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Sunny with mild temperatures which may reach 60. Light winds. Lows tonight in the lower 30s.

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Health plan consultants reap rewards

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The White House touted the long hours and sacrifices of those who crafted its ill-fated health care plan, but it turned out that the work brought healthy rewards for a small cadre of advisers and contractors.

Some businesses got six-figure contracts. For select advisers, there were consulting fees as high as \$49 an hour, allowing some to earn up to \$100,000, according to an Associated Press review of government records.

The payments were made in spite of a warning from White House lawyers to use full-time government employees, not consultants.

The Clinton administration has declined to say how much was spent developing its health care plan. The new Republican Congress has begun its own review.

Hillary Rodham Clinton, in a tribute to task force workers in the spring of 1993, likened their labors to the "planning for the Normandy invasion." She extolled their sacrifices and the "all nighters" they pulled in the Old Executive Office Building.

But amid the ruins of President Clinton's Health Security Act, records obtained by The Associated Press under the Freedom of Information Act lay bare a multimillion-dollar hired bureaucracy.

The primary beneficiaries were professional consultants, with specialties ranging from PR

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Researchers optimistic of AIDS cure

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — After a long, cold winter of disappointment, disillusion and discontent, a warmer, more optimistic wind is wafting through the AIDS research community.

Despite a drumbeat of recent reports indicating that AIDS is a more dangerous and aggressive foe than most had believed, many researchers are now increasingly optimistic about the chances of fighting the disease than at any time since the discovery of AZT, the mainstay drug of current AIDS treatment programs.

That optimism — already present in Washington earlier this month at a national AIDS meeting — arises, in part, from the discovery that the virus is surprisingly vulnerable to combinations of antiviral agents and to a new class of drugs called protease inhibitors.

But perhaps even more important is a fundamental and dramatic change in researchers' ideas about how the HIV infection should be attacked — what scientists call a paradigm shift.

Clinicians are abandoning the standard model of HIV as a simple infection that can be treated with a single drug in the same way

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Simplot blames state for Micron decision

One of the company's largest shareholders says Idaho didn't offer enough

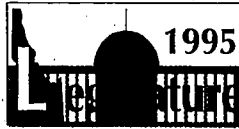
By Frank E. Lockwood
Times-News writer

BOISE — Idaho's richest man berated Idaho's top officials Monday, blaming them for Micron Technology Inc.'s decision to take its \$1.3 billion expansion outside the Gem State.

With dozens of legislators looking on, billionaire potato magnate J.R. Simplot told lawmakers, "You're not serving Idaho well." In an unprecedented meeting at the Statehouse Gold Room, Simplot lectured legislators on potatoes and politics, Buffalo Bill and his business.

His main recommendation: move the state's engineering school from Moscow to Boise. He also said he'd be willing to donate money to improve Idaho education programs. "I'd match anybody up to —," he said, then stopped, unwilling to give any specific numbers.

Simplot, the former Declo resident who be-



came a major french-fry manufacturer, agribusinessman and one of Micron's top shareholders, said out-of-state suitors offered hundreds of millions of dollars worth of incentives in hopes of luring Micron.

While Omaha, Neb., Oklahoma City, and Payson, Utah were generous, "Idaho forgot us — never offered us anything," Simplot said.

"We've got states and governments that say 'We'll build you a plant if you come,'" Simplot told the press afterwards. Idaho made no such offers, Simplot noted.

State Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, told Simplot that the state has already pledged millions to upgrade engineering opportunities in Boise. Through a cooperative Boise State-University of Idaho venture, as many as 23 faculty members will be added to upgrade

Boise engineering programs. Noh added.

The Kimberly Republican asked Simplot if he would put his money behind such a program. The billionaire's response: "I'll be willing to join and do my part anyway you want to go."

Simplot's criticisms of the Batt administration left his former son-in-law and current state Lt. Gov. Butch Otter scrambling to defend the state's Republican leadership.

Otter says Idaho offered Micron \$10 million in highway infrastructure improvements, more money for engineering education, and a favorable investment tax credit package.

The lieutenant governor also questioned why Idaho should give gigantic government handouts to a corporation that is already making hundreds of millions of dollars in profit.

"Most corporations want to pay their own way," Otter said, adding, "Government should not extend those kind of incentives in that large a sum" to any business.

Lawmakers, including state Rep. Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, and state Rep. Ron Black, R-Twin Falls, said they'd be interested in finding out more about possible Simplot donations for education.

