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Cloudy with a chance of rain. Highs in the mid-40s. West winds 15 mph.

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Agency prepares to reform bureaucratic welfare system

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The cost of running welfare programs is rising more than twice as fast as the number of people on the rolls, according to federal investigators who blame an overly complex and bloated bureaucracy.

A draft report by the inspector general at the Department of Health and Human Services says the federal government spends \$6 billion to \$8 billion a year helping states deliver food stamps, Medicaid and monthly cash benefits under the Aid to Families with Dependent Children program.

The HHS investigators said federal administrative costs increased by 43 percent between 1987 and 1991, while the number of recipients in the three programs increased on average by 18 percent.

The data do not support the contention

that rising administrative costs are the result of expanded program responsibilities," the investigators say in their report, obtained by The Associated Press under the Freedom of Information Act.

The report also found that the federal government's share of benefit payments under AFDC, Medicaid and food stamps is growing quickly: from \$45 billion in 1987 to \$79 billion in 1991, an increase of 74 percent.

The states and federal government generally split the administrative costs of welfare programs in half. The investigators say, however, the federal government cannot determine what it is paying for at the state and local level without a considerable investment in auditing and monitoring, and those costs would be prohibitive.

In a separate report, the inspector general

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Book: U.S. looked at assassination

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Military intelligence officials plotted to kill Saddam Hussein as he traveled from Baghdad to Kuwait in the months before the Gulf War, according to a new book on commando forces in the Army and Navy.

The plan called for Army Delta or Navy Seal Team-6 commandos to shoot down Saddam's helicopter with shoulder-fired Stinger missiles after spy satellites determined he had boarded the aircraft, according to "The Commandos: the Inside Story of America's

Soldiers," by Newsweek defense correspondent Douglas C. Waller.

Saddam was considered impregnable in Baghdad, but once a month he traveled to Kuwait City, usually by helicopter from Baghdad to Basra, then by motor home to Kuwait, Waller said.

Gen. Colin Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Defense Secretary Dick Cheney were "intrigued by the idea of some type of American force targeting Saddam," Waller wrote in an excerpt published in the Jan. 10 issue of Newsweek.

But U.S. Central Command Chief

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Gale Kleinkopf says Twin Falls needs to ensure city services will keep up with growth.

New council greets new year with 1st meeting

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The City Council will look and feel a lot different tomorrow than it does today.

That is because three new members — Lance Clow, Jeff Gooding and Chris Talkington — will take the oath of office shortly after 6 p.m. and assume the seats reserved for outgoing members Pam Dowd, Mary McCluskey and Jim Vickman.

The meeting in City Hall is open to the public.

Also to be decided is the election of the mayor and vice mayor for the 1994-95 council sessions. The new council members will elect two from their ranks to serve in those parliamentary positions.

Howard Allen and Gale Kleinkopf are the current mayor and vice mayor. Following the reorganization of the council, the new mayor will preside over the night's agenda, which includes two public hearings.

Ken Robbins is requesting the vacation of a 10-foot utility easement to allow

construction of a home on the property at the southeast corner of Ridgeway Drive and Wendell Street.

Anton and Theresa Rambur want the council to approve a zoning change for six acres at 2955 E. 3600 N. so they can split the property and build a new home on the vacant half.

The new council also will consider bids for the purchase of new pool blankets and storage reel for the city swimming pool. The only bid was submitted by Crown Aquatics of Tri

Cities, Wash., at \$12,950.

Gale Kleinkopf: The man who would be mayor

By Sean L. McCarthy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — When Gale Kleinkopf was appointed to the City Council on Jan. 3, 1983, he was welcomed into office by then-Mayor Chris Talkington.

Exactly 11 years later, Kleinkopf hopes to welcome Talkington back onto the council as the new mayor of Twin Falls.

Kleinkopf received the majority support of his councilmates in a straw poll taken two weeks ago in a council work session. He is expected to become mayor tonight in a formal vote.

Raised in Twin Falls, Kleinkopf studied agricultural chemistry at the University of Idaho. He earned a doctorate in plant physiology from the University of California at Davis and returned to the Magic Valley in 1975.

Although he has "thought about running for mayor a couple of times," he said he did not have enough time for the job because of his "day job" as superintendent of the University of Idaho's Kimberly Research Center.

But he has managed to adjust his schedule now to the point that he feels he can take a more active role in directing city government, he said.

The other councilmen will be active, too, under a Kleinkopf administration, he said.

"I will encourage strong participation ... and involvement in all operations of the city, including public relations," he said.

Look for council members to be more visible at ribbon-cuttings, civic group meetings, and planning and zoning hearings, he said.

The city also needs to implement its 1993 comprehensive plan, adopted in October, he said.

"We need to start right away," he said.

As a new councilman in 1983, Kleinkopf said that Twin Falls could handle population and retail growth only if the city stuck by its existing comprehensive plan.

Now that growth is even more of an issue in 1994, the city needs to ensure that city services — and in particular, its water and sewer systems — can keep the pace, he said.

"We're going to have to revisit wastewater treatment," he said.

The city may want to consider adjusting water and sanitation costs, charging by amount instead of by household, he said.

Kleinkopf predicts that Twin Falls will continue to add residents at a rate of at least 2 percent over the next six to seven years.

"Personally, I like to see a progressive community," he said. "It's a little chaotic right now, though."

Like other city officials and civic leaders, Kleinkopf supports legislation that would localize the state sales tax by distributing more of the revenue to the city of sale.

Residents throughout southern Idaho shop in Twin Falls, and the city should be able to benefit from its role as an economic hub, Kleinkopf said.

"We tend to be a focal point for economic development, and I don't see an end to that," he said.

The Old Town redevelopment project is one such example.

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Armed peasants battle army in Mexico

The Associated Press

SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS, Mexico — Armed Indian peasants fought army troops Sunday as the rebels withdrew from this popular tourist town, but they held onto three other villages and seized a fourth.

There were reports of at least 12 people, including nine police, killed in the weekend fighting, the first sign of organized guerrilla activity in Mexico since the 1970s. There was no word of casualties among the rebels, who wanted to draw attention to their rebellion.

The federal government was watching the situation, but we have avoided the trap that

they set for us, putting us to rest violently," a spokesman for President Carlos Salinas de Gortari said, on condition of anonymity.

A statement from the Secretary of Defense said soldiers in the area were ordered to stay in their barracks.

The Roman Catholic bishops of Tuxtla Gutierrez, the state capital, and Tapachula asked for a truce and promised to seek a way to the guerrillas within 48 hours.

"This whole thing has been terrifying for us," said Hernan Pedero, manager of the San Tomas Hotel on San Cristobal's main plaza, which was strewn with charred debris and other equipment destroyed by the rebels. Pedero said the 93 guests staying at his

hotel were taken to Tuxtla Gutierrez on Sunday under army escort.

As the rebels left San Cristobal, they clashed with the army troops, wounding two of them near Rancho Nuevo, about six miles to the east.

Amado Avendano Figueroa of the local El Tiempo newspaper said some wounded were taken to San Cristobal for treatment. Francisco Arevalo of the Novedades de Chiapas newspaper in Tuxtla Gutierrez said wounded soldiers were arriving at the regional military hospital there.

The rebels' attacks on San Cristobal and three other towns Saturday and one on Sunday

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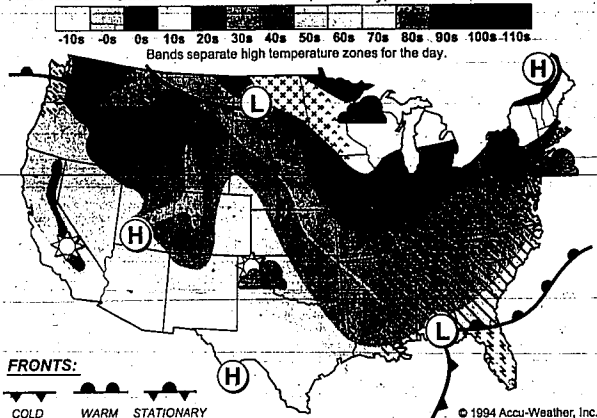
Rebels clash with government soldiers



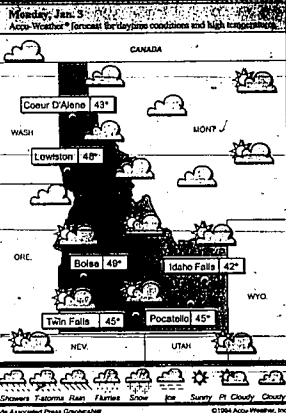
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NATIONAL Weather

The Accu-Weather® forecast for noon, Monday, Jan. 3.



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Boston	49 38 03		Washington	49 32 07
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Denver	47 33	Last year		39 11
Des Moines	30 19 11	Normal		37 20
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Honolulu	81 63	Sunrise tomorrow 6:08 a.m.		
Houston	70 36	Lunar phase: Last quarter		
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Twin Falls

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quarter Jan. 19, full Jan. 27.		

Idaho

Boise	Max Min Pcp	
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Fairfield	mm mm mm	
Gooding	mm mm mm	
Hagerman	mm mm mm	
Idaho Falls	35 25	
Jerome	42 25	
Lewiston	45 29 02	
Malad	44 27	
Malla	47 28 01	
McCall	mm mm mm	
Pocatello	42 29	
Salmon	33 16	
Soda Springs	mm 20mm	
Sun Valley	mm 7 mm	

Weather summary

Twin Falls, Burley, Rupert, Jerome and Gooding: Cloudy today with a chance of rain. Highs in the mid-40s, with west winds 13 mph. Continued cloudy tonight with a slight chance of rain late. Lows 30 to 35; Cloudy Tuesday with a chance of rain. Highs in the mid- to upper 40s. Camas Prairie and Wood River Valley: Cloudy today with a good chance of snow. Highs 35 to 40. Mostly cloudy tonight with a slight chance of snow late. Lows in the mid-20s. Cloudy Tuesday with a chance of snow, except rain at times below 7,000 feet. Highs near 40.

Extended forecast: Southern Idaho - Decreasing clouds Wednesday with areas of fog and a chance of showers in the east. Lows in the 20s to lower 30s. Highs in upper 30s and 40s. Thursday and Friday, partly cloudy with patchy night and morning valley fog. Lows in the 20s west and teens east. Highs in the mid-30s and 40s.

Northern Utah and Nevada: Utah - Variable clouds today and tonight, with a slight chance of rain or snow in the valleys and a chance of snow in the mountains. Highs 45 to 50; Lows 20s to lower 30s. Increasing clouds and mild Tuesday. A slight chance of rain or snow late. Highs 45 to 55.

Elko County - Partly cloudy today, with highs from the upper 40s to mid-50s. Increasing clouds tonight and locally windy. Lows mid-20s to 40. Windy Tuesday, with chance of rain and snow showers. Highs mid-40s to mid-50s.

Rain soaks West; snow falls from Colorado to New York

The Associated Press

Snow was scattered from the northern Rockies to New York state on Sunday, while rain fell along the West Coast and changed to snow in the mountains.

During the day snow was scattered over Colorado, the northern Plains, the upper Mississippi Valley, Wisconsin, northern Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, northwestern Pennsylvania and south-central New York state, the National Weather Service said.

Four to 6 inches of snow was forecast for central and eastern Iowa, where highways were slippery and visibility was cut to as low as a half-mile. Advisories for snow and blowing and drifting snow were in effect for southern and southwestern Minnesota.

A winter storm watch was in effect through Monday night and Tuesday across much of West Virginia, southwestern Virginia, much of western Pennsylvania, northern New Jersey and extreme southeastern New York state.

Visible planets

Morning: Jupiter Evening: Saturn

Forecasts

The National Weather Service in Boise reports more moisture and warmer temperatures for next few days.

Another Pacific weather system is expected to produce clouds, rain or snow and warmer temperatures for Idaho through Tuesday.

Precipitation began at Coeur d'Alene, Lewiston, Mullan, Burns and Spokane Sunday afternoon and spread over the rest of the state. The north, central and southwest portions of Idaho have higher chances of receiving precipitation than does the southeast. Milder air associated with the storm will raise temperatures a few degrees, with 40s common.

The highest temperature in this state Sunday was 47 degrees at Malta. Tuesday reported the lowest at 4 degrees.

Elsewhere in the nation Sunday, the highest temperature was 83 degrees at Central Springs and West Palm Beach, Fla., Fallbrook, Calif., and Alice and Laredo, Texas. Crane Lake, Minn., reported the lowest temperature at 30 degrees below zero.

Heavy snowfall was possible Tuesday over parts of western New York state.

Rain extended from eastern Kansas into northwestern Missouri. Snow advisories were posted over northwestern Missouri.

Rain fell along the northern and central Pacific Coast, changing to snow at higher elevations inland. Snow advisories were issued for the Cascades of Washington state.

There were no reports of heavy rainfall during the six hours up to 11 a.m. MST.

Snowfall during the same six hours included 2 inches at Huron, S.D.; Mason City, Iowa, and Spencer, Iowa; plus 1 inch at Aberdeen, S.D.; Dubuque, Iowa; Pierre, S.D.; Redwood Falls, Minn.; Rochester, Minn.; Sioux City, Iowa; Sioux Falls, S.D.; Watford, Iowa; Watertown, S.D.; and Wausau, Wis.

Sunday morning's low for the Lower 48 states was 30 below zero at Crane Lake, Minn.

Former AEC head, Washington governor Dixy Lee Ray dies

SEATTLE (AP) — Dixy Lee Ray, the outspoken former chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission and Washington state governor, died Sunday at her home on Fox Island. She was 79.

Ray had suffered from a severe bronchial condition for several months, said KIRO-TV commentator Lou Guzzo, a longtime friend. Her body was found at her home on the island, located in Puget Sound, west of Tacoma.



Ray

Gov. Mike Lowry, a fellow Democrat, said he was "surprised and saddened to hear of her death, and on behalf of the people of the state of Washington, I want to thank her for her service to our state."

Ray showed her mettle early. At 12, she became the youngest girl to climb Mount Rainier, Washington's highest peak, located between Seattle and her Tacoma birthplace.

Fifty years later, at 62, she was sworn in as the state's first woman governor — the only one so far. "I guess I'm a late bloomer," she quipped.

An outspoken supporter of the nuclear industry, she was head of the Atomic Energy Commission from 1973 until 1975. She was governor from 1977 to 1981.

She issued her latest non-nuclear comment on nuclear issues Thursday, when she dismissed media reports about past federal radiation experiments as alarmist. She also took Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary to task for "blaming all of her predecessors for things she says are terrible."

"Everybody is exposed to radiation. ... A little bit more or a little bit less is of no consequence," Ray said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press.

She also had no patience for environmentalists she considered too strident. She and Guzzo, who was Ray's policy adviser when she was

governor, co-authored two books on the subject, "Trashing the Planet" in 1980 and "Environmental Overkill" in 1993.

Never one for artifice, Ray set tongues wagging in 1972, when then-President Nixon appointed her to the AEC and she startled observers in Washington, D.C., by living in a motor home and taking her dogs to work.

When the AEC was phased out, she was named assistant secretary of state, overseeing the Bureau of Oceans, International Environment and Scientific Affairs.

Ray returned to Washington state in 1975, complaining that former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger had given her the cold shoulder.

Her straightforward political style frequently ruffled feathers. When she succeeded Gov. Dan Evans and dismissed virtually his entire administration she also dismissed the outcry that followed.

"No one owns a job," Ray said. "From now on, we'll send them a Klenex at the time they're fired if they're going to be a crybaby."

Plot

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Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf thought the "scheme was overbrained," Waller wrote.

"The commando team might be compromised. Then he would have

to send in a huge force to rescue them."

An executive order prohibits assassinations of heads of state.

But Pentagon lawyers drafted a legal brief saying that "Saddam could just as well be considered a

military commander as a political leader," Waller wrote.

An outline of the plan was ready by late October 1990, but it was quashed the next month, Waller wrote. The war began in January 1991.

Mayor

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"I think it's an excellent idea," Kleinkopf said. "It's got tremendous local support."

Mayor Howard Allen said two weeks ago that he would like to step down as mayor to devote more of his time to the Old Town project.

Kleinkopf thinks that's a great idea.

Alongside the comprehensive plan and the upkeep-of-city-services, Old Town will be one of the top priorities for the council in 1994, Kleinkopf said.

The council will need to cooperate to deal with these issues effectively, and Kleinkopf said he thinks he can

foster that level of cooperation.

"I would not expect a council to be unanimous, but I don't see us being polarized," he said.

"Anytime you have three people who come on (the council) who are aggressive and vocal, I think you'll see an involved council."

Mexico

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day were the latest of many peasant uprisings over the years in Chiapas, one of Mexico's most impoverished and isolated states.

"This region suffers from historic problems which could not be eliminated totally despite efforts by five years of this administration," Deputy Interior Secretary Ricardo Garcia Villalobos said in a statement.

The rebels had attacked San Cristobal de las Casas, 50 miles east of Tuxtla Gutierrez, plus Ocosingo, Las Margaritas and Altamirano on Saturday. They moved into Chimal, a nearby village, on Sunday.

Servin Martinez of the San Cristobal Red Cross said one person was killed there. Notimex said five police were killed in Las Margaritas, and residents in Ocosingo said at least six people, including four police, died there.

A man reached by telephone in Ocosingo said there were 2,000-3,000 Mexican and Central American rebels still there Sunday and that they were unarmed and armed. He said they had burned the town hall and killed some policemen.

Road report

The state road report was unavailable at press time Sunday evening.

"All the people are in their houses afraid," he said. He declined to give his name, saying he feared reprisals, and hung up.

Another resident said army helicopters were overflying the town. A third said the rebels, dressed as soldiers but with red bandanas, were looting stores, burning official records and demanding the keys to residents' cars.

The official news agency Notimex quoted a rebel spokesman, identified as "L. Manolo," as saying that the rebels are Mexican and have been training for some time. He denied any ties with armed movements of other countries.

