagerman Senior Citizens
Breakfast from 9 a.m. to noon at senior center.

Jerome Senior Citizens
Dinner at noon at senior center.

Kimberly Al-Anon
8 p.m. at Senior Citizens Building.

Lincoln Alcoholics Anonymous
8 p.m. at Senior Citizens Building in Shoshone.

Mini-Cassia Area Narcotics Anonymous (open meeting)
8 to 9:30 p.m. at 524 Oneida in Rupert. For more information, call the 24-hour hotline at 678-1330.

Narcotics Anonymous
8 p.m. at Magic Valley Fellowship Hall, 801 Second Ave. N. For more information, call 736-0918.

Overeaters Anonymous
6 p.m. at Clear Lakes Agency, 1111 W. Main in Buhl. For more information, call 543-5792.

Overeaters Anonymous
3:30 p.m. at College of Southern Idaho Desert Building, Room 112.

Richfield Senior Citizens
Lunch at noon at the Community Building.

Serenity at Noon (a narcotics anonymous meeting)
Noon until 1 p.m. at Magic Valley Fellowship Hall, 801 Second Ave. N. in Twin Falls.

Shoshone Al-Anon
8 p.m. at senior center.

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Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 322
5:45 p.m. at Minidoka Memorial Hospital Conference Room. For more information, call 436-1181, 436-9935 or 436-4935.

Twin Falls Monday Bridge
1 p.m. at Magic Valley Bridge Center on Falls Avenue across from the College of Southern Idaho.

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center
Dinner at noon and bingo at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 734-5084.

Wendell Senior Citizens
Dinner at noon at senior center on West Avenue.

Youth to Youth
7 to 8:30 p.m. at KMVT Community Room. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 734-9363 or 543-5939.

For more information, call 736-0918.

Alcoholics Anonymous
Noon until 1 p.m. at Cherrywood Apartments, 2026 Elizabeth Blvd. For more information, call 734-0590.

Blue Lakes Rotary Club
7 a.m. at Weston Plaza Hotel & Convention Center, 1350 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

Burley Alcoholics Anonymous
8 p.m. at H&R Block Building, 1650 Overland Ave.

Burley Rotary Club
Noon at Burley Inn.

Center for New Directions (a support group for individuals who are job hunting)
4:30 to 6 p.m. at College of Southern Idaho. There is no cost to the participant. For more information, call the Center for New Directions at 736-0070 or 733-954, ext. 111.

Christian Alcohol and Drug Recovery Meeting
7:30 p.m. at 257 Main Ave. W. in Twin Falls, next to Inkley's. For more information, call 733-3133.

Cocaine Anonymous
6:30 p.m. at H&R Block Building, 1650 Overland Ave. in Burley.

Eden-Hazelton Senior Citizens
Dinner at noon at senior center in Eden.

Filer Al-Anon
8 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church.

Filer Kiwanis Club
Noon at Filer United Methodist Church.

Filer Senior Citizens
Dinner at noon at Filer Senior Haven.

Glenns Ferry Senior Citizens
Dinner at noon at Three Island Senior Center.

Gooding Alcoholics Anonymous
8 p.m. at Walker Center.

Gooding Optimist Club
7:30 p.m. at Wood River Inn.

Gooding Senior Citizens
Dinner at noon at senior center.

Hagerman Senior Citizens
Breakfast from 9 a.m. to noon at senior center.

Interdenominational Prayer Meeting for Women
7:45 a.m. at Wok 'n Grill Restaurant. For more information, call Beverly Rhodes at 734-4455.

Jerome Rotary Club
Noon at Jerome Cafe, 628 S. Lincoln.

Jerome Senior Citizens
Dinner at noon at senior center.

Ketchum-Sun Valley Rotary Club
12:10 p.m. at Louie's Restaurant in Ketchum.

