

Good morning

Today's forecast:
Snow, likely with highs in the upper 20s. Lows near 15.

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The Seattle Seahawks grabbed a win in NFL action Sunday; the Denver Broncos didn't.

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Nations ink trade pact

Leaders see jobs, prosperity in commerce zone for hemisphere

Los Angeles Times

MIAMI — President Clinton and the leaders of 33 Western Hemisphere nations concluded a weekend summit Sunday by signing a free trade agreement that Clinton called "a watershed in the history of the hemisphere."

The leaders promised that the 32-page document, which agrees to create the largest free trade zone in the world, will mean more jobs and prosperity for the region's citizens.

"Future generations will look back on the Miami summit as a moment when the course of history in the Americas changed for the better," Clinton said in the closing ceremony of the Summit of the Americas at

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a downtown convention center, where he shared the stage with the presidents and prime ministers of Canada, Latin America and the Caribbean.

Under the agreement, they resolved to begin building the Free Trade Area of the Americas immediately and to conclude negotiations no later than the year 2005. Countries of other regional trade groups will gradually be phased in as their economies are ready to face competition.

"A key to prosperity is trade without bar-

riers, without subsidies, without unfair practices and with an increasing stream of productive investments," the leaders said in their Declaration of Principles.

After the summit ended, Clinton and the leaders of Mexico and Canada also invited Chile to join the North American Free Trade Agreement, a step intended to signal to other countries that they can be included once their economies are in good shape. With the most well-ordered economy in Latin America, Chile is expected to be able to complete the negotiations for entering NAFTA in about 15 months.

While lavishing praise on the symbolism

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Frosty forage



MIKE SALSBURY/The Times-Herald

The beauty of the Wood River Valley is reflected in a wintertime scene Friday as a mule deer finds nourishment near the banks of Silver Creek. The view is from the Silver Creek Preserve near the Kilpatrick Bridge in Blaine County.

Idaho student among Rhodes Scholars for 1994; women maintain supremacy

The Associated Press

BOISE — A 1990 Capital High School graduate has been selected to be one of 32 Rhodes Scholars from the United States.

Ryan Sawyer, who served as student body president, was chosen from a field of 12 nominees from the Northwest. He was a finalist for the award last year. "One of the things he said when he decided to go for it again was, 'I don't have anything to lose,'" said his mother, Phyllis Sawyer of Boise. "That's a pretty good profile of him. He is persistent and is willing to do everything he can to get where he wants to go."

Sawyer, 23, is a graduate student at Ford-

ham University in New York, where he is studying English and American literature. He graduated summa cum laude this spring from Seattle University with a bachelor's degree in philosophy and English.

Ben Jones didn't have much time Sunday to celebrate his scholarship. After all, scholars have to hit the books. "Unfortunately, I have a big exam tomorrow. You can't get away from the exams," said the 22-year-old Princeton University student.

"Jones said he and his friends 'had a drink and celebrated, jumped around a bit' after the winners were announced. Then it was back to studying."

The mechanical engineering student from Falmouth, Mass., said it was a long road to

the prize, which offers winners a chance to study next fall at Oxford University in England. "It's a tough competition. You feel surprised when you get to be the lucky name at the end of it all," said Jones, who also climbs rocks, plays piano and guitar and tutors prison inmates.

This year, 18 women and 14 men were named Rhodes scholars. The award was created in 1902 and first opened to women in 1976. The program's criteria include academic achievement, integrity, leadership and athletic prowess. Many of this year's Rhodes scholars showed interest in community service. Several volunteered as tutors for inner-city children; one worked at a center for sexual assault victims.

'Tis the season for blues

Valley suicide rate mirrors nation's holiday increase

By Julie M. McKinnon
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Just last week, an 89-year-old Twin Falls County man distraught about being alone for the holidays because his son planned to leave that day for Arizona committed suicide.

The man's death brings out a fact about the holidays: Suicide rates nationwide go up between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day.

And in the Magic Valley, the annual suicide rate already is almost double that of the national rate, according to 1993 data from the Center for Vital Statistics in Boise. There were 31 suicides last year in the Magic Valley, the data shows, and there were 19 in 1992, 18 in 1991 and 25 in 1990.

Twin Falls County Coroner Gene Turley said there were 12 suicides in the county last year and 13 this year. The county's suicides tend to come in groups. In August there were three in as many days, although they haven't dramatically increased here because of the holidays, he said.

"There has been a pick up of suicides through the year," Turley said. "As our population grows, we'll see an increase in it."

"National statistics show that the holiday season is the worst time for suicides."

During the holiday season, when there's so much emphasis on families as happy units, families should make sure they don't overdo celebrations and get holiday blues, Eric F. Jones, director of clinical services at Canyon View Hospital & Counseling Centers in Twin Falls. And to combat both the too-busy holiday blues and people feeling lonely during the holidays, families should concentrate their energies on providing some cheer to others, Jones said.

"It helps change the focus of the holidays from materialism and buying lots of things to doing and being a human during that time," said Jones, adding that families can help people they know or donate to charities. "The holiday season does take on a whole different meaning."

Families who have experienced a death, divorce or joblessness during the holidays also should deal with those emotions instead of ignoring them, Jones said.

Turley said an alarming trend in Twin Falls County suicides is that they are happening more often in teenagers. Both this year and last about four teen-agers committed suicide, he said.

The boys are more likely to do it than the girls, he said. "The sad thing is women give more signs that they are thinking about committing suicide, while men are less expressive and more reclusive."

With depression as the largest contributing factor to suicide, Jones

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Executive's death may be latest in mail bomb series

The Washington Post

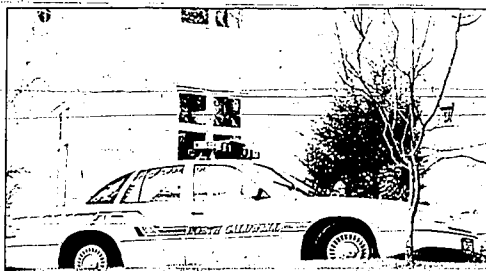
Federal investigators Sunday said the killing of a top advertising executive Saturday may have been the latest in a long series of crimes by a deadly bomber who specializes in mailing lethal packages to his victims.

The bomber, code named UNABOM, has been held responsible for 14 previous incidents since 1978 that have resulted in 23 injuries and one other death. The code name reflects the fact that most of the bomber's early targets involved universities or airlines.

On Saturday morning, Thomas J. Mosser, 50, died at his home in North Caldwell, N.J., after opening a package that had been delivered on Friday by the Postal Service. A statement issued by the FBI's Newark



Suspect



AP photo

A board covers the window of the home of a New York business executive who died Saturday when he opened a small package containing a bomb. field office Sunday said that the bomb that killed Mosser "appears to have been constructed and mailed by the same individual" involved in the other UNABOM cases.

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"A physical examination of the bomb's components have led us to believe that this is linked to the other cases because there are some unique characteristics," said FBI Special Agent Rick Smith.

Investigators are also trying to determine where the bomb was mailed from and whether Mosser had any connection to either the airline industry or scientific research, especially in the area of computers because most of the bomber's previous victims have worked in those fields, Smith said.

The bomb that killed Mosser was about the size of a videotape, and it exploded as Mosser was opening it in his kitchen. Experts have described previous bombs as "diabolical" in construction because they involved hundreds of hours of meticulous work, including creating handcrafted parts.

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Nation

Analysis

New-era trade threats lie mainly within U.S.

By Andres Oppenheimer
Knight-Ridder News Service

MIAMI — The Summit of the Americas has concluded, as expected, with approval of a U.S. plan for a "new era" of economic cooperation that could lead to a Free Trade Area of the Americas. But if you are wondering about its chances of success, don't spend too much time looking at Latin America.

Some of the biggest threats to the "new era" of economic cooperation heralded by President Clinton may not come from Latin America, the Americas Free Trade Arrangement will be in place by 2005. AFTA would encompass several existing agreements, including:

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The free trade agreement between the United States, Canada and Mexico.

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Will create a customs zone by January 1, 1995, between Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay.

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Leaders plan new trade pact

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Source: AP research

• Opposition from arch-conservative Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., the next chairman of the powerful Senate Foreign Relations Committee is a vocal critic of most Clinton-backed free trade agreements. In addition, his tirades against U.S. foreign aid and most Latin American diplomatic initiatives could poison the atmosphere of the hard negotiations that lie ahead to bring the proposed free trade area to life.

U.S. non-tariff barriers: While championing the cause of free trade, the U.S. government is under growing pressure from domestic producers to shield several U.S. industries from what they see as unfair foreign competition.

Latin American and Caribbean nations presented U.S. officials at the summit with a list of more than 60 products from the region facing U.S. import restrictions, including Chilean grapes, Colombian roses and Venezuelan gasoline.

A combination of sincere concerns by U.S. groups over labor rights and the environment and the profit drive by multinational firms are threatening to increase the list of goods facing U.S. non-tariff barriers. Latin Americans have coined a term to describe the new trend: neoprotectionism.

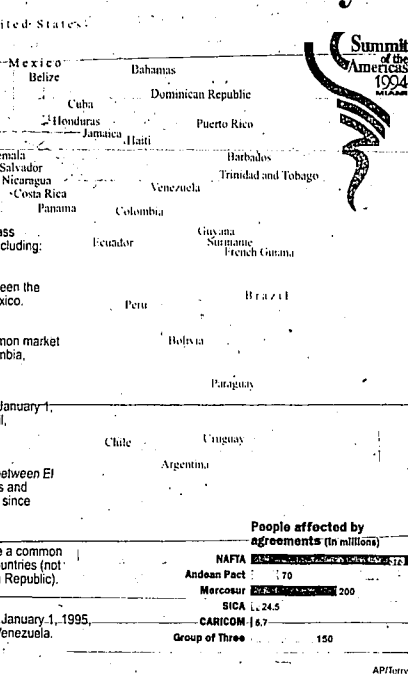
Anti-immigrant measures. The recent passage of Proposition 187 in California, a measure that bans children of illegal aliens from public schools and hospitals, has created a political storm in Mexico and Central America.

There is a danger that other U.S. states may follow California's steps, driving a broadening wedge into the new partnership for the Americas.

Conscious of the challenges, Latin American leaders took advantage of the summit spotlight to try to convince a skeptical U.S. public that the proposed free trade area would create jobs and new export opportunities in the United States.

Whether they succeeded remains to be seen. CNN led its newscast Saturday with a live interview from Miami with U.S. Commerce Secretary Ronald Brown, but the topic was misanthropy. Brown was asked about the firing of U.S. Surgeon General Jocelyn Elders following her suggestion that schools might consider teaching about the sexual practice in the context of AIDS prevention.

It would be a great irony if, after more than a decade of receiving lectures on free trade, Latin American leaders found themselves all dressed up and with nowhere to go. The struggle for the Partnership of the Americas has just begun, and the battlefield will be right here in the United States.



Summit of the Americas 1994

Clinton: Tax-cut plan likely

Knight-Ridder News Service

MIAMI — President Clinton said Sunday that he expected to propose a tax cut for the middle class — a promise he made during the 1992 presidential campaign but that has failed to deliver.

"I want to fulfill the commitment of our campaign and my commitment to tax fairness," Clinton said at a news conference here following the three-day Summit of the Americas.

"I think we can achieve that objective," he said. White House aides said Clinton would like to unveil the broad outlines of the tax cut during an address to the nation tentatively set for Thursday.

In the address, Clinton wants to lay out his priorities for the next two years in hopes of recapturing momentum in his presidency.

Tax cuts that have been under consideration include a tax credit for families with children and a broader one that would also apply to middle-income taxpayers without children.

Social Security seen as safe

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton won't cut Social Security to ease the budget deficit, his chief of staff said Sunday as the chairman of an entitlements commission warned that cuts are inevitable without drastic changes now.

The president made clear during the campaign — and before that — that we are not going to touch Social Security, and we're not," White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta said on CBS' "Face the Nation."

But Sen. Bob Kerrey, D-Neb., told NBC's "Meet the Press" that Social Security could not remain solvent if left intact, because 260 million Americans will become eligible for benefits over the next 50 to 60 years.

He suggested reform could begin with millions of Americans stashing money in savings accounts to supplement their future Social Security benefits.

Summit: Environmental goals linked to development

Knight-Ridder News Service

MIAMI — In a rare sense, the Summit of the Americas was a "green" gathering.

Hemispheric leaders adopted major goals on protecting natural resources, pursuing energy efficiency and setting up mechanisms to

monitor and prevent pollution. "We are very, very excited about the outcome," said Carol Browner, head of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The 34 leaders at the summit agreed to:

• Ensure that trade and environmental policies are mutually supportive.

• Develop compatible environmental laws across the hemisphere.

• Beef up plans to establish and protect national parks and reserves.

• Strengthen the region's ability to address issues such as pesticides, water and air quality, and urban environmental problems.

One of the most tangible pledges was a plan to phase out leaded gasoline across the hemisphere by the turn of the century. Leaded fuel is a major source of air pollution.

"Lead is a problem we all share," said Katie McCreary, White House environmental policy adviser. "It's the No. 1 health threat to children in the United States."

Participants also funded a \$500 million investment fund to be administered by the World Bank and the United Nations Development Program to foster environmental protection and promote development that is not harmful to the environment. The U.S. government has earmarked \$150 million for the fund.

GOP governors press for increased powers

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Republican governors are pressing Congress for an unprecedented transfer of power to manage scores and scores of federal programs but warn against the idea that the changes will produce major, immediate budgetary savings in Washington.

The governors are seeking the conversion of programs for job training, child care, food, nutrition and cash welfare like food stamps and Aid to Families with Dependent Children into block grants to the states.

But they also want the new Congress to strip away all but the most general federal guidelines on how to run the programs, a request that could create tensions with some Republicans in Congress.

The governors want to end the requirement that they file and receive approval of their welfare plans in Washington, before implementing them, and want the power to design programs that treat different parts of their states differently, instead of the current requirement for statewide programs.

They also want to be relieved of the requirement that they maintain a certain level of financial commitment to specific programs, the so-called "maintenance-of-effort"

requirement, in part because they do not think it is fair that all savings produced by better management accrue to the federal government.

Three governors — Michigan's John Engler, R., Wisconsin's Tommy Thompson, R., and Massachusetts' William F. Weld, R. — have been asked by House speaker-to-be Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., and incoming Senate majority leader Robert J. Dole, R-Kan., to prepare an outline of a plan for possible inclusion in a broad welfare-reform bill that will be debated in Congress early next year.

Engler said Dole and Gingrich share the governors' desire to end Washington's management of the programs, but that — that — other Republicans may be more interested in cutting federal spending than relieving burdens on the states.

Parents with AIDS enjoy what could be last holiday with children

NEW YORK (AP) — Life couldn't get much tougher for Abel Martinez.

He's raising his sisters' six children in a one-bedroom apartment in one of the city's poorest neighborhoods. One sister died of AIDS, and the other may soon follow.

Martinez tried to put his troubles aside Sunday at a Christmas party for 103 children whose parents, many of them poor and most women raising children alone, are dying of AIDS.

"This party is a nice break," said Martinez, a 31-year-old who looks more like the brother than the guardian

of his nephew and five nieces. "The gifts, the entertainment, we have sadness, but being here keeps everyone from thinking about it for awhile."

It was the second annual party for AIDS families served by Selfhelp, a non-profit agency founded by Holocaust survivors.

Selfhelp provides home-care workers to keep a family together as long as possible by helping parents do laundry, cook and run errands. The agency also helps find guardians to raise the children when their mothers die.

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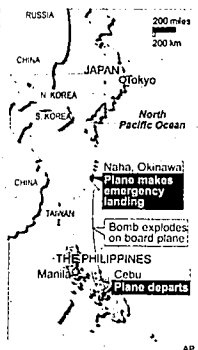
TOKYO (AP) — A bomb exploded Sunday on a Philippines Airlines flight carrying 292 people, blowing a two-foot hole beneath the passengers' feet and setting the ceiling on fire. One passenger was killed and six were injured.

Passengers put out the fire with their blankets, Japanese radio said.

The Boeing 747, with 272 passengers and 20 crew aboard, made a safe emergency landing about an hour later at Naha airport on Okinawa in southern Japan. It had been on its way from Tokyo to Manila and Cebu in the Philippines.

Several hours after the explosion, a caller claiming to belong to Abu Sayyaf, a Muslim fundamentalist group responsible for numerous bombings and kidnappings in the southern Philippines, telephoned The Associated Press in Manila and claimed responsibility.

"We exploded one plane from Cebu," the anonymous caller said. He said the group planned to target more airplanes.



Airline spokesman Angel Samba in Manila said he could not comment on the claim.

Police identified the man killed as Haruki Ikegami, 24, of Japan, who had been working in the Philippines.

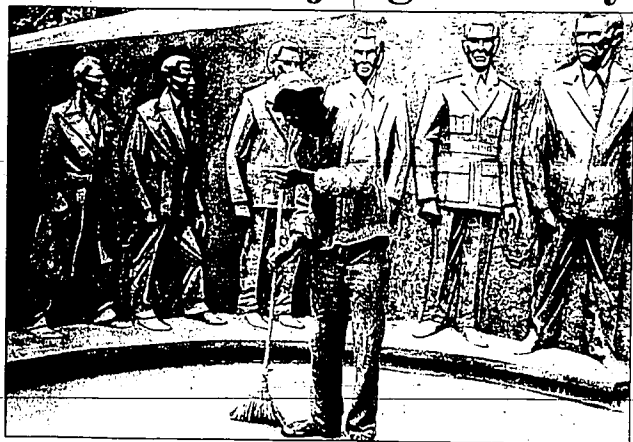
A police bomb disposal team froze a bag found near the Ikegami's seat and removed it for X-rays, but the results were not immediately known, Sonsho Nakadate of the Okinawa Prefectural Police said.

A passenger quoted by Japanese radio said the explosion blew a hole in the floor under seats in the center of the plane, near an exit door. One passenger got caught in the hole and had to be helped out by a flight attendant, the passenger said.

Ethiopia militants face judgment day

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (AP) — Somewhere, the hangman waits. The day of reckoning is at hand for Ethiopia's former military rulers.

On Tuesday, Ethiopia opens the most sweeping war crimes trials since the end of World War II, seeking the death penalty for dozens of members of the former military junta on charges of genocide and crimes against humanity.



A worker cleans a monument to victims of Ethiopia's former military regime in the country's capital of Addis Ababa. Tuesday will mark the opening of war crimes trials seeking death penalties for dozens of members of the former military junta on charges of genocide and human rights violations.

It has been a long time coming, two decades after the coup that deposed Emperor Haile Selassie and ushered in 17 years of Marxist military dictatorship during which tens of thousands of people died.

Jailed junta members deny any guilt and accuse prosecutors of manufacturing evidence of mass killings.

The trial is a national court only the first of many.

Prosecutors say up to 3,000 military underlings and civilian henchmen could face charges linked to the systematic killing of Ethiopians considered a threat to the junta, which was ousted in May 1991. The Red Cross says about 1,700 of the suspects are in prison waiting to be charged.

"This shows there is justice and you cannot escape from justice," said Amde Akalework, whose father, a former justice minister, and uncle, the prime minister, were summarily executed by the military regime in 1974.

"I will not satisfy me — it will not bring back my family — but I hope it gives a lesson. You cannot just murder and massacre," she said. "The trial will be watched closely by those preparing for international war crimes tribunals in Rwanda and the former Yugoslavia."

"I'm sure it will set the standards not only in Africa, but throughout the world," said Peter Bach, a Danish lawyer hired by the International Commission of Jurists to help set up a public defender's office in Ethiopia.

Prosecutors promise fair proceedings, and Bach said he has seen

nothing to indicate the trials will not be fair. The government says the trials will be fully open to journalists and international observers.

Special Prosecutor Ghirma Wajira filed charges of genocide and crimes against humanity in October against 73 members of the Dergue, the Amharic initials for the

former ruling Provisional Military Administrative Committee.

Seven of the defendants are believed to be dead, 45 are in custody and 21 will be tried in absentia, including former President Mengistu Haile Mariam, who fled to Zimbabwe when the junta was overthrown.

Briefly

U.N. withdraws troops to Somali capital

MOGADISHU, Somalia — A battalion of Indian troops left the southern town of Kismayu on Sunday, completing the withdrawal of U.N. peacekeepers outside Somalia's capital.

The troops left about two commercial ships protected by three Indian navy warships, said Maj. Zubair Chhattha, the U.N. military spokesman. The troops, headed for Mogadishu, where about 15,000 peacekeepers are gathering to await departure when the mandate for the U.N. operation in Somalia expires at the end of March.

In southern Mogadishu, a Pakistani and an Indian soldier were slightly injured by stray bullets at the airport in clan fighting Sunday, Chhattha said.

Witnesses said two people were killed and seven injured Sunday in fighting between supporters of Ali Mahdi Mohamed, who controls northern Mogadishu, and those of his southern rival, Gen. Mohamed Farah Aidid.

Hospital sources said U.N. officials said 30 people have been killed and 278 wounded since fighting broke out last week.

Eleven peacekeepers from India and Pakistan have been injured by stray bullets. On Wednesday, an Egyptian soldier was killed.

Judge's ruling makes him bomb target

DHAKA, Bangladesh — Three bombs exploded Sunday in the home of a judge who ordered opposition lawmakers to end their nine-month boycott of parliament.

The explosions damaged a car and injured its driver, police said. The bombs — tin pots containing explosives and pieces of glass — were tossed inside the judge's home even before he left the courtroom after making his ruling Sunday.

No one claimed responsibility for the bombs, but the judge, Kazi Mozumdar, said the ruling was "the apparent reason for the attack."

Mozumdar and another High Court judge ruled Sunday that the boycott, aimed at forcing out Prime Minister Khaderia Zia, was illegal. The court did not say how it would enforce its ruling, which seemed unlikely to end the political standoff.

Opposition lawmakers accuse Mrs. Zia's government of vote fraud, corruption and inefficiency. They want her to step down and call general elections, which are not scheduled until 1996.

The judges told the opposition lawmakers to return to parliament when it meets again. No date for the next session was set when parliament adjourned Thursday. But under the legislative rules, it must meet before February.

Shipwreck searchers' hopes fade

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia — American and Canadian rescuers searched a broad swath of the North Atlantic on Sunday, but hopes of finding more survivors from a sunken Ukrainian cargo ship were fading fast.

Two of the 31 crew members of the Salvador Allende have been rescued and seven crewmen are confirmed dead. No one was found on Sunday.

A Marine Reserve plane spotted a 22-foot wooden lifeboat, but no one was inside, said Maj. Jim Finkle, spokesman for the New York Air National Guard.

Compiled from wire reports



Republic OKs talks as tanks, troops roll in

GROZNY, Russia (AP) — Russian troops and armored columns backed by jets and helicopters rolled into the breakaway republic of Chechnya on Sunday in a bid to restore Moscow's control over the region.

As Russian tanks, paratroopers and infantry advanced on Grozny from three sides, Chechen officials said they were willing to try and negotiate a peace settlement with Moscow.

Two brief clashes were reported, with local news reporting as many four people dead and more than 10 wounded. The reports could not immediately be confirmed.

Jet planes streaked over the capital Sunday night, and machine-gun fire could be heard on the outskirts of the city as panicked civilians, mostly women and children, fled Grozny. Russian television reported up to 40,000 troops had moved into the separatist region.

Chechnya, a mostly Muslim republic in the Caucasus Mountains of southern Russia, declared independence in 1991. Russian officials have refused to recognize the claim, fearing it could encourage other dissident ethnic groups to declare independence and lead to the breakup of Russia.

Dogs are no longer the forbidden pet but the expensive one in China

Knight-Ridder News Service

BEIJING — Outside one of this city's exclusive villas for the newly rich, a young woman held a car door open while her dog, Pi Pi, a brown Pekingese, jumped into the front passenger seat.

That's hardly a common sight in Beijing — and for good reason.

Until last month, it was against the law to keep dogs as pets. Roving teams of enforcers from the Bureau of Environment and Health would periodically track dogs down and beat them to death with sticks while their owners glumly looked on.

But under mounting pressure from an increasingly dog-loving public, the municipal government has moved to liberalize the dog laws. Somewhat.

Under the new rules people will be able to keep dogs legally as pets, but they'll have to buy a license.

And that's the catch: The license will cost \$200 the first year and \$240 each year thereafter — prohibitive in a city where the typical worker earns anywhere from \$225 to \$1,100 per year.

Some people, like Wang Wei, 27, the owner of the Pekingese, will merely pay the price. "Of course we'll buy her a license," said the woman, a factory owner's daughter. "We have no other choice."

During most of China's Communist rule, dog ownership has been seen as a sign of decadence, because dogs are precious food. Owning dogs was acceptable only if they were raised as food like chickens. Indeed, dog is a popular dish in southern China and in several northern provinces near North Korea.

Dogs have been so unusual in China — except as food — that they

are a routine exhibit in China's zoos, where they are displayed behind bars.

But as Beijing has become more prosperous, more and more of its residents have turned to dogs as pets. About 190,000 dogs live in the area, compared with 20,000 in 1986 and none during the Cultural Revolution of the 1960s, according to the official Xinhua news service. The rapid increase has drawn some unfavorable comment.

Dogs often are regarded here as

ferocious animals that bite people. Newspapers have offered statistics to support this view: About 20,000 Beijing-area people were bitten by dogs in 1990, according to the Beijing Evening News' survey of hospitals and doctors; 50,000 people were bitten in 1993; and 45,000 people were bitten from January through September of this year.

That's better than one nasty bite for every four dogs.

During November, state television showed film of the legs of several people who had been bitten by dogs. One man who was attacked while walking home from work, later was given injections to prevent rabies. In Beijing, dogs are not required to have rabies shots.

Some dog owners have given their dogs away because of the new law. Tang Yuanguang, who was interviewed by the Beijing Youth Daily, said she had given her dog, Mao Mao, to a peasant who lived outside the city because she could not afford the license fee.

U.S. sergeant dies after fall

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — The U.S. Embassy is investigating the death of an Air Force sergeant who fell from his fourth-floor hotel room window, embassy officials said Sunday.