Officials said only about 200 people had participated in the attacks. The rebels said thousands were involved. Some reportedly had automatic weapons.

A live television report from San Cristobal said the rebels burned office furniture and papers in the town hall before leaving town. They also shot up an ambulance with 21 bullets, the local Red Cross said. No injuries were reported.

Monsignor Samuel Ruiz, bishop of San Cristobal, told The Associated Press "they took everything" from the town hall and that residents helped themselves to typewriters and other items dumped in the street.

Federal troops were guarding government installations in the town of Comitán to avoid a takeover there. Radio stations in San Cristobal remained off the air. The Panamerican Highway was reopened with military checkpoints.

The rebels claimed they were from the Zapatista Army of National Liberation, a previously unknown group, and were protesting abuses by Mexican authorities against Lacandon Indians in the region.

"For (the government) it doesn't matter that we possess nothing, absolutely nothing, not a home, not land, not work, not education," the group said in a statement faxed to news media.

The group is named after Emiliano Zapata, a popular hero of the 1910-1917 Mexican Revolution who defended poor peasants' rights to free land seized from wealthy landowners.

Lacandon and other Indian peoples in Chiapas have long been feuding with state and federal authorities, often over land. Only a few hundred Lacandon Indians remain in the area, living in a remote rain forest.

The indigenous people complain their land is being swindled away from them and their traditional way of life is slowly being destroyed by Western ways.

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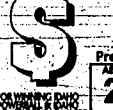
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Ready for the big move?

National Archives' transfer will take 3 years, \$6.8 million

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hate moving? Be thankful you're not the National Archives.

It is carting thousands of boxes and crates of precious historical items — from rare Civil War photographs to Watergate scandal tapes — to a \$250 million research building in suburban College Park, Md.

The move beginning Monday will take three years, require at least 1,300 truck loads and cost \$6.8 million, said Susan Cooper, spokeswoman for the National Archives and Records Administration.

Much of the 765,934 cubic feet of material will be placed in 2.3 million small, specially designed and cushioned containers so that the contents are protected from temperature fluctuations and humidity.

The items range from documents so old and fragile they can't be exposed to sunlight to the cracked windshield of the limousine President Kennedy sat in when he was assassinated.

The windshield will be wrapped in Styrofoam,

put in a specially-designed crate, and be transported along a special route to avoid potholes. The Watergate tapes will be transported in armored cars.

Unlike many people facing a move, the National Archives didn't wait until the last minute to pack.

"We have people who have already been working on this move for five years, full time," Cooper said. "And they will continue to work on this for another three years."

The moves will transport 7 million still pictures, 11 million charts, maps and aerial photographs, 112,274 reels of motion pictures, and 200,122 sound and video recordings, according to archivists.

The still picture collection includes photographs taken by Mathew Brady during the Civil War, work by Ansel Adams and hundreds of thousands of photographs taken during World War II.

Among the items that will be on display at the new, modern research facility will be many of President Nixon's presidential records, documents on the Kennedy assassination and audio tapes from the Supreme Court.

The building in College Park — known as Archives II — features the most advanced pollution abatement, environmental and state-of-the-art preservation technology. Nine laboratories will allow archivists to use the latest document preservation and storage methods and even develop new ones, Cooper said.

Paper records will be stored on mobile shelves that can be shifted electronically at a push of a button to provide for easier access. Laid end to end, the 520 miles of shelves would reach from the agency's downtown office to Ann Arbor, Mich.

The building can hold up to 2 million cubic feet of records, enough space to accommodate the acquisition of materials into the next century, officials said.

Nevertheless, more than a quarter-million cubic feet of material and documents — including the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights — remain at the Archives' main building in downtown Washington.

The Archives since the 1960s has been leasing storage space at various locations in and near the capital. "One thing this move is going to achieve is a consolidation of all of those facilities," Cooper said, adding that the consolidation is expected to save about \$5 million a year in rental costs.

"But it's not just a cost-saving measure. It will also really help researchers because it will be consolidating the material so they're not running all over town," she said.

The National Archives oversees more than 30 facilities across the country, including nine presidential libraries, 14 federal records centers and 12 regional archives.

Billionaire Gates weds sweetheart

LANAI CITY, Hawaii (AP) — A lot of details of Bill Gates' wedding to Melinda French might never be public.

One thing seems sure, though, the billionaire computer software wiz and his bride don't hold a grudge.

Among those witnessing the nation's second-richest man exchanging vows were investor Warren Buffett, the nation's richest man with a fortune of more than \$8 billion, and Gates'

former girlfriend, Ann Winblad, the Seattle Post-Intelligencer reported.

"We are both extremely happy and looking forward to a long, wonderful life together," Gates said in a statement.

Gates, 38, co-founder of the Microsoft Corp., and French, 29, a Microsoft business unit manager, left Lanai on Sunday for an unknown honeymoon destination.

Welfare

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al's office says the system states use to charge the federal government for those administrative costs has "degenerated into a highly technical accounting and allocation maze."

That report also suggests that consultants are taking advantage of outdated federal policies to reap bigger payments for the states.

The investigators say the system must be changed or administrative costs will continue their "accelerated growth and remain burdensome and costly to audit."

President Clinton's welfare reform task force now promises to tackle the welfare bureaucracy — a web of programs with different and often inconsistent requirements overseen by different federal agencies and congressional committees.

"The simplification of assistance programs at all levels of government has been the 'holy grail' of welfare reform — always sought, never realized," the task force says in a draft report. "The reasons are many — yet everyone agrees that recipients, administrators and taxpayers are all losers due to the current complexity."

As a first step, the task force recommends that AFDC and food stamps adopt the same rules for assets and income.

Now, AFDC recipients are allowed to have just \$1,500 equity in their car, but families on food stamps are allowed to own a car with a fair market value of up to \$4,500.

An AFDC family may have no more than \$1,000 in assets, while families on food stamps may have up to \$2,000 worth of resources such as savings accounts, and the limit rises to \$3,000 when a household

has at least one member who is 60 or older.

A senior administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity, says the task force is banking on savings from streamlining the bureaucracy to pay for the president's welfare reforms.

"We are attempting to find every dime we can in administrative savings to finance investments in better education, training and child care, so that simplification can serve the twin goals of cost savings and better ways to identify and reduce fraud," the official said.

The task force also hopes to "change the culture" of the welfare office from one of enforcing seemingly endless rules to helping people become self-sufficient.

"Instead of exploring ways to give people access to the education, training and employment opportunities they need to become self-sufficient, the welfare system is driven by numbingly complex eligibility rules," the task force said.

The task force, in a series of public hearings around the country, heard from welfare recipients who said the welfare system was dehumanizing.

Roxanne Belke of Chicago told of waiting in the welfare office for more than five hours before seeing her caseworker.

"My children get hungry, tired and frustrated," she said at a hearing in August. "There is nowhere for them to be children. There is nowhere to nurse my baby privately. Even the washrooms are inaccessible. And when it is my turn, I am insulted and feel rushed and not allowed to ask any questions. This hurts my feelings and embarrasses me."

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Motorist shoots, kills 19-year-old

NORCO, Calif. (AP) — A motorist speeding down the freeway fired into a slower-moving car as he pulled past, killing a passenger. An Royston was driving his car in the left lane of Interstate 15 on Friday afternoon when a faster motorist became impatient and passed him on the right, Deputy Mark Lohman of the Riverside County

Sheriff's Department said Sunday. The passing motorist pointed a handgun at Royston's car and fired one shot, striking Royston's 19-year-old brother, Emmett, in the face, Lohman said. The assailant continued north on the freeway at more than 90 mph, and no arrests were made, Lohman said.

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President Clinton tees off Sunday at the Long Cove Golf Club in Hilton Head, S.C., where he was participating in Renaissance Weekend, a social and public policy retreat.

Clinton gives glimpse of his personal side with time off

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. (AP) — Keeping track of a vacationing president's off-duty doings can give Americans rare insights about the man they usually see only in an official capacity.

Take Bill Clinton's week of rest in his hometown of Arkansas and on this resort island off the eastern seaboard, for instance.

Folks were pretty tight-lipped about what the president said during his only official appearance, an off-the-record talk at the Renaissance Weekend conference on the topic of "What I've Learned."

But the nation did get to know more about the private side of its chief executive as the vagabond vacationer visited old haunts in Arkansas and South Carolina: He's fickle. He's vain. He's a good listener. He's energetic. He's proud.

Clinton got in one last round of golf Sunday before heading home to face a long agenda of work, still a little sore from a touch football game on the beach two days earlier. "Those kids beat me up pretty good," he groaned.

In the meantime, Americans learned that this man is a creature of habit. This was Clinton's 10th consecutive appearance at the annual Renaissance retreat, an invitation-only gathering featuring social events and panel discussions on personal and social issues.

Despite all the talk about Clinton spending his vacation at an organized gabfest, he actually spent more time golfing than anything else, and conference organizers said that was just fine with them.

"He does what he wants to do," said organizer Linda Lader. "We all need to have that getaway, and time for recreation and laughter."

The lack of public events notwithstanding, Clinton was frequently in the public eye. Here's a little of what Americans learned about their president as it watched him flit about.

He loses. Yes, America's dentist John Hartley told the president he had done a "beautiful" job with his brushing and flossing. Clinton reported after a checkup at a storefront dental office in Little Rock.

Bowling is not his game. He managed an unimpressive 126 at a Hot Springs bowling alley, and later in the trip was heard to muse on the golf course: "I wish I could figure out how to get multiguns (free shots) in the bowling alley."

Even when he's off duty, he's on guard. Ever the politician, Clinton refused to bite when asked who he expected to win the Orange Bowl game between Florida State and Nebraska. "I've got enough tough calls to make without making that one," he said. (Florida State won.)

He judges at golf. In the interest of true disclosure, Clinton admitted to taking an occasional mullet on the links. But when he took two drives at one hole and ended up playing the first ball, he didn't classify the extra stroke as a mullet.

He has his pride. Clinton ignored questions about his golf score after his first visit to the links — until someone speculated that he must have done poorly. "I did fine. It WAS a good game," he retorted. (Score: 87.)

Actor Cesar Romero dies at 86

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — Cesar Romero, the tall, suave actor who capped a long film career with a popular television role as The Joker on "Batman" in the 1960s, died Sunday. He was 86.

Romero died at St. John's Hospital and Health Center, said hospital spokesman Gary Miercanu. Cause of death wasn't immediately released.

Romero was often cast as a gigolo or the other man, but he claimed to have escaped the title of Latin Lover.

"When I started in motion pictures in 1934, they said I was going to be the next Valentino," he recalled in 1984. "I was never a leading man, and very seldom did I do a picture where I got the girl. But I was saddled with the label because I had a Latin name. My background is Cuban, but I'm from New York City. I'm a Latin from Manhattan."

With his striking handsomeness and sturdy build,



Romero

his 80th birthday as Jane Wyman's husband in the TV series "Falcon Crest." "If I wasn't doing this series, I'd be doing something else," he said. "I can't sit around and do nothing. I don't know what I'd do if I retired."

Romero proved a reliable actor in musicals, comedies, dramas and Westerns.

He made his biggest impact with the public as the evil, pun-cracking Joker in the faddish "Batman" series of the 1960s.

Romero remained active into the '90s, turning up in television movies. An indefatigable partygoer, he was a familiar figure at Hollywood events. He marked

Rape victims take action against landlords

CHICAGO (AP) — Rape victims increasingly are fighting back, not only against their attackers but also against property owners they feel could have prevented attacks through better security.

Laura Lee Foley, for example, wants to sue the management of a suburban apartment complex where she lived in 1989. She was raped there after she answered a knock at the door.

This incident should not have happened, Foley said. Only after her lawyer obtained police reports did she learn the Carol Stream apartment complex had a history of violence, includ-

ing assaults, robberies, muggings and burglaries. She believes simple measures such as an adequate peephole or a chain lock could have saved her.

After the attack, the same man returned to the apartment complex and raped and stabbed another woman. That man was convicted in Foley's attack in March.

A seminar on rape lawsuits held in Atlanta in November drew 200 lawyers from throughout the nation, said Corey E. Gordon, founder and co-chairman of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America

Inadequate Security Group. Gordon noted that only five years ago, a similar seminar was cancelled for lack of business.

"It's clear around the country that premises liability cases are increasing," said Daniel B. Kennedy, a professor and criminologist at the University of Detroit.

Foley's attorney, Kathleen Zellner, who specializes in women's issues, said such cases are becoming a major part of her practice, although many raped women still don't know that they have the recourse of a civil lawsuit.

Timothy Leary says inmates were informed of experiments

The Washington Post

Timothy F. Leary, the former psychology professor who was once nationally famous as an advocate of psychedelic drugs, said that he had the informed consent of a group of Massachusetts prisoners to whom he gave a hallucinogenic drug in an experiment 30 years ago.

"My God, whenever you do any kind of drug research, you have to give the patient every kind of (information)," said Leary, who was a Harvard University lecturer when he and others administered the drug psilocybin to inmates at Concord State Prison in 1961-62.

The experiment was intended to see if the drug, which has properties similar to LSD, would reduce inmates' criminal behavior. "This was not a researcher from Harvard who went in, dumped a lot of drugs on people and walked away," he said.

Reached at his home in Beverly Hills, Calif., Leary, 73, made the remarks in response to an article in Saturday's Boston Globe, which quoted former state prison officials as saying that the prisoners involved might not have been fully told of the drug's effects, including flashbacks.

Leary discussed the prison experiment, as well as other experiments using student volunteers, in autobiographies in 1967 and 1982.

The Globe article noted recent disclosures that government and researchers conducted radiation experiments on hundreds of people in the 1940s and 1950s, some apparently without their knowledge.

Richard Dobbin, a doctoral student at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, said he has studied prison records of the experiment, which indicate that the 34 inmates involved "definitely knew" they were going to receive a "psychotic drug." He said the records show the inmates received between one and four doses of the drug during the experiment.

Dobbin said he received a letter from one of the participants, who said that he was aware he was taking a mind-altering drug. "I haven't talked to any of the others, but from the written documents, it describes how they were informed about what was going on," Dobbin said. He added, "I think any kind of claim that Leary acted as unethically as people who gave radiation (to unknown subjects) is unwarranted."

Dole: Reno should start investigation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Janet Reno should stop "dragging her feet" and appoint an independent counsel to investigate President Clinton's possible links to a failed savings and loan firm in Arkansas, Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole said Sunday.

"I think it's high time she did what she knows she should do," Dole said.

"For the president's sake and for the sake of the integrity of the attorney general's office, she should move," the Kansas Republican said on NBC's "Meet the Press." Dole said that Reno had "wasted a lot of time dragging her feet."

Reno has said repeatedly that career prosecutors, not a specially appointed counsel, should handle the case of Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan Association, the failed thrift owned by Clinton friend James McDougal.

Federal investigators are looking into the costly collapse of Madison and whether any funds from the thrift were illegally diverted to Whitewater Development Corp., a real estate venture owned jointly by the Clintons and McDougal when Clinton was governor of Arkansas.

Also being examined is whether any Madison money was inappropriately routed to Clinton's 1984 gubernatorial campaign.

Dole and other Republicans have also criticized the Democratic-controlled banking and finance committees of Madison for playing politics in refusing to launch legislative inquiries.

But senior White House adviser



Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., says Attorney General Janet Reno is 'dragging her feet' in investigating President Clinton's ties to an Arkansas savings and loan.

George Stephanopoulos, appearing on ABC's "This Week With David Brinkley," spoke Sunday of a "remarkable conversation" of Republicans now seeking to resurrect the lapsed special counsel law.

"Now that they sense that there might be some perceived political advantage to going after this, they're all for it all of a sudden," he said.

GOP lawmakers, emboldened by the drawn-out independent counsel investigation of the Iran-Contra affair during the Reagan administration, have fought renewal of legislation reauthorizing the appointment of counsels.

New NYC mayor calls for unity, crime crackdown

NEW YORK (AP) — Mayor Rudolph Giuliani called for unity in his inaugural address Sunday while promising to crack down on crime and tackle the city's perennial budget problems.

"The era of fear has had a long enough reign," Giuliani said, rejecting arguments that the nation's largest city, with 7.3 million people, had become ungovernable. He appealed to "the innermost spirit of New York, which says our problems may be big, but our people are bigger."

Like other new mayors in the new year, Giuliani promised to remake his city: "New York City will again be the capital of the world."

Giuliani, a former federal prosecutor, is taking office as polls show that Americans are growing increasingly pessimistic about crime.

"American cities cannot survive as we know them if they remain so violent," Giuliani told an audience of 5,000 in front of City Hall. Giuliani said his priority is improving the quality of life. That was the top concern cited by many of the voters who helped him narrowly defeat Democrat David Dinkins.

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Israel: Arafat may have to wait for more talks

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel withheld approval Sunday for a new round of peace talks with the Palestinians, and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin reportedly told his Cabinet he was willing to let PLO chief Yasser Arafat "sweat a bit."

Rabin also warned that if Arafat failed to accept a compromise worked out last week in Cairo on two key sticking points, all previous agreements would be put aside.

"What's the point of reaching agreements?" Rabin asked in an interview on Israeli army radio.

The tough line followed Arafat's rejection of what Israeli officials claim was an agreement on overcoming key obstacles to implementing the Israel-PLO accord on Palestinian autonomy. Arafat's objections were delivered in two faxes sent to Rabin's office Friday with a list of proposed changes.

Nabil Shaath, the PLO chief negotiator, denied a compromise had been reached. In an interview with Israeli army radio, Shaath said both sides still disagreed on the size of the autonomous Jericho area to be returned by Israel and control over border crossings into autonomous zones.

"Whereas the Israeli side is always very sensitive about any symbol of sovereignty," Shaath said, "we are also very sensitive about the attempt to continue Israeli control of Palestinians in the occupied territories."

During the interview, Shaath received a fax from Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, saying Israel was prepared to resume talks in the Egyptian resort of Taba. But no date was mentioned.