Love Acceptance Forgiveness Accountability (a support group)
7 to 8:30 p.m. at Faith Chapel, D and Adams in Jerome, (east of Washington School). This is a non-denominational support group. Babysitting available. For more information, call 324-5876.

Magdala Barbering Shop
8 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, basement, 360 Shoshone Street East.

HEALTH TEX
Dinner at noon at senior center.

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Twin Falls' 10th Annual Christmas Country Bazaar
at the **Knoll Community Grange**
Highway 74
November 26th 8:00 am - 6:00 pm
November 27th 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

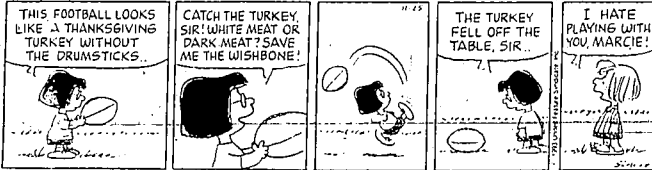
Handmade Gifts & Christmas Decorations by Local Artists

South across "Old Towne" (Singing) Bridge to City Water Tank, the right 4 1/4 miles West or 3 miles South of Curry Country Store, then 1/4 mile West.

Organic Oatmeal
Eat Better, Look Better, Feel Better
For meeting info in SLG 486-0125 Outside SLG area 1-800-729-8746

Comics

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By Charles M. Schulz

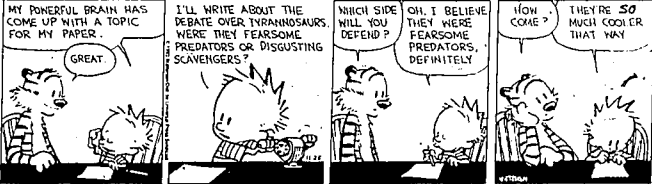
For Better or For Worse



By Lynn Johnston



Calvin and Hobbes



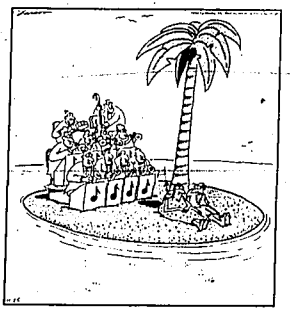
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By Dean Young & Stan Drake

The Far Side



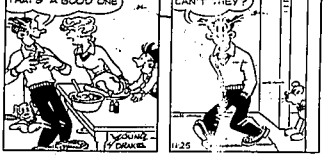
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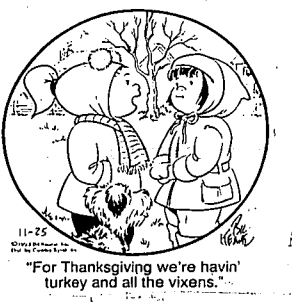
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By Hank Ketcham

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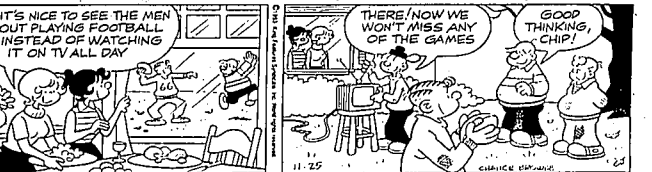
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By Jim Davis

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By Chance Browne

Dennis the Menace



By Hank Ketcham

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By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

