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Good morning

Today's forecast:
Clear and cold with northeast winds 10 to 15 mph. Highs 20 to 25 degrees. Lows zero to 10 degrees above zero.
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Bed and breakfast opens

Down along the Snake River, quaint surroundings and a hearty welcome await the weary traveler.
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Health problems identified

Magic Valley statistics suggest alcohol and drug abuse, and teen pregnancy, are health problems that demand attention.
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Nittany Lions win

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Raymond Bowers and his wife, Juanita, of Filer received help from Twin Falls County when they couldn't pay an estimated \$46,000 in medical bills for his treatment in August and September. The Idaho Legislature is again considering financing for the state catastrophic health care fund, which would pay charges above \$10,000 for needy residents.

'Cat fund' financing returns to agenda

By Julie M. McKinnon
Times-News writer

FILER — Raymond Bowers' constant struggle to breathe became so arduous in December 1993 that he reluctantly quit his milk-farm job of 10 years.

The Filer man's doctor suspected Bowers had emphysema. About nine months later, after being admitted to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, Bowers found out his lungs had cancer-like cells probably caused by inhaling asbestos particles at least three decades earlier.

Bowers, 62, also began accumulating charges of about \$46,000 for his treatment, including an operation to remove fluid from his previously collapsed left lung and to trim its edges of damaged cells.

"I just got one bill today for \$33,000, and that's just the beginning," Bowers said Thursday.

For uninsured people such as Bowers,



whose Social Security disability won't insure him until June 1996, Idaho counties maintain assistance funds. And to take over hospital charges above \$10,000 and give relief to property-tax payers, the state created in 1991 a catastrophic health care fund.

That fund, however, went bankrupt in August 1993.

This session, the Idaho Legislature will once again consider financing the "cat fund," which former Gov. Cecil Andrus has vetoed because the Legislature wouldn't fund a medically needy program to extend Medicaid benefits to the working poor.

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Batt bears GOP standard into governor's office

By Frank E. Lockwood
Times-News writer

BOISE — Surrounded by grandchildren and reporters, Phil Batt took the oath of office Monday, becoming Idaho's first Republican governor in a quarter century.

A smiling Cecil Andrus handed over his office — his workplace for 14 of the past 24 years — and wished Batt well. "Congratulations, governor," Andrus said, as he prepared to exit the state's political stage.

The ceremony — and Batt's remarks — took about five minutes. The public was invited — just the state's constitutional officer holders, the media and a handful of guests.

There was no bunting, no fanfares, no tuxedos at this informal noontime affair. But Batt, with Chief Justice Charles McDevitt's help, will re-enact the swearing-in Friday on the Statehouse steps in public festivities.

With wife Jacque at his side, Batt promised to "faithfully discharge the duties of the office of governor to the best of my ability."

Then, speaking for the first time as governor, he thanked Andrus — and the voters who backed him in November.

"I accept this office with a great measure of responsibility, gratitude and humility," he said.

Vowing to work hard, Batt added, "I pray to God that he will strengthen me in this office."

Among Batt's first priorities: picking cabinet members, honing his State of the State Address, and focusing on fiscal matters.

Monday, Batt repeated his promise to



Phil Batt takes the oath of office as Idaho's governor Monday. His wife, Jacque, holds the Bible.

run "a lean and efficient government" but said that doesn't mean an across the board hiring freeze.

Other statewide office holders took their oaths Monday, including Treasurer Lydia Justice Edwards.

Edwards, the GOP's leading vote-getter, took the oath with former Gov. Robert Smylie at her side. Clutching a blue Gideon Bible with "I Love Jesus!" printed on the side, Edwards promised to uphold the Constitution and serve ably.

Afterwards, an Andrus employee handed over the office keys to Batt press secretary Amy Kleiner.

For the first time in years, Republicans roared freely through the office, a collection of rooms no longer cluttered by Andrus memorabilia.

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New Gem schools chief in early spat with Batt

By Frank E. Lockwood
Times-News writer

BOISE — State Schools Superintendent Anne Fox Monday accused fellow Republican Gov. Phil Batt of submitting a blatant education budget to the GOP-dominated state Legislature.

Fox said the 1995-1996 education budget — prepared by outgoing superintendent Jerry Evans and approved by the state Board of Education — should be cut by \$30 million.

Fox hinted that salaries may be cut to reduce the \$712-million budget, but said she would "visit with the people involved" before paring the request.

"Mr. Batt has submitted the current budget from Mr. Evans, and we feel it is too high — that the Legislature won't accept it," Fox said.

The new superintendent said Batt had not consulted her about the matter and said she hasn't spoken to him about it.

Monday afternoon, Batt told the Associated Press he has not endorsed Evans' \$712 million package and called Fox's



claims "incorrect." The rift between Batt and Fox came barely two hours after both were sworn into office at the Statehouse in Boise.

Fox made her comments — and introduced her staff — at an afternoon press conference.

The former teacher and Post Falls school superintendent restated her opposition to the state's education reform committee, saying she hopes the Legislature will disband the 27-member board.

She also said she's reviewing the federal Goals 2000 program and hopes to return a \$400,000 reform grant to Washington, D.C. if it is legal to do so.

"The public — no matter of the people in the public — do not want the Goals 2000 in the

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GOP poised to take over in Congress

The Associated Press

New Guard a hit — A3

WASHINGTON — Out of power for 40 years in the House and eight in the Senate, Republicans are poised to take command of the 104th Congress — eager to confront the Clinton administration and offer the biggest changes in government since the New Deal.

When the gavels fall Wednesday in both houses, Republicans will get the chance to show Americans what their startling November election sweep really means. The most dramatic example change is the House Republicans' Contract With America, which the GOP pledges, will be brought to a vote within 100 days.

The legislative initiative includes: a balanced-budget amendment to the Constitution, tougher sentences for criminals, sharp limits on welfare benefits, tax and spending reductions and a reversal of defense cuts.

"We will bring a brand new approach to many of these questions," said Rep. Henry J. Hyde, R-Ill., the witty veteran who is capturing the "genuine excitement" of his first day in Congress 20 years ago.

"We're going to get up every morning trying to get to a balanced budget with a smaller government, with less power in

Washington and more power back home with individuals in the local governments," Speaker-designate Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., said in a taped interview aired Monday on C-SPAN, the cable television industry's public-affairs channel.

The 100-day fever will not infect the Senate, which moves at a slower pace and is simply not going to be rolled over by what appears to be unbridled enthusiasm of the House," said Sen. John Warner, R-Va.

But moving slower does not mean an easier time for Democrats. "We control the Congress now and we're going to set the agenda," Sen. Bob Dole of Kansas, the incoming majority leader, said Sunday. As he issued several warnings to Democrats.

Republicans, he said, would work to defeat any Democratic attempt to pass a gift-bag amendment. They will re-examine the administration's aid program to Russia and its nuclear deal with North Korea. And he warned Democrats not to blink in the way of serious welfare reform.

230-204 edge over Democrats in the House, Republicans control both houses for the first time since 1954.

Although Dole said he would try to enforce party discipline on key issues, Hyde said that GOP control does not mean Republicans will "march in lock step like Radio City Rockettes."

The new Senate minority leader, Tom Daschle, said Democrats will not try to kill the Republican agenda with filibusters — the delaying tactic that takes 60 votes to stop.

"We will not do what we criticized the Republicans for doing," he said, recalling the successful way the GOP majority stopped Democratic legislation. "I believe that it would be the height of hypocrisy."

But Daschle said filibusters would only be used "prudently" to protect programs dear to Senate Democrats; those central to the financial security of working families, the disabled and children of poor mothers who — some Republicans suggest — should be placed in orphanages.



A girl plays at the base of the two Jimma memorial in Washington, D.C., on a mild holiday weekend. Political storms will return by midweek.

Weather

IDAHO Weather

Map of Idaho showing weather conditions across various regions:

- Coeur D'Alene: 28°
- Lewiston: 25°
- Boise: 28°
- Idaho Falls: 13°
- Twin Falls: 22°
- Pocatello: 10°

Weather icons: Sun, Clouds, Snow, Rain, Wind.

Idaho Forecasts

Magic Valley

Today clear and cold. Highs 20 to 25. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph. Tonight and Wednesday fair and continued cold. Lows in the single digits above zero to near 10 above. Highs in the upper teens to lower 20s.

Extended regional forecast

Thursday mostly cloudy. Good chance of valley rain and mountain snow. Lows upper teens and 20s. Highs 30s to low 40s.

Friday partly cloudy. Lows 15-30. Highs upper 30s to lower 50s.

Saturday cloudy. Good chance of valley rain and mountain snow. Lows 20-35. Highs 40-50.

Wood River Valley

Today sunny and cold. Highs from near zero through the teens. Tonight and Wednesday fair and continued very cold. Lows from near 10 below to near 30 below zero. Highs from near zero to the mid-teens.

Treasure Valley

Today sunny and cold. Highs in the 20s. Southeast winds near 10 mph. Tonight and Wednesday fair and continued cold. Lows in the single digits above zero to near 10 above. Highs 20 to 25.

NATIONAL Weather

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

FRONTS: COLD, WARM, STATIONARY

Temperature extremes: High, Low, Showers, Rain, Tornado, Flurries, Snow, Ice, Sunny, Pt. Cloudy, Cloudy.

National temperatures

City	Max	Min	Pop
Albuquerque	47	25	.....
Atlanta	45	23	.....
Boston	33	23	.....
Chicago	17	11	.....
Dallas	41	39	.....
Denver	18	9	.....
Des Moines	9	3	.....
Detroit	25	17	.....
Houston	82	63	.....
Indianapolis	25	16	.....
Kansas City	17	11	.....
Las Vegas	55	38	.....
Los Angeles	60	49	.....
Memphis	39	27	.....
Miami Beach	78	65	.....
Milwaukee	24	15	.....
Minneapolis	4	-2	.....
New Orleans	45	39	.....
New York	37	24	.....
Oakland	30	24	.....
Omaha	13	-2	.....
Phoenix	64	45	.....
Pittsburgh	28	23	.....
Portland, Me.	31	18	.....
Portland, Ore.	48	35	.....
Reno	37	25	.....
St. Louis	25	20	.....
Salt Lake City	30	12	.....
San Francisco	54	48	.....
Seattle	48	32	.....
Spokane	24	15	.....
Washington	39	24	.....

Almanac

Idaho

City	Max	Min	Pop
Boise	27	9	.....
Burley	25	8	.....
Fairfield	m	-20	.....
Gooding	m	m	.....
Hagerman	37	11	.....
Idaho Falls	16	-7	.....
Jerome	22	7	.....
Lewiston	29	14	.....
Madison	28	2	.....
Mallett	m	m	.....
McCall	m	m	.....
Pocatello	20	-2	.....
Salmon	13	-8	.....
Stanley	m	-35	.....
Sun Valley	18	-1	.....

Twin Falls

City	Max	Min	Pop
Boise	27	9	.....
Idaho Falls	16	-7	.....
Lewiston	29	14	.....
Madison	28	2	.....
McCall	m	m	.....
Pocatello	20	-2	.....
Salmon	13	-8	.....
Stanley	m	-35	.....
Sun Valley	18	-1	.....

Precipitation

City	Month to date	Year to date
Idaho Falls	.00	5.14
Lewiston	.09	3.14
Madison	5.14	3.14

Comfort factors

City	Humidity at noon	Barometer at noon
Idaho Falls	62	30.19
Lewiston	62	30.19
Madison	62	30.19

Skywatch

Sunset today 5:17 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 8:08 a.m.
Lunar phase: New Jan. 1; first quarter Jan. 8; full Jan. 16; last quarter Jan. 23.
Visible planets: Morning, Mars, Venus, Jupiter. Evening, Saturn, Mercury.

Northern Nevada

Today a chance of showers west and central. Snow level 4,500-5,000 feet. Mostly cloudy north. Highs in the 30s. Tonight a chance of snow showers. Lows in the teens cast to 20s west. Wednesday a chance of showers. Snow level 4,500-5,000 feet. Highs in the 30s.

Northern Utah

This morning easterly canyon winds 25-35 mph. Increasing clouds during the afternoon. Highs 25-30. Tonight cloudy. Slight chance of snow. Lows mid- to upper teens. Wednesday cloudy. Chance of snow. Highs in the 20s.

Idaho weather summary

Mostly sunny skies with some high clouds were reported over Idaho Monday.

Satellite images indicated the higher clouds would continue to move across the state overnight and continue into today. No precipitation was reported from any station by early afternoon.

Temperatures at midafternoon ranged from single digits to the upper 20s after another night when overnight low readings were below zero at many locations in the central, southern and eastern parts of the state.

Winds were mostly light, although Coeur d'Alene had gusts up to 18 mph. Wind chill factors were again below zero at many places, particularly in the eastern sections of Idaho and on the Snake River Plain.

Temperature extremes

Idaho: High, 37 degrees at Hagerman; Low, 35 degrees below zero at Stanley.
Nation: High, 84 degrees at Miami, Fla. Low, 35 degrees below zero at St. Anthony.

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Chiapas bishop enters 3rd week of fast

SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS, Mexico (AP) — A golden beam of morning sunlight filters into the cathedral where Roman Catholic Bishop Samuel Ruiz kneels in prayer, entering the third week of his fast for peace.

A 70-year-old diabetic, the cleric vows he will not eat Indian rebels and the government show they are on the road to negotiating an end to a year-old guerrilla revolt.

Expanding star may have ended Earth life forms

WASHINGTON (AP) — A mass extinction about 225 million years ago may have been caused by an exploding star that zapped the planet with radiation and stripped away the protective ozone layer, a scientist says.

An explosion of a supernova within 30 light years of Earth would bathe the planet's upper atmosphere with powerful gamma and cosmic ray radiation, setting off a chemical reaction that would destroy the ozone layer, said David N. Schramm, an astrophysicist at the University of Chicago.

Recent research suggests that if the ozone layer were wiped out, ultraviolet radiation from the sun could cook the unprotected Earth and kill plants, Schramm said.

"This, in turn, would break the food chain leading to mass extinctions," said Schramm, coauthor of a study appearing Tuesday in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

An exploding star about 185 trillion miles away would create enough gamma radiation to thin the ozone for many years, he said.

All across the nation, Americans shiver and will continue to

The Associated Press

A blast of arctic air produced snow and temperatures as low as 30 below zero across the Plains and Great Lakes regions Monday.

Rain and snow also fell across the Northeast, where weeks of unseasonably warm weather were finally giving way to winter.

In the northern Plains and upper Midwest, the snowfall was light, but cold winds made conditions bitterly cold. In Jackson, Wyo., the wind-chill factor made temperatures seem as cold as 48 below zero.

In Michigan, Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania, lake-effect snow conditions brought heavy snow to many areas.

Up to 12 inches of snow buried Michigan's northern Cheboygan and Charlevoix counties Sunday night and into Monday. As much as 7 inches fell in the Niles, Dowagiac and Watervliet, Mich., areas.

Between 3 and 4 inches of snow fell across parts of Maine, western Massachusetts, southern New York and northern New Jersey, and a mix of rain and snow fell on some areas. Snow snapped power lines in southern Maine, causing widespread power outages in York and Cumberland counties.

Four inches of snow fell on Susquehanna and Wayne counties in northeast Pennsylvania and 3 inches fell on Jaffrey, N.H.

In the West, an arctic front was expected to spread toward the northern Pacific Coast and produce wind gusts around Seattle and Salt Lake City.

Much of the nation was cold Monday. The low in the Lower 48 states was at West Yellowstone, Mont., where it was 30-below-zero. The high was 76 in Miami, and the strongest wind gusts reported were 55 mph in Albany, N.Y.

In Pasadena, Calif., where an estimated 1 million turned out to watch the 106th Tournament of Roses parade, skies were clear but temperatures relatively cold at 40 degrees early in the day.

Catastrophic

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It will take about \$18 million to operate the fund for a year and cover its \$14 million deficit, said Twin Falls County Commissioner Marvin Hempleman, a member of the cat fund board.

State Rep. Dorothy L. Reynolds, a Caldwell Republican and chair of the House Health and Welfare Committee, said the cat fund is "everyone's No. 1 priority" and funding legislation should be considered the first week of the upcoming session.

"To make administering the county assistance fund — and ideally the cat fund — a smoother process, a group of Idaho county and hospital officials recently finished a two-year effort to improve the way claims are filed, said Day Egusquiza, business services director at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, the only local hospital representative to the group.

On Oct. 1, Idaho hospitals started using standardized request forms to help bring down the cost of the filing process, improve communication between hospitals and counties about reasons for assistance denial and hopefully help more people, Egusquiza said.

Egusquiza said hospitals and their uninsured patients go to counties as a last resort for payment. The medical center has about 35 new applicants a month — averaging about \$8,500 in charges each — and about a third are denied, meaning the hospital probably never will get paid for those cases, she said.

Twin Falls County's assistance program for medical and other needs has a budget of \$1.679 for this fiscal year, which started Oct. 1. Hempleman said late last month that about 16 percent of that has been used so far.

Many county-assistance applicants at the medical center, which is owned by the county but has no received county funds since 1978, are people who work for minimum wage or are farm workers, Egusquiza said. Those who work with the applicants have to keep that in mind, she said.

"Hospitals had to get past that they were freeloaders — counties have to get past that," said Egusquiza, adding that many are hard workers "with unexpected health-care problems." There are not all unemployed, poor people.

"These are people who pay taxes. They just don't have insurance," she added. "This is not the deadbeat family that you're helping most of the time."

When an applicant gets approval for assistance, the county — and possibly the state, if cat fund financing is approved — pays at the Medicaid reimbursement rate, or 56 cents for every dollar, Egusquiza said. In Bowers' case, then, the medical center will get \$25,760 for his \$46,000 in charges.

Bowers will start paying the county \$25 a month in March, said Bowers, who hopes he will get a settlement from the Nevada plant where he was employed from 1952 to 1966 if the asbestos he inhaled as best as he can. Bowers and his wife, Juanita, said people at the medical center were helpful during the assistance-filing process.

"It's nice to know people like us have something to fall back on," Juanita Bowers said. "The way the medical insurance is right now, I know there's a lot of people who can't afford it."

Batt

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The retiring governor left furniture and books, but not much else: some mugs, some Smithsonian magazines, and a sockeye salmon — stuffed and mounted on the wall.

Batt posed for pictures and his grandkids explored the office; peeking in closets and playing with the gubernatorial speaker phone.

Andrus teased the audience for looking "just like church on Sunday," but Batt told onlookers he hadn't changed. "I'm still the same feller," Batt said, grinning broadly.

Then, promising to buy the kids a hamburger, he headed out the door.

Shot-up clinics prepare to open this week under heavy security

BROOKLINE, Mass. (AP) — Workers at an abortion clinic stepped around a blood-stained patch of floor Monday as they cleaned up after a gunman who killed their receptionist and wounded two other employees.

Down the street, at a clinic where the man killed another receptionist and shot three more people, workers from a security company installed a metal detector.

Both suburban Boston clinics planned to see patients again later this week amid increased security after Friday's rampage. State, federal and local authorities were to meet Tuesday to discuss increased security.

On Monday, President Clinton ordered federal prosecutors to mobilize task forces to make abortion clinics more secure.

"I recognize and respect the range of deeply felt beliefs Americans hold on abortion," Clinton said in a statement from Little Rock, Ark., where he is vacationing. "A continued vigorous debate over abortion is proper. Violence against those who hold differing opinions is not."

John C. Salvi III, who lived in Hampton, N.H., across the state line from Boston, was arrested Saturday in Norfolk, Va., on two counts of murder and five counts of attempted murder after he allegedly shot at the building housing Norfolk's only abortion clinic.

The 22-year-old Salvi, described as a melancholy loner fond of quoting Scripture, was scheduled for arraignment today in Norfolk. He was to be returned to Massachusetts later this week.

Donald Stern, the U.S. attorney for Massachusetts, said it hadn't been determined whether Salvi would also be charged under a new federal clinic protection law that carries a potential life sentence.

The law was first used successfully against Paul Hill, who was convicted last year of killing a Pennsylvania, Fla., abortion clinic doctor and the doctor's bodyguard.

Abortion rights advocates picked an anti-abortion prayer vigil Monday at a church a few blocks from the Brookline shootings. About 20 people waved banners and chanted "the blood of women is on your hands" to the abortion foes as they entered the Ruggles Baptist Church.

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Demand grows beyond means

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — There are days when the telephone in Lynn Selfe's child-support enforcement office never stops ringing.

And nearly everyone who calls is angry. She hears from single mothers who wouldn't be facing eviction if they could only get their child support and from fathers mad about being tracked down and ordered to write their children a check.

Like child-support enforcement officials across the country, Selfe and her staff are pulled into the struggles of single mothers trying to make it on their own, caught on the emotional battleground of parents fighting over money, visitation and custody.

And they are overwhelmed. Nationwide, public child-support agencies are so swamped with requests for help that they are able to find only a fraction of the parents who refuse to pay or acknowledge paternity, leaving welfare and poverty as the only alternative for some single mothers and their children. Nationally, only one-fifth of the 17 million families in the public child support system — a system that is growing more than 1 million families a year — collects a child-support check.

In Virginia, the Division of Child Support Enforcement does a little better, delivering a check to nearly one-fourth of all families.

Agency employees answer more than 4 million phone calls a year and juggle the needs of 355,000 families, a number that is rising by 2,500 a month.

Mike Henry, director of the Division of Child Support Enforcement, figures, if the agency's 400 front-line caseworkers were to spend time on every family, they could devote only 10 minutes a month to each.

But it doesn't work that way. "Every time you pick up a case file, it takes 45 minutes to all day," said Pat Addison, a program specialist in the agency's Richmond headquarters.

So caseworkers spend their time on new cases — where the trail has yet to grow cold — or helping mothers in desperate straits who need the money just to avoid foreclosure, homelessness or welfare.

"The one who's screaming and yelling, jumping up and down.

She's the one where we're trying to put the fires out," said Selfe, a child-support enforcement supervisor in the Henrico County district office.

A computer automatically checks the rest, searching for evidence that a non-paying parent is working and earning money that could be used to support his children.

The automated system works when the absent parent is employed in Virginia's mainstream economy. But some parents, nearly all of them fathers, are very hard to find: they are hiding out across state lines or working underground with assumed names, false Social Security numbers, and no bank accounts.

"Some spend more money moving around than if they would just pay," Addison said.

The Republican-controlled House will take up reform of the child support system this spring, after it finishes its welfare overhaul, according to an aide to the House Ways and Means Committee. The Clinton administration also proposed to reform child support collections as part of its plan to revamp welfare.

Among the issues to be addressed in 1995 are efforts to improve automation and whether there are enough caseworkers to do the job.

Caseworkers today spend their time trying to track down the absent parents and to find out where they may be working. They call banks and credit bureaus. They check state employment, vehicle and tax records. They sift through phone books and search for relatives, friends and past employers who may lead them closer to the man and his money.

But they don't have time for the simplest of collection techniques: calling or writing the absent parents and reminding them to pay up, Henry said. And some mothers, because they can't get child support, lose their homes or go on welfare, and vent their frustrations on child support workers.

"It's emotionally strenuous," Maizie Holmes, a support enforcement specialist in the Henrico County office, said recently. "A lot of custodial parents are really desperate — desperate for money, desperate for food, desperate for living expenses," said Kathie LaLonde, the district office manager.

Washington swoons over its new darlings

WASHINGTON (AP) — After Gerald Ford inherited the presidency in 1974, he invited reporters into his kitchen to watch him toast an English muffin for breakfast.

Could anyone imagine Richard Nixon operating a toaster?

The same thing when Jimmy Carter walked — walked! — down Pennsylvania Avenue on Inauguration Day and when Bill Clinton threw open the White House doors on his first day and shook hands with any well-wisher who dropped in. Heads spun.

It happens whenever a new crew comes to town: Washington swoons. The town's tried-that-one, heard-that-before cynicism takes a breather; a willful suspension of disbelief sets in. The new team's new answers to old problems seem arresting, clever, fresh. The political opposition, keeping a low profile, bides its time and bies its tongue.

For eight weeks, that sort of heady interregnum has been going on here,



Gingrich Dole

ever since the voters shifted the center of political gravity from the Democrats to the Republicans in Congress.

Old familiar figures — Bob Dole, who had been around here since Daniel Webster, or so it seemed; and Newt Gingrich, who had been often heard but hardly heeded — were transformed into fascinating giants.

But there was a big difference this time. The old order was still in power. Even if Democrats are numbered and outnumbered on Capitol Hill, Bill Clinton still holds down his end of Pennsylvania Avenue.

Everyone — Clinton, too, maybe — waited to see how Clinton intended to deal with the new world order.

Sullen for a month, he finally came out with a program of what used to be called neo-conservatism (when Republicans imitated Democrats). It turned out that Clinton, too, now was for cutting taxes and cutting government down to size.

He marched out three Cabinet officers to announce a profound belief that half of what their departments had been doing could be done better by the private sector.

But Clinton was old hat, yesterday's news. He couldn't compete with Gingrich now that America had discovered him and now that he was about to become speaker of the House,

with power to match his rhetoric. And now his every word fascinated.

Gingrich committed news by saying things he had been saying for years — that Clinton & Co. are part of the McGovernite counter-culture; that he'd heard the White House was full of druggies; that neglectful welfare mothers should give up their babies to orphanages; and — audacious when he said it a year ago, audacious still — that "People like me are what stand between us and Auschwitz."

Dole, presidentially ambitious, went off to Europe to lecture NATO about Bosnia and pose with Margaret Thatcher. Dole's familiarity ruled out matching Gingrich's kind of excitement.

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Home-built plane crash-kills 2 men

WAUCHULA, Fla. (AP) — A home-built aircraft clipped a power line and crashed, killing two men aboard and injuring two young boys.

The plane hit the power line as it approached the Wauchula airport for a landing, pilots at the airport said.

Killed in Sunday's crash six miles west of Wauchula were the pilot, Dr. Charles H. Larson, 67, of Avon Park, and Thomas Bradley Sheppard, 37, a campus police officer at the University of Florida in Gainesville.

They were ejected from the plane and died at the scene. Sheppard's 8-year-old son, Scott, and Dustin Work, 10, of Okeechobee, were still strapped in the plane, screaming for help when rescuers reached them.

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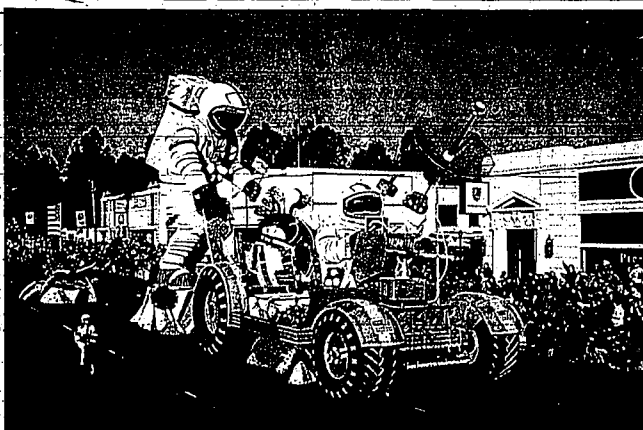
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Tournament of Roses parades in front of 1 million spectators

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Golfing astronauts, a band in wooden shoes and a beauty queen built in long Johns marched past 1 million cheering spectators Monday as the Tournament of Roses parade made its 106th procession.