Rabin said any new talks would be held on the basis of the agreements reached in Cairo. Rabin



A member of Israel's undercover unit; left, holds a gun Sunday while arresting a Palestinian youth in Gaza City after clashes between Palestinians and the Israeli army. "Those in Tunis should sweat a bit," Israel radio quoted Rabin as telling the Cabinet.

Gunmen raid relief agency in Somalia

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — Unidentified gunmen broke into a U.N. relief agency compound in the southern city of Baidoa, killing one Somali, U.N. officials said Sunday. Another Somali was wounded in the attack Saturday night on the compound of the World Food Program.

A senior U.N. military official said it was premature to blame the attack on Muslim extremists. But he said U.N. analysts nevertheless suspect the attack is part of a larger campaign against non-Muslim relief agencies.

"This is to a certain extent speculation; but it is based on information that we have," said the official, declining to elaborate. On condition of anonymity.

Details were sketchy due to poor communications between Mogadishu and Baidoa. The names of the victims, a guard and a driver, were not released.

The food program's director in Somalia, Gemmo Lodessani, said it was unclear whether the attack was politically or religiously motivated — or just an attempt to steal a U.N. vehicle. Well-armed looters frequently target aid agencies.

Almost all Somalis are Muslims, though few subscribe to violent religious views. Most of the clan-based violence that provoked the massive U.N. military intervention in December 1992 was political, rather than religious.

But just before Christmas, an anonymous group claiming to represent radical Muslims threatened a holy war on Christian relief workers in Somalia.

The group accused the United Nations and aid groups of passing out Bibles in the Somali language and distributing pork, pornography, alcohol and hashish — all items prohibited by Islam.

"Anybody who tries to distribute anything concerning Christianity will be shot," the group said in a statement.

Briefly

Russia captures last hard-line leader

MOSCOW — Authorities have arrested the last major leader of the hard-line resistance crushed by forces loyal to President Boris Yeltsin in early October, a news agency reported Sunday.

Alexander Barkashov, leader of the neo-fascist Russian National Unity group, was seized Thursday at a hospital, Interfax said. Barkashov was shot Dec. 22 by an unidentified gunman in a passing car and was taken to a hospital, Interfax said. When Interior Ministry authorities discovered his whereabouts, they arrested him and moved him to a special ministry hospital in Moscow, Interfax said.

A duty officer at the Interior Ministry said he could provide no information about the case.

Barkashov and many of his fighters apparently escaped through underground passages from the Russian White House as it was being attacked Oct. 4 by tanks and troops sent by Yeltsin.

Germany: Extremist threatened war

BERLIN — Russian ultranationalist Vladimir Zhirinovskiy angrily threatened Germany last week when it refused to let him visit, the government said Sunday. One report said he threatened World War III.

Meanwhile, France joined the growing list of countries where Zhirinovskiy is persona non grata, saying he would not be welcome.

Informed by a German diplomat in Bulgaria that Bonn was denying him a visa, Zhirinovskiy responded that the rebuff could lead to a new world war and Germany's "complete destruction," the newspaper Welt am Sonntag said.

The extremist, whose party won the most votes in Russia's parliamentary elections last month, also said that if he gains power he would reverse the Russian withdrawal from eastern Germany and move 300,000 troops into the country, the newspaper said in Sunday editions.



Zhirinovskiy

Pakistan, India discuss territory

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Pakistan and India opened new talks Sunday on their perennial dispute over Kashmir, but neither side appeared ready to make any compromises.

Pakistan's Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto set the tone, telling India's Foreign Secretary J.N. Dixit his country should stop human rights abuses against Muslims in the disputed territory. Dixit made a quick trip to the southern city of Karachi to see Ms. Bhutto, then returned to Islamabad on Sunday night for more talks with his Pakistani counterpart Shaharyar Khan.

Dixit also paid a brief courtesy call on Pakistan's President Farooq Leghari in Islamabad.

Dixit expressed hope that the discussions would lead to better relations, but did not announce any proposals that might help end decades of hostility between the South Asian neighbors.

Fighting wracks Afghan capital city

KABUL, Afghanistan — Feuding Islamic factions blasted each other with air strikes, rockets and automatic gunfire Sunday in a major battle for the presidential palace and other strategic sites in the shattered capital.

More than 600 people, both civilians and soldiers, have been treated at three Kabul hospitals since the latest bloodbath began in the pre-dawn darkness on New Year's Day. In addition, dozens were killed and many of the wounded haven't been able to reach hospitals, according to witnesses.

President Burhanuddin Rabbani's militia, which controls the largest chunk of Kabul, was trying to withstand an onslaught by the combined forces of Prime Minister Gulbuddin Hekmatyar and Rashid Dostum, an ex-general in the former Communist army.

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What's in a name? Trouble for Haitian slum

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Military-backed gangs opposed to Haiti's exiled president are taking the sun out of Sun City, a sprawling seaside slum.

Last week, 5,000 residents of the slum — a support base for exiled President Jean-Bertrand Aristide — lost their homes in an arson fire. The gangs now threaten more attacks unless minibus drivers change their destination signs from Cite Soleil, the French name for the slum, to Cite Simone.

That's what Cite Soleil (pronounced so-LAY) was called before the 1986 ouster of dictator Jean-Claude "Baby Doc" Duvalier. Simone is Duvalier's mother.

As of Sunday, at least two-thirds of the gaily painted minibuses, known here as tap-taps, were displaying wooden Cite Simone signs.

Cite Simone graffiti has gone up on the concrete walls around the slum, and some "Soleil" street sign markings have been rubbed out. Aristide supporters say the name change must not be underestimated.

"It is one more sign that new Duvalierists are trying to recover the country," said the Rev. Gerard Jean-Juste, who represented Haitian expatriates during Aristide's brief democratic government in 1991. "They are pushing the people so hard that at a certain point, things are going to explode," Jean-Juste said.

Cite Soleil has been traditionally pro-Aristide, but an army-backed political movement, the Front for the Advancement and Progress of Haiti (FRAPH), has recently stepped up recruitment and intimidation campaigns.

Last Monday, a leading area official for the organization was killed in



A Haitian minibus carries a Cite Simone sign Sunday after 5,000 slum residents were forced out by arson fires started by gangs who oppose the slum's current name of Cite Soleil.

an alleyway. Within hours gunmen descended on the neighborhood, firing their weapons, swinging machetes and lighting the fire that destroyed more than 1,000 shanties.

Witnesses said the men pointed weapons at people to stop them from rescuing their meager possessions from the cardboard shacks.

Police from a nearby station did not intervene.

The death count was given as four, but residents say at least 20 more young men, many taken away by attackers, are missing and feared murdered.

Residents blame FRAPH for the attack and the name-changing intimidation campaign, which began Tuesday.

FRAPH denies the accusations. But after the attack, the FRAPH coordinator for the area, Herve Black, referred repeatedly to the slum as Cite Simone.

Army-linked gunmen known as "attachés" have terrorized the capital for months. They are blamed for the brazen assassinations of the pro-Aristide justice minister and of Aristide's top financial supporter this fall.

Some are remnants of the Duvalier family's disbanded private militia, the Tontons Macoutes, which the Duvaliers used to terrorize the population.

Aristide, who was an outspoken critic of Duvalier and of the military regimes that succeeded him, won Haiti's first free elections in December 1990, but was ousted in a coup nine months later.

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Celebrants of Hitler's birth shunned; so why honor Mao?

In official China, Mao Tse-tung is still hailed as a hero. In the Western press, the portrait is less flattering, with Mao's "excesses" balanced against his supposed achievements as an economic reformer. In reality, Chairman Mao—who would have turned 100 last week—was one of the cruelest and bloodiest dictators of modern times.

When cataloging the worst tyrants of this bloody century, Mao's name belongs on the short list, along with Adolf Hitler, Joseph Stalin and Cambodia's Pol Pot. Measured by the sheer number of lives destroyed and disrupted, he may in fact top them all.

In ceremonies earlier this week, China's communist rulers praised Mao as "a great patriot and national hero in China's modern history." While also praising the market-oriented reforms of Mao's successor, Deng Xiaoping, China's rulers credit Mao for providing the theoretical foundation for the communist state.

Mao may be a hero to the communists who now rule China, but his life was a curse on the Chinese people. Historians can only guess at the number of people who were killed in the name of Mao's communist vision, but the number runs into the millions.

Mao's Great Leap Forward of the late 1950s destroyed China's agricultural economy. It led to mass starvation on a scale rivaling the man-made famine Stalin inflicted on the Ukraine in the early 1930s. Mao's Cultural Revolution of

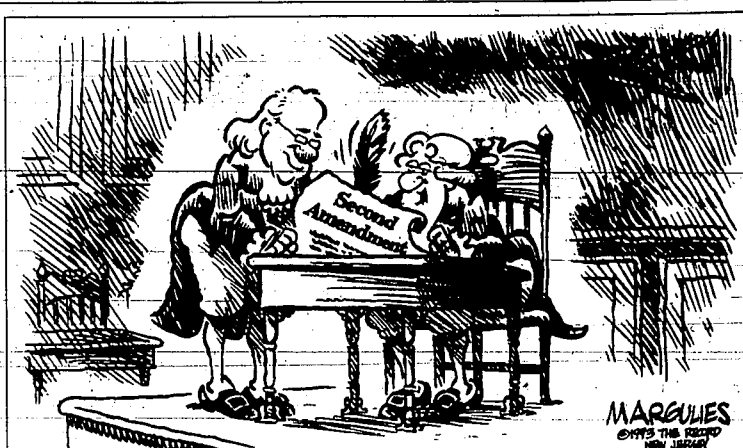
the mid-1960s derailed higher education in China, unleashing bands of lawless youth to harass and kill anyone suspected of capitalist sympathies. Respected estimates in the West put the number of people murdered by Mao's Red Guards during this period at 400,000.

Mao engaged in social engineering on a massive and brutal scale. Through the red lens of his communist ideology, people were bricks to be shaped, baked, stacked and smashed at the will of the state. He was a great enemy of freedom and of mankind.

In a recent essay, Lucian W. Pye, an expert on China at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, summarized Mao's legacy: "The chairman was a master manipulator of public sentiments, but in the implementation of policy, Mao's record was unimpressive, especially the appallingly cruel treatment of people. No other Chinese ruler matched him in the number of people killed, banished from their homes to rural exile, imprisoned both in the gulags and in caste-like categories of class identities, and who starved in policy-produced famines."

Today, people who celebrate the 100th birthday of Adolf Hitler and hold him up as a great man are rightly shunned. Tragically, the people who heap the same sort of praise on Mao Tse-tung still rule one-fifth of mankind.

—The Colorado Springs Gazette Telegraph



"Ben, tell me how this sounds? ... The right of a heavily armed lunatic to gun down innocent people in a schoolyard, health club, restaurant, commuter train, etc. shall not be infringed."

Devil's in the software, not hardware

We Western-film fans knew in the first reel that if the grizzled miner had a pretty daughter and a treasure map, the poor coddler's life expectancy was five minutes, tops. And that the pretty orphan repeatedly would ask the rhetorical question, "Violence, violence, why must there always be violence?"

That's a good question. And nearly all of us are asking it in the dangerous real life of these Nervous '90s. Truth is, those old shoot-'em-ups have some pertinent lessons for our computerized times. Because now, as then, the needed first step toward a solution is to identify the problem: Is this criminal violence plague primarily a hardware problem or a software problem?

Today, one school of thought says crime is due to hardware. Note the news magazine screaming about rampant crime with a picture of a big, blue-steel automatic pistol and the headline "Enough!" And the TV commentator who recently told us viewers that anger at crime is so heated that "people are ready to face up to the gun lobby." And so on and on, in the hundreds of columns and talk show rants about crime horrors proving the desperate need for stricter gun control laws.

As these citizens see it, criminal violence is due to ownership of a specific kind of hardware, guns, or more narrowly, pistols. And they have some data to show that the availability of lethal hardware has helped minor violence to become major, due to tempers, family score-settling, accidents, children playing with guns and so on.

This school of thought had advocates, sort of, in many old Westerns. Some of the leading white-hats—sheriffs, marshals, rangers and what-have-you—early in the film instituted strict gun-control rules requiring all hands to check their six-guns at the edge of town, the bar, the jail or some other repository. And indeed this hardware control did work for a



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while to reduce violence, as I recall from my research in the old Gem Theatre on Saturday afternoons.

But by halfway through our first sack of popcorn in every case, the Wyatt Earle moment discovered that his hardware solution was being corrupted by bad software, i.e. human beings. Either (A) they were abiding by the hardware control laws but killing and injuring others with non-gun weapons—knives, ropes, clubs or bare hands. Or (B) they flagrantly were defying his dangled gun rules and challenging him to do something about it. Citizens in tough-gun-control towns like New York and Washington have discovered the same breakdown of the theory.

This underlines the logic of the second school of thought: That the real cause of criminal violence is violent criminals. That the root of the wickedness is wicked men, not wicked weapons.

We old Western fans can tell you what the leading white-hat invariably did to solve both types of software problem in Dodge, Tombstone or Deadwood: Either he put the bad guy in prison to serve out his whole sentence or, more often in Case B, he was forced to send the predator to the next world for further review.

We of the second school of thought believe that this combination is still the only effective method for reducing the bad-actor software problem that is making U.S. cities a combat zone. Establish as many gun control laws, waiting periods, disarmament treaties or written bans on weaponry as you like. But sooner or later the Clintons, the Manions, the mobs that attacked Reginald Denny, Hitler and his Nazi associates or some

other humans with bad intentions will show up and have to be dealt with. The above-listed villains varied in their choice of tools, from six-guns to knives to chunks of concrete to panzers and dive bombers. What they all had in common was an evil and violent purpose. When decent society is dealing with bad humans, it is the latter's behavior that must be the primary focus. Passing "tough" laws against guns and then excusing those who break these and any other laws because of "rage" or some other trendy ideological alibi will do about much to stop predatory behavior as giving Hitler Czechoslovakia.

The answer to the classic B-Western question is that there always will be violence so long as the rest of society lets the violent run loose. Let us stop prattling that the predators among us are depraved because they're deprived, that their poverty or psychology or past gives them a special excuse for any outrage. Let us join Washington state and put an end to revolving-door prisons for the habitual career criminal. Let us insist that sentences be served and not waived.

It's doubtful that any of the crazies terrorizing our cities are \$1,000-suit lobbyists for the National Rifle Association. But even if they were all dues-paying gun nuts, the solution is to deal with the use, not the ownership, of guns. If we want real gun control, let's make use of a gun to commit a violent crime an automatic maximum-sentence, no-parole crime, without exception, regardless of class, race, creed or category of the criminal.

We must stop the use of guns for crime. But "facing up to the gun lobby" with another useless gun control law is just a tired old knee-jerk reaction on the crime issue. It's like fighting forgery by outlawing ballpoint pens.

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U.S. must decide if it's ready to fight N. Korea over bombs

It's about time the American public started thinking about the bottom-line question raised by the possibility that North Korea may have developed a nuclear bomb: Is this country ready to go to war again in Korea?

That, after all, is a threat President Clinton has clearly made.

Consider his words on Dec. 8: "I hope we are not headed toward a full-blown crisis" in Korea, "I hope we can avoid one, but I am not positive that we can. I am confident that, if God forbid, any kind of conflict should come, we could do what we need to do."

The issue is coming to a boil here because the CIA has told Clinton in the last several weeks there is a "better than even chance" that North Korea has developed one or two nuclear bombs. That creates something of a dilemma for Clinton. He has stated flatly that "North Korea cannot be allowed to develop a nuclear bomb."

We went to war with North Korea once, from 1950 to 1953, through the United Nations, and it was one of the bloodiest wars in history. More than a million civilian men, women and children were killed. It was the first great military confrontation of the Cold War, touched off when Communist-led North Korea invaded South Korea in an effort to unify the country.

But the Cold War is over and today the question is whether North Korea, one of the last remnants of the Communist world, should be permitted to have nuclear weapons.

It is not supposed to have any under terms of the 1968 Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty under which the world's nuclear powers have been seeking to halt the spread of nuclear weapons to anyone else.

North Korea, long considered an unpredictable outlaw nation by the State Department, signed the treaty in 1985, thus agreeing to international inspections of its nuclear facilities. But it suspended inspections last year.

The United States and the International Atomic Energy Agency, which does the inspecting, have been in vain to get inspections started again. North Korea's success in actually making a few bombs could be the reason.

A major problem is the unpredictable nature of the North Korean dictatorship under hard-line Communist Kim Il Sung, now 81, who has held supreme power in North Korea for more than 40 years, longer than any other world leader.

The military confrontation on the Korean peninsula has long been dangerous. North Korea, with a



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population of about 21 million, is believed to have more than 1.2 million under arms, many deployed near the north-south dividing line. South Korea has more than 600,000 men under arms, reinforced by more than 36,000 American troops.

Clearly, Kim believes North Korea is as entitled to nuclear weapons as anyone else. Many Third World countries have long been asking: If the great powers can possess thousands of nuclear weapons, why not us?

The administration's strategy so far has been to try to buy off North Korea with various enticements. Clinton has suggested a willingness to cancel joint military exercises with South Korea, the establishment of normal diplomatic relations and extension of economic aid. He's even suggested aid to build commercial nuclear reactors.

After U.S. and North Korean representatives met at the United Nations in an effort to reach a compromise, a North Korean foreign ministry official was quoted Thursday as saying his country was moving toward an agreement.

The problem for Clinton is easy to define. What does he do if negotiations fail? At least two options have been openly discussed by officials here: a tight economic embargo against North Korea or air strikes to destroy North Korean nuclear facilities.

The consequences of either could clearly be disastrous. Either one might induce Kim to strike out across the border as he did in 1950. No one here knows what's really on his mind.

But tough though his talk may be, Clinton must know the American people are highly unlikely to want another war in Korea. They sided against the first Korea War, forcing President Eisenhower to settle for a stalemate. And they eventually turned against Vietnam.

U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali has pleaded for patience, which certainly seems advisable given the stakes. In fact, this is a game in which patience—incredible patience—might be the only answer. Kim Il Sung, at 81, isn't going to live forever.