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By Chris Browne

Beetle Bailey



By Mort Walker

Frank and Ernest



By Bob Thaves

The Born Loser



By Art Sansom & Chip

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Sydney Omarr Horoscope

IF NOVEMBER 25 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: On this Thanksgiving, many will express desire to hear your views, to gain spiritual substance as a result. You are sensitive, precise, seek perfection, and you are your own most severe critic. Series of "amazing" coincidences occur in December - will bring you close to realization that you really are surrounded by aura of love. Major domestic adjustment takes place in January, relates to security, home, marriage.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Breakthrough relates to creativity, style, writing, painting, self-expression, variety of fields. Restless relative says, "Let's go on a trip!" Your answer: "No trip for me today!" Taurus involved.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Sick close to home base - accent repair work, creative hobby, expression of love via written word. Gift received tonight represents token of affection.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Psychic faculties surge to forefront. What begins as pleasure trip or creative hobby will be transformed into profitable endeavor.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Focus on promotion, production, responsibility, intense relationship. Keep these words in mind: "You can run but you can't hide." Means emerge from any emotional cocoon. Capricorn involved.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Throw aside, domestic representing limitations. Focus on universal appeal, communication, travel plans that could include overseas. Perceive potential, imprint your own style.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Obtain hint from Leo message. Emphasize independence, style, creativity, willingness to take risks. Facts relating to money come to light, reveal necessity for checking accounts.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Advantages gained by studying! Leo, Virgo messages. Spotlight on home, property, professional evaluation of possessions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Popularly rating soars - people previously indifferent are drawn to you as if you're a giant magnet. Spotlight on basic issues, routine, discovery of modus operandi relating to employment, funding.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Roadblocks removed, circumstances turn in your favor, correct mechanical defects, get rid of fire hazards. Spotlight on style, creativity, communication with **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Divinity, experiment, learn through process of sharing knowledge. Family member declares, "I don't know how you do it, but you're doing it, and I'm without you!"

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Emphasis on humor, music, ability to beauty surroundings in manner that draws accolades from friends, associates. Important domestic adjustment features possible change of residence, marriage.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Follow hunch to gain financial momentum. Missing ingredient located in surprising manner. Cycle high, action will be where you are.

You gotta love the dog, too

Is your true love absolutely loyal to you? Never mind, too personal. Merely mention it to introduce the gist of an ancient Polish proverb which ranks the steadfastness of love's loyalty in this descending order: No. 1. Mother's. No. 2. Dog's. No. 3. Sweetheart's.

Of the count of men who commit suicide after an unhappy love affair is three times that of the women who do so.

If you don't think a pig is fat, throw a rattlesnake at it. No, it doesn't jump away. It attacks. Gourmet pigs dine on snake meat. They'll clean the snakes out of you in no time flat.

Nobody calls a "formicary." Except maybe dictionary editors. What it is actually called is an "ant hill."

Patented inventions moved civilization forward all right, but none too swiftly at first. Early patents belonged to monarchs. Not until commoners were given patents, says a scholar, did the modern mechanical marvels really start to change everything.

Q. What's the youngest body of land on earth?

A. Iceland.

When no rain comes, and the well runs dry, and the crops wither, contemplate this: Every time a ship goes through the Panama Canal, about 52 million gallons of fresh water pour into those locks and flush out to sea.

According to the historians, it galled George Washington all of his life that he'd never learned any foreign language.

What makes "raise" and "reaze" such an extraordinary pair of words is they're both homonyms and antonyms.

If you hold a frog's mouth open too long, it will autofuck. So don't do that.

Q. What's the legal definition for "natural food"?

A. Isn't any. And there's no legal definition for "organic food," either.

L.M. Boyd What's what?

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Start planning for next year

Think about next year's garden. You'd like fewer bugs, right? • Attract insect-eating birds to the garden now. Start feeding wintering birds now. Press peanut butter and birdseed into a pinecone and hang it near a window or in a tree. In no time at all the birds will be feasting. You must have a steady supply of food available, though, or the birds will think you're just a flash in the pan and won't come to your diner any more. • Plant more spring bulbs. The ones you plant now will bloom later than the ones you planted a couple of weeks ago. • Prune asparagus back to the ground and layer with organic mulch. They may like anything too rich, so try straw... • Cut back mums to five or six inches. Cover them, too.