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Making friends



Having spotted some horses, 1-year-old Sierra Anderson gets a close-up view thanks to some cooperation from her uncle, Will Moore, as well as some cooperation from a horse Monday afternoon in Jerome.

Senate: Clergy needn't report molesters

By Frank E. Lockwood
Times-News writer

BOISE — Legislation that exempts ministers from having to report child abuse suffered through the Idaho Senate Monday by a 30-4 vote.

The bill's sponsors, state Sen. Grant Ipsen, R-Boise, and state Sen. Bruce Sweaney, D-Lewiston, argued that their legislation would bolster the First Amendment's "freedom of religion" provisions and encourage people with problems to seek religious guidance.

Opponents, such as state Sen. Gary Schroeder, R-Moscow, noted that the legislation only covers religions that have "confessions" or "confidential communications" — such as the Catholic Church and the

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. That gives some religions preferential treatment over others, in violation of the First Amendment, Schroeder said.

'There are some things that ought to be sacred from the intrusion of the government.'

— State Sen. Denton Darrington, R-Declo

"We are by this bill establishing a state doctrine," Schroeder warned.

The legislation covers "duly ordained ministers of religion" who belong to

churches with tax-exempt status. Ipsen said the proposal had wide backing, and he read a letter of support from Americans United For Separation of Church and State.

Ipsen has sponsored a number of bills that would overhaul child abuse reporting and prosecution in the Gem State. After Monday's vote he said providing an exemption for ministers is a step in the right direction.

"What they're trying to do is make clergymen policemen, and that's not right," Ipsen said.

State Sen. Denton Darrington, R-Declo, also spoke in favor of the bill.

"There are some things that ought to be sacred from the intrusion of the government," Darrington said. Answering critics' ministers of religion" who belong to

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Busy days cause babies' night sleeping problems

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Baby won't sleep all night? The problem may be too much stimulation during the day — everything from taking kids to the mall to picking them up at the slightest whimper.

Many parents list poor sleeping as their biggest child-rearing headache, especially during the first year or two. Dr. Sara Harkness of Pennsylvania State University studied Dutch and American families in search of answers.

She found that Dutch babies sleep longer, and sleep through the night sooner, than American infants.

The reason, she believes, is a Dutch penchant for regularity and restfulness, contrasting with the American belief that stimulation helps babies' mental development.

Dutch parents tend to establish soothing routines for their babies all day long, not just at night. Compared with American moms, they pick up their babies less and talk to them less. They believe infants should learn to entertain themselves in Kenya. They put them to bed at the same time every night.

"Perhaps having a regular and restful daytime routine is key to the early development of a pattern of nighttime sleep that seems to fit the needs of both the child and the rest of the family," said Harkness.

She presented the results of her study, conducted with Dr. Constance Koefer of Harvard Medical School, on Monday at a meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

The fact that diverse cultures raise children

differently has long fascinated researchers. Usually people in this field, called ethnopediatricians, compare extremely diverse societies.

Indeed, Harkness' first research looked at differences in sleeping patterns between babies in Los Angeles and the rural Kipsigis babies in Kenya. There she found that while American infants averaged almost eight hours of nighttime sleep by 16 weeks of age, the Africans continued to wake up every three or four hours until at least 8 months of age.

Next, she compared two much more similar cultures — 36 families in Cambridge, Mass., and 66 in Bloemfontein in the Netherlands.

"To our surprise, we found that the differences between the American and Dutch children were as striking as between the American and Kipsigis infants," she said.

3 slain children shock community

KILL DEVIL HILLS, N.C. (AP) — Residents left flowers and notes Monday on the blackened spot of pavement where the bodies of three murdered children were found in a burning van. Their father had committed suicide nearby.

Even Police Chief James Gradless, a 20-year law enforcement veteran who also served with Special Forces in Vietnam, was shaken by what he saw this weekend in his normally quiet town.

"It's not a Kill Devil Hills story," Gradless said. "It's an American story. It bothers all of our consciences because somewhere, some place, society has failed to prevent this kind of thing from happening."

Douglas J. Mont, 35, died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound in the woods about 150 feet from the First Flight airport parking lot where the van was found early Sunday.

His children were shot in the head with the same gun, they did not die in the fire, which was so hot it melted parts of the van, Gradless said.