Chilly crowds lined 5 1/2 miles of Orange Grove and Colorado boulevards as temperatures rose from 40 degrees at dawn.

"We have a combination of sweats and long Johns, wool socks and heating pads for our hands," said Rose Queen Alya Haque, a 17-year-old high school student from San Marino.

Fifty-four elaborate, immense floats lumbered down the street, decked out in the parade theme, "Sports: Quest for Excellence."

Twenty-three marching bands —

including the wooden-shod group from Holland, Mich., — and 29 equestrian units also participated. The grand marshal was golf legend Chi Chi Rodriguez.

Adrian Cuevas, 20, of West Covina and his brother, Alex, 29, arrived 16 hours before the parade to stake out a prime spot on Orange Grove, passing the time huddled in sleeping bags and playing Pictionary by flashlight.

"Why did we do it? Just to come here," Adrian Cuevas said.

Police spokeswoman Delia Lewis said the crowd was peaceful with only 62 arrests, mostly for drunkenness.

Eric Kuehnast watched the parade while drinking a beer for breakfast after getting off work as a graveyard-shift waiter.

"Hey, it's the Tournament of Roses. You've gotta go," he said.

Astronauts playing golf on the moon, with a helium-filled golf ball rising overhead, led the floral procession. The float, by American Honda Motors Co., won the Extraordinaire Trophy for most spectacular entry.

A smoke-belching dragon entered by Countywide Funding Corp. won the Sweepstakes Trophy for most beautiful commercial entry. The city of St. Louis entry featuring a giant sleigh with skaters on a frozen pond was the most beautiful non-commercial entry.

After the parade, some 100,000 people headed for the afternoon clash at the Rose Bowl between No. 2 Penn State and No. 12 Oregon.

Jewelry store owner bets on weather

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) — William Yonkus must have been sweating when the snow started falling on New Year's Eve.

The jewelry store owner had laid down a white-hot bet for his customers: A full refund on all purchases between Nov. 20 and Christmas Eve if it snows three inches on New Year's Eve. He wound up with \$500,000 in sales.

The 2,500 shoppers waited. Yonkus won — by an inch.

He thought the weather would be with him, having studied 25 years of snowfall patterns. He figured he had only a 30-to-1 chance of losing.

And just in case Lady Luck gave him the cold shoulder, he took out a Lloyd's of London insurance policy to cover any losses.

Yonkus spent most of the designated time period, between 6 p.m. and midnight, at the Capital City Airport's U.S. Weather Bureau.

"I got pumped up when it started snowing," he said. "I started thinking about all the book work I was going to have to do."

Mary McEachern, who received an amethyst bracelet, necklace and earring set from her newlywed husband, said she hopes rose as snow started to fall Saturday night.

"We were just married and there were people with us at the Sheraton, and everyone was rooting for it to snow more," she said.

But the snowfall came up about 1 inch short.

Fire destroys clothing collected for children

FORT COLLINS, Colo. (AP) — Lewis Trujillo stood shivering in the snow and watched the tiny shoes and coats smolder.

After spending a year collecting clothing and school materials for needy children on Indian reservations around the nation, Trujillo had planned to leave Monday to begin distributing the 30,000 pounds of donations.

Instead, flames swept through three trailers filled with the donations. Smoke from Friday's suspicious blazes and water from efforts to fight them damaged the warehouse of his Nightwalker Enterprises.

"We're just going to be dead in the water now," Trujillo said Saturday.

"Trujillo said none of the lost goods is covered by insurance. He put a sign out at the warehouse: "No donations please."

"We have no place to put them now," he said.

Fire investigators suspect someone forced open the doors of the trailers, parked behind the warehouse, and set the fires. Authorities had no suspects.

Since 1986, with the help of hundreds of volunteers, Nightwalker Enterprises has delivered more than 4 million pounds of clothing, 400,000 pounds of teaching manuals and textbooks, and truckloads of desks, chairs, and computers to reservations.

Trujillo delivered toys, candy and clothing to more than 18,000 needy children this Christmas. This year, he had hoped to deliver one shipment of donated clothing per week to reservations.

Trujillo, 65, a Ute Indian, founded Nightwalker Enterprises after he was forced to abandon his refrigerated repair business because of heart problems. He has struggled by on Social Security payments for 20 years.

In November, Trujillo was among six people awarded \$5,000 each from an organization founded by the late Norman Vincent Peale to honor people who personify the American character and spirit.

"Most people don't realize how these kids exist on the reservation," he said. "If we can at least give them clothing so they can go to school without being cold or ashamed, that's a big step."

The 1,700 children on the impoverished Crow Creek Reservation in South Dakota would have been his first recipients this year. But instead of traveling there, Trujillo was cleaning up ashes Monday.

"Most people don't realize how these kids exist on the reservation," he said. "If we can at least give them clothing so they can go to school without being cold or ashamed, that's a big step."

Everyone who fired a weapon suspect in New Orleans death

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Nobody knows who killed Amy Silberman — maybe not even the killer.

But there are plenty of suspects in the death of the Boston tourist killed by a bullet that dropped from the sky and pierced her skull on New Year's Eve.

"Everyone that fired a weapon on New Year's Eve is a suspect — everyone that fired a weapon," Superintendent of Police Richard Pennington said Monday.

Silberman, 31, was in the French Quarter's Jackson Square near the Mississippi River at about 11:40 p.m. Saturday, awaiting the New Year's fireworks display.

Suddenly she fell down. She was taken unconscious to a hospital, where an X-ray showed the bullet in her head. She died Sunday morning.

And police were left with the seemingly impossible task of finding somebody, somewhere who was taking potshots at the crowd.

Pennington appealed to the public for help in finding anyone who might have fired a gun around the time Silberman was shot.

Ballistics tests were conducted Monday in the hope of identifying the type of weapon fired and, maybe, how far the unwitting killer was from Silberman.

Police spokesman Lt. Sam Fradella would not speculate Monday when asked whether it was a question of feet, yards or miles. "We're not going to eliminate any possibilities," Fradella said.

But he said the investigation would be helped by authorities in Jefferson Parish, less than a mile from the

Quarter across the Mississippi River, and St. Bernard Parish, less than two miles from where the victim fell.

Every year, there are scattered reports in New Orleans and other areas of gunshots fired into the air to celebrate New Year's Eve, Independence Day and other holidays.

Five injuries last year were attributed to such gunfire and police said three were reported during the New Year's weekend, despite public warnings that a bullet fired at the clouds returns to Earth with lethal velocity.

"I equate shooting in the air on New Year's Eve the same as shooting a gun into a crowd or the same as a drive-by shooting," Pennington said.

He announced last week new efforts to combat the practice, including a strong police presence in areas of the city where reports of gunfire have been most common in past years.

Silberman's death brought another shock of bad publicity to a city with an economy heavily dependent on tourism. New Orleans is among the nation's leaders in murders per capita and the 419 killings in 1994 — 420 if Silberman's death is included — by far surpassed the one-year record of 389 set last year.

Tourists were rarely among the victims: A visitor from Baton Rouge was shot to death in the French Quarter during an argument last fall and a German soldier was killed May 2 in an apparent robbery attempt.

"I knew she was going to New Orleans, but I didn't think anything would happen," said Sam Silberman, Amy's father. "This just comes as such a shock."

Man dies when New Year's good deed turns to tragedy

PURDY, Wash. (AP) — When Christopher West and two buddies stopped to help a man after a car wreck, it didn't seem like a dangerous chore to take the man home and help him get into his house.

But the man's scared 13-year-old son was waiting inside with a loaded rifle and West, 18, was shot dead by his trouble.

"It's a tragic thing. It breaks my heart," said Marge Marcum, a convenience store clerk in nearby Key Center. "My son used to play with him (West) — played pool, go out to McDonald's — it could have been my son along then with him."

It was New Year's Eve. West and two friends tried to help James Daus get into the locked home after they gave him a lift. Daus couldn't find his keys when they arrived, said Terry Wilson, a Pierce County sheriff's detective.

The son, who was not identified, had grown worried waiting for Daus to return home from a tavern. The boy saw a white pickup pull up to the run-down, isolated home in woods 10 miles south of Purdy, about 30 miles southeast of Seattle.

By the dim light of a porch lamp "he saw it wasn't his dad's car, so he called 911," Wilson said. There

had been thefts at the home recently, the deputy said.

As three strangers got out and approached the house, the boy dropped the phone, disconnecting the call, went into his father's bedroom and loaded a .22-caliber semiautomatic rifle.

The emergency dispatcher called back and the boy said someone was breaking in.

Outside, Daus told the three men no one was home and gave them permission to break a window so he could get in, Wilson said. One of them picked up an axe chest from the deck and hurling it through a kitchen window, sending glass flying over the room, Wilson said.

The boy, standing about 12 feet away in the doorway of his father's bedroom, then opened fire, striking West in the chest, face and shoulder, Wilson said.

One of the men, Dan Wehmeier, told Seattle's KIRO-TV that bullets "flew past me and then Chris made a sound. I thought we were all off the deck and safe, and then I looked back and Chris was just laying there."

"It was just trying to help somebody. He didn't know anything was going to happen. I feel sorry for him, that he died that way," Wehmeier said.

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Owens: Pentagon to encourage joint armed services operations

Boston Globe
 WASHINGTON — The nation's second-highest military officer predicts the Pentagon would encourage more joint operations among the armed services to save money and improve the combat readiness of the United States in the post-Cold War world.

Adm. William A. Owens, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, acknowledged in an interview that the operational tempo — the pace of deployment — for some military divisions may have been too high in recent years. Some units have been repeatedly called upon to perform humanitarian and peace-keeping missions throughout the world.

"You find groups who have been particularly fixed," he said. The operational tempos of those divisions may have been "higher than what they should be as we look at how to manage this in the future," he said. But he said that it was the responsibility of each military service to assess the toll and work out ways to relieve or redistribute the workload.

Owens said the highest officials at the Defense Department, both civilian and military, have spent "an enormous amount of time" in recent months determining the impact of recent operations on overall readiness.

And although Republican critics of the Clinton administration have said that humanitarian and peace-keeping operations are "misguided and wasteful," and have called for more money for troops and

weapons, Owens said money was not the answer. "It's not just a matter of saying 'We'll throw money at it,'" he said. "It is much more that that. It is a very complex thing." Pentagon officials have never spent more time on the readiness issue than they have in the past three or four months, Owens said.

Joint operations in which the four military services work together and pool their personnel and technology on the same mission will be the trend, he said. Ranking officers from the different services are studying ways in which their resources can be blended to reduce overhead costs and improve overall performance.

"There is a trend towards jointness. You'll see more and more of it," he said.

Owens said that the military needs of the post-Cold War had put a premium on technology and intelligence.

"There is no doubt in my mind that intelligence and surveillance and reconnaissance, and the way in which we exchange it to the right people in the battlefield, in the cockpits of airplanes and in ships, is much more important than it ever was before," he said.

He said that technology and the use of satellites and computers could give average pilots and soldiers "dominant battlefield awareness," that is, the knowledge of a geographic area as big as the size of North Korea.

"If we as a joint force have dominant battlefield awareness, you come close to being able to win" because the U.S. military has the weapons systems to deal with almost any threat, he said.

Polish town remembers bomber crew's sacrifice

BLANCHARD, Wash. (AP) — On Sept. 13, 1944, bombardier Frank Pratt and 10 others set out from Italy in a B-24.

This was Pratt's 43rd mission — two away from completing required combat duty.

"It was supposed to have been a milk run," he said.

But this also was World War II and Pratt was destined for a grander adventure, one straight out of the movies.

Suddenly, enemy guns obliterated the wing of his silver bomber, sending it spiraling into a field near Zygodowice, a small village in south Poland. Pratt and four others parachuted to safety, but were captured and sent to the infamous prison camp Stalag 1.

Five others died in the crash. Another survived only to have his head crushed by the rifle butt of a German infantryman. Those killed were buried haphazardly in an unmarked grave.

Villagers who watched never

forgot. Perhaps the callousness of the Nazis' treatment of the dead and dying or their refusal to recognize the site kept the incident fresh in the villagers' minds, Pratt could not say.

For whatever reason, that farming community — 5 miles from Wadowice, the birthplace of Pope John Paul II — recently erected a monument to those killed. Recognition of the site also had been forbidden under Communist leadership.

The attention surprised Pratt, especially when the Polish government went a step further, awarding special medals of honor to Pratt, his surviving crew members and, posthumously, to those who died. A booklet accompanying the medal bears the signature of Polish President Lech Walesa.

Pratt, now 79, and three others traveled to Washington, D.C., Aug. 30 where the Polish ambassador presented them with the medals in that country's embassy.

There, Pratt met a man who had witnessed the crash. The witness had been 14 when he saw Pratt bail out. Pratt said meeting him was one chance in a million.

Pratt's wife, Bernice, said the reunion was an emotional one.

"You think of all the thousands of planes that went down," she said, "that this one stuck in their minds is amazing."

Among Pratt's collection of documents is a letter of commendation from Donald Rice, secretary of the U.S. Air Force. Rice visited the monument in 1992.

"You have achieved the ultimate in human accomplishment," Rice's letter reads. "You not only helped defeat a fascist dictator, your sacrifices also helped keep the flame of freedom burning in Poland during the long night of Communist tyranny."

Being a hero was the last thing on Pratt's mind when he parachuted alone into enemy territory. Soldiers captured him in 15 minutes.

They had been on what would have been an 11- to 12-hour bombing mission from a base in the southern Italian town of

Venosa. Pratt's B-24 was hit about 20 miles from its target in Auschwitz, Poland, making it the only casualty in the formation of 20 to 30 bombers.

He remembered officers queering him and the rest of the surviving crew in a gymnasium, perhaps in Wadowice. On the opposite side, behind a white line they were ordered not to cross, was a captured Soviet flight crew. They wore bandages freshly bloodied and looked recently beaten.

Pratt said the groups gestured to each other.

"The next morning, they came across the white line and shook our hands (before they were led out)," he said. "The story was the Nazis took them out and shot them."

Pratt said the incident reflected the extent of hatred between the two nationalities.

From there, Pratt and his crew were taken by train to the prison camp, just outside Barth, Germany. He detailed his exploits on the books of Lucky Strikes cigarette wrappers and other bits of paper, binding them with cloth and cardboard.

The prison later became known from the movie "The Great Escape." Pratt was there at the time and remembered when prison guards announced the escapees' capture and execution.

"It was a dirty trick," he said. On April 30, 1945, a week before his liberation, German guards deserted their posts, leaving everything. Pratt still has his prison mug shot and other records.

"The Russians ran a tank over all the fences and everybody ran to town," he said. "Every time you'd stop a Russian would hand you a bottle of vodka."

Pratt said women drove some of the tanks.

Pratt now lives in Blanchard, the town where he grew up. He said about the movie "The Great Escape," those who flew B-24s died in combat. He continues to feel lucky.

"I always say the heroes of the thing are the guys who didn't make it," he said.

Allied planes ruin 'Operation Base Plate'

Knight-Ridder News Service

On the first day of the last year of the war, the Germans did not act like an enemy on the verge of collapse.

They launched "Operation Bodenplatte (Base Plate)," an all-out attack by some 900 fighter-bombers, including jets, against Allied air bases in France and Belgium.

The plan had originally been drawn up to coincide with the opening of the Ardennes offensive. But the same bad weather that had made it impossible for Allied pilots to fly from their bases also kept the enemy attacking them.

Now the weather was better, but the German offensive in the Bulge had been brought to a halt. Allied air power was being used with great effect and the Luftwaffe had taken severe losses in the air battles of the preceding weeks. The Germans had one last chance to strike a blow from the air before they were worn down by the superior Allied airmen.

The Germans were to fly in



for combat when the Germans appeared. And more would rapidly join them.

Asch was the home of the 366th Fighter Group, flying P-47 "Thunderbolts" for the Ninth Air Force. The base had been recently reinforced by the P-51 "Mustangs" of the 352nd Fighter Group, on loan from the Eighth Air Force. Conditions were spartan; a frozen airfield, tents warmed by burning coal, minimal supplies.

A flight of P-47s had just taken off on an armed reconnaissance mission and a squadron of P-51s was warming up when the incoming German attack force was spotted.

The P-47s of the 390th Fighter Squadron jumped the enemy Me-109 fighters. Several Germans went down quickly, so intent on lining up their strafing run on the field that they never saw the Thunderbolts hit them.

There had been 50 enemy fighters in the attack line up to a Ju-88 medium-bomber serving as a guide

(many of the young German pilots had been rushed through training, and were unable to navigate on their own). The P-47s disrupted their attack, allowing the P-51s to get airborne.

Lt. Col. John Meyer of the 487th Fighter Squadron shot down an Fw-190 before he could even get his landing gear up. In the swirling dog-fights over the field, the 487th Mustangs would destroy 23 enemy fighters without loss to themselves and win the Distinguished Unit Citation.

Along the front, the superiority of Allied planes and pilots made a wreck of "Base Plate." Some aircraft and ground facilities had been shot up by the Germans, but the Allies had plenty of replacements. By the afternoon, the Ninth and Eighth Air Forces were back over the Ardennes in force.

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Opinion

Editorial

Justice system breeds cynicism about the law

For anyone who thinks turning back the rising tide of juvenile crime is just a matter of more jail cells and tougher judges, here's a cautionary tale:

Early one Thursday morning last July, two teen-age boys walked into a Blackfoot convenience store and demanded money.

The eldest pointed a .22-caliber rifle at the clerk and took \$336 from the till. Then they grabbed a case of beer and fled.

But a security camera caught a picture of the robbers, and someone who saw that tape thought he recognized the clothes worn by Brandon Burns.

Burns is a student at Blackfoot's Mountain View Middle School, so the Blackfoot police went to the school and took him into custody.

After he confessed to the hold-up, they charged him and his 12-year-old companion with armed robbery. Kenneth E. Lyon, Burns' lawyer, was outraged.

He has that luxury. Lyon doesn't have to worry about the rights of the store owner or of the minimum-wage clerk whose life was threatened. He's a lawyer in search of a loophole.

He has clients who confessed to a felony, and he's doing his level best to put them back on the street.

The cops had no right to go to Burns' school and arrest him, Lyon said, on the basis of an anonymous tip. And a search warrant signed by a Bingham County magistrate should also have been signed by a Shoshone-Bannock tribal judge, Lyon claimed, because Burns' home is on the Fort Hall Indian Reservation.

He asked 7th District Judge James Herndon last week to throw out Burns' confession and all the other evidence against the boy because it was obtained illegally and violated Burns' Fourth Amendment rights.

There was a time when Lyon would have been laughed out of court for such an approach, but times have changed.

The spirit of the law means less than the letter nowadays, and that's one reason why young criminals often get away with murder.

Ours is a legal system in which accountability has too often been mortgaged to indemnify the rights of the accused — rights that go far beyond the civil liberties that the authors of the Constitution had in mind.

The result has been to breed cynicism about justice and those in charge of safeguarding it, to the detriment of society.

Too many Americans no longer expect the law to protect them; that's one of the reasons they dumped the congressional Democratic liberals who have had such a big part in undermining that trust.

Most people yearn for the days when those who ran the legal system considered a repeat lawbreaker to be a failure of their responsibility, and treated him accordingly.

Like the Ataskan Indian tribe that exiled two young robbers to an uninhabited island, Americans are looking for simple justice, equitably applied.

A lot of lawyers would argue that's not possible anymore. Perhaps that's the saddest sign of the times.



Both parties need to face political truth

James P. Pinkerton

The furor over Newt Gingrich's book contract with HarperCollins threatens to obscure his earlier "Contract With America." That's a shame, because that contract has the potential to blossom into a new Republican-majority Big Offer.

The history of American politics is the history of Big Offers. In 1932, Franklin D. Roosevelt made his Big Offer to the American people: the New Deal. Roosevelt pledged to use activist government to overcome the Depression. It mostly worked; the Democrats reaped rewards at the polls for generations. Sixty years later, Republicans have their own offer: the promise of activism to reduce government, although they conspicuously exempted FDR's largest legacy: Social Security.

As Gingrich is sworn in as House speaker next week, one who will be watching from the sidelines is President Clinton. In 1993, Clinton made his offer to the American people: socialized medicine. Health care managed by bureaucrats was a popular idea in FDR's day, but it was a dead end in the new paradigm of the '90s, when people think less like proletarians and more like entrepreneurs.

Now the Republicans are back in the saddle, and they must chew what they bit off — they must make good on their Big Offer of less government. Does this sound familiar? Reaganomics had the same script: cut taxes, cut spending, balance the budget. The show lasted until

balance the budget without cutting Social Security? Most say "yes," that we can eliminate the deficit.

Just by chopping chinchilla ranches and welfare queens. While Republican noses don't grow Pinocchio-like, on camera GOPers will nevertheless be forced eventually to admit that a workable solution to overgrown government must limit Social Security and other entitlements.

The Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget reports that a third of beneficiaries have incomes greater than the median family income. Meanwhile, millions of working families paying FICA taxes have incomes below the median. Is this the system that Republicans want to defend?

The only honest politician in Washington these days seems to be Sen. Bob Kerrey, D-Nebr. His fact-finding commission found that, without reform, Medicare's hospital-insurance program will face insolvency in just six years; entitlements will swallow all federal revenues by the year 2030. Kerrey's report was swept aside, not because he was wrong, but because he was right. But he'll be back.

So far, both parties seem content to go along with politically convenient fictions about taxing and spending. That leaves open a window of opportunity — for the politician, or non-politician, willing to tell the truth.

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U.S. voters send message against spendthrift liberal government

If there's one message the 1994 elections have sent to Washington it's that U.S. voters have had enough of spendthrift liberal government.

Success in the new, conservative Washington no longer will be measured by the number of bills Congress passes. That path will earn members of the 104th Congress one-way tickets back to their law practices. Indeed, a better measure will be the number of programs Congress eliminates and the number of bills and amendments it repeals.

President Clinton, putting up a brave front for a man who has handed the political equivalent of an old fish wrapped in newspaper, says he has gotten the message and aims to prove it. That's why he recently announced spending cuts of nearly \$20 billion.

The problem is: The president wants to take buzzers to the federal bureaucracy while his political opponents are firing up the chain saw. Here's a question for the administration: What real, tangible benefits do U.S. taxpayers derive from the Departments of Commerce, Education, Energy, Housing and Labor? Conservatives know the answer is "not much" and will propose eliminating all of them.

And how about the Small Business Administration, National Endowment for the Arts, National Public Radio and the more than 75 separately funded welfare programs that for 30 years have failed to reduce poverty? They too are past due for a relevancy test.

There's much, much more. All those Reagan administration proposals that were declared "dead on arrival" by liberal Congresses — such as a balanced-budget amendment, line-item veto, and aggressive privatization of government functions — now have a new lease on life. Now that establishment liberals won't want to die consequences — of catastrophe — if such proposals are adopted, just as they did in the 1980s. The only catastrophe, however, is that which has befallen their own bankrupt liberal ideology.

This is why President Clinton should think twice before dismissing the Reaganesque agenda of the 104th Congress. That agenda, like the one who inspired it, will be extremely popular — opposed mostly by the liberal-left welfare industry, the professional crybabies and complainers, the self-anointed "prestige" media, and the long-entrenched special interests. Perhaps even more important, it is the agenda the American people thought they voted Clinton into office to carry out; at least that's the impression many Americans got from his 1992 campaign rhetoric.

Make no mistake, such rhetoric is highly useful politically. The president himself rediscovered it shortly after the 1994 elections when he

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introduced his "middle-class bill of rights," a grab bag of tax-relief proposals. Still, this is a president who has proven himself adept at "talking the talk" without walking the walk. Indeed, it is hard to take his proposals seriously when one applies to families with incomes up to \$75,000, another to families earning up to \$100,000, and a third to families earning up to \$120,000. How can he offer middle-class tax relief when his definition of middle class keeps changing? The devil, as usual, is in the details.

In the current political climate, talking about eliminating redundant and inefficient government agencies, providing family tax relief, and applying the laws of the land to those who break them is easy. The president took no risks in offering a watered-down version of the GOP's "Contract with America." The real test for the president will come when he is asked to confront some of the tougher issues: welfare reform, revamping U.S. foreign aid, and dramatically cutting government down to size.

The 1995 political debate will boil down to one simple choice: whether or not you think big government, supported by heavy taxes, can legislate and regulate more freedom and prosperity for the United States.

Conservatives think the answer is clearly no and once again can legitimately claim that the majority of Americans, at heart and at the polling place, share that verdict. Liberals, however, still don't get it. Despite their recent ball-box massacre, not to mention decades of costly failures — more than \$2 trillion spent on a losing War on Poverty, for example — liberals remain hopelessly wedded to the notion that the federal government knows best and is best equipped to solve all of society's problems.

The political talking heads who clutter our television screens like to argue that categories such as left/right and liberal/conservative no longer matter in American politics. That's the same as saying ideas no longer matter.

The American people know better. They understand that conservative means less government and liberal means more. This means liberals face a choice: either big government goes away, or they do.

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Letters

Idaho doesn't need Clinton

I had a nightmare. Here is what I saw. A stagecoach from the East was plowing a wide and destructive swath through our Western ranges. Horses were coming fast. The coach was gaining speed. Its wheels were grinding with "Eastern dough." It was coming straight at me when I was yanked aside. As the red cloud of dust and destruction passed by, I could see the stagecoach crew of Bill, Hillary, Al and Bruce.

Never was heard from a Rhodes Scholar such a destructive yell: "I'll rid the West of public land grazing. No more welfare buses. Just a wonderful place for Easterners to play."

As I awoke, I realized that I still had my wife, my family and all of the other things that are important to me — tall grass, clean water, fresh air and fat lambs.

We do not need the Eastern stagecoach crew. As anyone who uses public range-land knows, "If you don't take care of the land, it won't take care of you."

A hearty thank you to the people who pulled me out from in front of that stagecoach. Especially Sens. Craig, Domenici, Campbell, Kempthorne and Wallop.

I wish a peaceful and happy 1995 to all public land users; to the shepherders, cowboys, backpackers, loggers, hunters, miners, fishermen, trailriders, sightseers and friends.

ALAN POSEY
Jardine

Do we really want Micron?

Are we buying or selling Micron? Is the price provided at no cost to Micron? Do we assure them of two million gallons of water from our city system? All water lines installed at no cost to Micron? All electric and gas lines installed at no cost? Necessary roads and road improvements provided at no cost? A promise by city leaders to offer financing to supply Micron with money to build a water recycling facility?