Cathy Walworth Green thumbprints

• Spray for peach tree leaf curl. • If you haven't already, give the lawn some winter fertilizer. It will have less nitrogen in it than the summer blend and will be available to the grass as soon as the weather warms. • Clean and store garden tools now. You might still mow the lawn one more time, but it's time to clean things up and coat tools with oil so they won't rust. Empty gas tanks to prevent old gas from forming a thick gunk. • Buy some Wilt-pruf or other

anti-drying agent for your evergreens. More winter damage is caused by drying out than freezing temperatures. • Mulch around berries. • Rake and destroy fallen leaves from under fruit trees. Do not compost them. They likely have fungus spores that you don't want hanging around for next spring. • Weed perennial beds and mulch. • Plant evergreens, trees, shrubs now. They'll get a six-month head start on spring. Their roots will be well-established by then, and they will be fairly comfortable in their new homes.

Cathy Walworth is an avid Twin Falls gardener. Write to her in care of *The Times-News*.

Letters of thanks

Hearing aid returned

I would like to say thank you to the very thoughtful person that found my hearing aid receiver during opening day at the Twin Falls County Fair. My daughter, Janis Ann Brown, checked with the lost and found at the fair a couple of days later, and it was unbelievable that some kind person had turned it in, and it was in perfect condition when it arrived by express mail at our home in Whittier, Calif. With thanks and kindest regard to the wonderful people in the Twin Falls area.

HOLLIS FX WHITTIER, Calif.

Seminar was a success

The Idaho Small Business Development Center would like to thank the following who helped make the Young Entrepreneurs Seminar a great success. Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce; Rick Davis, Smith's Food King; Logan Hamilton, R&S Duffinway; Taylor, Jim Bob's Bakery; Marion Swenson, Swensen's Magic Market; Gary Chappel, IGA Super Center; Sonny Mohd, The Donut House; Gus Bowman, Twin Falls Grocery Outlet; Sharon Meeks and Carrie Ploss, Twin Falls High School; Shawn Jenkins and Gina Rudd, Soran's; Darryl Cameron and Henry Jones, College of Southern Idaho Security; Rene Malle, CSI Student Senate; Marcia Cunningham, Marcia's Computer Service; Brent Jussel, First Security Bank; and Donna Tolman and John Brog, SCORE.

Thank you for your investment in our youth, our business leaders of tomorrow.

CINDY BOND
-Director, ISBDC
Twin Falls

Group really helps school

The teachers and staff at Kimberly Elementary School wish to thank the Parent Teacher Student Organization. Not only does it help in the classrooms but it has recently presented the school with several thousand dollars to be used for those things that are needed to enhance the children's education. These hard-earned monies have been accumulated through many hours of volunteer work. Again, we say thank you very much. The Kimberly School teachers and staff are grateful that we can boast of wonderful, supportive parents.

WES REMALEY, Principal
And Teachers and Staff Members
Kimberly Elementary School
Kimberly

Fire crew was excellent

On Oct. 29, we had a fire in our attic due to faulty installation of our stove pipe. When I noticed the attic was full of smoke and flame, I called 911. Thanks to Fire Chief Bill Windsor and his crew from the fire department for their quick response. If not for changes in the laws allowing Twin Falls firefighters to come out to our rural area and for their quick response, we probably would have lost our home. Thank you, Twin Falls Fire and Police departments for handling a very distraught woman and getting the fire out.

CHRIS KUBS FAMILY
Twin Falls

Program brings donations

The post officers and members of Gooding's American Legion Post 30 and its auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion Squadron would like to thank the citizens for helping with food donations to the Gooding Community Food Bank. The officers of the Perry Byam Post 30 would also like to thank the Gooding County Leader, KRXR 1480-AM Radio and *The Times-News* for putting forward information in the community about the program.

JOE DELASHMUTT
Commander, Perry Byam Post 30
Gooding

Harvest Party successful

The First Southern Baptist Church of Kimberly would like to thank those who worked hard to make the Harvest Party a success.