Staff Sgt. Mark Shearer, 28, died early Friday, the officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity. The embassy refused to say whether foul play was suspected or whether it was an accident.

Shearer was based at Robins Air Force Base in Warner Robins, Ga., an Air Force spokesman in Washington said.

Hotel manager Jamil Khan said Shearer was alone in his room at the time of the fall.

"All I can say is yes, he slipped from the window," Khan said. "But why he fell or how he fell, I couldn't say because the U.S. embassy security is doing their own investigation."

Shearer was in Pakistan with Gen. J.H. Pinford Peay, commander-in-chief, U.S. central command, who was on a tour of the region. Peay returned to Florida on Friday.

Shearer is survived by his wife and two children, embassy officials said.



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Money

Uncle Sam giveth, taketh away: Deductions harder to get in '95

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— Uncle Sam giveth and taketh away.

The middle- or low-income taxpayer looking for ways to keep money out of Uncle Sam's pockets must look especially hard this year to find them.

"They're making it more difficult for the average person to benefit from the deductions that are available," said Susan Moseley, an investment adviser with Moseley Investment Management Inc. in Bradenton, Fla.

For example, Uncle Sam did increase and expand the earned income tax credit to include people who work but don't have children. He also increased the amount a person can earn and still be eligible for the credit.

However, he took away by eliminating the earned income credit for a child born during the year.

Although he still allows deductions for charities, Uncle Sam makes such deductions difficult for average taxpayers. This year he requires written documentation of all contributions of \$250 or more.

He takes away by requiring donors who donate more than \$75 and receive some goods or services — such as a mug, dinner or poster — to deduct the value of those goods from the contribution claimed.

Everyone gets a higher standard deduction this year.

The ceiling on Social Security benefits subject to tax has gone from 50 percent to 85 percent. That means a single person whose adjusted gross income exceeds \$34,000 is subject to the 85 percent tax, as is a married couple with adjusted gross income exceeding \$44,000.

But Uncle Sam will allow people receiving Social Security to earn more money next year without losing benefits. Next year, Social Security recipients under the age of 65 can earn \$8,160 before losing \$1 of every \$2 they earn. People who are 65 or 66 can earn \$11,280 before losing \$1 for every \$3 earned, according to Lisa Bristow, a principal at the accounting firm Christopher, Gentile, Leonard & Bristow.

Uncle Sam repealed the luxury tax on aircraft, boats, furs and jewelry, which was good for taxpayers who can afford such luxuries. But he still requires the tax on passenger vehicles with a sale price higher than \$32,000. The tax does not apply to parts and accessories installed to help a person with a disability operate, enter or exit a vehicle.

He gave business deductions by

now be at least 50 miles from the former home instead of 35 miles.

But he gave back some of what he took away by eliminating moving expenses as itemized deductions and the requirement that employer reimbursements be included as income.

Now taxpayers can deduct all qualified unreimbursed moving expenses from adjusted gross income.

Despite the give-and-take of this year's tax savings, financial planners suggest these strategies may help taxpayers' nail some deductions.

• Shifting bonus income from this year to next or the reverse, depending on which is more favorable to their bottom line.

• Offsetting capital gains by selling stock or other securities at a loss. If losses exceed gains, the loss may be deducted from other income up to \$3,000; \$1,500 if single or filing separately.

• Making contributions to IRA or qualified retirement plans before the end of the year. Taxpayers should fund IRAs the first week of every year to get maximum benefits.

• Investing the maximum in employer-sponsored qualified plans. Even without matching funds, it's a good way to save. You don't feel the contribution as much due to the tax benefit and it's a lot easier to save before it gets in your hands," Moseley said.

• Establishing a qualified retirement plan.

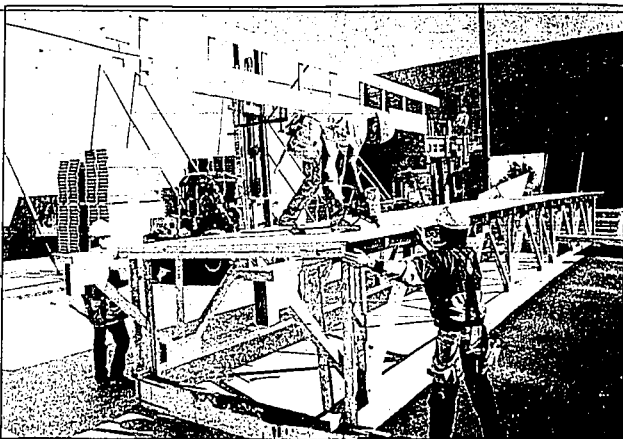
• Making charitable contributions before year end. One way to avoid a capital gains tax is to donate stock that has substantially appreciated over the years to a charity. That way you avoid capital gains tax. "If you give a gift of cash, make sure the charitable organization is a 501(c)(3)," Moseley said. "That shows they have been approved by the IRS to be a charitable entity."

• Giving tax-free gifts of up to \$10,000 to anyone, which results in lower estate taxes later on.

• Moving money from bonds or bond mutual funds into money market accounts for 31 days or more. This year was painful for the bond market and the average bond mutual fund is down 6.6 percent year to date, Moseley said.

'They're making it more difficult for the average person to benefit from the deductions that are available.'

— Susan Moseley, investment adviser



Construction crews work on a roof for a building in Tempe, Ariz. Contractors in the Phoenix area are having a hard time maintaining their labor forces.

Construction boom creates hole in labor supply, contractors say

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Homes and commercial buildings are going up so fast in the Phoenix suburbs that contractors are having a hard time finding people to pound nails and spray imitation stucco.

The demand is so strong that one electrical contractor is looking for workers from Canada. "The skilled work is what we're in dire need of," said Larry Donelson, president of Delta Diversified Enterprises, which wires commercial buildings.

The construction boom helped push the nation's jobless rate to a four-year low of 5.6 percent last month, according to the Labor

Department. Construction payrolls grew by 71,000 jobs.

In Arizona, construction employment jumped 12 percent over the previous year, the state says.

Dan Anderson, an analyst at the state Department of Economic Security, says stories of shortages abound. Projects are being completed more slowly, and some cities have found that bids come in higher than expected because contractors are too busy to take on another job.

Contractors put up signs at building sites seeking plumbers and other workers, Anderson said. "Young people don't have a desire

to enter the construction industry like they did 20 years ago," said Leo Correll, vice president of Delta. "There's not a pool of people to take from, there's nothing there."

"It just demoralizes you. If you're not organized, it's just an all-out whammy."

The building industry began picking up here about 18 months ago and boomed through most of this year, leaving Delta president Donelson and other contractors short-handed.

Donelson has increased his staff by 100 workers to 250, all averaging 60 hours a week. "We could use another 100 now," he said.

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A Palestinian youth burns an Israeli flag during a Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine rally Saturday in Gaza City.

From taxes to dams, Arafat struggles with responsibility

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Almost anywhere you turn in the territories under Yasser Arafat's rule are signs he doesn't have a grip on the daily machinery of government.

Seven months into Palestinian autonomy, the taxman has only just got around to visiting the first 12 citizens deemed delinquent. The first two major public works projects touted by Arafat are washouts. Schools in one area just added a night shift to cope with the crush of pupils.

The problems are seriously eroding Arafat's credibility as a leader who can deliver basic services to his people. Since he has yet to delegate any serious responsibility, Gazans blame him for all their problems.

"As a symbol, he has eroded tremendously. People see now that he is flesh and blood," said Ghazi Abu Jiyab, a Gazan trying to start the area's first courier service.

Arafat blames international donors for coming up with only about one-sixth of the \$700-million-in-aid they promised for 1994. He also criticizes the Israelis for sealing off the Gaza Strip, preventing Palestinian laborers and agriculture goods from reaching their main markets in Israel. "No doubt we are facing trouble because the donors have not fulfilled their promises and the Israelis are also making trouble," he said recently.

He warned that the problems would aid Islamic militants opposed to the peace process. "Poverty is a very serious platform for all fanatical groups," he said.



Arafat

receipts are just over \$3 million.

Each day the newspapers carry plaintive advertisements painting tax paying as a fun duty and begging each "brother taxpayer" to pay his share of the "dowry for independence."

Tax officials admit they remain disorganized. But they contend that before turning over power, the Israelis stripped the tax offices of computers and files. Israel denies this.

The taxmen also hesitate to use force, fearing people will equate them with Israeli occupation authorities if they do.

"We can't go out in force the way the Israelis did," said Eid Al-Sherif, head of the Gaza tax department. "There would be mass anger. People would feel like there was no change in the system, and we want to give them the feeling that things have changed."

Almost any Gazan will tell you life has changed for the better. Ask for an example of something positive brought by autonomy, and they will cite the end of the 8 p.m. curfew and the return of some exiles and prisoners. They gave the same answers last June.

Jokes about the lack of democracy in Arafat's administration circulate widely. Gazans quip that his ministers ask him permission to sneeze, and that one went all the way to Japan to get his teeth fixed. When the dentist asked why, the minister replied.

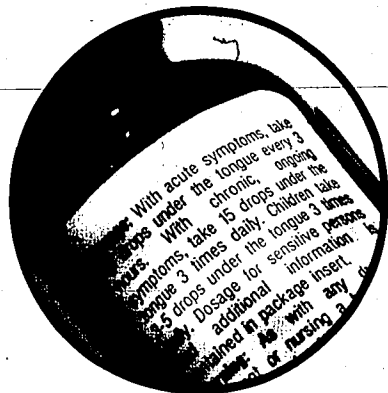
"Because no one can open their mouth in Gaza."

Examples of bad planning abound. — Arafat has touted two projects — a pier and a dam — as symbols of the Palestinians' ability to solve their own problems.

He even said he used his own background as a civil engineer to suggest a few design changes for a new pier for Gaza's fishermen. As the pier took shape, the uneven, rusted metal pillars gave it the look of a relie, and the first serious winter storm swept away the midsection.

Then came the dam. Seeing water spilling toward the sea from Gaza Valley, Arafat declared the water should be stored. Up went a sign "Gaza Water Exploitation Project" and along came dump trucks full of sand and garbage. Winter rains washed the dam out to sea.

The sign quickly disappeared.



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Focus: Contract with America

Buyers beware: GOP package has fine print

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WASHINGTON — The Contract with America that will guide Republicans during their first 100 days in control of the U.S. House is signed — but far from sealed and delivered.

Flush with promises of tax cuts, welfare reform and term limits, the contract also contains two little-noticed but critical caveats in the fine print:

"The GOP doesn't actually promise to pass any of the 10 items in the contract, only to allow votes on them."

"And it doesn't say the legislation that does pass will look the same as the pre-election contract. Rather, in a show of openness, the Republican contract promises to allow votes on any and all amendments, even ones from Democrats."

Much of the rest of the fine print is only now being written to fill in the broad themes of the plan. Republicans, for instance, promised cuts in income and capital gains taxes. But they only hinted at the spending cuts they would bring to offset the lost revenues.

"They don't provide much detail. It's fairly simple, straightforward and sometimes ambiguous," said Steven Smith, a political scientist at the University of Minnesota.

The contract's ideas of cutting taxes

and increasing defense spending while also requiring that the budget be balanced has many — including prominent Republicans — questioning whether the contract contradicts itself.

"It may be good politics, but it is a good policy," said Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole of Kansas shortly before the election.

He recalled that a House candidate in his home state — Sam Brownback — refused to sign the contract.

"He wanted to know how to pay for it, which I think is a legitimate question," said Dole. As the Senate's new majority leader, Dole will have great power over whether those parts of the contract that pass the House get anywhere in the Senate.

Retiring House Republican Leader Robert Michel of Illinois also worries whether the economics of the contract would produce Reagan-like deficits. He told the Chicago Tribune he advised his aide and successor, Ray LaHood, that he didn't have to sign the contract.

On the other hand, Rep. Richard Armey, R-Texas, in line to be majority leader, is confident the party can cut spending enough to offset the tax cuts.

"Getting \$1.48 billion in spending cuts over five years, out of annual budgets of

\$1.5 trillion, is not considered by us to be particularly heavy lifting," Armey said in a particularly heavy lifting.

"We will do it, and we've proven in the past we can do it."

Despite the skeptics, the general goals of the contract have broad support. Indeed, Rep. Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., who will become speaker, only included proposals in the contract that had the support of at least 60 percent of people surveyed by GOP pollster Frank Luntz.

On Sept. 27, in a widely publicized campaign event on the steps of the Capitol, more than 300 Republican House members and candidates signed their names on the dotted line. The 224 of them who won election will constitute a majority of the House come January. And they interpret their election victories as a signature by voters.

"It's a document that promises fairly radical change in American national government," said Smith.

The most radical change would be economic.

There are, of course, the promised tax cuts — and the promise to change the rules to make it almost impossible to raise them again, by requiring a vote of three-fifths of the House.

But the contract also calls for a vote on an amendment to the Constitution requir-

ing a balanced federal budget. All of the spending cuts hinted at by Armey and others would only finance the tax cuts. How the GOP would balance the budget by 2002 is another question.

Democrats say it would take \$743 billion in cuts from projected federal spending over five years to balance the budget. And that, they say, would necessarily mean cuts in popular entitlements like Social Security or Medicare.

Armey, a devotee of the "supply-side" economics of President Reagan's years, says the tax cuts would increase, not decrease, the amount of taxes paid to the U.S. Treasury. Over five years, he says, the tax cuts would spark creation of 3.1 million jobs, increasing tax revenues by \$623 billion, almost enough to balance the budget without further spending cuts.

Drafts of legislation to implement the contract contain several proposals that were not clearly telegraphed in the original document.

For instance, the contract promises to cut off welfare after two years, to require work for benefits, to prohibit additional benefits for mothers who have more children, and to prohibit benefits for minor mothers.

But in the fine print, the draft legislation also would require drug testing for welfare recipients and establish orphan-

ages and group homes for unwed mothers.

To combat crime, the contract promises to require that criminals serve 85 percent of their sentences, to allow more use of questioned evidence in trials, and to rescind some of the social program spending approved in this year's crime bill, like money for midnight basketball leagues.

However, the fine print would still allow federal grants to finance programs for the "teaching of citizenship and moral standards" as long as police organize, participate and supervise the programs. They could presumably include athletic programs.

And, to "replace career politicians with citizen legislators," the contract promises a vote on term limits.

But there are two sets of fine print. One would limit the terms of senators to 12 years and representatives to six years, but would not count current membership in Congress toward the limits. The other would limit senators and representatives both to 12 years and is silent on the effect on current members.

But if one thing in the contract needs no fine print, it is its closing words: "If we break this contract, throw us out." Two years from now, the voters will be the judge and jury.

Study up on Republican plans and their prospects for passing

Knight-Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — As part of their "Contract with America," House Republicans promised to bring these 10 measures to a vote during the first 100 days of the Congress that starts in January. Here are summaries of the proposals — and their prospects.

THE FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT

SUMMARY: A constitutional amendment requiring a balanced budget and a separate law allowing the president to veto individual line items in giant spending bills will be among the first issues to be voted on in the new Republican-ruled House.

The GOP contract proposed a constitutional amendment that requires the budget to be balanced by 2002 or seven years after enactment, whichever ever comes later. It would make it harder to raise taxes by requiring a three-fifths vote instead of a simple majority. A three-fifths vote would also be needed to increase the debt limit, now \$4.9 trillion.

Congress could waive the balanced budget requirement during a declared war or national security emergency.

The amendment must be approved by a two-thirds vote in the House and Senate and then ratified by three-fourths (38) of the states.

OUTLOOK: Some version of a balanced budget amendment, though perhaps not as rigid as the House GOP's, is expected to pass. The Clinton administration opposes the amendment. Ratification by the states could get complicated if governors conclude it will mean big cuts in federal aid.

On Capitol Hill, lawmakers will have to begin work immediately on reducing the deficit. To balance the budget over five years would require about \$670 billion in spending cuts or tax increases. A seven-year plan won't ease the pain by much. There's no consensus on how to do it.

Republicans have promised not to touch Social Security or impose new taxes. Democrats say that without tax increases, popular benefit programs like Medicare and broad-based government functions such as transportation, environmental protection, and law enforcement will take heavy hits.

Prospects for separate legislation on a line-item veto are uncertain. It faces entrenched opposition in the Senate. The Clinton administration opposes a line-item veto.

THE TAKING BACK OUR STREETS ACT

SUMMARY: This bill would substantially alter the 1994 omnibus Crime Control Act, which was signed into law by President Clinton last summer. It would give federal law enforcement agencies the right to sue state and local governments if they fail to protect the public from crime.

The bill would also require that convicted criminals be held in state prisons for at least 10 years before being eligible for parole.

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OUTLOOK: With GOP majorities in both houses, the prospect for passage appears good. Constitutionalists, particularly in the Senate, are expected, however, to resist the provisions limiting death-row appeals and relaxing rules on admitting evidence seized by the police as violations of the Bill of Rights.

Big-city mayors and some governors are also likely to oppose the shift of funds from crime-prevention programs to pay for more prisons and enforcement programs.

THE PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT

SUMMARY: President Clinton promised in his campaign to "end welfare as we know it." He and the Democrats failed to act. The new Republican majority promises it will.

The contract proposes to use welfare reform for two purposes: to cut federal spending and to discourage illegitimate births and teen pregnancy among the poor.

Financially, the contract would allow welfare spending to grow with inflation and population, but no more. That would shave \$40 billion off projected increases over five years, according to the GOP.

Socially, the numbers are alarming. The illegitimacy rate jumped from 10 percent to 30 percent from 1970 to 1991 and is projected to reach 50 percent in 20 years. One-parent families are six times more likely to be on welfare than two-parent families, according to the GOP.

The Republican plan would eliminate welfare for unwed mothers under the age of 18 and deny additional benefits for mothers who have more babies. It also would require drug testing for welfare recipients and provide money for orphanages and group homes for unwed mothers.

And, it would require the able-bodied to work for benefits, and cut off welfare after five years, with states getting the option to cut it off after two years.

OUTLOOK: Cutting welfare spending will be the easy part — the GOP majority will appropriate less money for welfare.

But changing the rules will be

harder. Not because there will be a staunch defense of the status quo, but because there is wide disagreement over how to change it.

Hardliners like incoming House Speaker Newt Gingrich want to use a stick to get people off welfare, by cutting off benefits and forcing them to find work, or turn to private charity for further help.

Moderates like Sen. Nancy Kassebaum, R-Kan., incoming chairman of the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee, favor a carrot. She wants to provide job training and child care to help people into work.

Others, like Rep. Clay Shaw, R-Fla., the likely new chairman of the Ways and Means subcommittee that will write the welfare bill, oppose the idea of creating orphanages.

THE FAMILY REINFORCEMENT ACT

SUMMARY: This act would offer tax credits to people who adopt children or care for elderly parents. It would also impose strict penalties for sexual offenses against children and create tougher child-support enforcement laws.

People who care for elderly parents at home would receive a \$500 tax credit, while those who adopt a child would receive a \$5,000 credit. Also, federal prison sentences for people who commit sexual offenses against children would be increased to a three-year mandatory minimum.

The act would also develop uniform child support enforcement measures for every state, to help track parents who fall behind on payments.

OUTLOOK: The main criticism of these plans is their cost. House Budget Committee figures recently estimated that over a five-year period, the older care tax credits could cost \$8 billion and the adoption credits \$900 million. Because the "Contract with America" also promises a vote on a balanced budget amendment, critics wonder how these lost revenues would be recouped.

Some critics also question whether tax credits are an appropriate way to trigger social change. Republicans say it's not an attempt

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tain way, but rather to encourage them to do the right thing.

The tax breaks are likely to be folded into a much larger tax bill. The outlook on that is unclear.

There's much bipartisan support for tougher laws against those who sexually abuse children or skip out on child support payments. Officials say uniform enforcement laws can help help a system that is constantly bogged down by different laws in each state. This would make it easier to track down parents who move across state lines, but still owe child support payments.

THE AMERICAN DREAM RESTORATION ACT

SUMMARY: The contract offers a menu of middle-class tax cuts: a \$500-per-child tax credit for families making up to \$200,000; new Individual Retirement Accounts earning tax-free interest; an easing of the income tax "marriage penalty"; and a \$500 tax credit for people who care for an elderly parent or grandparent at home.

The child tax credit would cost an estimated \$107 billion over five years.

Republicans say that expanded IRAs — called American Dream Savings Accounts — would bring in revenue in the short run. That's because savers could cash in existing IRAs — paying taxes but no early withdrawal penalty — and transfer funds to the new accounts.

These accounts would allow tax-free withdrawals for college costs, purchase of a first home, and medical expenses — not just retirement. Anyone could deposit up to \$2,000 a year, after taxes, in one of the new accounts.

Details of the marriage penalty proposal are still being worked on. The "penalty" comes into play when a married couple pays a higher tax on their combined income than if they were unwed and living together. Those most affected by the penalty are lower and upper income couples, and middle-income families where each spouse makes roughly the same.

OUTLOOK: All are politically popular measures, among Democrats as well as Republicans. But skeptics question whether a government that's running a \$170 billion deficit can afford any tax cuts. Prospects are uncertain.

A tax credit for families with children seems to stand the best chance

of advancing in Congress. The Clinton administration is considering a middle-class tax cut of its own, aimed at families making up to \$50,000. Senate Republicans are also interested.

Critics say the IRA proposal has a hidden cost: as time goes on, lost revenue from tax-free interest would add billions to the deficit.

There will be sharp disagreements on how to pay for any middle-class tax cut. Democrats would like to do it by raising taxes on the rich.

THE NATIONAL SECURITY RESTORATION ACT

SUMMARY: The act is designed to ensure that U.S. troops are deployed only for operations related to American national security, to boost the expansion of NATO to include former Soviet bloc countries in eastern Europe, to revive plans for a national missile defense system, and to address readiness shortcomings.

Specifically, the act would restrict the Pentagon from placing American soldiers under foreign command unless the president certifies to Congress that such action is vital to U.S. interests.

It would also make the president report to Congress in detail on the use of American troops and funds in U.N. peacekeeping missions, and restrict the sharing of American intelligence data with the United Nations.

The measure supports renewed commitment to "cost effective" missile defense systems — both a national network and so-called "theater" defense systems to protect military units operating outside the United States.

Finally, the act would block defense savings from being used for social programs, and would set up a blue-ribbon panel to assess military readiness, maintenance and operations.

OUTLOOK: Legislative prospects are a little cloudy.

Any extra defense funding for missiles or readiness could be affected by Republican initiatives elsewhere to cut taxes, balance the budget, reduce the deficit or control spending.

The emphasis on NATO seems designed to offset cutbacks for the United Nations, an organization that some Republicans believe has worn thin with the public.

While some experts point out that peacekeeping restraints could hamstring Republican as well as Democratic presidents; others say

GOP's Contract with America

As part of the Republican Contract with America, the House GOP plans to bring these 10 bills to a vote during the first 100 days of Congress' 104th session.

Fiscal Responsibility Act
Balanced budget amendment, line item veto; Balanced budget by 2002 or seven years after enactment of constitutional amendment; president can veto parts of spending bill without vetoing entire bill

Taking Back Our Street Act
Crime bill: Shift spending from crime prevention to prison construction, police hiring; mandatory minimum sentences for gun crimes; harder death row appeals

Personal Responsibility Act
Welfare reform: No welfare benefits for unmarried teens who have children; welfare spending cap; states can end a family's benefits after two years

Family Reinforcement Act
Families and children: Increase penalties for child porn and crimes involving children; \$500 tax credit for families caring for elderly parent, grandparent; \$5,000 tax credit for child adoption

American Dream Restoration Act
Middle-class tax cut: Additional \$500 per-child tax credit to families earning up to \$200,000; tax credit to ease "marriage penalty"; no tax on IRA interest

SOURCES: Contract with America, Congressional Quarterly

National Security Restoration Act

Defense: No more defense cuts to finance social spending; fund anti-ballistic missile system to protect U.S.; no U.S. troops in U.N. missions; new rules for funding U.N. peacekeeping missions

Senior Citizens Fairness Act

Seniors: Retirees can earn more without losing Social Security benefits; repeal law raising taxes for wealthier Social Security recipients; tax incentives for purchase of long-term care insurance

Job Creation, Wage Enhancement Act

Capital gains: Cut capital gains tax by 50%; reduce unfunded Social Security costs; local governments: federal agencies must assess cost of federal regulation; fairly property rights

Common Sense Legal Reform Act

Legal reform, product liability: Losers pay winners court costs in federal civil cases; limit punitive damages in product liability cases; prohibit joint liability

Citizen Legislature Act

Term limits: Constitutional amendment to limit congressional terms; Senate to 12 years, House to 6 or 12 years

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such restraints can be tailored to maintain flexibility.

THE SENIOR CITIZENS FAIRNESS ACT

SUMMARY: Semi-retired workers and upper-income Social Security beneficiaries would get tax breaks under the House GOP plan.

Present law allows beneficiaries aged 65 to 69 to earn up to \$11,160 a year in wages without losing benefits. They forfeit \$1 in Social Security benefits for every \$2 they earn above the limit. The contract would gradually raise the earnings limit to \$30,000. Republicans estimated the cost at \$6.8 billion over five years.

In addition, the contract would phase out a tax increase on upper-

income retirees imposed under the 1993 deficit-reduction law. The top 13 percent of retirees now must pay income taxes on 85 percent of their Social Security benefits. Republicans would gradually roll back the proportion of benefits that can be taxed to 50 percent. Republicans estimate the cost at \$17 billion over five years.

The GOP plan also contains several tax breaks for people buying long-term care insurance.

OUTLOOK: The proposals are popular with rank-and-file retirees, and have the support of organizations representing the elderly. But there's an undercurrent of concern that Republican rule in Congress could ultimately weaken Social

Security and Medicare. THE JOB CREATION AND WAGE ENHANCEMENT ACT

SUMMARY: A 50 percent cut in the capital gains tax on profits from the sale of property, stocks and other assets is the centerpiece of a package of business-oriented tax proposals.

The House GOP contract would also include capital gains taxes so "paper profits" attributable to inflation are not taxed, allow businesses a more generous write-off for investment, and let small firms deduct the first \$25,000 they invest in goods and equipment each year.