We have helped other much smaller firms located in this area, but do we want to put all the rest of our eggs in one huge basket? Even the best of big corporations have "down times." Do we want to base 50 percent of our local economy on the rise or fall of one company?

Supporters took 3,500 to 4,000 new high-tech, high-paying jobs. Micron is a good company, but their choice of site will largely be dictated by the lowest cost of doing business, which includes inexpensive labor. For every high-tech, high-paying job, there is usually a supporting cast of two or three much lower-paying jobs.

Regardless of these questions, do we really want Micron or did it just appear as a possible prize in the beginning? Our area's current economy, generally, is excellent and more boom is on the books. Our infrastructure is already strained.

We are currently having a banquet of progress and more is already in the pipeline. No one can say this area is anti-

growth, but an "overnight surge" such as envisioned by Micron's entry would give us acute indignation for years to come. It would be good-bye to the great quality of life in this area.

Micron states that it does not want to expand in Boise for fear that it will overpower the infrastructure and overburden the structure of that community. Does the area want its infrastructure overpowered or the structure of our community overburdened?

STERLING VAUGHN
Twin Falls

Clinton not bad president

If George J. Bever and others just like him were just 10 percent objective instead of being totally politically entrenched, they would know that President Clinton is not the most disastrous president ever elected in America's history. What books do you read? Ruah Limbaugh?

Without Republican support the president has succeeded in passing numerous bills that are reducing the budget deficit, stimulating the economy, assisting national service opportunities for college students, providing family and medical leave and helping to control "bad" guns and fight crime. If those are disastrous attributes, then bring on another Iraq-Kuwait incident.

PAUL R. OSTYN
Twin Falls

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

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A Chechen fighter seeks cover behind a destroyed Russian tank in Grozny while a photographer rushes to get protection during a rocket attack by Russian troops Monday.

Chechen rebels take their fighting to Grozny streets

GROZNY, Russia (AP) — Chechen rebels fought street-by-street with Russian forces for control of the breakaway republic's capital Monday.

Both sides sent in more men as casualties mounted, and the Russian assault appeared to be in trouble.

A few hundred Chechens held on to the presidential palace despite a ferocious pounding by Russian tanks.

The Russians, after claiming several times that they had taken control of the sprawling city, admitted the Chechens were putting up stiff resistance and had destroyed dozens of Russian armored vehicles during the three-day assault on Grozny.

Charred Russian and Chechen tanks littered central Freedom Square near the palace. On one street, five Russian soldiers lay dead after a battle.

The Russian government press center conceded Monday night that things were "very tense" and said Russian commanders had "made the necessary corrections in tactics." It said Russian forces had regrouped and reinforcements were arriving.

Chechen fighters also were seen pouring into Grozny from the countryside.

"They'll never take Grozny!" shouted a Chechen fighter, Leche

Ibragimov, as he fired down a street near the presidential palace.

Doctors at the city's only working hospital said they were trying to cope with a constant stream of trucks with dead and wounded, mostly Chechens.

The whereabouts of Chechen President Dzhokhar Dudayev were unclear. Moscow claimed the secessionist leader had taken refuge in a bunker on the outskirts of the besieged city.

Neither side gave casualty figures, although it appeared hundreds of people had been killed or wounded.

Chechens inside the palace were holding at least six Russian soldiers captured from a tank, Jan Sibik, a photographer from the Czech magazine Reflex, said after visiting the building.

Firefights and rocket exchanges raged around the central railway station and the northern industrial district. Fighter jets streaked overhead, but the gritty, gray haze appeared to stave off more airstrikes.

"They are bombing without looking, whatever comes across their path they destroy," Chechen commandant Illisu Arsanyskhayev told Associated Press Television. "The city is in ruins but the city still stands."

Makeshift troop transports raced

through the debris-filled streets, loaded with Chechen fighters shouting "God is Great."

On the edge of Grozny, the Lenin oil refinery was still burning. Much of the devastated city was blanketed in smoke and the snow was stained black as far as 80 miles away.

Many Russian casualties were being flown to 80 miles northwest to Moxdok, headquarters for the Russian invasion, journalists there said.

The International Red Cross in Geneva said its two convoys of medicine and emergency supplies for Grozny were unable to enter the city because of the heavy fighting.

Russia sent troops into Chechnya on Dec. 11, three years after the mostly Muslim republic in the Caucasus declared itself independent.

The Russians began their all-out assault on Grozny on New Year's Eve after weeks on airstrikes, claimed high-civilian casualties.

Many of Grozny's 400,000 residents have fled to neighboring villages.

The Russian government claimed mercenaries, not rank-and-file Chechen fighters, were leading the defense of Grozny. It said they were using artillery, Grad rockets, grenade launchers and flame-throwers against Russian troops.

U.N. presses to widen truce as Bosnian Croats sign on

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — U.N. officials racing to build a foundation for peace on the ruins of Bosnia's war collected another key signature Monday for a four-month truce.

The commitment of Kresimir Zubak, head of Bosnia's Croats and president of a Croat-Muslim federation in Bosnia, widened the agreement between Bosnian Serbs and the Muslim-led government that went into effect Sunday.

The truce generally has held, with one notable violation Monday: a missile hit the Holiday Inn hotel, near the front line in Sarajevo. No one was hurt.

Bosnian Croats, allies of the government, and two allies of the Bosnian Serbs are not main parties to the conflict. But they have the power to sabotage the peace effort by continuing to fight.

U.N. officials praised Zubak's decision to sign on, and pressed another group, Serbs from Croatia, to agree. They said they were trying to create enough momentum for peace that no one would be interested in continuing the war after the truce expires May 1.

But to do that, they said, they would need more peacekeepers and a concerted diplomatic effort on a comprehensive peace deal.

"The further both parties go down the road to peace, the harder it will be for them to go back to war," said U.N. spokesman Alexander Ivankovic in Sarajevo. "No time should be lost."



An elderly Sarajevo man offers a loaf of bread in exchange for rations of British Army soldiers with a British U.N. soldier Monday. Although the rations were offered free, the man insisted on giving the bread in return.

Yugoslavia, Gen. Bertrand de Lapsre, talked with Croatian Serbs.

The Croatian Serbs have joined the Bosnian Serbs in the past two months in an attack on government-held northwest Bosnia, around the town of Bihać. The truce calls for an end to all outside military involvement, a reference to the Croatian Serbs.

De Lapsre demanded an end to Croatian Serb involvement in Bosnia, and free passage for U.N. and humanitarian aid convoys through Croatian Serb territory.

U.N. spokesman Thant Myint-U said from Zagreb, Croatia.

A third party to the conflict, rebel Muslims from the Bihać region under Fikret Abdic, have given oral approval to the truce accord but have not signed it.

The United Nations says to end hostilities, the sides must agree on maps of the front lines, then pull back half a mile. U.N. peacekeepers would then be posted in the middle or monitor the neutral ground.

As a first step in that process, military officials met in Sarajevo on Monday.

U.N. spokesman Maj. Ilver Gournel said they had agreed that six U.N. observation posts would be set up Tuesday between government troops and Serbs on Mount Igman, southwest of Sarajevo. On Wednesday, the Bosnian army would withdraw from a demilitarized zone there.

Ivankovic said the United Nations now expects the combatants will be brought back to the negotiating table by diplomats who wrote the last peace plan or under the auspices of an international conference.

Rose said more peacekeeping troops would be needed in addition to the 24,000 already in Bosnia.

The anti-tank missile that hit Sarajevo's Holiday Inn was a warning of how fragile the truce remains, it came from the south, the director of the Serb front line, but U.N. officials said it was not immediately clear who fired.

Otherwise, Gournel reported that it was "another quiet day around Bosnia," with only a few bursts of gunfire and two detonations reported around the Bihać area.



An unidentified woman counts the small new coins she received at a Warsaw, Poland, Bank Monday. The Polish zloty was released to replace old bills battered by inflation.

Poles trade their old notes for shiny new zloty coins

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Shop clerks and bank cashiers took quick glances at conversion sheets Monday as they fingered shiny new zloty coins issued to replace old bills battered by inflation.

To simplify bookkeeping and banking operations, the National Bank of Poland issued the new currency beginning Sunday, at an exchange rate of one new zloty for 10,000 old ones.

Within hours, cashiers' hands were blackened from counting ender notes of coins. They were promised counting machines, but until they arrive, cashiers will have to do the counting manually.

"Shaving four zeros off the current price is the price of years of inflation under an inefficient Communist sys-

tem and during the transition to a market economy. Inflation hit a peak of 1183 percent between February 1989 and February 1990 before economic reforms were introduced in 1990.

Under the new system, the highest denomination will be 200 zloty notes, to be introduced later this year. One dollar is equivalent to 243 new zlotys or 24,300 old zlotys.

The old bills will remain legal tender until the end of 1996, but notes on both sides of the counter-acted, eager to use the new bills.

"You are the first person to pay with the new money," two cashiers in a food shop exclaimed when a customer pulled out shiny coins on Monday.

Sweden registers 1st gay marriage

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — Hans Jonsson and Sven-Olov Jansson exchanged wedding vows Monday, becoming the first Swedish couple to marry under a new law allowing homosexual marriages.

"We have lived together for five years, but we feel it is important to be recognized by the society the same way heterosexual couples are," Jansson said.

Sweden became the third Nordic country — after Denmark and Norway — to allow homosexuals to register partnerships with all the rights and obligations of marriage except adopting children or having a church wedding.

Jonsson, 42, and Jansson, 58, participated in a brief civil ceremony at the Osterund town hall, 370 miles northwest of Stockholm.

Rabin halts expansion of settlements

JERUSALEM (AP) — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin halted the expansion of a Jewish settlement in the occupied West Bank Monday, saying it was necessary to preserve peace with the Palestinians.

"Under no circumstances will work continue," Rabin told the Knesset, setting off heckling from the right-wing opposition.

By stopping the bulldozers, Rabin decided that preserving the talks on Palestinian self-rule outweighed the possible confrontation with the 120,000 Jewish settlers on the West Bank and their supporters in Israel who oppose territorial compromise.

"We want peace and we want an agreement. We do not want a binational state," Rabin said. The right wing's claim to huge chunks of the West Bank would mean absorbing hundreds of thousands of Palestinians.

"We are talking about a territorial compromise that will secure Jerusalem," he said. "Whoever wants Jerusalem to reach to Hebron and Ramallah and Jericho will only hurt chances of keeping Jerusalem united," he said, naming three West Bank towns.

The Cabinet voted 12 to 4, with one abstention, to support Rabin's position after six hours of stormy debate.

The hill between the settlement of Efrat and the Palestinian village of Al-Khader has been the scene of protests and clashes since Dec. 22, when bulldozers started cleaning the land.

Both sides claim the land, 12 miles south of Jerusalem, and the Palestinians have warned that construction of a Jewish neighborhood there would jeopardize the peace process.

Left-wing Cabinet ministers opposed to the expansion said it violated the spirit of the 1993 Israel-PLO autonomy agreement, if not the letter. More conservative Cabinet members expressed fear that a ban would set a bad precedent for Israel's claims to the greater Jerusalem area.

In a compromise, Rabin said the government will permit construction of a smaller subdivision on a different hill adjacent to the settlement.

The opposition accused Rabin of caving in to Palestinian demands. Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat had warned that the project could "seriously harm the peace process."

"Who are you afraid of? Arafat? What has happened to your Zionist values," Likud opposition leader Benjamin Netanyahu said after Rabin's speech.

Drinks kill Russians

DUSHANBE, Tajikistan (AP) — Six Russian servicemen and a Russian diplomat's wife celebrating New Year's died Monday after drinking cyanide-laced local champagne.

Three other civilians also died and nine were hospitalized in the former Soviet republic after being poisoned by the drink, the Interfax news agency said. Thirteen servicemen were hospitalized in serious condition, ITAR-Tass said.

An investigation indicated the champagne contained cyanide, Interfax said.

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World Internet has its naysayers

BERLIN (AP) — All this breathless adoration for the Internet was getting unbearable for veteran hackers of the Chaos Computer Club, cyberspace's famed German merry pranksters. They simply had to deflate it.

The public — and news media — apparently can't get enough of the Internet. New on-ramps to the global network are being built at a dizzying rate as more folks buy computers and check out its virtual communities.

But the Internet wasn't built to handle so much traffic. It's getting overloaded. It's getting slow. Electronic mail messages are getting lost.

"The whole system will crash in 1996," predicted programmer Hans Huebner at the Chaos Computer Club's 10th annual congress last week. He and pal Tim Prilove presented the gathering's best-attended seminar.

"The Internet reminds me of the horrendous traffic in Germany. You get in your car and say, yeah, let's cruise," said Prilove. "And you're almost immediately stuck in traffic and go nuts."

Of course Huebner and Prilove exaggerate a bit. But provocation is what Chaos is all about.

The club made its first splash a decade ago when it embarrassed Germany's Telekom monopoly by showing how easy it was to locate and defraud the phone company's Bix information service — and a major bank in the process.

In 1987, club members publicized their break-in of NASA's central computer in Washington, D.C., where they gathered data with the help of a program that collected user passwords.

Now members' goal is an electronic global village of government and commercial control.

Members don't just hack and smoke hashish, although there's plenty of that. They also help ferry electronic mail in and out of Yugoslav war zones and promote a program called Pretty Good Privacy that lets people encrypt e-mail messages so the world's intelligence agencies can't read them.

Stewart falls ill after huge show

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — Rod Stewart, apparently, played too hard and ate too much.

The pop singer played to a crowd of 3.5 million on New Year's Day but was unable to perform an encore with Rio's Mangueira Samba School. Stewart's performance was taken away by ambulance after being given oxygen to combat exhaustion.

Stewart blamed his exhaustion on strenuous soccer games that morning and a large lunch of traditional Brazilian dishes.

"The singer also kicked 100 autographed soccer balls to the audience as a tribute to Brazil's 1994 World Cup," Stewart said before the show.

According to the 1994 Guinness Book of Records, Brazilian singer Jorge Benjor held the most recent record for the largest open-air concert — an event that drew 3 million to Copacabana Beach last New Year's Day.

Attackers stamp swastika on Iranian

ZOETERMEER, Netherlands (AP) — Police were hunting for three men who reportedly branded a swastika into the forehead of an Iranian after he stopped to help them push their stalled van.

"He was hit on the forehead with something, we don't know what," said Hans Plat, police spokesman in Zoetermeer, a western Dutch city. "He didn't discover the swastika until he looked in the mirror at home."

Police say the woman may have been inflicted with something similar to a cattle branding iron.

The 53-year-old victim said he was also subjected to racist taunts and had his jacket slashed, police said. The attack occurred early Sunday near an outlying railway station.

Somali ex-president dies in Nigeria

LAGOS, Nigeria (AP) — Former President Mohamed Siad Barre of Somalia, who thrived off Cold War rivalries but left his nation in anarchy and on the brink of famine, died Monday.

Siad Barre had lived in Nigeria since 1992, a year after rebels overthrew him in a brutal siege of the Somali capital, Mogadishu. A Nigerian Foreign Ministry official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said he died en route to a Lagos hospital.

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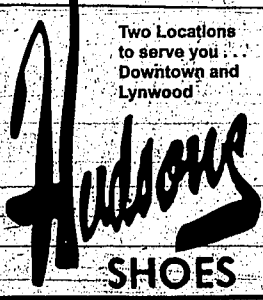
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San Antonio Spur Coach Bob Hill on Dennis Rodman

Briefly

Bills fire defensive coordinator Corey

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — The Buffalo Bills fired defensive coordinator Walt Corey on Monday after a lackluster season in which defenders improved statistically but failed to produce big plays. After four Super Bowls, the Bills finished 7-9 missing the playoffs for the first time since 1987, the year Corey joined them.

In the team's next-to-last game, the Bills led the Patriots 17-3 before the defense collapsed en route to a 41-17 loss.

Former Giant All-Pro Moran dies at age of 93

NEW MILFORD, Conn. — Francis "Hap" Moran, a former NFL All-Pro whose 91-yard run from scrimmage in 1930 is the oldest team record for the New York Giants, died, he was 93.

Moran was believed to be the second-oldest living veteran of the NFL. He died Friday at a nursing home, where he had spent the past four years.

Former Vanderbilt coach to join Alabama-Birmingham

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Former Vanderbilt coach Watson Brown was selected Monday to guide Alabama-Birmingham into big-time football and out of the shadow of Alabama and Auburn.

Brown, offensive coordinator at Oklahoma the last two seasons, was one of seven people who interviewed for the job of taking UAB from NCAA Division I-AA play to Division I-A, beginning in 1996.

"Starting from scratch is one of the things that interested me from the beginning," Brown said. Brown replaces Jim Hilyer, 27-12 in four seasons. Hilyer becomes assistant athletic director.

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College men's basketball Idaho at Gonzaga

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Penn St. downs Ducks

Paterno ends up unbeaten; may be too little for title

The Associated Press

PASADENA, Calif. — Even perfection isn't good enough for Joe Paterno and Penn State. Unbeaten, untied and uncrowned, the No. 2 Nittany Lions left the Rose Bowl feeling it was unfair not to get at least a share of the national championship after winning every game. —

They knew the problem they faced Sunday night, after top-ranked Nebraska's Orange Bowl victory over Miami. They knew it Monday afternoon in the haze of the Rose Bowl when Kijana Carter broke away for an 83-yard touchdown run on their first play from scrimmage.

And they knew it at the end, when the 38-20 victory was likely too little and too late to change the minds of voters in the season-ending poll, much less the majority of the 102,247 fans packing the Rose Bowl.

The final Associated Press poll will be released early Tuesday morning, but the verdict is almost certain that Nebraska will be No. 1.

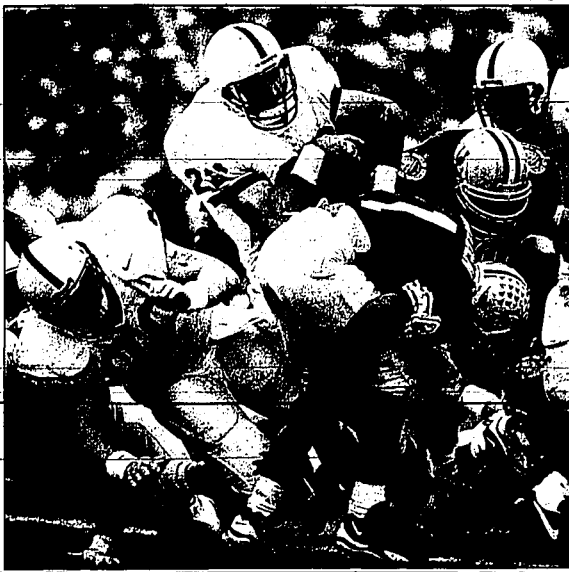
Paterno has guided five Penn State teams to top records in his 29-year tenure as head coach. Four of those five times he didn't win the national championship — 1968, '69, '73 and probably this year. His two national titles came in 1982 and 1986.

"All you can do is win all your football games," Paterno said. "We've gotten criticized for our schedule by some people who don't know what they're talking about. We shouldn't get a rap that we didn't play a tough schedule. We deserve (the national championship) just as much as (the Comhuskers) do."

"It's a shame that we can't have a playoff. I don't want to take anything from Tom Osborne, who's a good friend of mine. The way they played last night, I certainly don't think that I would say, 'Hey, they're national champions and we're not.' Because we deserve it as much as they do."

"We had a tougher schedule than Nebraska — and came through unblemished," Collins said. "It's a shame that the two best teams in the country didn't play each other. We deserve a split. We're going to know it ourselves that we're national champions. We're going to have a big fat ring with a one in the middle and lots of diamonds around it."

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Penn State fullback Brian Milne drives over the line for the second Nittany Lion score in the first half of the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif., Monday.

"Maybe we should have had six or seven national championships," Paterno said. Quarterback Kerry Collins was just as adamant that Penn State deserved to share the national title.

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Seminoles find Gator rematch sweet

The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Florida State made sure the sequel to its memorable-regular-season tie with Florida didn't begin or end like the first one.

The Seminoles beat their archrivals 23-17 in the Sugar Bowl with a ball-control offense and stingy defense that held the high-scoring Gators to a season-low point total. Florida State won by building on confidence restored during a 28-point fourth-quarter that produced a 31-31 standoff on Nov. 26.

Danny Kanell, who engineered the improbable comeback from a 31-3 deficit in the earlier meeting, threw for 252 yards and one touchdown. Halfback Warwick Dunn also threw a 73-yard scoring pass to Omar Ellison and Dan Mowrey kicked three field goals for the seventh-ranked Seminoles (10-1-1).

Florida (10-2-1) scored on Judd Davis' field goal and Ike Hillier's Sugar Bowl record 82-yard pass reception in the first half. But it was shut out after that until Danny Wuerffel.



Florida State's Omar Ellison catches a flea flicker pass, that went for 83 yards and a touchdown, during the Sugar Bowl Monday.

Kansas moves up, Stanford breaks into Top 25

The Associated Press

STANFORD, Calif. — For 83 years, Stanford and California have been traveling across San Francisco Bay to play each other in basketball. This year, the rivalry could take on national importance.

Stanford jumped into the AP college basketball poll at No. 23 Monday, six spots behind California. It's the first time in at least two decades that both teams are in the Top 25. North Carolina remains No. 1 for the fifth straight week. The Tar Heels (9-0) were again the runaway favorite for the top spot, receiving 54 first-place votes and 1,613 points from the national media panel.

North Carolina, UCLA, Arkansas and Massachusetts remained first through fourth for the third straight week. Kansas moved up

one spot to fifth and was followed by Connecticut, Maryland, Kentucky, Arizona and Syracuse. Kentucky dropped three spots after losing 88-86 at Louisville on Sunday.

Duke fell four spots to 11th, the first time the Blue Devils have not been in the Top Ten since Jan. 21, 1991, a span of 67 polls.

Duke, which lost to Iowa in the opening round of the Rainbow Classic, was followed in the Second Ten by Georgetown, Florida, Michigan State, Arizona State, Iowa State, California, Wake Forest, Nebraska and New Mexico State.

The last five teams were Indiana, Iowa, Stanford, Georgia Tech and Penn. Iowa and Penn joined Stanford as newcomers to the poll this season.

Wisconsin, which lost at Stanford and Marquette last week, fell out of the poll. So did Cincinnati, which lost to Arkansas and Hawaii in the Rainbow Classic, and St. John's — Stanford (9-0) is making its first appearance in the Top 25 since 1991-92. The Cardinal is off to its best start since the 1953-54 season, when it won its first 10 games.

Heading into the Pac-10 season, though, Stanford is concerned about the health of offensive leader Brevin Knight, who averages 17 points a game and had 26 points in the 95-78 win over Wisconsin.

Knight, a 5-foot-10 point guard who slashes through opposing defenses, missed last Thursday's win over Cornell with a stress reaction to his right shin. Doctors said it could lead to a stress fracture if not treated properly.

Knight said after the Cornell game that he would try to stay off the court before this Thursday's Pac-10 opener at Washington.

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Going into its game with Pittsburgh on Monday night, Connecticut was beating its opponents by an average of 43.5 points and

Blue Devils pound South Carolina St.

The Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. — Mike Krzyzewski made sure Duke shook any lingering effects from its trip to Hawaii.

Returning Sunday morning from the Rainbow Classic and an all-night flight from the islands, Krzyzewski put his team through two brief workouts that day. Then the No. 11 Blue Devils went out and pounded South Carolina State 107-61 Monday.

"We got off the bus and practiced for about 20 minutes just to run without getting taped to get a sweat and try to get back into this time zone," Krzyzewski said. "We came back last night and practiced. I think we've gotten back on the time zone quicker doing it that way."

There was little disputing Krzyzewski's technique. Cherokee Parks scored 20 points to lead six players in double figures. Parks also grabbed eight rebounds as Duke (9-2) ran its non-conference home winning streak to 94 games, dating to a 91-76 loss to Louisville on Jan. 12, 1983. The Blue Devils played their last home non-Atlantic Coast Conference game this season, while a trip to UCLA remains on their schedule.

Trajan Langdon scored 17 points for the Blue Devils, while Chris Collins had 14 and Erik Meek, Jeff Capel and reserve Tony Moore had 13 apiece.

"We told our team we're not tired," Krzyzewski said. "It's East Coast time and that's all we're going to talk about. I think they did a good job of that."

The Bulldogs (2-7), on the road for the seventh time in nine games, moved forward Derrick Patterson to point guard in an attempt to ease their backcourt problems. The 6-foot-6 transfer from Georgetown helped S.C. State stay close by scoring 11 points in the first 9½ minutes, including a 3-pointer that drew the Bulldogs to 26-21 at 10:43.

"The thing that you hope for in a game like this is that they don't shoot the ball exceptionally well," S.C. State coach Cy Alexander said.

That hope died when the Blue Devils went on a 9-0 run that included two free throws by Moore after an intentional foul by Patterson, for a 35-21 lead at 7:49. They stretched the lead to as much as 44-27 on a basket by Meek with 5:06 left in the half, and Duke took a 46-32 lead at the break.

"Obviously, there's a lot of distractions you could look at," Collins said. "A long trip, we played three grueling games, had a loss. I think we really responded well."

"It was real important to have a good showing tonight to have our confidence at its fullest going into this conference season," he said.

"An 11-2 run to start the second half put Duke in control. Capel had a layup and a 3-pointer that spun."

"I think they were down," Krzyzewski said. "But that's going to happen when you don't have as deep a team or as a big team. For 20 minutes, they played real well against us until they got worn out."

Patterson hit eight of nine attempts in the first half, but cooled to finish with a 13-for-20 effort and 28 points, the only S.C. State player in double figures. The rest of the team was 14-for-42, and the Bulldogs were outrebounded 44-27.

"This is one of the toughest places in America to play. We knew there was going to be no way that they would not play well," Alexander said. "We knew there wouldn't be a leadout on Duke's part because of the consecutive win streak that they have here at home."

Top 4 still same in women's college basketball poll

The Associated Press

Tennessee, Connecticut, Louisiana Tech and North Carolina remained the top four teams in the AP women's basketball poll Monday, but there were several changes thereafter.

Ohio State triggered the biggest moves, upsetting Big Ten rivals Penn State and Purdue, and moving into the poll for the first time this season at No. 22.

Penn State, which lost to the Huskies, fell from fifth to eighth. Purdue lost to Ohio State 71-68 and dropped five places to 19th. Ohio State, the NCAA runner-up in 1993,

has won five of its last six after a 3-2 start. Just before its Big Ten victories, Ohio State had lost at home to Louisiana Tech 98-81.

Tennessee was a unanimous choice at No. 1 for the seventh straight week after its closest call of the season. The Lady Vols, playing their sixth straight road game, edged then-No. 4 Vanderbilt 72-70 on Michelle Marciniak's basket with 6 seconds left.