PASTOR OLIVER BIBBY
Kimberly

Many helped with dance

Thanks to the following for supporting our dance and auction: Circle 4 Cattle, L&M Dairy, Ted Miller, Costco, Claude's Sports, Kelley Garden, Banner Furniture, Janet Johnston, Cactus Pete's, Ridley's, Scott Jackson, Grant VanHouten, Betty Sueden, Kwick Service, Shoe & Tack Shop, Jerome Veterinary, Don and Treasa Gerome, Joni Benson, Leslie Vanderham, Snake River Veterinary, CJ's Frame Gallery, Magic Mountain, Ron's Lube & Glass, Jerome Eye Center, Krengle's, Donnelly Sports, Dairy Queen, Arlene's, Carte Jewelers, Oop's, Walco, Swann's, No. 1 Auto Parts, Ram Sports, Jerome Floral, A Southern Style, Corwell Tools, Ross' Western Wear, Rosebud's, Paul's Auto Repair, V&M Partsland, John Toolson, Cafe Ole, Sandpiper, Sizzler, Magic Valley Tire, Con Pailors, Valley Co-Op, Elevation Sports and more. Greenhouse, Target, Sogbrush Sam's, Baskin Robbins, Jerome Print Shop, Jerome Elks, Those Phabulous Phakers and all organizers.

JOANN HARDING
Secretary, JHS Baseball Committee
Jerome

Club conducts convention

Beta Sigma-Phi held a convention in Twin Falls in June. The club officers would like to thank the members for all of their hard work. The club would also like to thank the following:

Ben McCool, Buzz Zimmerman, Leonard Bay, Paul Petrezelli, Neil

King, Diane Adams, Char Alexander, Roxie Simcoe, Rose Crawford, Beth Taylor, Kay Sips, Mark Speener, Homestead, Payless, Albertson's, West One Bank, Blip Printing, Sky West, Dairy Gold, First Security Bank, State Farm Insurance in Twin Falls and Jerome, Twin Falls and Jerome Chambers of Commerce, Idaho Wheat Commission, Idaho Bean Commission, American Dairy Association, Hair Etc., Inkley's, College of Southern Idaho, National Guard Armory, Jerome Eye Center, Jerome Pizza Hut, *The Times-News*, Auto Phone Corp., Top Hat Tappers, Golden Moments, Melissa Herre, Autumn Haynes, Ray Turner, the Ohana Family and Jyrki Poutanen.

The club was able to donate \$3,200 to the Drug Awareness Resistance Education program as proceeds from the event.

CAROL QUAINANCE, President
MELINDA SCHLECHT, Vice Chairman
DEBBIE MULKEY, Treasurer
Twin Falls

Speakers benefit school

This letter is to extend appreciation to four people from the business community. During the week of Oct. 25, they took time from their busy schedules to give a full day's presentation to eighth-graders at Robert Stuart Junior High. Thanks to Jim Nickels from Theisen Motors, Marie Somero from West One Bank, Craig Allred from Prudential Insurance and Tim Jacobson from Canyon Springs. They spoke about comprehending forms, responsibility of auto ownership and how to fill out applications.

Thanks for your time and interest in the education of young people and for speaking to the students on issues that will be facing in the future.

SHEILA MILAM
ANGIE FILLMORE
Twin Falls

The "Letter of Thanks" column will publish letters of up to 150 words from:

- Civic organizations thanking contributors or supporters.
- Individuals thanking public agencies and civic organizations for extraordinary service.