The Republican staff of the House Budget Committee projects that the two capital gains proposals would cost \$56 billion over five years. The more generous investment write-offs are estimated to bring in an additional \$19.5 billion over five years, but would lose revenue in the long run.

OUTLOOK: A high-debate debate over capital gains cuts is certain.

Republicans say the tax break would provide an incentive for business growth, paying for itself in the long run by helping to increase the size of the economic pie.

Liberals denounce capital gains tax cuts as a giveaway to the rich, who receive most of the income from investments. They also question whether lower capital gains rates would indeed boost economic growth.

If a Republican Congress passes a capital gains tax cut, it could become veto bait for Clinton.

COMMON SENSE LEGAL REFORM ACT

SUMMARY: Once again the Republicans propose a package of legal reforms based on the premise that the corporate costs of litigation are much too high, stifling innovation and hampering the nation's ability to compete in the world economy.

The reforms, which have been debated for over 15 years, are intended to discourage weak or frivolous lawsuits, and reduce damage awards for injuries or deaths caused by allegedly defective products.

Flagrantly careless manufacturers, wholesalers or retailers would be assured that punitive damages would amount to no more than three times the monetary losses of those who suffered major injuries. Minor defendants in product liability suits would no longer be held responsible for paying an entire award when co-defendants are insolvent or unavailable.

The bill also would require the loss-

ing party in certain federal lawsuits to pay the legal fees of the winner, tight on rules on the competence of expert witnesses, and limit suits filed on behalf of disappointed shareholders.

OUTLOOK: Many of the provisions in the bill stand a better chance of passage than in recent years. Last June, Democratic senators led by filibuster that killed many of the provisions contained in the new GOP bill.

Still, powerful forces led by plaintiffs' lawyers and consumer groups are arrayed against the GOP and its corporate allies.

The opponents argue that the prospect of high punitive damages forces companies to take extra care to make and sell safe products. They also contend that holding each defendant liable for all damages provides full justice to injured people, and that a "loser-pays" rule would deny a day in court to people who can't afford to pay legal fees if they lose.

THE CITIZEN LEGISLATURE ACT

SUMMARY: This would give House members a choice between two constitutional amendment proposals to limit the terms of senators and representatives.

One would limit senators to two terms (12 years) and representatives to six (12 years). The other would limit senators to two terms and representatives to three (six years).

The rationale is that term-limits would trigger more turnover in Congress, making House and Senate members less entrenched.

OUTLOOK: Prospects are murky, despite polls indicating that a big majority of Americans favor the idea.

Republicans, who have long pushed for limits, now control Congress. And many are not as anxious now to risk their hard-won majority. And some of Congress' most powerful Republicans are backing away from the idea. Incoming House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., for instance, is having second thoughts. And Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., has always opposed it. In addition, the incoming chairmen of the House and Senate judiciary committees — Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., and Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah — oppose it.

Even if approved by the required two-thirds vote in Congress, the amendment would need to be ratified by at least 38 state legislatures — an iffy proposition.

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Opinion

Other views

Batt takes reasonable approach to tax-cut furor

We're hearing good things about Gov.-elect Phil Batt's tax reform proposals. Though he has already come under some criticism that his plan to cut \$40 million from property taxes doesn't go far enough, it is more responsible and doable than the massive \$127 million cut passed by the Legislature last year before Gov. Andrus vetoed it.

And, to his credit, Batt said he won't oppose giving cities and counties local option tax authority to ease the property tax burden.

Batt's \$40 million reduction is responsible because he proposes to really cut the budget, not depend on anticipated budget surpluses as last session's plan did. He recognizes that surplus money is one-time money and can't be counted on year after year.

And his plan is more doable than last session's simply because \$40 million is a more realistic figure.

Those who think it will be easy to find \$40 million need to sit in on a few sessions of the Legislature's Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee. JFAC examines the budget line item by line item and hears testimony from agency representatives. All convinced their programs are worthwhile and, instead of a reduction, need an increase. And the vast majority of the programs are worthwhile. The challenge for Batt's budget writers and JFAC is to find those programs that are the least necessary or that can be funded in other ways. Ron Rankin says he can easily find more than \$40 million—left to his own, he probably could. But legislators know how hard it is to find

\$3 million. They remember the final days of the last few sessions when they were scrambling to cut \$2 million here or \$3 million there to find more funds for education.

While the message from voters was for more property tax reduction, Batt appears to recognize the importance of a balance between property taxes and sales and income taxes. Before the Idaho Association of Taxpayers last week, he acknowledged that Idaho ranks low—37th among the states—in property-tax burden. Of last year's budget, 32.3 percent came from property tax, 26 percent from sales tax, 28 from income tax and 8 percent from fuel taxes—a good mix. Toy with that too drastically and you risk hurting local jurisdictions that rely on property taxes.

Finally, one of Batt's best hopes for property tax relief is getting the Legislature to approve option taxes for cities and counties, a proposal it has voted down for 10 consecutive years. If Bonneville County wants to raise money for a new jail, give it the authority to raise some of that money from other sources than just property taxes.

Option taxes are preferable to the latest proposal to take 8 percent of state income tax revenue and return it in the form of block grants to cities, counties and school districts. As Rep. Mike Simpson says, that would only encourage local governments to spend more. With an option tax, local governments would need to make a case for the extra funds since the increased spending has to be approved by voters.

—Post Register, Idaho Falls

No need to apologize: Atomic bomb stamp deserves to stay

Japanese officials have gone ballistic over a proposed U.S. stamp commemorating the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August 1945. The Japanese claim the stamp would be offensive, but to forget or distort the role the bombings played in ending the war would be even more offensive.

The stamp depicts a mushroom cloud over the caption, "Atomic bombs hasten war's end, August 1945." The stamp, to be issued next year, is part of a 50th-anniversary set recounting the milestones of World War II.

Japanese critics argue that the bombs didn't really hasten the war's end; they claim Japan's government was on the verge of collapse and surrender even without dropping of the bombs. But that contention contradicts historical evidence.

Fifty years ago, Japan gave every

indication that it would fight the war to the last hamlet and hilltop, forcing the United States and our allies to mount a costly invasion of the Japanese islands. The 200,000 lives lost in the two bombings were a high but justifiable price to pay to avert an invasion that could have claimed a million or more casualties.

America's political leaders should stand firm against any demands that we shove the circumstances of World War II's final days down a memory hole. Given Japan's military aggression 50 years ago, and the terrible price in human lives of a final invasion, America was justified in dropping the atomic bombs.

The proposed stamp accurately acknowledges a moment in our history that we should never forget and need never apologize for.

—Colorado Springs Gazette Telegraph

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Letters

GOP win portends bad news

Well, what do you know? One of the right, if not the richest, countries in the world has just elected a Republican president. It is good old Orange County that is probably best known as the site of Disneyland, and to those who do not know, it's population consists of more than 90 percent Republicans—and I do mean rock solid and affluent.

The real message here is about what has happened for the U.S. government since the publicans started giving the biggest tax breaks for the wealthy since good old Reagan.

Crackle up! policies put the country in the biggest depressed state since Herbert Hoover.

Idaho won't be too affected by this for a while, but it's coming, baby, it's coming.

JOHN WALKER

Religious comment lacks facts

Ruth Burdick's letter bemoaning the absence of Christmas activity scenes on news-

paper's postage, she wants everyone to write to the postmaster general because, according to her, there have always been Christmas stamps—one with Santa and one with Mary and the Baby Jesus.

Sorry, Ruth, that's so. First U.S. stamp I can find in my catalog that even hints at Christmas is a 4-cent stamp issued in 1962 and the first Mary and Jesus stamp issued in 1966. From 1847 when our first postage was issued, until 1962, the postal service didn't mention Christmas.

If anyone has cause to complain, I think it would be the Buddhists, Jews, Muslims, Hindus and other religious groups who are being ignored by the postal service. On our money, it says, "In God We Trust"—nothing about Christianity, Judaism, Islam or what have you.

As to how the country has come into such a sorry state because of attempts to "erase" Christianity, perhaps Ruth can explain the sad state of affairs in Central and South America where they really practice it and have done so for centuries.

AL HAGREN

Gooding



Letters

Keep government out of religion

The debate over prayer in the schools is a waste of time. The doctrine of "separation of church and state" is not about the state preventing religious expression but about the state controlling religion so as to set one religion above any others.

This present condition where the legal system has set the state against religion is not what we need. My grandmother has been a faithful member of the Bliss Community Church for more than 70 years, my mother and father attend the Hagerman Christian Center, my sister-in-law is a Baptist, my younger sister is a Catholic, my youngest sister is a Christian, and I am a Latter-day Saint. At various times, we have gone to church with each other, and nothing has fallen down or been burnt up. When we get together for meals, we take turns blessing the food, and none of us has died from food poisoning. The key to getting along is that none of us are lawyers.

Instead of passing a law that says we must pray or that we cannot pray, our senators and representatives should pass a law that says we are old enough to decide for ourselves. The law should cover these points:

- Religious expression has been a part of our religious heritage and shall continue to be.
- The doctrine of separation of church and state means that the state should not set one religion above any other by the use of taxes, laws or regulations. This doctrine does not restrict or prohibit religious expressions by private, public or governmental organizations. Religious expressions can be but are not restricted to such activities as nativity scenes, religious songs or hymns or prayers.
- Any decisions on religious expression should be made at the lowest possible level.

When disagreements arise, the problem shall be settled by vote not court injunction. Whether they win or lose, the person or party wanting to make a change shall pay up front for all costs associated with conducting a vote, and after the voting, the same person or party must pay for all the changes. A two-thirds majority is necessary for making changes.

This little law should accomplish what most of us want: Getting the government off of our backs and out of our wallets while maintaining for us the right to worship as we please.

S.H. "SHY" BISHOP
Bliss

Beware of Micon growth

After reading the letter by Bill Babcock, Greg Edson and Harry Turner, I feel compelled to voice my support of their position.

I suspect there are many people in Twin Falls who are reluctant to see growth of this nature and are concerned with kind of impact the Micon operation will have on the Magic Valley.

Can our roads, schools, sewers, etc., stand any further increases without major upgrading? Many of these services are already stretched to the limit. Many people who live

in the Magic Valley could live in the Boise area if they wanted to. There must be a reason we all chose to live here, and I would bet it's not because we like crowded, busy streets, overused recreational facilities, overcrowded schools and severe housing shortages.

I am not against growth in the Magic Valley. That is inevitable and good for all of us. I just feel that before we accept growth of Micon's magnitude, we should do all of our homework and make sure that the quality of life we have come to enjoy and expect in the Magic Valley will still be available to us and our children.

RICK BLOXHAM
Twin Falls

Charity's numbers questioned

Read the article about kettles restored to the mall for the Salvation Army. Captain Davis's statement that they would be taking care of 4,500 to 5,000 needy for Christmas left me a bit puzzled, as they are not the only caregivers in the Magic Valley.

Health and Welfare, in the Dec. 4 paper, stated that eight counties of the Magic Valley have 2,528 on welfare. Of these, 1,746 are children; this works out to 782 parents. In past articles, Community Action helps approximately 2,200 seniors and low-income people; also, 60 to 80 weekly with emergency food needs and temporary housing for the homeless.

The Migrant Council has a food pantry to help the needy. St. Vincent's Soup Kitchen helps 80 or so each week. A number of private businesses and groups are doing toys and food baskets. We also have formation of the Valley House, which will be helping the homeless.

Put these figures together; we already have 5,000 being helped. Have a hard time accepting 4,500 more needy? That would be 9,500 in the Magic Valley.

Having worked many years in the past as a volunteer, I do not feel one individual group could possibly handle 4,500 people alone, due to lack of volunteer help mainly. In due respect to Capt. Davis and the good things they do, perhaps he was misquoted.

PEARL CLARK
Twin Falls

Choose 'Non Sequitur'

I think it's too bad that Gary Larson's "The Far Side" will soon be replaced by a new stretched collage of laughs, tears and sore cheeks.

It's a real treat to crack open an early morning paper and pull out the funny page and read your favorites. It would really be a shame to see another wasted square. I think "Non Sequitur" offers a different style of humor and views life in the same aspect as Gary Larson. This is why "Non Sequitur" should be the next choice.

CHRIS MUELLER
Twin Falls

Keep molesters off the street

In regard to the article concerning Herman Clifford Kay, how many chances does

a molester get?

He keeps doing the crime over and over, and we keep putting him out there to hurt more children. Finally, we put him away for life. Yea for Judge Burdick! Quit giving the child molesters all the chances in the world. They enjoy what they do to small children, so why let them out?

Punishment in prison is not enough, but at least he is off the streets to do more harm to little children. Judge Burdick, keep up the good work. Keep molesters off the streets and in prison.

ANGIE HOMER
Rupert

Holiday lights enjoyed by all

We agree with Ms. Stanger's letter from Thursday.

Whoever stole the beautiful red bow and wreath from our window and a string of outside lights and extension cord, if you need more just ask, don't steal.

Hopefully, the adults will leave our city park lights alone. They are so beautiful—the only Christmas that some have.

JOE AND BARBARA NEWBRY
Twin Falls

The good and bad of welfare

Regarding the Dec. 4 Times-News story on welfare:

The VanSant front-page story was the positive side of how taxpayers' money. In my opinion, Jill is a refreshing exception to the rule. Many on social programs don't have the drive or ability to achieve what Jill is working toward. Anyone in a management position should be trained to spot the exceptions and provisions in the law that can be made to cover this. My hat is off to you, Jill. Hang in there and continue to keep your head above the crowd.

The negative side of welfare is a different story. I am a landlady, and in a rash moment of wanting to help the needy, I rented to a family that was 100 percent rent-subsidized by the Idaho Housing Authority. It turned out neither the man or woman had any intentions of becoming self-supporting or to be a contributing part of society. They believed that someone else was responsible for their existence.

Between the IHA, Community Action Agency and welfare supplements, they were able to exist without working or even taking care of my property. It was a free ride. Both adults were physically capable of working; they were just chronic takers. The two-year rule would eliminate this kind of taxpayer support, and the lazy would have to get off their families and start shoveling their share or suffer the consequences.

I also believe that many workers in the social service fields actually encourage their recipients to take as much as possible. After all, their own jobs depend on how many people are kept on the social rolls. It is the circular thinking attitude. This is the chain of illogical and irrational behaviors that must be broken. The two-year rule will greatly discourage the "takers" of society.

POLLY BICKETT
Jerome

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

Doonesbury



Sign of the times: A new brand of fashion

Body branding joins piercing, tattoos as latest craze in expressions of individuality

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — They call it "slash and burn": one second's exposure to white-hot metal for a lasting scar and, presumably, lasting satisfaction.

It's called body branding, and it joins piercing as the latest in personal statements.

"With tattooing you're getting something embedded in your skin. But with branding, it's already there — it's more natural," said Adam Huffman, who pierces skin at a New York shop and has twin sons branded on his forearms.

The pain? "It's not as bad as anyone would think," he said. "It's actually kind of soothing."

Huffman, 22, said Venus Modern Body Arts, where he works, gets only one branding customer every month or two, usually men in their mid-20s. The real action, he said, is on the West Coast.

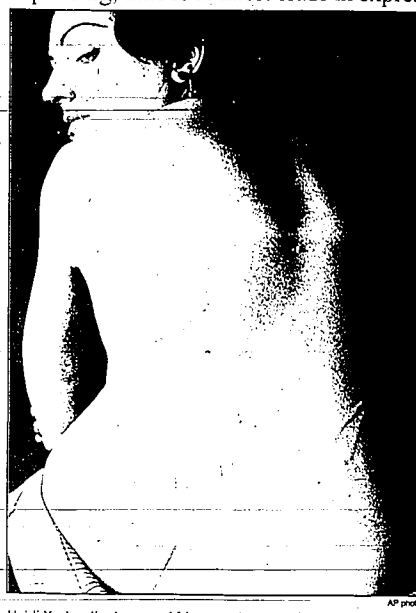
In San Francisco, most professional branding is done in two shops where perforating needles, lips and more private parts are still the principal business.

Three to six customers a week show up in search of a more permanent — and more painful — statement, said the owner of Nomad Body Piercing. He goes by the single name of Blake.

While most of the clientele are white and between 20 and 40, branding began in the 1930s and 1940s among black college fraternities, especially in the South, Blake said.

"It's not a new thing," anyone who watches Monday night football has seen it, he said. "It's a hard-core right of passage."

Scarring was used by African and American Indian tribes as a symbol of manhood and branding may have grown out of that tradition.



Heidi Yoder displays an African sunburst on her lower back. The brand is 2-inches wide and produces in a series of 29 strikes of molten metal.

ton, Blake said.

The options Blake's customers are limited by the branding process. The scars tend to spread, making intricate, tattoo-like images impos-

ble. Brandees have to settle for simpler designs.

"Usually they want a personalized kind of thing — an astrological symbol or a shape that has significance

to them personally, like a triangle, a star," Blake said.

The process is fairly simple, Blake uses a blowtorch to heat a piece of galvanized sheet metal held in a vise grip. Then the white-hot metal is applied to the skin — usually flatter, fleshier parts of the body — through a stencil. Each "strike" lasts only a second.

A simple brand can be finished in one 15-minute sitting and costs about \$50. But Blake recently finished a three-year, 200-strike project on a woman friend that includes a pyramid with sun rays.

Each scar can take six weeks or more to heal.

"I know it sounds sort of '70s, but I was trying to achieve a balance between the symbols on my body," said 27-year-old Heidi Yoder, who has a brand of an African sunburst on her lower back.

"I couldn't get in balance myself, so I thought the symbols could keep me more centered. I already had earth and water in the form of vines and mermaids in tattoos, and I wanted fire," she told the San Francisco Examiner.

Paul Maisonne, who has brands himself and works at San Francisco's Body Manipulations, said he doesn't think branding will approach body-piercing in popularity.

"It's been going on for a while, and I don't think it's getting more popular," he said.

Huffman said that, judging by the phone calls, there is more interest in branding these days. But he notes that few who call actually show up at Venus.

"Most people who are getting pierced are kids from the suburbs — they get really frightened," he said. "Usually they are going to get branded is going to be a lot more at peace with themselves."

Coho protection deadline looms

Seattle Times

DISCOVERY BAY, Wash. — Every morning this time of year, state fisheries biologist Thom Johnson dons hip-waders, grabs a net, lowers a ladder into the fish trap on Snow Creek and climbs down to see how many coho salmon have returned to the stream to spawn.

Most mornings he nets nothing but water.

Just three coho have returned to Snow Creek so far this year. More could come back, but Johnson isn't optimistic. The three fish will have a hard time reproducing. All are immature males.

Later this month the National Marine Fisheries Service is expected to announce whether wild coho from California to the Canadian border warrant protection under the Endangered Species Act.

It's a decision with significant implications for western Washington state. The only Northwest salmon now classified as endangered, the Snake River sockeye and chinook, have had little impact west of the Cascades.

Coho, in contrast, inhabit western Washington rivers from the Washington to the Nooksack. They spawn as close to Seattle as the Cedar and the Green rivers.

Nowhere in the state are coho closer to extinction than in the Olympic Peninsula. State and tribal biologists last year rated that population the most threatened stock in Washington.

Snow Creek historically has been the watershed's big producer, but the 1991 run the parents of this year's spawners, if there are any — numbered just five fish. Next year's run — if there are any — will be the offspring of the 11 fish that returned in 1992.

Despite their precarious condition, it's far from certain the federal government will list Discovery Bay coho — or any coho in Washington — as threat-

ened or endangered. The National Marine Fisheries Service doesn't make listing decisions for salmon on-a-stream-by-stream basis; instead, it groups populations into larger units it considers "evolutionarily significant."

Overall, coho are in better shape in Washington than in Oregon or California, where listing is considered likely.

But even if they aren't listed, dozens of Washington wild-coho runs remain in serious trouble, despite encouraging returns in some rivers this winter. A 1993 state and tribal report rated just 37 of the state's 90 stocks as healthy.

What went wrong? Lots of things, biologists say. But determining cause and effect isn't easy. There's no smoking gun, and there's no single action everyone agrees will return coho to healthy rivers.

"The coho have died the death of a thousand cuts," says Adam Berger, a lawyer with the Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund.

The Discovery Bay coho illustrate the complexities and uncertainties managers, landowners, fishing interests and environmentalists must work around to bring the salmon back from the brink.

"It's hard to point a finger at any one thing," says Johnson, who has monitored Snow Creek for the state Department of Fish and Wildlife since 1977.

Snow Creek rises in the Olympic Mountains, plunging through forest, farms and private forest lands. As it approaches U.S. 101 it takes a sharp left turn, then parallels the highway north to Discovery Bay, coursing through a rural valley dotted with homes, pastures and cattle.

Aubrey Taylor, who has lived in the valley most of his 71 years, has childhood memories of a stream choked with salmon. Dave Phinney, who owns 120 acres upstream near Crocker Lake, says he's been told of salmon derbies in the lake as recently as the 1960s.

Regeneration from fires creates new forest mosaic

DENVER (AP) — Snow covers the charred slopes of hundreds of thousands of acres of western forests, masking until the spring thaw the new mosaic being created by last summer's wildfires.

Seeding with grasses and other erosion control to slow the water flow on slopes began soon after fires were controlled, especially on bulldozed fire lines and where fires were so hot they left bare soil.

But on much of the 3.3-million acres burned in the West by the summer's 34,937 fires, recovery is a wait-and-see matter.

"We've had a lot of people call to volunteer to plant trees out there. It's not feasible to do it," said Bob Elderkin. He is a Bureau of Land Management environmental surface protection specialist in Glenwood Springs, where 14 firefighters died in July in a fiercely hot, fast-moving blaze on Storm King Mountain.

Pinon and juniper, which grow together on parts of Storm King, for example, will take hold only in growing years, but take of two every 10 years on the mountain 160 miles west of Denver.

"If you just say, 'I'm going to plant a bunch of trees,' you're playing Russian roulette," Elderkin said.

At Colorado State University's Pioneer Park campus west of Fort Collins, aspen started regenerating from root suckers soon after a fire swept through there July 1. Foresters expect the spring thaw to bring a profusion of wildflowers, more aspen and lodgepole pine, the dominant species before the fire.

Fire is a natural part of most Western ecosystems, and they've evolved to take advantage of it.

What comes back after the fires and how much foresters intervene depend on what was there before, how hot the fire was, how long it burned in one place and what it consumed.

Each site has its own characteristics. "I think a lot of times folks get the impression that one size fits all," said Lynn Moreland, ecosystem coordinator of the Boise National Forest in Idaho, where fire roared through 184,500 acres of primarily ponderosa pine and Douglas fir forest.

"Each one is kind of unique and you need to go out with crews to determine the needs of that ecosystem and that land."

The fires were as varied as the forests they burned and the conditions that led to them, including drought and fuel buildup from fire suppression.

Some leaped through crowns, turning them into torches. Other rolled quickly through the ground litter and some trees survived. Often they were a combination, and patches within the fire perimeter remained untouched.

The Gambel oak and grass atop Storm King Mountain were dense and luxuriant, even in the hot, dry

conditions before the summer fire.

"Based on the relevant studies I found, it had a real good grass understory which provided a nice, continuous fuelbed to carry fire, and all those fuels were gone dry," Elderkin said.

A large part was cheatgrass, two-thirds of the year, that is like a gas-soaked rag.

The fire raged on the steep slopes, turning into a rolling, searing-hot crown fire.

"Wherever there was a stump or log on the ground, it actually melted the soil. It made glass of it," Elderkin said. A half-inch aluminum power line melted, meaning the fire reached at least 1400 degrees Fahrenheit.

Gambel oak, a scrub oak dominant on the top of the mountain, has deep, extensive roots and began resprouting immediately after the fire, but won't be as dense.

Pinon and juniper don't resprout, and large areas of that forest type are bare.

Where soil was deeper and there was little aerial fuel, parts of grass crowns that survived may send forth leaves, but much of the area is sandy, rocky and dry. If there aren't seed sources nearby, regeneration for any plant can be slow.

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to them personally, like a triangle, a star," Blake said.

The process is fairly simple, Blake uses a blowtorch to heat a piece of galvanized sheet metal held in a vise grip. Then the white-hot metal is applied to the skin — usually flatter, fleshier parts of the body — through a stencil. Each "strike" lasts only a second.

A simple brand can be finished in one 15-minute sitting and costs about \$50. But Blake recently finished a three-year, 200-strike project on a woman friend that includes a pyramid with sun rays.

Each scar can take six weeks or more to heal.

"I know it sounds sort of '70s, but I was trying to achieve a balance between the symbols on my body," said 27-year-old Heidi Yoder, who has a brand of an African sunburst on her lower back.

"I couldn't get in balance myself, so I thought the symbols could keep me more centered. I already had earth and water in the form of vines and mermaids in tattoos, and I wanted fire," she told the San Francisco Examiner.

Paul Maisonne, who has brands himself and works at San Francisco's Body Manipulations, said he doesn't think branding will approach body-piercing in popularity.

"It's been going on for a while, and I don't think it's getting more popular," he said.

Huffman said that, judging by the phone calls, there is more interest in branding these days. But he notes that few who call actually show up at Venus.

"Most people who are getting pierced are kids from the suburbs — they get really frightened," he said. "Usually they are going to get branded is going to be a lot more at peace with themselves."

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School officials likely to keep 'Mockingbird'

SPOKANE (AP) — Spokane School District officials say they're unlikely to change "To Kill a Mockingbird" from the high school reading list despite a parent's complaint that the novel is racist.

District officials started reviewing the entire high school English program, taught since 1985, before the challenge to Harper Lee's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel was filed.

The district's assigned program is likely to give students more choice in reading material, including more contemporary books, more books portraying a variety of ethnic cultures and more non-fiction works.

"Mockingbird" and "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" by Mark Twain — both controversial for their use of the word "nigger" and their portrayal of blacks — won't be dropped from the program, but they may no longer be standard reading, school officials said.

"The general consensus is that we need to broaden the list to include contemporary literature as well as classical literature," said Fran Myster, district language arts coordinator.