It was Tennessee's seventh victory of the season over a team ranked 15th or higher. The Lady Vols took an 11-0 record against visiting Arizona on Monday night — their first home game since Dec. 6.

Tennessee had a perfect 800 points, collecting all 32 first-place votes from a nationwide media panel. No. 2 Connecticut (7-0) had 751 points, Louisiana Tech (10-1) 731 and North Carolina (12-0) 709.

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Going into its game with Pittsburgh on Monday night, Connecticut was beating its opponents by an average of 43.5 points and

was shooting 53 percent. But the Huskies can't even get a first-place vote because Tennessee keeps winning against the nation's toughest schedule.

Stanford, ranked second when it lost at Tennessee 105-69 on Dec. 1, is finally starting to move back up. The Cardinal (8-1), a winner of six games by an average of 36 points after the Tennessee loss, climbed from seventh to fifth Monday.

Vanderbilt (12-3) moved up two spots to sixth despite the loss to Tennessee and No. 7 Colorado (10-2) also advanced two places. Penn State (9-2), Texas Tech (11-2) and Alabama (9-1) round out the Top Ten.

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No. 1 Tennessee tromps Arizona, 109-57

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Sharpshooting Nikki McCray scored 22 points, and Dana Johnson added 20 as No. 1 Tennessee beat unranked Arizona 109-57 Monday.

McCray made 10 of 12 shots, and freshman Tiffany Johnson scored 17 points for the Lady Vols (12-0).

Arizona (5-7) got 17 points from Adia Barnes and 12 from Jacque Clark.

Tennessee shot 63 percent en route to a 31-31 halftime lead. The Lady Vols used a 12-0 run to widen the gap to 63-33 four minutes into the second half, and coasted from there.

The game was Tennessee's first in its senior guard Tiffany Woosley to a knee injury in Saturday's victory at Vanderbilt. Woosley tore the right anterior cruciate ligament and probably is out for the season.

Connecticut 100, Pittsburgh 67

STORRS, Conn. — Jennifer Rizzotti scored 22 points Monday and No. 2 Connecticut rolled to a 100-67 Big East victory over Pittsburgh.

The win was the 20th for Connecticut coach Geno Auriemma, who is 200-81 in nine-plus years with the Huskies.

Connecticut (8-0) used a pair of first-half runs to break the game open. Already ahead 20-12, the Huskies ran off 11 straight points capped by Rizzotti's layup off a steal. Minutes later, Nyckisha Sales finished a 10-0 run with a jump shot that put Connecticut ahead 47-20.

The Huskies led 53-27 at halftime and by as many as 42 in the second half. Kim Batten came off the bench to add 13 points for Connecticut while Jamelle Elliott and Kara Wolters had 14 apiece and Sales 11. Leading scorer Rebecca Lobd had just five points but

Women's college basketball

The victory gave Seton Hall coach Phyllis Mangina her 150th career win in 10 years at her alma mater.

Georgetown (4-5, 0-2) trailed by as much as 8 points in the first half but pulled within 38-35 at intermission.

Seton Hall opened the game early in the second half with an 11-0 run that put the Pirates up 63-47, their largest margin of the game; at the 13:20 mark, the run ended with a layup by Tedin Quinney, who scored all of her 13 points in the second half.

Georgetown threatened with a run that narrowed the gap to 77-69 with 3:31 to play, but a 6-1 spurt by the Pirates sealed the win.

Jenny Jacobsen led Georgetown with 21 points, and Ehibo Abonkhua added 19.

Tahnee Hejns and Dana Wynne had 15 points apiece for Seton Hall, and Wynne grabbed eight rebounds.

W. Kentucky 88, Boise St. 55

BOISE, Idaho — Junior Dawn Warner scored 17 points and senior forward Owen Doyle sparked a 16-1 scoring surge to start the second half to lead No. 15 Western Kentucky to an 88-55 women's college basketball victory over Boise State Monday night.

Doyle headed the game with 15 points while senior forward Veronica Cook added 15. Boise State was led by freshman forward Kim Brydges with 17 points. Junior guard Michelle Schulz added 13 and freshman center Michelle Smith added 11.

Western Kentucky (9-0) of the Sun Belt Conference held 42-31 at the half and got off 16 points in only one for Boise State (5-6) of the Big Sky Conference.

Western Kentucky out-rebounded Boise State 59-41 with forward Cook getting 12 rebounds and center Lori Abel getting 10.

No. 20 Seton Hall 86, Georgetown 71

SOUTH ORANGE, N.J. — Dawn Johnson pumped in 22 points and Kendra Johnson came off the bench for a career-high 17 points as No. 20 Seton Hall beat Georgetown 86-71 in Big East play Monday night.

The win was the 10th straight win and 19th in a row at home for the Pirates (11-1, 2-0).

No. 16 Kansas 99, Houston 96

HOUSTON — Angie Halbleib made two free throws with 14 seconds remaining and No. 16 Kansas held off Houston 99-98 Monday night when the Cougar's Tonda Kucker missed a baseline jumper as time expired.

Houston (5-6) trailed throughout the second half until a 17-foot jumper by Jerry Cooper with 59 seconds left gave the Lady Cougars a 96-95 lead.

The lead changed hands three times in the final minute and Angela Aycock, who scored 36 points for Kansas (10-2), hit a jumper to give the Jayhawks a 97-96 lead.

Rosheda Hopson's layup gave Houston its first lead with 30 seconds left. But Stacey Johnson, who scored 32 points, fouled Halbleib to set up the game-winning free throws.

Five players scored in double figures for Kansas, which led 47-44 at the half.

UNC-Charlotte 60, UCLA 50

LOS ANGELES — Angela Barden scored 19 points and pulled down 10 rebounds Monday night to lead North Carolina-Charlotte to a 60-50 victory over UCLA.

Markia Aldridge had 16 points and 12 rebounds and Lisa Gerton added 12 points for UNC-Charlotte (7-2), which won despite committing 31 turnovers to just 16 for the Bruins.

Kisa Hughes led UCLA (5-4) with 15 points and seven rebounds. Nicky Hilbert added nine points for the Bruins, who led 26-24 at halftime but were outscored 32-24 in the second half.

UNC-Charlotte overcame its turnover problems because it made 26 of 49 field goal attempts (53.1 percent) while UCLA made just 21 of 58 (36.2 percent) and out-rebounded the Bruins 48-26.

No. 24 Arkansas 76, Brown 58

MAMI — Christy Smith scored 15 points as 24th-ranked Arkansas stormed to a big halftime lead and eased past Brown 76-58 Monday in the first round of the Sun Belt and Sun Conference.

The Razorbacks (9-1) grabbed a 51-35 halftime lead and had no trouble with the Bruins the rest of the way.

Smith was 5-for-9 from the field, with one 3-pointer, and made all four free throws. She also had four steals.

Stephanie Bloomer added 14 points and 13 rebounds for Arkansas, and Kelly Johnson also scored 14.

Brown was led by Elizabeth Turner with 14 points, including three 3-pointers. Tammy Sanchez had 13 points, eight assists and four steals.

Arkansas' strong defense held Brown to 39 percent shooting from the field and rarely allowed the Bruins to get inside shots.

Alabama 29, Tennessee 27

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3	Arizona	15-1	81.3	21.3
4	Massachusetts	14-1	80.4	21.4
5	Kansas	13-1	79.5	21.5
6	Connecticut	10-1	78.6	21.6
7	Marquette	12-1	77.7	21.7
8	Arizona State	11-1	76.8	21.8
9	Kentucky	10-1	75.9	21.9
10	Wake Forest	9-1	75.0	22.0
11	Illinois	8-1	74.1	22.1
12	Georgia Tech	7-1	73.2	22.2
13	Ohio State	6-1	72.3	22.3
14	Michigan State	5-1	71.4	22.4
15	Alabama	4-1	70.5	22.5
16	Indiana	3-1	69.6	22.6
17	Virginia Tech	2-1	68.7	22.7
18	North Carolina State	1-1	67.8	22.8
19	Wisconsin	0-1	66.9	22.9
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13	Ohio State	6-1	72.3	22.3
14	Michigan State	5-1	71.4	22.4
15	Alabama	4-1	70.5	22.5
16	Indiana	3-1	69.6	22.6
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5	Kansas	13-1	79.5	21.5
6	Connecticut	10-1	78.6	21.6
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Scores and stats

Basketball

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Tide grabs win over Ohio State

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Sherman Williams was about the only bright spot in a Citrus Bowl that neither team appeared to be trying to win. It was only appropriate that he turned in the biggest play of the game.

Williams came out of the backfield to grab a short pass and turn it into a 50-yard touchdown with 42 seconds remaining, giving sixth-ranked Alabama a 24-17 victory over No. 13 Ohio State on Monday.

The senior tailback became the first player in the history of the Citrus Bowl (12-1) to have more than 100 yards rushing and receiving in a bowl game. He ran 27 times for 166 yards, caught eight passes for 155 yards and returned two kickoffs for 38 yards to finish with 359 total yards.

Williams also wound up as part of the winningest class in Alabama history. The seniors ended their careers with a 45-1 record and one national championship, eclipsing the 44-4 mark turned in by the 1977-80 Tide teams.

Ohio State (9-4) continued to flounder in the possession under coach John Cooper, whose bowl-record fell to 1-5 with the Buckeyes. His team also missed a chance to possibly finish in the Top 10 for the first time since 1985.

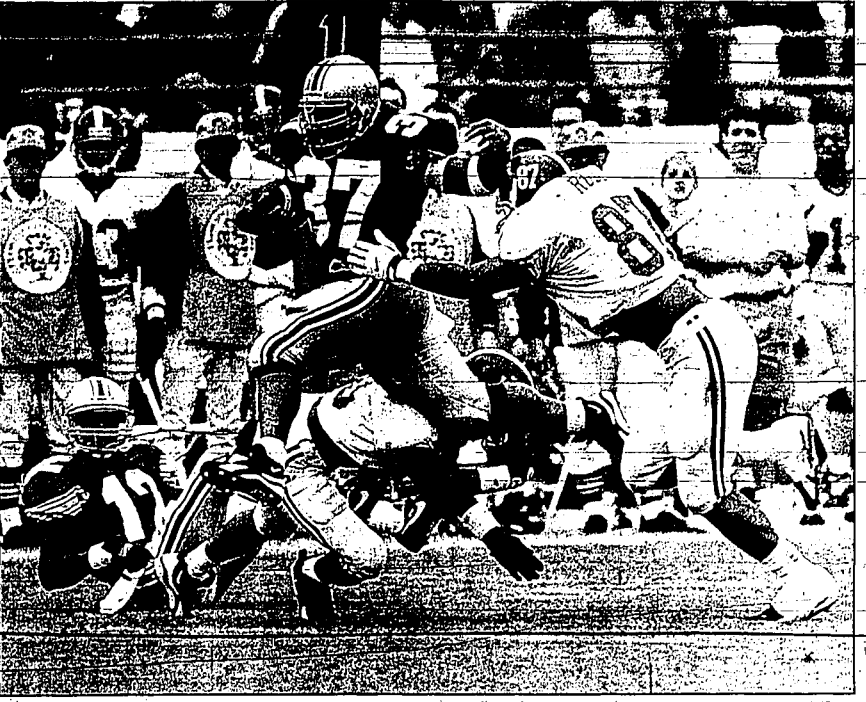
Except for Williams and Ohio State receiver Joey Galloway, who had eight catches for 146 yards and two touchdowns, the game was a comedy of errors that dragged on for an interminable three hours, 48 minutes.



There were two blocked punts and one blocked field goal. There were three turnovers with 14 seconds. Alabama's Michael Proctor missed a 25-yard field goal in the fourth quarter. Ohio State literally gave the Tide one touchdown with two penalties on one drive, including too many men on the field. Even the referees got in the act, failing to see that Galloway's foot appeared to be out of the end zone on a 11-yard touchdown reception in the second quarter.

The best play of the day was turned in by a brown dog who got loose on the field in the first quarter and dodged his would-be tacklers for about five minutes. Finally, the animal was chased out a ramp by security officers, but he never went down.

The others on the field weren't so lucky; the game was about as hard on the body as it was on the eyes. Numerous players were hobbled by injuries, and Alabama's Shannon Brown and John Causey were knocked out with a concussion and dislocated left knee, respectively.



Ohio State's Nicky Suaalua sneaks past the attempted tackle of Alabama's Dwayne Rudd and Tommy Johnson in the first half of the Citrus Bowl in Orlando, Fla., Monday.

Southern Cal crushes Texas Tech, 55-14

DALLAS (AP) — Southern Cal's first visit to the Cotton Bowl produced a Texas-sized victory for the Trojans.

The Cotton Bowl's second-largest rout, No. 21 Southern Cal rolled up a 48-0 lead Monday and went on to a 55-14 victory over Texas Tech.

Texas Tech (6-6) qualified for the game by finishing in a five-way tie for the Southwest Conference title. The Red Raiders were picked because they had gone the longest without a Cotton Bowl appearance.

The loss was the seventh straight for the SWC champ and possibly the last for awhile. Starting next year, the matchups will be determined by the bowl coalition.

Rob Johnson threw three touchdown passes to Keyshawn Johnson, including an 86-yarder. Rob Johnson completed 16 of 21 passes for 289 yards and left after the first series of the second half — 3 yards short of the Cotton Bowl record.

Keyshawn Johnson caught eight passes for a Cotton Bowl-record 222 yards. Cotton Speyer of Texas held previous record of 161 yards set in 1969.

Southern Cal (9-3-1) upped its bowl record to 24-13-1.

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The Trojans drove 64 yards in four plays to score on an 11-yard run by Shawn Walters. Twelve seconds later, they scored again. Linebacker Gerald Caruthers recovered Stacy Mitchell's fumble on the kickoff at the Tech 19. Rob Johnson found Terry Barnum with a TD pass on the next play.

13. The Red Raiders, returning to the Cotton Bowl for the first time in 55 years, gave up four first-quarter touchdowns, two of them on Rob Johnson passes in a 4:30 span.

The widest margin of victory in the Cotton was Miami's 46-3 win over Texas in 1991. In Texas Tech's only other appearance, the Red Raiders lost to St. Mary's (Calif.) 20-13 in 1939.

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turned a Zebbie Lethridge pass 26 yards for a touchdown to make it 21-0.

After Tech punted, Walters ran 11 and 30 yards and Rob Johnson found a wide-open Keyshawn Johnson on a 12-yard scoring pass. The 28 points for the quarter was a Cotton Bowl record, topping the 24 points Penn State scored against Baylor in the fourth of the 1975 game.

Cole Ford kicked field goals of 22 and 42 yards as Southern Cal a 34-0 halftime lead.

Rob Johnson found Keyshawn Johnson with a 22-yard touchdown pass and second-string quarterback Brad Ottom followed that with an 86-yard touchdown pass to Johnson.

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Small Fletcher gives Wisconsin big win

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — One of Wisconsin's smallest players saved his biggest game for last.

"That little guy is something," Badgers coach Barry Alvarez said after Terrell Fletcher carried 39 times for 241 yards and two touchdowns in a 34-0 victory over Duke in the Hall of Fame Bowl on Monday. "He's one of the finest young men I've ever been associated with."

The 5-foot-9 senior set Hall of Fame records for attempts and yardage as he scored from 1 and 49 yards in the second half to power the Badgers (7-4-1).

Fletcher had 160 of his yards on three touchdown drives after the Blue Devils tied it at 13 early in the second half.

It marked the second time in as many games that Fletcher set a career-high rushing total. With a bowl berth on the line, he had 192 yards to lead the Badgers past Illinois in their regular-season finale.

"You always dream about having big games," Fletcher said, "but I never ever dreamed about anything like this."

The Badgers won four of their last five games in a season dominated by off-the-field news, including one incident involving Brent Moss, the player who started ahead of Fletcher. It was a stark contrast from last season, when Wisconsin won the Big Ten title and the Rose Bowl.

This season, two Badgers were suspended for their alleged involvement in a shoplifting matter, and the team lost two players in separate cocaine incidents, including Moss.

Fletcher called the victory "an emotional moment for everybody. It was an exclamation point for the whole team."

No. 25 Duke (8-4) lost four of five after a school-record 7-0 start under first-year coach Fred Goldsmith.

"They overcame adversity early and really made a great game out of it, one that I thought we really could win," Goldsmith said. "But in the end, Fletcher was just too much for Duke."

"I'd say 90 percent of the time we'd hit him at the line of scrimmage or in the backfield," Duke safety Ray Farmer said. "He's just a tremendous back. He'd



bounce off and spin and do whatever he had to do to get the yards."

The Blue Devils rallied from a disastrous start in which Spencer Fischer was intercepted on Duke's first three possessions. Wisconsin turned two of those interceptions into 10 points on the way to a 13-0 lead.

The second of Wisconsin's two lost fumbles led to a 30-yard field goal by Duke's Tom Cochran that made it 13-13 just before the midway point of the third quarter.

But Wisconsin responded with a 76-yard drive in which Fletcher rushed eight times for 56 yards, including a 1-yard burst that put the Badgers ahead to stay with 4:05 left in the third.

Midway through the fourth quarter, Wisconsin put together an 83-yard drive — including 38 rushing yards by Fletcher — that ended on an 11-yard scoring pass from Darrell Bevell to Jason Burns that made it 27-13.

Duke cut the margin to 7-20 on Robert Baldwin's second scoring run, a 2-yarder with 4:10 left.

But Wisconsin sealed it with an 83-yard march. This time, Fletcher rushed for 66 yards, including a 49-yard burst up the right sideline for the final score with 1:59 left.

With 7:26 left in the first quarter, Fischer already had matched his career-worst single-game performance with the three interceptions. By the time the quarter ended, the junior also had been sacked once, hurried three times and taken a pair of hard shots in the pocket.

And the Badgers were up 13-0 before Duke came back. Baldwin kicked a 7-yard TD run and Cochran kicked a 30-yard field goal with five seconds left in the half to make it 13-10.

S. Carolina Buffaloes handle Notre Dame, 41-24

MIAMI (AP) — South Carolina finally won its first bowl game, getting touchdowns run from Steve Tanehill and Stanley Pritchett on Monday to beat West Virginia 24-21 in the Carquest Bowl.

South Carolina (7-5), winless in eight previous bowl appearances, led 17-7 at halftime following Tanehill's scoring leap from 4 yards out. Pritchett's running in the second half helped send West Virginia (7-6) to its fifth consecutive bowl loss.

Tanehill, who completed 62.9 percent of his passes during the regular season, completed 26 of 36 attempts for 227 yards, including a 2-yard touchdown pass to tight end Boomer Foster.

West Virginia, which had won six of its previous seven games, gave up two fumbles and an interception, and two of the turnovers led to scores. The Mountaineers, however, turned the ball over on downs twice in the final six minutes.

Pritchett scored from a yard out with 2:40 left in the third quarter which put South Carolina ahead 24-14. But West Virginia closed within three points on Chad Johnson's second touchdown pass to Lovett Pummell.

South Carolina went on a 12-play drive that got to West Virginia's 4, and Tanehill was sacked by tackle Barry Hawkins and a field goal try was blocked.

Pritchett went on a 28-yard run with 1:14 left and was headed for a score, but fumbled the ball out of the back of the end zone, and West Virginia took over on 3.

Johnson, though, was sacked for the sixth time and South Carolina's lead was safe.

TEMPE, Ariz. — Bill McCartney's final game as Colorado coach ended the way his national championship season of 1990 did — with a victory over Notre Dame.

Only this time, there was no little on the line. With Kordell Stewart and Heisman Trophy-winner Rashaan Salaam accounting for five touchdowns on Monday, the fourth-ranked Buffaloes had little trouble beating the Fighting Irish 41-24 in the Fiesta Bowl.

The 1991 Orange Bowl, Colorado had a much tougher time before beating the Irish 10-9 to win its only national title.

McCartney, who resigned Nov. 19 effective after the season, leaves as the winningest coach in Colorado history (93-55-5). Assistant Rick Neuheisel succeeds him.

Stewart had two touchdowns, and Salaam had two 1-yard scores as the Buffaloes (11-1) scored on five of their first six possessions for a 31-3 lead late in the first half. Only a 24-7 loss to Nebraska on Oct. 29 prevented Colorado from a perfect and perhaps championship season.

Stewart, overlooked most of the season while Salaam was rushing toward the Heisman Trophy, set team bowl record with 348 total yards. Salaam managed only 83 yards on 27 carries — more than 100 yards below his season average. Stewart ran seven times for 143 yards and completed 11 of 20 passes for 205 more.

Notre Dame's Ron Fowlkes, sacked a Fiesta Bowl-record three times by tackle Shannon Clavelle, threw three TD passes for the Irish (6-5-1) as coach Lou Holtz was denied his 200th career win.

A pair of Powlus currier tosses to Derrick Mayes closed the gap to 31-17 in the third quarter. But Neil Voskeritchian's 48-yard field goal, linebacker Ted Johnson's interception at the Colorado 33, and Salaam's third TD — a 5-yard run — with 9:29 left helped extend Colorado's lead to 41-17.

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After a field goal by their first series, the Buffaloes went 70 yards in five plays for a 10-0 lead. Stewart started the drive with a 29-yard run, then passed 37 yards to Phil Savoy. With the ball at the 1, Stewart

cola and nobody hardly ever looks at them anymore.

Osborne has the best winning percentage of any active coach, but he's been dogged for years by questions about his failure to win a national championship.

Florida State's Bobby Bowden finally got his title last year by beating Nebraska in the Orange Bowl. Now it's apparently Osborne's turn after his team snapped a seven-game bowl losing streak.

"I'm no better coach than I was last year," he said in his usual low-key manner. "Even when you're 0-7, you find an score once in a while."

Osborne, who supports a playoff,



Notre Dame's Derrick Mayes holds on to a 39-yard touchdown pass above the defense of Colorado cornerback Chris Hudson in the Fiesta Bowl Monday.

faked to Salaam and passed to tight end Christian Fauria for the score.

Osborne didn't display much emotion during the press conference, but he left with a smile on his face. "I'm not a coach, but I'm a man," he said. "I'm a man who's been a lot to him because his players wanted to win so badly after losing an 18-16 heartbreaker to Florida State here last year."

Husker's Osborne awaits official news of elusive trophy

MIAMI (AP) — Tom Osborne has waited 22 years for a national championship, so he doesn't mind waiting another day.

Osborne's top-ranked Nebraska Cornhuskers appeared to clinch the title Sunday night by beating No. 3 Miami 24-17 in the Orange Bowl. But they won't get the official word until Tuesday morning, when the final polls are released.

"I take most of my satisfaction by the way we play," he said. "Sometimes, I feel a little down when we win and don't play well. It's kind of a quirk, but that's the way I am."

Osborne knew his decision to start Tommie Frazier at quarterback instead of Brook Berringer left him open to second-guessing since Frazier hadn't played in more than three months due to blood clots.

But Frazier made Osborne look like a genius in the fourth quarter. After sitting out the second and third periods while Berringer directed the team, Frazier returned and led the Cornhuskers back from a 17-9 deficit.

Steelers' Capers will coach Panthers Wild-card round

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Pittsburgh Steelers defensive coordinator Dom Capers has agreed to become head coach of the expansion Carolina Panthers, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette reported today.

The move would not become official until the Steelers' season ends.

Capers, 44, met with Panthers officials in Pittsburgh last week, the Post-Gazette said. The officials then met with Rich Kotite, who was fired as head coach of the Philadelphia Eagles last week.

"I can't comment," Panthers spokesman Charlie Dayton said. He said the team had no immediate plans for an announcement regarding the coaching job.

Capers did not immediately return a phone call. Steelers spokesman Joe Gordon declined to comment on the report.

The Panthers previously failed to



Dom Capers
May be heading for Carolina's job. Ex-Washington coach Joe Gibbs to take the job. NFL commissioner Paul

Tagliabue on Friday criticized the Panthers to terminate discussions with Capers.

Tagliabue sent a letter to Panthers owner Jerry Richardson, summoning the team to a hearing in New York next week to review reports the club had violated anti-tampering policies by discussing employment with Capers.

The NFL has longstanding rules prohibiting discussions between a team and coaches performing services for another team under an ongoing contract. The rules bar such discussions with assistant coaches or coordinators until their teams finish their seasons.

The Steelers, champions of the AFC Central, met Cleveland in a playoff game Saturday.

Clubs also are prohibited from waiving the anti-tampering rules and Tagliabue said the Steelers would be dealt with separately in this matter.

Teams violating the policy are subject to substantial fines and may also forfeit draft choices.

Capers would be the first assistant under Steelers coach Bill Cowher to land a head-coaching job in the NFL. He had been the secondary coach under Jim Mora at New Orleans before Cowher hired him as defensive coordinator in 1992.

Under Capers, the Steelers' defense ranked second in the NFL this season to Dallas and led the NFL in sacks with 55. The Steelers also allowed the second-fewest points in the NFL.

Capers began coaching as a graduate assistant at Kent State in 1972 after graduating from Mount Union College. From there, he coached at Washington, Hawaii, San Jose State, California, Tennessee and Ohio State before joining the pros under Mora with the USFL Philadelphia-Baltimore Stars in 1984.

deals few upsets

The Associated Press

The NFL wild-card round went just about according to form.

That is, three of the four winners were favorites and home teams — just about the ratio in playoff games since the present 12-team format began. In those first four years, home teams were 29-11.

So we now get Green Bay at Dallas and Chicago at San Francisco in the NFC, and Cleveland at Pittsburgh and Miami at San Diego in the AFC. And, with the upset of sorts coming in the AFC, where Dallas and San Francisco don't play.

Cleveland, perhaps? Vinny Testaverde says he finally crased the ghost of the 1987 Fiesta Bowl — a five-interception performance that helped Penn State beat Miami for the national title — in the Browns' 20-13 victory Sunday over New England.

"I went into that game in a quiet way — nervous, intense, focused," Testaverde said. "I just kept thinking, 'Don't go out and make mistakes. Don't go out and make mistakes.'"

"I didn't have fun. I thought that if I'd get to play in another game like that, I'd just have fun. Don't be uptight. It seems I play better that way."

Only Testaverde, who used to cite color-blindness as a problem, could blame a disappointing pro career on a college game eight years ago.

He totaled six interceptions in two regular-season losses to Pittsburgh. So maybe we should look elsewhere to keep the upset ratio going. And maybe not.

Game-by-game in order of appearance:

Cleveland (12-5) at Pittsburgh (12-4) OK, so Vinny wasn't nervous. Maybe that's because New England was simply in the playoffs to get a taste — Bill Parcells' Super Bowl teams were built a step at a time.

"We're not playing to progress, we're playing to be champions," Parcells said after losing to the Browns.

If Vinny can keep his cool, Cleveland has a chance.

We'll hear all the cliches from Pittsburgh about how hard it is to beat a team three times in a season. In this case, there's some basis. The Browns did a better job of picking up Pittsburgh's blitzes this season than anyone.