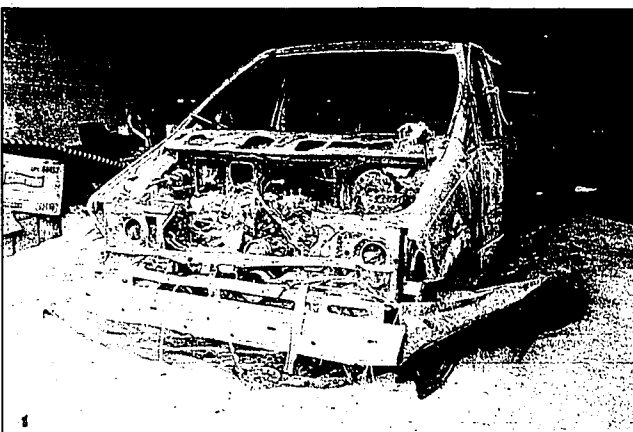
The children's mother, Nancy Mont, had reported them missing from their home in Seaford, Del., after they did not return from visiting their father. The couple had separated in August.

Cpl. Preston Lewis, a spokesman for the Delaware State Police, confirmed the identities of the children as Katrina J. Mont, 9; Daniel Preston Mont, 6; and Theresa Lynn Mont, 4.

On Monday morning, a green basket of silk flowers had been placed at the scene of the fire with a sign saying "Three little angels from Alex, Sam and Ray." The van and the bodies had been removed.

Later, Sheila Scheck, who lives near the airport in Collington, visited the scene and returned with flowers. "May God Bless These Children," her arrangement said.

The father "deserved a lot worse than he did to himself. I know that for



Three children were found slain in this burning van and their father committed suicide a short distance away in Kill Devil Hills, N.C., Sunday.

sure," she said. "It was so close here and I've got a child of my own. I guess that's why it bothered me so much."

"It's just sad," Gradless said, choking up with tears. "I tell you, when this is all over, I'm going to need some debriefing myself."

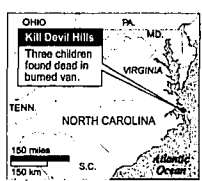
The town of 4,200, a short distance from Kitty Hawk where the Wright brothers made aviation history, had not seen a murder since a drug-related killing in 1978.

Investigators said they don't know why Mont took his children to North Carolina or why they were killed.

In Seaford, Del., where the children lived with their mother, Ms. Mont and her family declined to talk to reporters. A mini-car and other toys were strewn about the back yard of the family's Cape Cod home, the biggest house on the block.

Neighbors Cory and Chris Jones, who live down the street with their three children, said Ms. Mont changed her routine after she and Mont separated, driving her children to and from the school bus stop rather than letting them walk alone.

Court records show she had accused her husband of abusing her last year, but state police said no charges were filed.



AP photo

Defense experts in Albany test Simpson case evidence

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — In a scientific marathon, experts working for O.J. Simpson pored over boxfuls of evidence for a third day Monday, including the glove found near his ex-wife's body and the glove found on his estate.

They're not looking to get him off, they say, just looking for the facts.

"We just want to find out the scientific truths," said Henry Lee, a Connecticut state police criminologist. "Some of our evidence may be very helpful for the prosecution, Lee said. "Some of our evidence may be very helpful for the defense."

Still, state police were videotaping the handling of the evidence at the request of prosecutors in Los Angeles. Others on the defense panel are Dr. Michael Baden, forensic pathologist for the New York State Police; Dr. Barbara Wolf, director of anatomic pathology at Albany Medical College; and Chuck

Morton, director of the Institute of Forensic Sciences in Oakland, Calif. Testing began Saturday at Albany Medical Center and has continued for about 18 hours a day since then, Baden said.

The experts planned to keep on working Tuesday, though some of the items are due back when court resumes that day.

They might not get to everything in the "boxes and boxes" of evidence taken from one end of the country to the other for evaluation. The experts would not specify what tests they're doing or talk much about what evidence they're working on. Lee and Baden did acknowledge that the evidence included a glove, and Albany Medical Center spokesman Gregory McGarry said two gloves were among the items brought to the hospital.

Scientists search for gaseous energy source under ocean floor

Chicago Tribune

ATLANTA — Methane gas trapped in ice beneath the ocean floor could contain more stored energy than all the known reserves of fossil fuel combined, scientists said Monday.

Or maybe not. Researchers from the United States and 16 other countries hope to start drilling later this year to learn more about the phenomenon known as gas hydrates.

They are pinning their hopes of finding huge undersea energy reserves on a theory about how methane can become trapped at high pressures and low temperatures beneath the oceans. Early exploration using sound waves has been promising.