"Whatever we choose will represent a wide range of diversity of culture, background and gender. We'll examine literature for stereotype and bias."

"We're not yet at a point where we can say what our reading list should be," Myster said. "But we will have a broad reading list to choose from and many of our old titles will remain on that list."

"We will add more, rather than eliminate any."

A black parent asked that "Mockingbird," be removed from the English program, alleging it "dehumanizes the African-American child."

Lee's 1960 novel is about prejudice, superstition and growing up in 1930s Alabama.

"If you're going to be teaching this book, it should be history, not English," said the woman, the parent of a high school student. "Let's go back and teach it all."

The school district refused to release the woman's name. The woman also would not give her name to a reporter, saying she feared retaliation against her child.

The complaint is the fourth official attempt to remove a book from Spokane schools this year.

A Halloween poetry book was challenged as satanic. A children's table was called too vulgar. The book "Tar Beach" by Faith Ringgold was singled out for its portrayal of blacks.

In Spokane, as in many other school districts, an alternative assignment policy allows students to choose another work from an approved list if they object to any assigned reading.

Certain books, such as "Mockingbird" and "Huckleberry Finn," are standards and supplemented by other readings from an approved list.

Some high schools diverge more than others from the standards.

"It's almost a yearly decision," said Sally Pfeiffer, English department head at Lewis and Clark High School.

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Congress urged to jump into salmon protection issue

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sens. Slade Gorton of Washington and Bob Packwood of Oregon spent much of their most recent congressional election campaign stumping on their belief that people matter more than birds and fish.

The results at the ballot box indicated most voters think they are right.

But Ted Strong was here this week to tell them they are wrong.

"We are only one part of the environment and we are not on the leading edge of that," said Strong, executive director of the Columbia River Intertribal Fish Commission based in Portland, Ore.

"We are on the tail end of what we must follow the lead of what nature's law requires us to do," he said.

Strong, an advocate of extensive salmon protection including dramatic changes in the operation of hydropower dams, was among the speakers at a conference on Northwest salmon sponsored by the Environmental Law Institute.

A member of the Yakama Nation, he said Indian tribes "used to be the wealthiest people on the face of the earth when we had free-flowing rivers and biological diversity as abundant

as when nature was created."

The Clinton administration is making the same mistake as past state and federal government leaders in attempting "to develop a consensus policy and magically create a salmon restoration plan."

"It doesn't work that way," he said. "We have a long way to go in matching wits with Mother Nature."

"Nobody really knows for certain what nature knows for certain," Strong said. "We have been optimistic during the 1970s that passage of the Endangered Species Act signaled America finally wanted to preserve the biodiversity that was here when the first non-Indians arrived on this continent."

Instead, what we have seen is consensus building that quickly relegated the Endangered Species Act to a lowest common denominator," he said.

"Instead of having the best science, we have consensus kinds of solutions that satisfy the arrogance of people, but do nothing for animals, plants, birds and so forth."

Strong said the same thoughts are resurfacing in the debate over Northwest salmon.

"We are beginning to hear the noises about consensus building —

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Valley life

Effect of smoking remains

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing as a follow-up to your column on the Great American Smokeyout. . . . Many people die as a result of smoking, while others manage to live long and productive lives. In my case, I quit smoking the day I found out that I had cancer of the tongue.



Dear Abby
Abigail VanBuren

During the course of a year, I had cobalt radiation, iridium implants, twice, plus two major surgeries to remove my tongue and left jaw. Due to the expense of my surgeon, almost 17 years later, I am here to write this letter.

As a result of my smoking, I have no sense of smell, and I lost about 90 percent of my ability to taste. I have one-half of a lower jaw, no teeth (although I do have an upper denture), and it takes me an hour to eat an average meal.

What has kept me going? Positive thinking. Also, I have become a health nut, and if I told you how many vitamins I take daily, you wouldn't believe me. I walk two to five miles a day, rain or shine.

Because of me, nearly 100 people have quit smoking. All it took was for them to take a look into my "gorgeous" mouth.

To those who continue to smoke two packs or more a day, try to imagine what it's like to have no tongue! Keep smoking and you may find out!

— HOWARD SINGER, HOLLYWOOD

DEAR HOWARD: Thank you for the powerful warning you sounded by sharing your experience. It also gives me a chance to warn my readers about another tobacco-related pitfall.

In 1994, the U.S. surgeon general reported that more than 3 million teen-agers smoke cigarettes. In addition, 20 percent of male high school students now regularly use chewing or smokeless tobacco. The Federal Center for Substance Abuse Prevention reports that the number of 12- to 17-year-olds who smoke has not declined, and the use of chewing tobacco is gaining popularity.

Experts in addiction fear that if we do not curb the use of smokeless tobacco by our young people, the rate of oral cancer will skyrocket over the next decade or two. And it should not be assumed that teens are merely substituting one life-threatening practice for another. In the surgeon general's report, 43 percent of male high school seniors who use smokeless tobacco products also smoke cigarettes.

Young people: Ask not for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee.

DEAR ABBY: You had a letter in your column from a man who had recently become a vegetarian, and it was her turn to host the family dinner.

You suggested that she serve some vegetarian dishes along with her family's traditional fish.

Abby, apparently you are not aware that vegetarians not only do not eat the flesh of animals and fishes, neither do they prepare it for others to eat.

— NEVADA VEGETARIAN
DEAR VEGETARIAN: I confess I had always believed that strict vegetarians did not EAT meat. I was not aware that they do not prepare meat and fish for others.

Lenna Mae Gara of Bloomington, Ohio, suggested a compromise: Let her mother or another family member who is not a vegetarian bring the traditional fish. That way, she can follow her own conscience while the others eat what they want.

Just married?

The Times-News welcomes your wedding announcement. Please call 733-0931, ext. 278, or visit our office at 132 Third St., W., for wedding forms. We ask that the information be typed, and the form be returned to our office along with a photograph, black and white preferred. Please include a phone number where you can be reached.

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Valley happenings

Legal support staff sets event

TWIN FALLS All legal support staff members (assistants, paralegals, secretaries, court reporters, etc.) in the Magic Valley area are invited to a pizza party hosted by the Twin Falls Legal Support Staff Association.

The event begins at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Maxie's Pizza & Pasta, 170 Blue Lakes Blvd. Admission will be a donation to Volunteers Against Violence. Debbie Gabardi, director of Volunteers Against Violence, will be the guest speaker. Call Helen McCracken 733-9308.

Organic gardeners gather

JEROME The Magic Valley Organic

Gardening Club has planned its regular monthly meeting for 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Jerome County Courthouse on North Lincoln (go through the sheriff's department and take the elevator downstairs).

A potluck supper, election of officers and small gift exchange (garden-oriented or fun gift) are on the agenda. Call Theresa at 543-4914 or Steve at 734-7134.

Computer user group meets

TWIN FALLS — "Searching PAF Mar.Dat Files" is the topic for the monthly meeting of the Magic Valley Computer User Group, set for 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Family History Center, 401 Maurice St. N.

The meeting is open to the public. Call

Charles Sestanovich at 733-8073 or 734-6701 or Howard Johnston at 423-4293.

Historical society gathers

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls County Historical Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Health and Welfare Building on Pole Line Road.

Each family attending is asked to bring a dessert. All interested people are invited.

Hypnotism officer to speak

TWIN FALLS — Don Spencer, president of Hypnotism International, will present a "Choices: Life Management Training" workshop from 7 to 10 p.m. Wednesday at the

Weston Plaza, 1350 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

Participants can learn how to take control of their lives by determining what behaviors work and what do not and discovering how to program their minds for action. The program helps people stop smoking, lose weight, conquer stress, control pain, improve memory, increase confidence and motivation and achieve self-esteem by helping them use the power of their subconscious mind. Cost is \$19 at the door.

Spencer worked with the College of Southern Idaho Adult Education/Special Programs Department from 1987-1991 and hosted the radio talk show, "MasterMind Hour." He is an author, entertainer and educator. Call 324-4985 or (801) 461-9091.

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Magic Valley

Around the valley

Accused kidnappers await arraignment

TWIN FALLS - Five men charged with kidnapping a "recovering" local drug trafficker had that first-degree charge bound over to 5th District Court on Friday.

Twin Falls County Chief Deputy Prosecutor John Lotzspeich said the five men - three from Southern California and two from Twin Falls - will be arraigned in district court this week and a trial date will be set.

Besides the kidnapping charge, 26-year-old Charles Jones of California was charged with aggravated assault; 30-year-old Wilford Hicks of California, 20-year-old Phillip Clark of Twin Falls and 20-year-old Jonathan Marsh were charged with aiding and abetting aggravated assault.

The additional charge of aiding and abetting aggravated assault against 26-year-old David Rhodes was dismissed.

The men are charged with kidnapping Justin Schoenauer, 23, of Twin Falls on Nov. 20.

Snake River Basin snowpack reports appear promising

BOISE - Though it is still early, snowpack conditions in the Snake River Basin look promising.

According to Hydrologic Engineer Nengxin Liu's December snow assessment, during October and November, the Snake River Basin experienced cooler-than-normal temperatures and near-normal precipitation.

Precipitation for November was 108 percent of normal, but the average temperature was 6.1 degrees below normal resulting in higher-than-normal snow accumulation in almost all the drainage basins above Brownlee Reservoir, especially those in lower elevations.

Snowpacks range from 115 percent of average on the Upper Snake River Basin to 226 percent of average on the Owyhee Basin. For the Snake River above Brownlee, the average snow water equivalent is 138 percent of the 30-year average compared to 38 percent of average last year at this time.

Storage reservoirs have a lot of catching up to do. As of Nov. 30, the total storage selected reservoirs above Brownlee was 1.67 million acre-feet or 23 percent of capacity, compared to 4.42 million acre feet or 61 percent of capacity in 1993. Average storage for this time of year is 4.06 million acre feet or 56 percent of capacity.

Poor business practices inflate cost of saving salmon

SEATTLE - Sloppy business practices, huge subsidies and worst-case estimates by regional hydropower providers have grossly inflated the predicted cost of saving wild Columbia River salmon, says a report released last week.

The report comes as the Northwest Power Planning Council, meeting in Portland, Ore., wrestles with the question of how to restore dwindling salmon runs. Returning salmon populations are at an all-time low, with as many as 70 wild runs thought to be on the verge of extinction.

The Bonneville Power Administration has said saving the salmon would cost \$320 million-per-year, says Karen Garrison, Natural Resources Defense Council senior scientist and co-author of the report.

Twin Falls crime

A weekly look at the number of felonies reported to the Twin Falls Police Department



Police investigate 1 rape, 12 burglaries

Twin Falls city police reported the following felonies from last week:

	Last week	YTD
Auto burglaries	5	486
Home burglaries	4	214
Business burglaries	3	153
Grand thefts	7	266
Aggravated batteries	1	33
Aggravated assaults	1	40
Frauds	1	18
Bad checks	2	53
Rape	1	11
Total felonies	25	1611

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Debate on bike paths will surface again

By Sean L. McCarthy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - City Hall's debate over on-street bicycle routes will be renewed in a hearing at 6 p.m. today on two proposed paths that would affect several major and secondary city roads.

The state Department of Transportation is encouraging cities to integrate bicycling and walking trails into local planning and roadway design. A combination of state and federal money is available for cities to make necessary road improvements for the trails.

But the City Council turned down grant money for one downtown route earlier this year in response to criticism from residents who lived along the route.

Most of those who opposed the route said they did not want to give up on-street parking for a bike path.

After that route's defeat, the city parks and recreation commission approached the

City Council to ensure that future bike routes would not be received with similar disapproval.

Trudy Young, the commission's chairman, said most people can agree that future population growth and busier roadways will illustrate the need for bike paths.

"But we're never going to find the perfect spot for bike paths," Young said.

Local roads and neighborhoods have developed without enough open ground for an off-street bicycle path. In the core sections of the city, any bicycle path probably would have to follow the side of the road taking the space now reserved for parked cars.

Routes B and D under consideration by the council today are no exception.

Route B: This path would begin at the corner of Sparks Street and North College Road and head south along Sparks to Filer Avenue. The path jogs east, then south along Blake Street to Shoup Avenue. There the path heads east to Harrison Street, then

turns north to the College of Southern Idaho.

The route passes Perrine and Harrison elementary schools and Harry Barry and Harrison city parks.

Route D: This path starts at Harmon Park and follows Maurice Street north to Heyburn Avenue. The path jogs east, then north along Madrona Street until it meets the Camdridge and Stonebrook subdivisions.

The route also passes Sunrise Park, the high school and Sawtooth Elementary.

Young was a member of a nine-resident task force that tried to reach out to the people who would be affected by these two routes. The task force also included other parks members, directors from the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, residents from the defeated downtown bike route and City Councilman Chris Talkington.

The task force has given strong support to Route B and weak support to Route D. Route D would force 20 resi-

dents to lose on-street parking.

Young said the task force would support Route D more if the route only eliminated parking on one side of the street.

"There's going to have to be some compromise," she said.

City Engineer Gary Young said the council would need to decide on Dec. 19 whether to accept the funding for Routes B and D. City Manager Tom Courtney said today's hearing was scheduled for the council to take comment on, but not necessarily vote on, the routes.

In a 4 p.m. work session, the council will consider:

- Bids for a crack sealing machine, modular office building, a 2-ton cab and chassis for the street department, a one-ton utility truck for water distribution and a four-wheel drive pickup for water supply.
- A lease agreement with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for softball facilities on Park Avenue.

Both meetings are at City Hall.

Slip-sliding away



With anticipation in her eyes, 10-year-old Jessica Coleman slides down a slope on her sled at HB Perrine Elementary School, hoping to catch air off a small snow ramp Friday.

BUDDY CHARLES MANGINE/The Times-News

Hailey proposes sewer bond issue

By Barbara Newert
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY - The City Council wants residents to help decide when or if the city should ask voters for \$2 million to improve waste water treatment.

Included in that amount is \$700,000 for the purchase and installation of a city-wide water metering system.

"On any given day, of any given week of any given month, we exceed the design capacity of the Riverside Treatment Plant for periods each day," City Administrator Daryl James said. "It's OK once in awhile, but if it becomes excessive, solids start to wash into the river."

James said the city's sewer plants have needed an expansion of for quite some time.

Two years ago, former Mayor Keith Roark postponed calling a sewer bond issue election because the city was in the process of asking voters for money to acquire the Fox Building.

Public comment

The public may comment on a bond issue proposal for a sewage treatment expansion and water meters at 6 p.m. today during the Hailey City Council's regular meeting in the city hall.

The need for sewage improvement still exists.

Recently, the city's planning and zoning commission tabled the annexation of the Foxmore Subdivision in east Hailey because of the effect of new homes on the sewer system.

Another upcoming annexation, which would include a site for a new county jail and a light industrial park, also will affect the city's sewage handling capabilities, James said.

The Woodside Treatment Plant is in good condition and should last another 20 years, James predicted.

It's the Riverside Plant that causes headaches.

The Riverside Plant has a capacity of 375,000 gallons per day. The proposed expansion would increase that capacity to 1 million gallons per day.

The city has been cited by the state a number of times over the past couple of years for exceeding daily discharge limits.

James said the state Division of Environmental Quality has been aware of Hailey's problems and has earmarked \$3 million in low-interest loans for the city to improve the sewer system.

Going hand in hand with sewage plant improvements is the need for water metering, James said.

Residents and businesses are charged a flat rate for water usage and summer irrigation charges.

A metering system would help reduce water consumption and extend the life of the sewer treatment plants, James said.

Early estimates to buy and install meters at residences and businesses is about \$700,000. This is based on a \$600 fee for residential customers and about \$1,500 for

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Residents suggest new high school for Buhl

By Dianne Roach
Times-News correspondent

BUHL - A group of local residents at a School Board forum Thursday suggested building a new high school to solve the district's facility problems.

After throwing around several ideas, most of the group agreed that the best solution would include keeping kindergarten through third grades in the elementary school, moving fourth and fifth to the middle school, and moving sixth, seventh, and eighth grades into the existing high school.

To test their ideas, the group suggested the district spend up to \$4,000 for a professional survey of local opinions.

With the failure of an \$8.7 million bond

issue this fall that would have financed remodeling and upgrading of district facilities, the board asked for suggestions.

About 30 people showed up for the Thursday forum. It started with the school principals' wish list.

Poppewell Elementary School Principal Todd Whitman said with 730 kindergarten through fifth-grade students, the school is running out of space, with no provisions for expansion. Sick rooms, the stage, and the hallway are used as classrooms.

Middle school Principal Mel Wiseman said: "middle school students need a building specific for their age level, and a playground specific for their age level."

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Diabetic sues doctor on misdiagnosis claim

By Julie M. McKinnon
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A Twin Falls diabetic is suing Dr. A.C. Emery for \$1 million on a claim the Twin Falls internist did not diagnose and "treat him for a joint disease that could result in amputation."

Robert Lancaster went to Emery in May 1993 with a swollen and red right leg, according to a lawsuit filed last month in 5th District Court. Emery had treated Lancaster for a variety of physical problems, including diabetes, since 1981, the lawsuit says.

Lancaster returned to Emery for exami-

nation and treatment of his swollen and red right foot and ankle four times in May and June, and the last time Emery diagnosed the painless condition as gout, the lawsuit says.

When Lancaster went to the University of Utah Medical Center in July, an X-ray showed that Lancaster had Charcot foot - a common side effect of diabetes - and several fractures, deformity and bone degeneration, the lawsuit says.

Emery said Friday he hasn't seen a copy of the lawsuit, and he can't comment on the case because patient information is confidential.

A 1969 medical-school graduate who has been practicing in the Magic Valley since

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Wendell City Council offers land for lease as farm ground

By Steve Kochler
Times-News correspondent

WENDELL - The city is offering two parcels of land for lease as farm ground.

The acreage is used for sprinkling sewage effluent from the city lagoon and cannot be used to grow food for people.

The council Thursday evening authorized City Clerk Raquel Braga to advertise the parcels - one 20 acres and the other 28 acres -

for lease for five years beginning March 1. The city will furnish water - treated sewage effluent - electricity, wheel-lines and pumps and assume normal wear and tear on the equipment. Use of the acreages is subject to the city's land application permit.

Minimum bids are \$100 per acre.

In another matter, the council approved sending police Cpl. Arnold Morgado to Boise for "Street Survival" class, which includes instruction in dealing with juveniles and gangs.

Police Chief Philip Cowell told the council that three known gang members are in town. One of the gang members is a suspect in a recent burglary, Cowell said.

Mayor Lynn Nelson, bringing up an issue from a previous meeting, said he thought Councilman Dale Bunn's objection to spending non-budgeted money on an employee Christmas party had merit. He said the subject should be discussed during next year's budget planning.

Council President Michael Wetzstein said

money for this year's party will probably come from miscellaneous funds.

In other business:

- Fire Chief Charles Orr told the council that the fire department will not inspect wood stores because of potential liability to the city. Orr said he was following the recommendations of the state fire marshal and that insurance companies should make inspections if they want them.

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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

University of Idaho workshop "Using Manure to Produce Energy" will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Aspen 108.
Student Senate meets at 3:15 p.m. in student conference room of Taylor Building.
Pen Band rehearsal will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Fine Arts 121.

TUESDAY

Alcohol and Drug Awareness Program meets at noon in Desert 112.
Insurance Institute of America testing will be held at 1:30 p.m. in Aspen 108.
Military testing will be held at 6 p.m. in Shields 201.
Counseling Center, Financial Aid Office and Registrar's Office will be open until 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Magie Valley Arts Council meets at 7 p.m. in Desert 113.
Swing band rehearsal will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Fine Arts 121.

THURSDAY

Manufactured housing continuing education training will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in 108.
Region IV Development Association meets at noon in Desert 113.

SATURDAY

Idaho Personnel exam will be given at 8 a.m. in Shields 204.
Idaho National Engineering Laboratory Scholastic Tournament will begin at 8:30 a.m. in Shields Building.
Magie Valley Volleyball Club meets at noon in Shields 116.
Military testing will be held at 10 a.m. in Shields 204.

Environmentalists battle property rights

By Meredith Cohn
States News Service

WASHINGTON — In the 21 years since the Endangered Species Act took effect, it has sparked a bitter debate between Western conservatives, who say it infringes on property rights, and environmentalists.

But with Republicans now in control, those who argue for property rights are likely to gain new strength.

"This issue is fundamental to the liberty of the American people," said retiring Sen. Malcolm Wallop, R-Wyo., who moderated a House-Senate private property rights seminar Dec. 6 along with Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho.

The controversy centers around what constitutes a "taking." The Fifth Amendment to the Constitution guarantees compensation for private property taken for public use. But its scope has been limited by courts that ruled a taking is when 100 percent of the property is seized for a park or a road, not when the government degrades a portion of it.

The property rights supporters say that if government laws or regulations — such as limits on development to protect endangered species — diminish the land's value, the landowner is due compensation.

Craig, co-founder of the Senate Private Property Rights Caucus, said the amount of the taking shouldn't matter. "If you steal a diamond out of a necklace but leave the metal frame, it is still called theft," he said.

The environmentalists say expanding the definition would either bankrupt the government or, more likely, lead to a lack of enforcement of safety, health and environmental laws.

So far, the courts agree. The Endangered Species Act has never

been successfully challenged in court by a property owner, although an anti-ranching organization this year persuaded a federal judge that the Brunenau hot spring sand didn't belong on an endangered species list.

Last year in a bill to reauthorize the Endangered Species Act, Sen. Max Baucus, chairman of the Environment and Public Works Committee, proposed a federal ground. The legislation switched emphasis from punishing landowners for killing endangered animals to offering incentives for protecting their habitat.

The bill, however, never made it out of committee.

And the new dynamic on Capitol Hill means Republicans who support the property rights side will now chair the committees that consider environmental legislation.

In the House, the private property rights caucus will see one of their 166 members, Rep. Don Young, R-Alaska, head the Natural Resources Committee. The committee will have jurisdiction over the Endangered Species Act and clean air and water bills.

In a statement, the lawmaker said protection for property rights is a major issue he intends to pursue.

In the Senate where the property rights caucus has 14 members, environmental legislation will shift to the hands of moderate Republican Sen. John Chafee of Rhode Island. But second in command at the Environment and Public Works Committee will be property rights advocate Sen. Alan Simpson, R-Wyo.

"We've now moved from trying to get environmental bills passed to a defensive posture," said Michael Sen, a spokesman for the western regional chapter of the

Wilderness Society in Bozeman, Mont.

Both camps say the Endangered Species Act is not the issue, but rather a byproduct of a larger debate. "Private Property Rights" caucuses in both chambers of Congress say the debate transcends from "people vs. animals" to "people vs. the federal government."

The caucuses plan to introduce — or reintroduce — legislation that would compensate landowners, and the expect to get better results than in the 103rd Congress. Last Congress, taking amendments were offered to just about every major environmental bill, but the California Desert Protection bill was the only one to make it into law.

In place of attaching different provisions to each environmental bill, Roger Pilon, senior fellow at the conservative Cato Institute, advocated a broad legislative change.

He described two kinds of bills that lawmakers could choose from. The first, proposed by Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., last year, calls for an analysis of every government law and policy for "takings" implications.

The second, originally proposed by Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, supports compensation when 25 percent of a land parcel's value has diminished because of a federal rule.

The Senate Private Property Rights Caucus is considering a series of amendments to environmental legislation or an omnibus takings bill, Craig said. The House-Private Property Rights Coalition and the GOP "Contract With America" promises similar moves.

Wallop said if the feds have to pay, they should consider how their laws and policies affect citizens more carefully and consider alternatives.

Death notices

Ruth Millican

HAGERMAN Ruth Millican, 87, a Hagerman resident, died Sunday, Dec. 11, 1994 at the Gooding County Memorial Hospital in Gooding. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demary's Gooding Chapel.

Lucille Margaret Chatterton

TWIN FALLS — Lucille Margaret Chatterton, 82, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Dec. 11, 1994 at the Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital. Services are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary, Twin Falls.

Shelby J. Myers

TWIN FALLS — Shelby J. Myers, a 58-year-old Rupert resident, died Dec. 10, 1994 at Magic Valley Regional Center in Twin Falls. Funeral services are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary in Rupert.

Charlene Lickley

JEROME — Charlene Lickley, 59, of Jerome, died Sunday, Dec. 11, 1994 at her home. Services are pending under the direction of Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Services

Fritz Edward Bybee, of Castleford, memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. today, Castleford Methodist Church, (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

John Henry Winterholter, of Wendell, 11 a.m. today, Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Roscoe E. Wagner, of Twin Falls, 1 p.m. today, First United Methodist Church, Twin Falls, (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

Ruth K. Jones, of Twin Falls, 2:30 p.m. today, White Mortuary Chapel in Twin Falls.

Freida Mae Buckbee, of Twin Falls,

at her home. Services are pending under the direction of Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

11 a.m. Tuesday, Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls, Viewing, 5 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

John Burkhalter, of Twin Falls, 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Clover Trinity Lutheran Church in Filer, Viewing, 4 to 8 p.m. today, White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Mary Whismore, of Jerome, 10 a.m. Wednesday, Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome, Viewing, 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral chapel.

Jody S. Johnson, of Rupert, 2 p.m. Wednesday, Hansen Mortuary Chapel in Rupert.

Hospitals

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
Some names withheld at patient's request.

Admitted

Tricia Oylor of Filer

Released

Freda Juchau of Eden.

CASSIA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
Admitted

Benjamin Woodhouse of Burley; and Louis Stimpson of Heyburn.

Released

John Nebeker of Burley; Amie Pool of Rupert; Benjamin Woodhouse of Burley; Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Robinson of Paul.

Obituaries



Lucille Bell

PAUL — Lucille Bell, 85, of Paul, died Saturday, December 10, 1994 at her home. She was born May 10, 1909 in Rockland, Idaho, the daughter of Avery and Virginia Ralphs. She was raised and educated in Rupert. In 1924 she married Wayne Farrow Bell in Rupert. They farmed for several years. In 1945 they purchased the Stock Growers Commission Co. where she was the owner/bookkeeper. They moved to Twin Falls in 1948. After selling their company she enjoyed spending time hunting, fishing, camping and traveling. She was a very loving mother and grandmother to her family. She was a member of the L.D.S. Church.