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WED 7:00 - 9:30
THURS - SUN 4:30 - 7:00 - 9:30

TWIN MALL CINEMA

WED 7:00 - 9:30
THURS 4:30-7:00-9:30
FRI-SUN 2:00-4:30-7:00-9:30

Jerome CINEMA

EVERY MOMENT COUNTS

"THE BEST LOVE STORY SINCE...GHOST... BUT EVEN MORE EMOTIONAL"

MICHAEL KEATON NICOLE KIDMAN
MY LIFE
FROM THE CREATOR OF "SUNSHINE"

WED 5:15-7:30-9:45
THURS 12:45-3:00-5:15
7:30-9:45

TWIN CINEMA

ROBIN WILLIAMS
SALLY FIELD
MRS. DOUBTFIRE

WED 5:15 - 7:30 - 9:45
THURS 12:45-3:00-5:15
7:30 - 9:45

TWIN CINEMA

Addams Family Values

WED 7:15-9:15
THURS 5:15-7:15-9:15
FRI-SUN 1:15-3:15-5:15-7:15-9:15

Jerome CINEMA

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TWIN CINEMA

STEVEN SPIELBERG PRESENTS
A DINOSAUR ADVENTURE...
FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY.

WE'RE BACK!

A DINOSAUR'S STORY

WED 7:15
THURS 5:40-7:15
FRI-SUN 1:00-2:30-4:05-5:40-7:15

Jerome CINEMA

WED 5:20 - 7:00
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TWIN CINEMA

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TWIN CINEMA

THE THREE MUSKETEERS
Charlie Sheen
Kiefer Sutherland

WED 5:15-7:15-9:15
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TWIN CINEMA

SEAN ASTIN
FROM THE CREATORS OF "HOOSIERS"

RUDY

WED-FRI MURS
5:15 - 7:30 - 9:45

TWIN CINEMA

JAMAICAN BOBSLEDDERS?
Disney's
COOL RUNNINGS

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TWIN CINEMA

"A 'BAMBI' FOR THE 90'S"

ONCE UPON A FOREST

PICK UP COUPON FOR 50 CENT ADMISSION FROM ANY DOWNTOWN MERCHANT

WED-FRI-SAT 10:30-12:30-2:30
SUN 12:30 - 2:30

TWIN MALL CINEMA

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TOM HANKS - MEG RYAN

THURS - SUN
12:30 - 2:30

TWIN CINEMA

The Beverly Hillbillies

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7:45-9:45

TWIN CINEMA

PACINO - SEAN PENN

CARLITO'S WAY

BOTH TOWNS
NIGHTLY AT 8:45 ONLY

Jerome CINEMA
TWIN CINEMA

ADULTS \$2 -- KIDS \$1.00

SEE MOTION PICTURE HISTORY NOW ON THE BIG SCREEN.

JURASSIC PARK

BECAUSE YOU WON'T SEE IT ON VIDEO...YET THIS YEAR.

WED 7:00 - 9:30
THURS 4:30-7:00-9:30
FRI-SUN 2:00-4:30-7:00-9:30

Jerome CINEMA

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Scourge of the holidays

Long-ridiculed fruitcake a part of the season

The Baltimore Sun

It's the Rodney Dangerfield of confectations — rich, successful, unmistakable and, in some circles, utterly without respect.

It's a hallowed family tradition, it's standard late-show humor. It's a business that includes great big bakeries, bit players, high school bands and Trappist monks. It's a seasonal treat, a yearlong guilty habit, a lifelong running joke and a relationship.

Ah, fruitcake. To know it is to love it or hate it — no messing with Mr. or Ms. In-between when it comes to the dense loaf of candied fruit (usually), nuts (often), and cake (very little).

Moira Hodgson, British-born food writer and restaurant critic now based in New York, has a theory, which she expounds in the very first paragraph of her new book, "Favorite Fruitcakes."

"People either love fruitcakes or they hate them, the latter I think because they only know the commercial variety — heavy, dried-out cakes that are dyed alarming colors and often have a strange soapy taste. But a real fruitcake is to store-bought ones what Camembert is to artificially flavored cheese spread, or Puligny Montrachet to white wine cooler.

"In England, we have them for Easter as well as for Christmas," she says. "And we have them for tea. So I grew up really liking them."

But it was partly the love-hate reaction caused by the very mention of their name that led her to collect the recipes and write the book, which is interspersed with essays on fruitcake from such noted writers as Russell Baker, Truman Capote and Calvin Trillin.

