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U.S. demands pilots' safe return

Army helicopter forced down over North Korea territory; whereabouts of chopper unknown

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration pressed North Korea Saturday for the safe return of two Army pilots whose helicopter was forced down after flying over North Korean territory in what U.S. officials described as an apparent navigational error. But U.S. and South Korean officials said there were no signs that the incident, still shrouded in mystery nearly 24 hours after it occurred, was provoking a military crisis.

"I think the most important thing right now is we have indicated very serious concerns to the North Koreans about the welfare of these pilots," White House Chief of Staff Leon E.

Panetta said on CNN's "Evans and Novak."

"We want them returned."

Defense Secretary William J. Perry said in a statement that the condition and precise location of the two helicopter pilots was unknown, but U.S. and South Korean officials said the men are believed to be in North Korean government custody.

Immediately after the helicopter went down, the North Korean government reported on official radio that it had shot down an "enemy" aircraft that had illegally entered its airspace.

But that bellicose report was not repeated, and U.S. military officials said they are uncertain whether the OH-58 helicopter was shot down or whether it was forced to make an

emergency landing for some other reason.

The most likely scenario, according to U.S. officials here and in Asia, is that the unarmed reconnaissance helicopter, which was on a training mission, lost its way and strayed unintentionally over North Korea.

While demanding the safe return of the pilots, U.S. officials also made clear they do not want the incident to provoke a major new rupture with North Korea.

"We're trying to assure the North that this was a guy who made a mistake reading the chart, and hope they won't turn it into anything more than that," said a U.S. official.

Although Panetta had described the situation as "ominous," a senior U.S. defense official said, "There is no indication that this will

lead to a higher state of tension. It's being dealt with as an unfortunate incident."

The two Army pilots were identified by the Pentagon as Chief Warrant Officers David Hellmon of Clarksville, Tenn., and Bobby Hall of Brooksville, Fla. Both are stationed at Camp Page in South Korea, as members of A Company of the 4th Battalion, 501st Aviation Regiment.

Panetta said Secretary of State Warren Christopher had been in touch with North Korea's U.N. mission in New York to ask for the release of the pilots. In addition, according to the Pentagon statement, Christopher has talked with Rep. Bill Richardson, D-N.M., who is in the North Korean capital of Pyongyang on a previously scheduled visit.

Land proposal backs shift to Western states

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Interior Department is studying a proposal to transfer to 14 western states management authority over 30 million acres of federal property.

Under development in the department's Bureau of Land Management, which oversees 270 million acres of land in the West, the "New Identity for the Public Lands" initiative is being considered at a time of heightened political pressure for greater local control over U.S. land.

The document also raises the possibility of selling vast chunks of federal land that do not "truly possess significant public resource values of national importance."

The proposal, contained in a memo from BLM acting Director Michael P. Dornbeck to Thomas C. Collier, Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt's chief of staff, applies to the millions of acres of BLM lands contained in scattered parcels that are frequently "checkerboarded" among other federal and privately held sections as a result of railroad land grants in the 19th century. It also includes "scattered" lands, small parcels of grazing land that exist outside of BLM grazing districts established by the Taylor Grazing Act of 1934.

Collier played down the importance of the memo, describing it as a somewhat over-enthusiastic response to his and Babbitt's request for ideas to "rationalize" management of such scattered holdings. "A lot of times when someone is preparing a memo they explore a lot of different ideas," said Collier. "There is not even any consideration in the department of a significant transfer of lands to the states."

The plan would almost certainly generate enormous controversy if it became official Clinton administration policy. The proposal duplicates in many respects the principal goal of the so-called Sagebrush Rebellion of the late 1970s and early 1980s and echoes Reagan administration Interior Secretary James G. Watt's desires to sell off or relinquish management of millions of acres of BLM land.

"The American West is changing," states the memo, which also details the transfer of another 70 million acres in Alaska to that state, as required under the Alaska Statehood Act and the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. "State and local governments are demanding a greater role in the decisions affecting their future and the uses of the public lands. . . . It is estimated that some 100 million acres of public land . . . could potentially be identified for transfer of management responsibility to the states." That estimate includes the Alaska land and the western lands.

Babbitt has for years been a strong critic of the federal land management policies followed during the 1980s, and promised a "new American ethic" upon assuming office two years ago. In the past, he has derided the Sagebrush Rebellion as a "horse opera."

Open for business



Above, owners Tink and Dyan Peterson have converted an old warehouse into an offbeat yet elegant store called 'Tribes.'

Old Town learns new business tricks

By Sean L. McCarthy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — "Loading Dock — No Parking."

The message painted on the concrete loading dock goes unheeded now. On a Friday morning, cars and pickups are lined in front of that dock as shoppers visit a new home-furnishings store in the 200 block of Fifth Avenue South.

"I guess I need to get that 'no parking' painted over," joked David Woodhead, who owns the warehouses along that block.

Woodhead could afford to sit back and laugh after the two-month metamorphosis that occurred at 203 Fifth Ave. S.

In years — and even months — past, large trucks backed up to the dock to unload paper supplies and other wares. But a custom-built wooden dock and railing sit above the dock now, and inside, the cold and cluttered paper warehouse has been transformed into a specialty furniture and artifacts store called Tribes.

The store opened 10 days ago.

Owners Tink and Dyan Peterson marked the occasion Friday in a ribbon-cutting ceremony sponsored by the area chamber of commerce.

That act symbolized something more tangible, however, in making the strategic plan for Old Town Twin Falls something people could see and feel in a rustic warehouse in what used to be the forgotten part of town.

'An awful good start'

The downtown streets near Rock Creek Canyon are not paved with gold — one block hasn't been paved at all. Over the past 40 years, many buildings in the city's warehouse district have been left to crumble and decay.



Dave Woodhead, who owns two warehouses next to 'Tribes,' hopes to convert them into a movie theater and a pool hall.

Railroad tracks once bustling with freight sit unused in pools of overgrown weeds and muck.

Last year, city residents began to rally behind the cause of redevelopment. The City Council formed an Old-Town coalition and hired consultants to draft a plan.

"We can't just look down our noses at the past," then-Mayor Howard Allen said in May 1993. "It's time to look to the future. It might take a couple of developments that the city can encourage, but I really believe it will take off."

Please see OLD TOWN/A2

Shots fired at White House — again

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — For the second time in two months Saturday, shots were fired toward the White House, according to the Secret Service. Four 9mm bullets were found on the grounds, including sources said, one on a first-floor balcony below the president's family quarters and another that penetrated a window of the State Dining Room on the first floor.

No one was injured, and authorities had no suspects or explanation. "We just don't know if it was an unrelated incident or if it was directed at the White House," said Eric Hamelscheger, a Secret Service spokesman.

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At 2:05 a.m., members of the service's

uniformed division reported hearing four to six shots fired near the White House from the direction of the Ellipse, just south of the White House grounds. Investigators later

found the "mini bullets." The other two were found on a roadway near the South Portico and near a tree on the lawn.

It was the third recent breach of White House security: On Oct. 29, Francisco Martin Duran, 26, of Colorado was arrested after authorities said he fired at the White House with a semiautomatic rifle from Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.

Duran was charged with attempted assassination after his friends and co-workers told the FBI he had said he wanted to "take out" the president.

On Sept. 12, Frank Eugene Corder, 38, of Perry Point, Md., crashed a small plane onto the South Lawn of the White House that skidded into the west side of the mansion.

Corder died in the crash.

White House officials Saturday played down the incident and said it would not interrupt Clinton's schedule.

Christmas in Park finale set for tonight

The Times News

TWIN FALLS — The final Christmas in the Park will begin at 5 p.m. tonight.

The First United Methodist Church choir, under the direction of Clarence Dudley, will sing. The Wassail Belles — Carol Lynn Horn and Paul Dodd — will also perform. Lori Heyd and Pat Robinson will do an interpretive dance.

The Rev. Jim Frisbie, senior pastor of the Methodist Church, will light the advent candle. Midge Albrecht of the Soroptimists will be mistress of ceremonies. Hot chocolate and other refreshments will be available.



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Nation

Tax proposals worry budget experts

Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON — After a furious week of post-election maneuvering by the president and both political parties, a middle-class tax cut and a downsizing of the federal government now seem to be virtual certainties in the next Congress.

Not so certain, however, are the types of tax relief that will emerge, or the extent of federal reorganization that will be approved. Nor is it clear how the politics of catering to an anxious middle class will play out for President Clinton or the Republicans and Democrats.

But one thing is clear: The political spat over who is the true friend of the middle class may grow into a major issue in the 1996 presidential election. With his middle-class bill of rights announced last Thursday night, Clinton hopes to start his comeback.

A critical factor is whether Americans will perceive his new plan as a patently political gesture to hand out new middle-class benefits or a highly appreciated plan that addresses their economic anxiety. The White House says it is pleased by the response so far.

But budget experts are deeply concerned by the political dimensions of recent weeks.

Lurking behind the tax-cut fever that has gripped Clinton and Congress are fears that a bidding war is under way that might result in a much higher budget deficit going into a new century, despite all the talk of cuts in the federal bureaucracy.

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AP Photo

Economists say a tax cut, whether the GOP version or that proposed by President Clinton and his Treasury secretary, Lloyd Bentsen, center, is likely to harm efforts at reducing the deficit.

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deficit would rise by \$230 billion over the next five years due to built-in spending, Reischauer said.

Asked if there was anything positive in either the president's plan or other tax cut plans in Congress, Reischauer said, "Damned if I know."

The president's plan represents a floor in the bidding war. In the politics of the moment, however, the last thing on the minds of the president and Congress were these long-term budget trends. The budget one-upmanship seems likely to yield new tax concessions for the middle class and major restructuring of the federal government.

Few believe that Congress won't approve a package of tax and federal expenditure cuts, Niskanen said, however, that Republicans cannot show their program down the throats of Democrats if Democrats resist. But the prospect of gridlock on the economic plan seems small, he said.

The administration appeared to have held off for a few days in announcing the potentially more painful elements of the plan and the cost of each tax cut. More details of its budget reductions are expected Monday.

Sources said one item will be selling off federal power marketing administrations, such as Hornville and Southeast Power Marketing Administrations, to the private sector. These agencies sell power generated by such federal utilities as the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Judge says victim can't be lawyer

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — A judge ruled that a law professor charged with assault, can't have the lawyer he wants, his fiancée and alleged victim.

Judge Salvador Rosas refused to let Jeanne Chacon represent Peter Erdmiller, though she denies Erdmiller assaulted her and accuses the city attorney's office of malicious prosecution. "There is no case," Chacon told the judge Friday. "I will fight."

More and more often, prosecutors are refusing to drop domestic violence cases, even when the victim refuses to cooperate. Erdmiller was arrested Nov. 6, after Chacon called police.

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GOP prepares for 100 days

WASHINGTON (AP) — If the Republicans do as they promise, the 100 days starting Jan. 4 will be the busiest in government since Franklin D. Roosevelt took office in 1933.

What happens now could alter the role of government in the lives of the people as radically as Roosevelt's New Deal did in the Great Depression.

Just about everything that government does is on the table. Republican intentions go well beyond the 10 bills promised in Speaker-to-be Newt Gingrich's Contract With America.

The Constitution would be altered in profound ways, to prevent the government from engaging in deficit spending and to limit how long any one could serve in Congress.

Of course, no one has seen whether the balanced budget amendment would have loopholes or

exceptions; the wording hasn't been agreed upon. And the Republicans themselves disagree over whether the term limits amendment should allow "citizen legislators" to serve in the House for 12 years — as Gingrich proposes — or for six; as term limits purists want.

Programs that automatically grant benefits to citizens, if they qualify, would be revisited. Communities would get money with fewer strings attached. If they want police, cruisers instead of police, that would be all right.

That big crime bill that Congress passed last year — to help put 100,000 more police on the streets — would be revisited. Communities would get money with fewer strings attached. If they want police, cruisers instead of police, that would be all right.

Defense spending would go up,

but maybe not as much as the Republicans initially indicated. Money is going to be tight. In addition to balancing the budget (eventually), the Republicans want to cut taxes.

Prospects are good for some sort of tax cut. Republicans have their own plan. Last week President Clinton offered his ideas, providing for tax credits for children, deduction for post-high school education and expansion of individual retirement accounts.

The battle in Congress is likely to be not over whether to cut taxes — but how to do it, how much to cut, and how to pay for the cuts through reductions in government spending. Agriculture subsidies are likely to shrink. Republicans are talking about phasing health legislation that's far from Clinton's ambitious plan, but would address middle-class concerns.

Counting U.S.: Planning already begun for 2000

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the national census still five years away, the government is already preparing to test new forms and methods aimed at getting a more accurate total than ever before.

Attempting to reach every American has become such a complex job that planning starts far in advance on how to find people, what to ask them, how to design the forms and how to learn the most while imposing as little as possible.

For the most part, people like to be counted, and they like to read about the results, says Martha Farnsworth Riche, the new director of the Census Bureau.

"Census data is the stuff of people's lives," said Riche, a former editor at American Demographics, a magazine focusing on population and economic statistics. "People are fascinated by how they stand" in comparison to their neighbors and other communities.

But counting everyone is a struggle, she said. Forms are designed more for the convenience of data-collecting machines than the people answering the questions.

The bureau will begin testing new methods and forms in March in Oakland, Calif., Paterson, N.J., and six parishes in northwestern

Louisiana. Someday, the census may be taken by computer. But the 2000 count, still to be done mainly by mailing out forms and asking people to send them back, Riche said. Changes will focus more on improving forms and following up to count people who are missed on the first pass.

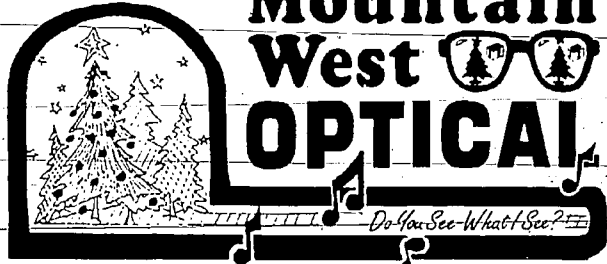
In 1990, workers visited some homes six or seven times before finally resorting to information from neighbors or others about people they couldn't reach — a costly and not especially accurate process.

So, one thing to be tested is the idea of doing a large survey of areas being counted. Then, if one or two visits to homes that didn't answer fail to get needed information, the survey could be used to estimate the typical person or family there. That test program is called "sampling for non-response follow-up."

Another problem is the undercount, or the number of people missed by the census, which statisticians say is a problem that tends to affect minorities disproportionately.

"We have always had an undercount, we always will have one," because people refuse to cooperate for various reasons, Riche said.

"But we can't count them out, because they are here."



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Nation

Fear of flying: Does air travel deserve it?

The Associated Press

We've all heard the statistics: Every year, more than 20,000 Americans die on the nation's highways, while at worst a few hundred die aboard planes.

So why are so many people afraid to fly?

Is there an air passenger alive who hasn't felt at some point in the turbulence of a frequent flying career, that the cushion of air between an airplane and the ground is simply not soft enough for comfort?

These feelings, little evolutionary reminders that human beings are not lighter than air, become more nagging at times such as the past few months, when planes have seemed to fall willy-nilly from the skies.

They haven't, of course. Crash deaths are still infinitesimal compared to the number of passengers flying. And Americans are continuing to fly more than ever: 28 million passengers are expected aboard U.S. commercial flights this holiday season, according to the Air Transport Association.

But a spate of bad news from the

airline industry has shaken consumer confidence this fall. Just last week, on Tuesday, an American Eagle turboprop crashed in North Carolina, killing 15 people.

On Thursday, American Airlines grounded planes in the Midwest so that pilots could get more cold-weather training, a concern that arose after a plane crashed in icy weather Oct. 31 in Indiana, killing all 68 aboard. Also, Kiwi International Air Lines suspended its 42 daily flights after federal inspectors raised questions about the airline's pilot training.

On Friday, the FBI said it was investigating recent vandalism of several Tower Air jumbo jets in New York.

All this has been enough to give

even the most seasoned air travelers a pinch of apprehension.

Jerilyn Ross, who treats fear of flying at her Ross Center for Anxiety and Related Disorders in Washington, said even she can't help but feel a little anxious after hearing so much bad news about air travel.

"I think each time we hear it, we have to wrestle with ourselves ... and I think each time it wears down our confidence level," Ross said by telephone from Puerto Rico, where she had flown to attend a convention.

Ross knows all about the statistics. "Statistically, you have a higher chance of dying in a bathtub," she said.

You also have a far greater chance — dozens of times higher — of dying in a car accident than aboard an airplane.

The fact is, statistics don't have much to do with fear.

"The biggest thing, the most important factor, is that when people walk on a plane they give up a perceived sense of control," Ross said.

In a car, there's a sense — however illusory — of control. Even on a bus or train, she said, people have the sense that they could somehow escape if they had to. On a plane, escape is not an especially attractive option.

This gets into the other big issue surrounding air travel: gravity. As Ross put it, "There are things that we, as humans, are not evolutionarily prepared for."

The fear of flying is built on several gut-level fears, according to Reid Wilson, a clinical psychologist who designed a take-home kit, "Achieving Comfortable Flight," to help people overcome their fear of flying.

"The fears that we face on a plane are very primitive fears," he said. "Fear of being trapped, fear of being out of control, fear of heights."

These fears, he said, are exacerbated by news accounts of plane crashes, which are usually far more prominent and grisly than accounts of automobile accidents.

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Investigators: Stall warning sounded

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — A horn indicating that a commuter plane was in danger of stalling sounded seconds before the plane crashed, killing 15 of the 20 people aboard, investigators say.

The cockpit voice recorder for American Eagle Flight 3379 picked up the sound of the horn, National Transportation Safety Board Chairman Jim Hall said Friday.

The twin-engine Jetstream-3200 crashed Tuesday in fog and drizzle

near the Raleigh-Durham International Airport.

The horn sounds when air flowing over the plane's wings is no longer moving fast enough to keep the plane aloft. It's harder for crew members to control a plane when it reaches a stalling speed.

Earlier on the flight recorder, the two pilots discussed engine failure.

Also Friday, American Eagle said that an earlier statement that the doomed plane had been repaired

hours earlier was incorrect. It was another plane, with a similar identification number, that had been repaired when an engine wouldn't start.

"We are very embarrassed," said airline spokesman Tim Kincaid. "We regret the error and any problems or any inconvenience it caused."

The identification number on the plane that crashed was N919AE; the plane that had its engine repaired was N919AE.

Condemned dog Smokey set free

DANVILLE, Va. (AP) — Smokey, the sad-eyed black Labrador retriever whose death sentence for chasing mail carriers attracted worldwide attention, was sprung from the pound after the prosecution dropped its case.

Smokey scampered in small circles around his owner, who plied him with big chunks of deer meat from every pocket as he walked him home Friday across a creek and through a hilly neighborhood.

"This all shows you, you don't mess with a man's best friend,"

Craig Jackson, 29, said on his front porch as he snuggled Smokey's cold nose. Jackson, an unemployed repairman, is separated from his wife and has no children.

"This is my boy here, my son. I missed him. Ain't no mailman gonna see him again," Jackson said.

Smokey had been caged at the Danville Area Humane Society since Dec. 6, when General District Judge T. Ryland Dodson Jr. sentenced the Lab to die by lethal injection after convicting Jackson of harboring a vicious animal.

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Dying girl wishes for gifts for homeless



April Fleming hugs her brother, Travis, whom she met for the first time last week. Fleming asked the Make-A-Wish Foundation to give Christmas gifts to homeless children.

SEATTLE (AP) — Sixteen-year-old April Fleming was facing death within days, and she wasn't thinking of herself.

When the Make-A-Wish Foundation promised to grant the repeat runaway's dying desire, April didn't ask for food, travel, fancy clothes or exotic animals. She didn't even ask to meet a personal hero.

She asked for Christmas presents for homeless kids.

"I've never had a child want to give to someone else," said Susan Houk, marketing director for the foundation that answers the wishes of dying children. "It was very, very touching."

Three years ago, April found she had polycythemia vera, a pre-leukemic disease that has led in her case to cirrhosis of the liver. Three months ago, doctors gave her a year to live. Three weeks ago, they said six months. Last week, they said she'd be lucky to see Christmas. Friday, she went home with an aunt.

"She decided she didn't want to die in the hospital," said Dean Forbes, spokesman at Children's Hospital & Medical Center.

April asked the hospital to tell well-wishers she needs nothing more and they should give to children who do.

Two weeks ago, her nurse, Barbara Swenson, called Make-A-Wish and said, "If you want to do something for this girl, you've got to do it in the next 48 hours."

Evidence ruined when freezer is shut off

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — A cleaning crew accidentally shut off the freezer in the police department's laboratory, contaminating hundreds of pieces of evidence and possibly jeopardizing some court cases.

Samples of blood and other bodily fluids in 543 cases — including 52 homicides — were destroyed when the cleaning crew tripped a circuit breaker while using an floor buffer last weekend.

Researchers find rubble, not reefs, in tropical storm's path

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MIAMI — Tropical Storm Gordon, the unrelenting cyclone that spattered and staggered over South Florida for a week, left a trail of rubble where showpiece reefs once bloomed, researchers have found.

Waters off the coast of Florida roiled and rolled beneath the waves of Gordon like a giant blender, with loose coral and other debris smashing into the reefs, grinding delicate

coral castles to rocky wreckage.

By comparison, Hurricane Andrew was a Johnny Appleseed of the reef, pruning limbs and stems of coral that settled on the bottom and nurtured new growth.

"It was very strong, but came by so fast," that living coral fragments could rain down and become thriving new colonies, said Diego Lirman, a University of Miami doctoral student who has been examining the intricate world beneath the waters of Biscayne

Natural Park, southeast of Miami.

But Gordon uprooted young colonies before they could anchor themselves to the ocean floor, Lirman said. And, unlike Andrew, Gordon pummeled the reefs for days, turning the seas into a churning cauldron.

"You had waves over 10 feet high, pounding constantly for three days," said Lirman. Elkhorn coral stems that had survived Andrew were snapped off.

GOP official reaches out to gay leader

WASHINGTON (AP) — A top GOP official caught other party leaders by surprise with a letter asking members of Congress to meet with the leader of a gay Republican group, a party spokesman said Saturday.

"This letter was drafted without the chairman's awareness or approval," said Charles Greener, a spokesman for the Republican National Committee.

He said Chairman Haley Barbour was out of town and not available for comment.

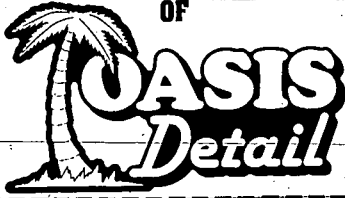
Republican National Committee Co-chairman Jeanie Austin sent the letter to GOP members of the incoming 104th Congress, urging them to welcome Richard Tafel, a leader of a gay and lesbian organization called Log Cabin Republicans.

The Washington Times reported Saturday, "I hope you and your staff will find time to meet with Rich, if you have not already done so, when he calls on you at the start of the next Congress," Austin wrote, according to the newspaper.

But Greener said other party leaders did not know about the letter until it was brought to their attention Friday.

Austin "has already indicated that at the end of the year, she's leaving," Greener said.

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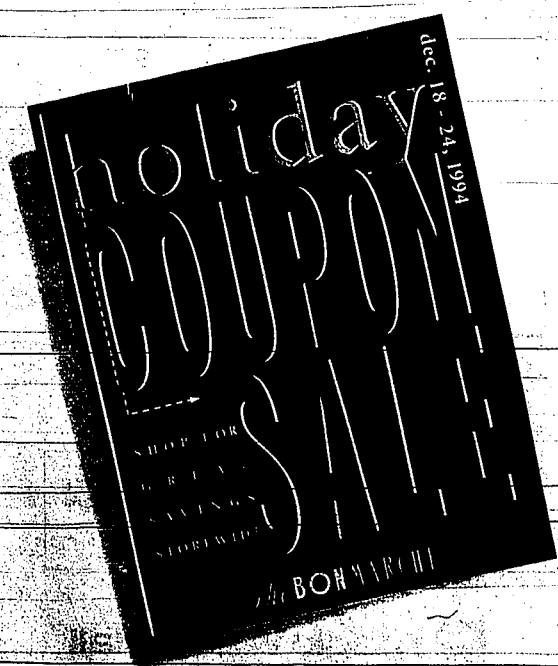
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Russian troops say they won't attack

GROZNY, Russia (AP) — Russian troops said they won't attack, but the Kremlin threatened Saturday to fire missiles on the capital of the breakaway republic of Chechnya if its forces don't disarm by midnight.

"If we get the order to move forward, none of us will go — we all prepared our letters of resignation two days ago," said a senior lieutenant who identified himself only as Viktor.

He was part of an armored column that stopped about 30 miles west of Grozny, the Chechen capital. The column commander, Maj. Gen. Ivan Babichev, said his tanks won't advance even if ordered to do so.

"If we send tanks against civilians, it'll be just like the Soviet Union — what if they did the same to my mother in Belarus?"

Viktor said, shuffling his feet in large felt boots.

There was a lull in fighting Saturday as President Boris Yeltsin met in Moscow with his hawkish Security Council. The panel sent a telegram to Chechen President Dzhokhar Dudayev inviting him to last-minute talks, but he declined.

Chechen spokesman Movladi Yudugov said.

The Russian Foreign Ministry said



Russian President Boris Yeltsin, center, chairs a meeting of the Russian Security Council Saturday that discussed the conflict in with the breakaway republic of Chechnya.

in a statement that Dudayev had missed his last chance to settle the crisis peacefully.

As evening fell, sporadic shelling could be heard on the outskirts of Grozny.

Deputy Prime Minister Nikolai Yegorov said missiles would be fired at strategic targets if steps aren't taken to disarm "illegal armed groups" by midnight (2 p.m. MST).

If Dudayev "does not come to his senses after the strike, the groups will be destroyed," he told the ITAR-Tass news agency.

Chechen spokesman Movladi Yudugov shrugged off the threat.

"When the bombing starts, we will first go to our shelters. When it is finished, the command will go out to our forces to defend the city against the Russian attack," he said.

But the threat was the most serious challenge yet by Moscow to Dudayev's regime.

Chechnya, a mostly Muslim region of 1.2 million people in the Caucasus Mountains, declared independence in 1991. Russia sent troops last Sunday to try to restore Moscow's authority.

Already, there are unconfirmed reports that hundreds of civilians are dead in the Russian offensive, along with at least 15 — and perhaps as many as 70 — Russian soldiers. More than 8,000 civilians have fled the advancing Russian troops, the Interfax news agency reported.

Babichev's armored column has withdrawn about a half mile from where it was stopped last week by peaceful demonstrators near the village of Dovidenko.

According to soldiers at the head of the column, officers agreed unanimously to disobey orders to move on the Chechen capital.

"A mutiny? You could call it that," said a lieutenant colonel from the 104th Motorized Infantry Division with a shy smile. Like other soldiers in the division, he spoke on condition of anonymity.

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Gaza cabinet: Israeli withdrawal 'dangerous'

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israel's offer of a limited troop withdrawal from the West Bank is "very dangerous" and would violate the Israeli-PLO peace accord, Yasser Arafat's autonomy government said Saturday.

"The Israelis want to change the basis of the agreement, especially regarding the redeployment of Israeli troops outside of the populated areas," said a statement issued after the weekly Cabinet meeting in the PLO-ruled Gaza Strip.

Under the accord, Israeli troops were to pull out of Palestinian towns in the West Bank before Palestinian general elections, originally scheduled for July.

But Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is worried that a troop withdrawal would expose the 120,000 Jewish settlers in the West Bank to attacks by Muslim militants. There has been a rash of attacks on Israelis in recent weeks, eroding public support in Israel for concessions to the Palestinians.

China to monitor matchmaking firms

BEIJING (AP) — Matchmaking firms that arrange dates between foreigners and Chinese will come under stricter government control, an official report said today.

Hundreds of such firms have opened in recent years, mostly in booming cities and coastal areas where foreigners are concentrated. While the government has no policy against such marriages, it has viewed the growing trend with some concern.

In the past five years, there have

been 120,000 marriages between local Chinese, most of them women, and foreigners or overseas Chinese, the report in the China Daily said.

A new regulation submitted to the State Council, or Cabinet, would discourage unauthorized agencies from illegally engaging in marriage arrangements for financial gain, the report said.

It said the proposed regulation was intended to protect the interests of Chinese from unscrupulous agencies.

On Friday, an Israeli soldier was shot and wounded near the West Bank town of Ramallah. The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, based in Damascus, Syria, issued a statement Saturday taking responsibility for the attack.

The shooting came two days after an Israeli reserve soldier was severely beaten by a Palestinian mob when he took a wrong turn and his car got stuck in a traffic jam in Ramallah.

"You have to remember that part of the agreement is security, and if the Palestinians will not be able to deliver the goods, there is a real danger to the process," Deputy Defense Minister Mordechai Gur told Israel radio.

Israel has said it supports holding elections as soon as possible. Some progress on the elections was made when negotiators met for two days in Cairo this week. But Israel wants its troops to remain in some West Bank towns, with only a temporary or symbolic pullout during the balloting.

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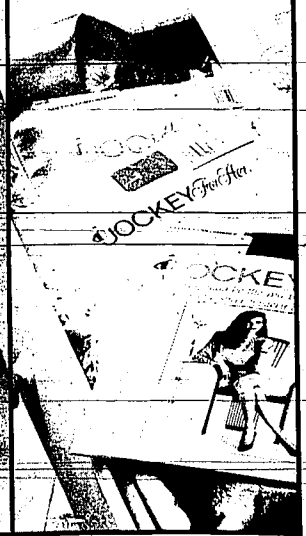
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World

Tories could be history

Major's Conservative Party runs amok in British parliament

LONDON — With the British government suffering a political thrashing and the Irish government only now sorting out its own internal tumult, many analysts here are saying the already difficult search for peace in Northern Ireland may get even more complicated.

Prime Minister John Major's British government suffered its latest disastrous defeat Thursday.

It lost a "vote of confidence" in Parliament in a by-election to the surging Labor Party which, under its new leader, Tony Blair, is running far ahead of the Tories in polls.

In balloting in wealthy Dudley West, in the Midlands of England, Labor won by a whopping 20,694 votes — the worst by-election drubbing for the Conservatives since World War II.