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Letter

What about the positives?

Isn't it time for the Postal Service bashing to come to a halt? I am not a chosen agent to speak up for the service; I only represent myself and hopefully my colleagues.

Had I had a reason to use my priority mail system, I too would be upset at spending \$2.90 for two-day delivery and have it take up to six or seven days to reach its destination. However, I can't speak for the top brass in Washington concerning this.

My question is this: Why do people who speak out about the Postal Service only speak up about negative things? Slow mail, high rates and false promises? Why does the word never spread about the thousands of letters that reach their destination that say for example: "To Mary and new baby

somewhere near Harmon Park?" We work hard to find a home and a high percentage surely do.

Or the carrier who is so familiar with his customers' habits that a sudden build-up of mail at an elderly person's home prompts him/her to check and find out if something may be amiss?

Big-city officers may have morale problems due to tyrannical management, but that is far from true here in Twin Falls. We have dedicated window clerks, mail handlers, machine operators and carriers. Morale in our office is high due to a love for our jobs and fair and caring management.

From his very first day our present postmaster has committed himself to good customer service and satisfaction. He is still

committed to that end, and always will be as long as there is room for improvement.

It really deflates a person's morale to put out what he considers his best days work only to get home and see scathing columns or letters-to-the-editor or even TV news programs criticizing what we do. Criticizing locally for upper management's way of doing things is much like bawling a grocery checker out for the increase in prices.

At local levels we obey orders, do the best job we can and hopefully always with a smile. And we even make mistakes—who doesn't?

To all the customers on my route: You're the greatest and your friendly smiles and talk make my job so worthwhile.

RAY FORD
Twin Falls

Letter

Respect your dogs

As a dog walker (I walk my neighbor's dog), I have become more aware of other dogs in the area, and namely the neglect thereof. It saddens me immensely to see these animals, large or small, in a cage or chained up day after day.

Some of the chains are but a few feet long and cages are not much larger. What torture!

Do the people that put their dogs in situations like this dismiss the fact that dogs have feelings: incredible boredom, physical and mental restlessness and loneliness? Would we not, as humans, go somewhat crazy confined in the exact area hours on end, day after day with nothing to keep our minds alert and no freedom to get the much-needed exercise our

bodies yearn for? I would assume that dogs have less ability to entertain thoughts as humans do, so how much worse is it for them?

Some people don't have fences so they feel they must chain their dogs or they don't feel like picking up after the dog in their backyard so they stick their dog in a cage. How ridiculous! If you stick your dog on a chain or in a cage then you don't deserve to have a dog! Having one solely for protection (without freedom and space given to it) is wrong!

I have witnessed the total joy that freedom has given the dog I walk and this in turn has made me happier. People, PLEASE, pay due respect to your animals.

—LAURA LEAVITT
Twin Falls

Doonesbury



BY GARRY TRUDEAU

Idaho

En garde



AP photo
John Blachoff, left, and Albert Sanford practice fencing in Julia Davis Park in downtown Boise, Sunday. The two belong to a group called 'The Society of Creative Anachronism,' which recreates medieval battles using swords, costumes and spears from that period. Members of the group meet in the park about once a week.

Controversial grazing permit auction reset

BOISE (AP) — A precedent-setting auction of a state grazing permit has been rescheduled for late January.

State officials set the auction for Jan. 28 after the State Land Board, headed by Gov. Cecil Andrus, refused to delay the sale.

For the first time, a conservation group has challenged a rancher for the grazing permit he holds on state land.

Led by grazing critic Jon Marvel of Hailey, the Idaho Watersheds Project has filed an application for the grazing permit Chellis rancher Will Ingram has held on 640 acres of state range on Custer County's Lake Creek. Ingram's lease is expiring.

The annual fee for the permit on the range is about \$250, but the auction will create a one-time premium the winner must pay the state for the right to pay that annual fee.

Marvel wants to take the range out of grazing, fence off riparian area along the creek and let it recover from what he claims is a century of overgrazing.

Ingram and his supporters, accusing the conservationists of nothing more than a publicity stunt, have rejected contentions that the land has been mismanaged.

But Bob Sears of the Idaho Cattle Association said that organization will likely lobby state lawmakers this winter for legislation that would prohibit similar grazing permit challenges in the future.

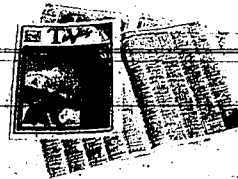
That kind of legislation was passed several years ago to protect those paying limited annual fees to lease state-owned lots on Payette and Priest lakes from challenges to their leases.

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Forest officials hope programs rebuilt in '94

LEWISTON (AP) — U.S. Forest Service officials say they hope 1994 will be a rebuilding year for Clearwater and Nez Perce national forest timber programs.

That means different things for the neighboring national forests, that cover some 4 million acres in north-central Idaho.

For the Clearwater, rebuilding likely means twice as much timber offered for sale during this fiscal year as its pipeline of trees to market is rebuilt.

For the Nez Perce, the year may bring a dramatic drop in the volume of timber offered for sale as officials focus on clearing hurdles posed by the Endangered Species Act.

The Clearwater staff hopes to offer 50 million board feet of timber for sale during the fiscal year, which ends in September. That would nearly double the 26.4 million sold last year.

On the Nez Perce the 1994 total may range from 10 to 60 million, depending on how consultations with the National Marine Fisheries Service progress.

The Nez Perce staff has a volume of some 10 to 15 million board feet in its pipeline that is unaffected by the salmon review, said Ihor Mereszcak, deputy forest supervisor based in Grangeville.

The remaining 45 to 50 million board feet are in sales along streams scheduled for a broad review, Mereszcak said.

"The thing that's having the biggest effect on our timber program is the need to provide a forest-wide evaluation, watershed by watershed," he said.

The watershed reviews take expansive evaluations of segments of the forest, drained by rivers including the South Fork of the Clearwater, Selway and Wind.

Although the Snake River's endangered sockeye and threatened chinook runs prompted the review, the work fits with the agency's shift to ecosystem management, Mereszcak said.

On the Clearwater to the north, the staff is undergoing a major shift. Midway through fiscal 1993, officials announced a major push to reduce the staff by some 10 to 15 percent.

James Caswell, who was recently named the Clearwater's supervisor, plans to offer his view of the future at month's end.

Caswell said he expects major policy directives to begin emerging from Washington in January.

He expects Vice President Al Gore's plans to restructure government to mean shifts within the Department of Agriculture. That may mean combining some functions of the Forest Service with the U.S. Soil Conservation Service.

Thousands vaccinated for meningitis

BOISE (AP) — A meningitis outbreak at two Boise schools prompted more than 4,200 people to seek vaccinations at a health clinic Thursday and Friday.

Officials at the Central District Health Department's immunization clinic had hoped to inoculate at least that many people.

"We're real pleased. We wanted to achieve an 80 percent vaccination rate of our target population," said Jim Giuffre, Central District Health director. "We feel we've reached most of those people affiliated with the schools."

The clinic was set up after five students at Lake Hazel elementary and middle schools were hospitalized with meningitis and septicemia in early December.

A 52-year-old Boise woman died of septicemia, a blood infection. Health officials have not linked her case to those of the students.

About 3,000 people were inoculated on Thursday, and more than 1,200 were vaccinated on Friday, Giuffre said. Officials estimated their target group size as three times the combined total of 1,600 students at both schools.

Meningitis is an inflammation of tissue surrounding the brain and spinal cord. The outbreak of the two illnesses was linked to meningococci bacteria, which kill 1 in 10 people they infect.

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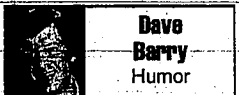
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Winter hazards

Miami: Happiness is a warm gun

Americans are very upset about crime. It has become such a serious problem that even the U.S. Congress has taken precious time away from campaign fund-raising to pass a tough Anti-Crime Bill, which will make the streets safer for decent, law-abiding citizens by imposing harsh mandatory minimum penalties on Sen. Bob Packwood.

But government action alone is not the answer. I believe that, to fight this crime wave, we need to remember what our pioneer forefathers did when they were settling the Wild West, and there were few lawpersons around to defend civilians from the cattle rustlers and the gun-slingers and the highwaymen and the roving outlaw gangs of Amway distributors.



Dave Barry
Humor

In those days, ordinary civilians sometimes had no choice but to form posses, saddle up their horses and bring law-breakers to justice at the end of the barrel of a gun. I realize that what I'm about to say is highly controversial, but maybe it's time we did the same thing. That's right: If the police can't protect us, then maybe it's time we exercised our constitutional right to keep — and bear — horses. A criminal is going to think twice about entering your bedroom if he knows there's a horse in there. Especially if he (the criminal, also the horse) has new shoes.

Another option, of course, is to buy a handgun. This is a controversial issue, so let me state out front that whatever YOU think about the handgun issue, it is my firm belief that — and you may call me a courageous individual if you wish — you are 100 percent correct. But whatever opinion we jointly hold, we need to consider the implications of a handgun-related news item that was reported recently by Tom McNiff of The Ocala (Fla.) Star-Banner.

This item, which I am not making up, describes a tragic incident involving a Marion County, Fla., commissioner named Norm Perry, whose wife, Betty, was getting ready for a weekend visit to Miami. Needless to say Norm was nervous about this, because Miami has a reputation for having a bad crime problem.

AUDIENCE: How bad is it?
It's so bad that this punch line has been stolen. (Rim shot, answered by gunshots.)

Seriously, I happen to live in South Florida, and the crime situation down here is really not that bad, as long as you take certain basic precautions — locking your doors, avoiding poorly lit areas, moving to Idaho, etc. But life down here can be unnerving. For example, a while back we rented one of those warehouse storage lockers, so we could store some of our stuff in there for a couple of years before throwing it all away. The rental

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Snow, ice pose seasonal dangers to senior citizens

By Cathy Walworth
Times-News correspondent

Jack and Jill went up the hill, to fetch a pail of water. Jack fell down and broke his crown and Jill came tumbling after.

Since Jack was just a young whipper-snapper, he was probably good as new in about eight weeks. But a bad fall is bad news to growing numbers of individuals who aren't exactly kids anymore.

The rule-of-thumb, said Dave Little, physical therapist, is that bones heal in about eight weeks.

'Such a fall rarely produces a fracture in a young person, but it may be enough to break a bone weakened by osteoporosis.'

— Encyclopedia of Medicine

"Kids heal real well," Little said, "but when you're about 15 to 18 years old, your plates close — and by the fourth or fifth decade, the healing process is much slower."

That's something to ponder this time of year, when the front porch is likely to be frosty.

You know the scene: It's early morning, and you've got the coffee pot going. Then you slip out to the mailbox for the morning paper. As in really slip.

A few steps out the front door and you're doing a bad imitation of Peggy Fleming in bedroom slippers.

"The most common injuries we see are Colles' fractures of the wrist, maybe some elbows, because they reach out to break their fall," Little said.

The AMA Encyclopedia of Medicine defines a Colles' fracture as "a break just above the wrist in the radius, one of the two bones in the lower arm. It is the most common fracture in people over 40."

The fracture usually occurs when someone stumbles while walking or slips on an icy sidewalk and puts out a hand to lessen the impact of the fall, according to the book. "Such a fall rarely produces a fracture in a young person, but it may be enough to break a bone weakened by osteoporosis."

Julie Ellis, another physical therapist, agreed. "If they don't fracture a hip or wrist or elbow, they at least get a deep bruise," she said.

Other places that hurt are likely to be in the back, pelvis or femur. When a hip is broken, hip replacement surgery is likely to be in the person's future, Ellis said.

Now that everyone is thoroughly depressed, especially with the "over 40" part, what's the solution?

"Don't go out first thing in the morning," Little said.

There's likely to be a thin film of ice all over everything from the night before. By 9 o'clock, that ice will probably be melted.

If you can't avoid the early morning ice, or the weather has no plans to cooperate, get some traction. Little advised trying clamping some "Crampsons" (usually used for ice-climbing) onto your shoes, or buy some shoes with a good grip, he said.



ANDY AREZ/The Times-News

Physical therapist Jan Yingst gives Ivan G. White some pointers on walking safely on icy surfaces.

You can also purchase ice adapters at medical supply stores. Devices like these are made to fit on the bottoms of canes, crutches or walkers.

Both Ellis and Little advised that you take short steps, to keep the center of gravity over the feet. And if you think you're a hopeless klutz with no sense of balance, take heart.

"Balance can be practiced and learned," Ellis said. "There are exercises that can facilitate balance. That's one thing that

physical therapists can do for you," Ellis advised chucking with your doctor first, "to determine what makes your balance bad."

As in much that is medical, prevention is the best policy.

Looking good

Hillary's style: The art of being appropriate

The Washington Post

In the 12 months since Hillary Rodham Clinton walked down Pennsylvania Avenue wearing, if one will recall, blue stockings and a boxy suit in the tweddy hue of motel upholstery — she has shown a surprising openness toward fashion.

Not only has she submitted her head to any number of hairdressers, but she has remained sportingly cheerful about the results. Brunhilde braid, beehive twist, bouffant back-comb: She smiles from under them all.

Apart from the ever-changing hair, she has demonstrated cool restraint when it comes to the trendy and novel, breaking down only once (as far as we can tell) with a rather outrageous shoulder dress by Donna Karan.

But what's a little mistake? Indeed, she seems to have settled into the groove of serious Washington women, with a St. John knit for every occasion, which she dresses up with the obligatory bright scarf.

Devoted public servant, defender of health care,



AP photo

Hillary Rodham Clinton has shown a penchant for open-mindedness in fashion.

busy mother of Chelsea — could it be that Hillary Rodham Clinton's secret style weapon is that she

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Health notes

PILL FOR MEN? Something to chew on, guys — figuratively and someday perhaps, literally: The controversial French-made RU-486 abortion pill may lead to a breakthrough oral contraceptive for men that would become active in a few seconds and could be taken right before sexual intercourse.

Recent test-tube experiments with human sperm show that the pill may work as a kind of "hormonal condom," the pill's developer says.

WIDE OPEN: Talk about one step forward and one step back! Experimental AIDS vaccines already given to more than 1,000 people nationwide may protect them against one strain of the AIDS virus but could make it easier for other strains to infect them or spread in the body, a University of California at San Francisco researcher reports in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. But several other scientists say they are skeptical of the report.

FAT BABIES: Contrary to what you might think, the fatter the newborn baby, the lower his or her cholesterol later in life. So says a study in the British Medical Journal. Researchers speculate that the livers of some babies do not develop properly due to improper nutrition in the final weeks of pregnancy. Such babies may use their limited nutrition stores to maintain the brain at the expense of

the liver, which makes cholesterol. That may account for the smaller abdomen, and lead in later life to improper regulation of cholesterol.

CRACK AND AIDS: You've all heard warnings about how intravenous drug use can lead to AIDS, but young Americans — particularly women — who smoke crack cocaine also are at high risk of catching AIDS because they are likely to have frequent, unsafe sex under the influence of the drug. So warns a new Centers for Disease Control and Prevention study.

SERIOUS SEIZURES: A major project to improve emergency medical treatment for nonstop, life-threatening seizures is under way through the Epilepsy Foundation of America. The project results from parents' concerns about possible delayed or inadequate treatment for their children during a seizure emergency. Status epilepticus, as the condition is called, occurs when a single seizure or series of seizures continues for 30 minutes or more. Typical seizures are shorter, from seconds to several minutes. Though it can occur at any age, the condition is most common and most dangerous in elderly people.

Compiled from wire reports

Plan health coverage while waiting for proposal to kick in

By Christine Dugas
Newsday

Health care costs are out of control. In 1980, the average family paid \$1 for health care out of every \$11 of pretax income. By the end of the decade, without health reform, the average family will pay nearly \$1 out of every \$5 of income for health care, according to a new report by Families USA, a consumers group.

You probably don't need to read these statistics because you already have felt the impact of health care costs on your wallet.

The Clinton health plan is aimed at bringing some relief from the skyrocketing costs, as well as guaranteeing health care coverage for all Americans. Even if Congress approves the plan, it won't take effect for about five years.

In the meantime, stay informed. It pays to constantly re-evaluate your options. And don't underestimate the value of putting money into tax-saver accounts when possible.

"It's important to realize that the Clinton plan is a long way from passing," says Gail Shearer, manager for policy analysis at the Consumers Union. "People shouldn't do anything that will foreclose their options down the road."

For example, if you discontinue your current coverage, it may preclude you from getting future coverage on a pre-existing condition.

Although the health care industry is in flux, industry experts say it is evolving in the same direction as the Clinton plan. So it is unlikely that the options you now have will suddenly become obsolete with health care reform. There will, however, be changes in pre-



Clinton

miums and the cost of coverage. And it's likely that some features you now may be taking advantage of will be eliminated. For example, it is not uncommon for some families to have coverage through employers of both spouses. Under the current health reform plan you will have to choose one plan or the other, not both.

And some companies now pay employees to "opt out" of their health plan. That is also likely to stop, experts say.

Under health reform you will be able to choose from several types of plans. While that is already the case for some people, for many more, health reform would expand their options.

Here are the likely choices:

- Indemnity or fee-for-service plans. These are the traditional health plans in which you can select any doctor, and you typically pay a deductible and 20 percent of the cost after that.

- Health maintenance organizations. There is no deductible. You make a co-payment of \$5 to \$15 per doctor visit. Preventive care, such as annual checkups, are usually covered. However, you must use doctors and hospitals that are part of the network.

- Preferred provider organizations. They are similar to HMOs but they are created by businesses to cut down on medical costs. Doctors and hospitals may partici-

pate in several PPOs. Consumer advocates have been concerned about preserving the right to choose any doctor or specialist. As it stands now, the Clinton plan will include an option of an indemnity plan.

Another important feature of the current health reform plan is the option to seek treatment outside of an HMO or PPO network. That means, for example, if you are willing to pay 20 percent of the fee, you could go to a specialist outside of your plan.