But until actual drilling confirms that the gas is indeed packed densely away in ice crystals, there is a chance that scientists have miscalculated, said William Dillon of the U.S. Geological Survey in Woods Hole, Mass.

Dillon and colleagues described gas hydrates at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science,

which ends Tuesday. Scientists have to do considerably more research to determine the full potential of gas hydrates as fuel. But the possibilities are great enough that energy companies in Japan, which imports virtually all its fuel, are mounting a five-year plan to exploit gas hydrates, said Charles Paul, a geologist at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

There are some reasons to believe that the trapped methane does indeed exist as expected, said Genid Holder, a professor of chemical engineering at the University of Pittsburgh.

Russian scientists have reported that some natural gas wells have produced more fuel than anticipated, and they believe that the extra fuel is coming from melted ice crystals that are releasing methane into the conventional supply.

If the methane exists as predicted, it won't be too difficult to reach, Dillon said. But new technologies would be required to extract the fuel, and they cannot be designed until more is known about it, he said.

Ocean drilling operations in the past have tapped hydrates, said Paul, but little was learned. "The gas escaped in bubbles and fizz, and it was gone before much could be learned," he said. Drilling off the Carolina coast late this year will be the first designed specifically to study these gases, Paul said.

When burned, methane is an extremely clean gas, producing less carbon dioxide than most other fossil fuels, scientists said. When released into the atmosphere unburned, methane is a potent greenhouse gas thought to contribute to the Earth's warming.

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SoCal basks in heat

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Southern Californians coated themselves with suntan lotion, basked in the sunshine and took cooling plunges in the Pacific on Monday as record winter temperatures nudged toward 100 degrees.

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Nation

W. Virginia county seeks Pentagon money

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (AP) — The Air Force scoffed at a small Appalachian county's request to defray its costs from a National Guard plane crash, so now the county has fired back: Pay up or stay out of our sky.

The Morgan County Commission has closed the airspace over its 231 square miles to federal government planes until the Air Force reimburses it for \$10,900 in expenses from the October 1992 crash of a C-130 into a farmhouse.

That's good money for a county of 12,000 residents with an annual budget of only \$1.8 million, said county Commissioner Phil Maggio.

It doesn't, however, seem like a big deal for a federal agency with an annual budget of \$250 billion.

"When you hear reports about exorbitant spending for toilet seats and wrenches and they can't come up with \$10,000, it leaves a bad taste in your mouth," said David Omps, manager of a Berkeley Springs hardware store.

The county in West Virginia's Eastern Panhandle, 90 miles northwest of Washington, realizes that despite its Jan. 27 flight ban, the sky really is controlled by the Federal Aviation Administration.

"We weren't serious about restricting our airspace but we're certainly very serious that we need to be reassured that in the event this ever happens again we wouldn't be placed in the same peril," Maggio said.

"They assured me they're not negotiating with any Third World powers for SAM missiles," said Rep. Bob Wise, D-W.Va. "They clearly wanted to send a message. They were frustrated and had gone as far as they could."

Air Force spokeswoman Lt. Col. Linda Leong said the Pentagon hasn't tried to be difficult.

"It was determined that county government had a legal obligation to provide those services, and the United States government could not reimburse them for the claim," Leong said.

The National Guard plane based in Martinsburg was on a training mission when it went down in Berkeley Springs, popular with tourists for its mineral springs and antique stores. All six crewmen were killed; one man in the house escaped serious injury.

Maggio said the National Guard assured the county it would be reimbursed for its security and cleanup expenses.

The Air Force, however, rejected a claim the county filed shortly after the crash. The county filed suit but a federal judge threw it out, saying the government could not be forced to pay.

Wise, who addressed the matter in a House floor speech this month, has prompted the Air Force to study ways the county could recoup its costs, Leong said.

"We do believe there is a way to resolve it so they can get paid," Leong said. "If there's a way to pay them, we obviously want to do that."

Papers reveal Smith was molested as teen

UNION, S.C. (AP) — Susan Smith, who is accused of drowning her two young sons, was molested by her stepfather when she was 16, the man admitted in court papers that were unsealed Monday.

The admission, signed in 1988, tells only a small part of her story, her lawyers cautioned.

"No single piece of information about Susan Vaughan Smith's life explains her," lawyers David Bruck and Judy Clarke said Monday.

Bruck has not said whether he will use the allegations as part of Mrs. Smith's defense.

The 23-year-old woman faces two murder charges and potential execution in the Oct. 25 drowning deaths of her sons, 3-year-old Michael and 14-month-old Alex.