The Tory defeat was particularly painful because only 7,706 people voted for the ruling party, compared with 34,729 in the April 1992 election. Labor's vote held steady at 28,400.

If translated into national terms, the voting this week would leave the Conservative Party without a single parliamentary seat.

And the dire election results raised serious questions as to whether Major can effectively govern in the two-plus years his administration still has to run.

Meanwhile, in Dublin, a new government has been put together with a coalition led by Premier John Bruton, leader of the Fine Gael Party, replacing the Finna Fail administration of Premier Albert Reynolds.

Reynolds had led the Anglo-Irish move for talks with the maverick Sinn Fein, the political arm of the Irish Republican Army, and extremist Protestant paramilitary groups in Northern Ireland.

While Bruton's Fine Gael has fewer ties with Sinn Fein and often has viewed the group as an anti-democratic force, he has promised to continue the peace process; on Friday, Bruton met Sinn Fein President Gerry Adams and leading Northern Irish militant Republicans.

But even as the quest to end 25 years of violence continued, there were signs of just how tangled the peace process may become.

On the one hand, in what was viewed as an encouraging development, Bruton re-appointed Dick

Spring, head of the Labor Party, as Ireland's foreign secretary. Spring held that post under Reynolds and used it to promote peace talks on Northern Ireland.

Without firm direction from London, though, the 900,000 Protestant Unionist majority in Northern Ireland has indicated it may be loath to reach any agreements with the 600,000 Catholic minority.

In London, the Conservatives were holding their heads, trying to figure their course now.

Analysts say Major's grip on power has grown so tenuous that he cannot count on members of his party to stick with him in any vote — except perhaps in a vote of confidence, a draconian step that could bring down the entire government and force premature national elections.

The defection of right-wing, anti-European Tories is doubly harmful to the Tories because Major could be forced to rely on votes of Northern Ireland Unionist members of Parliament on critical issues — this would leave him in their political debt and they might seek to be repaid in matters concerning the province.

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Australian couple move to Antarctica for a year

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Two adventurers set sail today to set up house in the windiest place on earth with dozens of teddy bears along for company.

Don and Margie McIntyre of Fairlight, a suburb of Sydney, will spend 12 months in a small fiberglass and timber "survival hut" at Commonwealth Bay, near the site of Sir Douglas Mawson's historic hut.

No one has made an extended stay at the site, documented as the windiest place on Earth, since Mawson in 1911-12, a spokeswoman for the couple said.

Among projects the McIntyres have on their agenda is a study of the habits of the Antarctic's Adelle penguins.

Five crew members were sailing with the McIntyres in their 59-foot

yacht, Spirit of Sydney, to help set up the 8-by-12-foot hut. The five will then bring the yacht back to Australia, spokeswoman Mary Ann Stessau said.

More than 2½ tons of food and supplies were loaded onto the yacht, which is expected to arrive in the Antarctic by early January.

The couple will melt snow for drinking, cooking and washing, and all their solid waste material will be brought back to avoid polluting the pristine environment.

The hut, 1,640 miles south of Hobart, Tasmania, is in a location Mawson called Home of the Blizzard. Vicious winds are generated by the towering glaciers, and during their expedition the McIntyres expect winds in excess of 185 mph.

300 miss cruise when QE2 rooms aren't set

SOUTHAMPTON, England (AP) — Three hundred people missed out on a cruise to New York today because their cabins on the newly refurbished Queen Elizabeth 2 liner were not ready.

Cruard lines, the QE2's owner, said some 100 of the ship's 950 cabins still have unsatisfactory plumbing, and blamed workmen in Southampton for failing to finish the work on time.

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World

Carter expected in Sarajevo

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Former President Jimmy Carter brings his freelance peace efforts to the former Yugoslavia today, despite widespread skepticism that he can help end the 32-month-old Bosnian conflict.

There were unconfirmed reports that a key government-held town in northwestern Bosnia had fallen.

Carter said Saturday he will travel first to Zagreb, Croatia, headquarters of the U.N. mission to former Yugoslavia, and decide then whether to travel to Sarajevo.

A statement from the Carter Center in Atlanta said Carter decided to make the trip after "extensive discussions" with the White House and U.N. officials.

Carter said he would meet with Croatian President Franjo Tudjman and Bosnian Prime Minister Haris Silajdzic in Zagreb. He also was expected to meet with the U.N. chief for former Yugoslavia, Yasushi Akashi of Japan.

If he decides to go to Bosnia, Carter was expected to visit Bosnian Serb headquarters at Pale, outside Sarajevo, and Belgrade, the capital of Serbia.

Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic invited Carter to help restart



Former President Jimmy Carter will attempt to bring peace to the former Yugoslavia this week.

peace talks. Carter successfully intervened this year to break deadlocks and resolve crises in Haiti and North Korea.

But the visit is raising concern from all sides that Karadzic is using Carter to undermine an international peace plan that would reduce Serb territory in Bosnia to 49 percent from the 70 percent it now holds. The Serbs, who have had the military advantage in Bosnia since the outset

of the war, have rejected the plan, despite repeated efforts by international mediators and diplomats.

White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta, speaking on CNN's "Evans and Novak," questioned Carter's ability to resolve Bosnian issues "because they are very complicated and because we have seen that, frankly, the motives ... involved here with the parties are always suspect."

Mandela urges meeting needs of poor

BLOEMFONTEIN, South Africa (AP) — President Nelson Mandela, opening the first conference of his African National Congress since it took power, defended the government's initial steps Saturday and urged more work to meet the justified expectations of the country's poor.

In an 85-minute opening address, delivered in a strong, confident

voice, the country's first black president made clear he would not be rushed into irresponsible but popular actions that might undermine the economy and harm the ANC's overriding goal to create a better life for all.

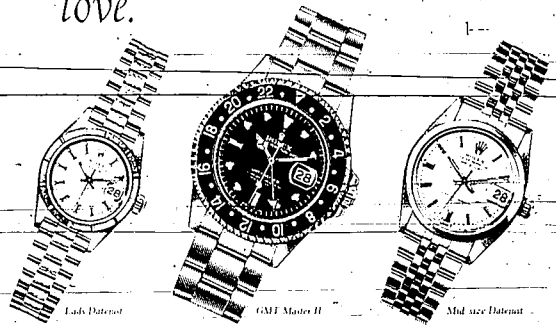
"Ours is not a program of quick hand-outs; but one for serious and lasting transformation," he declared.

Mandela called for unity among his followers now that the ANC was the governing party and said visible progress toward improving people's lives must begin next year. —The 76-year-old leader's speech in the city where the ANC was founded in 1912 drew enthusiastic cheers and singing from the 2,800 delegates.

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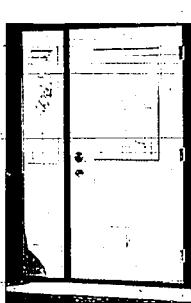
Los Angeles Times

NAQOURA, Lebanon — On a road outside a south Lebanon village, the Israeli army may have started making good last week on its promise to strike back at Hezbollah, the guerrilla movement formed by Lebanese Shiite Muslims to oust Israel from the south.

Two Hezbollah leaders — Faris Hareb and Abd Majid Marri — were badly injured when a bomb exploded on a road outside the village of Zaitur as their car passed by it Wednesday. Hezbollah immediately blamed Israel.

"Israeli commando forces were responsible for the assassination," Hezbollah said in a statement released to reporters in Beirut.

The army spokesman's office made no comment on the attack. But Israel has, in the past, acknowledged killing and kidnapping Hezbollah leaders in South Lebanon. Senior army commanders have warned in the past week that the army would soon start taking "directed actions" against Hezbollah — a euphemism commonly applied to attacks against the movement's leaders.



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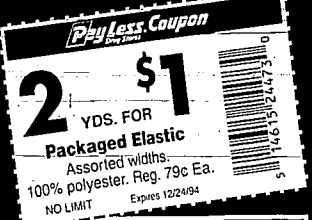
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Opinion

Editorial

Why sustain a tradition that degrades youngsters?

Shame, shame on the Shoshone School Board for perpetuating the brutish ritual of hazing freshmen. When the institution charged with uplifting a community's youth instead endorses youth's worst impulses, the community should ask why it bothers having a School Board at all.

Last week, in answer to a complaint from one freshman boy's parents, the board voted to keep freshman initiation alive. The only stated reason was "tradition," which in this case is a euphemism for "stupid habit."

"I'm not saying that it's right, but I'm saying tradition in small schools is extremely powerful," Principal Ben Christensen said. Can you think of a more cowardly excuse for condoning foolish behavior?

Granted, first-year students in most schools endure some mild pranks at the hands of upperclassmen. But these activities, to the extent that they occur at all, take place without the endorsement of school authorities. Most schools have banned organized degradation.

And not just big schools. Being in a small community is no excuse for backwardness. Nor does it exempt school districts from liability if an injured or humiliated student chooses to sue.

Right now, a lawsuit looks like a serious possibility. The current issue arose because one 15-year-old boy, having refused to participate in degrading stunts, was subjected to threats and physical assault. The punks who treated him this way should be ashamed, and so should their parents.

Don't say, "Kids will be kids." Instead, ask why school authorities would refuse to intervene.

Shoshone's parents and taxpayers

have a right to ask what kinds of values are being promoted in their school. Remember, this is the school district that last year had a controversy over closet-sized detention booths for miscreants. It is the district where, after a student defeated on a rest room floor, an administrator announced that it would not be cleaned up until the guilty party confessed.

And this is the School Board that last year caved in to students' demand to wear hats in class. (The students somehow had learned political tactics but had missed basic etiquette.)

Perhaps these are isolated incidents. But taken together, they suggest a shortage of self-respect, decency and respect for others. A policy of allowing upperclassmen to humiliate and torment freshmen surely contributes to an atmosphere of cliquishness.

Some people in Shoshone will read this commentary as an attack on their hometown by hostile outsiders. Far from it. Idahoans like to think of our state's small towns as bastions of old-fashioned integrity and frontier spirit. They are that, but they also need to be forward-thinking, especially when it comes to their children.

Many small towns suffer from the flight of young people to cities. Economic opportunity is one reason, but social conditions count too.

As today's generation of Shoshone teenagers grows up, will these emerging adults stay to help build their hometown? Or will they flee to a city and regale their new friends with derivative stories about the place where they grew up?

Never mind tradition. What is at stake in a public school system is the future. We will live in the communities we create.



U.S. must reverse history alienation

A talented young graduate of one of Minnesota's finest colleges walked sheepishly into my office one day a few years ago. He'd seen a powerful television documentary about the Holocaust the night before, but felt he was lacking some context.

"You seem to know something about history," he said. "Exactly how did World War II get started, anyway?"

Two summers ago, I returned home from a trip to Berlin with a fragment of the now vanished Berlin Wall as a silly tourist gift for a bright college student of my acquaintance. The gift brought a question to mind.

"How'd that wall get there in the first place?" These anecdotes only confirm old news—that Americans, even educated ones, are embarrassingly and increasingly ignorant of history. Various snooty nags have loudly lamented mounting historical illiteracy for decades.

Yet in the twilight of a year when history has been much in the news—through a dew-eyed celebration of D-Day's 50th anniversary, a fierce battle over an abortive Walt Disney Co. history theme park near hallowed Civil War soil, and several explosive controversies over various commemorations of the atomic bombing of Japan—it seems fitting to lament anew that many Americans probably had little idea what all the excitement was about.

America's estrangement from its history is for the most part a deliberate choice of educators that can be and must be reversed.

It's possible, but not easy, to overstate Americans' historical simpleness. A survey last spring of high school seniors showed that just two-thirds knew the Great Depression happened sometime in the 20th century or could identify Germany and Japan as America's enemies in World War II. A 1989 study showed

that not quite half of college seniors knew Shakespeare wrote "The Tempest" or that the Federalist Papers promoted ratification of the U.S. Constitution.

A more telling illustration of where we stand may simply be that, today, one can earn a degree in many fields from many American colleges and universities without enduring a single pure history class.

Matters seem unlikely to be improved by the new national standards for history teaching issued this fall under the auspices of the federal Education Department. Reliable critics deem the standards a triumph for the "multicultural movement's" insistence that schools dwell lovingly upon the crimes of European and American history, while rather exaggerating the influence of other cultures on modern world affairs.

This long-developing squeamishness about concentrating on American history and its undeniable European roots—that is, on the forces that made the world students actually inhabit and are quite naturally most interested in—is backfiring. It seems to lead not to a balanced, good understanding of history, but to students who know and care about history what a dog knows and cares about a necktie.

Learning next to nothing about a dozen cultural histories is a prescription for a lifelong allergy to history.

Whatever the complex of causes, America is fast becoming a society in which average citizens know more about the history of television, rock 'n' roll or sports than about the history of their country.

Over time, this is apt to matter—first, because a citizenry that has no sense of a common past cannot maintain a sense of community. All

human relationships are built of shared experiences—there is nothing else with which to build them—and a nation's history constitutes its shared memories. If those memories are lost, or stripped of all grandeur and nobility, community will come apart.

Freud's great insight, meanwhile, was that the past we don't remember is what confuses and imprisons us. Passions are better tempered and ideologies are kept in better perspective when their origins in the past—personal or social—are understood.

The time travel of history sharpens one's perceptions, even of what's familiar, just as physical travel does. History teaches that every age suffers a distinctive moral blindness, and doesn't know about it. So the historical insight is that our age, too, sees some things incorrectly, and we must keep our own eyes open.

Finally, to be unfamiliar with the past is to be largely unaware of the great good fortune of our era, and of the debt we moderns owe to past generations. Disdain for tradition and notions of moral superiority over our forebears—a little more than unattractive symptoms of historical naivete.

One curious and optimistic sign amid all this is the proliferation of decent history programming on television these days, especially on public and cable television. Maybe Americans know they're missing something, and maybe the tube, in its inadequate way, can supply the nation's hunger for a connection with its past until sense returns to the educational system's priorities.

History tells stranger tales.

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The anti-Gingrich, GOP damning backlash begins

The first shots in the anti-Gingrich, damnable-Republicans-for-their-election-victory counterattack have been fired.

Rep. Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., tried to revive the Democrats' version of the fairness doctrine, voting that Democrats would not allow (as if they were still in charge) Republican tax and spending cuts to fall mainly on the poor and the elderly.

Gephardt again ignored a fundamental dynamic of high taxes, which is that they do not produce more revenue for government because people change their behavior if they know the harder they work the less they can keep.

But it was Michael Lerner, Hillary Clinton's "politics of meaning" guru, who may have revealed the Democrats' primary battle plan: shame.

Lerner's *Tikkun* magazine bought a full-page ad last Sunday's *New York Times Book Review* headlined, "No, Mr. Gingrich, You Don't Have a Mandate to Undermine Social Justice in America."

The ad copy is full of familiar echoes from the '60s, equating huge government spending on poverty programs with compassion for people who are throwing money into these bottomless pits as heartless and stingy.

There are certain irrefutable facts about the welfare state with which all sides agree.

First, anti-poverty programs have not reduced the number of poor people any more than building new dams has reduced flooding.

Second, the welfare system as currently administered has become a permanent underclass. It has created a permanent underclass of people who are dependent on government handouts, and whose lives have become a series of humiliations that is passed down from one generation to the next.

In the main, poverty is not caused by lack of money. Poverty is caused by loss of values.

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Cal Thomas

The slothful once earned society's negative judgment. Now they are said to be misunderstood and in need of self-esteem-building.

Society once (publicly, at least) considered sex outside of marriage a threat to its stability. Now, sex reserved exclusively for marriage is considered quaint.

The truly poor in America are not those who lack money, but those who lack purpose. Handing out welfare checks does nothing to cure this poverty, in the poor or in us.

As Charles Murray has written in the preface to University of Texas Professor Marvin Olasky's book "The Tragedy of American Compassion": "To end poverty by writing checks is an efficient way to increase the size of the underclass, not reduce it.... The food is out there. Too often, a competent mother is not. More money is not going to make competent mothers of incompetent ones. More money is not going to bring fathers back to the children they have sired and then abandoned."

So, the war on poverty ought to begin, not at the federal Treasury, but in the home. This is not heartless and cruel—it is helpful and compassionate. It is teaching a poor person to fish, not giving him fish so he will be hungry again.

The trick for Newt Gingrich and crusading Republicans is to dismantle the deplorable welfare shambly while simultaneously rebuilding people's lives so they may care for themselves. This requires more skill than money.

Continuing to spend \$190 billion a year much of which never trickles down to the poor but is consumed on bureaucrats, case-workers, service providers and vendors who waste money and lives.

It is as compassionate as continuing to provide crack to an addict because he might not get it.

—Los Angeles Times

Letters

Shoshone needs reality check
I must say, I was sickened when I read the news Friday morning. It seems as though some of us need a reality check.

It is a devastating harassment of your youth doesn't get the administration of Shoshone schools his job next year, then oh well! It seems to me he is more concerned about his job than the education, self-esteem and physical well-being of his students. It makes me wonder if anyone has told the School Board that 12-year-olds pack guns to school nowadays.

So if you're wondering why young fathers headbutt their 6-week old babies and fracture their skulls, or young mothers drown their own children, ask the Shoshone School District. I am very thankful my children won't be attending school there.

I remember growing up as a child, all the neighborhood kids and I would play war. It's just too bad today that our kids fight real wars every day of their lives.

I commend you, Stephen Tigner, and your family for standing up for your rights, what you believe in and, most of all, for basic morals and common sense. And if we in society allow this sort of behavior to be acceptable, then it's no wonder kids kill.

MICHELLE CHAVEZ
Wendell

Teach kids real Christmas spirit

I also think Christmas has become over-commercialized, as others have stated recently in letters to *The Times-News*. We decided to do something about it, so here's a little food for thought.

Could a simple solution to combat the crass commercialization be found in what Christmas is—the celebration of Jesus Christ's birthday? Maybe children could be told that's why Santa Claus brings gifts the same as the wise men did, only now Santa Claus gives the presents to good children. Adults have picked up the idea, so now we give special gifts to one another on that day.

That's what we told our grandchildren. Further, the word "Santa" means "cheerful giver" in the language of the people who raised Santa Claus. It's not a name. It's the title of honor that he earned. How? By giving gifts without expecting anything in return. He doesn't bring presents because he has to. He does it because giving is a pleasure that makes the giver happy.

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I believe all of us Santa Clauses could show children that by making little gifts or earning the money to buy them, they could also share in the joy of making others happy. Then they, too, would become "Santas" as they got older.

Children learn fastest by example. What example do you want yours to have? Who shows them proper behavior? Who teaches them the other "three R's"—responsibility, respect, release?

The many organizations helping the poor, homeless and others less fortunate are the perfect places to begin teaching through giving. So are nursing homes, older neighbors or those who have no family. It doesn't take a lot to teach kindness, and the smile received would warm even the heart of a scrooge.

If we all started this year, maybe we could begin to stem the tide, and we just might see the trend begin to change. I don't expect it to happen overnight, but we've already started. You should see the neat little things our grandchildren enjoy making to give to others. We're trying to show them sometimes less can be more.

Won't you join us? It beats just griping about the hype and commercialization, and it sure is fun. Ho! Ho! Merry Christmas!

BEV STONE
Kimberly

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



Opinion

Clinton needs to steer clear of Edelman defense



George F. Will

Peter Edelman is for President Clinton one debacle that need not happen. The 1994 elections made inevitable many 1995 conflicts with Capitol Hill, but the elections also will have prevented one if because of them Clinton decides not to nominate Edelman, a Georgetown University law professor, to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. That is the court from which one-third of today's Supreme Court (Justices Scalia, Thomas and Ginsburg) came.

Clinton purportedly was startled to learn, rather late, the contents of Lani Guinier's writings. He should hasten to read Edelman's 61-page essay in the November 1987 Hastings Law Journal, "The Next Century of Our Constitution: Rethinking Our Duty to the Poor." It demonstrates an impatience with representative government that is tinged with contempt for it.

While conceding that the Framers intended nothing of the sort, Edelman asserts that there now is a "constitutional right to some form of minimum income," for two reasons. One is that such a right has been "implicit" in the

Constitution at least since America has been sufficiently affluent to share wealth "more equitably." Refusal to do such sharing constitutes a violation of constitutionally guaranteed "due process of law." Edelman's second argument is that government's "historic and continuing complicity" in economic arrangements that result in severe "maldistribution" constitutes a violation of the constitutional guarantee of "equal protection of the laws."

The gravamen of Edelman's argument is this: Because government sustains society, government is responsible for all social outcomes, and is guilty of denying "equal protection" when the outcomes include severe inequality.

One result of this argument is the obliteration of the very concept of privacy: All of life is permeated by government action, therefore all of life is gov-

ernment's responsibility. Another result is an unlimited license for the judiciary to disregard the results of representative government. Edelman's argument, at once childish, naive and breathtakingly arrogant, is: We know how government could end severe deprivation, but government is beholden to a benighted public, so the Supreme Court must order Congress to take remedial measures that lack public support.

In the 1930s, says Edelman, the Supreme Court "let" that Congress, unleashed, would do the right thing. Congress didn't, so the court must do it, for the same reason prison officials must protect prisoners from violence. Regarding very poor people, says Edelman, America is akin to "the jailer who stands by and lets the attack proceed."

Here, then, is contemporary liberalism in crystalline clarity: American society is savagely unjust; it is so because the majority, which has the knowledge and means to make things right, will not; therefore the majority is immoral; therefore majority rule is immoral and rule by an enlightened judiciary is obligatory. If

liberals wonder why their label has become an epithet, they should note the vigor with which liberalism labels America.

President Clinton must know that a Republican-controlled Senate might not confirm Edelman. It certainly would not do so without a fierce, protracted fight over his judicial activism that has this catchism: "constitutional" is a synonym for "just"; what is just is whatever is on the liberal agenda of the moment; the Supreme Court must mandate justice.

"I would find it most tickling," wrote Learned Hand, a practitioner of judicial restraint, "to be ruled by a bevy of Platonic Guardians." Edelman thinks that would be dandy. His zest for judicial decrees to supplement or even supplant legislative policy-making, and his corollary contempt for representative institutions, makes him an exemplar of contemporary American authoritarianism. Surely the president does not want to invest his depleted prestige in defense of that.

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Letters

Can middle class afford Christmas tax cut gifts?

Both the GOP and the White House are eager to give middle-class America a belated Christmas present sometime in 1995. But I question whether we can afford a middle-class tax cut, or any tax cuts, until we make more progress toward cutting the deficit and slashing true government waste.

As a member of the middle class, I wonder whether a few dollars a day will make that much difference in my life. If necessary, I'd rather have those few dollars go toward preserving federal programs with a heart - programs the new GOP majority is intent upon eliminating, including the tiny budgets for the National Endowments for the Arts and Humanities and funding for public broadcasting. And I sure don't want my tax cut used to help wipe out school lunch programs that may be the difference between a poor child eating one good meal a day or none at all.

The GOP has suggested eliminating 10 major nutrition programs and giving the money to the states, but with no mandate that the money be spent on food benefits.

Most of all, however, I believe both parties need to stop pandering to the middle class. Yes, we're tired of business as usual, but we don't need to be bribed into submission - and most importantly, we must not sell our children into a lifetime of unconscionable debt in the name of a politically motivated tax cut.

Happy holidays to all!

JULIE FANSELOW

Twin Falls

Christmas gives people the spirit to help needy

To Mr. Henry Aschenbrenner: I would like to thank you for reminding me and the rest of the Magic Valley that there are still those

lost "bitter" souls that still just don't get it.

For you see, Mr. Aschenbrenner, if you were to read "The Book of Truth" in its entirety and not just certain verses and passages that ring true to your cold, bitter soul, you would find many messages of love, forgiveness, joy, repentance, as well as the birth of Christ, our Savior, for whom this celebration of joy and happiness is really for.

There is also a parable in "The Book of Truth" that teaches us about the Good Samaritan. To do something without expectation of reward is the lesson taught and the true spirit of Christmas in my eyes.

Mr. Aschenbrenner, if the Salvation Army were to put their pots out in front of stores in the middle of summer, sadly, they would remain empty. But when filled with the spirit of Christ and the joy of his birth, those pots overflow.

Put parties of poor children on a pegboard with the message that they have birthdays coming up, sadly, their births go unnoticed. But put those names on a tree. Mr. Aschenbrenner, a tree with no message, a tree "decked with silver and gold," and those same poor children will receive gifts - gifts given to them by people they do not know, people who took the time to care, people who, for the rest of the year, unfortunately, do not carry the spirit of Christmas with them.

Christmas comes but once a year, Mr. Aschenbrenner. Just once. Once a year, the world is reminded of the joy of life eternal. Reminded of a child who was born for us and a man who died for us. Once a year, we get to not only feel but see the spirit and all it stands for. If once a year is all we get, I'll take it, Mr. Aschenbrenner. I'll take it.

So no, Virginia; there is no Santa Clause, but there is a Scrooge and he lives in Rupert, Idaho.

ROBERT ECK
Twin Falls

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Briefly

Rodeo rider dies from injuries on bull ride

LAS VEGAS — Bull rider Brent Thurman died at a hospital Saturday, six days after he was critically injured while competing in the National Finals Rodeo.



A University Medical Center spokesman said Thurman was pronounced dead at 9:43 a.m. He had been listed in very critical condition with severe facial and cranial fractures. He also had been in a coma and on life support. Thurman suffered the injuries Dec. 11 when a bull he was riding in the final event of the rodeo bucked him and then stepped on his head.

His parents, Will and Goodnight Thurman, kept a vigil in a motorhome in the hospital parking lot.

CSI, junior high gyms will open after Christmas

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Recreation Department announced the gym schedule for the CSI and the Robert Stuart Jr. High gymnasiums.

The CSI gym will be open Dec. 27-28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Dec. 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Robert Stuart Jr. High gym will be available Dec. 26-30 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Dec. 31.

Free swim lessons scheduled to help homeless coalition

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley SwimAmerica will be offering free swim lessons to help the Magic Valley Homeless Coalition.

The lessons will be Dec. 27 and 29 at the Club, 798 Falls Avenue, for anyone age 3 to 93. Morning and evening classes are available and the swimmer-to-coach ratio will be 4-1.

Participants are encouraged to donate what they can to the Homeless Coalition. Items needed are new or used blankets, sheets, pillows or any bedroom furnishings.

For more information or to register call John Twiss at 734-9383.

Olympic officials close to finding yachting venue

ATLANTA — Olympic officials expect to have a final solution by the end of next month on improving the venue for the yachting competition for the 1996 Games.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Sports on TV

11 a.m. — Channel 7, NFL, Chargers vs. Jets.
11 a.m. — Channel 55, NFL, Falcons vs. Packers.
11 a.m. — Channel 13, golf, Dana Moore vs. Nick Faldo.
11:30 a.m. — Channel 3, golf, Tiger Woods vs. Fred Couples.
11:30 a.m. — Channel 13, tennis, Chris Evert vs. Lindsay Davenport.
2 p.m. — Channel 7, NFL, Browns vs. Steelers.
2 p.m. — Channel 9, NFL, Giants vs. Eagles.
2 p.m. — Channel 35, golf, World Championship.
3 p.m. — Channel 13, slalom, World Disabled Alpine Championships.
3 p.m. — Channel 20, auto racing, NASCAR West Coast Shootout.
5 p.m. — Channel 13, figure skating, U.S. Open Championships.
6 p.m. — Channel 13, NFL, Raiders vs. Seahawks.
10 p.m. — Channel 10, auto racing, NASCAR, Fastlane Southwest.

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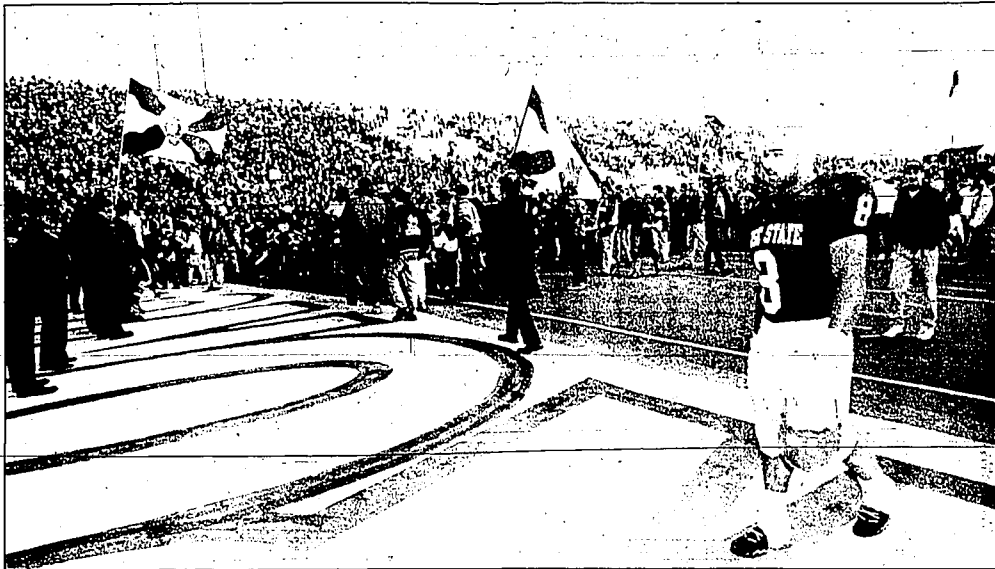
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Boise State's linebacker Brian Smith leaves the field as Youngstown fans celebrate their team's 28-14 victory in the NCAA Division I-AA championship game Saturday in Huntington, W.Va.

Penguins stop Broncos for crown



Youngstown State's Vance Mayes takes down BSU quarterback Tony Hilde Saturday.

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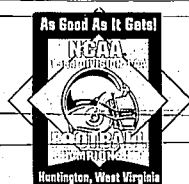
HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — From a conference as wide open offensively as its name, the Big Sky, the Boise State Broncos charged into the Division I-AA title game only to be stalked, surrounded and smothered by Youngstown State, the past and present champion.

By winning 28-14 Saturday, Youngstown claimed its third division crown in four years (the Penguins were runner-up the other time) as it matched only Eastern Kentucky with four title appearances in a row.