When evaluating health care plans from a cost perspective, you will generally find that HMOs and PPOs are less expensive than indemnity plans. But you should do a thorough cost comparison analysis, taking into account hospital coverage and medical visits, as well as the costs for dental care, preventive care, eye care and other types of treatment such as psychiatric care and pregnancy benefits.

"If you have choices, focus on the plan provisions," says Renee Migdal, a principal at the management consulting firm of Towers Perrin in Stamford, Conn. "Ask what is covered and what is not. What are the reimbursement levels, as well as the cost of joining a plan? Are pre-existing conditions covered? If you don't sign up now but later decide to switch to a plan, will pre-existing conditions be covered?"

You may want to sign up for family coverage through your own company's plan and that of your spouse, so that 100 percent of your costs are covered. But Shearer notes that many companies have tried to discourage this practice by raising family premiums. Make sure the cost doesn't outweigh the benefits.

Fashion looks at eyeglass chains

By Robin D. Givhan
Knight-Ridder News Service

We style-conscious eyeglass wearers have witnessed the fashion landscape yet again. Eyeglass chains, once the domain of absent-minded, hyperopic adults and irresponsible, myopic children, have become trendy.

It's OK, really. No thanks are necessary. Those of us formerly cursed with the moniker "four eyes" are being our revenge. Once again we — the 60 percent of Americans prone to squinting at distances, reading books at arm's length or both — have proved that twice the eyes means twice the fashion.

A couple of historical highlights: Remember the sudden rise of flip-up sunglasses as a fashion statement? The flip lenses, which folded down over prescription glasses, began as a convenient way for those of us with imperfect vision to shield our delicate eyes from the sun's glare. We could flip the tinted lenses up while inside some chic cafe, then flip them down for window shopping.

When so much function met urban style, folks who could read the bottom line of an eye chart at a thousand paces soon were mimicking our incredible hipness. They began wearing non-prescription glasses with flipped-up tinted lenses. Our feathers were ruffled, but imitation began the sincerest form of flattery and all that — we tolerated it.

Then we noticed young executives donning frames bearing the names Polo and Armani. These corporate climbers, we hear, started wearing glasses because spectacles made them look smarter, stabler, more serious.

Now that eyeglass chains have entered the realm of the bespectacled hip, can eyeglass chains for those with perfect vision be far behind?

Traditional chains — or eyeglass retainers, as some folks call them — have been updated with fashion finesse: Elaborate beading, novelty charms and wooden spheres, for example.

Those enamored of Western chic can buy Speedyglases with charms of

boots and cowboy hats. High-powered women without money to burn can choose faux Chanel-style chains, complete with their pearls.

The iconoclasts among us — of them, you people whose eyesight is just fine — may want to invest in one of the newer, more eclectic eyeglass chains.

Taking a design cue from Detroit's industrial history, metro Detroit-based Propeller Eyeglasses assembles chains from a mélange of copper, wire, nuts and bolts.

The key to wearing these chains is harmony. Keep the style of the chains in sync with the mood of your glasses and your personality. For instance, if your personal style is romantic and

your glasses have a Victorian flair, look for something delicate — maybe a chain decorated with crystals or a silk cord with beads.

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From carpenters to carpet cleaners, noise is an occupational hazard

By Delthia Ricka
Orlando Sentinel

First-the-sound-of-the-dental-drill grew quiet. Then the upper teeth on the chair piano fell annoyingly silent. Ditto for the sound of the teakettle steaming on the stove.

And it was curious, said retired dentist Marvin Hall, how the once clamorous songs of crickets and cicadas seemingly vanished into the night.

Hall, who now lives on a farm in Suwannee County, Fla., says he's living proof that high-frequency hearing loss is an occupational hazard.

Dentists, he said — and research confirms — lose the ability to hear in the ranges of their drills' high-pitched whirs.

But damage to delicate inner-ear structures is something dentists share with people in a variety of occupations from carpenters to carpet cleaners. Their only common occupational link is exposure to machinery that makes ear-damaging noise.

"It's really a terrible thing," said Hall. "It's such a subtle change that you don't realize you're losing the

ability to hear. When I first got those drills, they made an awful lot of noise."

Impaired hearing is the nation's No. 1 disability, affecting an estimated 20 million people, or about 1 in every 10 Americans. That's more than the number of those who are blind or who suffer from any other single crippling condition.

Outside of genetically caused deafness, hearing problems often can be traced to noise exposure, or to medications that interfere with the functions of the inner ear.

The good news is there are dozens of ways to prevent hearing loss. The bad news is, Americans wait an average of seven years — after losing hearing at several frequencies — before undergoing testing.

"Once you lose your hearing there's no pill you can take that can return your hearing to those frequencies you were born with," said Jon Tancredi, spokesman for Occupational Hearing Services in Swarthmore, Pa., a nationwide information center on hearing.

Even a slight change in hearing — an increase in pressure deep within the ear, for instance, or the onset of

buzzing, hissing or ringing sounds — are reason enough to have your hearing checked, says Dennis Weast, an audiologist with Florida Hospital's Hearing Centers.

Weast says one sign that your hearing has begun to fail is an inability to distinguish between words with common vowel but different consonant sounds.

For many, the problem often falls short of total deafness. Instead, a person may have trouble hearing sounds at certain frequencies, such as Hall's inability to hear anything in a high-frequency range.

Of course, it should go without saying that jackhammer operators — and full-time lawn-maintenance gardeners who use loud power equipment — have trouble with hearing. That goes double for rock musicians, as well as those who attend their concerts or play their music at concert pitch at home.

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"Headaches... Types and Causes"

A whole generation of Americans has grown up believing that for every pain known to man, there is a "miraculous cure" that will make it go away. For headache sufferers, the choices are impressive, pink, yellow, red, extra — and maximum strength. However, they are all drugs and may have side effects. They inhibit the body's natural recuperative powers and give only temporary relief.



Dr. Marsha Gehl

To better understand headaches it is important to define the different types and identify their causes. The "classic headache," which we have all experienced at some time has an easily identifiable cause, lack of sleep, eye strain, exposure to toxins, overeating, excessive smoking or alcohol consumption. Medication helps to relieve casual headache because they will dissipate by themselves as the contaminant is identified and removed.

The more troublesome types of headaches can cause excruciating and disabling pain. Most of these headaches are of the "chronic recurrent" or "acute severe" varieties. The chronic recurrent headaches are generally vascular and involve blood vessels and/or nerves of the head. The most serious of these being the migraines.

Acute severe headaches, on the other hand, are usually associated with stress or tension, most involve the cervical spine (neck) and related musculature. As with the chronic recurrent headaches, the severe and acute tension is often and underlying cause of acute severe headaches. They are usually associated with a stiff neck, tension between the shoulders and tightening of the back of the head.

Research has shown that most headaches are caused by nerve interference in the upper cervical region, the result of vertebral misalignment (subluxation). In other words, the misaligned spinal joints in the neck put pressure on the nerves at the base of the skull. Using medication to ease headache pain does nothing to eliminate the cause of the pain.

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1994 will hold clearer vision for Americans

DEAR ABBY: Once again, during the month of January, the American Optometric Association is carrying out its 1994 VISION USA program to provide free eye care to low-income, uninsured working Americans. From today to Jan. 31, low-income working people can be screened for eligibility by calling (800) 766-4466. The phone lines will be open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Central Standard Time.

To qualify for free eye care, a person must have a job or live in a household where there is one working member; have no health insurance; have income below an established level based on family size; and have had no eye examination within 12 months. Eligibility requirements may vary in some states.

The eye exams will be given in optometrists' private offices during the month of March, coinciding with the celebration of "Save Your Vision Week," March 6-12.

Last year, approximately 40,000 people took advantage of this program, receiving eye care from more than 8,000 American Optometric Association members who donated their services. We found that nine out of 10 of those we examined in last year's VISION USA program had eye health or vision problems diagnosed, which included a malignant tumor in the eye; holes in the retina that could lead to blindness if left untreated; glaucoma, cataracts, and many common vision problems that were making it difficult for adults to work and for children to learn in school.

Abby, last year, 2,098 callers to the 1993 VISION USA number said that they heard about the program through your column. You have helped so many people get the help they needed to see better. We hope that you'll alert your readers to the VISION USA program again this year.

-DANIEL HOUGHTON JR., O.D.

Dear Abby
Abigail
VanBuren

PRESIDENT, AMERICAN OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION
DEAR DR. HOUGHTON: The American Optometric Association is to be commended for this very worthwhile charitable effort.

Readers, this year, you can apply for the free eye care by mail. Application forms are available from: VISION USA, 243 N. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, Mo. 63141. The forms can be submitted from now until Jan. 25, 1994. Because the phone lines are sometimes busy, it may be easier to apply by mail.

Remember, to qualify for the free eye care, you must have a job or live in a household where there is one working member, have no health insurance, have an income below an established level based upon family size, and have had no eye examination within 12 months.

DEAR ABBY: Many thanks for your column supporting the 17th Annual Great American Smokeout.

Through our volunteers, we have learned that of the 10 million U.S. smokers who quit for the day, nearly 2 million were still not smoking 10 days later. Many have said that your column helped them "kick the habit!"

Thank you for all you have done over the years in our fight against cancer.

-STEPHEN F. SENER, M.D., AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

DEAR DR. SENER: Most people are not aware that tobacco is even more addictive than cocaine. Veterans smokers admit that they didn't realize how addictive tobacco was until after they were hooked. Our job now is to prevent teen-agers from starting.

Don't make a big deal over moving

Q. My husband and I recently read that researchers have determined that moving, even once psychologically and academically.

The article said it's been determined that children who move more than six times are at higher risk for behavior problems, poor group difficulties and school failure. Suggestions were made for preparing children for moves, including talking and encouraging them to express their feelings, reading children's stories about moving and helping them say goodbye to their friends. We are going to be moving soon and wondered about the effect on our son, who is almost 3. He has one very close friend and is very well behaved for his age.

We don't want this move to upset the apple cart and wondered if you had any advice for us.

A. My general advice concerning moves is not to make a big deal over them.

Young children look to their parents for clues concerning how they should react to new situations. They are, furthermore, extremely intuitive about such matters. If a child senses that his or her parents are anxious concerning an upcoming event, the child will, in all likelihood, experience a distinct disruption of security. If, on the other hand, the parents are taking the transition in stride, the child will probably have no difficulties with it, either.

Contrary to what the article you read led you to believe, there is little, if any reason to believe that moving, in and of itself, causes behavioral and academic problems.

Frequent moves can, indeed, be extremely disruptive, but the fact remains that there are plenty of children who seem to have no difficulty making these transitions. (By the time

Parenting
John
Rosemond

our son was 9 years old, we had moved nine times! He always regarded a move as an adventure.)

A lot of moves is what's called a non-causal marker - a signal that something may be amiss in the child's life, placing him at risk. The child's parents may, for example, have very unstable job histories and/or social adjustment problems of their own. In any case, frequent moves are an indicator of possible family problems. The child's problems are not so much a consequence of moving as they are of the general level of stress and instability in the family.

In short, if the family is otherwise stable, and the children feel secure, there's no great likelihood that a move will be extremely problematic. Even under the best of circumstances, some children seem to handle transitions better than others. The latest research indicates that these individual differences may be innate - that some children's nervous systems are more easily stressed from day one.

In preparing an extremely sensitive child for a move, you might want to consider the kinds of recommendations put forth in the article you mentioned.

Keep in mind, however, that the

best "pacifier" for your child - regardless of his general level of sensitivity - is a calm, confident demeanor on your part.

It probably goes without saying that a move during the school year is likely to be more disruptive than a move during the summer. If moving during the school year is unavoidable, potential academic problems can be prevented by providing the child a tutor until he or she has made a successful adjustment to the new school.

In general, children seem to have more problems with moves during the ten years than at any other time. This is understandable, considering how important a stable sense of status within the peer group is during adolescence.

Arranging for a teen to visit his or her "home" town on a regular basis might be helpful.

At 3, your child is not likely to be upset by a move. Again, I wouldn't make a big deal of it. Treat it like an adventure and you're likely to find your son makes a more rapid adjustment than you do.

John Rosemond is a family psychologist in private practice in North Carolina.

Questions of general interest may be sent to him at the Charlotte Observer, P.O. Box 32188, Charlotte, N.C. 28232.

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Art show opens Wednesday

The Times-News

Artists interested in displaying new work may contact Karen Fothergill at 734-2787.

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Arts Council will unveil a new visual arts display case at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center main lobby. The first display will feature Buhl artist Gayle Bariger, who will show works in watercolor and clay. This display will run through March.

The Arts Council is providing the display case through donations from the Medical Center and its Foundation, along with Twin Falls Orthopedics Associates, Jean Swartling, Bill West and W. R. Clay and Sons. The project is designed to provide Magic Valley artists a place to showcase their work and to provide pleasure and reflection for the public, patients and staff of the hospital.

Works to be displayed in future exhibits are being selected by the Visual Arts Committee of the Arts Council. The artwork will be available for purchase.

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- Big Kids Klub • Saturday, January 8, 10 - 11:30 a.m. To register, call 737-2900.
- CPR Class • Mon. & Wed., January 10 & 12, 4 - 7 p.m. To register, call 737-2007.
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Tradition doesn't suit businesses

Office atmosphere becoming casual

The Washington Post

SCARSDALE, N.Y. — As the owner of a commercial real estate firm on Park Avenue, Alan Ginsberg is concerned about the impression he makes, and he usually leaves for work in a well-tailored suit and tie. So why, on this morning, is he waiting for his train in black loafers, olive slacks, a black and olive windup sports jacket and a mustard turtleneck pullover?

Why not? Ginsberg reckons that he has no public appearances this day, only thinking and writing at the office. The long hours at his desk will pass more quickly if he is comfortable.

The 42-year-old entrepreneur has, without thinking much about it, become part of an evolution in office apparel that is subtly but unmistakably changing the atmosphere of the American workplace and heavily influencing the clothing industry.

The suit, once virtually a uniform for businessmen, is now in decline. Each year for the past two decades, men's clothing retailers have watched glumly as sales of suits have limped along and in many places declined.

Some have hoped for some galvanizing event — perhaps a 1930s nostalgia boom — to reverse the trend. So far they have been disappointed. That tie bought for Dad this holiday is expected to get record low use.

"It is amazing," said John Karl, men's wear department chairman at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York. "When you go into a store, you will see downsizing of the suits area. Lifestyles have changed so drastically."

According to figures compiled by the NED Group, a market research company in Port Washington, N.Y., U.S. sales of suits, suit separates and sports coats declined from \$4.2 billion in 1988 to \$3.8 billion in 1992.

Their share of total men's apparel sales dropped from 14.3 percent to 10.8 percent.

Few office workers are actively resisting the trend, but some say they are uncomfortable about it.

In explaining the declining popularity of the suit, fashion experts note the rise of computers, the growing stress on productivity, the advent of women executives and the decline of dress codes in American colleges.



More office workers are apt to wear a turtleneck and sport coat for a little more casual look, instead of a suit.

"With so many offices going into electronic status, dealing with people through faxes and computers, there is no need for appearance to be as large a factor," said Jerry Berkowitz, president of Mister Guy

clothing stores in Kansas City.

Workers in both government and private business seem caught up in the change.

John Russell, a Justice Department spokesman who has worked

for the federal government since 1970, said that in the last few years he has noticed department attorneys coming to the office in jeans and casual clothes "when they know they are not going to be meeting with the public and are preparing briefs or in a long writing project."

"I think we're going through something called time poverty," Karl said. "We don't have time anymore to enjoy our lives." So office workers use what Karl calls a "turtleneck effect" (fool the eye effect). You can dress down and pretend you are a little more relaxed, a little less stressful.

Many companies have declared Friday a casual clothes day, leading manufacturers to produce what they call a "Friday wear" line.

"If I don't have anybody coming in that day," said Reiner M. Tritsch, a principal at Gulfstream Global Investors Ltd. in Dallas, "I'll wear slacks and a T-neck sweater and maybe a bomber jacket." Tritsch travels often to Europe and sees the same casual tastes taking hold there.

Large sectors of certain industries, particularly West Coast, computer and electronic companies, have long rejected ties and coats altogether and coaxed more conservative companies such as International Business Machines Corp. in that direction.

"In some of our businesses and some of our locations it is now the norm not to wear a suit and tie," said IBM spokesman Scott Brooks. "You try to dress like your customers do."

Tom Julian, fashion director of the Fashion Association, an industry trade and public relations group, said the loosening of office dress codes seems an outgrowth of both cultural developments and business needs.

Recent college graduates are more likely to begin their careers in temporary jobs or positions with small companies where dress has been less formal.

Once they move to larger organizations, he said, casual habits are ingrained.

Looser dress codes have caught on with the older baby boomers, because they have "a new sense of priorities, and it is not clothes. It might be their families instead," Julian said.

Some female office workers argue that the relaxation of standards stems partly from the growing managerial role of women, who traditionally have had wider fashion options. Why would a young executive worry about straightening his tie if his boss never wears hers?

the lesson page

Forever fit

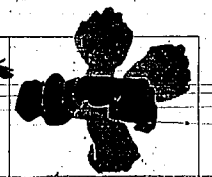
Exercise is key to staying fit for a lifetime, says Debbie Doherty, who teaches a senior fitness program in Warren, Mich. The best activities for older people include walking, water-based exercises, any dancing that involves sitting motions, and exercises to improve flexibility, range of motion and strength. At a minimum, try to do the exercises shown here, says Doherty. Do the first three sitting forward on a chair. Rest against the chair back for the others.



1. Ankle circles. Lift bent right leg off the floor and circle the ankle very slowly eight times in the greatest circle possible. Repeat with the left foot. Then do the same exercise for each foot, reversing the direction. Repeat entire exercise. Watch your posture!



2. Open and close hands. Make a fist, then open the hands wide. Do 12 times. Do 12 more while raising the arms straight forward to shoulder level. Separate arms to the side like wings while doing 12 more.