If Vinny can keep his cool, he should find Michael Jackson and his other receivers open at times.

But he has this thing about throwing the ball to guys in black shirts.

Chicago (10-7) at San Francisco (13-3) Steve (Walsh) against Steve (Young). Just a slight difference, right? Well Walsh, playing with one eye

cocked at Erik Kramer on the bench, looked a bit like Young in the Bears' 35-18 win in last season on Sunday.

"The best he's played since he was at college in Miami," said Jimmy Johnson, who coached Walsh both there and in Dallas.

But seriously ...

While stranger things have happened, they rarely happen in the playoffs — particularly not to San Francisco (except against the Cowboys or, earlier, the Giants). OK, Donald Woolford and Mark Carrier are pretty good in the secondary, but the only impact player on the Bears is coach Dave Wannstedt.

That's hardly enough against a team that has Steve and Jerry and Deion and ... well, let's not go too much.

Green Bay (10-7) at Dallas (12-4)

To put this in perspective, the Cowboys beat the Packers 42-10 last year in Day at Texas on Sunday. Jason Garrett was the Dallas quarterback and Sterling Sharpe was in the Green Bay lineup. Now Sharpe is out, Troy Aikman is back, so ...

Not so quickly.

Since that Green Bay win, Michael Irvin has been slowed by a quadriceps injury, Alvin Harper has disappeared and Emmitt Smith has torn a hamstring. More important, the Dallas game was shakier than it's been in three years, and Johnson's on-television aura — not in the locker room to play head games with the Cowboys.

The Green Bay defense that shut down Detroit on Saturday won't allow the Cowboys 42 points. It also won't hold Smith to minus-1 yard on 13 carries — Barry Sanders' numbers because Smith will settle for three and four yards instead of trying to break 70-yards.

But a lot of people have jumped off the Dallas bandwagon.

Miami (11-6) at San Diego (11-5)

The defensive coordinator of Don Shula's great teams of two decades ago was Bill Arnsparger. That's the name of the Chargers defensive coordinator in a game that has more restrictions than any game west of the Parcells-Belichick-Banks-Johnson New England-Cleveland lovefest.

This is probably the most likely spot for a road team to win.

Dan Marino's leg isn't healthy, but his arm is — he set a record Saturday with a touchdown pass in his 11th straight playoff game (he had two, actually).

The key here may be Tim Bowens and Chuck Klingbeil, who may have been able to do what past Miami teams have not — shut down the run. If Natrone Means doesn't run, the San Diego offense stagnates because Stan Humphries, even if he's 100 percent healthy, doesn't have the consistent receiving to carry the load.

A single fish in this sea



Eric Goetz has built many America's Cup boats and will build all three of the American boats seeking to defend the America's Cup this May.

Man owns American Cup boat-building market

BRISTOL, R.I. (AP) — Would the 49ers and Cowboys let one man write their playbooks?

Would three top auto racing teams have the same pit crew work on their cars before the Indy 500?

Would yachtsmen vying to defend the America's Cup trust construction of their boats to one man?

The answer to the last question is yes.

Eric Goetz (pronounced Gertz) and his Eric Goetz Custom Sailboats Inc. have cornered the market on boat-building for the three American teams seeking the world's most coveted sailing prize.

Racing among the three to see which will defend the Cup against an international challenger begins Jan. 12 off San Diego.

"Eric, in my opinion, for the work we require, is the best boat-builder in the country," said Bill Koch, skipper of the America's yacht that won the Cup in 1992. "Everything he tells us is straight-on. He underpromises and overperforms."

During the last year, Goetz has built boats for Koch's all-women American team, two-time Cup-winning skipper Dennis Connor and the PACT '95 group headed by Kevin Mahoney of Bangor, Maine.

In the high-tech world of international yacht racing, where industrial espionage is a serious concern, how did Goetz build the kind of trust that brought all three would-be defenders to his Bristol boatyard?

Goetz said he earned it by building boats for Connor and Koch during the 1992 Cup defense.

"Last time (1992) was the hard time," Goetz said. "Now, it's a little easier to deal with. Last time there was a tremendous worry about secrecy. ... How can you do this? Are you sure you're going to be able to keep these separate?" and so forth.

"Because of what we did last time, there wasn't any question. Nobody worried about the secrecy issue. They certainly want us to be discreet ... but they know that we can do it."

Connor, skipper of Stars and Stripes, agreed.

"Eric has done an excellent job with us and we have the utmost trust in how he handles our confidential information," Connor said. "We were the first to contract Eric to build an America's Cup boat in 1992. When Eric decided to build Koch's boats we were able to set up security systems ... so that the people who had access to Koch's boat and ours were not people who were high-risk."

Koch said he put Goetz to the test.

"We had a huge security concern in the '92 Cup," he said. "We put our own security guards down there. ... We did tricks on him to test him out. ... We had some of our guys drink with the workers to try to get them to talk. He passed every covert security test that we gave him."

"This time around we said, 'It's a no-brainer,'" Koch said.

Goetz builds the competing boats in separate facilities — he has a second warehouse a half-mile from his main shop — and keeps tight security.

Both warehouses contain alarms. Pieces of cardboard fit tightly in window frames to block the gaze of would-be spies. All entrances to the main shop are locked; it can be accessed only through the company's front office.

The confidential nature of it is that we can't tell syndicate A how syndicate B solved the same problem," Goetz said.

Goetz's reputation has brought America's Cup boat-building back to this small town on Narragansett Bay.

Eight consecutive America's Cup defenders were built at the now-defunct Bristol's Herreshoff Manufacturing Co. between 1893 and 1937, when the competition was held off nearby Newport. The America's yacht that Goetz built for Koch in 1992 revived the tradition and the winner of the next defender's trials will continue it, facing off against the fastest of the international challengers in the Cup finals next May.

"There's a lot of civic pride here," said Goetz, originally from Long Island, N.Y. "Obviously this is a boat-building area. ... Old ladies stop you on the street to talk (about the boats). It's nice to be in a place that's sort of nurturing."

Goetz, 45, attended Brown in Providence as an undergraduate in 1967 and, except for a brief sojourn as a furniture maker in Germany, has lived in Rhode Island. He has been sailing and working with his hands all his life, and photographs of the boats he has built and sailed line the walls of his company's conference room.

He started Eric Goetz Custom Sailboats in 1975. When he's not building America's Cup boats, Goetz custom-builds sailboats, cruising boats and powerboats ranging in size from 13 to 87 feet.

The boats for this sailing of the America's Cup cost about \$3 million to build and outfit, Koch said. Goetz's take of that is between \$1 million and \$1.5 million, he said.

NHL continues to talk

CHICAGO (AP) — The NHL and its players union continued low-level bargaining today in hopes of resolving their differences as a Jan. 16 deadline for starting the season nears.

NHL commissioner Gary Bettman and union boss Bob Goodenow, who have talked but twice by phone since their last face-to-face negotiations on Dec. 6, had yet to make contact to set up new talks.

"They'll see where they are at the end of the day and go from there," said Steve McAllister, spokesman for the NHL Players Association.

NHL vice president Brian Burke and legal counsel Jeffrey Pash met with players' association lawyers John McCambridge and Bob Riley for four hours Sunday in talks aimed at ending the three-month lockout. It was the first meeting between the sides since Dec. 17 and came on the 93rd day of the lockout.

"Now it's our two lawyers and their two lawyers, and it's time to fish or cut bait," Toronto Maple Leafs president Cliff Fletcher told The Canadian Press. "My understanding is that they'll be meeting until a deal is done or they decide a deal can't be done."

"If they're still going by Tuesday, then maybe we can start getting optimistic."

Hanging over the discussions on a new collective bargaining agreement was the Jan. 16 date set by Bettman as the start of a shortened, 50-game season. An estimated 8-10 days would be needed to ratify any agreement reached and to stage training camps.

A payroll war, which players say is a salary cap in disguise, threatens the talks. Players say they will never accept a tax, which owners feel is necessary if player concessions do not accomplish the NHL's goal of restraining rising salaries.

The NHL's proposal calls for a gate receipt tax to accompany the payroll tax, with the proceeds from the gate tariff going to small-market teams to help them compete.

On celebrity row, security plays man to man

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jack Nicholson. Madonna. Woody Allen. Spike Lee. Jerry Seinfeld. Michael Jordan in the stands, not on the court. It's just another glittery night around the NBA.

If the games aren't exciting enough, look around. There's bound to be lots of Very Important People making the pro basketball scene in arenas from New York to Los Angeles.

You're not the only one checking out the stars, however. Security guards and cameras are watching you watch the celebs. And they're way ahead of anyone who might want an autograph or picture — or have something more sinister in mind.

With the NBA's popularity skyrocketing, technology has improved security techniques used to protect multimillion-dollar players, referees and fans. themselves. If all else fails, there's always old-fashioned muscle.

Two decades ago, arena guards

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didn't worry about guns and knives being carried into games.

Sometimes, the chaos is player-generated. The NBA has its share of player fights that sometimes carry over to the fans. Last May, an on-court melee between the Chicago Bulls and New York Knicks spilled into the stands, and fans tossed punches near startled NBA commissioner David Stern.

"We coach our staff every day before they go out to work. We talk about things like that," said John Fahy, vice president of event operations at New York's Madison Square Garden. "We show that tape and they're aware that sometimes there can be an incident or something on the court that may spill into the stands."

The NBA is as silent about its security as the Secret Service. A spokeswoman at league headquarters in New York declined comment on the topic, citing, of course, security concerns.

"We are, as a league, much more aware, much more strict, have many more guidelines and policies in effect than we did 10 years ago," said Carl Lahr, who oversees security as vice president of marketing for the Los Angeles Clippers.

Few sports allow fans to get as close to the players as the NBA. Football players are surrounded by a large field, while heavily padded hockey players skate behind a wall of glass and boarding. Baseball is played on the other side of walls and fences.

"There are no natural barriers on a basketball court," Fahy said.

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PUBLIC MEETING

Idaho Department of Fish and Game

A public meeting will be held in Twin Falls at Health & Welfare, 601 Pololine Rd., on Thursday, January 5, 1995.

The Department of fish and Game needs public input for 1995 regulations on antelope, deer, elk, black bear, and mountain lion. This input will be used to develop Department season recommendations.

Meeting time is 7 p.m. Any person requiring a special accommodation due to a disability condition should contact the Magic Valley Regional Office, Jerome, 324-4350, Monday through Friday, 8 am - 5 pm.

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Fire victims remain in critical condition

BUHL — A mother and son remain in critical condition at a Utah hospital, two weeks after a fire raged through their Buhl home.

Kristine Swanson, 28, and Bradley, 8, suffered burns and smoke inhalation and were unconscious when firefighters pulled them from the Dec. 16 blaze that started with a string of Christmas tree lights.

The fire destroyed most of the family's belongings. Co-workers of Swanson's husband have established a fund at Buhl's West One Bank branch to help the family. Firefighters say they barely made it in time to rescue Kristine Swanson and her son.

The Swansons are at the University of Utah Burn Center in Salt Lake City.

Salmon, steelhead will star in commercials panning dams

BOISE — Idaho conservation groups are launching a television campaign alerting viewers how millions of salmon and steelhead are destroyed in the hydroelectric dam complex on their journey to the ocean.

"People should know that their salmon and steelhead are being killed by the millions without their permission," said Charles Ray, spokesman for Idaho Rivers United.

The ad campaign will cost about \$15,000, paid with contributions, Ray said.

Later this month, the National Marine Fisheries Service is expected to decide how the eight publicly owned dams on the Snake and Columbia rivers will be operated during this year's migration.

Idaho's Snake River sockeye and chinook species are on the endangered species list. Rivers United considers 1995 as the best chance of restoring the runs because of a larger supply of eggs.

As many as eight million young salmon will travel to the ocean. Last year, up to 87 percent were killed by the dams, Rivers United said.

Ray said he hopes the Fisheries Service will follow the lead of the Northwest Power Planning Council, which recently voted for a more aggressive campaign to save the fish.

Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital forms funding foundation

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital recently formed a foundation to financially support community projects and scholarships for those in health-care fields.

Tax-deductible donations can be directed to community projects, such as the YFCA third grade swim program or the Twin Falls High School health occupation class, or scholarship programs.

Community leaders and Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital representatives make up the foundation's board, an independently functioning body.

Chamber sponsors seminars on how to hire employees

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring seminars on interviewing and hiring employees. Seminar topics include how to ask effective questions, guidelines for interviews, nonverbal behaviors, and federal regulations and court decisions.

The seminars are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 10 and Jan. 18 at the Canyon Springs Inn. Cost of a one-day seminar is \$100 prepaid or \$125 per person paid the day of the seminar. Lunch is not provided.

Seminars on health issues and workplace set Wednesday

TWIN FALLS The College of Southern Idaho, the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce, and Magic Valley Regional Medical Center are sponsoring seminars on how to comply with federal regulations concerning health issues in the workplace.

The seminars are from 7:45 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Jan. 18, in the Cedar Room of the Canyon Springs Inn. Registration is at 7:30 a.m. Preregistration is required by phone, mail, or fax.

Topics of the seminar include general safety, electrical safety, hazard communication standards, noise exposure, injury prevention, blood-borne pathogens (Hepatitis B and HIV protection), harassment, and a drug-free workplace. Cost of the seminar is \$15 per person. For more information, contact Jill Chestnut at 737-2906.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Drugs, alcohol, pregnancy get attention

Health network selects major points of concern for Magic Valley community

By Julie M. McKinnon
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Statistics back up what some Magic Valley residents say they already know: Alcohol and drug abuse, along with teen pregnancy, are health problems that demand attention in the region.

But "fatal unintentional injury" is one significant local health concern apparently overlooked by Magic Valley residents, said Rhonda Leach Schaff, coordinator of the Southcentral Health Network.

The network will coordinate community efforts and develop prevention measures, especially in schools, Schaff said. With unintentional injuries, for example, professionals will look at where they happen and how, she said, and work with groups such as Magic Valley Safe Kids Coalition. A large share of unintentional injuries are due to motor vehicle accidents, Schaff said, while about 20 percent occur in homes and another 20 percent are public injuries, such as drownings.

"Where are the drownings?" Schaff said that group will find out. "Are they in the canals? Are they in the pools?"

The report from the network — a coalition of hospitals, health agencies and the College of Southern Idaho — shows: "Use of alcohol, marijuana and cocaine by Idaho youths is well above the national average and is increasing, while use nationally is decreasing. (Local data won't be available until 1996.)"

The Magic Valley ranks third out of the state's health districts for cirrhosis deaths with the rate of 5.2 for every 100,000 people, while Twin Falls County ranks 10th out of the state's 44 counties, according to statistics from 1990 to 1992.

In the Magic Valley, unintentional injuries are the leading cause of "premature" death, and the rate is double that of the national rate and 20 percent higher than the state rate. When compared to other areas in the state, the Magic Valley has the highest rate of unintentional injury deaths.

Lincoln, Gooding and Blaine counties are ranked seventh, 10th and 11th, respectively, in the state's counties for the rate of injury deaths, according to statistics from 1990 to 1992.

Cancer is the second leading cause of death in the Magic Valley; the rate of death from cancer is higher in the Magic Valley than it is in Idaho overall.

Minidoka and Jerome counties have

the highest overall cancer rates in the Magic Valley, ranking 12th and 18th of all Idaho counties from 1990 to 1992. Gooding and Blaine rank fourth and 11th for breast cancer rates; and Jerome County ranks 13th in the state for lung cancer.

Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the Magic Valley; the rate is higher in the Magic Valley than in the state overall.

According to 1990-to-1992 statistics, Jerome County has the fifth highest rate of heart disease in the state; Twin Falls County ranks 14th; and Minidoka ranks 18th.

With 46.8 pregnancies for every 1,000 15- to 17-year-olds, the Magic Valley has the highest teen pregnancy rate in the state, according to statistics from 1990 to 1992, which also showed Minidoka and Jerome counties had the highest rates in the state. The Magic Valley also has the highest rate of low birth-weight babies and highest fetal death rate.

Prenatal care in the first trimester in the Magic Valley is lower than the state and national percentages. Sixty-three percent of Magic Valley pregnant women received care in the first trimester; 72.8 percent of woman statewide did; and 76 percent of woman nationwide did.

'I don't think people really realize how big of a problem this is in southcentral Idaho.'

— Rhonda Leach Schaff, of Southcentral Health Network on the number of unintentional injuries in the Magic Valley

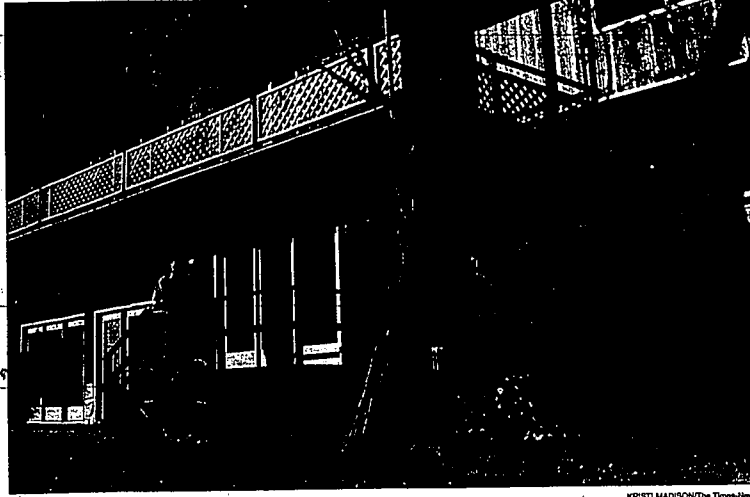
— Robert Cunningham, owner of Cunningham's Oregon Trail Bed and Breakfast

Glenns Ferry couple open bed and breakfast

By Kristi Madison
Times-News correspondent

GLENN'S FERRY — Down along the Snake River, sunny rooms, big beds with fluffy pillows and quaint surroundings, along with a hearty welcome, await the weary traveler.

"It's an atmosphere more than anything else, an atmosphere between the owner and guest," said Robert Cunningham owner of Cunningham's Oregon Trail Bed and Breakfast.



Owner Robert Cunningham is shown near the outside guest entrances of Cunningham's Oregon Trail Bed and Breakfast near Glenns Ferry.

'It's just like you're staying in someone's home, like your grandparents' or friends.'

— Robert Cunningham, owner of Cunningham's Oregon Trail Bed and Breakfast

Until a month ago, travelers who stopped in Glenns Ferry had only one choice of lodging. If they preferred the accommodations of a bed-and-breakfast to a motel, they had to drive at least 30 minutes to find one.

Two years ago, Robert and Elaine Cunningham began talking about opening a bed and breakfast at their property along West Madison Street.

Former motel owners and natives of southern Idaho, the couple bought the property along the Snake River in 1980. They moved from Hagerman to Glenns Ferry four years later to operate the Redford Motel.

"We liked it here," Robert said. "Elaine and I both enjoyed the motel business. We enjoyed the people."

After two years, Robert was able to start building a lodge, using carpentry skills he had learned as a boy from his father.

"I started building in January 1987," he said, "I had to build this place in three segments to get it set in the hill like I wanted it."

Once the large wooden home was semi-complete, with 10 entrances and numerous rooms, the couple moved into the upstairs area.

It was then that Robert, a former certified public accountant, and Elaine, a real estate broker, decided that creating a bed and breakfast in Glenns Ferry would not only allow them to work with the public again, but would also be a smart business move.

"Since 1984, I have seen this town grow by almost double," Robert said. "They are almost all mom-and-pop operations, but I've got this healthy feeling inside that it's just going to be great."

"We are just in a perfect place" — not more than 20 miles from hills with some of the best hunting around and about as far from the deepest desert you'd ever want to walk into. We don't have the headaches that Twin (Falls) and Boise have.

Guests of the Cunninghams stay in five rooms decorated with Western antiques and local artifacts. One is family-sized with two beds, and another is handicap accessible.

Sun spills in from the south through large glass doors. Natural hot water from a well fills the hot tub on a patio at the back of the house, and a short walk from

the front entrance takes guests to fishing docks along the Snake River.

Just more than a mile away is the site of the historical Three Island Crossing, along the Oregon Trail.

Each morning, Robert cooks a good, old-fashioned, country breakfast and guests sit down together to a family atmosphere.

The Cunninghams' daughter, Susan Nelson, is their only employee. She serves as hostess and maid.

"It's great. Elaine and I live right here with them," Robert said. "It's just like you're staying in someone's home, like your grandparents' or friends."

Gooding asks state to pay for specialized classrooms

By Terrell Williams
Times-News correspondent

GOODING — The School Board is making a plea to the state to pay for handicapped facilities that Gooding must build at the new elementary-middle school.

Superintendent Henry Kilmer said that Gooding, in order to meet state mandates, must build two classrooms for severely and profoundly handicapped students who live at the Green Acres Care Center in Gooding. The estimated cost of these rooms, which include kitchen, extra ventilation and special bathrooms, is \$275,000, he said.

"A good share of the (handicapped) students do not live in Gooding," Kilmer explained, "so (the cost) should not be the burden of the local taxpayers."

Kilmer said Green Acres is a private, specialized care facility, and young people come from throughout the state to live there. But because the center is in the Gooding school district, the state is saying that Gooding patrons must pay the bill for the specialty classrooms, he said.

"We don't think that's fair," Kilmer said.

"It makes our budget really tight."

In a recent letter to the 1995 Idaho Legislature, Gooding School Board chairman Claire Major said parents of 10 of the 12 multi-handicapped students who need one of the specialty classrooms do not live in the Gooding district. These students all have IQs below 20 and are non-verbal.

All require help with feeding and need diapering or toilet assistance. Due to inadequate space within the school district, these children now are being taught in small trailers near the middle school. For the second new classroom needed, there are seven more students with IQs below 50. They, too, mostly come from other school districts, Major said. Federal legislation and an overwhelming number of court rulings show that profoundly or severely handicapped and retarded children must be housed and trained with other students of the school districts to provide classrooms for them within a new facility are not available.

Therefore, she said, Gooding is requesting \$275,000 from the Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee.

Plans near completion for new Gooding school

By Terrell Williams
Times-News correspondent

GOODING — If plans continue on schedule, construction of the new joint elementary-middle school in Gooding will begin the first week of June.

Spokesmen for architects Lombard-Conrad of Boise and construction manager Ralph Kreizenbeck, also of Boise, presented the general design plan to school officials recently.

Superintendent Henry Kilmer said this plan gives the layout of the new building, based on comments from school officials, faculty, other staff, parents, as well as the architects and builders.

Voters passed a \$6 million bond issue in September for the new school to replace the old middle and elementary schools.

"We've got the floor plan down," Kilmer said. "We've really worked hard on that. The entire staff has been involved in one way or another."

The next step, he said, is to draw up the construction documents, which are the more detailed plans for the building. The staff will continue to help as decisions are made on where to put bulletin boards and other fixtures.

Kilmer said the preliminary plans are at the district office in Gooding and every one is welcome to come in and offer suggestions.

"Sometimes people drop in and just happen to say something that's a really good idea," he said. "Two minds are better than one."

Kilmer said the bus routes are being redesigned because a visitor who glanced at the first plans pointed out that the children would be walking across the bus lanes.

"We didn't notice that," Kilmer said. "He predicted that the final blueprints will be ready for bidders in late spring, with excavation work beginning the first of June."

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Regents question if mission statements should be altered

MOSCOW (AP) — It has been more than 10 years since the state Board of Education adopted formal roles and missions for its public universities.

Those were written partly because of the state's financial slump, but they may face their biggest challenge this year.

Boise State and Idaho State will ask to establish their own full-fledged engineering programs at a meeting of the board-appointed engineering task force Tuesday.

The University of Idaho will also introduce its plan to enhance its statewide engineering offerings.

Since the 1984 vote, the state regents have tried to avoid duplication of services.

"The reason for the roles and missions was to enhance a system of higher education in the state," said former board member A.L. "Butch" Alford, Jr.

Former board member Cheryl Hymas said when the state passed its first initiative in the 1970s, the issues facing the board became less of where to put programs, and more of how to ensure they survived.

"We went from being a board to being lobbyists to raise money for education," she said.

As the land-grant institution, she said, Idaho was given responsibility for agriculture, engineering and architecture.

Idaho State University is responsible for the state's dental program and the health professions.

Boise State has shown its expertise in business and public affairs.

One of her colleagues on the board said the philosophy of avoiding duplication is as valid in 1995 as it was in 1974.

"When you get into the higher cost programs you have to isolate and augment them," Eugene Miller said.

"Make them premiere programs." Take a long, hard look at any offering that benefits business more than the taxpayer," he said.

Micron Technology of Boise has offered the state \$6 million if it will create a free-standing engineering college at Boise State.

With high-tech industry focusing in the Boise Valley, Moscow might not be the most logical place for engineering.

That's a duplication many legislators do not think the state can afford, Hymas said.

But, Alford said, none of the board members assumed the roles and mission were etched in stone, adding they should be reviewed every four to five years.

The institutional roles and mission statements was a response to what former board member and Superintendent of Public Instruction Jerry Evans called "the recruiting war."

BYU not ready for mass retirements

PRÓVO, Utah (AP) — Brigham Young University administrators say they are ill-prepared for the large number of professors expected to retire in the next few years.

Projected figures indicate the retirements could deplete the university's current faculty ranks 40 percent by the year 2000.

In the past, the university has only had to count on about 30 retirements each year because of a surplus of professors. But administrators now expect about 70 professors could retire each year for the next five years.

"This is a huge problem for us," said Alan Wilkins, associate academic vice president. "We don't want to replace these folks, because they make such a tremendous contribution to the university. They are the glue that holds this place together. This isn't something that we're greeting with a great deal of excitement."

Thirty years ago, an influx of students inspired by the scientific advances of the Sputnik era and financed by the federal government caused a need for the initial surplus of professors, Wilkins said.

"The Sputnik era may be partly to blame," he said. "In the 1960s you had a flowering of people who were very interested in studying science and other things."

Thirty years later those professors are looking forward to retirement, and administrators are worried about finding replacements for them.

Added to the difficulty is Mormon Church-owned BYU's tendency to try to hire members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints before non-Mormon candidates are considered.

Boiseans expand search for families

BOISE (AP) — Maureen Pirc and Sue Friel Williams of Boise hoped to muster support for their work with linking adoptees with their birth parents when they appeared on national network television Monday morning.

Pirc and Williams, who appeared on This Morning on CBS, have received more than 60 telephone calls and a flood of e-mail messages from adoptees and birth parents since a feature was done on them recently in the Idaho Statesman. So far, they launched five searches.

Pirc was first introduced to American Online when Williams used the network to help her find her mother last fall.

Three days before her wedding day in 1991, Pirc discovered she was adopted; Her adoptive parents had died. She was left without answers until she met Williams.

ed to a nationwide network of people who assist in searches. She is also able to electronically search through records in other states. Although Williams says she acquires information through legal channels, she is reluctant to discuss the details of her searches because of restrictive regulations in many states.