And while its superb junior quarterback Mark Brungard scored two touchdowns and passed for another and tailback Shawn Patton finally broke a long scoring run, Youngstown prevailed because of its defense.

The numbers — 225 total yards, 59 on the ground for Boise — do not reflect the domination of Youngstown's defense, which stalked Bronco quarterback Tony Hilde, surrounded his receivers and smothered 1,500-yard runner K.C. Adams, holding him to 30 yards on 11 carries.

"They are as good as any other (Youngstown) defense," winning coach Jim Tressel said diplomatically. "They took us to a national championship."



"Youngstown took away our big plays," Boise State Coach Pokey Allen said. "We weren't methodical enough to get it done with little ... plays."

Hilde also praised the YSU defense but thought his team stopped itself. Maybe so, but too often for Boise the Youngstown defenders reduced its Big Sky aspirations to a small patch of yardage over the artificial turf of Marshall Stadium.

Boise's longest ground gain was 10 yards by Hilde; his longest completion was for 25 yards. Heck, Boise's biggest play was a 58-yard interception return by Chris Cook that set up the Broncos' first score. Boise had 32, 46, 69 and 78 total yards in the four quarters.

By contrast, Brungard's longest com-

pletion was 68 yards to Don Zwiler that led to YSU's third touchdown. The Penguins' longest run was 55 yards by Patton for the final score. Their next longest run was 38 yards by Brungard for YSU's second score that broke a 7-7 tie 35 seconds before halftime.

Boise went ahead 7-0 on Hilde's 5-yard pass to Randy Matyschek one play after Cook's interception late in the first quarter. Youngstown got even on Brungard's 2-yard run with 9:43 left in the second period.

The Penguins then needed only three plays, and 43 seconds, to cover 64 yards just before the break, Brungard scoring in amazing fashion.

Even though he had called a pass from the BSU 38, Brungard found the Broncos in man-to-man coverage on the four wideouts and compared the open field before him with "the parting of the Red Sea. I didn't have a choice. It was easy."

Brungard merely followed the retreating backs of the Broncos secondary to the end zone for a 14-7 halftime lead.

The YSU advantage became 21-7 late in the third quarter thanks to Randy Smith's interception and a play that Zwiler said would have been drawn up in the dirt if they had any at Marshall Stadium.

Centennial lives up to No. 1 billing

By Vin Cappiello
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Dan Vogt figured his Bruin boys' basketball team had everything to gain Saturday night against No. 1-ranked Centennial.

"You just have to take it as a challenge," the Twin Falls coach said after the Bruins lost to the Patriots 77-53. "You should look forward to playing the No. 1 team. You have nothing to lose."

The Patriots, however, had an undefeated record on the line. But first-half runs of 9-0 and 15-0 propelled Centennial to leads of 13-4 and 33-11 in the first and second quarters, and the state's top-ranked team led 41-20 at the half.

Playing superb denial man-to-man defense, the Patriots forced the Bruins (2-2)



Centennial's Jon Harris collects two points over Kylan Peterson of Twin Falls.

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Ricks rides early lead to edge Eagles, 83-79

By Larry Hovey
Times-News writer

REXBURG — The ability to play poorly in the first half and still win no longer is part of the College of Southern Idaho's basketball repertoire.

The Eagles, given a cerebral lesson in rudimentary and fundamental basketball, fell behind 50-37 at halftime and never made it up in bowing to Ricks College 83-79 Saturday.

Still, CSI's first loss in 16 outings was remarkably close considering the Eagles trailed 77-60 with 5:49 to play. Behind Aylton Tesch, CSI lurched back to within two points at 77-75 with 2:13 remaining. But Viking Rick Stafford hit four free throws over the closing 19 seconds to preserve the victory.

CSI's first-half performance, although certainly affected by four days on the road, was easily as poor as the first 20 minutes they performed Thurs-

Women lose — B2

day night against North Idaho. But this time sophomores Ed Gray and Shawn Bankhead couldn't score well enough to pull the victory out.

Gray ended the night with 16 points and only two in the second half, while Bankhead had 14, half of them after intermission. It was Tesch's 17-point second half, plus nine from Rusty Yoder that succeeded in making it respectable.

While the loss is not fatal to hopes of hosting the Region 18 Tournament in March, the second bad outing in a row had coach Steve Irons concerned.

"Just caught us flat-footed. Anytime you give up 50 points in a half, you're probably not going to win," he said.

Ricks was particularly effective in

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Even losers have T-shirts, but where do they go?

Every year, champions are crowned in various sporting events like the Super Bowl, the World Series, the NBA Finals, the NCAA Final Four, the World Cup and the Stanley Cup.

Immediately after the victor is named, players, coaches and fans put on championship T-shirts and caps, which obviously were printed up before the final gun sounded. You've seen 'em.

• Dallas Cowboys, 1994 Super Bowl Champions, Again.
• Toronto Blue Jays, The last World Series Champions—ever.
• Brazil, 1994 World Cup Champions. (Thank goodness we didn't have to kill any of our players.)



Karen Baumert

Between the lines

• Houston Rockets, 1994 NBA Champions (Glad we aren't the Mavericks).
• Arkansas Razorbacks, 1994 NCAA Basketball Champions (And not one of us is related, or named Bubba).
You get the point. What I want to know is, what happens to the shirts, hats, coffee mugs, baby bibs, socks and key chains that are made up with the losing

team's logo prior to the championship?

You know, for example, that there must have been championship paraphernalia in the Buffalo Bills' locker room after the 1992, '93 and '94 Super Bowls. (Well, maybe not in 1994.)

But you don't see "Buffalo Bills—losers again" T-shirts anywhere, or "New York Knicks—even when we play nasty we can't win" hats.

Come to think of it, the Bills ought to have removable years on their gear. That way if they ever win—granted, that probably will never happen—they can use those shirts they bought way back in 1992.

Or better yet, they could print up hats

every year that say, "Buffalo Bills, Annual Runners-Up."

In Canada, teams don't have this problem, because baseball and hockey are the only sports Canadians are good at. And sometime during the year, we lost both sports to selfishness.

Maybe all the runner-up championship shirts accumulated in the United States could be sent to Canada so fans there can experience the joy of wearing a championship shirt.

As far as the World Cup is concerned, all shirts could be sent to the United States, where most folks don't know

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Stanford spikes UCLA for volleyball title

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Kristin Folkl and Marie Triefenbach led a booming wall of 6-footers as Stanford won its second NCAA women's volleyball championship in three years with a 15-10, 5-15, 16-14, 15-13 victory over UCLA Saturday night.

In a showcase of the two most dominant and heated rivals in the women's college game, Stanford (32-1) turned the match in its favor in the third game, staving off eight UCLA game points and coming back from 14-11 down to win 16-14.

The Bruins (32-4), who were seeking their third NCAA crown in five years, overcame a 6-0 deficit in the fourth game and led 13-11, but Stanford reeled off four straight points to clinch the title.

The Cardinal, who have faced UCLA five straight years in the NCAA tournament, duplicated its 1992 championship, which ended with a four-game victory over UCLA in the title game.

Folkl, who finished with 25 kills but struggled off-and-on, heated up just the right times — at the end of the third and fourth games. She repeatedly dug balls, came up with key blocks and pounded kills to earn the 14th point in each of the decisive games.

Stanford, which also got 23 kills as gutsy play down the stretch from Triefenbach, dropped only one game in their five tournament matches. The Cardinal also avenged their only regular season loss, which came against the Bruins in Los Angeles.

Briefly in sports

British golfer takes Australian lead

GOLD COAST, Australia — Laura Davies' even-par 73 in windy conditions today was good enough to take a two-stroke lead heading into the final round of the \$190,000 Alpine Australian Ladies Masters golf championship.

Davies, who opened with rounds of 64 and 68, has a 54-hole total of 205 after two birdies and two bogeys at the par-73, 6,152-yard Royal Pines resort course.

Davies of Britain is the leading woman winner on this year's LPGA Tour. She is trying to become the first golfer, male or female, to win tournaments on five tours in one calendar year.

Italy's junior tennis team makes final

DEL RAY BEACH, Fla. — Italy's Alice Canepa and Francesca Lubiani won the deciding doubles match and defeated Hungary 2-1 Saturday to capture the junior tennis Maureen Connolly Brinker Continental Cup.

During their 7-6 (7), 6-2 victory over Petra Mandula and Katalin Morosi, the Italians took advantage of Lubiani's powerful left-handed cross-court forehand by standing on the baseline within a racket's length of each other whenever Canepa would serve from the deuce court.

The fifth-seeded Italian boys didn't fare as well as their female compatriots, losing 2-1 to the top-seeded Argentinians in a Sunshine Cup semifinal. Argentina will face second-seeded Spain for the title.

German boxer wins 2nd title with KO

HAMBURG, Germany — Dariusz Michalczewski of Germany won his second title in convincing style Saturday, knocking out Nestor Giovannini in the 10th round to win the WBO cruiserweight title.

Michalczewski, 25-0 with 22 knockouts, caught the Argentinian with a left jab midway through the round, knocking him down for the third time in the fight. Giovannini staggered to his feet, but referee Genaro Rodriguez of the United States stopped the fight.

Michalczewski's left consistently punished Giovannini, 35-8-3, who was making the fifth defense of the belt he won from Germany's Markus Bort in July 1993. The Argentinian bled from cuts above both brows after the fourth round.

Utah skier completes return with win

TIGNES, France — Former two-time overall men's champion Trace Worthington of Park City, Utah, was fourth in aerials on Saturday, enabling him to capture the combined event as the first weekend of the World Cup freestyle skiing season concluded.

It was the 25th World Cup victory for Worthington, 25, who won the men's overall title in 1992 and again in '93 but was hobbled last season by shoulder and knee injuries. He underwent surgery last spring and a summer of aggressive rehabilitation to prepare for this season.

Olympic bronze medalists Lloyd Langlois of Canada and Hilde Lid of Norway won the men's and women's aerials.

Olympic official prefers no change

ATLANTA — The president of the International Olympic Committee said Saturday he favors keeping the men's marathon at its traditional time for the 1996 Summer Games in Atlanta.

Traditionally, the men's marathon ends in the Olympic stadium just before the start of the closing ceremony.

IOC chief Juan Antonio Samaranch's position contradicts the stance of his own IOC medical commission, which has suggested moving the men's marathon to the morning in order to avoid the extreme heat and humidity of the late afternoon.

The International Amateur Athletic Federation has opposed any change, saying the weather conditions will be no worse than they were at Barcelona in 1992.

Poll: NFL coaches dislike officiating

NEW YORK — One NFL coach or general manager believes officiating in the league is actually better this season; 27 disagree.

In an effort to learn what they really think about the whistle-blowing, flag throwers, Fox Sports asked a coach or general manager on each team: "Has officiating been better or worse or unchanged for 1994?"

There was one vote for better, 12 for worse, and 15 for same, but about half of that group said they meant "the same bad."

Fifteen blamed the officials for at least one loss this season. One coach said officiating cost his team two games, another said three games.

Compiled from wire reports

Lions rip Vikes for chance at title

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — The Detroit Lions have never lost faith in themselves. With players like Barry Sanders and Mel Gray, it's easy to see why.

On Saturday, they made believers of the Minnesota Vikings, too. Sanders had touchdown runs of 18 and 64 yards. Gray returned a kick-off 98 yards for a touchdown and the Lions led Minnesota for first place in the NFC Central by beating the Vikings 41-19.

Both teams have 9-6 records with one game remaining. Had the Vikings won, they would have clinched the division title.

"We were the division champs, not Minnesota," Lions coach Wayne Fontes said. "I think a lot of people forgot that."

The Lions, who have won the division two of the last three years, were written off after a 2-4 start that included a 10-3 loss at Minnesota in the second week.

But the Lions have a history of fast finishes.

The Lions are 22-12 in regular season games on and after Thanksgiving under Fontes, 18-9 in December and early January. After the 2-4 start, the Lions have rallied to win four in a row and seven of their last nine.

"A lot of things were being written and a lot of things were being said when we were 2-4," Fontes said. "I kept telling people to wait and see. But nobody wanted to listen to me."

It was the most points allowed by the Vikings since a 44-38 overtime loss to Washington on Nov. 2, 1986.

"I thought we'd play better today, to get the division title," Vikings linebacker Jack Del Rio said. "But we didn't get it done. We've been working all year and we'll just continue to work."

Sanders, the NFL's leading rusher, gained 110 yards on 17 carries. He needs 169 yards in the Lions' final regular season game, Christmas night at Miami, to become the third NFL rusher in history to gain 2,000 yards. "We knew it was early in the season," Sanders said. "The NFL is comparable to a marathon—You just have to stick with it. Who cares who gets out of the gate fast? It's how you finish that counts. You know, a lot can happen in just a couple weeks."



Detroit's Robert Massey and Mike Johnson bring down Minnesota's Jake Reed in their third quarter Saturday in Pontiac.

Minnesota wide receiver Chris Carter, who had 8 catches for 80 yards, broke the NFL record of 112 catches set by Green Bay's Sterling Sharpe in 1993. Carter has 119 catches this season.

Gray set a Lions' record of three kick-off returns for touchdowns in a season, breaking Ron Jessie's 1971 mark of two. He also tied Ollie Matson's NFL career records of six kick-off returns for touchdowns and nine

kick returns, including punts, for scores.

The Vikings played most of the second half without quarterback Warren Moon. He went out with a bruised right knee with 7:33 left in the third quarter.

But it's doubtful that Moon could have saved the Vikings, who trailed 27-13 when he left. Moon was 15-of-22 for 186 yards, with one interception.

Indians stun No. 3 Kansas, 80-61

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) — Indiana figures it can't outshoot everybody in the Hoosiers' plan for winning focuses on when they don't have the ball.

Brian Evans scored 29 points and Alan Henderson added 22 Saturday as the Hoosiers beat No. 3 Kansas 80-61 to extend the nation's longest home winning streak to 47 games.

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"All week long we prepared on their individual players, what we can take away from them, how we can improve our position on defense every time down the court," Henderson said. "As we grow as a team, we're learning how to execute the things we practice and carry them over into the game a little better."

"Definitely defense is the key. We know we don't have the kind of team that can just go out there and outshoot somebody night in and night out. So we know that defense is where we're going to win games," Henderson said.

The Jayhawks (5-1) went seven minutes without a point as the Hoosiers (5-4) went on a 15-0 run and stretched the lead to 39-19 with just over two minutes left in the first half.

Two free throws by Jacques Vaughn snapped the Kansas drought, but Evans countered with a 3-point basket. Then, after baskets by Greg Ostertag and B.J. Williams, 3-pointers by Evans and freshman Neil Reed gave the Hoosiers a 48-25 halftime lead and Kansas never recovered.

No. 1 N. Carolina 129, VMI 89

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Dante Calabrese hit six 3-pointers in the first half and No. 1 North Carolina tied a school record for most points in a game in a 129-89 victory over Virginia Military Institute on Saturday night.

The Tar Heels (6-0), who have the most wins in college basketball history, have played 2,175th games. The point total matched the 129 scored against Manhattan in December 1985.

North Carolina showed no ill effects from a nine-day layoff, sinking 31 of 41 shots in the first 20 minutes and blocking 10 shots while building a 77-42 lead at intermission.

No. 5 Massachusetts 91, West. Kentucky 72

AMHERST, Mass. — When Marcus Canby got sick to his stomach, Massachusetts led the player who figured to be its biggest weapon against Western Kentucky.

Senior Mike Williams, in his first start, led the team. He scored 21 points for No. 5 Massachusetts, including 15 in the second half, and ignited the drive that assured the Minutemen's 91-72 victory Saturday.

Massachusetts (5-1) extended its winning streak to four games. Western Kentucky (2-2) had won its last two.

Williams started last season for the Minutemen, but was suspended for academic reasons for the season's opener against Arkansas. Since then, Edgar Padilla had been starting at guard.

No. 8 Florida 71, Florida St. 65, 20T

ORLANDO, Fla. — Dan Cross put Florida ahead for good with two free throws and Danner Hill added two more with 16.3 seconds left in the second overtime Saturday night as the eighth-ranked Gators held on for a 71-65 victory over Florida State.

Hill finished with 21 points, while Cross had 17 for Florida (5-1), which made only two shots from the field while going 7-for-8 from the foul line in the second extra period.

Cross, whose 3-pointer made it 55-55 with 1:40 left in regulation, missed two shots that could have ended it earlier. He missed a running shot in the lane as time expired in regulation and forced up a bank shot in heavy traffic, hoping to draw a foul, in the closing seconds of the first overtime.



Indiana's Brian Evans beats Kansas' B.J. Williams to a second-half rebound in Saturday's game in Bloomington.

No. 15 Georgetown 85, Md.-Eastern Shore 46

LANDOVER, Md. — Othella Harrington had 21 points and 12 rebounds as Georgetown won its fifth in a row.

No. 16 Syracuse 67, Princeton 65 OT

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Oty Hill's first points of the game gave Syracuse the lead in overtime and the 16th-ranked Orangemen opened a nine-point lead before holding on for a 67-65 victory over Princeton on Saturday night.

Hill broke a 54-54 tie with a three-point play 16 seconds into overtime and John Wallace and Lawrence Moten each followed with three-point plays to give Syracuse a 63-54 lead with 2:03 to play.

Princeton (3-5) was unable to catch up as it lost to a ranked team for the second time in four days: The Tigers, who lost to Massachusetts 88-67 on Wednesday, got a 3-pointer from Darren Hile with 0.7 seconds to play for the final margin.

Xavier, Ohio 90, No. 19 Ohio U. 71

CINCINNATI — Michael Hawkins scored a career-high 26 points and Xavier held Gary Trent to 17 points in its lowest total of the season by switching defenders on almost every possession and double-team triple-teaming him near the basket.

Hawkins' 3-point jumper from the top of the key with 8:21 left in the game started a five-minute, 16-0 blitz that wiped out the only second-half lead for Ohio (7-3) and put Xavier (5-1) ahead 79-64.

No. 6 Kentucky 83, Texas Tech 68

CINCINNATI — Rodrick Rhodes kept No. 6 Kentucky close with 13 first-half points until the Wildcats were down, Texas Tech in take in 83-68 victory Saturday night.

Louisville 77, No. 14 Georgia Tech 72

ATLANTA — Alvin Smith scored seven of his 14 points in the final 4:26, including an alley-oop slam at the basket, as Louisville upset No. 14 Georgia Tech 77-72 in the nightcap of the Kuppenheimer Classic double-header Saturday night.

Smith's late flurry came after Tech had cut a 51-32 deficit with 16:12 remaining to 45-44 when freshman Matt Harpring made one of two free throws with 6:38 to play.

It was the third victory in a row for the Cardinals (4-

49ers dump Broncos for home field

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — With the NFC West title and a first-round bye already in hand, the San Francisco 49ers locked up home field advantage through the playoffs by defeating the Denver Broncos 42-19 Saturday.

Steve Young completed 20 of 29 throws for 350 yards and three touchdowns in just three quarters, and Ricky Waters scored three times as the 49ers became the top scoring club in franchise history. San Francisco's 491 points in 13 games topped the previous record of 475 by the 1981 Super Bowl team.

The victory was the 10th straight for San Francisco (13-2), which has outscored opponents by an average of 36.4 to 16.5 during the streak.

Denver, its 27th-ranked defense overwhelmed by the 49ers' perimeter attack and its offense crippled by season-ending injuries to running backs Leonard Russell and Red Bernstein, dropped to 7-8 and barely stayed in playoff contention.

John Elway, still bothered by a twisted left knee, had limited mobility and left the game early in the third quarter after being sacked six times. Before being relieved by Hugh Hulin, Elway was intercepted by Deion Sanders and fumbled on his first play from scrimmage, setting up a 49ers' score.

Millen helped Denver to a pair of third-quarter scores and extended his string of consecutive completions to 20 over two games before missing on a throw early in the fourth quarter to fall two shy of Joe Montana's NFL record.

Young had the NFC's top-ranked offense on the move quickly, and the 49ers took a 21-0 lead in the game's first 16 minutes.

He completed six of seven throws on an opening drive, capped by a 12-yard touchdown pass to a 12-0 lead. Waters' one-handed grab of a 12-yard pass for a touchdown. It was Young's 32nd scoring pass of the season, breaking Montana's previous club mark of 31 in 1987.

3), who handled the Yellow Jackets their first setback in seven games.

No. 17 Cincinnati 81, Wyoming 80

LARAMIE, Wyo. — LaZelle Durden scored 45 points, including 10 in the final 89 seconds and three free throws after the final buzzer, as No. 17 Cincinnati came back to beat Wyoming 81-80 Saturday night.

Wyoming (2-4) led the whole game, but blew a nine-point lead in the final 90 seconds when Cincinnati's full-court press started to work.

Durden missed a 20-foot jumper at the buzzer, but he was fouled by LaZelle Whitcomb and made all three shots for the win. Wyoming coach Jody Wright vehemently disputed the foul call.

No. 18 Michigan State 80, Detroit 63

DETROIT — Shaquille Roper scored 20 points and the Spartans cruised to an easy 80-63 victory Saturday at Cobo Arena.

The Spartans (4-1) have now beaten the Titans 11 straight times, a streak that started in Magic Johnson's freshman year of 1977-78. Detroit (2-5) has lost 19 straight against Big Ten opponents, a streak dating to 1984.

Michigan State led 34-23 at the half, and quickly extended that lead to 19 points, 50-31. The Titans scored the game's next 10 points to get the margin back to 10 points with 10 minutes to play, but that was as close as Detroit would come.

No. 21 Wake Forest 74, Col. Charleston 64

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Tim Duncan took advantage of his size to score a career-high 21 points, and No. 21 Wake Forest took charge of a tight game to earn a 74-64 victory over College of Charleston Saturday night.

The 6-foot-10 Duncan, who has blocked seven shots, had 16 Thaddeus Delaney on his back all night, but he was slow to use his size. Delaney, who had fouled out, helped negate Charleston's defensive pressure. The Cougars hurt themselves on offense, too.

Wake Forest (5-1) capitalized on a Charleston dry spell in the second half. Despite beating the Demon Deacons on the offensive boards, the Cougars couldn't do much with the rebound.

No. 2 UCLA 92, LSU 72

BATON ROUGE, La. — Ed O'Bannon scored 28 points and his brother, Charles, had 17 to lead No. 2 UCLA to a 92-72 victory over LSU Saturday night.

The Bruins stayed undefeated in seven meetings with the Tigers. UCLA wore LSU down in the second half and opened a lead of 29 points, 83-54, late in the game.

No. 13 Arizona State 87, Cal-Living 58

TEMPE, Ariz. — Frank Burton was hurt from happy to provide the lift so badly needed by Arizona State. Burton scored eight of his 18 points during a 19-2 run as the 13th-ranked Sun Devils rallied to beat Cal-Living 87-58 Saturday night.

The Anteaters, playing their fifth consecutive road game, led 47-41 with 13:48 to play in the game. But then Arizona State (5-1), playing for the first time since Dec. 3, began to pull away.

Idaho 55, Montana Tech 61

POCATELLO — Jim Potter scored 25 points in leading Idaho State to a 95-61 win over Montana Tech. The Bengals of the Big Sky (5-1) never trailed to the NAIA Oregidgers (7-4). Patrick Lee was second in scoring for the Bengals with 13, followed by Rob Preston with 12.

Shawn Huse led the Oregidgers with 17 followed by Zeke Bambole with 11.

Idaho State began the game with a 16-2 run in the first 2:23 of the game. With Lorenza Wall scoring all of his seven points in a stretch, the Oregidgers pulled with, in eight to 20-12 at the 11:15 mark of the half with Bambole scoring 4 points. It was the closest the Oregidgers would come to the Bengals (5-1) then went on to a 13-0 run to give them a 33-12 lead with 7:17 to play in the first with Potter scoring seven points during the run.

Els overcomes bunkers, ambulance to hold lead

MONTEGO BAY, Jamaica (AP) —

Ernie Els bogeyed three times from bunkers but still shot a par-71 Saturday that kept him in control at the Johnnie Walker World Championship.

Els, who fired a pair of 64s for a six-shot lead at the halfway point, had a 54-hole total of 14 under 199 and a seven-shot lead over Nick Price after a day in which no one became a serious threat.

Paul Azinger had the day's best round, a course-record 62, and was tied for third at 207 with Nick Faldo, Ian Woosnam and Mark McCumber.

Els' only problems came from the greenside bunkers, where he never got it close and wasn't helped by an ambulance that turned on its siren as he was trying to play out of the sand at No. 11.

That put him at 3-over for the day

and three-up over Tom Lehman, who saved bogey at the hole after pushing his drive out of bounds.

Lehman first got to within three of Els after a short birdie putt at the lead, but he had a chance to cut the lead to the eighth, where Els was making another bogey from the sand.

But Lehman missed a 12-foot birdie putt and never got any closer. "If Tom had made that putt on eight, it would have been a two-shot swing and it could have been a different story," Els said.

He took a double bogey at No. 12, then double bogeyed the par-5 17th, which yielded only two other bogeys for the day. That gave him a 4-over-75 and left him at 209 for the tournament.

Els' life was spectacular on the back nine all week, and that's where he re-established his lead.

Moe slips on slopes again; Austrian wins

VAL D'ISERE, France (AP) — Tommy Moe isn't practicing yet despite two consecutive finishes in the 30s in the event in which he is the Olympic champion. He is just seeking momentum.

Moe followed a 33rd place Friday with a tie for 32nd in the downhill at this famed French ski resort Saturday.

While Moe was faltering again, the Austrians were dazzling, sweeping the first four places.

Armin Assinger led the Austrian domination, with 1992 Olympic champion Patrick Ortlieb the runner-up.

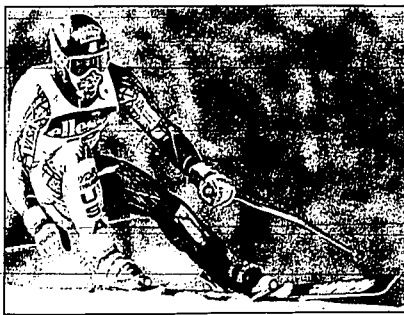
Assinger was timed in 1 minute, 56.07 seconds, with Ortlieb clocked in 1:56.46. It was Assinger's fourth World Cup victory, three in downhill.

Ortlieb finished only .03 seconds ahead of rookie sensation Josef Strobl, who won Friday's race in his first downhill start. Assinger was 22nd Friday.

Guenther Mader placed fourth at 1:56.79.

Moe was timed in 1:58.67.

"I just don't have the momen-



USA's Tommy Moe speeds down the course in Val d'Isere, France, on his way to a 29th-place finish Saturday.

tum," Moe said. "I am a little off in my technique."

He wasn't even among the top Americans.

Chad Fleischer was the best

American; 12th, in 1:57.54. Kyle Rasmussen was 15th at 1:57.77. Craig Thruner 19th at 1:58.00 and AJ Kitt 21st at 1:58.05.

Moe is looking forward to the rest

of the season. "I like more demanding courses like Whistler (Canada), Kitzbuehel (Austria) and Bormio (Italy)," Moe said. "The downhill is that kind of event: You ski really well one day and the next day you don't."

After his Olympic victory last February in the downhill and a second in the super-G, Moe gained his first World Cup victory in a super giant slalom at Whistler Mountain.

Moe opened his season with a second behind Ortlieb at Tignes last week and felt comfortable despite the pressure of being an Olympic champion. "Everything is clear," he said. "I proved that when I went to Tignes. It's difficult, but I can't be too hard on myself because I have been doing it too long."

"I have already had a much greater career than I ever expected."

Moe's next World Cup downhill will be in Crans Montana, Switzerland, on Jan. 6 before heading to Kitzbuehel Jan. 14.

Alberto Tomba retained the overall lead in the World Cup for the season with 550 points, with Ortlieb second with 230 points.

Westminster takes NAIA Division II football title

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Andy Blatt rushed for 128 yards, scored a touchdown and threw a 60-yard scoring pass as Westminster of Pennsylvania won its sixth NAIA Division II football title Saturday with a 27-7 victory over defending champion Pacific Lutheran.

The Titans (12-2) lost to Pacific Lutheran 50-20 in last year's championship game but shut down the Lutes this time.

Westminster intercepted three of Karl Hesteth's passes and recovered three Pacific Lutheran fumbles. Sean O'Shea threw two touchdown passes and Tim McNeil, named the game's outstanding offensive player, caught two for scores.

Pacific Lutheran (11-2) fell

behind 14-0 and trailed 14-7 at halftime.

Blatt, a 6-foot, 205-pound junior, rushed for more than 100 yards in 13 games this season. He finished with 1,982 rushing yards for the season.

The Titans, who also won the title in 1970, '76, '77, '88 and '89, scored on the fifth play of the game when Blatt took a pitchout from O'Shea and hit McNeil on a 60-yard scoring play.

Westminster scored again with 9:30 left in the first half. On third-and-4, McNeil got behind the Pacific Lutheran secondary again and O'Shea hit him with a 23-yard touchdown pass.

Pacific Lutheran's only score came on an eight-play, 90-yard scoring drive just before halftime.

Rodman returns home - to the NBA court

By Frank Lawlor

Knight-Ridder News Service

Green hair, full-body tattoos, various pierced body parts, an aversion to work rules?

No, it isn't the newest TV advertising campaign by the NBA's wizard marketers to capture the grunge generation.

It was the return to action of one Dennis Rodman, the man who spurred the downfall of San Antonio last spring by getting kicked out of two games — after which the Spurs were out of the playoffs.

In his next appearance at Reunion Arena on Monday, after six weeks of suspensions and leaves that started this season, Rodman was greeted with a standing ovation.

And then there was this sign: "Dennis for President." Maybe they just appreciated him for playing part in the grunge war-



Rodman

As it turns out, Rodman says that all the turmoil of the last two months came down to the all-purpose culprit in the ongoing downfall of pro sports: Greed.

Rodman believes that the Spurs had promised to double his \$2.5 million salary this season; but when the former manager was swept out and current Sixers coach John Lucas left, no raises were forthcoming from the new regime.

"So, believe it or not, Rodman was the injured player after he played his first game of the season Monday night."

"This is the kind of thing they do to one of their so-called family members," said a disgusted Rodman, who has played one season in San Antonio. "We talked about the contract last year, and they said they were going to do something. Then I went out and did my job and got the rebounds, and all of a sudden now they don't want to hear about it."