3. Wrist circles. Still in the chair, move the right wrist in a large circle four times very slowly. Repeat with left wrist. Raise both arms forward to shoulder level. Circle both wrists slowly six times. Reverse direction and repeat. Keep your shoulders square.



4. Shoulder circles. Slowly circle the right shoulder four times. Repeat with left shoulder. Reverse direction; do four more on each side. With both shoulders at the same time, do two circles in one direction and two in the other. Don't rush.



5. Deep breathing. Raise arms to the sides and then over your head while inhaling. As you breathe in, lift the diaphragm and inflate lungs slowly and fully, breathing through the mouth. Exhale as arms return to the sides. Keep movement smooth and slow. Continue four more times if there is no dizziness.

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Arthritis group presents seminar

TWIN FALLS — The Arthritis Support Group will present a seminar "Living with Arthritis" by Janice Kelley-Kayson, MSW, at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Doctors' Meeting Room. For more information, call Becky Jensen at 737-2065.

Wood conducts CPR workshop

JEROME — Larry Wood will instruct a series of cardiopulmonary resuscitation classes (CPR) beginning at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 12 and 19 at the Jerome Recreation Center. The fee is \$10 per person. Pre-registration is required at the Jerome Recreation District office, 2444 S. Lincoln. For more information or to register, call 324-3389.

Childbirth class starts Wednesday

TWIN FALLS — A prepared childbirth class will begin Wednesday and continue through Feb. 16. The class will meet from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, second floor conference room. The non-refundable course fee is \$35.

Designed to prepare parents for childbirth and early parenting, the course includes films, slides, and physician question and answer sessions. The expectant mother is asked to wear comfortable pants and to bring two pillows. A support person is encouraged to attend.

Pre-registration is required. To pre-register or for more information, call the MVRMC Education Department at 737-2900, weekdays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Program will deal with Reiki

TWIN FALLS — A free informational talk on Reiki, a Japanese natural healing art, will be offered at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at 3136 Vicki Lane. This ancient healing art is performed by a simple treatment form of hands on the body. Anyone can learn the techniques. A Reiki class

will be offered Jan. 14-16 in Twin Falls.

For more information, call LuAnne Eppel at 736-0160.

Third class to program is open

TWIN FALLS — The third class of each Childbirth Preparation Program is available to anyone wishing to learn more about Cesarean deliveries. The current class is scheduled for 7 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday in the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center second floor conference room.

There will be a labor rehearsal; plus instruction covering medications, hospital procedures and non-conforming labors. A tour of the obstetrical department, including the C-section room will be given.

The non-refundable fee for the class is \$5. For more information, call the MVRMC Education Department at 737-2900.

Group formed for children

TWIN FALLS — The Big Kids' Klub is a program designed to help children adjust to the idea of a new baby brother or sister. Sponsored by the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, this siblings' class will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday in the second floor conference room of the medical center.

The class is taught by Kristy Burkett, R.N., who recommends that the "big kids" should attend during the mother's eighth month of pregnancy. She asks the children to bring a favorite doll or stuffed animal to the class.

The cost is \$5 per child or \$8 per family. Since the class size is limited to 10, early pre-registration is advised. To register, call the MVRMC Education Department at 737-2900, weekdays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Hospital sets Safe Kids gathering

TWIN FALLS — If you are concerned about the rising incidence of fatalities and serious injuries sustained by the children of the Magic

Valley, you are invited to attend the Safe Kids injury prevention and first aid program at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

The meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Jan. 10 in the MVRMC Cafeteria. There is no charge.

Pre-registration is required. To register, call Blossom Mathews, Safe Kids Program coordinator at 737-2450. Learn what you as a parent, grandparent, daycare provider, teacher or babysitter can do to prevent accidents from happening to your children.

Slatter leads Jerome aerobics

JEROME — Louise Slatter will instruct two aerobics classes at the Jerome Recreation Center with the following schedule: 6 a.m. aerobics beginning Jan. 11 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays and 6 p.m. aerobics beginning Jan. 10 on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. The fee is \$20 for a six-week session (\$25 for out of district). To register or for more information, call 324-3389.

Meetings planned for widows

TWIN FALLS — Widowed Information and Consultation Services is planning to hold a series of meetings on "Coping with Widowhood." The eight-week series will meet at the College of Southern Idaho Office on Aging. It is designed to help widowed persons receive information and support in dealing with problems of being widowed.

Dates and times have not yet been set. Anyone interested in obtaining more information or in registering, should call 736-2122.

To do for you is a calendar listing health-related activities, events and education. Information should be submitted by Thursday for publication in the following Monday's Features section. Mail notices to The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, 83303, or deliver to our office at 132 Third St. W.

Studies: Age, weight affect birth

Knigh-Ridder News Service

Postponing motherhood and the fear of gaining weight may have a negative impact on pregnancy, two new studies suggest.

The studies provide new clues to why American women have low birth weight babies — infants more prone to be born early or with mental and physical problems. These low-weight babies also are at greater risk of dying in the first year of life.

One study, published in the Dec. 1 issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association, concludes that women 35 or older are more prone to delivering their first babies early, at low birth weight, compared to younger women.

The study reviewed birth certificate information of more than 4,000 white women in the state of Washington from 1984 to 1988. There weren't enough black babies in the study to provide adequate information for analysis.

Older mothers had about twice the rate of low birth weight babies as younger mothers. The risk, however, of having a premature or small baby was small if the older mothers were healthy and received

adequate prenatal care, said Dr. Michael Aldous, principal investigator, who now works for the University of Arizona.

Asked what an older mother should do to ensure a healthy pregnancy, Aldous said: "She should get good prenatal care, not smoke, eat well, not drink and take good care of herself."

Previous studies have reported conflicting findings about the outcome of babies born to women 35 and older.

But many of those studies were small, didn't look at babies born to women 40 or older or surveyed educated, middle-class women who had adequate insurance coverage.

Hillary

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just doesn't care?

There are those who wished she would be a more expressive symbol of a modern first lady. Instead she is mastering the art of being appropriate.

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guy asked me to sign a piece of paper, and he said (this is a real quote): "This just says you are going to use it to store any, like, drugs or human bodies."

I looked at him.

"You'd be surprised," he said.

You would be surprised. Here's another true Miami story: On Thanksgiving Day, some workers were trying to fix a clogged toilet in a rental duplex, and they found a person lying in the toilet tank. (This person was deceased. Fortunately, for him.) Police don't know how the

body got there, but it's a safe bet that it wasn't an accident, unless we're talking about one of those extremely high-ejection toilets.

But getting back to Commissioner Perry and his wife: The Star-Banner reports that, at Commissioner Perry's suggestion, Mrs. Perry was planning to take a handgun with her to Miami. As she was packing, however, she discovered that the gun was jammed, so she brought it to Commissioner Perry, who was standing in front of his closet, working on what to wear. He was working on the gun when suddenly, unexpectedly, it went off.

You have probably already guessed what happened: The bullet went through the senseless tragedies that we read about all too often these days — went through one of Commissioner Perry's dress shirts.

"Those shirts are \$25 to \$30 apiece," he told The Star-Banner. A terrible waste, you say? Yes.

But sometimes you must pay a price for vigilance. In today's crime-ridden society, there could very easily have been a criminal hiding in the back of Commissioner Perry's closet, planning to steal enough money to afford air fare to Miami. And this

criminal could easily have been persuaded by Norma a bullet, which would have meant that he (the criminal), also the horse, if Commissioner Norm kept one in a henry would no longer be roaming the streets and victimizing innocent people. Instead, he would be successfully using Commissioner Perry for millions of dollars.

So let it be just state, as a South Florida resident, how grateful I am to Commissioner Perry for caring enough about his wife's safety to want to send her down here with a handgun. The one thing we need more of down here is armed people.

which is why, on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, I am urging everybody who is thinking of visiting South Florida to feel free to bring the weapon of his or her choice, although we do remind you, that, before you travel with a gun, you should take the standard precaution of test-firing it in Commissioner Perry's closet.

Also, thank with care.

Also Barry is a humor columnist for the Miami Herald. Write to him at c/o Tripp Magazine, The Miami Herald, One Herald Plaza, Miami, Fla. 33132.

Hospital hires new consultant

By Mick Normington
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - When Andrew Edgar comes to work Monday as the Magic Valley's new emergency medical services consultant, he will mark a complete change-over in his field.

Edgar has been appointed by Dia Gainer, chief of the state's Bureau of Emergency Medical Services.

Almost two years ago, Gainer took over the bureau and has been realigning its duties, said bureau spokesman Jim Alter.

The bureau previously had EMS

"specialists" across the state who trained and certified emergency response workers such as firefighters, ambulance drivers and other rescue and "pre-hospital" workers.

Gainer has now placed the training aspect in the hands of the state's vocational education programs at colleges and schools across the state.

Now Edgar and the other "EMS consultants" will certify emergency workers and work with communities to coordinate their emergency-response efforts, Alter said.

Gainer has spent the past four months changing over her bureau, he said.

Alter said such changes are going on in other states in an attempt to streamline and improve local emergency services.

The Bureau of Emergency Medical Services is a division of the state Department of Health and Welfare. Edgar is originally from Idaho and spent more than 15 years as a paramedic and EMS trainer in California and Alaska. He will work with emergency medical services in Blaine, Camas, Cassia, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka and Twin Falls counties, as well as part of Custer County.

Bellevue passes sign ordinance

By Deborah Shimkus
Times-News correspondent

BELLEVUE - City officials unanimously passed a sign ordinance last week that will limit the number and size of signs and prohibit internally lit signs in the city of Bellevue.

Only two signs per commercial or light industrial building will be permitted, according to planning and zoning commissioner Melanie Dahl.

The maximum size of each sign will be determined by the size of the building: one square foot of sign per linear foot of building frontage, she said.

There is a 10 percent bonus clause in the ordinance which allows busi-

ness owners to have larger signs if they put up exteriorly lit wood signs that are flush with their buildings, said Dahl.

"What we are trying to do is present a downtown with a historical culture," said Dahl. For that reason, internally lit signs will be prohibited.

Until recently only Idaho State Bank had an internally lit sign, though a few more have been put up hurriedly in the past few days, said Dahl.

These, and all other non-conforming signs will have to be changed within two years, said Dahl. That will not be an issue for the bank, if the expected merger with West One Bank goes through, said Kathy Pruett, bank loan manager.

"We will have to change our sign anyway," she said. "We are trying to re-do the town. If we don't set limitations now it will be too late," said councilwoman Joanna Ehrmantraut. The city of Bellevue is in the midst of a major downtown redevelopment project.

With new sidewalks, curbs, gutters and parking, more businesses are expected to relocate in Bellevue, said Ehrmantraut. The building inspector will be responsible for making certain that businesses adhere to the new ordinance, Ehrmantraut said.

If they do not, the city marshal will be called in, she said.

A copy of the sign ordinance can be picked up at City Hall.

On the agenda

Following is a list of governmental meetings that are scheduled this week in the Magic Valley. This list is compiled from advance schedules. The Times-News suggests that you confirm the information by calling the appropriate clerk's office before attending.

TODAY

Acquia City Council, 8 p.m., Mayor Larry Wall's home.
Burley City Council, 8 p.m., Cassia County School District office, Ninth and Hansen streets.
Dietrich City Council, 8 p.m., City Hall.
Gooding City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall.
Hansen Community Library Board of Trustees, 7:30 p.m., Hansen Community Library, 120 W. Maple.
Hollister City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.
Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Board, 7 p.m., hospital board room.
Twin Falls City Council, 6 p.m., City Hall.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

TUESDAY

Albion City Council, 8 p.m., old library.

Fairfield City Council, 7:30 p.m., firehouse.
Hagerman City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall.
Jerome City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall.
Rupert City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
Shoshone City Council, 8 p.m., City Hall.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.
Friedman Memorial Airport board, 5:30 p.m., courthouse.

WEDNESDAY

Bliss City Council, 8 p.m., City Hall.
Ketchum City Council, 6:30 p.m., City Hall.
Minidoka County Fair Board, 8 p.m., board office at the fairgrounds.
Oakley City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

THURSDAY

Glenns Ferry City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall.
Twin Falls County Commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

FRIDAY

Twin Falls County Commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

This week at CSI

The following is a schedule of meetings and events that will take place this week at the College of Southern Idaho.

TODAY

Economic Development Group meets at 6:30 a.m. in Decent 111.
Women's basketball vs. Northwest Nazarene College at 6 p.m. in the gym.
Men's basketball vs. Northwest Nazarene College at 8 p.m. in the gym.

TUESDAY

Magic Valley Symphony rehearsal will be held at 7:30 p.m. on the Fine Arts stage.

THURSDAY

Financial Aid workshop will be held at 7 p.m. in Shields 117-118.

FRIDAY

Education Day will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center and gym.

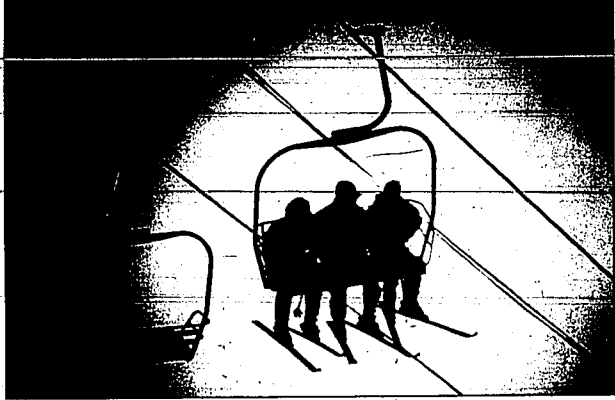
SATURDAY

Elks Hoop Shoot will be held from 8 a.m. to noon in the gym.
Grant-writing workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Aspen 144.
Music hours program will be held from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center.

SUNDAY

Community concert will be held at 3 p.m. in the Fine Arts auditorium.
Christian fellowship group meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagle's Nest of the Taylor Building.

Up, up and away



AP photo

Skiers ride up the Town and Country Lift Thursday in Park City, Utah. Ski areas along the Wasatch Range are experiencing above-average temperatures and below-average snowfall.

Services

June A. Hayes, of Twin Falls and formerly of Post Falls, burial will be at 3 p.m. today at the Mountain

View Cemetery, near Fairfield, (Debra's Gooding Chapel).

a.m. today, Malta LDS Ward Chapel, (Payne Mortuary in Burley).

Hospitals

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and Lisa Silva of Buhl.

Admitted

Anna Villafuerte and Tori Shockey, both of Rupert.

Released

Elsie White of Rupert.

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Released

Edward Johnson and Cindy Loys, both of Twin Falls;

CASSIA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Admitted

Andrew Christensen and Raul Gomez, both of Burley.

Released

Andrew Christensen, Margarita Mendoza, Lizzana Turner, and Elida West, all of Burley; and Joyce Lewis and Kelli Smith, both of Paul.

Obituaries

Teresa Shawver

JEROME - Teresa Shawver, 81, of Jerome, died Saturday, Jan. 1, 1993 at her residence. She was born Dec. 22, 1912 in Placerville, the daughter of Peter and Nancy E. Conrod Connaughton. Teresa received her education in Placerville School District, the St. Therese Academy in Boise, and the University of Idaho in Moscow, where she received her bachelor's degree.

Teresa married Cecil Ellis Shawver in 1933 at Newport, Wash. They moved to Eden in 1936, where they farmed until 1957 when they moved to Jerome.

She was a member of the Alpha Chi Omega sorority, Montara Board Honor Society and St. Jerome's Catholic Church.

Teresa is survived by two sons, James C. and Peter R. Shawver, both of Eden; 10 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1974, and by one brother,

A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 4, at the Hope Robertson-Funeral Chapel in Jerome. A funeral Mass will be conducted at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Jerome's Catholic Church. Friends may call Tuesday one hour prior to the vigil service.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the Ascension Priory.

Amanda Lenora Wilson

BURL - Amanda Lenora Wilson, 84, died Saturday, Jan. 1, at the Twin Falls Care Center.

Amanda was born March 18, 1909 in Pony Gulch Township, south of Harvey, N.D.; to Lbwie J. and Anna Anderson. She received her education in Harvey. She came to Burl in 1938, and worked for the telephone company for 31 years until her retirement. She married Dale Wilson, who passed away in 1956. She was an active member of St. John's Lutheran Church and their women's association.

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ciation, LWML, the Senior Citizens, and the Telephone Pioneers of America.

Amanda is survived by a brother, Lloyd Anderson, and his wife Minda of Wapato, Wis., two sisters, Helen J. Larsen of Crofton, Mont., and Clara M. Missill of Salt Lake City, Utah; two nieces; and one nephew. She was preceded in death by her husband Dale, her parents, two sisters, and two brothers.

She enjoyed her family, friends, church, Senior Citizens, fishing, traveling, and handwork.

There will be a visitation from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. today at Moffett's Memorial Chapel in Burl. A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 4, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Burl. Burial will follow at Twin Falls Cemetery.

The family requests that memorial contributions be made to St. John's Lutheran Church or Senior Citizens in Burl. Moffett's Memorial Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Jerome

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"because it's so nice and pretty. The rooms are a pinkish blue color - it's so clean." She said her fifth-grade classmates had moved their books from Central Elementary School in their backpacks and bags.

Moving everything out of the aging Washington School to Horizon has not been an easy task for teachers and the maintenance staff. Students moving to Horizon were dismissed from classes on Dec. 17 and on Jan. 3 to allow two days for moving.

Many teachers spent most of their vacation assembling desks and chairs, moving, unpacking and putting books and supplies in place, decorating classrooms and being thrilled with their new school.

"The maintenance crew and everybody have been just great," Principal Ann Reynolds said.

Students were taken on a tour of the new building before Christmas vacation.

"To hear all their roars and ahs as we went from room to room brought tears to my eyes," said Debra Collins, a third-grade teacher.

"It has been really amazing how everything is working out," Collins said. "My father, mother and brother came from Hazelton and helped put all the desks and chairs together. Then we needed a Skit saw to make an old bookcase from Washington fit, so my pastor brought us his saw."