Five years ago, Williams found her birth father with the help of another computer network called Prodigy.

Both women say their successful searches have inspired them to help others. Yet, growing interest in the computer searches has spread beyond adoptees.

"There are children of divorce searching for their parents and Vietnam veterans hoping for reunions," Williams said. "It doesn't matter if they're adopted; it's just a matter of helping people find the answers."

Logan Canyon plan submitted to Washington

LOGAN, Utah (AP) — A compromise on reconstruction of U.S. 89 through northern Utah's scenic Logan Canyon has been forwarded to Washington, but final approval of the plan could take several more months.

Years of negotiation ended in December when state transportation officials and environmental factions signed off on a modified "record of decision" that none of the parties liked very much.

Still, all agreed they could live with the plan for a \$60 million-plus rebuilding of the winding mountain highway over the next 10 to 15 years.

The proposal now is in the hands of the Federal Highway Administration and Environmental Protection Agency. Once approved, the plan will be returned to Utah for implementation by the state Department of Transportation.

Efforts to get the project moving by next summer, said Dyke LeFevre, Region 1 director for UDOT.

"It will be about six more months before the design work can begin, and then it will take about a year of designing before we can start construction."

Years of debate led to several design changes. For example, the road will not be as wide in some places, parking areas and trail head access have been modified and several concessions were made to environmental concerns in Logan River wetland areas.

Shawn Swanner of Citizens for the Protection of Logan Canyon said the reconstruction plan approved by the Utah Transportation Commission was a mixed bag.

"We're glad they passed the resolution ... but we're a little disappointed that they amended it," he said, noting his organization had approved the initial record of decision as written and would now have to go back and adopt the changes.

"But it's fixable," Swanner added. "We helped create it."

David Berg, UDOT's chief environmental engineer, conceded "there have been some compromises in safety" to come up with the present design.

Defense claims accused teen arrested illegally

BLACKFOOT (AP) — A teenager charged with the pre-dawn armed robbery of a convenience store only days after Blackfoot imposed its juvenile curfew last summer claims his arrest was unconstitutional.

The attorney for Brandon Burns, 15, is also asking 7th District Judge James Herndon to suppress all the evidence police seized as a result of the illegal arrest, including the boy's confession.

Herndon directed Lyon and prosecutors to file legal briefs on the issues.

Burns and a 12-year-old boy are charged with pointing a .22-caliber rifle at the convenience store clerk and taking \$336 and a case of beer.

The holdup occurred at 5 a.m. on July 21.

Defense attorney Kenneth E.

Lyon claims in a motion filed with Herndon that the police did not have sufficient evidence to have taken Burns from his class at Mountain View Middle School.

Officers said they acted on an anonymous tip that the suspect was wearing clothing similar to some owned by Burns.

Lyon argued that the boy did not understand he did not have to go to the police station unless he was under arrest.

Burns confessed to the crime while being held illegally, Lyon said.

A search warrant signed by a Bingham County magistrate should also have been signed by a Shoshone-Bannock tribal judge, Lyon claimed, because Burn's home is on the Fort Hall Indian Reservation.

Counselor says gay couples experience added pressures

BOISE (AP) — Many couples might wrangle over which party tries to attend.

Most probably do not fret over whether to take their real partner or a prop date.

It is a dilemma faced by gay and lesbian couples and one of several situations that might encourage gay couples to seek counseling.

Many gay and lesbian couples also receive counseling for the same reasons as heterosexual couples.

"My sense is, all issues are the same — from who stays home, who works, to money issues and who takes out the garbage," said Steven Lanzet, a licensed counselor whose practice is made up equally of gay and straight couples. "Same-sex couples don't come in here and say, 'My issue is oppression in society.'"

Ruth Garrison, another counselor who works with gay and lesbian couples, says partners in any relationship are likely to seek help if "there's an affair, or there's too many conflicts and people withdraw rather than facing conflict, or they grow apart."

But, she and Lanzet say, gay partners often face special conflict in three areas: lack of support from families, different degrees of "outness" about

their homosexuality, and uncertainty over how to formalize their union.

Eugene, 40, confronted the first two problems in a seven-year relationship that has now ended.

Eugene said his family was loving to him, but his ex-partner had a tough time finding acceptance in his own family. He and his partner differed over how active they should be in Boise's gay community.

Eventually, Eugene's partner became highly visible as a gay man.

"I felt he was rushing me into a position of not just being out, but actively out."

Counselors say some gay and lesbian couples struggle with how to best celebrate the relationship in a formal way.

"There is no legal or social support for these people," Garrison said. "Heterosexuals at least have a marriage license. The laws recognize them as a couple."

Gay and lesbians sometimes make their partner their legal heir in a will, or give the partner power of attorney in case of a health crisis.

Lanzet says the ability to talk through conflicts and listen well to the most important skill in any relationship, gay or straight.

Death notices

Frank H. Davis JEROME — Frank H. Davis, 79, of Jerome, died Monday, Jan. 2, 1995, at the Veteran's Nursing Home in Boise. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

call from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour before the funeral on Thursday at the funeral chapel.

Larsen, 87, of Bellevue, died Monday, Jan. 2, 1995, at the Blaine Manor in Hatley. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demaray's Bergin Chapel in Shoshone.

LoRene M. Larsen BELLEVUE — LoRene M.

Services

Imelda Elveda Randall, of Burley, 11 a.m. today, Springdale 1st and 2nd Ward LDS Chapel, 200 S. 475 E., Burley. Viewing, 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church, (Payne Mortuary in Burley).

Michael LeGerda BURLEY — Michael LeGerda, 72, of Burley, died Sunday, Jan. 1, 1995, at the Veteran's Administration Medical Center in Boise. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Mildred Jeanne Hoover Carrol, of Parma, 1 p.m. today, White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Darrell J. Dorton, graveside service, 1 p.m. Wednesday, Twin Falls Cemetery, Viewing, 4 to 8 p.m. today, White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Jess R. Norton BURLEY — Jess R. Norton, 79, of Burley, died Saturday, Dec. 31, 1994, at the Cassia Memorial Hospital in Burley. The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday at the McCulloch-Hansen Mortuary in Burley, with Brian Payne, officiating. Friends may

Freddie J. Rigby, of Sublett, 2 p.m. today, Malta LDS Ward Chapel. Viewing, one hour before the funeral at the church, (McCulloch-Hansen Mortuary in Burley).

Neils Myr Blades, of Twin Falls, graveside service, 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Viewing, 4 to 8 p.m. today, White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Maureen LeGerda BURLEY — Maureen LeGerda, 72, of Burley, died Sunday, Jan. 1, 1995, at the Veteran's Administration Medical Center in Boise. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Viewing, one hour before the funeral at the church, (McCulloch-Hansen Mortuary in Burley).

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Hollie Anderson of Idaho Falls; and Rachelle Aguilera of Paramount, Calif.

Hospitals

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Some names are omitted at patients' request.

Admitted Angela Brown and Vernon Robertson, both of Twin Falls.

Released Morris Bridges, Kathryn Drazner and Vernon Pelton, all of Burley; Joseph Adams and Geoffrey Vobargen, both of Rupert; Sharon Howell and Larry Moore, both of Heyburn; and Brenda Johnson of Hazelton.

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Admitted Mary Martin, Vernon Pelton and John Parke, all of Burley; Joseph Adams and Lila Yeaman, both of Sun Valley; Winlow Whitley of Oakley; and Clare Wigley of Heyburn.

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Obituaries



Laurie A. Hansen RUPERT — Laurie Ann Hansen, 13-year-old daughter of Gary L. and Colleen Hansen of Rupert, returned to her heavenly father on Jan. 1, 1995. She was admitted to Cassia Memorial Hospital for a sudden illness.

Laurie was a seventh grader at East Middle Junior High School where she was on the A.D. honor roll. Laurie's older brother and sister are Kent and Shalene Hansen. Her younger sisters and brother are Jambé, Becky and Shane. Grandparents are John D. and Pa. Hansen of Rupert and Navona and the late Elaine Bird, also of Rupert.

Laurie enjoyed many friendships and was deeply loved by her family and friends. She loved music and shared it by playing the piano and singing. She held a recital in her home for family and friends just prior to Christmas. She also enjoyed outdoor activities such as skiing, skating, boating and riding her horse.

Laurie was selected by her school peers to attend a leadership conference conducted by the school and held near Sun Valley last fall. She also served in the presidency of her Beehive class in her LDS Church group.

Laurie loved to organize her family members in fun and entertaining activities and often created plays and skits for their enjoyment. Laurie had a special relationship with her Heavenly Father and she will be missed so very much.

She was preceded in death by her Grandpa Bird.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 5, 1995, at the Rupert LDS Stake Center, 324 E. 16th St., with Bishop's Counselor Roy Young officiating. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Hansen Mortuary in Rupert and one hour before the funeral on Thursday at the church.

Edd C. Hanson TWIN FALLS — Edd C. Hanson,

77, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Jan. 1, 1995, at his home in Twin Falls, following a long illness.

Edd was born March 6, 1917, in Timmer, N.D., the son of John H. and Anna Margaret Erickson Hanson. He was educated and graduated in North Dakota, graduating from high school in Flasher, N.D. He then moved with his parents to Miles City, Mont. Edd married Iva Kathryn Shaah on June 26, 1937, in Forsyth, Mont. He and his brother, Glen, owned and operated a bakery in Miles City for a time and then Edd worked for the nine grandfathers before moving to Kimberly in 1951. Edd had managed Schoorots Warehouse in Twin Falls. Modern Foods-Albertsons, and was working in Suvco prior to his retirement in 1986.

Edd was a member of the Kimberly Christian Church where he served as a deacon. Surviving are his children, Beverly (Bud) Huddlestone of Twin Falls, Duane E. (Carolyn) Hanson of Aurora, Ore., and Sandy (Bill) Hacking of Twin Falls. He is also survived by 11 great grandchildren and one brother, Glen C. Hanson of Billings, Mont. He was preceded in death by his wife, Iva, in 1987, five brothers and three sisters.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 4, 1995, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls, with Pastor Brian Currier of the Kimberly Christian Church officiating. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until the time of the service at the funeral chapel.

The family suggests memorial contributions may be made to the Kimberly Christian Church in memory of Edd. Contributions may be left with chapel staff at the time of the service or mailed to: Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls ID 83303.

Minnie M. Gager Kinyon CASTLEFORD — Minnie Marie Gager Kinyon, 84, of Castleford, died Saturday, Dec. 31, 1994, at her residence.

Minnie was born Jan. 16, 1910, in Butte to Roy and Kathryn Grohman Gage. She lived with her parents in Hansen and Filer. She started school in Filer at Maroa in 1916. She then moved to Filer in 1917, and with her parents to Castleford in 1919, where her father was appointed post master. Minnie graduated from high school in 1928. She married William Kinyon on Oct. 3, 1928, in Butte. They spent six months in California, returning to Idaho in the spring of 1929, when her husband went back to farming. They have lived on the same farm all their married lives. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Castleford where she served as pianist and organist for many years. She was the clerk of the

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Castleford School District for a number of years, retiring in 1974.

Survivors include her husband, William; and a son, Jack Kinyon, both of Castleford, a daughter, Jean Single of Sacramento, Calif.; sister, Edith Nordling of Roseburg, Ore.; five grandsons; a step-grandson; three step granddaughters; seven great-grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. Burial was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Mabel Moseley; two brothers, Claude and LeRoy Gager; and one grandson, Gary Brown.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 5, 1995, at the First United Methodist Church in Castleford, with the Rev. Susan Stahle officiating. Burial will follow at the West End Cemetery in Butte. No visitation has been scheduled at the funeral home at Min's request.

The family prefers donations be made to the Kimberly Christian Response Unit. Arrangements are under the direction of Moffett's Memorial Chapel in Butte.

Ruth E. Currington BUHL — Ruth E. Currington, a longtime Magic Valley resident, died Monday, Jan. 2, 1995. Her final home was the Applegate Retirement Estate in Buhl. She was 85 at the time of her death.

She was born Oct. 24, 1899, in Ogallah, Kan., and came with her family to the Twin Falls area in 1910. Her first marriage—to John Charles Cawby, was Feb. 11, 1919. After his death in 1922, she was married to Maurice King Currington of Buhl on May 30, 1928.

Mrs. Currington and her husband, Carmel Daniel Currington lived in the Northview District and ran the Easley Hot Springs and Store near Ketchum. During her life she also taught in the Northview, Spruce and Fairview Schools in rural Magic Valley.

She was a member of the Buhl Grange and Rebekah Lodge. She taught Sunday School, was active secretary and was an officer member of the congregation for most of her life at the Buhl Baptist Church.

Maurice Currington and their son, Clarence Daniel Currington both preceded her in death. She is survived by a daughter, Lois Strauss of Buhl; a son, Ralph Owbney of Polatch; six grandchildren, Dan and Keith Strauss, Brian Jackson and Randy, Duane and David Owbney; eight great-grandchildren; and a sister, Lois Allen of Buhl.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 6, 1995, at the Buhl Baptist Church, with Pastor Ben Kern presiding. Viewing will be from 9 a.m. to noon Friday at the Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl. Burial will follow at the Buhl Cemetery. Deacons: Dan Stray, Randy, Duane, David and Chad Owbney and Kenneth Brabb. Concluding services will be at the West End Cemetery in Buhl.

The family requests that all memorials be given to the Buhl Baptist Church handicapped access fund.

Advertisement for White Oaklady & Cemetery, featuring a logo and contact information for Twin Falls - Kimberly, 733-6600.

Thrill of the chill



Jool Severine, 15, of Boise, jumps a wake in the icy cold Snake River outside Marsing, Sunday. He was with a group of about 10 people who annually water ski on New Year's Day regardless of the weather. Spray from the boat turned to ice as heavy winds brought the wind chill temperature to nearly single digits.

Nevada children face losing odds

Los Angeles Times

LAS VEGAS — The present only seems to be bright in the garish glow of the Las Vegas Strip, and the future really has Chris Webster worried.

Curfew started for local teen-agers an hour ago, but they are just beginning to appear, cruising by Circus Circus casino in shiny cars with blaring music, hanging out with friends and laughing at tourists with active cameras.

"See all the cars going up and down the strip?" asks a cold and bored Webster, 18, as he loiters with friends outside McDonald's. "There's nothing else to do in Vegas. ... If you don't have, like, a car, a whole bunch of money or at least a job."

Webster, an expert in diminished expectations, lacks all of the above and then some.

Skills: Dubious.

Education: Over, without a diploma.

Job prospects: Nil, save for minimum wage.

Long-term plans: To go back to Florida, where he last lived.

Short-term plans: To stay out of trouble.

"I had two friends shot," he says.

"They were 16. They're dead."

Webster may not be your typical teen, but then Nevada is no average childhood home.

Frontier State, Silver State, Gambling State, Nevada always was designed more for the young at heart than the young in fact. Today, as it lures families to new resorts and master-planned neighborhoods, the nation's fastest-growing state can be hard on children.

Near the bottom in population, with just 1.4 million residents; it almost always makes the Top 10 in terms of (tumble) teen suicide, teen pregnancy, violent death among the young, high school dropouts, lack of prenatal care.

Nevada's 24-hour lifestyle, centered on casinos and hotels, is one culprit in making life difficult for young people.

But social scientists lay the greatest blame for Nevada's woes and the ills of its children on a decade of rapid growth and the shallow roots put down by many newcomers.

Drawn by jobs in the burgeoning gambling economy, about 6,000 new residents pour into the state each month, the vast majority to the expanding urban sprawl of Las Vegas.

Schools cannot be built nor teachers hired fast enough to absorb the children of new arrivals.

The old heart of Las Vegas is surrounded by a ring of prosperous new suburban communities, all red-tiled

Numbers show kids fare poorly in gambling state

Los Angeles Times

LAS VEGAS — With Nevada's unchecked growth and little stability, especially in Las Vegas, this is the impact on youth:

• Teens attempt suicide at a rate twice the national average, according to the Nevada Suicide Study.

• Our teen-agers are identifying themselves as victims of extreme stress. Roger Simon, executive director of a northern Nevada suicide prevention center, told the state Legislature, "They need help to cope and to stay alive." Starting this school year, the state has made classes in suicide prevention requirements for high school graduation.

• Nevada was the No. 2 state for teen pregnancies in 1990, the most recent year for which comparative statistics were available. School buses headed to certain Las Vegas campuses are fitted for use with baby seats — protection for the children of children, sharing a ride to class in the morning.

• In the rush to accommodate the recent flood of students, the school district that serves the Las Vegas region added 900 extra teachers in the last school year. The district

built 57 of its 187 schools in the past four years, more than any system in the nation, and 25 more are on the way. Still, many elementary schools run double sessions, with one shift of students arriving at 7 a.m. and another heading home in evening darkness.

• Turnover in schools is high, making it harder for students to form deep relationships with classmates and teachers. Statewide, the student transiency rate is nearly 30 percent in elementary schools — meaning 3 in 10 youngsters leave school during the year. High transiency is closely related to low achievement and giving up on school. The state has the highest percentage of teens ages 16 to 19 who have not completed high school, and the dropout rate is rising.

• Nevada ranks sixth in the nation in the rate of violent juvenile deaths, according to a report published by the Ahaie E. Casey Foundation. The survey, which measures the living conditions of U.S. children, concludes that the condition of Nevada's children dropped in nine of 10 categories between 1985 and 1991.

gram helping teens complete their education. "We're not drawing Ph.D.s from Harvard and Davis. This is a working-class area."

Like most of her classmates at Lunt Elementary School, 4-year-old Bianca Sosa's parents worked hellish hours in smoky casinos to make ends meet. They moved to Las Vegas from Juarez, Mexico, in 1987, early in the city's boom. Her father waits tables at the Golden Nugget from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., then goes to a day job running a dental lab. Bianca's mother, Bianca, worked at a variety of casinos, rising from change girl to front desk attendant, often working from 4 p.m. to midnight.

Six months ago, Bianca quit to stay home, trading income for family stability. Her children were home alone for too many hours in a city she considers "the end of the world: shootings, drugs, kids out of control."

Lunt Elementary, a crowded 5-year-old campus in a poor northeast neighbor-

hood, is in some ways a microcosm of the problems facing many schools in Las Vegas. It has a high poverty rate, a growing percentage of students who speak Spanish as their first language, and a transiency rate of 41 percent, well above the state norm.

Bianca Sosa is enrolled in a special preschool program for youngsters considered at risk of educational failure. Each 4-year-old gets free meals and special attention — an early stab at lowering the state's high dropout rate.

"Last year I had 75 students," said Ola Hollivity, who teaches in a special program at Lunt. "I lost maybe half of them during the year. ... We have students who come in and maybe stay two, three weeks. It stops them from learning. They miss a lot."

Circus Circus beckons pink and prohibited to Vegas teens. While those under-21-are-not-allowed in casinos or bars, local youths come to play video games in the hotel's arcade, collect phone numbers and elude security guards. Teens with out-of-town ID can be on the Strip after 9 p.m. but not locals.

Security guard Steve Mahler, 21, has trouble telling them apart, even though he spent his own Friday nights not long ago cruising the same turf. He now chases off younger incarnations of himself. "It's as Vegas," he says, as he watches the ritual, "is for adults."

As Las Vegas races toward the million mark — a population milestone expected early this year — it is rapidly becoming the kind of city its new residents left behind when they moved. There are traffic jams, air pollution and gangs; violent crime jumped 11.7 percent statewide between 1988 and 1992, according to the FBI.

But crimes involving school-age children grew at an even faster rate. Between 1982 and 1990, the number of Clark County (Nevada's largest county, in which Las Vegas is located) children charged with crimes rose 70 percent, according to the county Department of Family and Youth Services; the number of school-age children only rose 40 percent. At the same time, child abuse and neglect complaints rose 27 percent.



PET OF THE WEEK
Here they are — back for a "Repeat Performance!" Big How, a 2-year-old neutered male and his very best friend Link, a 4-month-old female, would love to find their fame and fortune together. Surely there is someone out there with a home to offer them (no bars please). They have spent over a month at the shelter and it's time to move on. ATTENTION ALL DOG OWNERS: Your 1995 dog licenses must be purchased by Jan. 31 at the Animal Shelter. Don't get caught without one!
TIMES-NEWS PUBLIC SERVICE ADVERTISEMENT

Young students experience taste of the arts in Idaho Falls

IDAHO FALLS (AP) —

American flags from the past 200 years fluttered from the ceiling as parent Ken Feliciano conducted John Phillip Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever."

Props and parents are part of an innovative arts program at Sunnyside Elementary School in Idaho Falls.

Fine Arts Mini-Experience is designed to introduce young students to famous artists and composers. Last month, they listened to Spousa marches and discussed Edouard Manet's paintings. In late January, they will watch their appetites on the works of Camille Saint-Saens and Claude Monet.

"It's neat for (students) to know about art and music," said Mary Ulrich, who started FAME at Sunnyside after her children said they missed a similar program at their old school in California. FAME programs run in Washington, Oregon, California

and Wyoming. Ulrich hopes the idea will take root in Idaho.

The artists are jumping-off points for lessons in art and music, history, geography and social studies.

Students learn art is a product of history and nature as well as human experience.

Six times a year for six years, students will explore the works of Picasso, Pollock, Chopin and Joplin, to name just four of the 72 artists and composers.

FAME is one example of how parental involvement helps schools stretch their resources. With a start-up cost of \$7,500, it fell well within the school's art and music budget.

It comes with a set curriculum, so parent volunteers do not need a particular expertise. At Sunnyside, 25 parents are involved in the presentations, building sets and putting together art projects.

TWIN FALLS CANAL COMPANY NOTICE OF REGULAR STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the regular meeting of the stockholders of the Twin Falls Canal Company will be held on Tuesday, the 10th day of January, 1995. The meeting will be called to order by the Directors at 9:00 am at the Fine Arts Auditorium at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

Directors from Districts 2 (Twin Falls and Hansen) and 4 (Bohli) will be elected for three-year terms. Stockholders may cumulate votes in the Directors' election.

In addition, three (3) proposed amendments to the Bylaws will be considered and voted upon by the stockholders. In summary the amendments would: 1) require future director candidates to obtain twelve (12) signatures on a petition and turn it into the Secretary of the Company at least twenty (20) days before the annual meeting; 2) adopt the new notice provisions required by the Idaho Nonprofit Corporation Act regarding annual meetings; and 3) limit directors to no more than twelve (12) consecutive years of service. An affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the stock voted is required for approval of each amendment. Copies of the full text of the three (3) proposed amendments are available to stockholders upon request at the Company office, 357 Sixth Avenue West, Twin Falls, Idaho, during regular business hours.

Other business will also be transacted. There will be reports from the Company's Manager, auditors and lawyers. There will also be reports on water supplies, the condition of the canal system, the Company's water quality efforts, the Snake River aquifer study, conjunctive management rulemaking, the status of the Snake River Basin Adjudication, the middle Snake water quality studies, an update of the endangered species developments, and developments concerning water quality.

The corporate books will close for the transfer of stock ten (10) days before said meeting. The polls shall be open at the offices of the Company at 357 Sixth Avenue West, Twin Falls, Idaho between the hours of 12:00 noon and 6:00 pm, on January 10, 1995.

Proxies shall be filed with the Company's Assistant Secretary at the Company's office on or before January 6, 1995.

DATED this tenth day of November, 1994.

TWIN FALLS CANAL COMPANY
Doris Y. Finney, Assistant Secretary

Initiative is being prepared for ballot, court fight

POST FALLS (AP) — Little more than a month before the next election date, Post Falls officials are preparing an initiative ballot at the same time they are challenging the initiative in court.

The initiative, sponsored by the Kootenai County Property Owners Association, calls for voter approval of tax-increment financing proposals in any area considered a disadvantaged border community.

A recent study contracted by the city concludes Post Falls qualifies as a disadvantaged border community. The measure would specifically

force a city election over any tax-increment financing proposal for the 600-acre International Exposition at Post Falls project.

Expo was originally proposed as a huge commercial, retail, and industrial park, but it is now under consideration for an expansion of Micron Technology Inc. of Boise.

The Post Falls City Council is expected to approve a resolution Tuesday supporting efforts to recruit Micron with an offer involving tax-increment financing.

Meanwhile, the city has filed a legal challenge to the KCPOA ini-

tiative in 1st District Court. City attorney Jerry Mason disqualified one judge and the suit was assigned to District Judge James Michaud of Sandpoint.

The suit asks District Judge James Michaud to quickly determine whether the initiative is legal.

Mason contends the initiative usurps powers specifically reserved for elected officials by the Idaho Constitution.

City Clerk Chris Pappas said Friday she is preparing as though the election is a go. She will meet with Mason this week to discuss the required notice of election.

Valley life

Woman learns to listen to her heart

DEAR ABBY: I remember the letter signed "Nameless" — the widow who attended the reunion of her late husband's World War II buddies. There, she met a widower who had lost his invalid wife just six weeks earlier. It was love at first sight and they wanted to marry. I'm glad you told them to go for it!

After 23 years of marriage, my husband left me for another woman. I was 44 and heartbroken — and then out of the blue, I met "Pete," a 48-year-old bachelor. The chemistry was unbelievable! I dated for four months. Seven weeks after my divorce was final, Pete and I were married. Abby, I had never known such happiness!

Only nine months after our marriage, Pete died of a massive heart attack.

I will always treasure the short time we had together. If I had listened to my friends and not gone with my heart and feelings, I would never have had those wonderful months of marriage.

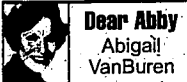
You are right, Abby. Life is short, and we never know what's around the corner.

— STILL GRIEVING

DEAR GRIEVING: My condolences to you, dear lady. Thank you for reaffirming that mature people should listen to their feelings, and pay less attention to what "people" might think or say.

DEAR ABBY: Your advice to tell adopted children that they were "chosen" — giving them the assurance that they were "special" — was once in vogue. Today, it seems falsely sentimental. We do not "choose" a child in the way we might choose a dress from a rack, and no child is any more "special" than any other. ("Special" is often used as a euphemism for a child with disabilities.)

An adopted child today is usually told the facts surrounding his or her adoption. Ours have been told that when they were born, their birth parents were unable to properly care for them, and while that may be sad, we are very happy to have become their parents — and cannot imagine our lives without them.



Dear Abby Abigail VanBuren

Most of us who have adopted children of another race must arm ourselves with snappy retorts.

You wouldn't believe some of the questions we get from strangers. For example: "Where did they come from?" "What happened to their real parents?" "Do you have any of your own?" "What language will they speak when they start talking?"

— CHERI REGISTER, MINNEAPOLIS

DEAR CHERI: Thanks for writing and telling it like it is. The question, "What language will they speak when they start talking?" sets a new high (or low) for stupid questions.

DEAR ABBY: Our 21-year-old daughter still lives at home. We have a major problem. Prior to her 21st birthday, we never charged her anything for living at home. She has worked full time since she graduated from high school, and now she clears \$250 a week.