Survivors include: daughter Jean (Elton) Hasselstrom of Paul; son, Ferrell W. Bell of Twin Falls; son, Dwight Wayne (Myrna) Bell of Twin Falls; daughter Verla (John) Hall of Paul; sister, Vernice Henke of Rupert; brother Ralph Bell of Twin Falls; 19 grandchildren; 50 great-grandchildren and 6 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, a son, Keith, grandson Terry Love; 2 sisters, Cloe Daniels and Venus O'Connor; 3 brothers, Edson, Leo and Clarence Bell.

Funeral services will be held 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 14, 1994 at the 10th Ward LDS Church, 228 Park Avenue, with Bp. Joe Allen, conducting. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from 4:00 p.m. Tuesday at White Mortuary and from 11:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at the church.

Joseph A. Jesse

TWIN FALLS — Joseph A. Jesse, 87, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, December 10, 1994 at the Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital.

Joseph was born June 14, 1919 in New Orleans, La. to Joe and Mary Jesse. He grew up in New Orleans and attended schools in New Orleans.



Lillie May Herrett

TWIN FALLS — Lillie May Herrett, 87, of Twin Falls, died Saturday,

For obituary rate information, call 733-0931, extension 278

Dec. 10, 1994 at her home. She was born December 13, 1906 in Plankton, South Dakota to Bradford and Augusta Schroyer.

She attended schools in Eastern South Dakota and later moved to the Black Hills area with her family in 1926. She worked as a typesetter on a weekly paper, as a bookkeeper in the sugar beet industry and at various other occupations. In 1932 she married Norman Herrett in Sturgis, South Dakota, and accompanied him in his teaching in Wyoming, South Dakota, occasionally substituting for him during illnesses there, then to Montana, and moved to Twin Falls in 1945 where her husband taught science and Industrial Arts in the Twin Falls High School.

During the Twin Falls years, the jewelry business developed and flourished in their home, finally taking precedence over teaching and they built Herrett Manufacturing Jewelers. Mrs. Herrett added fine china and crystal to their stock of hand crafted gold, agate and other jewelry. She assisted her husband in the development of a planetarium and the Herrett Museum, since paid to the College of Southern Idaho.

Mr. Herrett died in 1979, and Mrs. Herrett has continued to operate the jewelry business. Mrs. Herrett was a member of the Business and Professional Women, The Twin Falls County Historical Society, and the Twin Falls First United Methodist Church, where she was a member of the choir for many years. She also sang in the Twin Falls Community Chorus.

She is survived by: 1 brother, Louis Schroyer of Albany, Oregon; a daughter, Marion Herrett Kerr of Saudia Arabia; 6 grandchildren: Kathryn Peterson, Nick Peterson, David Peterson, Michael Peterson, Mark Peterson, Leslie Millenby; 2 great-grandchildren; 2 nieces: Carol Barrill, Nancy Adamson; 4 nephews: Bradford, David, Paul and Barrett Schroyer. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, 1 brother, and 1 sister.

Funeral services for Lillie May Herrett will be conducted 1:00 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, 1994 at the Twin Falls First United Methodist Church, with Rev. Jim Friable, officiating. Cremation will follow at White Mortuary and Crematory.

Friends may call at White Mortuary, Twin Falls, Monday, Dec. 12, 1994 4:00-8:00 p.m. The family suggests memorials to the Herrett Museum, P.O. Box 1238, Twin Falls, ID, 83303.

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

Buhl City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
Blaine County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.
Blaine School Board, 7:30 p.m., school library.
Gooding County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.
Camas County School Board, 7 p.m., high school.
Cassia County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.
Cassia County School Board, 7 p.m., central office, 237 E. 19th St., Burley.

Dietrich City Council, 8 p.m., City Hall.
Dietrich School Board, 8 p.m., school.

Eden City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
Gooding County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.

Hagerman School Board, 8 p.m., elementary school.

Halley City Council, 6 p.m., courthouse.

Hansen City Council, 8 p.m., City Hall.
Hazelton City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall.

Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.
Lincoln County commissioners, 10 a.m., courthouse.

Magie Valley Regional Medical Center Board, 7 p.m., hospital board room.

Minidoka County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.

Murtaugh School Board, 7 p.m., high school.

Richfield City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.

Richfield School Board, 8 p.m., high school.

Shoshone School Board, 7:30 p.m., Lincoln Elementary School.

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

Valley School Board (Eden-Hazelton), 8 p.m., high school superintendent's office.

TUESDAY

Blaine County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.

Blaine School Board, 7:30 p.m., a school in the district.

Gooding School Board, 8 p.m., school district's office.

Jerome School Board, 7 p.m., middle school library.

Kimberly City Council, 7 p.m., community center.

Rupert, DeMay Memorial Library Board of Trustees, 5:15 p.m. library, 417 Seventh St. in Rupert.

Twin Falls City Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall.

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

Twin Falls School Board, 7 p.m., school district's office.

WEDNESDAY

Castleford City Council, 7:30 p.m., J & D Enterprises.

Declo City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.

Heyburn City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.

Hollister City Council, 8 p.m., City Hall or grange (depending on attendance).

Minidoka City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall.

Murtaugh City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall.

Paul City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall.

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

Twin Falls Public Library Board of Trustees, 5 p.m., library board room.

Wendell School Board, 7 p.m., administration office.

THURSDAY

Kimberly School Board, 7 p.m., Kimberly High School.

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

FRIDAY

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

Sewer

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commercial customers, James said.

The total estimated cost for the Riverside treatment plant expansion is about \$2.2 million.

The city will be able to apply up to \$900,000 of dedicated funds from a

Systems Replacement Fund which has been generated from hook-ups fees that have been collected since the early 1980s.

James said these funds can only be used for the replacement of existing components of the sewer system, not for new facilities, James said.

Doctor

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1975, Emery said Lancaster's is the only malpractice claim that's ever been filed against him.

On the advice of his Twin Falls attorney, Lloyd J. Walker, Lancaster would comment further.

Charcot foot is a treatable disease

if diagnosed right away, according to the lawsuit. The severe damage Lancaster's foot is permanent and "may grow worse in the future with the possibility of amputation," the lawsuit says.

The lawsuit says the damage to Lancaster's foot also has placed a bur-

den on his wife, Jean, by increasing the amount of care he needs. The Lancasters have six children, including a daughter who is "physically challenged," the lawsuit says.

Besides the \$1 million in compensatory damages, the lawsuit asks that Emery pay fees for Lancaster's attorney.

School

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The middle school houses several high-school and preschool programs, has no lunch facilities, and the children have to cross public streets to get to the playground. In addition, there are no accommodations for physically disabled students, which is federally mandated by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

District Superintendent Rick Hill said that the biggest problem at the high school was not having all the facilities at the high school campus, forcing students to travel to the middle school.

And because there isn't enough room to serve lunch, many students

leave the campus to eat. Hill said the "open campus" allows the students to "eat" between classes; one-fourth of the student body is "in transit" often in their own cars," he said. And they don't find their way back to class.

Residents' concerns ranged from a fundamental lack of respect and discipline, apathetic and worn down administrators and staff, to poor maintenance of facilities.

Hill replied that maintenance was "the number one concern of many, and we've moved it up on the list of priorities."

The people agreed that most of their concerns are nationwide problems that

can't be fixed in Buhl alone, and "they must concentrate on issues that can be addressed locally," such as the overcrowded and aging facilities.

Whitman and a parent, Mike Espasza, suggested converting the elementary school into a high school, and building two new elementary schools.

Another parent questioned the wisdom in the conversion — concerned that everything in the elementary building would be replaced.

"Popplewell can be turned into a high school without worrying about a senior squatting on a miniature toilet," Espasza replied.

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building for a new police station from Salt Lake City and authorized Nelson to sign a purchase agreement for a similar building in Boise for \$1,670 delivered. In a special meeting Nov. 29, the council hired Daniel Williamson as the new city superintendent. Williamson began work Dec. 5.

Former governor hits book tour

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — The old campaigner was at it again over the weekend, shaking hands, greeting children — and signing books.

Former Idaho Gov. Don Samuelson was seated behind a table, promoting an autobiography entitled, "His Hand on My Shoulder." The book chronicles more than 80 years of life in and out of the body politic.

"In one sense, it's an autobiography," Samuelson said. "But there's very little in it about me. It's more about the people who touched my life."

Samuelson, who now lives in Sandpoint, said the title of his book comes from a conviction that he survived to tell those stories thanks to a healthy measure of divine intervention.

"But I've got hunting and fishing and politics all in there too," the former governor said.

Samuelson has waited long to see his party back in power. He served as governor from 1967-71 and was the last Republican to hold that office until Phil Batt won last month's election over Democratic can-

didate Larry Echols. "The Democrats have had the ball in their court for two years," he continued. "Now it's ours. I just hope they got the message the voters sent."

The idea voters wanted to get across, Samuelson said, was that taxes are too high and federal government is too powerful. Instead of tax money "going to Washington and never coming back," Samuelson thinks the money — and the political say so — should stay within state and county boundaries.

Samuelson was born in Illinois in 1913, and raised in the Midwest. He moved to Idaho in 1944, and served as a state legislator during the six years prior to his election as governor. In 1972, he took a post with the U.S. Department of Transportation.

At 81, Samuelson remains active in promoting the political careers of Republican newcomers in North Idaho. That is, when he is not out promoting himself through sales of "His Hand on My Shoulder."

Meridian schools to expel 3 over gun

MERIDIAN (AP) — Three more Meridian School District students will probably be expelled after the latest incident of weapons being taken into the schools.

District officials have recommended the expulsions after finding that a student brought a pistol to Lake Hazel Middle School last week.

Secondary Education Director Jim Carberry said administrators found the gun when they confronted the student who brought it shortly after classes began on Thursday. He believed the gun contained a loaded clip but said there was no indication the student planned to use it at school.

"Our investigation indicates that he brought it to school to transfer to another student, and that student was going to sell it to another student," Carberry said. "I don't think there was intent to use it."

All three students have been recommended for expulsion

Boise officials seek owner of pistol found at school

BOISE (AP) — Boise School District officials are searching for the person who left a pistol in a bathroom at Fort Boise Learning Center near the end of the school day Friday.

Fort Boise is an alternative school for junior high students. Principal Del Burke said administrators are investigating the weapon. It was found

on a ledge in a girls bathroom, hidden out of sight. The .38-caliber pistol was not loaded and no ammunition was found.

"We are in the process of pursuing any and all leads of who brought it to school," Burke said. "We are also looking for what reasons and motives someone may have had to bring it."

because officials believe all had the weapon at some time. The school handles grades six through eight.

A hearing committee will evaluate the evidence against all three and make a recommendation to the Meridian School Board, which will make the final decision. But the board has very little room to maneuver if the evidence shows the students had the gun. District policy calls for expulsion for taking dangerous weapons to school, and federal law requires the district to expel students for at least a year for taking a gun to school.

The district has already expelled four students for possession of a dangerous weapon, but this is the first report of a gun in district schools this year.

Carberry said the Ada County sheriff's office was notified and that the students could face criminal charges in addition to expulsion.

Prosecutors wary of using forfeiture law

BLACKFOOT (AP) — Last month's district court dismissal of drug charges against a local Idaho man has made prosecutors across the state wary of invoking the state's drug forfeiture law.

"It hasn't helped us any," Bingham County Deputy Prosecutor Cindy Campbell said.

In the Lewiston case, a district judge dismissed felony charges against a man authorities claimed was the leader of a major drug ring because prosecutors had already invoked the forfeiture law and confiscated his mobile home. The judge ruled that attempting to impose criminal penalties on top of the civil penalty of the loss of drug money-financed property amounted to double jeopardy.

While that principle need not be applied statewide until it is reviewed by the state Supreme Court and upheld, there have been similar decisions in the federal judiciary that have made prosecutors think twice about pursuing civil forfeiture.

"It certainly takes a lot away from us," Campbell said. "We will have to choose if we want to file a felony charge or pursue civil forfeiture. It has affected me. I'm not fitting any more civil forfeitures. The judges here are likely to follow those rulings."

Shiny, happy people



Boise State football fans Roger Hudgens, left, and Trent Summer, center, celebrate a Bronco touchdown Saturday with a big bear hug. BSU will play Youngstown State next week.

Briefly

Lewiston touts sites for Micron plants

LEWISTON — The Port of Lewiston is touting two north central Idaho sites for a proposed Micron Semiconductor manufacturing plant that would employ as many as 4,000 people.

David Doringfeld, port manager, said a proposal that will be delivered to Micron's Boise headquarters Monday includes letters of support from the mayors of Lewiston, Clarkston, Moscow and Pullman.

Doringfeld said the Port of Lewiston has two sites in mind, one south of Genesee and the other east of Lewiston.

Bison from Yellowstone anger church

CORWIN SPRINGS — As many as 50 bison wandered onto land owned by the Church Universal and Triumphant Saturday, and a spokesman said it was "just sheer luck" there weren't cattle in the pasture. Murray Steinman said officials in Yellowstone National Park did not warn the church about the approaching bison and he was critical of the National Park Service for not keeping the bison in Yellowstone.

He said there had been cattle in the area until recently and it was just lucky there was no direct contact with domestic cattle.

Steinman said church workers hazed the animals back toward the park.

Fewer Idahoans involved in farming

REXBURG — Agriculture may still be the state's number one industry, but the number of Idahoans directly involved in it is declining.

Rising operating expenses are forcing small farm owners to sell their land to larger neighbors or to developers capitalizing on Idaho's dramatic population growth, according to the new federal Census of Agriculture.

Still, Idaho agriculture appears to be weathering consolidation and urbanization better than the nation overall.

Between 1987 and 1992, the new census found the number of Idaho farms declining 8 percent to just over 22,100. The bulk of the decline came in operations of 500 acres or less, where the number of farms was down 11 percent.

But the average size of an Idaho farm increased 6 percent during the same five-year period, reflecting the trend toward larger operations buying out their smaller neighbors. The census found that the number of full-time farmers plunged 10 percent since 1987 while over 9,000 others said they had farms but worked at other occupations.

Utahns protest California's Prop 187

OGDEN, Utah — About 50 protesters gathered outside the federal building in Ogden to voice opposition to the implementation of California's anti-immigrant Proposition 187.

Among the protesters was Barbara Bernstein, a Weber State University employee, whose daughter carried a sign reading: "People have been immigrating here for 200,000 years. Don't punish the children."

The sign, Bernstein said, relayed a message many people in California don't want to hear.

"You can always go to the library if the schools won't have you, but where do you go if the doctors won't have you?" she said.

Canadian spud spat may bring lawsuit

KITCHENER, Ontario, — Potato growers in Ontario and British Columbia have threatened to sue the federal government over a proposal they say would flood the Canadian market with cheaper spuds from the United States.

Efforts by Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick, two of the largest potato-growing provinces, to have Ottawa create a Canada No. 1 grade for smaller-sized spuds are causing an industry spat.

Eight of 10 provinces oppose the move, said Les Armstrong, manager of the Ontario Potato Growers' Marketing Board.

Most provinces already have a small potato grade, but the absence of a national grade means the smaller potatoes can't be sold between provinces, exported or imported.

Yellowstone opens snowmobile traffic

WEST YELLOWSTONE, Wyo. — Yellowstone National Park opened its roads to over-the-snow travel Saturday, beginning the winter season a week earlier than normal.

Snow reportedly is up to 6 feet deep in areas surrounding West Yellowstone.

The National Park Service said snow depths across the park ranged from 9 inches at Mammoth, near the north entrance, to 42 inches at Grant Village in the south end of the park. Snow measured 27 inches at Madison and 31 at Old Faithful.

Compiled from wire reports

Changes may consolidate park management

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) — A proposal to streamline the U.S. Forest Service would consolidate management of the six national forests in the Yellowstone area in a shift to managing for ecosystems rather than political boundaries.

Forest Service Chief Jack Ward Thomas has unveiled the plan to make the change to ecosystem management, a move to consider the potential effects on all aspects of a forest's animal and plant life before making management decisions.

The plan would consolidate the six national forests that make up the bulk of the 12-million-acre Yellowstone ecosystem into one or two regions.

Most oversight of the area would be shifted to Denver, possibly with some management headquartered at Ogden, Utah, according to a

draft of the plan released last week.

Nationwide, Thomas' plan would reduce the number of regional offices from nine to seven by Sept. 30, 1996, saving a projected \$17 million annually and cutting 300 jobs.

The Greater Yellowstone Coalition, an environmental group that has long pushed for ecosystem management, applauded the plan.

"This would certainly reflect a step in the right direction from the perspective of the Yellowstone area," said Jeanne-Marie Surveigney, associate program director for the Bozeman, Mont.-based group.

"We had a recommendation ... where we suggested that the agency's administration be consolidated to better reflect ecosystem boundaries," she said.

Thomas said in the plan proposal that the

changes would improve service to the public as well as improve management of the land.

"The approach that is described here provides maximum flexibility at the Forest Service field level," he said. "We believe that making ecosystem protection our top priority will help us to reclaim conservation leadership."

Thomas said several types of incentives will be offered to Forest Service employees to help make the personnel reductions easier for them.

Under the new plan, the Bridger-Teton, Shoshone-Galatin, Guster-and-Henryhead national forests would be managed in the Northern Plains Region, headquartered in Denver. The Targhee National Forest would be managed from Ogden, Utah, but Thomas said it may end up under Denver oversight as well.

Judge reinstates appeal in timber sale case

BOISE (AP) — A federal magistrate says the U.S. Forest Service could destroy an owl's nest with an important postmark, then reject a timber sale appeal on the grounds it wasn't filed on time.

That ruling Friday reinstates an appeal on a timber sale on the Payette National Forest and puts the Forest Service on notice that it can't reject appeals on meaningless technical grounds, said Bernard Zalcza, attorney for the Idaho Sportsmen's Coalition.

Part of the case involved the Sportsmen's Coalition appeal of the Cuddy Mountain timber sale in the Payette National Forest. The coalition mailed an appeal of the timber sale to the Forest Service's Utah regional office in April.

The appeal was rejected on the ground it wasn't filed on time. But the Forest Service couldn't produce the envelope with the postmark that would prove its point, Zalcza said.

Magistrate Mikel Williams "said

the government was held to a higher standard and when the government has an envelope with the postmark proof, it has the responsibility to turn it in to the court to retain the envelope," Zalcza said.

The timber sale involves 17.6 million board-feet of timber and 18 miles of new logging road. It was sold to Boise Cascade in August. The decision automatically stops harvest for 60 days, while the Forest Service considers the appeal.

In the second part of the case, Williams also ruled that typographical errors on a grazing allotment appeal weren't enough to reject an appeal of a Forest Service decision.

"The Forest Service is making a habit of trying to find a way to dismiss appeals without responding to the merits," Zalcza said. This forces the agency to consider all future appeals on the merits and eliminates rejecting appeals on petty errors, he said.

Investor's past may junk incinerator proposal

GREEN RIVER, Utah (AP) — A Georgia man who spent 14 months in federal prison for fraud once again is leading a group of investors that want to build a waste-to-energy incinerator near this central Utah community.

W. Earl Strother, 63, Fayetteville, Ga., said this week he has repurchased rights to the project and is making final arrangements to ship an Italian-made kiln from Maryland to Utah. He hopes to have it on site by Jan. 1 and in operation by early August.

Strother's criminal background

could complicate the process. Regulations governing commercial solid-waste disposal facilities allow state environmental officials to consider the "compliance history of an owner or operator" before allowing the transfer of a permit from one person to another.

Dianne Nielson, director of the Utah Department of Environmental Quality, said it is uncertain how broadly the "compliance history" provision can be interpreted, but she believes it could include an individual's criminal background. Strother left prison in 1992

after serving time for conspiracy to defraud and bank fraud.

Nielson said the Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste has not been notified of a change in ownership of the Green River project. In fact, a spokesman for the group that has been working on the project for the past two years told state officials

Friday that the sale to Strother was "tentative" and "hasn't been consummated" yet.

Strother flatly denies this, claiming he has a bill of sale dated Aug. 9, 1994, and that title to the Green River land was transferred to him last month, according to a story in Sunday's Salt Lake Tribune.

Cholera killing birds

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Health officials think a form of avian cholera may be responsible for the deaths of some 8,000 geese and sea gulls near the Great Salt Lake.

The carcasses were located two miles east of the old Sallair Resort on the lake's east shore.

The birds were found by a man walking his dog early Saturday afternoon, according to the Utah Highway Patrol.

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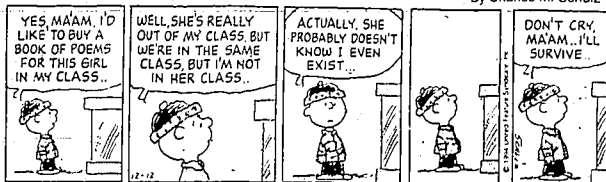
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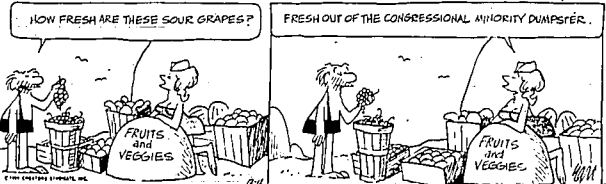
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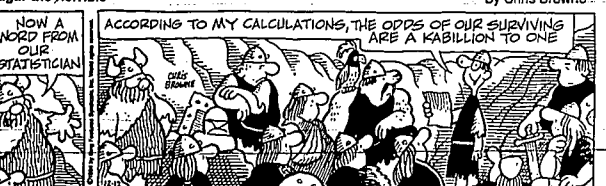
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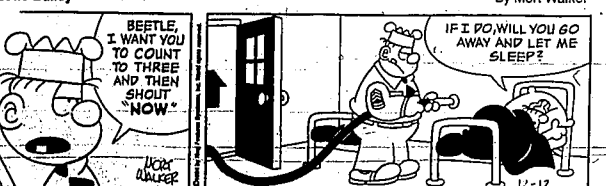
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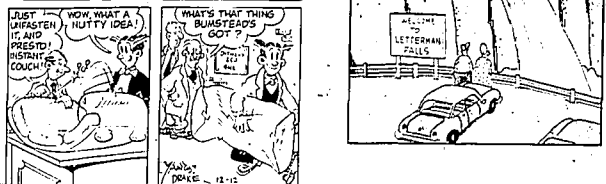
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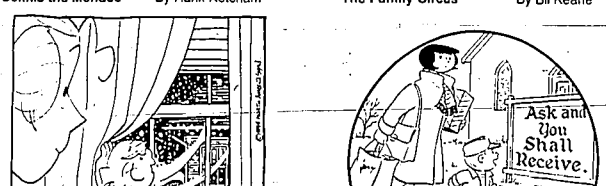
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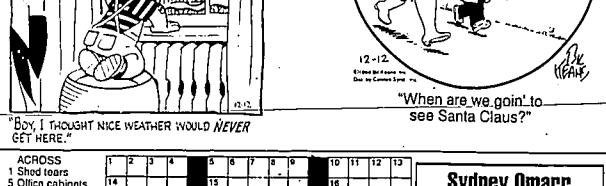
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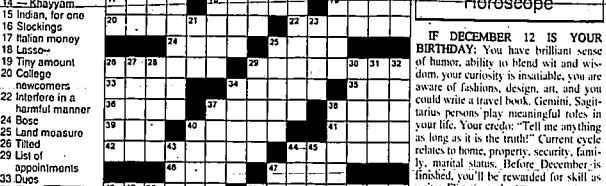
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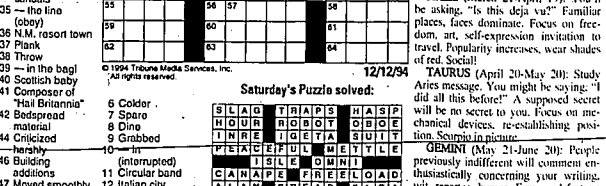
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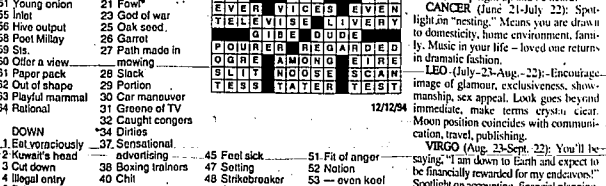
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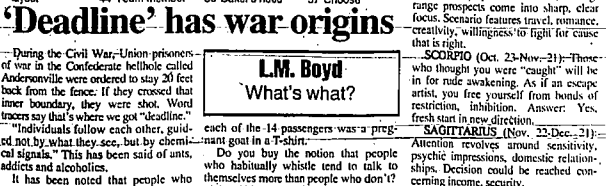
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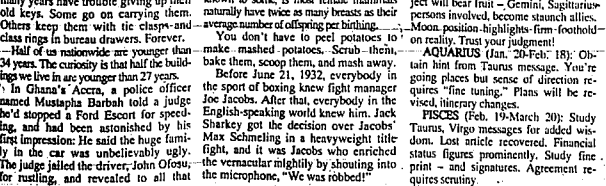
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“I'm honored that I won the award, but I'd trade it for a win over Nebraska in a second.”

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— Colorado tailback Rashaan Salaam on winning the Heisman

Briefly

Chavez must rest before next time in the ring

MONTERRREY, Mexico — Julio Cesar Chavez, perhaps Mexico's greatest sports hero, will need some time to rest before he fights again, aides said Sunday.

Chavez retained his WBC super lightweight title Saturday by stopping Tony Lopez in the 10th round, despite a sore left arm.

Chavez was hospitalized for X-rays after reinjuring his shoulder in the bout. “It caused him great pain,” hospital spokeswoman Gladys Rosa said. But she said the injury “turned out not to be serious.”

SMU football player, others charged with sexual assault

DENTON, Texas — An SMU football player and two other men have been arrested and charged with sexually assaulting a woman at a roadside motel in Denton.

Weldon English, 19, a defensive back at SMU, was being held at the Denton City jail on Sunday. Bond was set at \$50,000.

Calvin Robinson, 18, and Eric Yarbough, 19, both of Dallas, also were being held on \$50,000 bond.