"Dale Dutt, a friend, nailed a back on the bookcase and then brought us gray paint and my daughters painted it."

"I needed to move some heavy file cabinets and my desk drawer wouldn't open - just then there was a knock at the door and some people came in, helped move the cabinets and fixed my desk."

"And this didn't just happen in my room - there have been many teachers and their families working at Horizon and really enjoying it," she said.

The school was named Horizon because "Horizon represents that which is forthcoming," Kathleen M. Green, who submitted the winning name for the school, stated in her nomination.

Names of former Jerome schools were used to name halls and other areas at Horizon. Names submitted by James H. Miller and approved by the

School Board were Sugarloaf lunchroom, Falls City gymnasium and Lincoln library. Halls are named Appleton, Canyonside and Pleasant Plains. "This will help the children remember the heritage of our district," School Board Chairman Nancy Churchman said.

The \$3.9 million school is located in Jerome's northeast corner. In a March 1992 election, Jerome and Gooding County residents living in the Jerome School District gave overwhelming approval of a bond issue to pay for the school.

"It has been 10 years since we started working on the bond - this is a good example of what a whole community can do when they are working together," Churchman said. "My one goal has been to have a new school in Jerome."

Construction started in October 1992. The school will hold about 780 students.

With the closing of Washington School and opening of Horizon in the opposite end of Jerome, some bus routes have been changed. Parents are asked to refer any questions on busing

Ski

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High Desert Nordic Association will have information about their club.

Cross-country benefits

Kevin Jones of Jerome, president of the Nordic Association, said cross-country skiing is his favorite winter activity.

"It's very diverse. There's an area for just about anybody's interest," Jones said.

Nordic skiing, he explained, includes track skiing, skating on skis, backcountry trails, telemark and winter camping. The sport gives people a chance to enjoy the outdoors, see some pretty scenery and meet others who enjoy skiing, Jones said.

Cross-country skiing is less expensive than downhill Alpine skiing, he said. That makes it an economical sport for families.

Although the cost of specialized cross-country equipment can run up to \$500 per person, Jones said he has seen ski packages for sale at retail stores for about \$200. Used equipment can be found for bargain prices at the annual College of Southern Idaho swap meets, he said. For the less-frequent skier,

rentals can be had in the \$10 to \$20 price range.

Jones, 53, said he has been skiing cross-country for 25 years.

"It's good aerobic exercise," he said. "They figure if you ski diligently, which most of us don't, you'll burn around 1,500 calories an hour."

Another advantage, Jones noted, is that cross-country skiers can go to new places and ski in the wilderness away from the rest of the world. They do not have to wait in line or buy tickets, he said, and they can go to areas that have snow when downhill slopes are dry.

The High Desert Nordic Association has about 60 members, Jones said. The group takes ski tours to such places as Craters of the Moon and has monthly meetings with educational films on telemark techniques, avalanche awareness and related topics.

Members caravan to ski trails and encourage beginners by helping to sponsor the Nordic Fair and the free ski day. The association also has a hut near Magic Mountain that is used by members or is rented by other skiers.

"If you belong to the organization and you want somebody to ski with, there's always somebody out there

that's willing to go almost any day, Jones said."

Snowfall is enough

Another 10 inches of snow would be nice, but the existing snow in the South Hills now is adequate, said Marti Kincaid, who skied Wednesday on Rogerson Road, Penstemon Trail and Lower Rock Creek Trail.

Kincaid, whose husband, Dennis, is secretary-treasurer of the High Desert Nordic Association, said she has been skiing cross country since the early 1970s.

"I learned on the old wooden skis with cable bindings," she recalled.

Kincaid, who lives in Kimberly, said she and her family enjoy skiing in the mountains south of Hansen.

Trails around Magic Mountain are groomed regularly and kept up expertly by Magic Mountain owner Marty Jacobs, she said.

Jacobs and the Forest Service "do a good job making nice trails, even in poor snow conditions," Kincaid said.

Snow has been scooped to cover bare spots along the trails, she said, and the snow is in excellent condition for skiing.

Medicaid

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a variety of questions and see things that help him better understand Medicaid issues.

However, Cameron said it would not be appropriate to emotionalize legislative decisions based on his meeting with the family.

Cameron, who authored a co-payment proposal for Medicaid recipients last year that did not get approval in either legislative house, said meeting the family did not change his plans for presenting a revised co-payment plan for the upcoming Legislature.

Cameron's plan would require a \$1 co-payment for doctor's visits, a \$2 co-payment for hospital visits and a \$3 payment for hospital-emergency room visits in cases in which the Medicaid patient should have gotten care in a less-costly doctor's office, he said.

He disagreed with McCarthy that someone would not get care because

they had to pay a \$1 or \$2 co-payment.

"But Cameron said the \$3 co-payment would dissuade some people not to go to the emergency room when less-costly care is more appropriate."

Cameron said it is unlikely that the legislature would reduce the personal care program. But making the program more efficient is necessary, he said.

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vs.
JOHN W. MORRIS and DENNIS BALDWIN, individually and as SOLOMON MINES
Defendants

The STATE OF IDAHO SENDS GREETINGS TO DEFENDANT, JOHN W. MORRIS; and DENNIS BALDWIN, individually and as SOLOMON MINES. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTICED THAT a complaint has been filed against you in the District Court of the Fourth Judicial District of the State of Idaho, in and for the County of Ada, by the above-named Plaintiff, and you are hereby directed to file a written answer or motion to dismiss within twenty days of the service of this summons; and you are further notified that, unless you do so within the time herein specified, the Plaintiff will file a judgment against you as prayed in said complaint.

The nature of the claim against you is for negligence. WITNESS My hand and seal of said District Court this 21 day of Jan., 1993.

DAVID NAVARRO, Clerk of the District Court by Connie Cooper, Attorney at Law.

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WEST
♠ 10 9 8 7
♥ J 9 8 5 4
♦ Q 8 7 2
♣ A 4 3

EAST
♠ A 5 4
♥ 2
♦ A K J 9 3
♣ A 8 5 2

SOUTH
♠ K 10 9 8 6
♥ A 10 8
♦ 6 4
♣ A 10 7

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: East
The bidding:
1♠ 1♥ 1♠ 2♥
1♠ 2♥ 2♠ 3♥
Pass 4♥ All pass

Opening lead: Diamond seven

LEAD WITH THE ACES

1-1-0

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♥ K Q 5
♦ 9 8
♣ J 10 8 3

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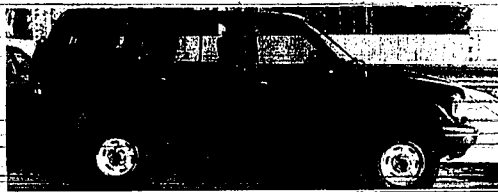
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Sports

Dallas snags NFC East title Cowboys overcome Giants in overtime, 16-13

The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The Dallas Cowboys have to win two more games to get back to the Super Bowl.

It won't get any tougher than it did Sunday for the team that everyone expects to be there. Dallas won the NFC East title and got home field for the playoffs by beating the New York Giants 16-13 on Eddie Murray's 41-yard field goal with 4:16 left in overtime in an atmosphere that will be difficult for any playoff game to match.

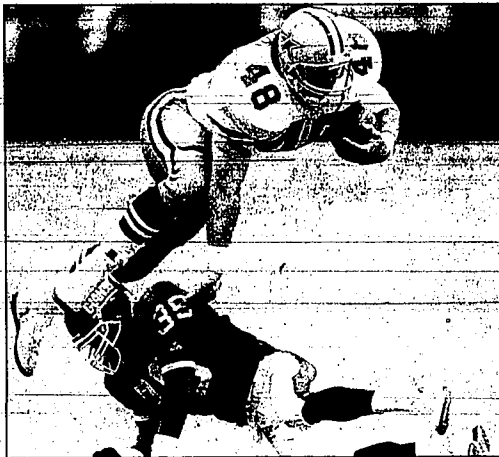
But the Cowboys needed a heroic effort by Emmitt Smith, who ran for 168 yards and caught 10 passes despite playing the second half and overtime with a sprained and partially separated right shoulder.

And they left the shutdown at Giants Stadium aware they can take nothing for granted after squandering a 13-0 halftime lead and winning in part because the Giants seemed to be playing for a tie at the end of regulation.

"We knew the Giants had one of the best defenses in the league and we weren't going to get any big plays on them," said coach Jimmy Johnson. So he turned to Smith, who was hurt when he was hit late in the first half by Greg Jackson.

Trainer Kevin O'Neill called it a first-degree sprain and separated shoulder, the least severe kind.

"I talked to him two or three times," Johnson said of Smith, who personally accounted for 40 of the 52 yards Dallas gained to set up Please see COWBOYS/D3



New York Giants' Corey Raymond trips up Dallas Cowboys' Daryl Johnston after a nine-yard pass reception Sunday in East Rutherford, N.J.

named national champions

The Associated Press

MIAMI — Bobby Bowden and Florida State won their first national championship Sunday, finishing No. 1 in The Associated Press college football poll after beating then-No. 2 Nebraska 18-16 in the Orange Bowl.

The Seminoles, who came close to winning the title the last six seasons, retained their top ranking when Nebraska's Byron Bennett missed a 45-yard field goal on the final play Saturday night.

Florida State (12-1) easily beat out No. 2 Notre Dame (11-1) for the title even though the Fighting Irish handed the Seminoles their only defeat, 31-24, at South Bend on Nov. 13.

The Seminoles received 46 of 62 first-place votes and 1,532 points in voting by a nationwide panel of writers and broadcasters. Notre Dame, which moved up from No. 4, got 12 first-place votes and 1,478 points after beating Texas A&M 24-21 in the Cotton Bowl.

Florida State also won the USA Today-CNN coaches' championship. The Seminoles received 36 first-place votes in that poll, 11 more than No. 2 Notre Dame.

Bowden said Florida State deserved the national title despite its loss to Notre Dame. "I think that the national champion should be based on the whole season and not just one game," he said.

However, Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz said his team should get the edge over Florida State because of its head-to-head win. In 1989, Notre Dame and Miami had one loss but the Hurricanes won the championship because they beat the Irish in the regular season.

"Everybody talks about the playoff system, but we don't need one this year," Holtz said. "Only two teams are left at the top and we beat that team."

Nebraska (11-1) dropped one spot to No. 3 in the AP poll. The other four first-place votes went to No. 7 Auburn (11-0), the only undefeated team in Division I-A. The Tigers, coached by Bowden's son Terry, were barred from postseason play because of NCAA probation.

West Virginia (11-1) fell from No. 3 to No. 7 following a 41-7 loss to Florida in the Sugar Bowl. The victory moved the Gators (11-2) up three spots to No. 5.

Wisconsin (10-1-1) jumped three notches to No. 6 with a 21-16 victory over UCLA in the Rose Bowl. Rounding out the Top 10 were Penn State (10-2), Texas A&M (10-2) and Arizona (10-2).

Penn State climbed five places after topping Tennessee 31-13 in the Citrus Bowl, while Arizona rose six spots after blanking Miami 29-0 in the Fiesta Bowl.

Miami fell from No. 10 to No. 15, ending a streak of 137 consecutive appearances in the Top 10 that began in 1985.

Ohio State finished 11th, followed by Tennessee, Boston College, Alabama, Miami, Colorado, Oklahoma, UCLA, North Carolina, Kansas State, Michigan, Virginia Tech, Clemson, Louisville and California.

Penalties contributed to Nebraska loss

The Associated Press

MIAMI — Nebraska deserved to win. That's what Florida State coach Bobby Bowden said. Cornhuskers coach Tom Osborne agreed.

But Bowden and his heavily favored Seminoles escaped with an 18-16 victory in the Orange Bowl, then won their first national championship Sunday by a lopsided margin in the final rankings.

"We're very thankful we won that game," Bowden said. "You could say we could have lost. You could say we should have lost." Statistics suggest as much. Nebraska had the ball more than the Seminoles and out-gained them 389 yards to 333. On the ground the margin was 183-47, even though twice 1,000-yard rusher Calvin Jones of Nebraska missed more than half the game with a shoulder injury.

Cornhuskers' quarterback Tommie Frazier outplayed his Florida State counterpart, Heisman Trophy winner Charlie Ward. Nebraska held the nation's highest-scoring team to one touchdown — and it came on a controversial touchdown — and it came on a controversial touchdown. Please see LOSS/D3

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10:00 p.m. — Channel 13, college basketball, Virginia at UNLV

Briefly

Utah woman tops international ski field

WAITFIELD, Vt. — Shannon Nobis of Park City, Utah, who went to nearby Green Mountain Valley School before moving on to international ski racing, won a North American Championship Series Super-G at Sugarbush North on Sunday by four-hundredths of a second.

Nobis, 21, a member of the alpine U.S. B Team and winner of the 1993 NorAm giant slalom title and four ski medals at the '93 World University Games, was timed in 59.52 seconds on the Inverness Trail. Runner-up in 59.56 was Hillary Lindh of Juneau, Alaska, who won the silver medal in downhill at the 1992 Albertville Olympics.

Bull bucks veteran rider who dies when chest is crushed

SHAWNEE, Okla. — An Oklahoma City bull rider died Nov. 5 when the bull he was riding bucked him and crushed his chest, officials said Saturday.

Randy Murbe, 34, was pronounced dead on arrival about 8:50 p.m. Friday at a Shawnee hospital, officials said.

Martin, a bull rider for 15 years, was competing at the Heart of Oklahoma Exposition Center when the accident occurred, said center manager Ken Etchison Jr.

The exposition is an open competition for professional bull riders held every New Year's Eve, Etchison said.

Midwestern golfers fight elements, compete in event

MATTOON, Ill. — After a brisk nine holes, golfer Paul Cline couldn't wait to get into a steaming bowl of chili. As he warmed his stomach, he reflected on his first Frozen Open at the Rogala Public Links golf course.

Tearing off on soggy and slushy fairways Saturday with the wind-chill index hovering around 17 degrees was the 23-year-old's most comfortable golfing experience.

Cline and 173 others paid \$5 apiece to battle gusts of up to 20 mph in the tournament near Mattoon.

"It wasn't bad," Cline said in the warmth of the clubhouse. "But it was windy."

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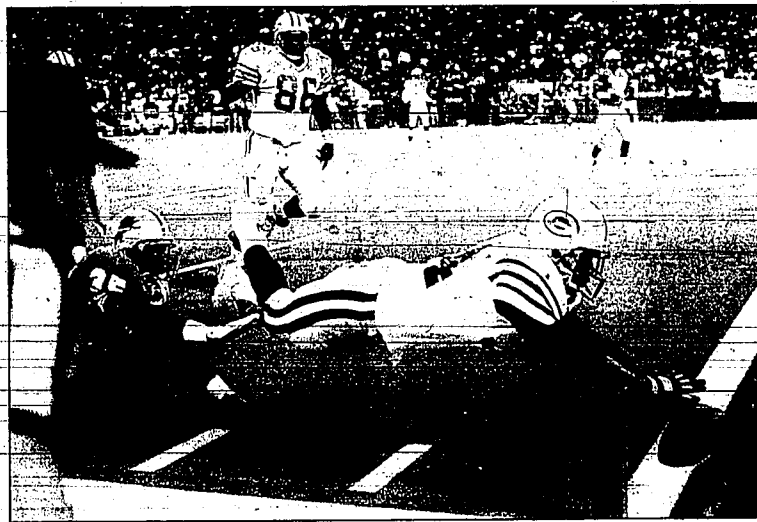
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We were in the last round and we'd both knocked each other down. I guessed we knocked them down last.

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—Florida State coach Bobby Bowden, after surviving the Seminoles' 18-16 victory over Nebraska

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Green Bay Packers fullback Edger Bennett reaches over the goal line for a touchdown ahead of Detroit Lions' William White Sunday in Pontiac, Mich. Bennett scored on a 39-yard pass play from Packers quarterback Brett Favre.

Lions claim NFC Central title

The Associated Press

PONTIAC, Mich. — They aren't called Team Trauma for nothing.

The Detroit Lions, with third-stringers Erik Kramer and Eric Lynch leading the way, played nearly flawless football Sunday in beating the Green Bay Packers 30-20 for their second NFC Central title in three years.

As a result, the Lions (10-6) get to play host to the Packers (9-7) in the first round of the NFL playoffs. But it was never easy for the Lions who:

—Wasted a 7-2 start by losing four of their

last seven, including three straight in the Silverdome before the win over Green Bay.

—Endured three quarterback controversies which took them from Rodney Peete to Andre Ware, back to Peete, then finally to Kramer.

—Fired offensive coordinator Dan Henning and replaced him with Dave Levy after 12 games.

—Played their last five games without Barry Sanders and their last 12 without safety Bennie Blades.

"It's been a long, hard road," said Lions' coach Wayne Fontes, whose job was thought

to be on line at the height of the team's tailspin. "I'm just glad to be a part of it."

Kramer, who rescued the Lions in the first half of the 1991 season, completed 15 of 29 passes for 182 yards, with one interception against the Packers. His 8-yard TD pass to Rodney Holman in the fourth quarter iced the game.

Lynch, a free agent from Grand Valley State, is the second fill-in for Sanders. Lynch, making his second start because backup Derrick Moore has sore ribs, responded with 115 yards on 30 carries, including scores from the

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49ers chase club records in finale against Eagles

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Mike Shanahan's hope back in training camp was that the 1993 San Francisco 49ers' offense would become the best in club history.

Heading into Monday night's regular season finale against the Philadelphia Eagles, that goal doesn't seem at all far-fetched.

"I've been pleased," said Shanahan, who has had the club leading the NFL in offense in both of his seasons as San Francisco's coordinator. "We've got a group of people working hard together. We've talked about at the beginning of the year we thought we were capable of setting some goals, and we're not too far away."

The 49ers (10-5), who already have won the NFC West and will be host for a divisional playoff game on Jan. 15 or 16, are within reach of club records in several offensive categories.