When she turned 21, my husband insisted she start paying rent. I thought she should give us \$25 a week. My husband says \$50 a week would be more like it.

We are not poor; it's the principle of the thing. She needs to learn responsibility.

Abby, what do you think would be a fair amount?

— MOM AND POP

DEAR MOM AND POP: Split the difference, and make it \$37.50.

Dilettantes cast call for 'Will Rogers Follies'

The Times-News TWIN FALLS — Dilettantes first cast call for the play, 'Will Rogers Follies' is set for 7 p.m. Wednesday at Biekel Elementary School. Scripts and schedules will be handed out.

Good-bye to job, hello to children

Women are finding the transition can be both wonderful and frustrating

Orange County Register

At best, it was controlled chaos. Seventeen children — at least five eating and three crying — roamed the room competing with the speaker for their mothers' attention.

He was trying to tell them how to involve their husbands in their children's lives. They were trying to tell him that some men just don't get the point.

"Are men different?" one mother asked in frustration. "My husband comes home from a business trip and heads for the newspaper and not the baby."

Talk to your husband, advised Michael Webb. Let him know you value his involvement.

"My husband is great at playing with the kids, but it would never occur to him to change a diaper," responded another woman, fishing crackers out of a diaper bag for her toddler. "How do I get him to do more without getting into an argument?"

The discussion raged for an hour. Husbands are a burning issue for those attending The Mother's Morning Program in Irvine, Calif. For the 20 mothers gathered at the bimonthly meeting, there might not have been any solutions, but there certainly was moral support.

That is precisely the point, says Robin Klipper-Fischbein, the mother of two who started the group.

Mothers who have put their careers on hold to stay home with their children need all the support they can get. Trading in the office for the sandbox might sound like a break from the 9-to-5 grind, but after 12 hours per day it also can be lonely, stressful and frustrating. Mothers who have done it emphasize the joy of being with their children — but they also say the transition is not automatically easy.

"For the first three months I was very lonely," remembered Klipper-Fischbein, 35, who has been home since her 5-year-old boys were born. "All of my friends were working. I didn't know any-

one with kids. I watched a lot of TV or went to the mall."

She said meeting regularly with other mothers provides her with a friendship plus the chance to network with women who can advise her about teething or potty training. It's comforting to know other mothers also have days when it's impossible even to visit the bathroom without interruption.

Laurel Brewer, 38, switched to part-time work with United Parcel Service after the birth of her first child. She quit entirely 10 months ago after the birth of her second. Rearing her children she says, is the most important job she will ever have. Yet, she admits, some days are rough.

"Sometime at the end of the day I actually feel depressed because I don't think I have a life. I do, but it gets really routine," the Santa Ana, Calif., mother said. To help cope, she participates in two weekly play groups, plus she and her husband get a baby-sitter once a week.

Women who enjoyed working can find the constant demands and haphazard schedule of toddlers frustrating. On a good day they get to read the newspaper, on a bad day they never get lunch. Suddenly, they miss their jobs.

Lisa Elliott, 28, used to be a campaign assistant for Children's Hospital of Orange County. Now she says staying home in Irvine with her two children is gratifying, but it can be hard on her ego.

"I draw so much self-esteem from the tasks I accomplish and the paycheck and other people's feedback," she said, pausing to move her daughter, who had been trying to eat the carpet. "I'm goal-oriented. With children, I had to just totally take it down to certain things, but I am on my schedule."

Elliott makes sure she sees her friends for moral support and

tries to work off her stress with regular visits to the gym.

When men become their family's sole provider, both spouses feel the impact. Some husbands feel —

pressed — to excel at their jobs; some wives don't like being without an income.

At first I felt really uncomfortable. It was his money coming in, not mine."

Klipper-Fischbein said. "Did I need to justify my expenses? Of course I didn't. It was my own issue."

Diane Buca, 33, enjoys being home in Irvine with her two children younger than 3, but she says her work in the corporate world fulfilled a different need.

Buca thinks eventually she may want to work part-time. The family watches its budget without her income, but she says money is not the issue.

"It wasn't the income that gave me the self-esteem so much as the challenge of the work itself," she said.

To avoid being swallowed by the demands of their children, women at home need to find time for themselves.

Laurie Westmann, 26, began staying home full time in Garden Grove after her youngest was born 10 months ago. She misses the sense of autonomy, the power and respect she enjoyed as a nurse in the coronary care unit.

When she quit her job, she says, her husband didn't get the message about helping.

"It was a given that since I was home I'd do everything," she said. "He brings home the paycheck, he works really long hours. He does nothing at home."

They have since talked, she added, and her husband has begun to do more.

"If the husband is not available, then nobody is taking care of you," Westmann said. "Then all you do is give, give, give all day long."

She has begun giving herself a day to herself once a week, tak-

ing the children to baby sitters.

Mothers have to be careful not to pour all their marketplace skills into the home front and by doing so shut their husbands out.

"With our first child, at first there were power issues," Lisa Elliott remembered. "I felt that since I was with Clayton all the time, I knew everything to do with Clayton and I wanted it done my way."

She said she has tried to step back now and let her husband do things his way. Getting husbands to do things, however, is another sticky subject.

If some women have a fantasy about how wonderful it would be to come home with their children, some men have a fantasy about how wonderful it would be to come home to dinner on the table and children ready for bed.

It doesn't always work that way. The honey-I'm-home-from-work hour seems to be hardest.

Steve Aurbach, 42, drives every day from his work in Whittier to his home in Costa Mesa. Since his wife quit her job last summer to care for their two school-age children, he's had this fantasy. Instead, his wife started repainting the house.

"I like to come home to things neat and orderly, and I want dinner almost ready. It hasn't been," he said. "I know I shouldn't expect to have it all done, but it's still in the back of my mind."

Matt Vance, 31, pitches in at night watching his 2-year-old when his wife-sells Discovery Toys.

Initially, I thought I was doing her a favor," he admitted. "But the more I thought about it, I thought, 'No, our children are our responsibility. I need to assume as much responsibility as I can.'"

Steve Fischbein, 36, says he and his wife are working on that issue.

"At first I focused on work. 'This is your job, this is my job,'" he said. "I recognized pretty early on that THIS is also my job. It doesn't end when you walk in the door at night."

He said they remain committed to keeping one parent at home.

"I'm bringing home the paycheck," he said. "But my wife has got the really important job."

Being tall can be height of irritation

Orlando Sentinel

Given the choice, most of us would like to be taller, and not just because we would get chosen earlier in pickup basketball games. Study after study has shown that the richest, most influential and even the most attractive among us are more likely to be tall than short.

Nevertheless, "there are a lot of disadvantages that go with being tall," says Carlisle Bean, a middle-aged Virginia architect with bruises on his forehead to prove it.

Bean, 6-foot-8, founded the National Institute for Tall People earlier this year. Most clubs for tall folks are for purely social purposes. Bean's institute goes beyond mixers to push a political agenda. For example, he wants to get building codes changed so that the minimum height of doorways is raised from 6 feet 8 inches to 7 feet — a doorway height already common in many public buildings.

"Shaquille (O'Neal) is still going to have to duck," he said. "But above 7 feet you're at such a minuscule percentage of the population that it isn't cost-effective or believable to change it on a national scale."

Bean, 51, would like to see hotels and hospitals set aside at least one room for tall people. He'd like to see airplanes offer at least one row of seats for tall people. He would like to see X-ray machines modified to better accommodate tall people, whose long spines often translate into back problems that have to be treated. He would like to see clothing makers address the tallest 5 percent of the population — men over 6 feet 11, women over 5 feet 8.

It's this last point that really resonates. Most tall people have long learned to cope with many of the inconveniences Bean grouches about. But finding clothes that fit is a real problem for tall people, especially if they're female. (Ironically, the young women who model the fashions virtually all stand between 5 foot 9 and 6 feet tall.)

There are at least nine clothing stores for tall and big men in and around Orlando. There are just four clothing stores for tall women in all of Florida, and none in Orlando. The closest is in Tampa.

Ginger Casey, an Oviedo, Fla. legal secretary who is 6 feet tall, shops for her clothes and shoes out of specialty catalogs and on out-of-

town trips. Her husband, Reid, a 6-foot-8 systems analyst, also buys most of his clothes from catalogs because he finds the styles and colors carried at tall and big shops too conservative.

Tim Tyler, a 6-foot-8 attorney-turned-financial consultant who lives in Winter Park, Fla., gets his shirts and ties from local tail stores and the rest of his clothes from catalogs. His feet are small — just size 12 — so he has the luxury of buying shoes — just about where ever they're sold.

Tyler has other problems, though. "What really gets me are signs suspended from ceilings and exit signs that stick down," Tyler said. "A real dangerous place for guys like me is a lamp shop. With all those hanging lights, it's like picking your way through a briar patch. And some buildings with 7-foot drop ceilings, it can get real close in there."

Tyler, 47, avoids some common problems experienced by many tall men. He rarely flies in a public transportation, where legroom is a problem. He drives a roomy car, a Cadillac Sedan DeVille. At movies, concerts and ball games he always

looks for an aisle seat. (He can usually count on the seat behind him being left empty.) He keeps his back healthy with a daily dose of lap swimming. He sleeps in a king-sized bed. When people ask how tall he is, he answers, "5 foot 20."

Mostly, though, he simply puts up with a world designed for smaller people. He enjoys being tall, even though it means he'll never be able to drive his dream car, a Ferrari. He found this out the hard way.

"There was a Ferrari 308 two-door coupe a friend of mine owned that he kept in back of a warehouse. He wasn't around, but I figured he wouldn't mind if I just sat in the car. I found I could just squeeze in behind the wheel if I put the seat back all the way and cocked my head to one side. I got my feet on the pedals and shut the door.

"I was wedged in: I looked for the door handle and couldn't find it. I started hyperventilating. I tried to toes the horn, the battery was disconnected, which also meant I couldn't roll down the electric windows. I remember thinking that all they'd find were my skeletal remains.

Family medical history can offer life-saving clues

Knight-Ridder News Service

As your family gathers over the holidays, you can exchange more than gifts and New Year's toasts. Putting together a family medical history from your grandparents, aunts and uncles and cousins can provide useful even life-saving — clues for you and your children.

"It's very important to go to your oldest relative to get as much information as possible," says Dr. Karl Muench, a professor of medicine and chief of the division of genetic medicine at the University of Miami School of Medicine.

Learning that you have genetic risks may jolt you into changing your health habits as a hedge against cancer or heart disease. Or, the information may help your doctor diagnose an illness — or help keep you from getting one.

"If you learn you have a predisposition for hypertension, it could be the incentive you need to throw away the salt shaker," writes

Carol Krause, author of "How Healthy Is Your Family Tree?" to be published in late January.

"If your family has a history of high cholesterol, you are likely to lack warnings about diet more seriously. A young couple with a checked medical background can get genetic counseling before having children of their own. A woman with a family pattern of breast cancer might become religious about self-exams and have mammograms."

Krause provides a step-by-step guide to tracing your medical family tree. She became interested in the subject when her sister was diagnosed with ovarian and uterine cancer at age 38. They and two other sisters then presented their family tree to genetic experts, who told them they had significant inherited risks.

The sisters underwent exploratory surgeries and tests. All but one had cancers — including Krause, who, at 40, was found to have a malignant tumor in her colon — and they were caught early enough for treatment.

She and her sisters believe that the warning provided by their medical family tree, followed by early screening and treatment, saved them from early deaths.

Engagement

Hartman-Grubbs

TWIN FALLS — Harlen and Jeanne Hartman of Twin Falls, announce the engagement of their daughter, Tiffany Lee Hartman, to Alan Grubbs of Ray and Linda Grubbs of Twin Falls. She is also the daughter of the late Marla Whitehead Hartman.

Hartman is a 1993 graduate of Twin Falls High School and is finishing her freshman year at the College of Southern Idaho. She is currently working at Twin Falls Title and Real Estate, and at Internountain Martial Arts as a trainee instructor. Hartman holds the rank of third degree black belt in Taekwondo and bronze medalion, Gold Sticker in the Inayan Sinawali Dequerdos Style of Escrima.

She is a Specialist E4 in the Army National Guard. Grubbs is a 1994 graduate of Twin Falls High School and is attending his freshman year at



Nathan Allen Grubbs and Tiffany Lee Hartman

CSI. Grubbs is presently employed at Windshields of Idaho and at Internountain Martial Arts as a trainee instructor. Grubbs holds the rank of third degree black belt in Taekwondo and bronze medalion, Gold Sticker in the Inayan Sinawali Dequerdos Style of Escrima. Grubbs is a Private E1 in the Army National Guard.

A private wedding is planned for early January at the White House in Twin Falls.

Ashley, Jacob top Idaho names

BOISE (AP) — Idaho kindergarten teachers will have to contend with plenty of girls named Ashley and boys called Jacob.

Those were the most popular names for Idaho newborns in 1993. The list is part of the state Department of Health and Welfare's new statistics.

"By and large, these names are popular across the country at the same time," state statistician Jan Wick said. They are often the effect of pop culture.

JaynaLee Williams, 33, gave birth this week to a baby boy named Joshua, after the album, "Joshua Tree" by the rock group U2. Her husband chose the name.

She was a little disappointed that many other parents liked the name too. It was No. 11 for boys.

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Pet owners demand quality care

SEATTLE (AP) — The patient lay quietly as the massive, \$2 million brain scanning machine peered into his head.

It was late, after hours, and the patient had been whisked into the radiology lab through a side door.

The patient was a cocker spaniel. Dr. Kim Nicholas, a veterinarian who has referred two animal patients for magnetic resonance imaging (MRIs) in the last six months, says pet owners are becoming increasingly willing to spend big bucks on medical care for their pets. And they are demanding the same care that is available to humans.

Dogs are given MRIs to look for brain tumors and evidence of strokes. Such a scan for a dog can cost \$600-\$800, said radiologist Dr. Charles Root of Animal Medical Imaging of Redmond.

Dogs also can receive such "people medicine" treatment as hip replacements, bone grafts, ultrasounds, CAT scans and laser surgery, said Nicholas, president of the Washington State Veterinary Medical Association.

"People expect the best, and there's a lot at stake for them emotionally," said Charlie Powell, a spokesman for the College of Veterinary Medicine at Washington State University in Pullman.

That all costs lots of money. But compared to human medical costs, the vet bills are cheap.

"The technology is the same, the equipment is the same, the skill of the surgeons is the same. In relative terms, it's quite a bargain," Nicholas said. "It's cheap."

"It's just that there's that option of euthanasia."

Jo-Anne and Marty Modance of Seattle weren't about to let their beloved 8-year-old English bulldog die after he developed kidney problems. So Peaches got a kidney transplant this fall from Rex, their 6-year-old Labrador retriever.

It was worth it to the Modances — who describe themselves as middle-income — to spend more than



Dr. Kim Nicholas, President of the Washington State Veterinary Medical Association, gets a kiss from his parrots' 3-year-old schnauzer, Gretchen, in his Renton, Wash., clinic Thursday.

\$10,000 on Peaches' medical bills and \$630 on monthly payments for medication.

"Pure love and devotion" was the reason, said Marty Modance.

"One night I was so depressed and agitated — I was certain (Peaches) was going to die. I was tossing and turning. The guilt was just ripping through me,"

Modance said, explaining the kidney disease was the result of a misdiagnosed urinary tract infection two years ago.

"I was not going to have a vet come over and tell me to put my precious dog to sleep. I'm going to do what I want to do."

"The precious little thing is so dependant on us. It's brutal, but

we've committed ourselves to the long haul. We're loyal," Modance said.

"That might outrage some people who feel a dog's place is in the doghouse."

"But you don't see people protesting Magnolia Hi-Fi if someone walks out with a \$10,000 stereo system," Nicholas said. "It's all discretionary income. How you spend it is a personal choice."

"That argument assumes that instead of spending the \$10,000 on the dog, it would go to the homeless, or something, and I don't buy that," he added. "People decide how they choose to spend their money and what's important to them."

According to the U.S. Department of Commerce, 34.6 million American households own a dog — that's nearly 37 percent. And 29.2 million households have a cat, about 31 percent of the total.

For whatever reason, the millions of people who own dogs are becoming more attached to them and willing to do what it takes to care for them, veterinarians say.

"We find it is becoming more socially acceptable for someone who lost an animal to outwardly grieve as much as if they had lost a human (relative or friend)," said radiologist Root.

"You hear less and less, 'Quit your crying and get another dog or cat,'" he said. "People are enjoying the human-animal bond more and more."

Root performed the MRI on the cocker spaniel, a year-old male puppy, who was recently whisked into a radiology lab in an east Seattle suburb late in the evening after all the human patients had left.

The MRI was covered in blankets and towels, and sanitized after the procedure was over, said Nicholas, the animal's vet.

Root and Nicholas were checking the puppy for a possible brain tumor. Luckily for the cocker spaniel, he just had an inner ear infection, a problem that responded to medication.

More veterinarians offer specialized care

Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — By the time he was almost 2 years old, Molson the golden retriever was nearly crippled, suffering from a degenerative joint disorder that left him unable to jump into a car or climb stairs.

Less than a generation ago, Molson probably would have been put to death. Few veterinarians specialized in advanced medical treatments, and even fewer pet owners were willing to shell out hundreds — sometimes thousands — of dollars to pay for the care.

But not anymore. Like their counterparts in human medicine, rising numbers of veterinarians are going into specialties such as kidney disease, cardiology, ophthalmology, neurology, cardiology, surgery and dentistry.

Today, Molson is recovering nicely from hip-replacement surgery that surely saved his life.

"I never even considered putting him to sleep," said owner Gary Leibovitz of Chicago, who believes that the \$2,700 surgery bill was well worth it — especially if Molson can live 10 more years.

Of the 56,000 veterinarians in the United States, some 4,800 are specialists, and that number is growing by almost 10 percent a year, according to the American Veterinary Medical Association in Schaumburg, Ill.

Even the world's most famous vet — best-selling author James Herriot — said in an interview a few years ago that he is not in the same league as the specialists.

Indeed, Herriot's image of the kindly vet traipsing with muddy boots

through Yorkshire country barns is giving way to a city doctor who presides over gleaming clinics where equipment is as sophisticated as in any human hospital.

Leibovitz is one of thousands of pet owners in the U.S. who are choosing specialty veterinary care. Recent brain surgery on a gorilla at Chicago's Brookfield Zoo may have seemed extraordinary — and in many ways it was. But even for family pets, delicate life-saving operations, once considered exotic, are becoming a reality.

Once confined to teaching hospitals at universities, many of these specialists are in private practice around big cities like Chicago, where they have a clientele of sophisticated pet owners who flock to their offices.

"In decades past, the primary job of the veterinarian was tending to farm animals. They were important to their owners as economic units. Today, more vets treat animals who are important to their owners as companions."

"There has been an evolution in recent years, and pets have become more and more important," said Dr. Charles Gendreau, chief of the surgical team at the Veterinary Specialty Clinic in Riverwoods, Ill.

"As society has changed, families have broken down, a lot of people are by themselves, and the pet becomes extremely important," Gendreau said.

"We've become more sophisticated. When you lived on the farm and had four kids, the dog was not important," said Gendreau, who does upwards of 40 surgeries a week on mostly dogs and some cats.

No one keeps track of what Americans are spending on specialty

care, but the Washington, D.C.-based Pet Information Bureau estimates the average annual veterinary bill is \$130 for a dog and \$80 for a cat.

When it comes to paying for specialty care, owners say spending varies from about \$65 for a dental cleaning to \$250 for diagnostic tests such as a magnetic resonance imaging or an echo-cardiogram. Other procedures can run into the thousands of dollars.

Among the new options that may become widely available is dialysis and organ transplants for older dogs and cats, said Dr. Jerry Thornhill, a kidney specialist at the Veterinary Centers of America, a clinic in Berwyn, Ill.

"I became increasingly aware that a lot of animals were being put down for kidney failure than for any other disease," said Thornhill, the head of one of three veterinary kidney centers in the country.

"I thought there certainly should be some way to help," he said. "They didn't all have to lose their lives this way."

The money is another story. With pet medical insurance just emerging, most owners pay the bills out of their own pockets.

"It's like putting a kid through school," Leibovitz said recently of the cost of Molson's surgery. "It's amazing what people who really love animals will do."

At the small animal clinic at the University of Illinois-Urbana, clients come with their pets from all over the Midwest.

"In the mid-'70s, there weren't enough specialists even to cover all

the medical schools," said Dr. Alan Parker, a neurologist and the chief of staff at the clinic, which sees 17,000 animals a year.

New sets of the numbers of specialists increase, Parker said, an overwhelming number of them go into private practice.

"It's the beginning of a major explosion," he said.

And that means the outlook is good for pets like Nancy Rottzoll's 10-month-old English shephdog, McGee.

McGee has a sparkling new smile, thanks to 10 weeks of braces to correct a painful crooked tooth that was piercing the roof of his mouth.

"People laugh when I say my dog had braces," said Rottzoll, a resident of Champaign, Ill. "But I am just sold on the idea of being able to handle it this way."

The braces cost \$500, about the same as the surgery, and saved McGee from a painful operation.

"When you have toothache, you run to the dentist. It's beyond me that people think that dogs or cats can't have dental pain," said Dr. Sandra Manfra, the veterinarian in charge of McGee's case at the University of Illinois clinic.

Manfra recommended a regular program of preventive dental care for pets similar to that prescribed for humans.

That kind of treatment is only the beginning. Meanwhile, Molson, the golden retriever, is just about ready to go back to work.

And considering his medical history, Molson seems especially suited for his job: He's a volunteer therapy dog who brings cheer to hospitalized humans.

"He's a good boy," Leibovitz said.

Washington family searches for little girl

AENEAS VALLEY, Wash. (AP) — Dan Davis had high hopes when she moved her four children out of the slums of Tacoma to the remote Aeneas Valley.

Here, they would be nearly 20 miles away from the closest town. Here, they would be out of range of the rampant violence and drugs of the Tacoma public housing development where they had lived.

But no place is immune from tragedy. At 6 p.m. on Sept. 17, her 9-year-old daughter Penny announced to a brother that she was going for a walk. She hasn't been seen since, and a thorough police search has turned up almost nothing.

"A country atmosphere is every mother's dream for her children," Davis said. "I can't believe that this would happen here."

Did she run away? "She's not that kind of kid," said her mother.

Could she have been a victim of an accident? "We don't believe it's possible that she fell down and got hurt and was out there. We searched that area a little too well for that," even using "cadaver dogs" trained to seek out corpses, said Okanogan County Undersheriff Mike Murray.

They found footprints on the first search leading to the intersection of Aeneas Valley Road and Patterson Creek Road, an intersection in the middle of nowhere, with fields all around and forests in the background.

And nothing more since. "That's one of the frustrating things about this case, we haven't had any breaks. But we just keep pounding away at it," Murray said.

Davis thinks Penny was kidnapped, picked up by a passing car. Murray refused to speculate, and wouldn't say whether authorities think she is alive.

"We're trying to keep this as open-minded as we can," Murray said.

The day she vanished, Penny had been fighting with her friend Paige. She told her brother Paige, 7, and Paige that she was going for a walk.

"She's the kind of kid when she's really feeling frustrated, she'll walk away from the situation and go hide for awhile. Walk away and go think," Davis said.

"She'd basically play hide and seek with the other kids and don't tell them she's playing hide and seek. This is her explanation for

it. 'Well, I was hiding to see if you guys could find me.'"

"So I wasn't worried at first," Davis said.

Paige and Patric came back to the house about 6:30 p.m., but Davis didn't start to worry until Penny didn't answer when called around 7 p.m.

"That's when the search started. Davis first went to neighbors up and down the road to see if they had seen the child."

As it started to get dark, she began to search by horseback with a flashlight.

At 11 p.m., she realized she wasn't going to find Penny without help, so she made the 20-mile drive into Tonasket to get the police.

Murray said it was possible that Penny ran away. She apparently told Paige that she was going to. But most runaways are found in a week, seen by the locals and whatnot. That did not happen here. "We're concerned about that. The whole time she's been missing, we have had one sighting."

A woman told police she saw Penny in Wenatchee in October, but nothing has come of that tip, Murray said.

Davis, who lives on welfare and is separated from her husband, moved her children to Okanogan County in July 1993.

She saw the property listed in a free advertising bulletin and bought the shack and 20 surrounding acres for \$1,000 down and small monthly payments.

"I was terrified for these guys being shot. I was terrified for these guys from being kidnapped. I was terrified for them just going to school. Drugs on the street right by the school, and drug pushers — third-grade drug pushers — in the school."

So instead she and her family sit in rural isolation, gripped by fear.

"We're just talking about when Penny comes home. Not when we find her, but when she comes home. I refuse to concede to the idea that they'll find her dead body. No way. God's a more merciful God than that. If I concede to that idea, then we'll find her dead body," Davis said.

"Through all my fear, I have moments of the most unbelievable peace. It's like I know she's OK," Davis said softly. "Through all my moments of fear, through all my moments of terror. Call it my strength and belief in God, but I know she'll come back."

Group wants marijuana legalization on '96 ballot

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Another campaign is under way to put a marijuana legalization measure on an Oregon election ballot.

Organizers, rallying Sunday in front of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission in Milwaukie, vowed to quickly raise the required 70,000 signatures to qualify the measure for the November 1996 general election.

The commission would regulate the industry under the Oregon Cannabis Tax Act of 1997, said Paul

Stanford, the measure's author. Stanford was a chief petitioner in 1986 when a similar measure was defeated by voters by a two to one margin.

Stanford said legalizing marijuana would raise about \$500 million in taxes. Officials estimate that the illegal marijuana market is a \$2.6 billion industry in Oregon.

Such money could be used for school funding and drug treatment, Stanford said. Hundreds of jobs would be created, he added.

Grants help Logan couple restore old railroad depot

LOGAN, Utah (AP) — A Logan couple is a step closer to their dream of restoring an old railroad depot thanks to two grants of more than \$40,000.

Michelle and Donnie Whitney hope to have the depot fully restored near its centennial on March 5, 1995.

The George and Dolores Dor Eccles Foundation has contributed \$39,000 toward the landmark's restoration, and the West Center Street Restoration Alliance donated \$1,500.

But another \$50,000 still is needed, the Whitneys said.

"I didn't think it would take this much time and money," Michelle Whitney said.

She said the most recent grants will be combined with an \$80,000 Community Development Block Grant and about \$2,000 in private donations.

The grants will help with accessibility and interior renovation, as well as engineering, architectural and legal costs.

The Whitneys also are counting on a federal grant that is pending approval.

That \$787,000 transportation grant would be used for exterior restoration, landscaping and parking areas.

The funds are part of a \$479,700 federal Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act grant, which also would be used to develop bicycle and pedestrian trails through Logan.