Police said the men met the women at a popular Denton nightclub and she went with them to the nearby Desert Sands Motor Inn, located just off Interstate 35.

Police were called to the motel after receiving reports that a nude woman was standing on a balcony screaming, authorities said. The woman was treated and released at a Denton hospital Sunday.

Baltimore jockey dies Sunday after falling from his horse

CHARLES TOWN, W.Va. — Jockey James Thornton of Baltimore died Sunday after sustaining head injuries in a fall from his horse at Charles Town Races, a track spokesman said.

Thornton, 54, had surgery late Friday night at Fairfax Hospital in Falls Church, Va., to relieve pressure on his brain, but his family ruled out further surgery “due to a poor prognosis,” said Paul Espinosa.

Thornton fell early during the first race Friday while riding a horse named Shifty Four in tight quarters, Espinosa said.

Another jockey, Glenn Reeder, was unable to avoid the fallen rider and also fell from his mount, Sales Book, which trampled Thornton, he said.

Both riders were taken to Jefferson Memorial Hospital. Reeder was treated and released and Thornton was transferred to Fairfax, Espinosa said.

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Jerome steer wrestler posts win at finals

The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Mike Smith of Jerome dropped his steer in 3.7 seconds to win Saturday night's steer wrestling competition at the National Finals Rodeo, but he failed to place in the overall competition, which ended Sunday.

Smith, who finished in the money in two earlier go-rounds, earned \$12,670. He moves to third in the Crown Royal World Standings with \$82,356 in total earnings.

Blaine Pederson of Canada won the steer wrestling championship on Sunday after Rod Lyman of Lolo, Mont., fell off his horse in the final round.

Lyman had taken the lead Saturday night after his traveling partner, Brad Gleason of Ennis, Mont., missed his shot.

Pederson's fourth-place 4.2 was good enough to give him the lead in the average.

worth \$27,557 and the world title. Pederson of Amisk, Alberta, entered the NFR in 12th place. He finished the year with \$102,300 — \$10,608 more than Lyman.

“I had some good steers and made use of them,” Pederson said. “I had some stronger steers and got lucky. It's just cowboying. I kept after them and I had the right attitude.”

Lyman of Stephenville, Texas, won his sixth all-around cowboy title with \$246,170. He didn't win an individual title or average title in the bull riding, saddle bronc or bareback, but he did win \$80,612 at the NFR.

As it turned out, Murray would have won the all-around title by \$2,207 even if he didn't win anything at the NFR.

After finishing \$95 short of a world title last year, Daryl Mills of Pink Mountain, British Columbia, won the bull riding title with \$105,177, beating out Scott Mendes, of Reno, by \$6,831.

Both riders were bucked off Sunday. Rookie Adriano Moraes, from Mato, Brazil, won the bull riding average by becoming only the third cowboy to ride all 10 bulls at the NFR.

Bull rider Brent Thurman of Austin, Texas, seriously injured his neck after being stepped on. He was taken to University Medical Center and is listed in serious condition with facial and cranial fractures and internal bleeding.

Herbert Theriot of Wiggins, Miss., entered the NFR with a record \$110,745 in regular-season calf roping earnings, but needed to finish second Sunday to win the world title.

By finishing second Sunday, Theriot finished with \$151,922 to beat out five-time world champion Jay Beaver of Hainesville, Texas, by \$14,800.

Tad Stone of Canyon Lake, Texas, won the NFR average with a 9.95. Brent Lewis of

Pinon, N.M., won the final go-round with a 7.4. Jake Barnes of Cave Creek, Ariz., and Clay O'Brien Cooper, of Hugley, Ariz., won their unprecedented seventh team roping title with \$94,461. They set the NFR average record with a 5.91. The previous record was 7.7. The \$44,946 they each earned at the NFR is also a record.

Kerbie Peterson, of Liberty, Colo., won the final barrel race go-round with a 14.17 to capture her first world championship. Sharon Kobold, of Big Horn, Wyo., entered the final day in the lead, but lost it when she knocked over a barrel.

Peterson won the average, earned \$110,341 to finish \$5,320 ahead of Kobold. Ten-time defending champion Charmayne Robinson of Galt, Calif., entered the NFR with the lead, but finished sixth after not winning any money during the 10 rounds.

Denver misses Elway, now may miss playoffs

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Without John Elway, the Denver Broncos had no big plays in their repertoire — and possibly no playoffs in their future.

Jeff Jaeger kicked a team-record five field goals and Denver failed to get touchdowns twice after first downs at Los Angeles Sunday as the Raiders downed the Broncos 23-13.

The Raiders (8-6) have beaten the Broncos (7-7) five straight times, 11 of the last 12 and eight in a row at the Los Angeles Coliseum. The victory was the sixth in the last eight games for the Raiders, while the Broncos had their four-game winning streak snapped.

Elway sat out the game because of a strained muscle behind his left knee. Never was he missed more than the two times the Broncos moved deep into Los Angeles territory, but failed to score TDs.

Denver had to settle for a 20-yard field goal by Jason Elam on the final play of the first half and a 21-yarder late in the third quarter. Elam's second field goal cut the Raiders' lead to 9-6.

Hugh Millen filled in for Elway and completed 20 of 33 passes for 242 yards without being intercepted. But he couldn't get the Broncos a touchdown until throwing a 1-yard pass to Cedric

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Tillman with 1:26 to play.

The Raiders clinched the victory when Jeff Hostetler threw a 5-yard TD pass to Harvey Williams with 5:59 remaining. Williams then ran for a two-point conversion to make it 20-6.

Hostetler completed 16 of 31 passes for 211 yards without being intercepted. Williams was the game's leading rusher with 72 yards on 19 carries.

The game was only the seventh Elway has missed because of injury in his 12-year NFL career.

Jaeger kicked field goals of 44 and 29 yards in the second quarter, 47 yards early in the third period, and 30 and 28 yards in the fourth quarter.

The Denver offense did very little until moving 68 yards for Elam's first field goal. Before that, the Broncos got only two first downs on their first five possessions and failed to cross midfield.

It was also clear early that the Raiders were playing against a different defense from the one they chewed in a 48-16 victory at Mile High Stadium on Sept.

18. Simon Fletcher sacked Hostetler on the game's first play, and the Broncos finished with five sacks — three by Shane Dronett and two by Fletcher.



Hugh Millen, here exchanging pleasantries with Raider linebacker Winston Moss, proved he was no John Elway as the Broncos offense was mired in its own end for most of its 23-13 loss.

Seahawks edge out Oilers, 16-14

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Chris Warren almost outgained the Houston Oilers offense and helped the Seattle Seahawks ease two weeks of misery.

Warren, involved in an auto accident that paralyzed teammate Mike Frier on Dec. 2, rushed for a career-high 185 yards on 30 carries and scored on a 33-yard run. That kept alive Seattle's slim playoff hopes with a 16-14 victory on Sunday.

Seattle (6-8) rushed 50 times for 266 yards. The Oilers (1-13), trying to regroup under new coach Jeff Fisher, lost their 10th straight game and looked bad doing it — until they scored twice in the final 4:23 on Billy Joe Tolliver's 36-yard pass to Webster-Slaughter and James Givins' 78-yard punt return.

Tolliver completed a two-point conversion pass to Haywood Jeffries following Slaughter's touchdown catch. Givins took Seattle's next punt back 78 yards and did a flip into the end zone with 2:53 to play.

But the two-point try failed, when Todd McNair caught a pass and was tackled at the 1 by Robert Blackmon.

The Oilers' Bubba McDowell grabbed the ensuing onside kick, but Oilers hopes ended moments later when cornerback Orlando Waters intercepted Tolliver's pass at the Seattle 34 and the Seahawks ran out the clock.

The Oilers couldn't make their offense work most of the game against a Seahawks defense that came in yielding 243.7 yards per game, 24th in the NFL. The Oilers finished with 208 total yards.

Warren, who suffered fractured ribs in the auto accident, plagued the Oilers defense. He had a 32-yard run in the third quarter that set up Mack Strong's 13-yard touchdown run. Warren sat out the final 10 minutes of the game.

Seattle beat the Oilers with seldom-used quarterback Dan McGwire subbing for injured Rick Mirer.

The Oilers didn't wait long to start making mistakes. Lorenzo White fumbled on the first play of the game when hit by defensive tackle Cortez Kennedy. Kennedy recovered at the Oilers' 25-yard line and set up John Kasay's 40-yard field goal with only 1:37 elapsed.

Seattle expanded its lead to 10-0 in the second quarter. McGwire completed a 29-yard pass to Brian Blades to the Oilers' 42, setting up the 33-yard touchdown run by Warren.

Houston's offense was so inept it didn't cross midfield until midway in the third quarter. But then White was held to a no gain on third and fourth downs at the Seahawks' 27. On their next drive, Houston had a second-and-1 at its 36, but a 2-yard loss by White and an incomplete pass forced another punt.

There were 31,453 fans at the game, the smallest crowd of the season. There were 14,358 no-shows.

Swede downs Sampras, wins \$1.5 million

The Associated Press

MUNICH, Germany — It is unlikely that things will get a whole lot better on the tennis court for Magnus Larsson, but that's not bad.

One week after helping Sweden take the Davis Cup title, Larsson upset top-ranked Pete Sampras to win the richest prize in tennis — \$1.5 million.

Larsson won 7-6 (8-6), 4-6, 7-6 (7-5), 6-4 in the final of the Grand Slam Cup, at \$6 million the most lucrative tennis tournament in the world.

“This is the best Christmas present I could get,” he gaped. Larsson nearly equaled his career-prize money of \$1,690,317, and more than doubled his 1994 earnings, which had stood at \$639,105 before the final.

The economic news wasn't bad for Sampras, either. The American, who won the inaugural Grand Slam Cup in 1990, earned \$750,000, plus a bonus of \$500,000 for the two Grand Slam titles he won in 1994 — the Australian Open and Wimbledon.

By adding \$1.25 million to his 1994 earnings, Sampras reached the record sum of \$4,857,812 for a year. The money here also boosted the career earnings for the two-time Wimbledon champion more than \$16 million.

The tournament invites 16 players with the best records in the four Grand Slam events, which also include the French and the U.S. Opens.

Moe takes 2nd in battle of gold medal winners

The Associated Press

TIGNES, France — In a battle of Olympic downhill gold medalists, 1992 winner Patrick Ortlieb of Austria beat this year's champion, American Tommy Moe, in a World Cup super-giant slalom Sunday.

Ortlieb was timed in 1 minute, 22.25 seconds. Moe was second in 1:22.58 to continue the United States' success on the slopes. Americans Picabo Street and Hilary Lindh won downhill the previous two days at Lake Louise, Alberta.

Moe, said his Olympic victory at Lillehammer, Norway, has not been on his mind.

“As Patrick would know after winning the Olympics, it changes your life,” Moe said. “Everyone knows who you are.”

“There's definitely a little bit of pressure, but I think I am very good at handling pressure. ... I was a little nervous today. It's a big relief for me. I am tired of training.”

Ortlieb, collecting the third victory of his World Cup career, returns to Val d'Isere, the



Tommy Moe, at left, takes second place at the World Cup event at France Sunday. Winner Patrick Ortlieb of Austria is in middle and Luc Alphand, who finished third, is at right.

site of his Olympic triumph.

“The atmosphere is different every race,” he said. “Of course, Val d'Isere is special, but the course is not the same course as the Olympics.”

Frenchman Luc Alphand was third Sunday.

timed in 1:22.65. American Kyle Rasmussen finished ninth Sunday, with a time of 1:22.89.

Fog and high winds following a heavy snowstorm forced postponement of the race Saturday. It was run Sunday in place of a giant

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U.S. women keep on slope of success

The Associated Press

LAKE LOUISE, Alberta — Katja Seizinger of Germany ended the U.S. women's run of World Cup victories Sunday. She didn't end their run of success, though.

Seizinger, the Olympic downhill champion, won the World Cup super-G race at Lake Louise, while Picabo Street of Sun Valley, Idaho was tied for third.

“Wow, that was a wide ride!” said Street, who won the Olympic silver medal in the downhill at Lillehammer last winter. “It was really choppy and rough.”

“I was bouncing all over the place, but I'm skiing more confidently in super-G, believing in myself and that I can make some of those big turns.”

In three previous downhill races on the women's World Cup tour, Street had won one of them, and teammate Hilary Lindh of Juneau, Alaska, won the other two.

Lindh's second victory came Saturday and marked the first time U.S. skiers had won three straight World Cup downhills.

“This is just incredible, just incredible,” Lindh said.

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Palmer, Nicklaus rally falls short at Diners Club

LA QUINTA, Calif. (AP) — On a day of dramatic changes, Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus, masters of late rallies, came back but finally lost.

Dave Eichelberger rolled in a pair of pressure-birdie putts on the 18th and 19th holes of play Sunday as he and partner Raymond Floyd led Palmer and Nicklaus 1-up in the Seniors competition of the Diners Club Match.

Nicklaus and Palmer came to four holes down with seven to go to take a one-hole lead into No. 18. Eichelberger, however, then came up with a charge of his own.

In the PGA final, Jim McGovern and Jeff Maggert rallied from four holes down with five holes to play, tying Rocco Mediate and Loren Janzen on No. 18, then winning when Maggert sank an 8-foot birdie

putt on the first playoff hole.

The LPGA's Kelly Robbins and Tammie Green didn't have as large a deficit to make up, but they did trail Juli Inkster and Dottie Moehre by two after the first 11 holes. Robbins and Green then shut out their opponents on the back nine and won 2 and 1.

Nicklaus and Palmer, who drew the largest galleries of the tournament at

PGA West, won four of five holes beginning at No. 12 and went one up when Eichelberger and Floyd both hit into the water on No. 17.

Eichelberger, however, knocked in an 18-foot birdie putt on the 18th to even the match. He then made a 15-footer for another birdie to win the match on the first playoff hole after Nicklaus just missed a birdie try from about 22 feet.

Trail Blazers knock off Sacramento, 93-88

Pro basketball

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Rod Strickland scored 23 points and made two key baskets down the stretch as the Portland Trail Blazers defeated Sacramento 93-88 Sunday night and broke the Kings' four-game winning streak.

Clyde Drexler added 17 points, Harvey Grant came off the bench for 15 and Buck Williams reached a milestone by going over the 15,000-point mark.

Grant, who scored nine in the fourth period, led the Kings with 17 apiece. Sacramento has lost 22 consecutive games at Portland.

The Blazers held off the Kings in the closing minute. Portland led 88-86 with 1:24 left before Buck Williams' 17-footer gave the Blazers a 90-86 lead.

Walt Williams' two free throws, after Chris Drexler rejected Richmond for his fourth block of the game, closed Portland's lead to 90-86. The Blazers had a season-high 12 blocks, with Clifford Robinson getting six.

Strickland's layup with 35.2 seconds left all but sealed the win.

even though Sacramento had some chances but missed. The Kings shot 36 percent from the field to the Blazers' 49 percent.

Portland held a 74-68 lead at the end of the third period and opened the fourth quarter with a 6-2 run and an 80-70 lead. Grant scored seven of his fourth-quarter points in a 13-5 run, and his layup and free-throw closed Portland's lead to 85-83 with 3:04 remaining.

Strickland, in his second game back from a fractured right wrist, also had eight rebounds and eight assists. His 3-pointer put the Blazers ahead 88-83 with 2:55 remaining in the game.

Buck Williams needed only one point to reach the 15,000-point plateau. He reached that by scoring the opening basket for the Blazers.

He became the 10th player in league history to accumulate more than 15,000 points and 11,000 rebounds.

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Team					W	L	T	Pct.	PA	Team					W	L	T	Pct.	PA
AFC										NFL									
Atlanta					10	3	0	.769	21	Buffalo					9	4	1	.688	24
Baltimore					9	4	1	.688	24	Cincinnati					8	5	0	.615	27
Buffalo					9	4	1	.688	24	Cleveland					7	6	0	.538	30
Carolina					8	5	0	.615	27	Dallas					7	6	0	.538	30
Cincinnati					8	5	0	.615	27	Denver					7	6	0	.538	30
Cleveland					7	6	0	.538	30	Detroit					7	6	0	.538	30
Dallas					7	6	0	.538	30	Green Bay					7	6	0	.538	30
Denver					7	6	0	.538	30	Houston					7	6	0	.538	30
Detroit					7	6	0	.538	30	Indianapolis					7	6	0	.538	30
Green Bay					7	6	0	.538	30	Los Angeles					7	6	0	.538	30
Houston					7	6	0	.538	30	Minnesota					7	6	0	.538	30
Indianapolis					7	6	0	.538	30	New England					7	6	0	.538	30
Los Angeles					7	6	0	.538	30	New York Jets					7	6	0	.538	30
Minnesota					7	6	0	.538	30	Oakland					7	6	0	.538	30
New England					7	6	0	.538	30	Pittsburgh					7	6	0	.538	30
New York Jets					7	6	0	.538	30	San Diego					7	6	0	.538	30
Oakland					7	6	0	.538	30	San Francisco					7	6	0	.538	30
Pittsburgh					7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle					7	6	0	.538	30
San Diego					7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle					7	6	0	.538	30
San Francisco					7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle					7	6	0	.538	30
Seattle					7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle					7	6	0	.538	30
Seattle					7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle					7	6	0	.538	30

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AFC										NFL									
Atlanta					10	3	0	.769	21	Buffalo					9	4	1	.688	24
Baltimore					9	4	1	.688	24	Cincinnati					8	5	0	.615	27
Buffalo					9	4	1	.688	24	Cleveland					7	6	0	.538	30
Carolina					8	5	0	.615	27	Dallas					7	6	0	.538	30
Cincinnati					8	5	0	.615	27	Denver					7	6	0	.538	30
Cleveland					7	6	0	.538	30	Detroit					7	6	0	.538	30
Dallas					7	6	0	.538	30	Green Bay					7	6	0	.538	30
Denver					7	6	0	.538	30	Houston					7	6	0	.538	30
Detroit					7	6	0	.538	30	Indianapolis					7	6	0	.538	30
Green Bay					7	6	0	.538	30	Los Angeles					7	6	0	.538	30
Houston					7	6	0	.538	30	Minnesota					7	6	0	.538	30
Indianapolis					7	6	0	.538	30	New England					7	6	0	.538	30
Los Angeles					7	6	0	.538	30	New York Jets					7	6	0	.538	30
Minnesota					7	6	0	.538	30	Oakland					7	6	0	.538	30
New England					7	6	0	.538	30	Pittsburgh					7	6	0	.538	30
New York Jets					7	6	0	.538	30	San Diego					7	6	0	.538	30
Oakland					7	6	0	.538	30	San Francisco					7	6	0	.538	30
Pittsburgh					7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle					7	6	0	.538	30
San Diego					7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle					7	6	0	.538	30
San Francisco					7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle					7	6	0	.538	30
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Seattle					7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle					7	6	0	.538	30

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AFC										NFL									
Atlanta					10	3	0	.769	21	Buffalo					9	4	1	.688	24
Baltimore					9	4	1	.688	24	Cincinnati					8	5	0	.615	27
Buffalo					9	4	1	.688	24	Cleveland					7	6	0	.538	30
Carolina					8	5	0	.615	27	Dallas					7	6	0	.538	30
Cincinnati					8	5	0	.615	27	Denver					7	6	0	.538	30
Cleveland					7	6	0	.538	30	Detroit					7	6	0	.538	30
Dallas					7	6	0	.538	30	Green Bay					7	6	0	.538	30
Denver					7	6	0	.538	30	Houston					7	6	0	.538	30
Detroit					7	6	0	.538	30	Indianapolis					7	6	0	.538	30
Green Bay					7	6	0	.538	30	Los Angeles					7	6	0	.538	30
Houston					7	6	0	.538	30	Minnesota					7	6	0	.538	30
Indianapolis					7	6	0	.538	30	New England					7	6	0	.538	30
Los Angeles					7	6	0	.538	30	New York Jets					7	6	0	.538	30
Minnesota					7	6	0	.538	30	Oakland					7	6	0	.538	30
New England					7	6	0	.538	30	Pittsburgh					7	6	0	.538	30
New York Jets					7	6	0	.538	30	San Diego					7	6	0	.538	30
Oakland					7	6	0	.538	30	San Francisco					7	6	0	.538	30
Pittsburgh					7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle					7	6	0	.538	30
San Diego					7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle					7	6	0	.538	30
San Francisco					7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle					7	6	0	.538	30
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Atlanta					10	3	0	.769	21	Buffalo					9	4	1	.688	24
Baltimore					9	4	1	.688	24	Cincinnati					8	5	0	.615	27
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Denver					7	6	0	.538	30	Houston					7	6	0	.538	30
Detroit					7	6	0	.538	30	Indianapolis					7	6	0	.538	30
Green Bay					7	6	0	.538	30	Los Angeles					7	6	0	.538	30
Houston					7	6	0	.538	30	Minnesota					7	6	0	.538	30
Indianapolis					7	6	0	.538	30	New England					7	6	0	.538	30
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Minnesota					7	6	0	.538	30	Oakland					7	6	0	.538	30
New England					7	6	0	.538	30	Pittsburgh					7	6	0	.538	30
New York Jets					7	6	0	.538	30	San Diego					7	6	0	.538	30
Oakland					7	6	0	.538	30	San Francisco					7	6	0	.538	30
Pittsburgh					7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle					7	6	0	.538	30
San Diego					7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle					7	6	0	.538	30
San Francisco					7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle					7	6	0	.538	30
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Baltimore					9	4	1	.688	24	Cincinnati					8	5	0	.615	27
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Detroit					7	6	0	.538	30	Indianapolis					7	6	0	.538	30
Green Bay					7	6	0	.538	30	Los Angeles					7	6	0	.538	30
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Indianapolis					7	6	0	.538	30	New England					7	6	0	.538	30
Los Angeles					7	6	0	.538	30	New York Jets					7	6	0	.538	30
Minnesota					7	6	0	.538	30	Oakland					7	6	0	.538	30
New England					7	6	0	.538	30	Pittsburgh					7	6	0	.538	30
New York Jets					7	6	0	.538	30	San Diego					7	6	0	.538	30
Oakland					7	6	0	.538	30	San Francisco					7	6	0	.538	30
Pittsburgh					7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle					7	6	0	.538	30
San Diego					7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle					7	6	0	.538	30
San Francisco					7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle					7	6	0	.538	30
Seattle					7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle					7	6	0	.538	30
Seattle					7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle					7	6	0	.538	30

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Atlanta					10	3	0	.769	21	Buffalo					9	4	1	.688	24
Baltimore					9	4	1	.688	24	Cincinnati					8	5	0	.615	27
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Carolina					8	5	0	.615	27	Dallas					7	6	0	.538	30
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Dallas					7	6	0	.538	30	Green Bay					7	6	0	.538	30
Denver					7	6	0	.538	30	Houston					7	6	0	.538	30
Detroit					7	6	0	.538	30	Indianapolis					7	6	0	.538	30
Green Bay					7	6	0	.538	30	Los Angeles					7	6	0	.538	30
Houston					7	6	0	.538	30	Minnesota					7	6	0	.538	30
Indianapolis					7	6	0	.538	30	New England					7	6	0	.538	30
Los Angeles					7	6	0	.538	30	New York Jets					7	6	0	.538	30
Minnesota					7	6	0	.538	30	Oakland					7	6	0	.538	30
New England					7	6	0	.538	30	Pittsburgh					7	6	0	.538	30
New York Jets					7	6	0	.538	30	San Diego					7	6	0	.538	30
Oakland					7	6	0	.538	30										

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Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PA	Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PA
AFC											
Atlanta	10	3	0	.769	21	San Diego	10	3	0	.769	21
Baltimore	9	4	1	.688	24	Seattle	9	4	1	.688	24
Buffalo	9	4	1	.688	24	San Francisco	9	4	1	.688	24
Carolina	8	5	0	.615	27	Los Angeles	8	5	0	.615	27
Cincinnati	8	5	0	.615	27	San Jose	8	5	0	.615	27
Cleveland	7	6	0	.538	30	San Francisco	7	6	0	.538	30
Dallas	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
Denver	7	6	0	.538	30	San Francisco	7	6	0	.538	30
Detroit	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
Green Bay	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
Houston	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
Indianapolis	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
Los Angeles	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
Minnesota	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
New England	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
New York Jets	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
Oakland	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
Pittsburgh	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
San Diego	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
San Francisco	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30

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Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PA	Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PA
AFC											
Atlanta	10	3	0	.769	21	San Diego	10	3	0	.769	21
Baltimore	9	4	1	.688	24	Seattle	9	4	1	.688	24
Buffalo	9	4	1	.688	24	San Francisco	9	4	1	.688	24
Carolina	8	5	0	.615	27	Los Angeles	8	5	0	.615	27
Cincinnati	8	5	0	.615	27	San Jose	8	5	0	.615	27
Cleveland	7	6	0	.538	30	San Francisco	7	6	0	.538	30
Dallas	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
Denver	7	6	0	.538	30	San Francisco	7	6	0	.538	30
Detroit	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
Green Bay	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
Houston	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
Indianapolis	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
Los Angeles	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
Minnesota	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
New England	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
New York Jets	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
Oakland	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
Pittsburgh	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
San Diego	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
San Francisco	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30

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Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PA	Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PA
AFC											
Atlanta	10	3	0	.769	21	San Diego	10	3	0	.769	21
Baltimore	9	4	1	.688	24	Seattle	9	4	1	.688	24
Buffalo	9	4	1	.688	24	San Francisco	9	4	1	.688	24
Carolina	8	5	0	.615	27	Los Angeles	8	5	0	.615	27
Cincinnati	8	5	0	.615	27	San Jose	8	5	0	.615	27
Cleveland	7	6	0	.538	30	San Francisco	7	6	0	.538	30
Dallas	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
Denver	7	6	0	.538	30	San Francisco	7	6	0	.538	30
Detroit	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
Green Bay	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
Houston	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
Indianapolis	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
Los Angeles	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
Minnesota	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
New England	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
New York Jets	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
Oakland	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
Pittsburgh	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
San Diego	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
San Francisco	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30

NFL											
Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PA	Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PA
AFC											
Atlanta	10	3	0	.769	21	San Diego	10	3	0	.769	21
Baltimore	9	4	1	.688	24	Seattle	9	4	1	.688	24
Buffalo	9	4	1	.688	24	San Francisco	9	4	1	.688	24
Carolina	8	5	0	.615	27	Los Angeles	8	5	0	.615	27
Cincinnati	8	5	0	.615	27	San Jose	8	5	0	.615	27
Cleveland	7	6	0	.538	30	San Francisco	7	6	0	.538	30
Dallas	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
Denver	7	6	0	.538	30	San Francisco	7	6	0	.538	30
Detroit	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
Green Bay	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
Houston	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
Indianapolis	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
Los Angeles	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
Minnesota	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
New England	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
New York Jets	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
Oakland	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
Pittsburgh	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
San Diego	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
San Francisco	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30

NBA											
Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PA	Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PA
AFC											
Atlanta	10	3	0	.769	21	San Diego	10	3	0	.769	21
Baltimore	9	4	1	.688	24	Seattle	9	4	1	.688	24
Buffalo	9	4	1	.688	24	San Francisco	9	4	1	.688	24
Carolina	8	5	0	.615	27	Los Angeles	8	5	0	.615	27
Cincinnati	8	5	0	.615	27	San Jose	8	5	0	.615	27
Cleveland	7	6	0	.538	30	San Francisco	7	6	0	.538	30
Dallas	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
Denver	7	6	0	.538	30	San Francisco	7	6	0	.538	30
Detroit	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
Green Bay	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
Houston	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
Indianapolis	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
Los Angeles	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
Minnesota	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
New England	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
New York Jets	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
Oakland	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
Pittsburgh	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
San Diego	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
San Francisco	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30

NFL											
Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PA	Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PA
AFC											
Atlanta	10	3	0	.769	21	San Diego	10	3	0	.769	21
Baltimore	9	4	1	.688	24	Seattle	9	4	1	.688	24
Buffalo	9	4	1	.688	24	San Francisco	9	4	1	.688	24
Carolina	8	5	0	.615	27	Los Angeles	8	5	0	.615	27
Cincinnati	8	5	0	.615	27	San Jose	8	5	0	.615	27
Cleveland	7	6	0	.538	30	San Francisco	7	6	0	.538	30
Dallas	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
Denver	7	6	0	.538	30	San Francisco	7	6	0	.538	30
Detroit	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
Green Bay	7	6	0	.538	30	Seattle	7	6	0	.538	30
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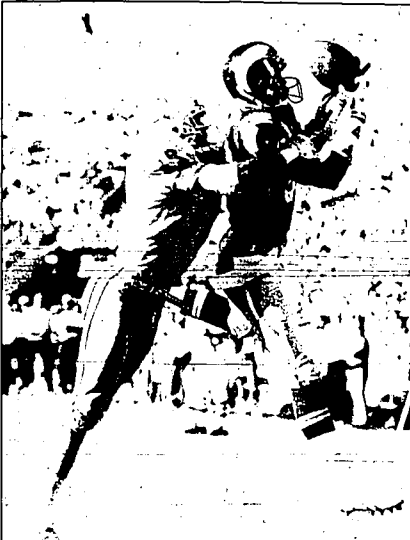
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Is it a catch? Yes, Rams wideout Jessie Hester, right, manages to pull this pass in, despite Tampa Bay's Martin Mayhew efforts, for a touchdown, but the Bucs won in the end, 24-14.