"Now I'm in a position where I have to play (hard) and 'hope' that something happens for next season. What gets me is, if they think a person deserves something, then why don't they just do it?"

"All I've been doing is sticking to my guns. I have to do what I think is right. If somebody tells you things are going to be a certain way, and then they go back on (that), how are you going to feel?"

And what did Dennis the Menace do the very day after his heralded return? He missed practice. The team called it flulike symptoms. His rebounding resurfaced against Boston on Wednesday, where he got 11 rebounds in 25 minutes. Somewhere along the way, he had a sit-down with scoring-champ center David Robinson.

"He and I have talked, and Dennis understands clearly what the problem is," Robinson said. "He's not a stupid man. But the circus that he has helped bring to the situation around here has hurt the team. I told him that it has to change. I told him exactly what's wrong with him."

If Rodman understands the problem, he doesn't yet understand he's the solution, too.

"I don't care what they do now," he said. "I'm still going to do what I want to do. They don't have any guidelines that I'm going to follow. I don't want to hear about any rules when people are following their own rules."

"If you want some ammunition," he said, "here it is."

NBA notes

It would be funnier if Rodman didn't seem to be such a troubled person everywhere but on the basketball court, the one place he can't seem to stay.

"That's the only place I can feel good," he said.

"Once I get out on the court, I can be myself. I'm free like a bird on the court. There's so much ball around this game. But I just walk through the ball. I put blinders on. I know it's there, but I don't pay any attention to it, so I can get to the court. Once I get there, boom, it's over. I can just be me."

BIG GEORGE

The Bulls are 2-8 since Chris Webber and Juwan Howard came aboard. Part of the problem is defense. Denver shot 55.6 percent against the Bulls, San Antonio 55.3 percent. Enter George Mursian, the 7-foot, Romanian-born forward, last night while he was on the floor against Houston, the Rockets shot 23 percent.

"He told me at the hall, I swear, that he didn't need a double on Hakeem," Rex Chapman said. "He said he could check Hakeem by himself."

Olajuwon came away impressed.

"I saw lots of improvements from little George last year to this year," he said.

The big guy himself tried to be modest through his interpreter.

"I have only had two practices," Mursian said. "I can't play like Michael Jordan without any practice."

SHORT SHOTS

Boston coach Chris Ford had successful surgery to remove a polyp from his colon Tuesday, the same day that Golden State coach Don Nelson was hospitalized with viral pneumonia. Both could remain off the bench until the new year, doctors said.

Cleveland assistant Ron Rothstein didn't mind the L.A. Clippers falling short of Miami's record of 17 losses to open a season, even though he had coached that record-setting 1988-89 Heat team. "What's the sense of being just another bad team?" he said.

"We are a team of distinction. We'll be remembered." —The Nets beat Orlando by an incredible 27 points one day after players met to air their differences. The top claimer is forward Chris Morris, who becomes a free agent after the season. He isn't worried about his

behavior hurting his market value.

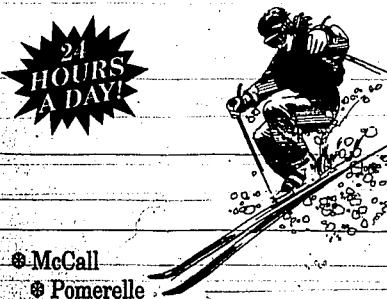
"Will I get \$2 million somewhere else? With two expansion teams coming in? Yeah." ... Looking for Orlando's weak link? In 11 games, the Magic shot 177 of 303 (.584) from the free-throw line. That didn't include a woeful 6-for-23 performance at New Jersey, the lowest free-throw percentage (.260) in team history and the fourth-lowest ever in an NBA game ... The Bulls are 5-4 at home, with losses to New Jersey, Washington, Dallas and Atlanta. Some folks are blaming all the distractions in the new arena. "The game when we blew the big lead against New Jersey (19 at halftime)," said Walt Perdue, fans at court-side were watching "Monday Night Football" on their little TVs. Up in the suites, the same thing. There's so much going on besides basketball." ... John Starks, shooting 31 percent over 10 games and benched by Pat Riley against the 76ers last week, tried to confront the ghost by watching the video of his 3-for-18 performance in Game 7 of last year's finals for the first time. "I just have to get it out my mind," Starks said. "When you run from something for so long, it can catch up to you."

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Magic Valley

Groups blast Craig drawdown policy

By William Brock
Times-News writer



Craig

TWIN FALLS — U.S. Sen. Larry Craig's resistance to drawdowns on the lower Snake River should be viewed with alarm by Idaho irrigators because drawdowns will save more Idaho water than any other option for endangered salmon, six environmental groups said Friday.

"There is a major dysfunction between the interests of Idaho irrigators and what Larry Craig is doing," said Wendy Wilson, executive director of Idaho Rivers United, a grassroots river conservation group.

"Everyone keeps thinking (salmon) extinction is an option, but it isn't," Wilson said in a telephone interview. "There's either flow augmentation, or there's drawdown."

Drawdown — or reducing — water in reservoirs is one way of increasing the current and hastening juvenile salmon on their journey to the sea; boosting flows through full reservoirs requires more water.

Wilson sent Craig a letter on Friday, reproaching the Idaho Republican for "glaring inaccuracies" in his remarks following Wednesday's vote by the Northwest Power Planning Council to endorse drawdowns.

"Contrary to your assertions, drawdowns lessen demand for Idaho water," she wrote. "A Craig aide in Boise countered that Wilson wasn't looking at the long-range picture."

Craig's prediction that the council's plan "will drain Idaho dry" is false, Wilson said. His forecast that the plan will dry up 350,000 to 400,000 acres of Idaho cropland is also untrue, she added.

Wilson's letter was supported by the Idaho Wildlife Federation, Idaho Steelhead and Salmon Union, Trout Unlimited of Idaho, the Boulder-White Cloud Council, and the Idaho Conservation League.

"On Wednesday, the power council approved a plan calling for about 1.5 million acre-feet of Idaho water next year; an acre-foot is enough to cover one acre with one foot of water — or 325,850 gallons."

This year, some 2.6 million acre-feet of Idaho water was sent down the Snake River to augment flows through normal-sized reservoirs. No Idaho irrigation water

was released this year, nor was any farmland taken out of production, Wilson said.

Mike Field, Craig's aide in Boise, countered that Wilson was looking only at the plan's 1995 demands for Idaho water.

"When they implement the whole plan, it will be roughly 2.5 or 2.6 million acre-feet," he said, adding that full implementation will occur in 1998.

If four reservoirs on the lower Snake River are drawn down — or reduced — then Uncle Sam won't need more than the 800,000 acre-feet of Idaho water needed to refill them, said Pat Ford, of the Save Our Wild Salmon Coalition in Boise. The reservoirs are located in Washington and Oregon.

"In the real world, you will either implement the drawdown — in which case the Idaho water component will come way down — or you won't," Ford said.

"If you don't implement the drawdown, then you'll continue with flush — and if you do that, the demand for Idaho water

in the game of water acquisition, a drawdown beats a flush, Ford said.

"The feds won't be able to make any kind of a case that they'll need that additional Idaho water if reservoirs on the lower Snake

River are drawn down," he said.

In simple terms, the difference between a drawdown and a flush is similar using a garden-hose-to-move-water-through-a-child's wading pool or an Olympic-sized swimming pool.

Under terms of the power council's plan, Lower Granite Reservoir will be drawn down for two months next spring, and Little Goose Reservoir will be drawn down for two months in 1999. A decision on the final two Snake River reservoirs, Ice Harbor and Lower Monumental, will be made before 2003.

Wilson and Ford agreed it would be pointless to commit any more than 800,000 acre-feet of Idaho water if the four lower Snake River reservoirs are drawn down.

Moreover, many biologists and fisheries managers agree that drawdowns are scientifically superior to other alternatives — increasing the current use of barges to transport migrating smolts through huge reservoirs.

"Senator, your constituents in the state of Idaho have loudly disagreed with you on this issue," Wilson wrote in conclusion. Drawdowns were supported by 93 percent of the speakers at recent public hearings in Idaho, she said.

90 proof is in the plum pudding

"Hilda, I'm home! What's for dinner?"
"Fond d'artichauts du thon, creme de volaille a la reine, truites fraiches dede, poularde au Cognac, fricandeau de veau brulise en gelce, selle de veau maintainon, and for dessert, biscuit roule au chocolat."

"What? Again?"
That's the problem with Christmas. People tend to eat stuff during the holidays that they'd kill in their gardens during the summer.

My wife just got a new cookbook, so I'm



Steve Crump
Don't ask me

fearing for the worst. Maybe even allumettes Lucifus — goose liver paste and truffles.

Happily, all of the truffles in our yard winter-killed and we don't have a trained pig to go find more. So I think we're talking curried scallops, or even moules a la creme — creamed mussels.

I take a dim view of that, even during the holidays. If you're going to try to slip clam quiche past me, it had better be baked in a casserole and covered with cream of mushroom soup. I'm and meat-and-potatoes person, you see, and I don't mean fricasseed and scalloped.

So, for that matter, is my spouse. This is a woman who during normal times is content to dine on hamburger gravy over toast.

But Christmas — I don't know, maybe it's all those recipes you find in the middle of TV Guide when you're looking for World Wrestling Federation listings — it changes people. Scratch a Spamloaf during December, and you'll find mystery meat bordelaise.

Take the granddaddy of all Yuletide treats, the pudding. Please.

Now any red-blooded American knows that pudding comes out of a Jell-O box, but try telling that to Mrs. McBride.

A bridge-club partner of my mother's, Mrs. M. was a woman who was fond of cooking and fonder of cooking sherry. Her M.O. was to prepare elaborate meals for a houseful of guests, and then to lapse into semiconsciousness about the time dinner was served.

She'd slip off to bed, and all the guests would take turns guessing what was in each pot and pan.

"It's either stuffing or strudel. Pass the gravy."

It goes without saying that Mrs. McBride loved to prepare Christmas puddings because Christmas puddings are covered with a volatile variety of 90-proof sauces.

Enough sauce, in fact, and you don't care what's in the pudding. But when Mrs. M. finally went on the wagon after she burned down her kitchen, my mom inherited her recipes.

And I'm here to tell you that suet pudding has disgusting stuff in it.

There's beef fat, pork fat, lard, various kinds of dead and embalmable berries, the scum off the bacon grease from yesterday's breakfast, and what modern food-processors euphemistically refer to as processed animal by-products.

It comes out of the oven looking like a cross between a burnt meat loaf and last year's potting soil. Everyone smiles weakly, and takes a bit on the tip of his spoon, nibbling like he was half expecting arsenic hollandaise.

"Say, is that rum sauce ready yet?"
Of course, there are alternatives. Here's Mrs. M.'s recipe for plum pudding, a variation, I'm sure, on one she found in Gourmet magazine.

"In a large bowl, mix 1 1/2 cups of dry bread crumbs, 1 cup of chopped or ground suet, 1/2 cup of flour, 2/3 cup of sugar, and 1/2 of raisins steeped for an hour in a cup of fine champagne. Add 1/2 cup each of orange rind, citron, figs and blanched almonds. Sprinkle the ingredients with 1 cup of fine champagne and blend well. Cover the bowl with a towel and put it in the refrigerator for 6 to 8 days, adding a few spoonfuls of fine champagne and tossing the mixture each day."

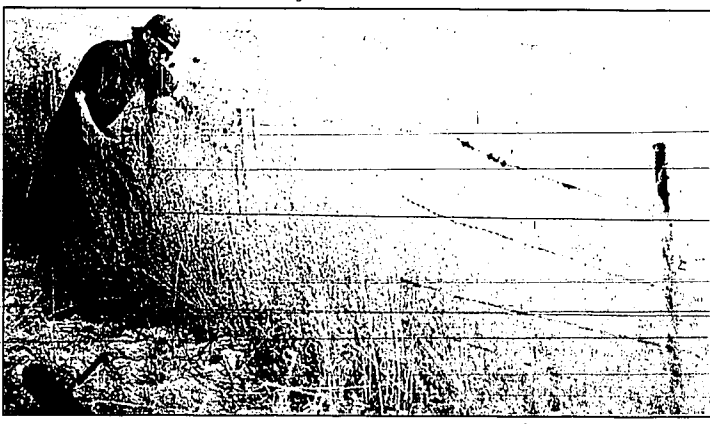
"Stir in 6 beaten eggs and a cup of fine champagne and pack it firmly in a mold, cover with brandy and steam for 15 hours."

"To serve, unmold the pudding onto a platter and decorate with a spray of holly. Sprinkle the pudding with sugar, pour over 1/4 cup of fine champagne, ignite the spirit, and serve flaming."

(Note: Pudding may easily become dried out, so keep a bottle of fine champagne at hand. Season to taste.)

Steve Crump, The Times-News features editor, reminds you not to eat dessert and drive this holiday season.

On the fence



Travis Rasmussen, a worker for the fence company Some Dude's Fence out of Gooding, raises a fence near The Stricker Store south of Kimberly.

2 bond-issue elections, all on 1 day

Hailey City Council, Blaine County plan competing levy measures for May 23

By Barbara Neiwert
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY — Despite Blaine County's plan to hold a revenue bond election for a new jail, Hailey City Council plans to hold a bond-issue election on the same day to raise funds to improve the town's sewage treatment capabilities.

"Running two bonds together and trying to get a super majority to pass is the kiss of death, I guess, for both probably," said Blaine County Sheriff Walt Femling during a public hearing Monday night.

Femling said the county has been in a two-year planning mode to schedule the bond-issue election, previously delaying the vote to avoid competing with school district override levy elections. It would be at least another three years before a new jail could be constructed and utilized, Femling said.

Hailey Mayor Stephen Kearns said he was more optimistic about the city's sewer bond passing on May 23.

"If not, it's clear we'll be in a moratorium situation," Kearns said.

Councilwoman Mary Ann Mix said Hailey will not annex any more subdivi-

sions if the sewer bond doesn't pass.

The county is relying on the annexation of nearly 60 acres next to the airport for a land swap with developer Ron Sharp, which would include four acres to locate a new jail.

Hailey resident Judy Hartley said any building moratorium would be "devastating" on this community.

Councilman Brad Siemer echoed Hartley's opinion by saying a moratorium on new construction would put local economies into convulsions. Siemer also said he would not like to see the sewer bond used as a "growth management tool" by residents who want Hailey to stop growing.

Aside from Blaine County's dismay over Hailey holding a simultaneous bond-issue election, several Hailey residents raised concerns over the feasibility of including funds for a water metering system in with the sewage treatment expansion.

Contractor and Hailey resident Jerry Hayward questioned the effectiveness of water metering.

Hayward said that while metering may conserve water usage, summer sprinkling has no effect on the sewer

system.

Hayward said meter vaults contain a coiled hose to service the meters, but the hose reduces water volumes by 25 percent, making many sprinkling systems ineffective.

Kearns said the city will have to enlarge the water line to insure that those volumes won't drop, and the city will place deeper lines to prevent frozen water pipes.

"We intend to guarantee the line will not freeze from our line to the house," Kearns said.

Low-interest loans are available to Hailey from the Idaho Division of Environmental Quality for the sewer project.

Total estimated cost of the sewer expansion at the Riverside Treatment Plant and the purchase and installation of water meters is \$2.9 million. The city has approximately \$900,000 in dedicated funds to apply to the sewer expansion, reducing the total to \$2.2 million.

The revenue bond will be paid back over 20 years by users' fees. Estimates range between \$5 and \$9 in additional charges to resident's monthly water bills.

New Twin Falls landfill outlasts weather but faces obstacles from county officials

By Sean L. McCarthy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Cold weather isn't to blame for the most recent delay in the county's opening of a new garbage landfill nine miles south of Twin Falls.

The new dump was expected to open Monday, but county officials said they have to appease two state agencies before they can start accepting trash at the Hub Butte site.

County Solid Waste Director Darrell Heider said Friday that the new dump has not met the standards of the state Division of Environmental Quality or the South Central District Health Department.

A meeting with the two agencies is

scheduled for 10 a.m. Wednesday.

Meanwhile, the county's only dump site is an outdated and full facility west of town. That site was supposed to have been shut down this weekend, but it will remain open until the Hub Butte dump gets state approval.

If the health district and DEQ do not OK the site this week, the county's garbage dilemma probably will stretch into 1995.

The federal Environmental Protection Agency set down a list of new regulations in 1991 to maintain sanitary conditions at all garbage landfills. That list, "Subtitle D," required cities and counties to modify, close or open new dumps by Oct. 9, 1993, to meet those requirements.

The Magic Valley got a six-month extension for its larger dumps, but Twin Falls County has remained out of compliance with those regulations since they took effect in April.

In 1992, the county withdrew from a regional landfill project at Milner Butte in Cassia County.

It then took two years for Twin Falls County to acquire the Hub Butte land from the federal government.

Construction began a couple of months ago, and county officials planned a Dec. 5 opening.

A streak of cold temperatures halted work at Hub Butte and prompted a two-week delay to Monday.

No new opening date has been announced.

ISU, Valley fight heats up a degree

Officials' visit Tuesday brings myriad opinions

By Frank E. Lockwood
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Idaho State University officials are coming to Twin Falls Tuesday to assure local leaders that they're serious about serving the Magic Valley.

But ISU already has a number of supporters in the region who say the Pocatello-based school currently offers first-rate educational opportunities.

Many ISU backers get up hours before dawn and board a 5:15 a.m. bus headed for Pocatello. They commute up to 19,000 miles along Interstates 84 and 86 each semester — all for the chance to obtain a four-year degree.

"Despite the agonizing long commute, many passengers say they're grateful for the ride. 'I appreciate the service that ISU provides. Without it, I couldn't go to school,'" said Kenny Alexander, a pharmacy student, en route to classes.

The State Board of Education, prodded by Rep. Ron Black, R-Twin Falls, voted this month to let Boise State University take over business degree programs from ISU in the Magic Valley. It narrowly rejected calls for BSU to replace ISU as the area's provider of most four-year degree programs.

Black has blasted ISU's commuter bus, its local undergraduate services, and graduate courses he calls "Mickey Mouse."

"If you cut ISU out, you cut tons of programs that BSU doesn't have — and never will have."

— Laura Davis,
pharmacy school student

Suggestions that BSU take over for ISU don't sit well with Alexander. BSU, he says, doesn't have a comparable pharmacy program, and he doubts BSU could afford to duplicate the ISU program in the Magic Valley — or even in the capital city.

He doesn't grumble much about the long days. "It's not all that bad; you sleep on the way there and study on the way back," Alexander said.

Chairman of Twin Falls, another pharmacy school student, also defends her university. "If you cut ISU out, you cut tons of programs out that BSU doesn't have — and never will have." The state, she predicts, won't be willing to duplicate these programs in the Magic Valley. The cost, she says, would be too much.

Davis and others said additional ISU classes in Twin Falls would be an improvement. But they refused to give the Pocatello school a vote of "no confidence."

Gene Hines of Burley milks some cows and does some chores each morning, then meets the Bengal Express in Declo. Hines has five kids, he's married, and he says that ISU's services help keep his family together.

"If it wasn't for the bus, I'd have to move up there (by myself) or carpool. That would be a real hardship," he added. For Hines, the bus is a blessing — not an object of ridicule.

Lauren Beaulieu, an undergraduate from Jerome, rides the bus five days each week. A speech and language pathology student, Please see ISUC/2

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Glenns Ferry City Council gets plans for senior center rolling

By Kristi Madison
Times-News correspondent

GLENN'S FERRY — The City Council made progress last week with plans aimed at city improvement, while a standing-room-only crowd of citizens demanded solutions to long-standing city problems.

In support of a block-grant application to build a new senior center, the council agreed to hold a public hearing to discuss the community's responsibility in applying for funds.

Seniors have already accumulated \$94,340 in money and in-kind services, along with 20 lots, and water and sewer hook-ups from the city.

The hearing is the first step in a process that could gain up to \$100,000 more, said Jerry Miller, of Ida-Ore Planning and Development Association, Boise.

After a citizen-participation plan is developed, a procurement plan for administration must be designed before an application can be submitted by the Feb. 3 deadline.

Both plans are critical elements that the Idaho Department of Commerce will carefully consider, Miller said.

"It's a competitive process," he said.

"Just because the city submits an application, it's not guaranteed they will receive funds... If the city is successful, dollars could be available as early as the month of July."

At 3,840 square feet, the new senior center would be more than a third larger than the existing facility. There would also be more parking space.

"We really don't have room to accommodate the current growth, and we anticipate even more growth," Miller said.

He added that if committee had studied the needs of the senior for nearly a year and had decided that would be better to build a new facility than to try to fix old problems.

A community match of almost \$1.2 million will also be required for the future interpretive center in order to collect federal funding which was recently approved by the Idaho Transportation Board, said state Rep. Robbi King.

Ticket sales for the Oregon Trail home raffle continue in an effort to raise \$300,000 toward the match.

King said the raffle will not be held until the home is built and all 3,000 tickets are sold, but offered refunds to anyone suffering

hardship due to a donation.

She added that the Foundation for the home was completed last week.

The city approved a \$12,000-plus loan for Robert Schamber to install lighting at the airport. The remaining \$9,500 necessary for the project will be covered by a grant from the Idaho Bureau of Aeronautics and donations.

Following a donation of a radio mobile phone to the Police Department, the council agreed to pay the \$20 monthly charge plus 15 cents per minute for service on a one-year trial basis, subject to termination if employees abuse the privilege.

Kip Willis said the telephone was necessary because citizens currently had no way to directly contact an officer.

Elmore County dispatch handles 911 calls but refused to act as the Glenn Ferry Police Department's "personal secretary." The department answering machine is temporarily out of service.

Few citizens commented on a state-mandated Area of City Impact Plan, which will be subject to the council's approval within the next few weeks.

Trent Ottens, of the Association of Idaho Cities in Boise, explained that the

Legislature passed a law in 1993 requiring all cities to develop a plan by January 1995.

Following two county public hearings and two non-attended city hearings, Elmore county approved the plan, Ottens said.

A map of the proposed impact area and community development overlay zone is available for public viewing at city hall. No final hearing date has yet been set.

Within the overlay area, county zoning will apply, as will the city's comprehensive plan. The city subdivision ordinance will apply one mile inside the area.

In creating the plan, trade, geographic factors and areas of expected annexation were considered, according to Ottens.

Conversely, citizens had plenty to say about an ongoing dog problem and inadequate ambulance service.

"I think we need someone at the police department in charge of animal control, and we should require a short record," John Root said. "If we're not taking better care of these animals than we are, someone's going to get hurt and we're going to be sorry."

Public Works Superintendent Butch Anderson, who said time allocated now manages animal control as time allows, said owners are required to buy licenses for dogs at the

first of each year and to have proof that the animals were vaccinated for rabies every three years.

Councilman John Morris further explained that the city has a leash law which requires all dogs to be in their owner's control or on the owner's property.

Ruby Lent requested that the ordinance be changed to require the animals to be in a fence or on a chain.

Mayor Leo McGhee explained that changing the ordinance would take some time and enforcement would require an improved animal shelter. The shelter has no heat and is not adequate for winter use.

He proposed that the city hire two part-time officers to handle animal control four hours each day for two weeks. Violators of the current ordinance will be cited.

The council approved the proposal. Finally, Betty Wise and Honey Mayberry notified the council of a meeting to be held at the Mountain Home Air Force Base on Friday concerning problems with the county ambulance service.

"I suggest we develop a citizen's committee and stay on this," Wise said of the ongoing movement to improve emergency medical service in the city.

Services

Antonio Silva, of Burley, will officiate 7 p.m. today. Today, *Little Flower* Catholic Church, 1601 Oakley Ave. in Burley, Mass of the Resurrection, 10 a.m. Monday at the church. Viewing, 4 to 5:30 p.m. today. Paye Mortuary in Burley, from 6 p.m. until time of the vigil service today at the church; and one hour before Mass on Monday at the church.

Ward A. Rulien, of Wendell, memorial service, 11 a.m. Monday, United Methodist Church in Glenns Ferry. (Demary's Gooding Chapel).

Gail W. Williams, of Jerome, 11 a.m. Monday, Jerome 2nd and 5th Ward LDS Chapel on North Lincoln. Viewing, 5 to 8 p.m. today. Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome, and one hour before the funeral on

Monday at the church. Don Wolverton, of Orofino and formerly of Twin Falls, memorial service, 11 a.m. Monday, Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Ada Irene Owsley Brown, of Hagerman, 1 p.m. Monday, Demary's Gooding Chapel. Viewing, 4 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

Bonnie Lee Seemster, of Burley, 2 p.m. Monday, Meridian United Methodist Church Family Life Center, East Third and Idaho, (Payne Mortuary in Burley).

Claude L. Massie, of Jamestown, N.D., and formerly of Twin Falls, 10 a.m. Tuesday, White Mortuary in Twin Falls. Viewing, 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral chapel.

Death notice

George Chandler BURLEY — George Chandler, 81, of Burley, died Friday, Dec. 16, 1994, at the Cassia Memorial Hospital in Burley.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at the Payne Memorial

Chapel, 221 W. Main St. in Burley with David O'Donahue officiating. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today and one hour before the funeral on Monday at the funeral chapel.

Key waste operations start again at INEL

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — A key part of the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory's Waste Management Program, the Waste Experimental Reduction Facility, restarted operations in November. Compacting resumed Nov. 18 and sizing of low level waste resumed Nov. 28.

The computer can apply 200 tons of pressure to low level waste materials to produce a 7-to-1 volume reduction. The sizing operation produces a 5-to-1 volume reduction using plasma torches and other instruments to manually cut up large metal or wood items such as tanks, fuel storage racks and other bulky objects as they fit better into disposal containers.

Both systems are operated inside an enclosed building, and the operations use negative air pressure, and

monitored ventilation exhaust filtration systems to prevent release of contaminants to the environment.

The restart of these operations was authorized by the Department of Energy after Lockheed Idaho completed major facility and equipment maintenance, modifications and upgrades, personnel training and requalification, and procedure and safety document reviews and updates.

Waste Experimental Reduction Facility is designed to reduce the volume of low level radioactive waste at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory and to treat mixed low level waste generated at Department of Energy facilities using current and new technologies. Mixed low level waste includes both radioactive and nonradioactive, hazardous materials.

Boise Cascade elects new board member

BOISE (AP) — Boise Cascade Corporation has announced that Jane E. Shaw, Ph.D., has been elected to the company's board of directors.

Shaw is former president and chief operating officer of Alza Corporation, a Palo Alto, Calif.-based therapeutic systems company.

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MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO EXPRESSED THEIR CONDOLENCES TO US AT THE DEATH OF A.W. (BILL, SR.) MADLAND. A SPECIAL THANKS TO WEST MAJOR CARE CENTER, WOODSTONE, BRIDGEVIEW ESTATES & TWIN FALLS CARE CENTER, WHO CARED FOR HIM DURING HIS LAST FOUR YEARS. SINCERELY, THE FAMILY OF A.W. (BILL, SR.) MADLAND

Hospitals

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Some names are omitted at patients' request.

Admitted: Nicholas Bartlik, Natalie Johnston and Melanie Summers, all of Twin Falls; Jennifer Kerner and Gregory Swenson, both of Shoshone; Kathleen Dorn of Buhl; and Callen Smith of Jerome.

Released: Sharon Goebel of Rupert; Sean Miller of Twin Falls; and Lois Nielson of Gooding.

MINIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Admitted: Lupe Villaseñor, Henschel Barnes and Charles Villines, all of Rupert; and Tawnya Hale of Heyburn.

Released: Carol Davis, Anthony Labra and Matthew Kirk, all of Rupert; Melissa Delagaz and Leland Culley, both of

Paul; and Earl Andrews of Burley.

Births

A daughter was born to John and Tawnya Hale of Heyburn.

CASSIA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Admitted

Elmer Hieb, Ryan Apr, Kay Johnson, Heidi Reis and Heather Taylor, all of Burley; Alicia Sherman and Francis Gunnell, both of Malin; Kevin Catmull of Paul; and Evelyn Hinrichs of Rupert.

Released

Rudy Hernandez and Mary Martin, both of Burley; Brannon Moon and Lois Loveland, both of Heyburn; Maria Graham and Vonda Edwards, both of Rupert; and Amelia Meyer of Twin Falls.

Births

A baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. Dean Johnson and to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ray, all of Burley.

Obituaries

Alpha M. Byrne Herman JEROME — Alpha M. Byrne Herman, 95, of Jerome, died Tuesday, Dec. 13, 1994, at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome.

Alpha was born April 8, 1899, at Stillwater, Minn., the eldest of four children born to Andrew and Mary Pearson. She married Patrick E. Byrne in 1918. They lived in Richfield, Idaho, where they raised their five children and where she served as postmistress at Richfield. In 1942, they moved to Boise where she worked for the State Tax Department. Patrick died in 1954. Alpha married Andrew Herman in 1959. They lived in Payette, Idaho, and traveled across the United States until Andrew's death in 1981.

She is survived by three sons and a daughter and their families: Jim and Lucille Byrne of Boise; Joe and Zoe Byrne of Twin Falls; David Byrne of Boise; and Jeanne and Wayne Blumer of Jerome. She is also survived by two sisters, Ruth Jenkins of Arington, Idaho; and Thelma Skirf of Star, Idaho; 31 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her oldest son, Patrick W. Byrne, her brother Arthur Pearson, and her husband, Andrew Herman. A vigil service with Hosary will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 19, at St. Jerome's Catholic Church in Jerome, and a funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 20, at St. Jerome's Church, with Father Joseph Camacho and Father Joseph Morris, O.S.B., as celebrants. Burial will follow at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Jerome Cemetery in Jerome. Alpha was a member of St. Jerome's Church, with Father Joseph Camacho and Father Joseph Morris, O.S.B., as celebrants. She was a member of the Ladies Aid Society, the St. Jerome's Church, and the St. Jerome's Church. She was a member of the Ladies Aid Society, the St. Jerome's Church, and the St. Jerome's Church. She was a member of the Ladies Aid Society, the St. Jerome's Church, and the St. Jerome's Church.