The Whitneys formed the non-profit Logan Depot Foundation in June 1992 to help restore the depot, which Union Pacific Railroad donated to the foundation last year.

The Whitneys plan call for the restoration of the depot as a museum.

A restaurant also would be included in the building.

Portland man found

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Kootenai County Sheriff's investigators have identified the body apparently dumped on westbound Interstate 90 Dec. 26 as a 45-year-old Portland, Ore. man.

Jan Bowers' body was found by another driver on the side of the roadway of the Blue Creek Bay Bridge, with a gunshot wound to the head.

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CAME RIGHT IN OFF THE BENCH, HUH?

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NO! NO! NO! I NEED MORE SLEEP!

I CAN'T KEEP MY EYES OPEN!

BED? ALREADY? BUT I'M WIDE AWAKE!

MY INTERNAL CLOCK IS ON TOKYO TIME.

B.C. By Johnny Hart

WHAT A STUPID BIRD.

THERE'S NO FISH IN SAND!

Garfield By Jim Davis

BAD NEWS, GARFIELD. I FORGOT TO BUY CAT FOOD!

OH NO!

WHATEVER WILL I DO?!

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"...THE 'NAUGHTY NINES' ARE FOLLOWED BY 'THE TERRIBLE TENS,' 'THE IMPOSSIBLE ELEVENS,' AND 'THE TRYING TWELVES'..."

"...AND THAT'S JUST THE FIRST YEAR."

GEE, I DIDN'T KNOW THEY HAD PHASES FOR EVERY MONTH!

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HAVING YOUR BOSS BREATHE IN HELIUM BEFORE SAYING 'YOU'RE FIRED'

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HEY, IF YOU CAN ACCESSORIZE, I CAN ACCESSORIZE!

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WELL, JULIUS, WHAT ARE THE MEN SAYING ABOUT ME THESE DAYS?

THEY'RE SAYING WHAT A GREAT, INSPIRED LEADER YOU ARE, SIR

HMM... I WONDER WHY THE SUDDEN CHANGE?

THEY FOUND OUT I RAT ON THEM

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STOP BLOWING IT OUT... THIS ISN'T ANYONE'S BIRTHDAY!

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Blondie By Dean Young & Stan Drake

I'M NOT GIVING YOU THE RAISE YOU WANT FOR THE NEW YEAR, AND THAT'S FINAL!

TEN EVEN TEN DOLLARS A WEEK? A WORD?

EVERYBODY GOT A TEN-DOLLAR RAISE? I KNOW I SAID THAT A WORD?

YOU KNOW HOW MUCH MONEY THAT BE?!

OF COURSE THEY'LL KNOW! I'D TELL THEM. I'D BE SO PROUD OF GIVING YOU THE RAISE. GO AHEAD! HELP IT!

THAT'S WHY YOU CAN'T HAVE THE RAISE

Pickles By Brian Crane

YOU MAKE ANY NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS?

I RESOLVED TO STOP SLEEPING IN SO LATE.

WOUNG! IT GOIN' SO FAR?

GOOD. THIS MORNING I GOT UP AT THE CRACK OF DAWN.

THEN I STUFFED A SOCK IN THE CRACK AND WENT BACK TO BED.

Dennis the Menace By Hank Ketcham

WE WERE JUST LOOKING FOR THE BIRDS THAT GO WITH ALL OF THESE FEATHERS.

The Family Circus By Bill Keane

"Listen, Mommy! Walkin' in this snow sounds like a giant eating celery!"

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Sydney Omarr Horoscope

IF JANUARY 3 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Love and deceiving - a cultured appearance causes many to feel you are "a clown." Actually, you are shrewd, perceptive, have sense of humor and should be expert at your poker table. You are attractive, intelligent, must constantly pay heed to resolutions relating to diet, nutrition, Gemini, Sagittarius persons play significant roles in your life. January features emotional involvement, partnership, publicity, rejuvenation, July most memorable.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Family member "comes through" with encouragement, cash. Focus on partnership, security, property, material status. Weave your own charm and wish comes true.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Those who claimed you were "fixed-in-your ways" are in for rude awakening. Focus on leadership, inventiveness, display of sparkling humor. You could be flirting with fame and fortune!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Fix things, sharpen tools, test, recipes. Aquatic moon relates to philosophy, higher mind, spiritual values, plan for journey. Taurus, Leo, Scorpio persons figure in scenario. At the ready!

CANCER (June 21-July 22): What was lost will be voluntarily returned. Partner or mate "borrowed." Focus on written requests, change of venue, vital information obtained from article.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Attention revolves around domestic adjustment, music, possibility of reunion with loved one.

Focus on income, lost article, marital status. Agreement signed, you're on the way!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Legal agreement revised - to your advantage. What began as "illusion" becomes reality. There is water, not mere mirage. Work procedures subject to change.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Confusion transformed into "working operation."

Lunar position highlights "stirring of creative juices." Spotlight on career opportunity, partnership, marriage. Capricorn plays dynamic role.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Favorable publicity received - use springboard. Participate in charitable, political activity gift received adds to wealth, proves you are popular. Aries represented.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Low opportunity received - sense of direction regained. Scenario highlights partnership, gourmet dining, declaration of love. Relative return from short trip; relative "good news."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Moon in Aquarius coincides with "financial windfall." Diversity, experiment, give full play to intellectual curiosity. Aspects are such that you could win contest.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Pick and choose, stress quality, refuse to be cajoled into "second best." Annoyance? "If insisting on quality makes me an elitist, that's what I am!"

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Sky is the limit! Tom aside fear of the unknown. You'll get backing, support from those you admire, respect, celebration - enjoy it! Taurus, Scorpio persons in dramatic roles.

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Goliath frogs don't croak

L.M. Boyd
What's what?

Q. Why are some continental French frogs sprayed with a sugar solution before they're packed and shipped?

A. Sugar caramelizes in the cooking oil, uniting the fries in a golden manner most appealing.

Report is more than 100 people a year nationwide choke to death on ball point pen.

Q. Why was a pirate flag called a "Jolly Roger"?

A. "Jolly" used to mean bright and brave. Meant that, in "jolly good fellow," too. "Roger" once was the generic name for any scorable man in England. Even as our "Good Ol' Boy."

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Q. When were shoes rationed in the United States?

A. In 1943 during World War II. Three pairs a year per customer.

People

Palm Beach suffers debutante shortage

PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — In the winter capital of America's high society, only one thing is in short supply these days — debutantes.

The Palm Beach Opera Debutante Cotillion Thursday night was canceled for the first time in its 30-year history after only six young women signed up for the coming-out party at the elegant Breakers Hotel. Usually, 20 to 30 take part.

The cancellation left a void in Palm Beach's social calendar. The city of 10,000 with its palm-lined boulevards, marble mansions and manicured estates can triple its population at the height of "the season," when the rich come south, for the weather, the scenery and the social whirl.

"A lot of people are very sad about this," said Sunny Miller, chairman of the event for more than a decade. "If we'd known how sad we were going to be, we would have had it with just the six."

Instead of coaching anxious girls in rehearsals in the Venetian ballroom of the Breakers — the 1927 Italian Renaissance structure that has long been the social center of a very social town — and attending the flurry of family parties that fill the holidays, Mrs. Miller was explaining what happened to the debutante ball.

The popularity of the debutante experience may have waned because there is a stigma attached to it," said Judy Persin, whose daughter would have been at this year's ball. "They think you have to be wealthy, be in the blue book."

So Thursday night saw no presentation of debts in gowns, pearls and long white gloves. No orchestra playing a waltz. No proud fathers. No bouquets of red roses. No young men in white tie and tails. No whirlwind of parties from Thanksgiving to New Year's Day.

Participation in the Palm Beach cotillion can cost \$2,500 to 20 times that, Mrs. Miller said. Some debutantes' parents put on parties that cost \$50,000 or more. The

debutantes — ages 16 to 23 — are chosen by a committee from names recommended by friends and former participants.

Margaret Beutenmuller, a high school senior and former deb, said many of her friends didn't understand the concept. "The big thing about it for me was the amount of time I got to spend with my whole family ... a lot of time to spend with my Dad, who is very busy working," she said.

Interest in such high-society pomp has declined in many smaller cities, according to debutante watch-chairwoman of the Debutante Assembly and New Year's Ball at New York's Plaza Hotel for 36 years.

She conducted a nationwide survey and found about 230 debutante events taking place. The tradition is still strong in bigger cities in the Northeast and the South. But up to half the smaller organizations had folded in the last five years.

In New York City, 29 young women were making their debuts Thursday night at the 41st International Debutante Ball. But that number was down from a peak of about 60 during the early 1980s, said David Gould, the ball's publicist.

"It's the economy," he said. "Some parents feel that it might be a bit too much for them."

Etiquette experts like Letitia Baldrige said young women would rather spend the money in different ways — like trips to Paris or Rome. "This started in the last five or 10 years," she said. "A lot of the (organizations) have quietly gone away."

Women used to make their debut in society, meet a man, get married, have children and "that was your life," Baldrige said. "A lot of the girls now are working, going to graduate school. They just don't have the time."

The Palm Beach cotillion had seen enrollment drop in the last three years. The six women who signed up this year will join with seven or eight prospects at a ball next year, Mrs. Miller said.

Frenchman overcomes seasickness, not boredom

PARIS (AP) — A French adventurer trying to swim across the Atlantic has overcome severe seasickness nearly two weeks into his journey, but is starting to get bored, organizers said Thursday.

Guy Delage, 42, accompanied by a raft full of supplies, "says he's doing very well, he has no more seasickness and the weather's good," said Matteo Mazzeri, a member of the Paris support team. "But he said the monotony was starting to set in."

As of Wednesday night, team members said Delage was 520 miles northwest of Cape Verde, the island group off west Africa from which he began his swim Dec. 16.

Although France has a tradition of endurance-testing solo adventures, many of his countrymen are not impressed.

"No, Delage is Not Swimming," read a large headline in the top French sports daily L'Equipe, noting he uses flippers and takes regular breaks on the raft.

Under normal rules of endurance swimming, Delage couldn't even touch the raft, the paper said. Delage is far from respecting that main rule. And for a reason: You don't cross the Atlantic swimming. Man is not equipped for an undertaking of that scale," the paper opined.

"At best, to be nice to our hero ... he undergoes each day a few hours of an invigorating — albeit dangerous — swim while his platform drifts in the Atlantic."

The day Delage began his journey, the newspaper Le Monde said the undertaking "will put him in that book of records, in between the world accordion champion and the person who can eat the most snails."

Mazzeri did not argue the point Thursday. "We never said it was a sports event, but a scientific endeavor," Mazzeri said.

Wearing a wetsuit, mask and specially designed oversized flippers, Delage expects to take up to three months, swimming 10 hours a day, to cover the 2,440-mile route to the West Indies.



Elisabeth Maxwell, right, widow of publisher Robert Maxwell, shown here with her son Phillip, right, has written an autobiography which paints a portrait of her late husband as a brutal and tyrannical man who thrashed their children for small failings and humiliated her.

Maxwell's widow tells all in book

Wife of late publishing tycoon paints ugly picture of husband

LONDON (AP) — If there was one thing worse than working for Robert Maxwell, the blustering tycoon who looted the pension funds of his tottering publishing empire, it was being married to him.

Or so it can seem from the autobiography of his widow, Elisabeth Maxwell, published three years after his mysterious death off his yacht in the Mediterranean.

Scattered among the 536 pages is a portrait of a bully and a tyrant: a huge bellowing man who thrashed their hood of children for small failings, belittled and humiliated her, and was tight with the cash.

For nearly 50 years she kept quiet about it, said 73-year-old Mrs. Maxwell. Now she needs money, and the result is "A Mind of My Own," published recently in United States by HarperCollins and in Britain by Sidgwick and Jackson.

"I need to earn my living," she said in an interview in a London hotel. "I have to find work. It is not easy at my age to start again. A friend of mine has lent me a house,

but it's only for a year ... I wouldn't want to impose."

She has tried to claim a \$485,000-a-year pension from Maxwell's former newspaper. Two sons who worked for him and face charges of fraud and conspiracy are eligible for state legal aid because they say they have no assets.

When he vanished at sea in November 1991, Maxwell's international media conglomerate included Britain's Mirror Group newspapers, the New York Daily News, and MacMillan Inc., a major U.S. publisher.

The Maxwells had nine children. At their mansion in Oxfordshire she raised her family, entertained staff and clients and got a doctorate in French from Oxford in 1981 with a dissertation on the art of letter writing.

She then began research into the Holocaust, in which Maxwell's parents died.

A year before he disappeared, Mrs. Maxwell read in a newspaper that her husband had moved up from being the 8th richest person in

Britain to being the fourth. "I thought, 'Good God, I could do with some of that (money).'"

Her husband, she said, never "lavished money or jewelry on me. It wasn't like that."

After Maxwell died, at least \$12 billion was found to be missing from pension funds and other companies.

He had bought shares in his own companies to inflate the price, used stocks owned by pension funds as collateral for risky loans to other Maxwell companies, and used the same securities to obtain several loans.

"It seems to be likely that toward the end he certainly gambled," Mrs. Maxwell said. "I am absolutely certain he would never have — how can I say? — used the funds with the idea that he would deprive people of what was theirs. He wanted to leave the world a better place."

Time and again during the interview she gave the benefit of the doubt to Maxwell, a Czech-born refugee who married Elisabeth Meynard, daughter of an upper-class

French Protestant family, in Paris in 1945.

Although on lawyers' advice, she said she does not discuss the business collapse with indicted sons Kevin and Ian, she is sure they are innocent.

She said that in the last disastrous years, Maxwell "lost his senses," became a megalomaniac in the 80s, and she should have left him then.

Her arresting blue eyes softened. "He loved me to the end in spite of all the ups and downs. But if I'd left, he would have respected me more."

There were good times, like the family holidays on a chartered yacht. Except the time Maxwell forced 7-year-old Kevin to eat French beans by locking him in his cabin for two days and then threatening to throw him with a rope.

Or the tense family Sunday lunches at Headington Hill Hall near Oxford, with Maxwell laying down the law, interrupting, correcting, singling out one child for attack.

She added, "But there is absolutely no doubt Bob loved his children."

Russian candy factory offers sweet deal

MOSCOW (AP) — Don't ask folks at the Red October candy factory about the invasion of Mars. And don't mention Snickers or Bounty either.

These American sweets are so heavily advertised, so omnipresent in today's Russia that a whole generation of Mars, Snickers and Bounty jokers has appeared.

But no one is laughing at Red October. A scowl darkens the face of Red October director Anatoly Dausrsky at the mere mention of a Mars bar.

"One hundred and fifty million people wanted to try some foreign chocolate. Well, it's been two years and everyone has had their taste. And we now say OUR confectionery is going to survive!" he declared.

"Like many big state enterprises, Red October has had a tough time since the Soviet collapse. But this 127-year-old confectioner isn't about to give up.

In early December, the sprawling red-brick factory in the heart of Moscow became the first former state company to sell shares to the general public, officials announced.

Money raised through the landmark stock offering — part of a pilot program aimed at showing other Russian companies how such a thing is done and market its sweets.

Red October has, Dausrsky says with a certain understatement, "had its ups and downs" since it was founded in 1867 by a German master confectioner.

There was the Bolshevik Revolution, when the factory was nationalized. There was World War II, when hundreds of workers were sent to the front. There was the 20 percent tax on imported sugar levied this year.

And then there was Mars. And Snickers. And Bounty. — and

their British advisers — insist the company's chocolates, toffees and caramels have a solid niche in the Russian market.

To many Muscovites, Red October products like Mishka (Clumsy Bear) chocolates, Little Cow caramels, Romancovee bonbons and Kis-Kis toffees are tender reminders of childhood treats and family gatherings.

Red October sweets are savored, Dausrsky insists, not wolfed down on the run like an American candy bar. Red October seems at least equal in quality to American sweets, but buying the imported stuff is the trend.

Red October cultivates its role as a national institution; the company museum is like a quick tour through Russian history.

It is crammed with memorabilia, from brocaded boxes from the days when the factory supplied sweets to the czar's household to red velvet gags emblazoned with the

Communist hammer and sickle.

The \$21.8 million stock offering could give Red October a new lease on life. Dausrsky says half the plant's equipment is obsolete. Packaging and distribution also need improvement.

Red October will offer 3.5 million shares to Russian and foreign investors at 20,000 rubles, about \$6.25, a share for two weeks beginning Monday.

Officials hope the stock offer will set an example for a nation still somewhat befuddled by the whole concept of investing. Millions of Russians seeking quick riches have been defrauded by fly-by-night funds and thinly disguised pyramid schemes.

Red October, officials say, won't make anyone rich overnight. But it won't vanish overnight either. Red October posted a profit of \$22.3 million in the first half of 1994.

Famous Hollywood eatery will close

WEST HOLLYWOOD, Calif. (AP) — Chasen's, the restaurant that fed the likes of Jimmy Cagney, Alfred Hitchcock, Humphrey Bogart and Ronald Reagan, will serve its last meal next spring.

The 58-year-old eatery will close April 1, developer Ira Smedra of Beverly West Square Associates said. In its place will rise a shopping center.

Chasen's was founded Dec. 13, 1936, after Harold Ross, editor of the New Yorker magazine, urged the comedian friend Dave Chasen to get out of show business and pursue his true talent — cooking.

It opened in a Los Angeles County cornfield as Chasen's Southern Pit Barbecue and soon became a hotspot for Hollywood's elite.

Frank Capra, who had directed Chasen in a movie, was an opening night guest. Customers over the years included actors, presidents and Hollywood elite.

Chasen's wife, Maude Chasen, bragged in 1985 that she had entertained "every president since 1936," except Roosevelt — and Mrs. Roosevelt came. George Bush, then a vice president running for the presidency, got a standing ovation when he walked in one night in 1988.

Mrs. Chasen began running the restaurant after her husband died in 1973.

In recent years, Chasen's had gained a reputation as a watering hole for Hollywood's older crowd.

But it remained a see-and-be-

seen spot for star-studded Oscar night gatherings and for Rose Bowl and Super Bowl parties.

Mrs. Chasen is in her 90s now, and her daughter and son-in-law have been overseeing the restaurant.

Real estate agent Darrell R. Levonian said Mrs. Chasen had planned to announce the closing after Jan. 1. But the news began to spread after a meeting between the developer and neighborhood homeowners concerned about the plan.

"Movie stars, heads of studios and presidents were regulars," said Kay Cantano, a 70-year resident. Cantano said the building "represents Hollywood-like no other establishment and should be preserved."

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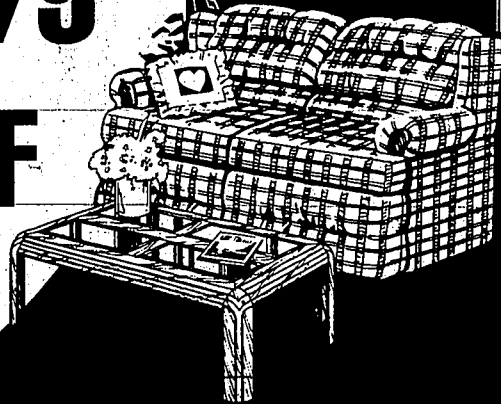
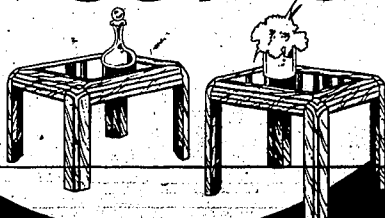
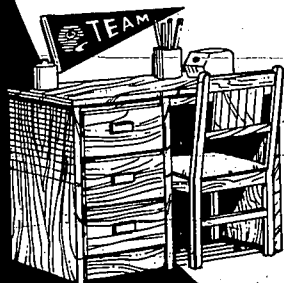
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Idaho releases top 5 investment scams

The Associated Press

BOISE — The Idaho Department of Finance has warned investors to be wary of what the Department predicted would be the top five investment scam trends for 1995.

The investment schemes are expected to claim that investors can obtain returns that far exceed those normally associated with legitimate investment offerings available through licensed investment professionals.

The five schemes include:
• Prime bank trading and financing schemes: There has been a dramatic surge in promoters who offered U.S. citizens access to the "secretive, but lucrative," trading market in "prime bank notes." Promoters tell investors they can access a secret trading market in bank notes that is conducted among the world's largest financial institutions. This market is said to be wildly profitable and riskless with returns of 80 percent to 4,000 percent.

There is no evidence that a prime bank note trading market exists. Small businesses are being solicited to pay front-end fees for acceptance into a financing scheme supposedly yielding profits from the prime bank note market. Investments with these promoters usually results in immediate losses with little chance of recovery.

Techno-Scams: Technological innovation is producing many new developments. It has also changed the face of fraudulent investment schemes. Emerging technology investment opportunities include the interactive Internet, Personal Communication Systems, Specialized Mobile Radio and licenses granted to providers of these systems.

While there are legitimate investment opportunities in these new technologies, predatory scam artists are increasingly active. During 1994, state securities regulators identified more than 300 "wireless cable" promoters nationwide who are thought to be operating fraudulently.

• "IRA approved" investment schemes:

Unlike illicit investment schemes relying mostly on the telephone, IRA approved schemes are promoted through television "info-mercials" and radio advertising. Promoters attempt to cloak themselves in legitimacy by implying that the investment is IRA approved.

The promotional packages sent to investors usually contain all of the paperwork associated with self-directed retirement plans. Promoters solicit the purchase of high tech investments, real estate deals and exotic livestock.

• Investments in exotic financial securities: Tax avoidance and lucrative returns are the benchmarks of these promoters. Articles of investment currently experiencing these schemes include, international investment programs, special derivative opportunities, "off-exchange" foreign currency derivatives, international arbitrage programs and purely fictional advance investment "treasure schemes." Investors are convinced that the product is so complex

that there is not enough time to explain the opportunity without missing the trading profit. False monthly statements and confirmation statements are produced and many of the promoters claim that the profits will be shielded from taxes.

• "Global economy" investment opportunities or "treasure" schemes: The passage of NAFTA and GATT have breathed new life into fraudulent funding opportunities and investment schemes. Promoters offer opportunities to investors and businessmen to access the newly opened foreign markets or to participate in international trading companies.

• "Advance fee" programs promise funding to clients in exchange for up-front payments. Some offer enormous profits to come from the factoring of accounts receivable. The payments or up-front fees are characterized as origination fees, escrow fees, or initial payment of interest due under the anticipated funding agreement. The promoter promises funding, but disappears as soon as the advance fee is paid.

High-finance side bets turn to Wall Street's '94 scandal

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — If derivatives mean nothing to you, keep an eye on Super Bowl XXXIX. Aside from betting on who will win the game, the adventurous and their money will have other opportunities to part ways. Bookies and casinos will take bets on just about any statistic — the score by quarters, the number of field goals and even who will score the first touchdown.

Those are the kinds of wagers that got money managers, big and small companies and a rich California county in trouble this past year. The big-time side bets, called derivatives by the banks and brokerages that sell them, were on the direction of interest rates or the dollar's value compared to other currencies.

Used conservatively, derivatives can offset the risk of rising interest rates by rewarding the investor when rates go down. But since the payoff can be big, some investors weren't content with merely hedging their bets.

When they tried to use the derivatives to make money rather than prevent losses, they got socked. Derivatives are proving to be the Wall Street scandal of 1994.

Most of the \$12 billion derivatives market consists of contracts between banks, brokerages and the investor. It's a typical securities business scandal — distant and difficult to comprehend, but eventually takes unintended victims.

Orange County municipal workers are uncertain about their futures and the county is

considering importing trash to make money. It isn't clear whether the County will have to turn to taxpayers to make up some of the shortfall.

Gibson Greetings Inc. is eliminating 5 percent of its work force, or about 130 jobs, to save \$5 million next year, although it says the cuts aren't related to millions in derivatives losses.

Procter & Gamble was the first to draw widespread attention to derivatives this past spring. The company had to set aside \$102 million of its profits because of losses.

It wasn't until Orange County went to bankruptcy court that derivatives regained the nation's attention. The Los Angeles suburb lost \$2 billion from its investment fund, partly because of losses on derivatives.

But dozens of other companies, municipalities and investment funds have gotten burned.

Gibson, which sued Bankers Trust New York Inc. over \$19 million in losses, got the bank to cover all but \$6.18 million of the loss. Gibson had said the losses threatened its survival.

Without a central marketplace for most derivatives, the securities have been largely unregulated. Now the federal government is signaling that banks and brokerages that sell derivatives will be held responsible for losses by investors who didn't understand what they were getting into.

The Securities and Exchange Commission and the Commodities Futures Trading Commission together fined Bankers Trust \$10 million for the Gibson derivatives deal.

Treacherous Investment

From college trust funds to the corporate treasurers of big municipal governments, a range of investors have been stung by losses in a complex arena of investments known as derivatives.



WHAT ARE DERIVATIVES?

They are a type of security that "derives" value from something else. Investors buy, such as stocks, bonds, foreign currencies or commodities contracts. Wall Street investment bankers have concocted a broad range of derivatives that can be customized to suit client needs.

WHY THE LOSSES?

Some arcane blends of derivatives plunged in value earlier this year when interest rates rose sharply. Investors who had borrowed money to buy derivatives faced particularly harsh losses.

WHO GOT STUNG?

These are among the the biggest losses this year:

- Metallgesellschaft, a large German industrial conglomerate, says it may have lost \$1 billion from derivatives.
- Aaskin Capital Management, a \$2 billion private investment fund for wealthy clients, is liquidated because of enormous derivative losses.
- Procter & Gamble reports a \$102 million accounting charge against earnings due to failed derivatives deals.
- Florida Treasurer's Office reports a \$175 million loss in its portfolio, partly due to derivatives.
- An investment fund run by the Orange County, Calif., treasurer's office reports a \$1.5 billion loss, partly because of derivatives.

Source: AP research, House Banking Committee

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WEST K Q J 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 A Q J 10 5 A 4

EAST 8 5 4 3 2 A Q J 10 5 A 4 K Q 8 2 K 4 5 A K 6 5

Vulnerable: Both Dealer: North

The bidding: North East South West 1 Pass 1 Pass 2 Pass 4 Pass 5 Pass 5 Pass 6 Pass 7 All pass

Opening lead: Spade King

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds: K Q J 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 A Q J 10 5 A 4

ANSWER: Pass. With no game in sight, one not-rump should be as good a shot as any.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEES SALE

On Wednesday, the 26th day of April, 1995, at the hour of 10:30 o'clock A.M. of said day, in the County of Blaine, State of Idaho, the undersigned Trustee of the TRUST AGREEMENT...

FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLIANCE WITH IDAHO CODE SECTION 45-1506(a)...

THE TRUSTEE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY, BUT...

EXHIBIT "A"

Beginning at the section corner to sections 20, 21, 22 and 23, Township 10 South, Range 17 East of the Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho; thence South 87 degrees 50'00" East, 153 feet along said section line; thence North 153.02 feet to the

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