49ers demolish Chargers, 38-15, in battle of top California teams

Los Angeles Times

SAN DIEGO — As Deion Sanders strutted and smiled over the final third of his 90-yard interception return Sunday, the San Diego Chargers gawked at it watching a ghost.

Two months ago that was them. Unbeaten after six games, dancing through the National Football League amid dreams of Super Bowls and shoe commercials.

But their gain has changed. That became evident Sunday after they suffered their worst beating in nearly two years, a 38-15 loss to a San Francisco 49er team that was supposed to be their equal.

Where once they were skipping, now they are stumbling.

"Everybody keeps saying we just need one win to get into the playoffs... one win, one win, one win," said Stanley Richard in the quiet Chargers locker room. "You start to wonder, when are we going to get that win? Are we going to get that win?"

Potential playoff matchup? This wouldn't have even qualified as a good exhibition match.

With one minute left in the first half, the 49ers were leading by three touchdowns. They had outgained the Chargers, 223-75.

That the 49er defense snatched through the rest of the game did little to refute the notion that these teams from different planets.

With a victory against the Denver Broncos next week, San Francisco will clinch home-field advantage throughout the NFL playoffs.

The 49ers are playing so well that shortly after tying Joe Montana's club record with his 31st touchdown pass of the season, quarterback Steve Young scooped the team for not beating the Chargers worse. This is even though they had just won their ninth consecutive game while outscoring opponents, 322-146.

"We can't just throw our jocks out there and win," said Young, who threw for 304 yards and two touchdowns and no interceptions. "We need to be mean and nasty."

The Chargers have lost five of their last eight games, and have just two remaining chances to clinch the AFC West Division title without help from the Los Angeles Raiders or Kansas City Chiefs.

That would not make the playoffs seem unfathomable. But if they can't defeat the New York Jets in East Rutherford, N.J., next week, or the Pittsburgh Steelers at home in the season finale on Christmas Eve, the Chargers could need help.

"Maybe we should go back and look at some film of some of our earlier games," Richard said. "Man, that seems like a long time ago."

By the end of this game, the first quarter seemed like a long time ago. That was when the Chargers made the mistake that has typified not just this game, but the second half of their season.

After holding the 49ers on their first possession, the Chargers used Natrene Means' barrel legs and Stan Humphries' slant passes to drive 48 yards to the 49er 31-yard line.

Once there, with the Jack Murphy Stadium sellout crowd of 62,105 roaring, they went for a first down on fourth and eight. But they never had a chance.

Chris Whitley, a backup guard working on the injury-battered offensive line, pulled to the right when he should have pulled to the left. Tim Harris, the 49ers' designated pass rusher, ran through the open hole and pulled down Humphries before he even had a chance to set up.

The sack was worth nine yards and possession of the ball. About six minutes later, the 49ers turned it into a touchdown after Young found Brent Jones open for a 10-yard scoring pass. The game was never again close.

Steelers ground Eagles, 14-3

Knight-Ridder News Service

PITTSBURGH — Team president Harry Gamble, a tactful man in the most dire of circumstances, was losing it. After the Philadelphia Eagles had been defeated by the Pittsburgh Steelers, 14-3, in a game filled with mercy-kills and embarrassment, Gamble stood in the bowels of Three Rivers Stadium, shouting at his coaching staff.

"This is your job!" Gamble yelled, while team owner Jeffrey Lurie watched dejectedly. "You've got to get this team back up!"

Then the door to the coaches' office slammed shut. It remained closed until the team bus left more than 30 minutes later.

Time is running out on the Eagles' 1994 season. Once 7-2 and riding into the postseason, Philadelphia is now 7-7, a 500 ball club that will miss the playoffs if it loses to the New York Giants next week.

For many players in the locker room Sunday, the loss to the Steelers (11-3) was incalculable — almost an afterthought for a team that was trying to find its way.

"There is a lot of frustration throughout our whole team," said Randall Cunningham, who had his worst day as a pro. "Up to this point, it hasn't affected the way guys are playing. But now it's just a hurting feeling inside that you can't even put four points on the board. It's terrible."

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Knight-Ridder News Service

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — If the Minnesota Vikings gave a game ball to every guy who made a big play in their 21-17 victory over the Buffalo Bills on Sunday at Rich Stadium, they would have to retool before they could start practice Monday.

The recipients surely would include:

- Kicker Fred Reveiz, who ignored the tricky swirling winds and made five field goals to break his team record by extending his streak to 22 in a row;
- Quarterback Warren Moon, who completed 21 of 34 passes for 261 yards and became the first Vikings quarterback to throw for 3,000 yards in a season en route to his first victory in six tries in Buffalo;
- Wide receiver Chris Carter, whose nine catches for 111 yards put him one reception from Sterling Sharpe's single-season record of 112. Carter's biggest catch came on a third-and-10 at the Bills' 34. He caught the ball at the 5-yard line and ran 12 yards to help the Vikings continue a drive that ended

with Reveiz's fifth field goal. That field goal bumped the Vikings' lead to 21-17 and forced the Bills to go for a touchdown on their last drive.

Linebacker Jack Del Rio, whose interception late in the third quarter proved to be the spark the Vikings needed. It was the Bills' only turnover of the day, and it led to the Vikings' only touchdown.

Wide receiver Oduy Ismail, who took a huge blind-side hit from safety Kurt Scholz midway through the second quarter and returned in time to haul in a key 22-yard pass over the middle from Moon on a third-and-seven at the Bills' 24 early in the fourth quarter.

Running back Terry Allen, who rushed for 90 yards in 25 carries, including a 1-yard touchdown run that gave the Vikings the lead for good at 18-17 with 9:44 left in the fourth quarter. True, Allen fumbled with 1:30 left to give the Bills one more chance, but...

Defensive tackles John Randle and Hene Thomas sacked Jim Kelly and broke back on the final series to squelch the Bills. Randle sacked Kelly

Hot teams continue the drive to the playoffs

NFL roundup

Giants 27, Bengals 20
The Giants snapped a four-game home losing streak, but only after blowing a 10-point lead in the fourth quarter.

The Bengals (2-12) tied the score at 20 with 1:47 left on Doug Pelfrey's 30-yard field goal after Adrian Hardy blocked Mike Horan's punt. Before that, the Bengals' Jeff Blake hit Carl Pickens with a 3-yard TD pass to make it 20-17.

On the winning drive, Dave Brown completed three passes to the Bengals' 25 before Corey Sawyer was called for pass interference on Mike Sherman at the 3. Hampton scored on the next play.

Buccaneers 24, Rams 14

At Tampa, Fla., Erickson threw for 231 yards, Wilson had 176 of those yards on just four catches and Ernie Rhee ran for 119 yards and a TD. Wilson's 44-yard TD catch came after Charles McRae blocked what would have been a game-tying 48-yard field goal by Tony Zendejas with 1:31 to go. Tampa Bay last won three in a row in the strike-shortened 1982 season when the Bucs had their last winning record and qualified for the playoffs. The Rams are 4-10.

Patriots 28, Colts 13

Despite four interceptions, Bledsoe completed 25 of 45 passes for 277 yards to push the Pats closer to their first playoff berth since 1986, also the last time they won five in a row. Ron Buchanan had his third interception return for a TD in five games, going 90 yards to stake the Colts (6-8) to a 10-0 lead. But Bledsoe came back with TD passes of 9 yards to Leroy Thompson and 6 yards to Ben Coates and Marion Butts scored from a yard out for a 21-10 lead.

The Pats held Marshall Faulk, the AFC's No. 3 rusher, to 50 yards on 17 carries.

The Redskins (4-12) had taken a 15-14 lead with 2:54 left on Chip Lohmiller's third field goal, a 21-yarder.

Jay Schroeder, who had a 27-yard TD pass to Ricky Proehl in the first period, was 16 of 25 for 216 yards. Heath Shuler was 16 of 27 for 286 yards, including a 52-yard TD pass to Henry Hland, who had eight catches for 191 yards.

Packers 40, Bears 3
Chicago (8-6) never had a chance as Brett Favre threw three 118s — two to Sterling Sharpe — and Chris Jacke added four field goals and the Packers (7-7) won their ninth straight game at Lambeau Field.

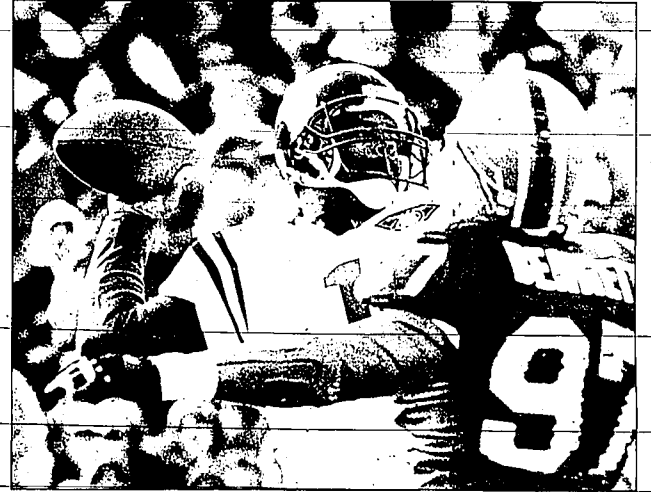
The Bears lost their 14th straight December road game, a streak that dates to Dec. 7, 1987.

Favre completed 19 of 31 passes for 250 yards and Edgall Bennett had 106 yards on 22 carries as the Packers snapped a three-game losing streak and kept their playoff hopes alive.

Saints 29, Falcons 20
At Atlanta, Jim Everett passed for two touchdowns and Morten Andersen kicked five field goals, leaving both teams 6-8 and with slim playoff chances.

The Saints continued their mastery in this series by beating the Falcons for the 33rd time in their last 17 meetings, including the last three and eight of the last nine in Atlanta.

The Cardinals 17, Redskins 15
At Tempe, Ariz., Greg Davis kicked a 27-yard field goal on the last play of the game to keep Arizona (7-7) alive in the playoffs.



Vikings quarterback Warren Moon cocks his arm and looks downfield to find a receiver while Bills linebacker Cornelius Bennett (97) applies the rush in the first half of Minnesota's 21-17 win Sunday.

Vikings turn big plays to steal victory from Bills at home, 21-17

Knight-Ridder News Service

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — If the Minnesota Vikings gave a game ball to every guy who made a big play in their 21-17 victory over the Buffalo Bills on Sunday at Rich Stadium, they would have to retool before they could start practice Monday.

The recipients surely would include:

- Kicker Fred Reveiz, who ignored the tricky swirling winds and made five field goals to break his team record by extending his streak to 22 in a row;
- Quarterback Warren Moon, who completed 21 of 34 passes for 261 yards and became the first Vikings quarterback to throw for 3,000 yards in a season en route to his first victory in six tries in Buffalo;
- Wide receiver Chris Carter, whose nine catches for 111 yards put him one reception from Sterling Sharpe's single-season record of 112. Carter's biggest catch came on a third-and-10 at the Bills' 34. He caught the ball at the 5-yard line and ran 12 yards to help the Vikings continue a drive that ended

with Reveiz's fifth field goal. That field goal bumped the Vikings' lead to 21-17 and forced the Bills to go for a touchdown on their last drive.

Linebacker Jack Del Rio, whose interception late in the third quarter proved to be the spark the Vikings needed. It was the Bills' only turnover of the day, and it led to the Vikings' only touchdown.

Wide receiver Oduy Ismail, who took a huge blind-side hit from safety Kurt Scholz midway through the second quarter and returned in time to haul in a key 22-yard pass over the middle from Moon on a third-and-seven at the Bills' 24 early in the fourth quarter.

Running back Terry Allen, who rushed for 90 yards in 25 carries, including a 1-yard touchdown run that gave the Vikings the lead for good at 18-17 with 9:44 left in the fourth quarter. True, Allen fumbled with 1:30 left to give the Bills one more chance, but...

Defensive tackles John Randle and Hene Thomas sacked Jim Kelly and broke back on the final series to squelch the Bills. Randle sacked Kelly

on the first play of the drive. Then Thomas hit Kelly and knocked him out of the game with sprained ligaments in his left knee on a play that enraged Bills defensive end Bruce Smith, who later said the Vikings' defense takes cheap shots. Reich came in and moved the Bills from their 20 to the Vikings' 39, where Thomas sacked him for an 11-yard loss.

As a result of all that, the Vikings won their second straight game to improve to 9-5 and increase their lead in the NFC Central Division to one game over the Detroit Lions, whom they will visit Saturday. Buffalo slipped to 7-7, and the four-time defending AFC champions are on the verge of playoff elimination.

"We're very proud of our effort," Vikings coach Dennis Green said. "I think the big thing was, it was a solid game for us. We're in first place. I think it's been understated. I haven't heard it said one time — but we had the third-best record in the NFC going into this ballgame. That's not easy to do. It's tough. But we're proud of the nine wins."

Cornerback Rod Woodson, tight end Eric Green and running back Bam Morris were all injured in Pittsburgh's 14-3 win over the Eagles. Running back Barry Foster was already out of the lineup with a back injury sustained two weeks ago.

Dolphins eye good spot for the postseason

Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel

DAVIE, Fla. — The Miami Dolphins have no chance to clinch a playoff berth Monday night when they take on the Kansas City Chiefs at Joe Robbie Stadium. But their prospects for winning the AFC East and perhaps getting the No. 2 seed in the conference increased as both Buffalo and San Diego lost Sunday.

The Dolphins' opportunity to qualify for the playoffs was put on hold when the Los Angeles Raiders defeated Denver, 23-13. The Raiders (8-6) still can finish with a better record than the Dolphins in the battle for a wild-card spot.

The Dolphins control their own destiny because they can clinch a playoff spot and the AFC East title with two victories in their final three games.

The Dolphins (8-5) can stretch their division lead to two games over the third-place Bills, who fell to 7-7 with a 21-17 loss to Minnesota on Sunday. That would mean that a win by the Dolphins or a loss by Buffalo, which holds the tiebreaker advantage over the Dolphins, would clinch the AFC East over the Bills.

Second-place New England (8-6) moving to within a half-game of the Dolphins with a 24-13 over Indianapolis, but Miami swept the Patriots this season and holds the tiebreaker advantage. The Dolphins' any combination of victories and/or

New England losses that add up to two to clinch the division over the Patriots. After tonight, the Dolphins travel to Indianapolis next Sunday and then finish the season at home against Detroit on Christmas Day night.

A division title would be the Dolphins second in the past three years and would be under strangely similar circumstances, to 1992, when they won the division before eventually losing at home to Buffalo in the AFC title game.

"We were 8-5 when I was a rookie and we did fine," said defensive end Marco Coleman, referring to 1992. "We did pretty good then, so there's no need to worry."

The Dolphins are in a situation where a win can improve their situation considerably. However, over the past two seasons, the Dolphins have had their problems taking advantage of such property. Last season, they only needed to win one of their final five games to qualify for the playoffs, but lost each one. Last week, they had a chance to all but knock the Bills out of the playoff picture, but turned a 17-7 lead into a 42-31 defeat by allowing 35 points in the second half.

The biggest thing the Dolphins can do is move ahead of San Diego for the No. 2 spot in the AFC because the Chargers were defeated by San Francisco 38-15. The top two seeds receive a bye and the home-field advantage in their first playoff games.

Jim Elway never made it on the field and John Kelly had to be carted off it Sunday.

Two of the NFL's premier quarterbacks can be found on the injured list. Elway didn't play for Denver in a 23-12 loss to the Raiders because of a strained muscle in his knee. Kelly sprained ligaments in his left knee with 1:10 remaining in Buffalo's 21-17 loss to Minnesota.

Kelly will undergo an MRI on Monday before the Bills determine his availability for the rest of the season.

"I heard him moaning," center Kent Hull said. "You learn that moan after 12 years. You know somebody's hurt."

Some of the Bills thought defensive tackle Henry Thomas deliberately hit Kelly in the knee.

"I truly believe that's the type of tackle that is taught by the defensive line coach for the Vikings (John Teerlinck)," Bills defensive end Bruce Smith said. "That was blatant."

When the day began, Elway had missed only six games because of injury in his 12-year NFL career. Hugh Minell filled in as the Broncos lost and dropped to 7-7. Denver also was missing starting safety Steve Atwater because of a strained hamstring, and they lost leading rusher Leonard Russell in the second quarter because of a pinched nerve in the left side of his neck.

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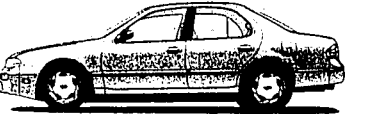


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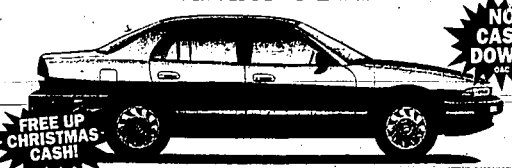
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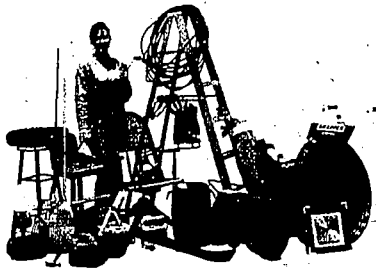
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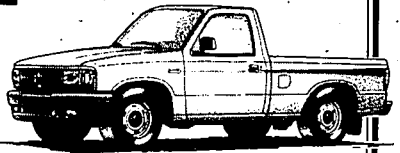
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Every bridge player should be excused if he misplays today's trump combination once in his lifetime. If he does it more than once, perhaps he should try his hand at gin rummy.

Dummy covers West's heart 10 and East's ace wins. East shifts to a club. South wins his ace and it's time to draw trumps. How should South proceed?

This trump combination is sometimes mistaken for one in which declarer has the 10 in addition to the nine. In that case, the correct play is to first lead to the hand with two high honors. If a defender discards, declarer can then finesse in either direction to pick up the suit.

In today's layout, with both the jack and 10 at large, the only danger of losing a trump trick lies with a 4-0 break. If East has all four trumps, nothing can be done. However, if West has them, it will be fatal to lead the first trump to one of dummy's honors.

The correct play is to first cash the high honor from the hand with only one honor (in today's case, the ace). When East discards to expose the position, South can finesse twice against West to pick up the suit without loss.

NORTH
♠ K Q 8 2
♥ K Q J 4
♦ A J 10
♣ 6 3

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

EAST
♠ A 6 5 2
♥ 7 6 5 3
♦ Q 9 8 7 5
♣ A K J

SOUTH
♠ A 9 7 6 5
♥ 8 3
♦ K Q 9
♣ A K J

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass
4 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass
4 ♠ Pass 4 NT Pass
5 ♥ Pass 6 ♠ All pass

Opening lead: Heart 10

LEAD WITH THE ACES

South holds:

♠ J 5
♥ K 9 7
♦ Q 10 5 2
♣ 8 7 6 2

ANSWER: Diamond deuce.

Against aggressive or confident bidding, attack by leading from strength. Against tentative or eventual bludge, make a passive lead.

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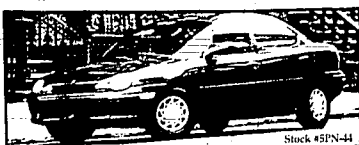
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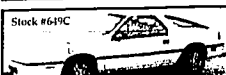
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When the Bears play 8th-graders

It's late October, and I'm watching my son play football. Well, OK, he's not technically playing. He's on the sidelines. No. 85, standing near the coach, looking alert, hoping the coach will notice him and send him in. I'm not so sure this is a good idea, because the other team's players are extremely large.



Dave Barry
Humor

They're supposed to be junior-high students, but if they are, they apparently started junior high later in life, after having played a number of years for the Chicago Bears. They look extremely mature. You can actually see their beards growing. They probably have to shave in the huddle.

In stark contrast, my son's team, the Raiders, consists of normal-sized seventh- and eighth-grade boys, except for player No. 9, Nicole, who is a girl. From a distance, with their helmets and shoulder pads on, the Raiders look big enough, but this illusion is shattered when you see them up close, or when one of their moms walks past, towering over them.

For some reason the Raiders' opponents are always larger. Also they seem more aggressive. They punch each other a lot and spit and sneer and probably eat live chickens on the team bus. Also they're always gathering together and emitting loud menacing unintelligible football roars; whereas the Raiders tend to chat. The Raiders are a more laid-back group. Sometimes they try to make a menacing football roar, but it comes out, sounding halfhearted, like a group throat-clearing.

This is the Raiders' sixth game. So far they've won one; that victory was sealed when the opposing team, in what has proved to be the Raiders' season highlight so far, failed to show up. The Raiders lost all the other games, in large part because — at least this is how I analyze the situation, from a strictly technical standpoint — they have not scored any points. None.

Usually, when the Raiders have the ball, giant five-chicken-eating Chicago Bears knock them down and take it away. Whereas when the opponents have the ball, they give it to one enormous player who cannot possibly be in junior high school because any given one of his calves is larger than a junior high school. This player lumbers toward the plucky Raider defenders, who leap up and latch on to him, one after the other, until the runner is lumbering down the field with what appears to be the entire Raider defensive unit clinging desperately to his body, the whole group looking like some bizarre alien space creature with many extra heads and arms and legs and two really huge calves.

On the sidelines, we grownups yell helpful advice.

"Tackle him!" shouts a Raider coach. "Somebody tackle him! OK? OK? Please?"

"Bite his ankles!" shouts a mom.

Inevitably the Chicago Bears score a

Please see BARRY/D2



This turkey is cooked perfectly, but it could still make you sick if the leftovers aren't handled properly.

Guess who's coming to dinner?

Salmonella, if your Christmas turkey isn't handled with care

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Feeling lucky this Christmas? Then here's what you do:

After dinner, stick what's left of family's turkey on the kitchen counter, half-covered with aluminum foil. Leave the stuffing inside, or better still, put it in the refrigerator in an open container so that whenever anyone gets hungry, he can help himself.

Let guests nibble on the turkey carcass, using their fingers, or suggest they hack off a slice of the bird with the knife you used to dice the celery for the salad. Then sit back and wait. Odds are as high as 1-in-3 that you won't have to wait long.

"About 35 percent of all turkeys and chickens are contaminated with salmonella (bacteria)," said Mary Valentine, food inspector for Public Health District 5. "If you eat one that's undercooked, or other foods that are contaminated with salmonella from the bird, you may get sick."

"Assume it's contaminated with bacteria," said Cheryl Juntunen, director of the public health district. "We've been assuming the same thing about pork for years. It's the only safe way."

Salmonella, the most common form of bacterial-caused gastrointestinal disease, is more prevalent during the holidays, Valentine said, because more people are eating turkey and chicken and drinking homemade eggnog made from salmonella-tainted eggs.

"Most people get it at home because they don't know how to handle poultry," she said. "We've had good success with restaurants, getting them to color-code cutting boards and separate knives."