Terri Lloyd, 208 Sage Road West, Lloyde, ID 83338, or can be given to funeral chapel staff. Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls is in charge of service arrangements.

Don Bailey BOISE — Don Bailey, 67, of Boise, died Saturday, Dec. 10, 1994, at his home.

Don was born Jan. 12, 1927. He attended Boise schools and then joined Idaho Power Co. In 1929 after graduating from the University of Idaho with an electrical engineering degree. In June of 1931, he married Emma Williams of Pocatello. He spent most of the early part of his career at Idaho Power in engineering, commercial and industrial marketing positions. Then in 1942, he enlisted as an officer in the U.S. Army Signal Corp and served on Governors Island in New York City. In 1946, he returned to Pocatello and joined Idaho Power, continuing a distinguished career dedicated to service to the community, his family and the land.

While in Pocatello, he was a member of KeyStone Lodge No. 31, A.F. and A.M. and was a 50-year member. He was a charter member of the Toastmasters Club in Pocatello and Twin Falls, where he was transferred to Boise as manager of division operations and the following year he was promoted to vice president. In 1970, he was elected to the Board of Directors of the Idaho Power Co. He had served as president of the Northwest Electrical Light and Power Association, at that time composed of 16 investor-owned utilities in seven states and two Canadian provinces, and served as president of the Boise Chapter of Rotary International in 1968. He served as

board member of numerous other organizations in Boise.

Following his retirement from Idaho Power in 1972, he remained active in church and community affairs for many years. Don loved the Lord and was a beloved father, friend and grandfather, staying involved in his family's lives till his death.

In 1969, he successfully underwent one of the earliest bypass surgeries in Boise. The following year was one of the highlights of his life, a white-water trip on the Salmon River. For several years following that he was an avid backpacker, traveling into the White Cloud Area. He was also an avid football fan and he rarely missed a Boise State University game.

Mr. Bailey is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Al (Donna) Weltz of Chatsworth, Calif.; four grandchildren, Leanne Schultz and her husband, Andrea Jones and her husband Jim, Philip Weltz and Valerie Weltz; seven great-grandchildren, including a set of triplets, all of California; his sister-in-law, Mrs. Kenneth (Merle) DeLatale; nieces, Mrs. Ted (Kay) Syverson of Pocatello, Mary Jean Vincent and Terry Walsh of Phoenix, Arizona; a cousin, Margy Varnon, and her husband Bob of Caldwell. He was preceded in death by his wife Emma in 1969 and a daughter LeAnn in 1984.

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 20, at Summers Funeral Homes, Boise Chapel. Graveyard services will precede the service at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 18, at the Mountain View Cemetery in Pocatello. The Rev. Jim Moore of Caldwell will officiate.

The family suggests memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church, 950 W. State St., Boise, ID 83702.

ISU

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she's also lery of BSU taking over ISU's turf. The Boise school doesn't offer her program; she said, so she's needed to go to Pocatello anyway.

"I think this commuter bus service is wonderful. The wear and tear on my car — and on my body — would be terrible without it," she added.

Politicians who knock ISU should do their homework first, Beaulieu said. Providing transportation is a whole lot cheaper than duplicating degree programs in Twin Falls, she noted. "Is (state Rep. Ron) Black going to finance the College of Southern Idaho to put in clinics and whatever is necessary to finance all these programs?" she asked. Black's publicized criticism, she said, are unfounded — and unappreciated.

David Butterfield has a vested interest in the commuter bus. He's an electronics student — and the bus driver. He says he'd like to get a four-year degree in Twin Falls, but prides the ISU program. "They've been a pretty good school so far," he said. "They really go out of their way to make sure we know our stuff."

ISU also gets praise from some unlikely sources, such as Twin Falls resident Anita Glavin. Glavin was coordinator of the management degree program for Lewis-Clark State College and lost her job after ISU took over. But she says ISU has kept the promises it made when it came to the Magic Valley in 1992.

"ISU did an excellent job. They tried really, really hard," she said. Predictions by Black — and others — that ISU wouldn't meet its obligations ended up missing their mark. "Mr. Ron Black was right in the middle of it saying, 'They'll never do it.' In fact, they did it, despite of all his negativity," Glavin said.

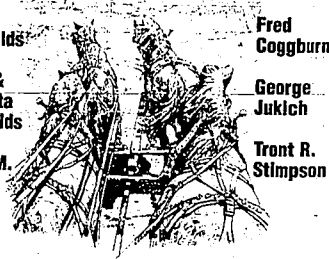
Glavin questioned whether the community is really united in opposing ISU. "People who complain get heard. People who are happy very seldom say much."

The staff of Reynolds Funeral Chapel wishes you all a **Very Merry Christmas!**

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Birds of a feather have fowl ball when counting winged wonders

ST. GEORGE, Utah (AP) — They come armed with binoculars, pictures of birds and a love of nature.

Their mission: to count everything with feathers that moves. These particular bird watchers are not seeking out fowl merely for pleasure — they are volunteers joining the annual Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count. One day a year they celebrate the holiday by tramping after birds.

This year's count is scheduled for Dec. 27 in Zion National Park and Dec. 28 in St. George. Other bird counts are scheduled in Cedar City and Kanab, Utah.

Counters in Zion National Park begin before sun rise by hiking for the Great White Owl. By nightfall, they will have walked miles as they canvass their areas.

Most bird watchers have little in common. Some are professors, others are government employees, still others are retired. But all share a similar exhilaration for pecking into nature and discovering her secrets.

"It's a peaceful activity people can do anywhere," Sheri Fedorchak, natural resource specialist for the National Park Service, said. "Watching birds

becomes entertaining. It's an event that brings people together that would never meet otherwise."

Each bird watcher may have individual motives, like a man from Sandy, Utah, who was an avid bird watcher for years but longed to see a Pygmy Nuthatch. He signed up to

birds instead of shooting them.

The purpose of the event is to discover trends in the migratory bird population, Fedorchak said.

This is the 95th year the Audubon Society has organized a national day to count birds. Bird watchers across the country — approximately 43,000 strong — will scour the skies and examine trees

and bushes in an attempt to number a variety of species.

The bird count is now a highlight of the season among the stalwart bird watchers in Southern Utah. Bird watchers in St. George will spend most of their time around bodies of water and at the ponds at area golf courses, where win-

ter birds hole up, while watchers in Zion will be spread out in groups to monitor a variety of birds.

The reward for standing from sun up until sun down comes when all the numbers are tallied from each group that night. Identifying more than 75 species and counting nearly 4,000 birds becomes something of a game, a way of keeping score.

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— Sheri Fedorchak,
natural resource specialist
for the National Park Service

count and finally saw the bird on the east side of the park among a stand of Ponderosa pines, according to Fedorchak.

"They are common here," she said. "We see them around all the time."

The whole idea of the bird count evolved nearly a century ago after 27 conservationists decided to protest the annual bird hunt by counting the

Burley founder of grocery gives U of I \$1 million

MOSCOW (AP) — A.D. "Daz" Davis, a University of Idaho alumnus from Burley and cofounder of what now is the sixth-largest grocery chain in the country, has donated \$1 million to the UI College of Business and Economics and the UI Foundation.

After Davis graduated from the College of Business and Economics in the spring of 1929, he joined the family business in Florida. The group of eight stores grew to what is now the Winn-Dixie chain—the sixth-largest food retailer.

"Because of all that the University of Idaho gave to me, I am glad that I have been given the means to do a little in return," Davis said. The gift was announced at a Jacksonville, Fla., Silver and Gold reception in November, held in Davis' honor.

Half of the gift already has been given to the College of Business. The remaining \$500,000 is in a charitable remainder trust. Upon the death of Davis and his wife, half of the trust will be awarded to the UI Foundation and half will be used for the benefit of the College of Business.

The gift brings Davis' total donations to the school to \$1.4 million. He also has established the A.D. "Daz" Davis Investment group, funded The Davis Free Enterprise Award for faculty, made the top gift to the Erwin C. Graue Scholars Program and contributed scholarship support for many years through the family foundations of the Winn-Dixie Charities.

Business Dean Byron Dangerfield said the first \$500,000 will be used to establish the Davis Enrichment Fund. Income from the fund is discretionary and will provide the college with much-needed financial flexibility to cover things such as unexpected equipment needs and student projects.

Efforts to kill bean beetles seem to work

BOISE (AP) — There has been steady progress in the eradication of the Mexican bean beetle infestation in Boise. No live stage of the beetle or evidence of host damage was detected during the 1994 survey of home gardens, according to the Idaho Department of Agriculture.

There are no other reports of Mexican bean beetle infestation.

The Department of Agriculture and the Idaho Bean Commission began working together in 1974 to eradicate the Boise infestation. Seasonal inspectors surveyed home gardens in Boise.

Infested gardens were sprayed at no cost to the owner. In 1991, a biological control program was implemented in which a tiny parasitic wasp of the Mexican bean beetle larvae were released, said Michael Cooper, chief of the Bureau of Plant Services.

The infestation dwindled until the beetle was confined to only two areas in Boise. No sightings were made in either area in the 1994 season.

"The eradication program will be continued until results show several consecutive years of negative findings in both areas," Cooper said.

The first report of Mexican bean beetle in Idaho was in Twin Falls in 1954. The infestation was quickly eradicated. The beetle was then accidentally introduced to Boise in 1961. By 1975, the Boise infestation had grown to over 1,000 home gardens.

Man suspected as fugitive arrested in Montana

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — A man suspected of being a Utah fugitive was arrested by federal agents in Billings without incident and held without bond in the Yellowstone County jail

pending an identity hearing.

Randy Little, an Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agent, said the man initially identified as Eryck Ashton was followed from his residence to a shopping

center Friday afternoon.

Ashton gave his age as 30, but asked U.S. Magistrate Richard Anderson for an identity hearing to prove he is the same person named in the arrest warrant.

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Let's further assume for a 10 year period the 401K can earn an average of 8% and the real estate, however, proper management, tax and interest expense, will be about \$255,000 net after tax.

If your rental property net happens to be in Hawaii or Florida and you choose to visit it, that trip could be tax deductible. You can't visit your 401K.

The above is by no means meant to be an exhaustive analysis, but \$175,000 difference in just 10 years bears looking into!

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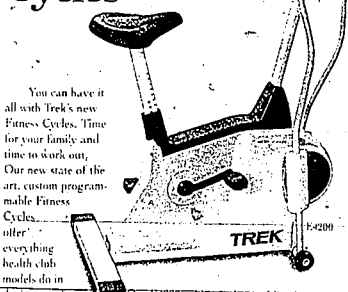
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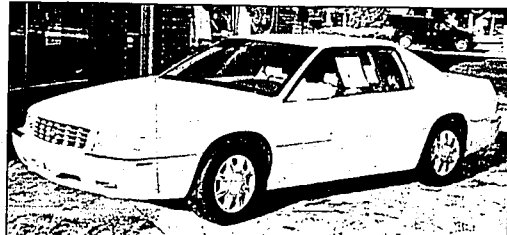
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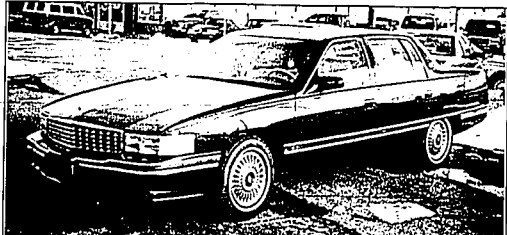
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Tuesday: Soufflé, chicken
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets
Thursday and Friday: No school

BLISS

Monday: Pepperoni pizza
Tuesday: Ham and beef noodle soup
Wednesday: Taco salad
Thursday: Ham and mashed potatoes
Friday: No school

BUHL

Breakfast: Juice served every day.
Monday: Cereal and muffin
Tuesday: French toast
Wednesday: Pancakes
Thursday: Cereal and cinnamon toast
Friday: No school

ELK

Monday: Soft-fur burrito
Tuesday: Hamburger
Wednesday: Baked turkey and mashed potatoes
Thursday: Pepperoni pizza
Friday: No school

BURLEY JUNIOR HIGH

Breakfast: Juice and fruit served every day.
Lunch: Choice of salad bar with sandwich or soup or sandwich bar every day.
Monday: Mucho nachos
Tuesday: Beef stew
Wednesday: Ham slice and scalloped potatoes
Thursday: Hamburger or burrito or chicken burger
Friday: No school

CASSIA COUNTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Breakfast: Fruit or juice served every day.
Monday: Soufflé and pancakes served with toast
Tuesday: Cereal and cinnamon toast
Wednesday: Scrambled eggs and ham
Thursday: Omelet and raisin bread
Friday: No school
Lunch:
Monday: Finger steak
Tuesday: Sweet and sour meatballs
Wednesday: Turkey and dressing
Thursday: Tuna or a bun
Friday: No school

CASTLEFORD

Breakfast:
Monday: Cinnamon roll
Tuesday: Pancakes
Wednesday: Eggs and toast
Thursday: Cereal
Friday: No school
Lunch: Self-serve salad bar every day.
Monday: Enchiladas
Tuesday: Baked ham dinner
Wednesday: Hamburger
Thursday: Corn dog
Friday: No school

DIETRICH

Breakfast: Choice of juice, milk, hot chocolate, cereal, toast or muffin.
Lunch: Salad bar and variety of fruit choices, both chocolate milk and white milk offered daily.
Monday: Nachos
Tuesday: Baked ham and scalloped potatoes
Wednesday: Corn dog
Thursday and Friday: No school

FILER

Monday: Taco
Tuesday: Soup and sandwich
Wednesday: Cheeseburger
Thursday: Idaho haystacks
Friday: Cook's choice

GLENN'S FERRY

Monday: Corn dog
Tuesday: Sausage pizza
Wednesday: Cheeseburger
Thursday: Chicken nuggets

GIBBONS ELEMENTARY (GOODING)

Breakfast served every day.
Lunch: Salad bar or potato bar available on alternating days.
Monday: Chicken nuggets
Tuesday: Calzone
Wednesday: Christmas dinner
Thursday: Sack lunch
Friday: No school

FRAHM MIDDLE SCHOOL (GOODING)

Breakfast: Taco salad
Monday: Taco salad
Tuesday: Calzone
Wednesday: Christmas dinner
Thursday: Sack lunch
Friday: No school

GOODING HIGH SCHOOL

Breakfast: Salad bar or main menu and potato bar or pizza available on alternating days.
Monday: Submarine sandwich
Tuesday: Calzone
Wednesday: Christmas dinner
Thursday: Sack lunch
Friday: No school

HAGDEMAN

Chocolate milk is available for 25 cents.
Monday: Pepperoni pizza
Tuesday: Hot dogs
Wednesday: Chicken on a bun
Thursday: No lunch served
Friday: No school

HANSEN

Monday: Finger steak
Tuesday: Pizza
Wednesday through Friday: No school

IDAHO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND

Breakfast: Choice of juice, fruit, hot cereal and cold cereal.
Monday: Sausage patty and pancakes
Tuesday: Breakfast sandwiches
Wednesday: Blueberry muffin and yogurt
Thursday: Scrambled eggs and toast
Friday: No school
Lunch: Salad bar every day.
Monday: Italian pizza
Tuesday: All American hamburger
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets
Thursday: Toasted turkey ham and cheese sandwich
Friday: No school

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH SCHOOL

Monday: Christmas lunch
Tuesday: Salad bar and creamy potato soup
Wednesday: Pepperoni and sausage pizza
Thursday: No lunch served
Friday: No school

JEROME ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Breakfast served every day.
Lunch:
Monday: Open menu
Tuesday: Salad bar and dressing
Wednesday: Baked cheese sandwich
Thursday and Friday: No school

JEROME MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS

Choice of salad bar, soup and sandwich bar, self-serve bar, mainline (fried), hamburger line, or ala carte items. Hamburger and mainline served with french fries and fresh fruit.
Monday: Chili and crackers
Tuesday: Ravioli turkey
Wednesday: Open menu
Thursday and Friday: No school

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Breakfast served every day.
Lunch:
Monday: Enchiladas
Tuesday: Submarine sandwich
Wednesday: Hot dog
Thursday: Baked ham and potatoes
Friday: No lunch served

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Breakfast:
Monday: Cereal and muffin
Tuesday: Breakfast burrito
Wednesday: Hot cereal and raisin toast
Thursday: Granola bar and raisin cup
Friday: No school
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Tuesday: Student's choice
Wednesday: Turkey pizza with mashed potatoes
Thursday: Submarine sandwich
Friday: No school

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Breakfast: Juice served every day.
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Thursday and Friday: No school
Lunch:
Monday: Corn dog
Tuesday: Turkey and dressing
Wednesday: Ham and cheese sandwich
Thursday and Friday: No school

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Lunch:
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Lunch: Choice of salad bar, pizza or mainline menu every day. Mainline menu varies daily.
Monday: Sloppy joe on a bun or corn dog
Tuesday: Enchilada or chickenburger
Wednesday: Open menu
Thursday: Christmas lunch in a basket
Friday: No school

WENDELL ELEMENTARY

Breakfast served daily.
Lunch:
Monday: Super nachos
Tuesday: Roast turkey and potatoes
Wednesday: Hamburger
Thursday and Friday: No school

WENDELL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Monday: Super nachos
Tuesday: Roast turkey and potatoes
Wednesday: Pizza
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Batt rids staff of Democrats

BOISE (AP) — There may not be any more announcements of new appointments in administration of Gov.-elect Phil Batt, but a number of Democrats who worked under outgoing Gov. Cecil Andrus have been notified they're out of a job or got hints from the new administration to start looking.

Batt announced a number of appointments on Friday, but his staff said the governor-elect plans a Christmas vacation in Arizona for a few days. Batt will be sworn in Jan. 2, the first Republican governor for the state in 24 years.

The incoming governor said earlier he probably wouldn't be able to replace all the Andrus appointees by the time he took office, and some of them probably would stay on for a few months until successors could be found.

Batt moved quickly after Idaho's two delegates to the Northwest Power Planning Council disrespected his plea and voted to go ahead with a salmon



Batt

restoration plan favored by the outgoing governor but not by Batt.

With little comment, Batt named Mike Field, the natural resource specialist for Republican U.S. Sen. Larry Craig, and Todd Maddock, public affairs director for Potlatch Corp., to replace Andy Brunelle and Bob Saxvik.

Burnelle and Saxvik, both were appointed by Andrus to the \$70,000-plus federally funded jobs and both expected to be replaced when the GOP takes over.

Batt has strongly opposed a sweeping salmon restoration plan that calls for drawdowns of eastern Washington reservoirs. But it was approved by a 6-2 vote, and Andrus, in public statements, reminded Batt that even with his

two new appointees, he won't have enough votes on the council to rescind the action without a long, drawn-out process.

Batt also named John Hatch, the agriculture specialist for Republican Congressman Michael Crapo, to head the state Department of Agriculture and Drew Forney, Idaho manager for Washington Federal Savings, to run the state Insurance Fund. The continues the Batt policy of ousting anyone who supported his Democratic opponent in the election.

Attorney General Larry Echolfack, or who supported or contributed to any Democratic candidates.

Hatch replaced Greg Nelson, ousted after contributing \$500 to Echolfack and only \$25 to Batt.

Forney, whose wife previously served on the Boise City Council, replaced Merle Parsley, an Andrus confidante who contributed over \$800 to Echolfack and helped in Democratic fund-raising.

Half of center's blood is home-grown

BOISE (AP) The Red Cross blood center in Boise is back in business, but its supply is still not 100 percent home-grown.

The old goal was November or December. The new one is Feb. 1.

Since March, much of the blood given to Idahoans who need emer-

gency transfusions has been flown in from other states.

The center stopped collecting and processing blood because of a bad inspection from the federal Food and Drug Administration.

Inspectors found scores of problems, mostly with paperwork and

equipment maintenance. No tainted blood reached the public.

In August, the revamped center started up again, collecting more blood. About one-half is now local.

A main reason for the delay was difficulty in hiring staff, said Joan Bern, director of donor resources.

Board to hire engineering consultant

BOISE (AP) — The state Board of Education plans to hire an independent consultant to study a proposed engineering school at Boise State University, board Chairman Roy Mosman says.

The Friday announcement arrives about two weeks after the state regents told Boise State President Charles Rueh and Idaho State President Richard Bowen to prepare blueprints for their own independent engineering schools.

The board earlier created an expert task force to look at the state's engineering requirements.

The University of Idaho oversees most of the engineering classes in Boise.

'The notion of expert consultation is a good one.'

— U of I President Elisabeth Zinser

Mosman said he will propose using the consultant to research the start-up and annual costs of a Boise State school, and timeline for accreditation. The first graduates of an independent program in Boise would not come from an accredited school.

The board will hold a Monday teleconference to discuss a consultant.

Meanwhile, Idaho President Elisabeth Zinser has been preparing board-requested proposals to improve the Moscow program, an expanded Idaho-administered network in Boise and engineering education statewide.

The latest twist came as no surprise to Zinser, who said she was aware of the proposed meeting to appoint an analyst.

"The notion of expert consultation is a good one," she said.

At this month's meeting, board member Curtis Eaton said further investigation did not mean a halt to the regents' commitment to a \$1.5 million expansion of Idaho's engineering program in Boise.

Micron Technology of Boise has offered \$6 million to the state if it creates an independent engineering school at BSU, with \$1 million of that for education needs statewide.

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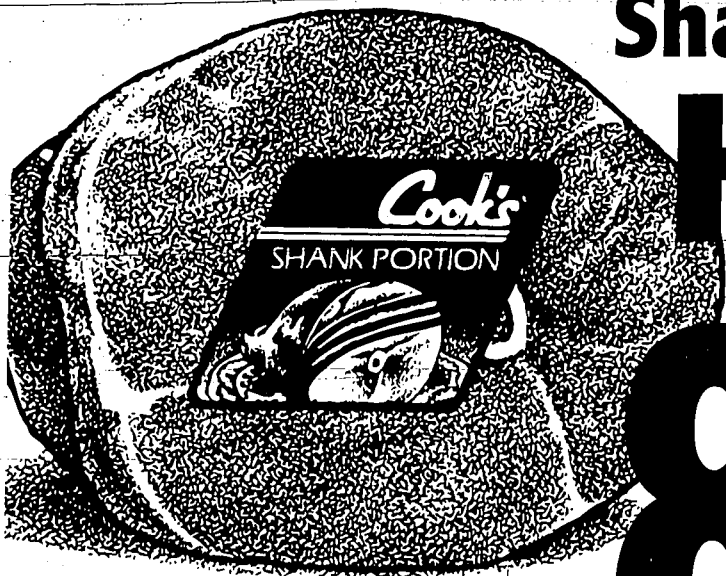
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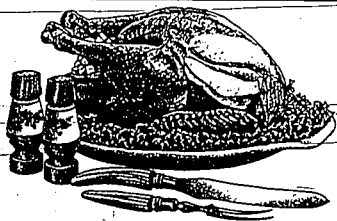
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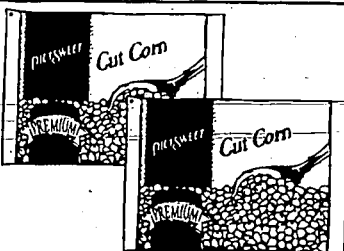
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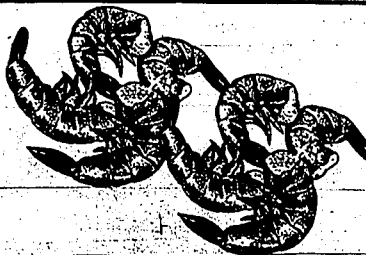
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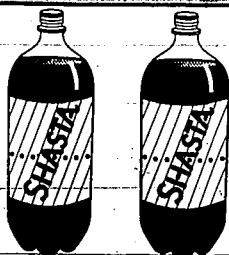
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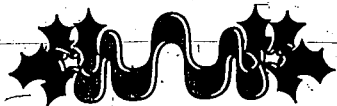


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IRS takes tax offensive

Bureau tries to put squeeze on Madison County protesters

REXBURG (AP) — The Internal Revenue Service is taking a hard line against tax protesters in Madison County, with one home sold at auction because its owner refused to file federal income tax returns.

The mobile home of Gail Mason, REXBURG, was sold for \$4,150 to Wade Ward, Sugar City. The owner has 180 days to redeem it by paying taxes due. According to federal tax liens on file at the county courthouse, Mason owes \$27,000 in back taxes.

Officials said two other homes up for sale were not sold. One was pulled when the owners filed for bankruptcy and the other had no bidders.

Mary Trudeau said the home of Ralph and Karen Brian, REXBURG, wasn't sold because they filed for bankruptcy. That stalls the attempt to collect taxes by selling the couple's assets but doesn't change the tax debt.

The Brians said the IRS won't

let them make installments on their \$33,000 tax bill. "They want to make us an example," Ralph Brian said.

"Installment payments are a benefit of cooperating with the service. For those who have a long history of not cooperating,

'They want to make us an example.'

— Ralph Brian, who owes \$33,000 in back taxes.

we proceed with the easiest way to collect the tax," Trudeau said.

"We're pretty stingy with installment agreements. Normally, full payment of the tax is the normal procedure," she said.

Tax liens indicate Detroit and Earlene Parkinson, REXBURG, owe \$160,000 in taxes. Their home had a minimum bid of \$45,000,

and there were no takers.

IRS Officer James Mason, Idaho Falls, said the IRS plans to put that home and six other parcels of property up for auction in February or March.

Trudeau said many of the area's tax protesters are people who refuse to file income tax forms. If tax returns are not filed, the IRS estimates the tax and makes the assessment.

There have been protests against the sales. More than 50 people protested at an Idaho Falls sale last summer.

The home of Karen Brian's sister, Koreen Morgan, was sold. The IRS said there were some threats of violence at the time.

Some people have posted notices that there is a court action pending against the property. Trudeau said people have a false assumption that the notices will protect their property from IRS action.

State will hold recount at request of losing rep

WALLACE (AP) — The Idaho attorney general's office has ordered a five-precinct recount at the request of incumbent Rep. Gino White, who lost to Republican Don Pischner by 15 votes.

The Plummer Democrat who served for seven years filed a request for the recount one day before the Dec. 13 deadline.

White had 20 days to file the

request after the state Board of Canvassers had finished their ballot inspection on Nov. 23.

On Wednesday, Deputy Attorney General Frank Walker and Chief Deputy Secretary of State Ben Ysursa will recount Shoshone County's Kingston precinct and the Plummer and Tensed precincts in Benewah County, Shoshone County Clerk Marsha Wingfield said.

"I checked with some people who had been involved with previous recounts and came up with criteria to determine what precincts were the most likely to have errors," White said in explaining his wait.

White paid \$500 for the recount — \$100 per precinct — but the money will be refunded if a margin of error is found that ultimately turns the vote in White's favor.

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Gas prices to stay low but hike is on its way

BOISE (AP) — Idaho gasoline prices will remain moderate during the holidays although higher prices are coming to some parts of the country.

The Idaho AAA said its latest fuel gauge survey showed the average price for a gallon of self-serve unleaded has dropped about 3 cents per gallon since Thanksgiving. The statewide average price was \$1.223 per gallon, still 7.4 cents higher than the national average and about 2 cents higher than the price of one year earlier.

Meanwhile, the average price of self-serve unleaded gas in cities that will sell reformulated gas starting Jan. 1 is \$1.236. The 1990 Clean Air Act requires the sale of reformulated gas in nine cities with severe air pollution problems and two others voluntarily joined the program. All are large cities.

Other cities and areas of the country with less severe problems have decided to replace their conventional gas with reformulated gas or have mandated the use of oxygenated fuels during winter months to reduce carbon monoxide emissions.

Reformulated gas is expected to cost 4-6 cents per gallon more than conventional gas.

"There are no obvious impacts in

Idaho regarding the introduction of reformulated gas in other areas of the country," said the AAA's Dave Carlson. He said the organization will continue to monitor the impact of the new fuel.

The fuel gauge survey shows south-central Idaho still has the lowest prices of four regions surveyed, at \$1.18 for self-serve unleaded. Northern Idaho reported the highest prices, \$1.275. The average price in southwestern Idaho is \$1.218.

"Decreased seasonal demand and lower crude prices may have had something to do with declining pump prices in Idaho," Carlson said. Prices this year have closely followed seasonal trends from previous years.

Because of the many storms that have hit the area this year, Carlson said motorists should have their vehicles inspected prior to travel. Motorists also should carry additional blankets, food, jumper cables and tire chains if they plan to travel on mountain or secondary roads.

About one-fourth of the stations surveyed in Idaho said they will be open 24 hours on Christmas Day. Of all the stations contacted, 44 percent said they will be open for at least limited hours.

State officials seek change in some logging procedures

SANDPOINT (AP) — The state Department of Lands is looking at new logging rules to stop clearcuts adjacent to waterways and bar heavy logging equipment within 30 feet of streams.

Officials say the rules are designed to better protect streams, lakes and air quality.

The current buffer zone along streams is just five feet, and Bill Love, chief of forestry assistance, said that can cause erosion problems and allow sediment and debris into streams.

"We don't anticipate much opposition to the changes," he said. "These are common sense rules and many of them are

already being applied by operators (loggers)."

The state plan would prohibit tractors and other machinery from skidding logs off steep slopes next to streams. Loggers also will need burn permits, and they must call an air quality hot line before burning slash piles.

The public has until Jan. 4 to comment on the rules.

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Woman makes Christmas every day

SPOKANE (AP) — You can tell right away that Beth Merck isn't a white-haired 70-year-old woman.

But when devoted fans of the "E.M. Merck Collection" of glass Christmas tree ornaments and whimsical wood nutcracker figures line up to get the designer's autograph at big giftware trade shows, many are surprised.

"I'm not who they were expecting," said Merck, smiling.

Maybe people figure that the creative force behind a business called Old World Christmas should resemble, say, the guy who created Pinocchio.

Merck doesn't mind. The 37-year-old artist says she's just happy that people like her work.

Do they ever. The Old World Christmas line can be found in thousands of retail outlets from Connecticut to California. And the exponentially growing Spokane company's ornaments have graced seemingly everything from the White House Christmas tree to the cover of the current *Neiman Marcus* holiday catalog.

"But for me, the biggest measure of success is just knowing that they are in homes all across the country and that people are making them a part of their own Christmas traditions," said Merck, who has a fine arts degree from Eastern Washington University.