In her research, she says, she discovered two things: "There are a lot of recipes for fruitcake. And there are a lot that are depressingly similar — which may account for some people's dislike."

Fruitcake ought to be a favorite with all home cooks, Hodgson says. "If you're not a particularly good

baker, there's a lot of room for error. It's not as exacting as so many recipes for cakes are." Besides, she notes, if there's something you don't like about fruitcake — citron or candied cherries — you can leave it out, and put in things you do like — dried fruits perhaps, instead of candied, or lots of pecans or walnuts, ginger or coconut.

And, she says, you can control the quality of the ingredients: "If you put good things into it, and unless you do something really peculiar, it's going to be good."

"I think it is a good idea" to combine fruit and nuts in a cake, says Nick Sheridan of Cuisine Catering in Baltimore. "There are a few fruit-

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cakes where the candy and nuts enliven a sponge cake. But the way most fruitcake is made, it's just these candied fruits stuck together with the merest glue of cake. So it's so incredibly heavy and sweet It's an excess of generosity.

"It's like candy. Candy is small for a reason, where it makes sense to have that degree of richness. It doesn't make sense as a cake."

Although he says he loves Christmas and hates to deprecate a tradition, Sheridan regretfully concludes, "Fruitcake is something you give to someone you owe things to and you don't really want to see again, and then you've done your duty and they are stuck with finding someone to pass it on to It's kind of like that game where, when the music stops, you don't want to be caught holding it."

But Hodgson insists fruitcake has "just had a bad press."

Maybe it's the name. Can a food that's become synonymous with crazy behavior ever be taken seriously? Does fruitcake need a new image? A spin doctor?

People may be shying away from supermarket fruitcakes. According to Information Resources, a Chicago-based market research firm, one major brand, Claxton, sold 818,600 pounds of fruitcake in 1992, which

was down 4.4 percent from 1991. The whole category of "shelf-stable cakes," however, gained some ground: 1992 sales of \$292.8 million were up 8.5 percent from 1991.

Of course everyone has heard "The Theory," Hodgson even excerpts the passage in her book: "The theory was that there is only one fruitcake, and that this fruitcake is simply sent on from year to year," writes humorist and food journalist Calvin Trillin, in "A Fruitcake Theory."

"Well, sorry, Mr. Trillin. There are a lot of fruitcakes out there. The Collin Street Bakery of Corsicana, Texas, produces more than 4 million pounds of fruitcake a year.

"People who say they don't like fruitcake never ate one from Texas," says John Crawford, who handles sales and customer service for the bakery that is a designated historic landmark. "It's an art to us, and we work at it."

Company history credits John Ringling with launching the mail-order side of the business when his circus troupe played Corsicana and members ordered cakes to be sent to friends abroad.

"The typical fruitcake buyer is extremely loyal," Crawford says.

Crawford's company is one of several in the part of Texas called the Texas Fruitcake Triangle. Among others is Mary of Puddin Hill, Mary "Pud" Kearns, daughter of founders Mary Horton and Sam Lauderdale, says quality ingredients ensure customer loyalty. "None of us bake to a price," she says; rather, cakes are priced after ingredients are bought.

And "in spite of the onslaught" of negative publicity, she says, fruitcake sales have held steady in recent years.

Fruitcake represents a growth industry, however, for the monks of Holy Cross Abbey, Berryville, Va. There fruitcake has replaced farming as a major source of work and income.

"Traditionally monasteries and convents have done farm work," says Father Andrew Gries of Holy Cross. "It's only in the last 50 years that they've gone into products that they make."

Holy Cross, one of 12 Cistercian, or Trappist, monasteries in the country, has been producing fruitcake since 1986, says Father Andrew Gries. "We made 24,000 this year. Last year we made 23,000 and sold out, and it looks like we're going to sell out again."

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