The current offense gains an average of 6.3 yards per play, just ahead of the 6.2 average by the 1992 squad, and has scored 439 points, 36 points shy of the 1984 team, which won the second of San Francisco's four Super Bowls.

The 1993 team also has scored 57 touchdowns, two short of the 1981 team's record, and has gained 5,958 yards, one good game away from the club record of 6,366 yards set in 1984.



"We had a slow start early on," 49ers tackle Steve Wallace said. "Then we started to put things together."

"San Francisco is coming off a 10-7 Christmas day loss to Houston in which it had a season low in points.

But Eagles cornerback Eric Allen expects to see the offense that has been averaging nearly 30 points per game.

"They're still No. 1 in almost all of the categories and that's what we look at," Allen said. "I'm not sure what happened, whether they were thinking about the playoffs early, because they didn't play well against Houston. I'm pretty sure this week they're going to come out and try to out on a performance for everybody. That concerns me a lot."

Eagles coach Rich Kotite said he still thinks the 49ers have the best offense in the league.

"They apply the most pressure to any defense and they have some great people in the

skill positions," said Kotite, whose club's playoff hopes ended Friday when Minnesota beat Washington to claim the final NFC playoff spot. They're sound in the offensive line and certainly their quarterback (Steve Young) I think is a great one."

Young is going for a third consecutive passing title, something no NFL quarterback has ever done.

Jerry Rice, who leads the league in receiving yardage (1,450) and shares the lead for touchdowns with Andre Rison (15), enters the finale just three touchdowns short of Jim Brown's NFL career record of 126.

"This offense has been great this year," said tight end Brent Jones, whose 61 catches are the most by a tight end in club history. "Everybody is a big part of it. We've been able to do things, and for the most part keep everybody happy by getting the ball. Halfback Ricky Waters is returning to the San Francisco lineup Monday night after a three-week absence because of a strained right knee ligament. He's 104 yards shy of a second straight 1,000-yard rushing season.

Philadelphia, which saw a promising 4-0 start wiped out by a wave of injuries, will be trying to avoid its first losing season since a 7-8 finale in the strike-shortened 1987 season.

Cowboys, Bills stay at home for playoffs; Patriots knock out Dolphins

The Associated Press

Predictably, the road to the Super Bowl must go through Dallas and Buffalo.

Stunningly, the Miami Dolphins — the league's best team at Thanksgiving — are out.

And, oddly, four teams get to repeat Sunday's action next weekend in the playoffs — Denver at the Los Angeles Raiders and Green Bay at Detroit.

The Cowboys and Bills, who met in last year's final game, have the inside track to get back because neither has to hit the road in the playoffs.

Dallas clinched home field in the NFC with a 16-13 overtime victory Sunday at the New York Giants, Buffalo, which lost 52-17 to the Cowboys in the Super Bowl, got the AFC home field with a 30-10 romp over Indianapolis. Both finished 12-4.

The Giants will be home next Sunday against Minnesota in a wild-card game. Detroit won the NFC Central by beating Green Bay 30-20 and will be host to — yes, the Packers — next Saturday.

The Los Raiders edged Denver 33-30 on Jeff Jarrett's 47-yard field goal in overtime, putting the Raiders into

the playoffs and knocking out the Dolphins. Miami was 9-2 before losing its last five games, including 33-27 in overtime on New England on Sunday.

There were three overtime games Sunday after just three in the previous 17 weeks.

Pittsburgh's 16-9 victory against Cleveland kept its chances alive. At night, the New York Jets needed to win at Houston, the AFC Central titlist, to make the playoffs. Otherwise, Pittsburgh will play at Kansas City on Saturday.

Also, Kansas City beat Seattle 34-24, Phoenix took Atlanta 27-10, San Diego defeated Tampa Bay 32-17, Chicago lost 17-10 to the Cowboys in the Super Bowl, got the AFC home field with a 30-10 romp over Indianapolis. Both finished 12-4.

Tonight, it's Philadelphia at San Francisco, which has won the NFC West. On Friday, the Vikings won 14-9 at Washington to clinch the final NFC playoff spot.

Bills 30, Colts 10
At Indianapolis, Thurman Thomas rushed for 110 yards and one touchdown and Jim

Kelly and Frank Reich passed for one TD each.

Buffalo (12-4) finished with four straight victories for the first time since 1973 as it seeks a fourth consecutive win to the Super Bowl. The Bills have won six straight home playoff games.

Patriots 33, Dolphins 27, OT
At Foxboro, Mass., Drew Bledsoe, looking like a No. 1 overall draft selection, threw for four TDs, including a 36-yarder to Michael Timmons in overtime. Bledsoe, who was 27-for-43 for 329 yards, led the Patriots (5-11) to their third straight win. It was the only third time in the 1990s that New England has defeated a team with a winning record.

The Dolphins (9-7) after being 9-2 rallied several times in the second half and sent the game into overtime when Pete Stoyanovich kicked a 24-yard field goal with six seconds left.

Chiefs 34, Seahawks 24
At Kansas City, Mo., the AFC West champion Chiefs (11-5) built a 24-3 lead, then

troubled by a late Denver touchdown, were relieved by Dave Krieg.

But Tim Newton recovered Rich Mize's fumble on the Seahawks' 11 with 2:03 left. Todd McNaughton scored from the 2 to seal it.

Cardinals 27, Falcons 10
At Atlanta, the Cardinals (7-9) might have

saved Joe Bogen's job with their ninth straight victory and fourth win in the final five games. Bogen received a mandate from owner Bill Bidwell to win at least nine games this season, but the team's shuffling in the second half of the schedule might be enough for Bogen to stay.

Steve Boserline set a Phoenix record of 14 consecutive completions to start the game. Boserline completed 27 of 37 for 278 yards and three touchdowns — two to Kendall Hill. Rookie Rouse, who didn't start the Cardinals' first five games, gained 95 yards for 101 yards in the second half.

Steelers, 16, Browns 9
At Pittsburgh, the Steelers (9-7) stayed alive in the playoff race by rallying from a 9-3 halftime deficit. Eric Green put Pittsburgh up 13-9 with 7:16 remaining on Neil O'Donnell's 14-yard pass. Green had six catches for 65 yards.

Pro Bowl kicker Gary Anderson hit three field goals and finished the season 28-for-30. Matt Stover kicked three field goals for Cleveland, which once was 3-0 and 5-2, but finished 7-9.

Raiders 33, Broncos 30, OT
At Los Angeles, the Raiders (10-6) forced overtime on the 49-yard pass from Hostetler to Alexander Wright as time ran out in the fourth quarter. Wright's conversion made it 30-30. Jason Elam missed a 40-yard field goal in

overtime that would have eliminated the Raiders from the playoffs. Then LA went 49 yards on seven plays to Jagger's fourth field goal of the game.

Hostetler completed 25 of 41 passes for 310 yards and three touchdowns without being intercepted. Tim Brown, who had 173 of the TDs, finished with 11 catches for 173 yards.

John Elway threw three touchdown passes and two interceptions for the Broncos (9-7), who blew a 30-13 lead and have lost six in a row at Los Angeles.

Rams 20, Bears 6
At Anaheim, Calif., Jerome Bettis finished off the sixth best rushing season for a rookie with 146 yards, giving him 1,429, second in the league to Emmitt Smith. Bettis carried a club-record 39 times against the Bears (7-9) and fell 57 yards short of Smith.

The victory cost the Rams (5-11) any chance at the No. 1 pick in the draft.

Chargers 32, Bucs 17
At Tampa, Fla., John Carney kicked four field goals, and Duane Young and Nate Means scored touchdowns set up by interceptions from San Diego (8-8). Anthony Miller had 150 yards and a score.

Rookie Horacio Copeland caught seven passes for 101 yards for Tampa Bay (5-11), which has lost at least 10 games for 11 straight seasons.

Salts 20, Bengals 13
At New Orleans, third-string quarterback Steve Walsh hit Eric Martin with a 54-yarder for the winning touchdown. The Salts (8-8) won their first five games, but became one of just three teams since the NFL-AFL merger in 1970 not to make the playoffs after starting 5-0 or better.

The Bengals (3-13) finished with the worst record in the league and the No. 1 pick in the draft.

Oilers 24, Jets 0
The Houston Oilers had a bigger fight among themselves than they got from the New York Jets on Sunday night.

While reserve quarterback Cody Carlson guided the Oilers to a 24-0 victory, they knocked the Jets out of the playoffs. Oilers defensive coordinator Buddy Ryan took a punch at offensive coordinator Kevin Keen because of the sideline shoving before the end of the half.

Ryan and Gilbreed argued off shortly after Houston got the ball with 37 seconds left in the half. Instead of running out the clock, they attempted two passes, fumbling the second attempt.

The Jets' Bill Pickel recovered at Houston's 16 with 24 seconds to play, giving the Jets a chance to score before the half. But the Jets missed a field goal and Houston led 14-0 at the half.

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Cowboys

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Murray's winning kick. "He said, 'No, I want to finish this. I want to be the guy. Let me play until I can't play anymore.'"

Dallas finished 12-4 and the Giants 11-5. Dallas will get a bye next week, while the Giants will be back to work in a game against Minnesota. If the Giants win, they may have to go to Dallas the following week.

The Cowboys totally dominated the first half, but could get into the end zone only on a 5-yard pass to Smith from Troy Aikman. They piled up 238 yards to 68 for New York and had the ball for more than 22 of the 30 minutes.

But they lost momentum early in the second half when Kevin Williams pulled a late-season version of Leon Lett's gaffe that cost Dallas the Miami game. Williams tried to pick up a punt that had been partially blocked by Brock Marion. The Giants recovered and drove in for the touchdown that got them back in it.

New York, which was 31-0 in Dallas earlier this season, eventually tied it at 13 on David Treadwell's 31-yard field goal, with 10 seconds left in regulation. The drive included nine runs for 43 yards by Rodney Hampton, who finished with 114 yards in 30 carries.

At no time during the drive did Phil

Simms throw the ball in the end zone. Simms finished 16 of 25 for 207 yards and was sacked four times.

New York won the coin toss and began moving.

But then center Brian Williams was penalized 15 yards for a chop block that he claimed was a legal block on a blitz. That forced the Giants to punt and Johnson put the ball back in Smith's hands.

Dallas reached the New York 23 and Murray kicked straight through.

The Cowboys totally dominated, outgaining the Giants 238-68 and controlling the ball for more than 22 minutes.

But they led 13-0 and that's where Kevin Williams turned the momentum with his mistake.

On their first possession of the second half the Giants' Mike Horan punted. Marion tipped it and Williams tried to pick up the bouncing ball. Instead, it bounced off his chest to New York's Maroon Bickley.

The Giants then drove 39 yards in 11 plays, with Jarrod Bunch taking it in from the 1 to make it 13-7. Treadwell's 29-yard field goal later in the quarter cut it to 13-10.

Then came the tying drive, mostly with Hampton — who went over the 1,000-yard mark for the third straight season, a team record — gaining 43 of his yards.

Lions

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5 and the 1. Lynch also caught four passes for 22 more yards.

The Lions defense, led by All-Pro linebacker Pat Swilling, forced five turnovers, including four interceptions.

Jason Hanson kicked field goals of 37, 53 and 48 yards for the Lions.

Brett Favre, second in the NFL with 20 interceptions entering the game, completed 23 of 37 for 190 yards, including a 39-yard TD pass to Edgar Bennett. But the four interceptions were more than the Packers could overcome.

Bennett also had a two-yard TD run and Chris Jacke added field goals of 54 and 47 yards for the Packers.

Sterling Sharpe had six receptions for 33 yards, giving the Pro-Bowl receiver 112 catches for the season, breaking his own NFL record of 108 receptions in 1992.

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ended in Lynch's one-yard TD run. That put the Lions ahead 23-20 with 11:50 left in the game.

Moments later, Robert Porcher tipped Favre's pass and Swilling picked it off at the Green Bay 34.

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Despite Sugar Bowl loss, Mountaineers had great season

NEW-ORLEANS (AP) — West Virginia went into the Sugar Bowl wanting to prove it was the best team in the nation. Instead, Florida made the Mountaineers look like one of the worst.

"I don't think they could play in the Southeastern Conference," Ernie Rhetts said after his three touchdown runs led Florida to a 41-7 romp Saturday night. "I think they played on a level like Vanderbilt or something."

"They're not as big, not as fast as we are," he said. "We were in twice as good of shape as they were."

All that went right for West Virginia as it went undefeated in the regular season went wrong in the Superdome. The blowout was the second-biggest in Sugar Bowl history — Oklahoma beat LSU 35-0 in 1950 — and the Gators ran up the second-highest point total — West Virginia lost 42-19 to Georgia Tech in the 1954 game.

"I told them that they had a great year," West Virginia coach Don Nehlen said. "If we had won, we would have had a great, great year. We didn't do the dumb things against other teams."

West Virginia went into the game ranked third in the Associated Press media poll and second in the USA Today-CNN coaches' poll. A win over Florida and a loss by Nebraska to Florida State in the Orange Bowl could've given the Mountaineers the coaches' national championship.

Only once all evening did the Mountaineers find the right combination. They moved 80 yards and took a 7-0 lead on their first possession, and still had the edge when Florida State went ahead of Nebraska 3-0.

But moments later, Florida tied West Virginia and also Nebraska took a 7-3 lead. The rest of the night, the Mountaineers fell farther behind while the Orange Bowl

Florida AD says Spurrier is staying put

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NEW ORLEANS — Florida athletic director Jeremy Foley says it's a nonissue: Gators coach Steve Spurrier is staying at the school and will not leave to coach the Carolina Panthers.

"Spurrier is going to be a Gator," Foley said Saturday night before Florida's Sugar Bowl against West Virginia. "He has told me that. He has told the media that. He has told his team that. He has told his family that."

Next week, the Panthers are expected to ask Foley for permission to talk to Spurrier, their first choice to become their first head coach. Foley said he will grant the Panthers permission to talk to Spurrier, but expects Spurrier to decline a job interview.

Spurrier has refused to speculate on how he will react to the Panthers' request for an interview. He has continually said that he is very happy at Florida, is not looking to leave and plans to be at the school, his alma mater, for a long time. However, Spurrier also said he is keeping his options open.

Foley and Spurrier say the Panthers have yet to contact them. Panthers officials have refused to comment on their intentions to pursue Spurrier.

Foley insists he is not concerned. "I know Steve very well," Foley said. "He's a very honest guy. He doesn't play games. He's not that type of person. If he tells you something, he means it."

seesawed until Florida State won 18-16.

"I think the right way to look at this is that we blew our opportunity," West Virginia quarterback Darren Studdstill said.

The loss dropped West Virginia (11-1) to seventh in the AP poll and sixth in the coaches' poll. Florida (11-2) moved up from No. 8 to No. 5 in the AP poll and was fourth in the coaches' poll after its first-ever victory in the Sugar Bowl.

"I told our team before the game I thought we were better than West Virginia," Florida coach Steve Spurrier said Sunday.

"I think it helped that we were here two years ago (a 39-28 loss to Notre Dame). I think the thing we learned the most was that you have to prepare the whole week you're here," he said. "I heard one of the West-Virginia players on TV this week saying they'd had a great time in New Orleans and were going to get ready Thursday and Friday. That doesn't get it done."

Rhetts ran for 105 yards on 25 carries. Quarterback Terry Dean, making the plays that Spurrier signaled in, completed 22 of 37 passes for 255 yards and one score.

Freshman safety Lawrence Wright made the big play, intercepting a wobbly pass after Monty Graw's hard hit on Studdstill and twisting and turning for a 52-yard touchdown return. That made it 14-7 early in the second quarter.

Florida and Florida State are the only teams to finish in the top 10 in the last three years. Miami dropped from No. 9 to No. 15 after a 29-0 loss to Arizona in the Fiesta Bowl.

"We're trying to be the best in our state," Spurrier said. "It feels good not to be third."

"I think the players can look at Florida and say here's a team that has a chance to win it all," he said.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU THINK YOUR CHILD IS ON DRUGS.

The Telltale Signs

Take a deep breath.

You're not a failure as a parent. You're not helpless. And you're not alone.

If you think you're a failure, consider this: There are many kids with neglectful parents who never use drugs. There are also children with seemingly model parents who do use drugs.

So the first thing to accept is that drugs, while indeed dangerous, are one more problem for youngsters to handle. And they'll do it better and faster if you're aware, involved, and don't stick your head in the sand.

THE AWARE PARENT IS THE GOOD PARENT.

Part of awareness and a major deterrent to experimentation is to talk to your kids about drugs.

But even with a lot of parental involvement, there are no guarantees. So it's important to know the symptoms of drug use and to take action if you see your youngster displaying them.

THE WARNING SIGNALS.

There are no symptoms that are absolutely reliable. But there are clues (see box).

Most of these symptoms tend to be gradual which is why parental awareness is so important.

But don't jump to conclusions.

Many of the warning signs for drug use are the same as those for depression or for the ups and downs of being a teenager. There's also the possibility it's a physical or emotional problem.

But whatever the problem, we're talking about a child who needs help. Right now.

First, you'll need an evaluation from a health professional skilled in diagnosing adolescents with alcohol or drug problems.

You may want to get involved with an intervention program to learn techniques that will help convince a drug user to accept help.

For the user, there are self-help, outpatient, day care, residency, and 24-hour hospitalization programs.

The right program depends entirely on the circumstances and the degree of drug involvement. Here, you'll need professional help to make an informed choice.

Another point: If a program is to succeed, the family needs to be part of it. This can mean personal or family counseling. It may also involve participating in a support group where you learn about co-dependency and how not to play into the problems that might prompt further drug use.

If you don't know about drug programs in your area, call your family doctor, local hospital or county mental health society or school counselor for a referral. You can also call the national helpline — 800-662-HELP — for advice and a referral.

WHATEVER YOU DO, DON'T GIVE UP.

That child who upsets you so much is the same little boy or girl who, only yesterday, gave you such joy. They're in way over their heads, and they never needed you quite as much as they need you now. No matter what they say.

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