In her own words, it's a dream job. She's turned her love of Christmas into a lucrative career.

It started with a simple idea.

When Beth married Tim Merck in 1977, he owned a Spokane antiques store. Business was good, except during the Christmas shopping season, when people seemed more interested in toasters and sweaters.

What to do?

Recalling her Spokane childhood, Merck remembered the heir-

loom imported ornaments her grandmother had put on Christmas trees. "I always loved them," she said.

Perhaps, she thought at the time, others would, too.

Click. The light bulb was on and burning bright.

So the Mercks, who both speak the language, went to Germany to search for a source of collectible-quality tree adornments. And through a combination of persistence and luck, they hooked up with a family-operated glass-making concern with access to stacks of old ornament molds.

The Mercks placed a big order. Back in Spokane months later, the ornaments sold well.

With Beth coming up with the color schemes and, eventually, creating altogether original

designs, the ornaments continued to sell.

In the early '80s, the couple decided to make it their full-time business. It was a big gamble.

"Our first year, we could have qualified for food stamps," said Tim Merck during an interview at Old World's success-expanding modern warehouse on East Main.

But something was happening, something that would lift Old World's sales on a demographics-fueled rocket.

Raised on "Jettsons" era silver trees and technicolor Yule decorations, legions of baby boomers were banking for a more old-timey look and feel.

"And as Beth Merck designed \$5 and \$10 ornaments that pleased her eye, she was working on a wave-length shared by millions.

"We didn't see it because we were in the thick of it," said Tim Merck. "But baby boomers were looking for ties to a more traditional Christmas."

Working all year and far in advance of the season, Beth Merck has now designed approximately 1,000 different glass ornaments, which are still produced in

Germany. Then there are the nutcrackers, light covers and other Old World offerings.

She's a one-woman Christmas machine.

"I love Christmas," she said. Jerily face locking into a gentle you-better-believe-me expression.

"I love the whole idea of Christmas. I'm designing from the heart."

Getting burned out on the holiday isn't her worry. Finding enough hours is.

"When I'm not worried about deadlines for suppliers overseas or making it to carpool on time, this is really great," she said. "I can float any idea I want. And I've got a desk full of fun things that I'm just dying to have produced."

Merck doesn't mind talking about her approach to designing ornaments. "It's originally based on tradition," she said.

"She tries to visualize decorations that would appeal to children and families.

"But what she really enjoys talking about is the German craftsmanship we carry out her plans. And she likes to describe how her husband, sometimes using a phony visa to enter East Germany before the Berlin Wall crumbled, worked and worked to set up the relationships that have helped make Old World a success.

"A lot of people have great ideas," she said. "But I'm married to the guy who's getting it out there for people to see."

'I love Christmas. I love the whole idea of Christmas. I'm designing from the heart.'

— Beth Merck, founder of Old World Christmas

Stairway graffiti paves way to Zen

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP) — The stairway to Zen enlightenment is paved with graffiti.

"I want to run naked through the desert."

"Cobain died that way live."

"Gilligan's Island rules."

Seven stories high and often reeking of urine spilled in the wee hours, the Zen Stairwell is tucked into the parking lot of the Fine Arts Building at Washington State University.

Once a mono-colored beige, the stairwell now sports every shade of paint and the full spectrum of colorful language.

Profanity covers a railing. A debate about homosexuality rages on a third-floor wall. Declarations of love and desire abound.

Even overhead lights, steps and fire alarms aren't safe from the nocturnal scribbling and spraying.

After years of painting, the stairwell is the equivalent of palimpsest, medieval parchment used again after earlier writing had been erased.

While the visible dates on the wall go back to 1990, some causal Zen historians say the writing and drawing erupted on the walls about seven years ago.

"There's everything from God, drugs, sex, rock 'n' roll and home-spun philosophy in here," says Kean Wilcox, a part-time photography instructor whose master's thesis explored graffiti. "You can spend a lot of time on a square yard of this stuff."

"I guess what I find interesting about this is that it's a cultural overload, man."

Wilcox frequently descends the seven stories of steps to peruse the walls and see how the Zen Stairwell is being reincarnated from week to week.

"This was once a portrait of Jim Morrison," he says, pointing to a seventh-floor wall where only the outline of a circle remains discernible under more recent writings.

"It looks like that person just got dumped," Wilcox says, pointing to a saying that reads: "Friendship ends in love, but love in friendship never."

Depending on where you stand on the stairwell, it's either a recyclable tableau for art and social commentary or a higher education eyecore in Krylon hues of red, black and blue.

"I used to think that it was very creative," says Patricia Watkinson, director of WSU's Museum of Art. "I was surprised by the creativity of the people who had used it as a canvas."

"But one day the wind was taken out of my sails when someone told me that many of the quite lyrical sayings on the walls were from pop songs that I didn't know."

"There was a time," she adds, "when every interpreter of art respected the other's space. But now it's a free-for-all, and it's just a mess."

Smelly paint fumes from the stairwell seep into the Fine Arts Building, whose inhabitants are ever vigilant about using non-toxic materials to create their artwork.

say Watkinson.

"I think the stairwell is about as far from Zen as you can get," she says.

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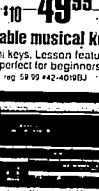
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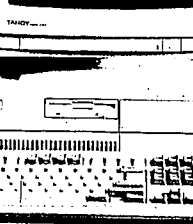
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Magazine opens window on window-washer's world

EL SOBRANTE, Calif. (AP) — There's a Time. There's a Newsweek. There's a Fortune and a Playboy. And then there's the American Window Cleaner, the magazine that proudly declares itself the "Voice of the Professional Window Cleaner." That's a typical reaction, says magazine publisher Richard Fabry. "Everybody consistently, no matter what their station in life, is surprised."

But if you think it's hard to fill six 40-page issues a year, you're wrong, he says. Since 1986, Fabry and his intrepid contributors have been reporting on the window washing industry, covering everything from tips on removing troublesome scrubbers to climbing the ladder of successful high-rise work — without falling off.



Richard Fabry lies amid some recent copies of his magazine, 'American Window Cleaner,' near his home in El Sobrante, Calif.

would not go on record (classified information?) so Williams relied on sources, public documents and eyewitness accounts from his far-flung correspondents.

Among those was Bill Lussenheide, of Sunshine Window Cleaning in Menifee, Calif., who toured the White House and filed this report:

"The State Room windows looked clean; however, I looked up at the curtain valances over interior doorways and noticed these plates looked sticky." These windows haven't been done in a long time. "Maybe the White House staff doesn't think foreign ambassadors and heads of state will notice this potential embarrassment. I would think the queen of England would notice. Then again, Buckingham Palace had dirty windows when I visited in 1990."

In a recent issue, investigative reporters even pulled out that old journalistic standby, anonymous Washington sources, for an expose on the secrets of White House window cleaning.

Clearly, this is a magazine that's not afraid to come clean and tell the tale. "For someone who wants to learn about this industry... it's the only place they can really go," says frequent contributor Bob Williams of Cascade Window Cleaning in Portland, Ore.

As a promotion blurb puts it, "Before American Window Cleaner came on the scene in 1986, the only way to get quick industry know-how was to kidnap a window cleaner and make him or her talk."

AWC founder Rod Woodward got the idea of a trade magazine while traveling to promote a survival squeegee he had invented. The first issue was 5,000 sam-

ple copies of an eight-page newsletter. The notion of providing a public forum for what had been a fragmented industry caught on quickly. The second issue doubled to 16 pages and today, the magazine has a circulation of 9,000, Fabry said.

Inspired by the magazine, Texas window cleaners Jim and Jacinda Willingham decided to hold annual workshops, eventually leading to the formation of the International Window Cleaning Association in 1989.

The association has since tackled such problems as safety regulations and is working on getting some lobbying clout. "Now we're beginning to feel our power," says Fabry.

Many AWC articles deal with seri-

ous issues, such as safety, insurance and equipment. But there is also lighter fare, such as "Your Clogs and Dogs: Slaying Warm & Dry," and "Zen and the Art of Window Cleaning."

The July-August issue featured a composite cover showing Bill Clinton, squeegee in hand, in front of the White House.

Inside, Williams reported that the "White House window cleaner pulls his squeegee straight across the window panes!" That's bad, because it apparently leaves a horizontal line visible to eagle-eyed peers. The article did give credit for a perfect job wiping off the multicolored, slender vertical bars between the lights of windows.

Getting the information was no easy task, Williams reported. White House staff

Questions abound as O.J. spends Christmas in jail

LOS ANGELES (AP) — O.J. Simpson will be spending the holidays in jail, unsure when his murder trial will start in earnest, what evidence will be introduced and how long his cash will hold out.

His last day in court before a 2½-week break was hardly a high point, with his lawyer apologizing for calling the judge "disingenuous."

Moreover, Judge Lance Ito was unsympathetic Friday toward two important defense requests: To keep secret the contents of Simpson's reported jailhouse outburst and to scale back a hearing on the admissibility of DNA evidence.

Written rulings on those matters are expected Monday, and if things don't go Simpson's way, they could mean more evidence against him and the possibility that opening statements won't start until March.

As the days pass, there are signs that Simpson, who hired the best lawyers, investigators and experts that money could buy, is running short on funds.

He's asking the judge to conduct the critical hearing on DNA evidence in a fractured fashion, woven throughout the trial, in part to save money.

"(The) hearing, we'll make no bones about it, costs a fortune," said

Gerald Uelmen, one member of what has been called Simpson's legal dream team.

"It doesn't take a rocket scientist to determine how much putting on a six- to eight-week hearing will be. The defendant has concluded it would be a needless waste of scarce resources."

This marks a turnaround for a man who's been criticized as able to buy more justice than most defendants. District Attorney Gil Garcetti has even complained that Simpson's defense has strained the resources of his office. "I guess \$10 million doesn't go as far as it used to," said Loyola University law professor Stanley Goldman.

The defense will spend the holiday break poring over more than 1,000 pages of newly delivered prosecution documents, including interviews with friends of Nicole Brown Simpson.

Since his June 17 arrest in the slaying of Ms. Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman, Simpson has been pressing for a fast trial. And for a while he had his wish. But the trial has been bogged down by a lengthy jury selection process and now by disputes over evidence admissibility.

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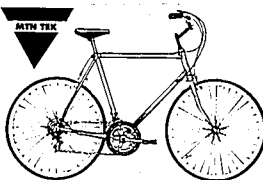
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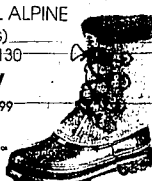
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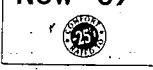
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Study of soldiers, husbands sparks debate

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) — The traits that make a man a good combat soldier may be the same characteristics that make him a poor husband or father, according to a sociologist's study.

Critics of Alan Booth's study were quick to say it unjustly maligns veterans and perpetuates stereotypes about them.

Booth, a professor at Penn State University, studied 2,101 non-officers who were in combat in Vietnam. He found that men were more likely to be chosen for or to volunteer for combat if they had shown anti-social behavior in the past.

Combat intensified that behavior and caused those veterans to have more problems when they

returned home than others who avoided battle.

"Acts that are prohibited by civilian rules and values may become acceptable and even worthy of reward to combat veterans," Booth said. "It is this anti-social behavior that leads veterans to divorce, have extramarital affairs, hit or throw things at their wife, or separate from their wife."

Several studies have shown that combat veterans have higher divorce rates than the general population. Of the veterans Booth studied, 27 percent had abused their wives, 25 percent had been unfaithful and 37 percent were divorced.

"For some soldiers, the combat experience leaves them with a sense of control, a psycholog-

ical high," he said. "Perhaps these men engage in anti-social behavior after military service to regain positive feelings they received in combat."

But a doctor who works with veterans said Booth's study draws too many conclusions from the data.

"I think they made some grandiose leaps with their conclusions," said Dr. Maria Gilbert, a clinical psychologist with Readjustment Counseling Service at the Veterans Center in St. Petersburg, Fla. "I know a lot of Vietnam vets with post-traumatic stress disorder who are good husbands and good fathers."

President links plan, education

WASHINGTON (AP) — Unless the nation gives all of its people a chance for higher education, the United States risks becoming a two-tiered society with an elite few reaping the rewards, President Clinton said Saturday, giving a push to his plan to cut taxes for the middle class.

"Too many people are being priced out of a fair shot at high-quality education," Clinton said in his weekly radio address, broadcast from Northern Virginia Community College in suburban Annandale, Va.

"The president said a key element of his plan, which he calls the 'Middle Class Bill of Rights,' will make college tuitions tax deductible up to \$10,000 a year for families making up to \$120,000 a year.

"Nothing like this has ever been done before," Clinton said.

He announced the tax-cutting plan in a nationally televised speech last Thursday.

While education after high school more important than ever, it is also more expensive than ever, Clinton said Saturday.

"If we can't change that, we're at risk of losing our great American middle class, and of becoming a two-tiered society with a few successful people at the top and everyone else struggling below," he said.

He also touted the other parts of the proposal, including a tax credit of up to \$500 for most children under age 13, enhanced Individual Retirement Accounts, and a new program to channel job-training money directly to workers for use as they see fit.

"Of course, we have to pay for all this," Clinton said, sketching his proposal to cut back the programs and activities of three Cabinet departments and extend a spending freeze on the government.

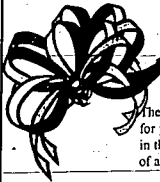
Kissinger wife in hospital

NEW YORK (AP) — Nancy Kissinger, wife of former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, has been hospitalized with an undisclosed ailment.

At Mrs. Kissinger's request, New York Hospital was not releasing information on her condition, administrator Steve Rubenstein said. He said only that she did not arrive at the hospital Saturday.

Kissinger and Nancy Maginnes married in 1974, when he was secretary of state and she was a foreign policy aide to her longtime employer, Nelson Rockefeller. She directed international studies for Rockefeller's Commission on Critical Choices for America. The Kissingers live in New York City.

In recent years, Mrs. Kissinger, 60, has kept busy with appearances at a variety of philanthropic events.



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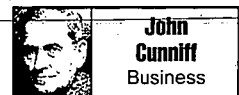
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Money

Politicians tinker with wrong taxes

NEW YORK — Here we go again, dithering with taxes for reasons that many people consider wrong — political reasons like vote-seeking and social engineering, for example — rather than those based in economic common sense.

It has happened almost every year in the past 40, and the net result is the federal deficit has risen and taxes as a percent of individual income have inched higher, from under 27 percent in 1954 to more than 34 percent now.



John Cunniff
Business

It's almost redundant to point out that the latest available figure of 34.5 percent, for 1993, has been tied (1989) but never exceeded in peacetime history.

Somewhat, it seems, widely advertised tax cuts don't offset tinkered little increases you don't hear much about, but which are frequent. Amazingly, most increases, advertised or silent, have used the "fairness" defense.

And so it is likely to happen again, as both Democrats and Republicans seek to do something for constituents. But something for one group often comes at the expense of another. And, oddly, it can be at the expense of both.

The latter situation exists when taxes punish the economy into slower growth, thereby denying families opportunities for better jobs, pay raises, and, yes, the revenues that would have come from a faster-growing economy.

The silent growth of taxes means families often overlook them as the cause of budget pressures until, for example, the Tax Foundation announces that, in effect, their paychecks for the first 125 days of 1994 were for taxes alone.

The complexity creates absurd situations, as when calls to various Internal Revenue Service offices produce different answers to identical questions, a situation so predictable it has become an April 15 media feature.

Or, equally absurd, the tax that married couples pay but that unmarried couples living-in-the-same-financial-circumstances avoid. Or the obsolete depreciation laws on some industrial equipment. Or a hundred other examples.

The distribution creates distortions. Last year, New Mexico received \$1.96 for every dollar paid, but Connecticut, Delaware, New Hampshire and New Jersey received less than 70 cents, according to the Tax Foundation.

Insidiously, as taxes proliferate they also tend to disappear into price, forgotten by the buyer. Prices at the gasoline pump, for example, hide not just taxes on gasoline but on transportation, real estate, equipment, payroll...

George Nastos and Stephen Moore effectively expose the disguise behind which taxes can hide "A Consumer's Guide to Taxes," a 1992 paper for the Cato Institute, Washington, D.C., think tank. The two economists related apparent price to real price in terms of a buyer's income. An example: How much does a \$10,000 car cost?

For a middle-income married couple in an average-tax state, Nastos and Moore say, the answer is more than \$17,000, the extra \$7,000 being for the sales tax on the car and income and payroll taxes on earnings used to buy it.

That was the mid-range in 1992. But the cost might have been \$1,000 higher for a self-employed worker, whose taxes are different from an employee's. And for wage earners in five states with the highest taxes, the bill was roughly \$2,000 more than in the five with the lowest taxes.

The authors offered other examples: At the time, a middle-income worker needed to earn \$2,568 to pay for a \$1,500 computer, and a salaried worker needed to earn \$13,107 for the \$8,000 annual tuition at a private college.

Raymond A. DeLoach-Robbins, former Treasury economist, presents another approach to the tax impact. Their study, for the Institute for Policy Innovation, a Dallas-area think tank, measured the effect on economic growth.

Tax policies since 1989, they contend, have slowed economic growth, "robbing Americans of higher living standards, the economy of additional output, and government of billions of dollars in lost revenues." Measured in 1994 dollars, they say Gross Domestic Product is \$1.3 trillion below what it would have been if the 1980s growth trend had been maintained.

As a result, they conclude that "the average American is \$5,200 worse off since 1989, and could lose another \$10,000 during the rest of the decade."

The author is a business analyst for The Associated Press.

Rangers wield power over parents



Derrick Buford, 6, of Inglewood, Calif., grabs a Mighty Morphin Power Ranger from a shelf in Culver City. The popularity of the toy, based on the top children's TV show, has created shortages in stores across the nation.

Thais work overtime - at \$5 a day - to meet Western demand for Rangers

The Associated Press

BANGKOK, Thailand — There's no shortage of Mighty Morphin Power Rangers for Lamduan Chatsomboon. She's surrounded by them, working 13 hours a day, assembling pieces of molded plastic to try to meet the insatiable demands of Western children for the hit toy.

But she could never afford one herself. The 38-year-old Thai earns \$5 a day, with 84 cents extra for each overtime hour, to attach up to 500 Dragonzord-shoulder shields onto the Power Ranger-heroes each hour in a race to put the hit toys under Christmas trees in Europe and America.

The Rangers cost \$13.50 on average in the United States, but in Bangkok, the asking price is \$88 apiece, far out of Chatsomboon's range.

She works on. "It's too much, but I can do it if I don't stop," Chatsomboon says. "I cannot smile, I cannot talk; I cannot make a sound."

When it became clear the Power Rangers were going to be the ultimate prize of the U.S. Christmas season, the bustling, Japanese-owned Bandai factory on Bangkok's outskirts hired 600 more people, bringing its work force to 2,000. It started producing around the clock and boosted its output from 150,000 to 725,000 toys a month.

According to Mary Woodworth, a spokeswoman for Bandai America, Power Ranger toys are being made in nine plants in China, three in Thailand, two in Japan and one each in Taiwan and Mexico. She said four more plants in China would begin production soon.

BSU professor: Keep it safe, stimulating

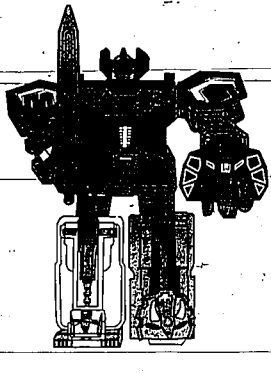
The Associated Press

BOISE — The kids want Mighty Morphin Power Rangers for Christmas, but Carroll Lambert says they would be better off with puzzles, books or even wooden clothespins in a coffee can.

"Everyone wants Power Rangers, but sometimes you have to make the decision,

A mighty, mighty typical plot line

"THE MUTINY, PART I: THE RETURN OF LORD ZEDD" — Lord Zedd, disgusted with the lousy job Rita has done trying to destroy the Earth, shrinks her, places her in a cocoon and blasts her into space. Assuming command, Zedd creates and turns loose the Piranha Head, a monster resembling a giant Piranha. Meantime, Zedd shoots a bolt that jams the Zords' controls. Since the Zords are now useless, Zordon presents each Power Ranger with a brand-new zord — though Tommy doesn't get one because it isn't known if his powers will remain. But the Power Rangers have their work cut out for them, since Zordon says they can assume their new Zords when the old ones are retrieved.



Bandai says it expects sales in the United States alone to top \$300 million in the year ending next March, 10 times more than in the previous year.

At the factory outside Bangkok, hundreds of workers flank rows of conveyor belts, snapping together body parts and shoulder armor and inserting screws and springs.

In another room, workers don surgical masks while painting eyes and noses on

the assorted Ranger characters, five teenagers chosen to rescue the planet from evil space invaders led by the villain Rita Repulsa.

The factory is clean, air-conditioned and brightly lit; workers get an hour off for lunch and two 10-minute breaks.

The conditions are superior to those in many factories in Thailand, where some sweatshops are known to lock their laborers in and sometimes chain or beat them.

should be accredited.

That includes making sure they have the right kinds of toys available. And as a mother of two young children, Lambert is a no-nonsense arbiter with definite ideas about what is appropriate.

Her advice to parents shopping for Please see SAFE/D2

Treat office party as just another business function

Knight-Ridder News Service

AKRON, Ohio — It's time for the company Christmas bash and you're ready to party.

You've got on your flashiest holiday outfit — maybe that light-up reindeer tie or that tight, low-cut black number. And you're nearly drooling at the thought of snapping up all those free drinks and hors d'oeuvres.

No, no, no, no, no. You're an etiquette disaster ready to happen and your job may be at stake, according to Trinka Taylor, owner of the Finishing Parlor in Akron, Ohio.

"These functions can make or break you in the business world," said Taylor, an etiquette expert. "They're that important."

Gary Jacob of Robert Half International of New York, an employment firm, agrees.

"We did a survey of executives on this issue two years ago and found conduct at

Tips so you don't blow it

DON'T:

- Flirt or wear anything overly sexy.
- Hug or kiss unless everyone else is doing it.
- Eat or drink too much.
- Be the last to leave a party.
- Forget to thank the hosts and organizers before leaving.

- Forget to write a thank-you note afterward.
- Gossip.
- Discuss politics or religion.
- Ridicule, ignore or cling to your spouse.
- Bring a new date to the event.
- You'll never know how they'll act.
- Cheat at any games.

office parties to be very, very important," said Jacob, from the company's Cleveland office. "If you think you can go to one of those things and not be measured by the boss, you're crazy."

Among Taylor's cardinal don'ts for office parties: Don't wear anything overly sexy, revealing or outlandish. Understated is the sartorial watchword, she said. One area woman told a reporter the story of leaning over a table of en-

dites and watching her bosom fall out of her strapless dress.

Another don't: Avoid overeating and particularly overdrinking. Many a career has been ruined by overindulgence.

"Eat before if you have to and by all means never become intoxicated," Taylor said. There are many stories of employees committing career suicide while drunk at the office Christmas party, she said.

Remember an office party may look

like a social gathering, but it is really just another business function.

"It's a chance for networking and strengthening business relationships," Taylor said. "People should behave in a related but businesslike manner."

Taylor is a former New York model who gave up her career to raise her two children, Tara, now 25, and Jayland, 20. She opened the Finishing Parlor in March 1992 out of her home and moved a year later into a former tattoo parlor.

Taylor has decorated her shop in deep teal and magenta with all the trappings of a Victorian tea room. On a small corner table she has a formal place setting of china, silver and crystal for use in table-setting classes. (FYI: the relish fork can go anywhere, she said.)

Her fee is \$125-\$150 for a five-week course on the basic rules of etiquette. She also offers individual consulting on whatever manners-related topic the client chooses, be it on the proper way to talk on the phone or writing thank-you notes.

Kids blitz Santas with latest toy mania; schools, researchers worried

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — The melodies of Christmas: "Jingle Bells, jingle bells." "Silent night, holy night." "Chestnuts roasting on an open fire."

And, of course, "GO GO POWER RANGERS!"

'Tis the season to launch massive dragons in search of 8-inch action figures. Peace on Earth, good will toward men? Yeah, right, but first you've got to find that pink Power Ranger. Hi-YAH!

How hectic has it gotten? One mother describes tailing a toy company truck from store to store to beat a two-per-customer limit.

A grandmother tells of crazed pleas left on her answering machine by her 3-year-old grandson.

"Parents are really blessing us," said Scott Tazewell, assistant manager of Atlanta's branch of FAO Schwarz, presiding over a small mountain of morphin grail.

But visions of the karate-kicking good guys and their evil Space Alien enemies dancing in kids' heads are raising concerns among some teachers, researchers and some parents.

"Teachers all over the country have said the Power Rangers are causing all kinds of trouble," said Diane E. Levin who, with colleague Nancy Carlson-Paige, conducted a study, released this month, that found the program has obsessed many young children and made them more violent in school.

Ninety-six percent of the 56 teachers surveyed reported seeing more kicking, fighting and other behavior imitating the Power Rangers, said Levin and Carlson-Paige, who teach at Lesley College and Wheelock College, respectively.

"They'll start just kicking around. Then, someone gets too close and gets kicked. Then, there's more kicking. And then, it's crying," said Cara Gile, an Atlanta kindergarten teacher.

"A big part of kindergarten is learning social-skills-and-how-to-resolve-conflict," she said, adding 5- and 6-year-olds are not naturally violent.

The Power Rangers teach a "might is right" lesson that's the opposite of what schools are trying to instill, counselor Mary Leiran said.

Are teachers and parents powerless against the Power Rangers?

No, insists psychologist Chris Boyatzis, who earlier this year released a study finding seven times more aggressive acts by children who watched a Power Rangers episode than a comparable group who didn't.

While it's difficult to forbid children from watching such popular shows, parents can put children on a "Power Rangers diet," limiting the number of episodes they see, said Boyatzis, who teaches at California State University-Fullerton.

Or parents can watch with kids and raise questions to nudge the fantasy, as he has done with his own 8-year-old, asking, "Do you think it's possible that one of those Power Rangers could be kicked 20 times like that and not get hurt and not bleed and not cry?"

Defenders of Power Rangers say positive messages in the show have been overlooked in all the criticism of its violence.

They note the cooperation of the multiracial, boy-girl cast of superheroes and they point to a kind of moral built into each show — sometimes on an environmental theme, sometimes even anti-violence, sort of.

"They teach us to fight with our body, not weapons," explained 5-year-old fan Jamison Cudner.

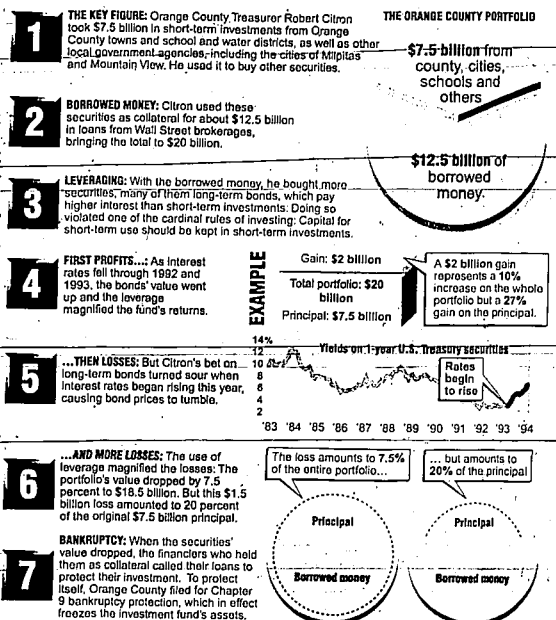
And besides, said Jamison, as he pawed through Power Rangers night lights, gloves and other paraphernalia at FAO Schwarz, "They fight bad monsters. They have this thing, the morphin power — they transform..."

Money

Wealthy brokers arranged investments

What caused Orange County's financial crisis

Los Angeles Times



SAN FRANCISCO — A trio of wealthy Merrill Lynch bond brokers, operating out of a pink marble office tower in the heart of this city's upscale financial district, became Orange County's main conduit for high-risk investments.

The California's treasurer, Robert Citron, was self-assured and outspoken in his investment strategy. But Merrill Lynch's team was ready to back Citron's every instinct and earn multimillion dollar fees in the process.

The team was led by the savvy but hard-edged Michael Gus Stamenson, 54, a silver-haired former Marine. With his two junior partners, Debra Harris and Duane Canaga, the trio was known throughout California's local treasurers offices and local finance agencies.

Perhaps the treasurers had an inflated view of the Merrill brothers' business acumen, however. Canaga came to the firm after his construction business was forced into bankruptcy in 1985. He also flunked one of his brokerage exams in 1991, company records show, although he passed the next year.

All three brokers declined comment, but a Merrill Lynch spokesman said all remain "employees in good standing."

Merrill's San Francisco office came to dominate the lucrative field of brokering and underwriting securities for local government agencies over the past decade.

Merrill Lynch officials supported Orange County's disastrous investments that bet on a decline in interest rates this year, supplying Citron with company reports that projected rates would drop. The majority of Wall Street economists had an opposite view.

Merrill Lynch is the subject of both federal and state investigations into whether its brokers properly marketed high risk securities to Orange County.

The subpoenas are seeking a lengthy list of official and personal records, amid allegations that Merrill Lynch's influence in Orange County was abetted by personal gratuities and gifts that found their way to government officials, according to sources close to the probe.

Micron forms new division

The Times-News

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Credit counselors offer help overcoming holiday hangover

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Karla Austin locks away her credit cards during the holidays, fearful the season's hustle and bustle will force her to spend, spend, spend.

She knows the trouble plastic can cause when a person says "Merry Christmas" less often than those other two words — CHARGE IT!

— And Austin is not alone.

Every December, shop-till-you-drop consumers charge billions of dollars to spread holiday cheer. In fact, Visa USA Inc. estimates it will process about 1,200 transactions every second at the peak of the holiday season.

But few talk about what happens when the bills start rolling in. The aftermath often is a stack of leftover charge receipts and a crushing financial hangover.

To overcome those monetary misadventures, many recovering spendthrifts turn to credit counseling for help. The businesses and their clients attest it's a better option than bankruptcy.