If you've never been introduced to salmonella, pass up the privilege. It's 72

Some common food-borne illnesses

Salmonella

The culprit: Salmonella

Symptoms: Onset: 6-72 hours, abdominal pain, diarrhea, chills, fever, nausea, vomiting, malaise. (Duration: several days)

Foods often implicated: Meat, poultry, eggs and egg products, other suspects foods.

Control measures: Proper cooking temperatures of meat, poultry and eggs; prompt refrigeration of food; handwashing before and after food preparation; proper cooking of eggs and egg products.

Viral gastroenteritis

The culprit: Norwalk agents, rotaviruses.

Symptoms: Onset: 5-72 hours, fever, malaise, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, diarrhea. (Duration: 1-2 days)

Foods often implicated: Clams,

oysters, any food handled by infected food handlers.

Control measures: Careful handwashing; use of gloves when handling food; avoid raw oysters, clams and other shellfish from polluted waters; proper food handling and storage.

Perfringens gastroenteritis

The culprit: Clostridium perfringens

Symptoms: Onset: 6-24 hours, most cases have watery diarrhea with nausea, intestinal cramps, a few cases have high fever or vomiting. (Duration: a week or less)

Foods often implicated: Cooked meat or poultry, gravy, stew, meat pies.

Control measures: Proper cooking and storage of foods, especially meat and meat gravies prepared in bulk (clostridium perfringens is destroyed by cooking but spores are generally

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hours of abdominal cramps, diarrhea, chills, fever and vomiting accompanied a nauseous sensation that's been likened to standing at the rail on the pitching deck of a garbage scow in rough seas.

"We always seem to have some of it," Juntunen said. "253/Whether it's a more prevalent than it used to be, I really don't know. You know as much about what goes on in poultry plants as I do."

Critics of the federal Department of Agriculture, which is responsible for inspecting poultry plants, say as many as half the chicken carcasses they produce are contaminated with salmonella bacteria during the slaughtering process.

"The reality is that you just can't eat raw or undercooked chicken any more,"

Juntunen said. "But if you handle a chicken the right way, you won't get sick."

Poultry handling begins and ends with the understanding that the inside of a turkey or a chicken is just about the favorite place in the whole world for a salmonella bacterium. Add a pound or two of stuffing, and it's a microbe heaven.

"Bacteria thrive in protein buses," explained Janet Paul, a Twin Falls registered dietitian. "That's why you have to get the oven hot enough (at least 325 degrees) to kill the bacteria and you need to leave it there long enough."

"A lot of people take the turkey out of the freezer the day before and find out on Christmas morning that it's still

frozen," Valentine said. "It's like a bowling ball sitting there on the counter."

That's the first mistake, Paul said. Turkeys and chickens must be thawed slowly and thoroughly — either inside the refrigerator or in a microwave oven, following directions.

"If it sits on the counter, when it starts to melt those juices are going to run everywhere," Valentine said. "So instead of a contaminated bird, now everything those juices touch is going to be contaminated."

Whatever those juices touch needs to be scrubbed with detergent or bleach, she said. "I think the biggest mistake people make is that when it comes time to cut the turkey, they use the same knife they've used to make the salad," Juntunen said. "That's just about the worst thing you can do."

Since most cooks don't have a meat thermometer, Valentine said, a meat thermometer is essential. Paul said, "A turkey should be at least 180 degrees Fahrenheit," she said. "A chicken at least 170 Fahrenheit, and if you're cooking stuffing it needs to be at least 165 degrees. It's a big mistake to think that because the company's here, then the turkey must be done."

A turkey that's not in the oven or on the table belongs in the refrigerator, Paul said.

"There are a lot of foodborne illnesses that have been caused by just letting it sit on the counter and cool down."

"If you get sick, you're probably going to spend a day or two in bed, drinking a lot of fluids. If you're stricken, call your doctor. Although salmonella deaths are rare, they're not unheard of."

Salmonella bacteria is all over the place," Juntunen said. "But it's not hard to avoid getting sick if you take some precautions."

Inside

To do for you

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Looking good

Holiday wear heats up

Dallas Morning News

It's not quite disco fever. But holiday fashion is running a temperature.

All the symptoms are there: heart-stopping little dresses, colors that flash from hot pink to cold white and shimmery fabrics that send a shiver down the spine.

The robust colors, rebellious attitude and feisty sex appeal of these nighttime clothes signal that fashion has regained its healthy sense of irreverence. To the proper little black dress, we say, rest in peace.

Just enough time has passed from the days of discomania to make the saturated satin shirts, the slick polyesters and the rock-star-tacky glitter shirts become irresistible temptations. The style is fresh to those who don't remember



Model Naomi Campbell presents a white and black dress from designer Bill Blass at a New York fashion show last spring.

AP photo

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Health notes

A HEARTY WORKOUT: Couch potatoes take note: The heart-protecting enzyme TPA rises with exercise — a finding that may help to explain why exercisers are less likely to have heart attacks. Similarly, levels of a substance that renders the enzyme inactive are higher in non-exercisers, according to a study of men age 26-43 reported in the American Physiology Society's Journal of Applied Physiology. TPA, tissue plasminogen activator, is produced by the inner lining of blood vessels and breaks up clots in the bloodstream. Genetically engineered TPA is used as medicine for heart attack victims.

SCRATCHING THEIR HEAD: Men, you can be such flakes. A survey of people with dandruff conducted by the ICR Survey Research Group of Pennsylvania found that half of about 700 people questioned worried about how others reacted to their dandruff. Men worried more than women — 58 percent to 48 percent. The survey was done for Janssen Pharmaceutica, maker of the prescription anti-dandruff shampoo Nizoral.

WATCH OUT, GUYS: A study of 1,376 women aged 18-49 done for Self magazine found that a surprisingly high 8 percent are regular weightlifters.

THE CLOT THICKENS: Long-distance travelers can prevent blood clots like former Vice President Dan Quayle had by doing a few quick exercises, doctors say. Doctors say the blood clots that

formed in Quayle's right lung probably were caused from sitting for long stretches on airplanes. The actual risk of blood clot in healthy travelers is small, says Philip Bendick, director of the vascular laboratory at William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, Mich. Blood clots are clumps of blood that pool, usually in the leg, then break off into the blood stream, often lodging in the lung. Large clots, or emboli, can be life-threatening.

A VERY SCARY WARNING: Drug-resistant strains of tuberculosis are spreading rapidly because of improper use of existing drugs and the failure to develop new ones, the World Health Organization says. Tuberculosis kills three million people annually, more than all other infectious diseases combined. New drug-resistant strains threaten to make it completely incurable and WHO expects the annual death toll to grow to 3.5 million within five years.

ORAL WARNING: Women who have taken oral contraceptives are much more likely to contract a rare type of cervical cancer. So say American researchers, reporting in the British medical journal Lancet. But don't be frightened if you're taking the pill, family planning experts urge. They stress that the form of cancer, adenocarcinoma of the cervix, is very rare.

Compiled from wire reports

Illnesses

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heat-resistant and able to withstand prolonged boiling)

Staphylococcus intoxication

The culprit: Staphylococcus aureus, enterotoxin, Toxins A-F.
Symptoms: Onset 30 minutes-7 hours, sudden onset of nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal cramps, dehydration. (Duration: 1-2 days)
Foods often implicated: Cooked ham, meat, poultry, sausages and gravies, egg and dairy products.
Control measures: Prompt refrigeration of foods; sanitary food handling; food handlers with infected wounds or burns should not handle foods (toxins are generally heat stable and not inactivated by reheating/cooking)

Bacillus cereus food poisoning

The culprit: Bacillus cereus, 2 enterotoxins.
Symptoms: Onset: 1-6 hours, vomiting, occasionally diarrhea.
Foods often implicated: Boiled and fried rice, salads, high-protein leftovers, custards, cereals, pudding, sauces, soups, meat.
Control measures: Sanitary food handling; proper cooking and storage of foods (B. cereus spores are not killed during cooking and germinate when left unrefrigerated, brief warming or flash-frying with not destroy toxins)

Campylobacteriosis

The culprit: Campylobacter jejuni.
Symptoms: Onset 2-10, abdominal pain, often severe bloody diarrhea with foul-smelling loose stools; headache, malaise, fever. (Duration: 1-7 days)
Foods often implicated: Handling raw poultry, raw milk, raw beef and liver.
Control measures: Avoid cross-contamination from raw poultry; proper cooking of food from animal sources; pasteurization of milk and milk products; water chlorination; proper food handling, use of plastic disposable gloves.

Hepatitis A

The culprit: Hepatitis A virus
Symptoms: Onset 10-50 days, fever, malaise, lassitude, anorexia, nausea, abdominal cramps, dark urine, jaundice. (Duration: a few weeks to several months)
Foods often implicated: Oysters, clams, sandwiches, any food handled by infected food handlers.

Barry

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touchdown, causing us Raider parents to groan. The Raider cheerleaders, however, remain undaunted. They have a cheer for just this situation. It goes (I am not making this cheer up):
"They made a touchdown!
"But it's all right!"
The Raider cheerleaders remain perky and upbeat no matter what happens in the game. This may be because they wisely refuse to look at the game. They face us parents, going through their routines, happy in their own totally separate cheerleading world. A plane could crash on the field and they might not notice, and even if they did, I bet it wouldn't seriously impact their perkiness ("A plane crashed on the field! But it's all right!")
Of course they have good reason to be cheerful. They're in no danger of being converted into gridiron roadkill by the Chicago Bears. My son, on the other hand, is...
MY SON IS GOING INTO THE GAME.
The coach is telling him something. I hope it's good advice (such as "Tennis is a much safer sport"). And now No. 85 is trotting onto the field; and now he's taking his position on the Raider defensive line; and now both teams are lined up; and now my son is crouching down in his stance, ready to spring forward and...

THERE HE GOES! GET 'EM, ROBB! STICK YOUR HELMET COMPLETELY THROUGH SOME BIG FAT CHICAGO BEAR'S

Control measures: Careful hand-washing is the single most effective control measure.

Serobotoxin intoxication

The culprit: Serobotoxin
Symptoms: Onset 1 minute-3 hours, flushing, headache, dizziness, burning of mouth and throat, upper and lower gastrointestinal symptoms and generalized pruritis.
Foods often implicated: Scombroid fish, mahi-mahi, tuna, bonito, mackerel, bluefish, skipjack.
Control measures: Prompt refrigeration of fish soon after capture; maintain cold temperatures until fish is cooked; be wary of fish with sharp, metallic or peppery taste.

Shigellosis

The culprit: S. sonnei, S. flexneri, S. dysenteriae and S. boydii bacteria.
Symptoms: Onset 1-7, abdominal pain, fever, bloody, mucoid or purulent stools, tenesmus, pain on defecation.
Foods often implicated: Moist mixed foods, salads, milk, beans, any food handled by infected food handlers.
Control measures: Careful hand-washing is the single most effective control measure.

Escherichia coli diarrhea

The culprit: E. coli, generally 0157:H7
Symptoms: Onset, 12 hours-9 days, bloody diarrhea, hemolytic-uremic syndrome, vomiting, dehydration, shock. (Duration: 2-9 days)
Foods often implicated: Generally beef or raw milk.
Control measures: Prompt refrigeration of foods; proper cooking and reheating of food, especially red meats; good personal hygiene, proper sewage disposal.

B-hemolytic streptococcal infection

The culprit: Streptococcus pyogenes.
Symptoms: Onset: 1-3 days, sore throat, painful swallowing, high fever, vomiting, malaise, occasionally a rash.
Foods often implicated: Milk, eggs and egg products; shrimp and tuna.
Control measures: Prompt refrigeration of foods; proper cooking of foods; pasteurization of milk.

—Source: Idaho Department of Health and Welfare

Research focuses on breast cancer

Chicago Tribune

Injecting women with a safe radioactive tracer that makes breast cancers light up when scanned with a nuclear medicine detector could prevent most unnecessary breast biopsies and save hundreds of millions of dollars a year in health care costs, researchers said at the annual meeting of the Radiological Society of North America. The experimental technique, now being tested at 50 U.S. hospitals, was able to tell with greater than 90 percent accuracy whether a breast lump or suspicious finding on a mammogram was cancerous or not in 147 patients.

Fashion

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how the '70s unleashed fashion tragedies (tapels with a measurable wispans). And to those souls who still have a secret, sick passion for that lurid era, it's doubly enticing. "This is the look for everyone who thought David Johansen looked better as a glam rocker in the New York Dolls than he does in his current identity as lounge singer Buster Poindexter.

But even Buster's lizard-lounge tux is the foundation for contemporary dress-up fashion. Imagine crossing the glitter rock costumes with the tuxes of a string quartet. The hybrid would tell you what's happening in fashion now and on into spring.

Odd as it may seem, investing in a key evening wear item now may mean being well-prepared for spring, when the fashion tide continues to swell to colorful, high-shine glamour. A tight, bright stretchy shirt can stand alone under the mistletoe or perk up an Easter Day jacket.

Come spring, look for the tuxedo to emerge from its winter cocoon in pastel colors and luminous satins. For the current season, however, the tuxedo has inspired a multitude of evening looks. The satin ribbon that traditionally stripes formal trousers appears on skirts; dresses and slacks of many variations. The newest dinner suits mix traditional elements such as satin lapels and double-breasted jackets with beading, embroidery, glitter and even hot pants.

Not all of the best evening looks are in top-dollar salons: This is beer-budget luxury, with an attitude. Substitute rhinestones for gems, polyester for silk and Lurex yarn for beading and suddenly evening wear laughs at convention. Slip into something shiny, colorful and bare and see how it incites a penchant to misbehave. Evening wear is, at last, fun. And it only has to look good in the brief flash of a strobe light.

The Chicago Bears, feeling smug, were punching each other and emitting fierce victory grunts. "I BET OUR SAT SCORES ARE HIGHER," I wanted to yell, but of course I did not, as I generally prefer not to have my head stomped into pudding.

Finally the game ended, and even though the Raiders again failed to score any points, we parents were tremendously proud of their efforts. We clapped and cheered with pride as they trotted off the field. They think we're crazy.

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Essentials this holiday season

Dallas Morning News

If you spend the holidays dressed in a heavy cotton sweater knitted with little reindeer and Santas, never mind. The daring fashion crowd will be trolling the stores in search of these essential elements of holiday style:

- Anything glossy — satin, silk, vinyl, metallics, patent leather, Lurex
- Something stretchy or tight — a slim satin skirt or spandex T-shirt
- Bits of bareness — slip dresses, halter tops, cropped T-shirts
- Glitz — rhinestone belts, hair clips, earrings or bracelets
- Bright colors — head-to-toe solid or as an accent
- Tuxedos — or just the satin lapels or side stripes

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the lesson page

Mistakes that runners make

Wasteful movements can drain a runner's energy and slow his pace. Here are common errors runners make and how to correct them:

Overstriding

Do not lunge forward with your feet, but allow a natural stride. Focus on a short, fast arm swing.



Losing downhill control

This may cause injury. Drop your hands, shorten your stride and run with a more erect posture.



Wide arm swings

Keep the palms of your hands turned in and slightly up to help keep your elbows near your sides.



Hunched shoulders

This indicates tension. Shake your shoulders and hands to loosen up and relax.



Landing on your heels

Shorten your stride and increase your lean slightly, landing toward the balls of your feet.



Running on your toes

This indicates you are bouncing too high. Lean forward and lengthen your stride.



SOURCE: The Wellness Guide to Lifelong Fitness, research by PAT CARR

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Here's help for fitting tiny toes

The Washington Post

From baby booties to the first pair of high-tech high-tops, children's shoes should fit properly. According to the pediatric committee of the American Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society, shoes should be comfortable from the start.

Shoes that need to be "broken in" were not properly designed or fitted for your child's foot. Appropriate shoe selection and proper fit can prevent foot problems in the future. Children's feet grow in spurts, and they may need new shoes every three or four months. When shopping for new shoes, always measure both feet; most children have one foot larger than the other. Consideration should also be given to the shoe's materials and construction: babies, toddlers and school-

aged children have different foot-shapes and shoe needs.

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Label name doesn't equal product quality

DEAR PAULA: Aren't the cosmetics created by fashion designers the best products to use?

After all, the designers wouldn't put their names on overrated ingredients — or, claims, would they? By the way, concerning your recommendation of Revlon Lipsticks over Chanel: you were absolutely right and I saved over \$20.

I've read that the ingredient triethanolamine is bad for the skin. Is it something I should be on the look out for?

One more question, I wear vivid, winter colors such as cobalt blue, black, red, and purple. I would like one shade of lipstick that would work well with all of them. Any ideas? — Donna, Yucapia, CA

DEAR DONNA: Where do people get the notion that fashion designers wouldn't put their names on overrated ingredients or cosmetics in general? They put their names on overrated clothing all the time — clothing that often insults women or at the very least doesn't take them seriously, turning them into little more than sex objects. I have reviewed thousands of products with all kinds of designer- and celebrity names on them and a horde of bad ingredients in them. Well, look at the ingredient list and the quality of the product, not the designer name, to find out what you need to know about a what you're buying.



Paula Begoun
Cosmetics Q & A

One of the best shades to complement the vivid wardrobe you describe is a full, true red.

It is a stunning look if you can pull it off. None of the pastel or brown shades for you, that's for sure.

By itself, triethanolamine is not a problem when used in a formaldehyde-type preservative such as Quaternium-15 or 2-bromo-2-nitropane-3 diol, 1.

DEAR PAULA: Why do some companies say that the percentage of Alpha hydroxy acid in their products is a secret while others forthcoming with the amount?

DEAR GAYLENE: To suggest that the amount of AHA in a product is a closely guarded secret is ridiculous.

You can tell from the ingredient list approximately how much AHA is actually being used, so the secret is only in the company's mind and nowhere else.

Besides, if a particular cosmetics company doesn't divulge the amount of AHA in their product but dozens of other companies do, why bother with the one that won't be honest?

Paula Begoun is the author of several books on cosmetics, including her second edition of "Don't Go to the Cosmetics Counter Without Me" (Beginning Press, \$13.95).

Survey: Men worry about dandruff most

The Washington Post

You know the ads. The hunk puts the moves on the pretty girl. She seems to respond and then suddenly catches sight of the telltale snowy speckles on his broad shoulders. Good grief, dandruff. End of attraction. End of romance.

Well, as is so often the way with TV commercials, this may be something of an exaggeration, but a recent survey suggests people believe there must be something to it.

According to a survey of people with dandruff conducted by the ICR Survey Research Group of Pennsylvania, half of about 700 people questioned worried about how others reacted to their dandruff.

Men, as it turned out, worried more than women — 58 percent of the men and 48 percent of the women were concerned about the reaction of others — and were almost as concerned about that reaction as about the condition itself.

Only 11 percent of those surveyed knew that most dandruff conditions — when small bits of dead skin fall from the scalp — are caused by a yeast infection — and only few cases are caused by dry skin, oily hair, stress or poor grooming.

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- Childbirth Class • Tuesdays, December 13 - January 24, 7 - 10 p.m. Preregistration required. To register, call 737-2900.
- Walkers Club • Monday, December 14, 7:30 a.m.; Magic Valley Mall Food Courtyard Area. For information, call the Senior Connection at 737-2065.
- Senior Meal: Christmas Celebration • Sunday, December 18, 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 - 6 p.m., MVRMC Cafeteria. For information, call the Senior Connection at 737-2065.
- Childbirth Refresher Program • Monday, December 19, 7 - 10 p.m., 2nd Floor Conference Room. Preregistration required. Call 737-2900.

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Seminar focuses on holiday blues

TWIN FALLS - A community education seminar on "Preventing and Overcoming Holiday Blues and Achieving Healthy Family Holidays" will be held at 7 p.m. Monday at the KMYT Community Room, 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. Participants will learn how to recognize the signs and causes of holiday blues along with the ways to overcome this problem. Specific ideas will be provided about how to pursue healthy family experiences during the holidays. The seminar is sponsored by Canyon View Hospital and Counseling Center. For more information or to register for this free seminar, call Canyon View's Community Services Department at 734-6760 or 1-800-657-8000.

Prepared childbirth court set

TWIN FALLS - A prepared childbirth course will be held from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesday and continues through Jan. 24. The class will be held at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Conference Room. The non-refundable fee is \$40.

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.

Breast cancer support group meets

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Breast Cancer Support Group will meet at 7 p.m.

Tuesday in the reception area at the Southern Idaho Regional Cancer Center. A Christmas ornament exchange and holiday celebration is planned.

For more information, call Chir Basin-Davis, M.S.W., at the Southern Idaho Regional Cancer Center at 737-2800 or Jody Craig at the Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital at 733-3700, ext. 344.

Healthy walkers gather at mall

TWIN FALLS - The I Walk for the Health of It Club will hold its monthly meeting at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Magic Valley Mall food court yard.

The program will be "Stretch and Tone for Health" by Bev Hackney, an instructor at the College of Southern Idaho.

The walkers club is co-sponsored by the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and the Magic Valley Mall. Anyone interested in more information about the club should call the MVRMC Senior Connection at 737-2065.

La Leche League meets Wednesday

TWIN FALLS - The La Leche League of Magic Valley will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the apartment of Hecky Hazen. Through the gate behind Blue Lakes Sporting Goods to the deck on the second floor. Babies are welcome.

The topic will be, "Thoughts on Weaning." Magic Valley La Leche League holds many enrichment meetings on various subjects relating to the breast-fed family. For more information, call Judy Ruprecht at 733-9639 or Rosie Stroebel at 736-1731.

Hospice volunteers set luncheon

TWIN FALLS - The volunteers for Magic

Valley Staffing Services Inc. - Hospice Division will meet for a no-host luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at the Wok 'n Grill Restaurant. The public is invited. For more information, call 734-0600.

Bereavement support group meets

TWIN FALLS - The Bridges Bereavement Support Group will meet at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Magic Valley Staffing Services Inc. - Hospice Division Conference Room.

If you have lost a loved one, come join this group. We are located at 200 Second Ave. N. For more information, call 734-0600.

Childbirth refresher class planned

TWIN FALLS - A prepared childbirth refresher class for persons who have previously taken a prepared childbirth course will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. Dec. 19 at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's second-floor conference room. The non-refundable fee is \$15 and pre-registration is required.

Childbirth preparation and medical center procedures will be reviewed. A film, a discussion on sibling adjustment, and a tour of the labor/delivery unit will be included.

To register, call the MVRMC Education Department at 737-2900, weekdays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

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

Exercise during pregnancy has several benefits

Odessa (Texas) American

Keeping fit during pregnancy is important for both the physical and mental well-being of the expectant mother.

Exercise also leads to a better appearance and posture, enhances the feeling of well-being and can lessen discomforts of pregnancy, including backache and fatigue.

Before beginning an exercise program, moms-to-be should consult their physician.

"Walking and water aerobics are both good forms of exercise," said Dr. Raymond Martinez, an Odessa, Texas, obstetrician/gynecologist.

While exercise is important, Martinez cautioned against certain exercises.

"Sit-ups and weight lifting increase abdominal pressure, and so does holding your breath while swimming long distances."

When deciding on an exercise program, Martinez said, he allows patients to continue whatever exercise they were doing before they became pregnant.

Christi Emerson, a high-risk obstetric nurse for the Texas Tech Ob-Gyn Clinics, agreed that women

who have been involved with an exercise program for several months before pregnancy should continue.

"Everything should be okayed by her physician, and some exercises may need to be modified as pregnancy continues and the uterus and the baby grows," Emerson said. Women

'Walking and water aerobics are goth good forms of exercise.'

— Dr. Raymond Martinez

involved with high impact aerobics or jogging may need to switch to low-impact aerobics or walking.

"A lot of this has to do with comfort. Our center of gravity changes as the baby develops and grows, and it is important to modify and tone it down as you get further along," she added.

Emerson said most patients are advised to develop a mild walking program of 20 or 30 minutes three to four times a week. "If that is comfortable they can add to the number of times they walk. Swimming is also good. It is low-impact and relatively safe."

Exercise during pregnancy improves muscle strength, which can help in labor: "Exercise increases

stamina and endurance," Emerson said.

Kenneth Hines, an instructor at Odessa College, says women need to be attuned to the changes in their bodies. "It is important for women to know to stop when they feel fatigue and not to exercise to exhaustion."

Emerson said pregnant women should immediately stop exercising if they get a headache, feel dizzy, have unusual pain or any bleeding.

Here are some suggestions on exercise for expectant mothers:

- Regular exercise (at least three times a week) is better than spurts of heavy exercise followed by long periods of no activity.

- Brisk exercise should not be done in hot, humid weather or when you have a fever.

- Jerky, bouncy or high-impact motions should be avoided. Activities that require jumping, jarring motions or rapid changes in direction may cause pain. Exercise on a wooden floor or a tightly carpeted surface to reduce shock and provide a sure footing. Wear a good-fitting supportive bra to help protect your breasts.

- Avoid deep knee bends, full sit-

ups, double leg raises and straight toe touches.

- Avoid exercises that require lying on your back for more than a few minutes after 20 weeks of pregnancy.

- Warm up with a five-minute period of slow walking or stationary cycling with low resistance. Intense exercise should not last longer than 15 minutes. Heavy exercise should be followed by 5-10 minutes of cooling off and gentle stretching in place.

- The extra weight you are carrying will make you work harder as you exercise at a slower pace. Do not exceed your target heart rate and limit its established with your doctor.

- Drink water often to prevent dehydration.

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Study: Access to insurance no guarantee of health

The Washington Post

Employed people who get health insurance as a job benefit have lower death rates, but insurance alone does not guarantee equal access to health, a long-term study has found.

The study is based on surveys of nearly 150,000 people conducted by the Bureau of the Census. The people, ages 25 to 64, were classified according to what kind of health insurance, if any, they had, and were followed for five years as part of the National Longitudinal Mortality Study.

The research was conducted by scientists at the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, the Census

Bureau and the Bowman Gray School of Medicine in Winston-Salem, N.C.

Employed people with health insurance — Medicare, Medicaid, private or employer-provided — had lower death rates than employed people without health insurance. But no matter what kind of health coverage people had, the mortality rate declined as income rose.

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