"We spend thousands and thousands of dollars learning how to make money, but we just don't teach ourselves how to spend it," said Austin, a Salt Lake City resident.

Business Centers. "They don't know how to make ends meet."

Menlove said his center, which charges between \$100 and \$300 for at least three months of instruction, has helped most clients retire their debt in three years or less.

Austin sought credit counseling after she realized she was \$16,000 in the red. The debt began piling up after her husband was released from the Army.

When they returned from Germany, her husband took a \$1,300 pay out at a warehouse manager — the only job he could find. Then the military told him it had miscalculated his paychecks and that he owed \$7,000 — immediately.

Worse, Austin had major complications giving birth. The medical bills soared, and the couple eventually moved in with her parents for six months to save money. But nothing helped.

"Even though the creditors are calling you, even though you know your savings is gone, even though you know your bills add up to twice as much as you're taking home — you still tell Peter to pay Paul," Austin said.

"It's an absolute feeling of drowning. There is no way to get out. There is no hope."

She and her husband found a way to manage, though, after going over their budget with credit counselors. Now she is more careful with her spending, especially during the holidays.

But Jean Lown, a Home Economics and Consumer Education Department professor at Utah State University, said it's hard to determine the effectiveness of credit counseling.

"One of the extreme difficulties in doing follow-up is that often people with financial problems are very transient," she said. "I don't know if there's much good research."

Another problem is that the services can vary greatly, she said.

John Taylor, executive director of Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Utah, said consumers should shop around for an organization that works for them. The national nonprofit group his center belongs to helped 5,800 households last year and returned \$1 billion to creditors.

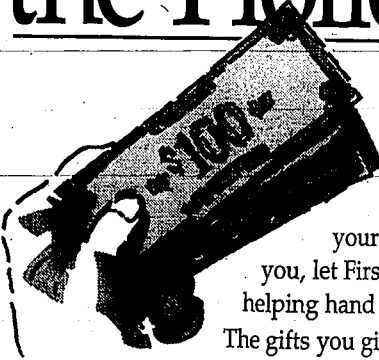
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Christmas is to make sure the toys they buy are safe, simple and stimulating. Consider price, quality and whether a toy encourages imagination and creativity. And avoid giving in to the season's hot item.

"People are so far conscious. They get inundated on TV with that, so that's what they think they want," Lambert said. "But when it gets down to it, what can they do with it?"

Here are his guidelines for each age group:

- Up to 6 months:** Toys that contain movement, sound and high-contrast colors and patterns. Examples include black and white musical mobiles, unbreakable metal mirrors, large, colorful pictures, squeeze toys or soft, textured balls.
- 6 to 12 months:** Toys that can be grasped or chewed on. Examples are wooden blocks, wooden spoon or wooden rings.
- 12 to 18 months:** Toys that can be pulled apart or pushed together. Examples are pull-apart toys, stacking blocks, stacking rings.

Stuffed animals, simple puzzles, balls, and tote bags to carry things around in.

- 18 months to 3 years:** Things to climb on, such as stairs, portable slides and other simple playground equipment. Sandboxes or other toys that allow children to pour and manipulate, like a wash basin or baby bathtub filled with dry cereal, rice or cornmeal. Toy trucks, dolls and telephones. Large blocks that can be strung together, and writing tools like big crayons and oversized sheets of paper for scribbling.
- 3 to 6 years:** "Scene" toys like playhouses, doctor kits, kitchen or farm sets. Puppets, miniature people and animal toys. Simple games like Chutes and Ladders, Candy Land or Operation. Record or cassette tape players. And books, including picture books without text so children can make up their own stories.
- Over 6 years:** Bicycles, jump ropes and other sports equipment, crafts and hobby equipment and books.

When their children are 4 or 5 years old, Lambert said parents should start considering whether the toys they buy offer a way for them to join their children in play.

"Besides allowing parents and children to grow closer, the right kind of interactive play can help children accept toys they otherwise might not

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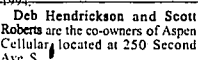
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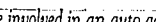
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Money

Victim image may not fit fund buyers

NEW-YORK (AP) — In the rush to protect mutual fund investors from the many perils facing them, the possibility sometimes gets overlooked that they might not need to be rescued.

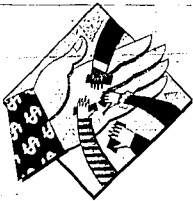
Nobody argues about close oversight of the funds and their managers, who have been entrusted with more than \$2 trillion in a world full of risks and temptations. Likewise, there seems little doubt that some fund shareholders, especially recent arrivals to the game, have exposed themselves to hazards they don't completely comprehend.

From time to time even the biggest, savviest professional investors fall prey to risks they haven't calculated correctly.

But does any of this justify the image that sometimes emerges of fund customers as hapless victims, chickens just waiting to be plucked? Some subjects of this kind of portrait might see it as well, an insult to their intelligence.

"The small investor is getting a bad rap," says Reg Green, an independent public relations consultant on funds who is based in Redoga Bay, Calif.

"Although widely accused of having far too much money in some types of assets and too little



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in others, chasing high-risk stocks for short-term gains and panicking whenever the market turns down, the figures show fund shareholders are better diversified than they have ever been, favor funds with long time horizons and have largely stood firm in the most testing time of their investment lives."

Just how the nation's 38 million fund investors have their money deployed can be seen in data on industry assets reported by the Investment Company Institute, the funds' main trade association.

As of Sept. 30, 40 percent of their money was in stock funds; 33 percent in bond and income funds, 22 percent in taxable money market

funds, and 5 percent in tax-exempt money market funds.

Those various sectors of the financial worlds usually act as counterweights to each other. When the return on one of them is slumping, another is likely to be on the rise.

Many studies conclude that American savers do not put enough of their money into stock and long-term income investments, which have historically produced the best returns. But fund investors, while keeping themselves well diversified, in fact have nearly three-quarters of their money in those vehicles.

Meanwhile, money funds have attracted some fresh attention as their returns have improved with the rise of interest rates, reversing the long decline of recent years. Money funds do not have federal deposit insurance, but their clientele lately has been getting an average yield of about 4.5 percent, versus barely more than 2.5 percent in insured bank money-market accounts.

In a year of disappointing returns from the stock market and downright nasty declines for bonds, fund investors have slowed their buying of long-term funds.

The cooling of enthusiasm has shown up mainly in bond funds,

which have had a net outflow of money from shareholders since last spring. But in few cases has there been any sign of investors fleeing in panic.

"Redemptions have not been substantial to date in 1994," says Kathy Anderson, the resident expert on the fund business at the accounting firm of KPMG Peat Marwick. "Even with market corrections, investors will maintain their overall confidence in mutual funds."

It does seem true, alas, that many fund investors follow trends rather than anticipating change, and thus tend to buy high and sell low instead of the other way around.

But this unhappy tendency has long been observed in all types of investors — big and small, sophisticated and untutored — without necessarily proving fatal to any of them.

And logic suggests that it will ever be thus, that demand for stocks and bonds will always be greater at high prices than low prices, because demand is what helps determine those prices.

The crowd, in other words, cannot beat the crowd. That goes not only for fund shareholders, but for the professionals at the funds whom they hire to manage their money.

Changes affect Social Security recipients, self-employed

Knight-Ridder News Service

BRADENTON, Fla. — Although no tax bill was passed this year, provisions of last year's bill go into effect this year and those changes will affect Social Security recipients, businesses and self-employed workers.

Social Security benefits will be hit hard because more benefits are subject to income taxes, said Jan Wells, a public accountant with Christopher, Smith, Gentile, Leonard & Bristow in Bradenton.

The ceiling on benefits subject to tax has gone from 50 percent to 85 percent. "It will affect most of my clients," Wells said. "(And a lot of retired people too.)"

Another concern this year, Wells said, is the deduction for self-employed health insurance. Until this tax provision expired in 1993, self-employed workers

could deduct 25 percent of the cost of their health insurance from personal tax returns.

It is this year's most controversial personal deduction and Congress is still debating the issue.

"Currently it has not been brought back, but Congress has talked about making a special bill in early 1995 that would reinstate the provision," Wells said. "They are expected to bring it back, but you never know until the ink is dry."

She said business equipment depreciation is higher this year. Equipment purchases may be deducted up to \$17,500. Last year's limit was \$10,000.

The good news is tax rates have not changed and are not expected to change in 1995. The highest rate is 39.6 percent for those with taxable income exceeding \$250,000.

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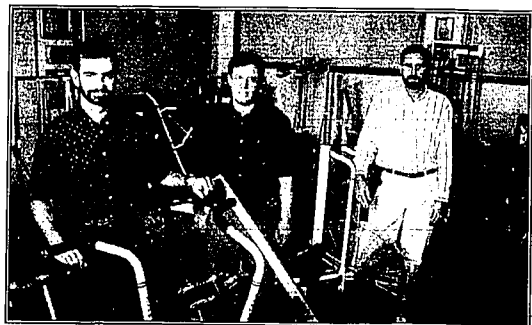
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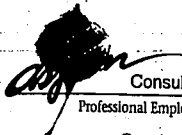
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Family life

Spotlight on the valley

TF grad to lead Hood College

Shirley Daniel Peterson, a 1959 graduate of Twin Falls High School and former commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service, has been named president of Hood College in Frederick, Md. She will become the seventh president of the college on July 1.



Peterson

Peterson, 52, a graduate of Bryn Mawr College and the New York University Law School, was appointed to head the IRS by President Bush in February 1992, and led the agency through the following January.

The Colorado native, whose father sold dairy equipment, lived in Twin Falls for three years. After she graduated from law school, she practiced law with the Washington, D.C., firm of Steptoe & Johnson and became a partner there in 1978.

Peterson went to work in the Reagan Justice Department, and was serving as assistant attorney general in charge of the Tax Division when she was appointed IRS commissioner.

She and her husband, Donald, live in Maryland. They have two daughters, Katharine Beers and Sarah Maxwell.

Guess, Pollow honored

Stacy Guess and Chris Pollow were recently recognized as outstanding young adults in the community by the Twin Falls Optimist Club and staff members at Twin Falls High School.

Guess and Pollow each received a plaque to commemorate their contribution to the community during the Optimist's Youth Appreciation Week luncheon held in November. Youth are recognized during the special week, designated as the second week in November each year.

U of I student gets stipend

Sarah L. Correll has been awarded a Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation Undergraduate Scholarship for the 1994-95 academic year.

Correll is a candidate for a bachelor of science degree in veterinary science at the University of Idaho and a member of the Beta Kappa Chapter of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity, where she serves on the Scholarship Committee. She is the daughter of Charles and Lynn Correll of Jerome and has achieved the Phi Eta Sigma academic honor award.

TFHS debaters successful

Leif Engberg and Jeremy Miciak, reached the semifinals in the Championship Division of Policy Team Debate at Whitman College's 22nd Annual High School Speech Tournament held in November in Walla Walla, Wash.

Engberg and Miciak are members of the Twin Falls High School varsity debate team. The team was one of 22 teams in the championship division and the only Idaho team to move into the final rounds in its division. Approximately 45 schools from Washington, Oregon and Idaho attended the tournament.

Engberg and Miciak also reached the quarterfinals of the Alta Silver & Black Invitational debate tournament in Sandy, Utah, in early December, and won the third annual Invitational Tournament at Boise's Capital High School.

Jerome BSU students place

Kendra Hopper-Sermon and Aimee Stauffer of Jerome are members of the Boise State University speech and debate team.

The team placed second in the Lower Columbia College Forensic Tournament held in November in Longview, Wash. With this runner-up finish, the BSU team retains first place in the Northwest Forensic Conference Division II standings at the season's mid-point.

Hopper-Sermon placed second in parliamentary debate, fifth in persuasive speaking and fifth in informative speaking. Stauffer placed sixth in program oral interpretation. Both are juniors at BSU.

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How to help your kids win the cold war

By Joan Bean
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — 'Tis the sneezin' season — along with the coughing and nasal congestion that accompany colds. And kids are catching them, as usual.

Wouldn't it be nice if parents could prevent these miseries?

Lotsa luck.

Twin Falls pediatrician Dr. Barton Adrian said probably the only sure-fire way to keep kids from catching colds would be to move to Craters of the Moon while colds are going around everywhere else. And that would mean not making trips to town for groceries, either.

"You can't have social contact," he said. "If you do have social contact, you're going to catch some of them."

Day care is virus country, especially since more kids attend larger facilities now, Adrian pointed out. Microbes have a way of sweeping through day-care centers in mini-epidemics.

Schools have the same problem.

"Here will be the third-grade virus that goes through, and the kids take it home and give it to the younger kids, and pretty soon it's in the first grade," he said. "It'll go through the school

and the community that way."

Adrian said colds are spread by respiratory transmission of nasal secretions and saliva through sneezing or coughing, which makes the viral particles fly through the air.

You can also catch a cold after somebody uses his hands to deflect a cough or wipe a runny nose, and then

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POGmania!

Forget the video game, Santa; Junior wants bottle caps for Christmas

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Being a junior high school principal, Craig Ainsworth thought he had 12-year-old kids figured out.

But that was before milk bottle caps started popping up at Robert Stuart Junior High faster than dreams in April.

"I figured, if it isn't plugged in, kids aren't going to have anything to do with it," he said, surveying knots of pre-teens in twos and threes huddled over POG games.

"What do I know?"

Ainsworth isn't the only adult scratching his head these days. POGs — cardboard circles with a design on one side — have the undivided attention of millions of youngsters between the ages of 10 and 14.

'We've sold ... 1,500 POGs just since yesterday.'

— Ned Moon, The Dollar Shop, Twin Falls

owner of The Dollar Shop, a Twin Falls discount variety store, who has only had POGs in stock since mid-September.

Kids buy POGs in large packets to get their hands on caps with rare, funky designs, and, of course, they play the game: Stack 'em up face down, toss a plastic or metal disc — a "slammer" — at them and try to flip them. Although there are variations on the rules, generally whichever POGs land face-up belong to the player who did the slamming.

"We've sold 80 metal slammer in three days, and 1,500 POGs just since yesterday," Moon said.

Wow. Where can Mom and Dad buy stock?

"It's a fad," Moon cautioned. "In California it's already peaked. We sell POGs 10 for a dollar and slammer for a few dollars apiece. In California, POGs are going 20 for \$1 and slammer are 50 cents each. By spring, it will be nothing."

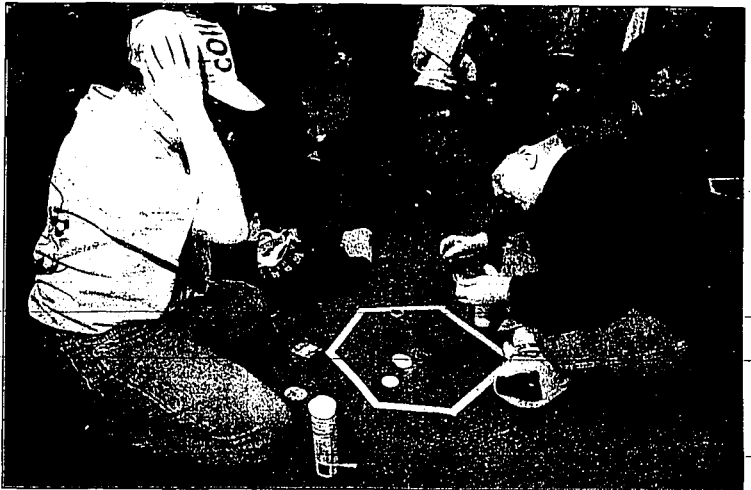
Don't tell that to Chris Bonetti, 9, a fourth-grader at Burley's Mountain View Elementary School, who plays POG every day, has a collection of about 100, and loves to win.

"It's super fun," Chris said.

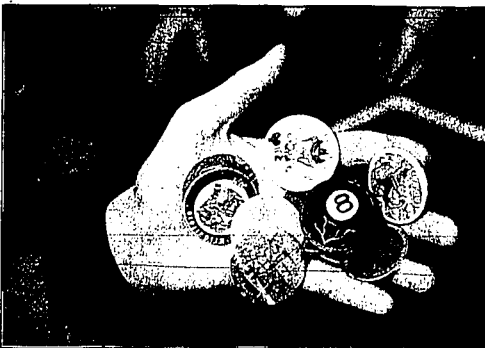
But Mountain View students can't play POG at school; they've been banned from the premises.

"The problem is that they're so popular that kids tend to take them from each other," Ainsworth explained. "We haven't banned them here yet, and I told them kids we won't if they'll work with us."

"It's something that kids love, and something they can do without getting into trouble," said Mark Maier, news director for Burley's KBAR-AM and organizer of a POG tournament at the Snake River Plaza



Alan Motley, 11, watches some of his POGs get swept up by Tyson Germann, 10, during a tournament in Burley, Saturday. Below, POGs and 'slammers' have a colorful side, each with a design of their own.



last weekend. "We had 88 kids enter and it kept them busy for 2½ hours. Can you think of anything else that would keep kids in one place for that long?"

POG may be a lightning-in-a-bottle phenomenon, but it's a remarkably strong one. Magic Valley stores didn't start carrying them until late summer; now there are at least six places to buy them in Twin Falls and a half dozen more in Burley.

"I order them in bulk, dump them in a

big pile and package them myself," Moon said. "When kids buy a package of them, they get designs by random — like baseball cards. That's what makes it fun."

POG itself stands for "Passion, Orange, Guava," the flavors of a tropical fruit drink created by a Hawaiian dairy. To promote the drink, the dairy started issuing the decorated caps in the 1970s but didn't actually put them on the bottles, according to the New York Daily News.

Then, in 1991, a local school teacher gave her students POG caps to get them excited about playing milk caps, a Hawaiian tradition since the 1920s.

She not only succeeded — she started a worldwide fad.

Last year, POGs started appearing in California, and a company called the World POG Federation bought the trademark and started marketing the caps. Within months, they were the hottest collectibles on the West Coast. Millions are in circulation, along with millions of unlicensed versions.

POGs are so hot that last summer, official tournaments drew about 75,000 kids. Brian Thorot, a spokesman for the World POG Federation, told the Daily News recently.

Maier and KBAR are planning a POG tournament in January in Twin Falls, and he hasn't had any trouble lining up sponsors.

"I think it's going to be around for a while," he predicted.

If that's the case, Ainsworth has an idea for making it an educational experience — as junior high administrators are wont to do.

Since kids learn about classical superheroes in their English classes, he figures POGs might just help.

"I've seen some POGs that look a lot like characters from mythology," he said.

All about Christmas, from A to ZZZZZZZZZ

By Cathy Walworth
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Christmas day is a wonderful hodge-podge of joys, gifts, disappointments, too much food, mountains of wrapping paper, pine needles in the carpet and Jello-O salad.

Which is also sometimes found in the carper.

To help those who are still unsure what to expect of Christmas, especially fledgling parents, we've compiled this handy clip-out guide. To make sure we didn't miss one teeny tiny detail, we've covered everything from A to Z.

A is for Assembly Required. This phrase generally begins with the word "some," to read "some assembly required." This is a humorous play by manufacturers to get adults to believe they can put Tab A into Slot B so they can earn their stripes.

until they've experienced some assembly required into the wee hours of Christmas morning.

B is for Banged-up knuckles — knuckles the elves got during "some assembly required." See above.

C is for Crack of Dawn, which is when the kids crash into your bedroom announcing, "SANTA was here!" You think how fortunate that you got this half-hour of peaceful sleep. C is also for coffee. Lots and lots of strong, wake-up coffee.

D is for the Deafening Din of children tearing into Christmas morning.

E is for Epsom Salts. It helps take some of the swelling down to those knuckles.

F is for Fading Fast. How long does it take for coffee to perk, anyhow?

G is for Gaudy. Like the tie Dad just unwrapped.

H is for Hugs. Hugs all around when the relatives pile up in the front hall. Your mother looks serious for a moment, then says, "You look tired, dear. You should try to get more rest."

I-I-I-I-I is what you must not say when you taste the Jell-O salad.

J is for Jell-O, perennial staple of American holiday dinners. Somewhere it is written that Jell-O salad must be green and contain unrecognizable chunky things.

K is for Kids. Kids of all sizes, shapes, colors and ages. Christmas is for the kids in all of us. Remember to ask Santa for a toy for each of our stockings.

L is for Legos. It is also written that children will unwrap, scatter, and leave

Legos on the floor where barefoot adults will walk.

M is for the Manger where Christmas began.

N is for the Nuts that Grampa cracks for the fruit salad, though few of them actually appear in the salad.

O is for the toilet Overflow, scheduled for the worst possible moment.

P is for Photographs. Gotta line everybody up against the wall for the family photo. Plan at least three hours for this activity: Line up little kids and short people in the front. OK, everybody smile. Billy, stop that. Now, smile! Nope, gotta get closer together. ...

Q is for Quality Control. Somebody has to taste the fudge to make sure it's good. It

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COLD WAR ORPHANS: Thinking of adopting an Eastern European child? Think twice. Many of the nearly 6,000 children Americans have adopted from orphanages in Romania, Russia and other Eastern bloc countries in the past three years — especially older children who were institutionalized for years — are still devastated by physical, social and emotional problems to a degree that U.S. adoption experts say

Family news you can use

is unparalleled, Newsday reports. **HARD TO CONCEIVE:** More than eight out of 10 couples who try high-technology fertility treatments to conceive are unsuccessful. Last year, government statistics showed 1.4 million women sought medical help for infertility, says U.S. News and World Report. In 1992, the

most recent year for which information is available, about 37,000 couples went the high-technology route, but only 5,556 successfully conceived, the newsweekly said. **TIES THAT REBIND:** Is love lover's the second time around? Ask the quarter-million or so people over 50 who remarry every year in

the United States. Such newlyweds are walking down the aisle with lots of baggage in tow — grown children, established homes and careers and decades of marriage to someone else, the Charlotte Observer reports. "It's different than when you're 20, 30, something or even 40," writes Jane Hughes Baron in "Remarriage After 50" (Roger Thomas Press, \$9.95).

Compiled from wire reports

Colds

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touches someone else or objects such as pacifiers or baby bottles.

"In a day-care, if a kid has a runny nose, and a day-care worker picks his nose, but doesn't wash her hands, and then touches something that another kid puts in his mouth, it's very hard to keep it from spreading," Adrian said.

Hand-washing is the best way to prevent the spread of colds, he said — even rinsing them is better than nothing. And it's best to dry on paper towel, which can be thrown away.

Disposable paper cups are another defense against cold viruses, Adrian said he thinks both using paper bowls and cups probably cut the chances of spreading a cold.

Most people don't realize that they're contagious before they get sick, he said. So when a child has a fever or sore throat, that is his body fighting off the infection he's already had for five days.

"That's why it's so hard to prevent the spread of viruses in day care or through school," Adrian said.

He said a child might miss a day of school because of a cold and fever, and the next day feel better, but still be coughing and have a lot of mucus discharge from the nose. He's not a threat to his classmates.

Once he's feeling better, Adrian said, it's OK for him to go back to school or day care.

Adrian said the so-called classic common cold is caused by a rhinovirus, which shows up as a runny nose and congestion, and not a lot else. There are many other kinds of viral infections with similar symptoms, including those caused by adenovirus, influenza, parvovirus and others.

There are thousands of these viruses, falling into seven or eight families. They have hundreds of subtypes, each of which you can pick up again. So there are more than enough colds to go around, and you can never catch all of them.

"Even pediatricians who have been working with kids for years and years — we still catch colds from our patients periodically," Adrian said.

Contrary to popular belief, keeping them warm and dry won't prevent kids from catching a cold.

Adrian said studies have been done using college students who donned swimming suits who were sprayed with water. They were put in huge refrigerators, where they remained until they were goosebumped, blue and shivering. They were then inoculated with viruses.

The results showed there was no indication that they were more likely to catch the infection than if they didn't do all that.

Antibiotics do not alter the course of viral illnesses, he said. And you can't prevent colds by taking them, either.

The most important thing to do for a cold, Adrian said, is to keep the respiratory secretions thin and loose, so that when you cough or sneeze, you blow them out or they run down the back of your throat. And the best way to keep them hydrated is to drink plenty of fluids.

That works much better than using a humidifier, he said, although humidifiers are effective too. The cool type is safer around children.

"In general the theory is that when your respiratory tract dries out that the mucus membrane is more susceptible to viral penetration than if the mucus membrane in your throat is moist and healthy," he said. "So it does seem to decrease the incidence of respiratory infection if your house is humidified."

Adrian said age is a factor in deciding whether or not to take a child with a cold to the doctor.

"Kids who are under four months, for sure, and six months probably, if they're having respiratory symptoms and have any type of a significant fever — say over 101½," he said. "It at least bears a phone call to the doctor, if not a visit."

He said he thinks a child six months and older, if he's had just a runny nose or cough that is not interfering with sleep too much or causing any breathing difficulties, can be watched at home. He advised humidifying the air and using over the counter decongestants that do not contain antihistamines,

which may cause drowsiness.

Another way to loosen mucus and moisturize the mucus membrane is to use saline nose drops or spray. These are safe and can be used frequently.

"When a child runs a temperature, it's not as big a worry as parents often think it is," Adrian said.

"We don't worry about fevers," he said. "What we worry about is what's causing the fever and what other symptoms go along with the fever."

A high fever itself doesn't cause convulsions, but they can be caused by a rapid rise in temperature, Adrian said. And certain people are susceptible to seizures, while others are not.

Keep a feverish child quiet, he advised, because there might be a hidden heart problem. And older kids who are running a temperature shouldn't be running laps.

If the child has a sore throat, and it is relatively mild and part of a full-blown cold with congestion, coughing and a lot of mucus, there's not much to worry about, Adrian said. But if he has a sore throat with fever or not a lot of respiratory symptoms, then it is more likely to be a strep throat.

The most effective cough medicine for kids contains dextromethorphan — DM on the label, he said. But cough suppressants aren't necessary, and they don't shorten the course of the illness.

"But they are very helpful at 2 o'clock in the morning when nobody's sleeping and the child's coughing his head off and it's keeping him awake and his parents awake,"

Christmas

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may as well be you.

R is for the Racket, which is coming from the living room. As long as they're still making noise they're still alive.

S is for sparkling shimmering Spam cans, sprinkled like tinsel on the neighbor's elm tree across the street. Cut into spirals like that, you can almost ignore the pink picture of meat product. Wonder how many Spamburgers they had to eat to do that?

T is for the Truck, the one little Billy runs up the wall.

U is for Underwear. It just isn't Christmas if you don't get new underwear.

V is for Vultures, which is what your brother-in-law eats like. Remember to peel extra potatoes.

W is for "Wonderful, just wonderful." You shouldn't have. A phrase that might need practice to sound sincere when you tell Aunt Wilhelmina she really shouldn't have ...

X is for that colorful toy Xylophone some nunny gave the baby. Isn't it about time for her nap?

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Weddings

Pretti-Barros

BOISE — Julie Pretti and Jason Barros were married Nov. 5 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Boise. Officiating was Father John Morgan.

The bride is the daughter of Jack and Sylvia Pretti of Twin Falls, and parents of the bridegroom are Carol Ferraro of Gilroy, Calif., and Don Barros of Boise.

Janet Pretti of Boise, sister of the bride, served as the bride's maid of honor. Bridesmaids included Kristie Frontezak of Eugene, Ore., sister of the bride and Nicole Kehoe of Santa Cruz, Calif., sister of the bridegroom. Jason Miller of Gilroy, Calif., friend of the bridegroom, served as best man. Groomsmen included Ed Mayorga of Suisun, Calif., and Jose Barreto of Daily, Calif., friends of the bridegroom.

A reception was held following the ceremony at the Owyhee Plaza in Boise. Serving were Julie and Jason Barros.



Julie and Jason Barros

The bride is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and is attending Boise State University, majoring in elementary education. She is employed at JCPenney Co. Inc. in Boise.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Gilroy High School and is also attending BSU, majoring in criminal justice. He is employed at Trend Corporation in Boise.

After a honeymoon in San Francisco, the newlyweds reside in Boise.

Craven-Duggan

TWIN FALLS — Janet L. Craven and Curtis L. Duggan were married Nov. 12 at Faith Assembly of God Church in Twin Falls.

Officiating was the Rev. Burl Duncan, great-uncle of the bride. Mary Carol Gard was organist and Candie Jones was soloist.

The bride is the daughter of Gary and Joanna Craven of Twin Falls, and parents of the bridegroom are Curt and Allison Duggan of Jerome. Maida Holstene, friend of the bride, served as the bride's matron of honor. Bridesmaids included Diane Scantlin and Michelle Messman, cousins of the bride. Jenna Dixon, cousin of the bride, was the flower girl.

Casey Duggan, brother of the bridegroom, served as best man. Groomsmen were Frank Perry and Randall Barnes, friends of the bridegroom. Brandon Duggan, cousin of the bride, was the ringbearer.

Special guests included grandparents of the bride, Melvin and Joan Dixon of Kimberly and John and Ruby Craven of Twin Falls, and grandparents of the bridegroom, Lester and Vivian Duggan of Buhl and Audrey Smith of Ely, Nev. Also in attendance were guests from California, Oregon, Montana, Nevada, Utah, Illinois, Castleford, Buhl, Wendell, Rupert, Jerome, Kimberly, Hansen, Twin Falls, Mountain Home and Boise.

A reception was held following the ceremony at the Twin Falls



Janet and Curtis Duggan

Moose Lodge. Serving were Valerie Messman and Karolyn Scantlin, aunts of the bride and Joy Duggan and Nila Heinzelman, aunts of the bridegroom. Serving assistants were Katie and Kim McIntyre, friends of the bride's family. Jo Craven, sister of the bride, attended the guest book. Gift attendants were Johnnie Craven, sister of the bride and Wally Walcroft, friend of the bride. Assistants were Dusty Dixon, cousin of the bride and Lorrie McIntyre, friend of the bride. Jeannette Craven, sister of the bride, was the wedding coordinator.

The bride is a graduate of Twin Falls High School. She is employed at Lamb Weston.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Castleford High School. He is also employed at Lamb Weston.

Following a Mexican cruise honeymoon, the couple will reside in Buhl.

Engagements

Belnap - Baumgartner

JEROME — Mr. and Mrs. Jim Belnap of Vale, Ore., announce the engagement of their daughter, Alison Dawn, to Clark Allen Baumgartner, son of Ken and Kay Baumgartner of Boise and formerly of Jerome.

Belnap is a 1992 graduate of Vale High School and is currently working in Boise as a paraoptometric.

Baumgartner is a 1989 graduate of Jerome High School and served an LDS Mission in Independence, Mo., from 1988-1992. He is currently a junior at Boise State University, pursuing a degree in human resource management.

The wedding is planned for Dec.



Clark Baumgartner and Alison Belnap

28 in the Boise LDS Temple. The couple will make their home in Boise.

McGowan-Folks

TWIN FALLS — Cathy McGowan of Twin Falls, announces the engagement of her daughter, Jennifer Michelle, to David Ray Folks, son of Joyce Folks of Kimberly.

McGowan attended Twin Falls High School.

She is employed at Bowladrome Inc. in Twin Falls.

Folks attended Kimberly High School. He is employed by Northwest Foam Products Inc. in Twin Falls.

The wedding is planned for Feb.



David Folks and Jennifer McGowan

Anniversary

The Whiteheads

KIMBERLY — Mr. and Mrs. Don Whitehead of Kimberly, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Thursday. The couple had an open house for their 40th anniversary and will celebrate their 50th with their family.

Whitehead and Rosa Lea Newman were married Dec. 22, 1944, in Kimberly. At the time, he was in the Air Force stationed in Louisiana. The next few months were spent in Texas. After his discharge in February of 1946, the couple moved to Pocatello where he attended pharmacy school at Idaho State University, graduating in August of 1949.

They then moved to Kimberly where he was in business with his father in Kimberly Drug until his retirement.



Rosa Lea and Don Whitehead

The couple has two sons, Jim Whitehead of Boise and Bruce Whitehead of Twin Falls, a grandson, a granddaughter, two great-grandsons and a great-granddaughter.

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Edward Harness and Suzanne M. Collett

Collett-Harness

FAIRFIELD — Suzanne M. Collett of Oreana, Idaho, and Edward Harness of Fairfield will be married Dec. 27 in Las Vegas, Nev.

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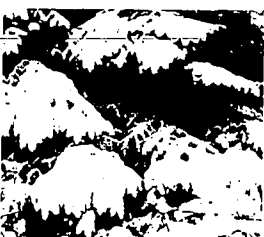
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ALBION - Delbert L. Bennett of Albion, was promoted to lieutenant colonel in the National Guard on Nov. 5 in Boise. The promotion was presented by Gen. Jack Kane.



Bennett

Bennett has held the executive office of chief of staff for the State of Idaho Cavalry Brigade in Boise since January. He has served in the Army for 23 years in different capacities.

He is the son of LaVere and Jeannine Bennett of Murtaugh and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. Vard Chatburn of Albion. He is married to Shauna VanSickle of Buhl and has two daughters, Shandra and Lacy.

He is presently employed as counselor and athletic director at Oakley High School.

FILER - Navy Seaman Recruit Gordon A. Smith, a 1994 graduate of Filer High School, recently completed Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

MURTAUGH - Navy Airman Grady W. Lee, son of Jerry W. Lee of Murtaugh, is midway through a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific and Indian Oceans with Strike Fighter Squadron 27, as part of the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk battle group.

While deployed, Lee has visited Japan, Okinawa, South Korea, Hong Kong, Singapore, Guam and Malaysia.

A 1992 graduate of Twin Falls High School, he joined the Navy in July 1993.

TWIN FALLS - Navy Seaman Recruit Carlos A. Henningsen, son of John D. and Jo Henningsen of Twin Falls, recently completed Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

He is a 1994 graduate of Twin Falls High School.

BUHL - Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Michael W. Crowley, a 1985 graduate of Buhl High School, is midway through a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific and Indian Oceans with Strike Fighter Squadron 27, as part of the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk Battle Group.

While deployed, Crowley has visited Japan, Okinawa, South Korea, Hong Kong, Singapore, Guam and Malaysia.

He joined the Navy in July 1987.

TWIN FALLS - Navy Seaman Ian G. Crawford, son of Dennis A. and Laurel L. Crawford of Twin Falls, recently returned from a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific and Indian Oceans while serving aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Shiloh.

Crawford has visited Hawaii, Bali, Indonesia, Bahrain, Thailand and the United Arab Emirates.

A 1990 graduate of Twin Falls High School, he joined the Navy in January.

TWIN FALLS - Navy Airman Manuel C. Solis, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Brodeen of Twin Falls, is midway through a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific and Indian Oceans with Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron 134, embarked aboard the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk.

While deployed, Solis has visited Japan, Okinawa, South Korea, Hong Kong, Singapore, Guam and Malaysia.

A 1990 graduate of Twin Falls High School, he joined the Navy in November 1990.

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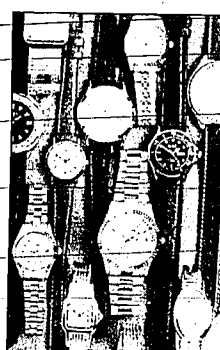
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Senior calendar

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Monday: Pork chops
Tuesday: Spaghetti
Wednesday: Christmas dinner with ham
Thursday: Beef stew
Friday: Fried chicken

Activities

Library, Pool, Room, and Bargain Center with cards, games, color television and movies. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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ins to deliver Christmas socks.

Wednesday: Crafts after lunch.
Pinchle every Wednesday after lunch.

Thursday: Ceramics from 1 to 4 p.m.
SHIBA: Medicare and Supplemental Insurance Assistance every Thursday by appointment from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call for an appointment at 436-9107.

Shopping day. Call the center at 436-9107 to arrange for a ride.
Christmas Prime Rib dinner and party at noon. A \$3 donation is requested for the dinner. Women bring a woman's gift and men bring a man's gift not to exceed \$5.

Friday: The center will close at 2 p.m.
West End Senior Citizens Inc.
1010 Main St., Buhl

All meals at noon, Monday through Saturday; 1 p.m. on Sunday. Thrift shop open every day from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Sunday: Roast pork
Monday: Pancakes with toast, ham or sausage, scrambled eggs and fruit
Tuesday: Macaroni and cheese with hot dogs

Wednesday: Macaroni and cheese with hot dogs
Thursday: Turkey with all the trimmings
Friday: Turkey with all the trimmings
Saturday: Center closed

Activities
Monday: Exercise class at 10 a.m.
Pinchle in the evening. Cards at the center.

Tuesday: Quilting from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Wednesday: Exercise class at 10 a.m.
Thursday: Exercise class at 10 a.m.
Friday: Exercise class at 10 a.m.
Saturday: Exercise class at 10 a.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizens Inc.
308 Senior Ave.
All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$2 for seniors and \$4 for non-seniors.

Monday: Beef stew
Tuesday: Lemon pepper cod
Wednesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce
Thursday: Glazed baked chicken

Activities
Monday: Pool at 9 a.m. and again at 1 p.m.
Line dancing at 9:30 a.m.
Pinchle at 12:30 p.m.
Hand and Foot card game at 6 p.m.

Tuesday: Pool at 9 a.m. and again at 1 p.m.
Knitting at 9:30 a.m.
Bridge at 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool at 9 a.m. and again at 1 p.m.
Line dancing at 9:30 a.m.
Crafts at 1 p.m.
Shuffleboard at 6 p.m.

Thursday: Men's pool at 9 a.m.
Grade school performance at 11:40 a.m.
TOPS at 5 p.m.
Pinchle and men's pool at 7 p.m.
Friday: Open pool at 9 a.m.
Bridge at 9 a.m.
Line dancing at 9:30 a.m.

Jerome Senior Center
212 First Ave. E.
All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$2.

Monday: Chicken patties
Tuesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce
Wednesday: Beef patties
Thursday: Baked ham

Activities
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Tuesday: Aerobics at 11 a.m. and again at 2:30 p.m.

Pinchle at 12:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Pinchle at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday: Aerobics at 11 a.m. and again at 2:30 p.m.
Friday: Center closed.

Silver & Gold Senior Center
203 Wilson, Eden
Dinner is served at noon. Suggested donation is \$1.75 for seniors and \$3.25 for non-seniors. Home delivered meals suggested donation is \$1.75. Center hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Thursday and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday.

Tuesday: Birthday and anniversary dinner with ham
Thursday: Chili

Activities
Monday: Quilting from 8 to 10 a.m.
Tuesday: Quilting from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Wednesday: Bake day.
Thursday: Quilting from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Friday: Breakfast from 8 to 10 a.m.

Hagerman Valley Senior Citizens
140 Lake St.
Lunch served from noon to 1 p.m., Tuesday through Friday. Suggested donation is \$2.25 for seniors over 60, \$3.75 for persons under 60 and \$2 for children under 12. Monthly menus and activities can be picked up at the center.

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Keeping memories on ice



Aging
Lucille S. deView

Here's an ode to the icebox. Cheers to that oblong, handsome, oak piece of furniture, the forerunner of the refrigerator.

It was much smaller than the mammoth, two-door harbingers of cool that occupy kitchens these days. And it didn't come in a rainbow of colors, only varnished wood.

No vegetable crisper. No fancy egg tray, butter compartment, freezer or automatic ice cube dispenser.

Just an icebox—plain—its mesh metal shelves rusted easily, as I recall, and everything inside was rather damp and musty. But it was heaven compared to the days when the only way to keep food cool was to set it in a stream, a dark cave or a tub of ice hauled from an ice house.

In winter climes, people stored food in root or fruit cellars, packed it in snow or set it in window boxes where it inevitably froze — or spoiled in a sudden thaw.

The icebox became a beloved luxury, despite some inconveniences. Ice, placed in the top of the box or in a side compartment, cooled the insulated interior. As the ice melted, the water ran down a tube to a pan at the bottom of the box.

Emptying the ice box pan was a hated chore that often ended in puddles and tears on many a mother's freshly-scrubbed floor.

Ah, but think of the icebox and you think of the iceman, right? Jeane Moritz, 89, of Costa Mesa, Calif., remembers the iceman who came regularly to her house bearing a block of ice on his shoulder. The number of pounds of ice depended upon the sign her mother put in the window. "The best part was that he let us have scraps of ice to chew on."



Aging
Peggy Garrett

Peggy Garrett, 67, of Watervliet, N.Y., shared that delight. "While the iceman was inside stores or homes making deliveries, we kids would climb on his truck and grab small ice chunks."

My own fond icebox memory occurred after the advent of the fridge. An aunt stored her outmoded icebox on a back porch, and when a boy cousin and I played cops and robbers, we hid our loot in it, pretending the icebox was a safe.

In poking around for more icebox stories, I found someone who still owns one, though he uses it only as a cabinet (not cold) for cordials and liquors — a fashionable thing to do these days.

Joe Crea, the food editor at The Orange County Register, bought his icebox collectible in 1976 for \$10 from an elderly neighbor. He prizes its handsome oak finish and metal handles. What's an antique icebox worth today? One price guide listed some models at \$500 or \$750.

Precious then. Precious now.

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Stories of seniors inaccurate, many say

Dallas Morning News

Like many other senior citizens, Edna Hart, 74, doesn't feel that the vitality of her life is accurately portrayed in the media.

As a senior citizen, she is often viewed as an elderly woman sitting on the ship's deck or being pushed around nursing homes," she says. "The majority of us are exactly like you are, except we have a few more miles on us."

Bob Wood, 65, says he feels much the same. "I was watching a sitcom the other night," he says. "There was an older grandmother, but she couldn't get around much. She was sitting there watching TV all day."

Three years ago, Wood trekked the Himalayas.

"Most of us are up and out," he says. "This morning, I walked three miles, then rode the bike for about 30 minutes, and now I'm ready to go."

Voices like these have increased in recent years, says Molly Bogen, executive director of the Senior Citizens of Great Dallas. "We started getting a lot of feedback from seniors talking about how they were portrayed in the media," she says.

The comments of senior citizens in Dallas follow a trend that's happening across the country. Many geriatric specialists say that when the national debate over health-care reform heated up, news reports on health-care costs began to be framed in generational terms. Social spending for seniors, such as Medicare and Social Security, came into question.

Between January 1991 and May 1993, the term "greedy geezers" appeared 68 times in the national news media, according to The Gerontologist. This, they say, presents a problem.

"I think the news media validates an issue," says Bogen. "If they only focus on one aspect, it skews reality because people accept a stereotype about a whole group of people. It's ageism."

One result of cultural stereotyping, says Holmes of the Senior Citizens of Greater Dallas, is "that it keeps seniors from doing a lot of other things. People equate age with vitality and health."

Holmes recommended that a survey be done to analyze the news media's relationship with people over age 65. More than 860 people in Dallas County were polled.

Results showed that many senior citizens don't believe the news media are interested in stories about older people. Many don't believe that the stories on seniors are a "very accurate" reflection of their daily reality.

"The news claims to be accurate and reflect true facts about the real world," says Dr. Paul Chafetz, a geriatric specialist at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. "That makes the news an even more powerful shaper of people's attitudes because it has this layer of respectability."

Chafetz, who wrote a paper based on the study results, believes media coverage could take a new slant on geriatric issues.

"Nursing home scandals are really dragged out, and everyone was salivating over it," he says. "In my personal opinion, there are a lot of interesting and important issues regarding nursing home care in America — issues that academics like me deal with all the time — that don't get media attention. ... Like this issue of

how much society is really willing to pay for quality care (for senior citizens)."

The new study revealed the following:

- Only 13 percent believed the news media are interested in stories about seniors.

- Only 8 percent to 10 percent thought media are "very accurate" in reporting about older adults. Three of four people, however, felt that the media are "somewhat accurate."

- Most preferred to be called "senior citizens." The most disliked term was "geezer," followed by "old person," "elder" and "old-timer."

- Senior Citizens of Greater Dallas plans to send the study to media outlets, both local and national: newspapers, magazines, radio and television. They also plan to hold a seminar for local media to build awareness of the issues.

The same frustration experienced by Dallas County senior citizens appeared in Betty Friedan's book "The Fountain of Age," published last year. "The perennial news-magazine stories ominously proclaiming 'the graying of America' managed somehow to twist even positive news about aging into a 'plight' or 'problem,'" wrote Friedan.

"For news stories dealing with the work of the Senate Committee on Aging, which, under the leadership of Sen. Claude Pepper, was proposing positive measures to keep older people actively engaged in their communities, the most frequent headline was 'Blight of the Elderly.'"

Many senior citizens say they would like to see a more accurate reflection of their lives throughout

American culture, from advertising to television sitcoms.

"I think Madison Avenue has sold us on youth," says Deborah Bedford Fridia, 71. "When that happened, we became a youth-oriented culture."

When it comes to television entertainment shows, "Matlock" is about the only senior on TV, as far as I know," she says.

Her ideal version of future TV programming would reflect the variety in lifestyles of people over 65.

"We play many roles in life," she says. "Some of us still work part-time, and some are retired. Some are grandparents who are raising their grandchildren, and some are grandparents who are really just grandparents and not responsible for rearing children."

Jean McCloud, 71, is a member of the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature, started in 1985. The 116 members provide a forum for senior citizens in Texas to discuss issues that concern them. She believes there is a connection between the media's portrayal of senior adults and the amount of respect they receive.

"In TV sitcoms, children always seem to be in the house, and seniors are often equated with them. If anything happens, the senior acts kind of like a kid and says something silly to get out of the situation. It's demeaning."

The concept of respect hit home recently when McCloud's friend went to Beijing University to teach English. "She's an older person in her early 70s," she says. "She said the first day in class, she was ready to leave but everyone just sat there. They wouldn't leave until she got up

and left. They have the highest respect for older people."

In addition to her responsibilities with the Silver-Haired Legislature, McCloud says she holds about four positions in her church and serves as president or chairwoman of other organizations in town, including the Dallas Caucus for Responsible Government.

"Most people I know are very busy and interested in the things around them," she says. "You ask them to do something, and they say, 'Let me look at my calendar first.'"

But the popular image of senior citizens, she says, "doesn't always reflect this. A lot of times they say seniors are very lonely, they stay at home and all this kind of thing."

All of society is hurt when the older segment of the population is stereotyped, says Bogen.

"It creates a fear of aging. ... There's such a negative connotation. We spent a good third of our life being an old man or an old woman, but it's not something we want to be, and that's a shame. Our culture doesn't want to get older, and that's partly perpetuated by media and film."



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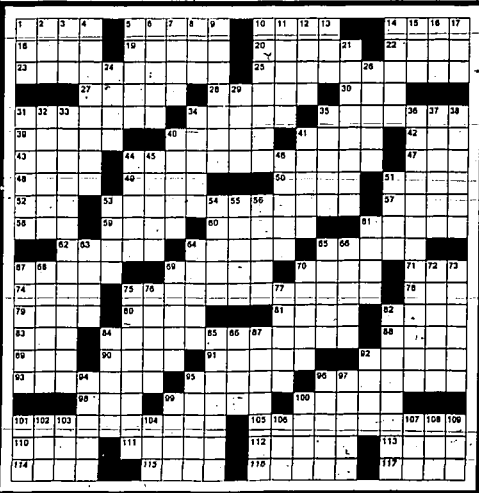
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Valley happenings

Fellowship hall plans open house

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Fellowship Hall has planned an open house to celebrate its eighth anniversary in Twin Falls. The public is invited to visit the facility from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday. Coffee, punch and cookies will be served, and literature is available. The Magic Valley Fellowship Hall provides a meeting place for all, 12-step programs such as Alcoholics Anonymous, Al Anon and other support groups.

Beginning Again Singles gathers

TWIN FALLS — The Beginning Again Singles will hold a monthly planning meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Maxie's Pizza. All area singles are welcome. Write to Beginning Again Singles, P.O. Box 818, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

Square dancers schedule holiday party

JEROME — The Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club has planned its Christmas party for Tuesday.

Participants will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Catholic Parish Hall, 216 Second Ave. E., to go caroling. They will return to the hall for soup and sandwiches and dance until about 10:30 p.m. Anyone that has not been assigned soup should bring sandwiches. No dessert will be served. Admission is \$5 per couple or \$2.50 per person. Dress warm for caroling. All square dancers are

welcome. Call Mac McKenney at 324-2656, Sadie Thornton at 736-2543 or Janice Lang at 326-5470.

Retired federal workers meet for lunch

TWIN FALLS — Chapter 1959 of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees has planned a luncheon meeting for 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at North's Chuckwagon on Kimberly Road.

Steve Muse will discuss opportunities for seniors in parks and recreation. Members are reminded to bring canned goods for the Salvation Army. For more information, call Bud Ruffing at 733-5231.

Legion Auxiliary Unit 7 sets potluck

TWIN FALLS — American Legion Auxiliary Unit 7 has planned its annual Christmas potluck for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the home of Willa Mae Burton, 560 Grandview Drive N.

Those attending are asked to bring a dish to share, a gift to exchange and items to put in the Christmas baskets. Table service will be provided by the hostess. For more information, call Phyllis Cierber at 733-8989.

The Times-News welcomes news of community events. Send material to The Times-News Valley Happenings, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303-0548. Please submit news at least a week in advance and include a phone number where you can be reached.

Survey finds older men spend most

Orange County Register

You want some Christmas spending statistics to chew on while you wait for the credit-card bills to come in? Officials at Marshalls, one of the nation's leading off-price chains, commissioned Opinion Research Corp., of Princeton, N.J., to conduct a nationwide survey of consumer spending trends this holiday season. Some of the results:

Per capita spending plans rise with the age of respondent, from \$420 among 18- to 24-year-olds to \$520 among 25- to 34-year-olds, \$570 among 35- to 44-year-olds and \$590 among 45- to 54-year-olds.

On average, men report bigger spending plans than women (\$610 compared with \$520).

Per capita spending is expected to be higher in the Northeast (\$650) than the rest of the country (\$550) in the South, \$530 in the West, \$520 in the North Central region.

Twenty-one percent of adult Americans plan to spend less on gift items this year than last year, while 57 percent plan to spend about the same amount, and 15 percent plan to spend more.

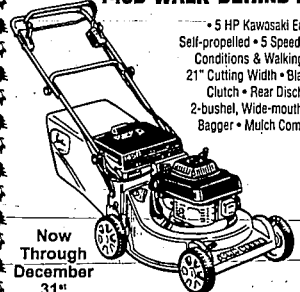
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Everything's PC, so don't expect to see Santa cracking a whip and wearing fur

Orange County Register

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Ho ho ho. That's a good one. Because that's probably not Santa this year.

In this age of recycled post-consumer waste, soy-link printing and body products that are cruelty-free and "made in the heartland," Santa, no doubt, also has succumbed to all that is Politically Correct.

You can't miss the PC products lining store shelves and brimming from catalog pages. Retailers say the products are in demand. Howard Gabe, opened his California Organic Cotton Co. clothing store at Mall of Orange in Orange County last summer. Business is good, he said. Clerks help educate customers about organic cotton's benefits for the Earth.

"There are studies if a company isn't an environmentally sound company, they'll lose market share," Gabe said.

Aveda Esthetique at South Coast Plaza in Orange County features display cases lined with wood from Australian cork trees, which do not have to be cut down to harvest the bark.

"People are so much more aware in the '90s," said Debra Albice, manager of the store that sells personal-care products. "And the people who work here want to feel like we make a difference."

Many retailers wrap gifts with recycled ribbons and wrap, and are stamped "recycled paper." Card stores sell recycled paper cards. Cards of which the proceeds benefit certain causes also are popular, and Kathleen O'Connor, a New York retail consultant.

She knows of people decorating Christmas trees with recycled paper ornaments. "I've seen a lot of people using the ribbons for those purposes," she said. "I've seen a lot of people using the ribbons for those purposes."

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People are so motivated by what is politically correct, they can end-up agonizing over every choice," etiquette expert Loretta Baldridge said.

Her best tip: Select something you know the person will like. She dislikes sending cards that say a donation has been made in the recipient's name.

"They may have given 5 cents," she said. "And it may not be your charity."

So what are some of the PC gifts you'll find this year?

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Having it all: How to raise a well-adjusted, non-brat

In "Raising a Happy, Unspoiled Child" (Simon & Schuster, \$21) author Dr. Burton White expands on his concern for the very young child's social development — a point he initially raised nearly 20 years ago in his popular book, "The First Three Years of Life."

With a long stream of anecdotes interspersed with descriptions of the stages of child development, White attempts to tackle the issue of handling an undisciplined child. In this long-winded tome, the author makes some helpful suggestions, but some are far off the mark in the opinion of

many child care experts. Wise parents, who see a child's manipulative behavior for what it is, will put a stop to it immediately with strong, non-nonsense restrictions for the child. But most of the book is devoted to episodes of children dictating to unaware parents. The reader is left feeling that anyone — other than the parents of an unruly child — can give

to all but those in the child care profession. He is not describing gross, abnormal behavior, but common, everyday occurrences. Yet he seems to suggest that anyone would be shocked by the stupidity of parents who would allow such obvious, con-

trolling behavior. Anyone, that is, but a preschool teacher who hears these tales every day.

White's on-target when he notes that there is a serious problem when the child is in charge. The child care community knows that there is a startling lack of good parenting skills in our society. If you need proof, just stand in an aisle at your local store. Most of the children will be heard before they are seen because they will be screaming or otherwise out of control. White is explicit: unrestricted children are, among other things, very unhappy and make everyone

around them unhappy, too. That is a point most parents miss in the day-to-day struggle of not wanting to stand firm against the inevitable tantrum when they say "no."

White's goal is the socially well-developed 6-year-old, defined as one who can get attention appropriately, express both negative and positive

feelings, take pride in achievement, use adults as resources and happily engage in make-believe. To ensure this, the parent should provide an increasingly stimulating environment, all the while realizing that the child, especially a toddler, will repeatedly test every limit.

— Source: The Baltimore Sun



Your kids

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• The Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center is in need of volunteers for the following positions: receptionist, dining room servers, cashiers and quilters. Or if you have any talent that would be of service or good cheer, call 734-5084.

• The Port of Hope needs small gifts for adolescent's Christmas. If you can help, call Alberta at 734-5180 or 734-7080.

• A special opportunity is being offered by the Twin Falls Public Library for readers in grades sixth through eighth. Help is needed to select, review and discuss books, videos and music for the Young Adult area of the library. Meetings will be held at 4 p.m. on Wednesdays once a month. Sign up in the Children's Services section or call 733-2964 and ask for Children's Services. The first meeting will be held in January. For more information, call Annie-Laurie Burton or Janice Lupton at 733-2964.

• The College of Southern Idaho Refugee Center is in need of the following: children and infant clothing, blankets, sheets, bath and kitchen towels, toys and dolls. If you can donate, call Ron Black at 736-2166.

• The Port of Hope is in need of good, sturdy dressers for their adolescent facility. If you can donate, call Patrick or Alberta at 734-5180 or 734-7080.

• Jerome Headstart needs a small adult working desk, one up-right freezer and one refrigerator in good working order. If you can donate, call 234-2385, ask for Vivian or leave a message.

• A low-income family is in need of a window (tilting) for a kitchen, frame included. Also needed is a

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• Magic Valley Staffing Service Inc. Hospice Division is in need of volunteers in the following areas: Respite caregivers in all eight counties and clerical help in the Twin Falls office in the afternoons. If you are available for two or three hours one day a week or more, call 734-0600.

• The South Central Community Action Agency is in need of the following items for their client waiting room: good used vinyl sofa, bookshelf, house plants and a toy box in good condition. If you can donate any of these items, call Lorry Miller or Violet Zink at 733-9351.

• A low-income family is in need of the following items: kitchen table and chairs, lamps of any size, one or two chairs and a student desk for a teenager. If you can donate any of these items, call Lorry Miller at the South Central Community Action Agency at 733-9351 between 1 and 5 p.m.

• Volunteers are needed at the Salvation Army to help in the kitchen from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Also, the After School Homework Center will be open from 3 to 4:45 p.m. Background checks may be required. For more information, call Captain Davis of Tobias Ruiz at the Salvation Army at 733-8769.

• The College of Southern Idaho Adult Basic Education program is in need of volunteer tutors for adult students in reading, English, math and English as a second language. For more information, call Ruth Scott at 733-9554, ext. 2385.

• The Foster Grandparent Program has a very specialized position — open at the Adult Child Development Center in Twin Falls. This position requires applicants to work with children 0-2 years of age who have special or exceptional needs. Applicants must be 60 or older and low income to qualify. For more information, call Marcie Donner or Teresa Hellickson at 736-2122.

• The Magic Valley Regional Medical Center needs volunteers to help in a variety of positions around the hospital. If interested, call Dottie Miller, Volunteer Services Director at 737-2006.

• The South Central Community Action Agency Energy Assistance Program is looking for wood to store for low-income families to heat their homes during the next heating season. If you can donate, call Jean Osborn at 733-9351.

• The Senior Companion Program has several openings in the Minicassia area for eligible persons, 60

or older and lower income. These positions are in the Burley Care Center and Country Living Center. If you would like to earn a little extra money, call Marcie Donner or Teresa Hellickson at 736-2122.

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DOWNTOWN BID

Wedding plans need updating

DEAR ABBY: Don't you think it's time we retire some of the traditions that originated when they served some useful purpose, but have no place in the late 20th century?



Dear Abby
Abigail VanBuren

When the responsibility for wedding expenses was assigned to the parents, it was common for children to marry when the bride was still a child. She was prepared to be only a housewife, and seldom if ever gainfully employed. Likewise, the groom was a youth likely struggling to establish a home. Hence, a tradition was born, based on common sense.

The bride and groom of today, however, are usually older, and on more stable financial ground than their parents were.

Why should older people have to mortgage their homes, spend their retirement nest eggs, or take out loans to pay for lavish weddings, while the newweds trot off to luxury homes? It's insanity that a supposedly intelligent, educated society clings steadfastly to outmoded traditions from horse and buggy days.

Modern etiquette should be updated to dispose of the ridiculous.

—EASTLAKE, OHIO, READER

DEAR EASTLAKE READER: For years I have pointed out that although the bride's family gives the wedding, nowhere is it written in stone that it is imperative. An elaborate wedding is a gift — not an obligation. And in recent years, more couples have opted to pay for their own weddings, which makes sense to me — particularly if the bride has left the nest and established her economic independence.

For parents to spend their savings, or take out loans to finance the equivalent of a Broadway extravaganza is, in my view, needlessly pretentious and foolish.

In 1992, I published a letter from Dr. E. Parke Sellard of Fallbrook, Calif. His words of wisdom bear repeating:

"I devised the following plan for my daughter's wedding to protect myself and our sanity."

"I gave her a set amount for the total to be spent. If the wedding cost more, she and her fiancé would pay the difference. "She had her wedding at Balboa Park in San Diego. Her mother made her wedding dress. A close friend was a photographer, and he gave her the pictures as a wedding gift. We bought many of the flowers at the market. By spending her money carefully, she had a nice check waiting for her when they returned from their honeymoon."

"This plan enabled all of us to enjoy a beautiful wedding and to keep our tempers and sanity intact. I hope this plan will help your readers to enjoy their daughters' weddings with a minimum of stress."

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"Many times in emergency situations, cars jam up and drivers in a panic when the 911 operator asks for the address. I have placed my printed return address labels on all my telephones."

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—LONGTIME READER, IN DENVER

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Chicago Tribune

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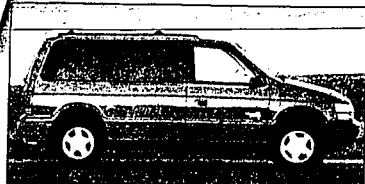
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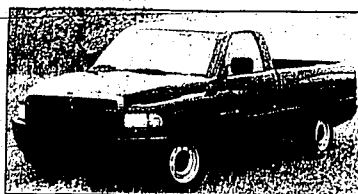
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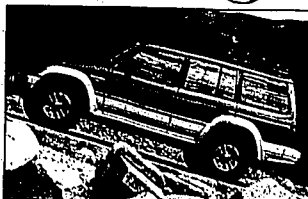


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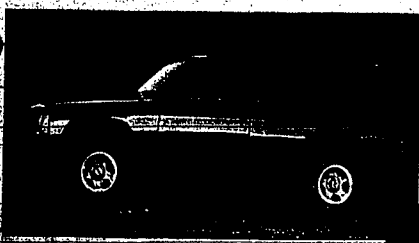


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