She claimed in October that the boys were taken by a carjacker, but later signed a confession saying the youngsters were strapped in their safety seats when she rolled her car into a lake.

The court papers released Monday said Beverly Russell abused his stepdaughter by "participating in open mouth kissing, fondling her breasts and by the stepfather placing the minor's hand on him in and about the genital area."

Russell was never charged with any crime but signed a March 25, 1988, court order agreeing that the allegations were true. The order does not say when the incident happened.

Family Court Judge Lee Alford agreed last month to release the records after two newspapers, The

(Columbia) State and The Greenville News, sued to see them.

Russell, 47, a stockbroker and tax consultant and member of the state Republican Party's executive committee, decided Friday not to appeal the decision. His attorney said last week he would have no comment on the file's contents.

Russell did not return a telephone message Monday. Linda Russell, his wife and Mrs. Smith's mother, refused to answer questions in a telephone interview. "I can't tell you anything. I don't have any comment," she said.

During her youth, Mrs. Smith twice attempted suicide, according to court papers. Her father committed suicide when she was 7.

Bruck is expected to tell a judge by the end of the month if he expects to pursue an insanity defense. The lawyer has said Mrs. Smith takes anti-psychotic medicine and writes desperate letters to her dead children.

The 1988 court order, signed by then-Family Court Judge David Wilburn, says Russell and the family agreed to undergo counseling.

It also says Russell agreed to live apart from his stepdaughter until a therapist and the Department of Social Services agreed it was safe for them to be reunited.

Court documents do not say if or how long the family lived apart.

Wilburn ordered a therapist to send a monthly report to a social service caseworker about the counseling session. The court file does not say if those sessions ever occurred or whether the reports were delivered.



Beverly Russell, left, has admitted to molesting his wife's daughter, accused killer Susan Smith, seven years ago.

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Kmart shoppers catch robber

HOOKSETT, N.H. (AP) — Attention Kmart shoppers: robbery in aisle one.

A cashier's scream mobilized about a half dozen Kmart shoppers Saturday, and they chased down and captured a man police said had just robbed the store.

Tirar Tortorella, 25, of Concord, is being held on charges of strong-arm robbery.

Police said the robber waited in line with a couple of small items then, when the cashier opened the register to make change, pushed her, grabbed money from her drawer and took off.

Kmart security manager Russ Clark said five or six shoppers heard the scream and took off after the robber.

Police said the man ran down the road, and motorists got out of their cars and joined the chase. The posse caught up with the robber about a quarter mile away and held him for police.



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The crowds are already gathering

Clashes erupt in Chechnya

GROZNY, Russia (AP) — Russia's defense minister said Monday that no peace can come from negotiations with Chechen rebels, declaring that Moscow will only settle for their surrender.

Coming a day after a tentative truce expired, the comments by Defense Minister Pavel Grachev further dimmed any hopes that the war he once said could be settled in two hours would end any time soon.

Sporadic shelling and small-arms fire erupted in Grozny, the Chechen capital, and Chechen President Dzhokhar Dudayev said the war would last for another 50 years.

Grachev, visiting an armor testing range outside Moscow, said Chechen military commanders "are willing to talk about a cease-fire. But our talks with them are short — no cease-fire whatsoever, just an ultimatum about surrendering the weapons."

It was unclear whether Grachev was speaking for the government. He was one of the main figures in planning the Chechnya operation, but his current role is not certain.

The warring sides in the break-away republic reported scattered clashes but no large-scale military activities Monday. Earlier, they accused each other of breaching the cease-fire, which began Wednesday. Boris Agapov, a mediator in past peace talks, said he had spoken with both sides but was not immediately able to arrange a new round of negotiations.

The Russian military command in Chechnya did not sound like it was ready to compromise over the 10-week-old war. It appealed to Chechen civilians, urging them to negotiate with federal forces and expel rebel fighters from their settlements.

It promised to spare villages and towns that would offer no resistance but reiterated that it plans to take "adequate measures" after exhausting all possibilities to negotiate.

U.S. neo-Nazi mind eludes Germans

DUESSELDORF, Germany (AP) — Neo-Nazis whose violence and other spiteful acts have shamed Germany are finally being reined in, but the American who supplies most of their propaganda remains out of reach.

Due to better law enforcement, about 30 percent fewer neo-Nazi attacks were recorded in 1994 from the 2,232 in 1993, the deputy chief of German counterintelligence said Monday.

Bans on neo-Nazi groups and infiltration by German agents have thrown fascists into disarray, said Peter Frisch, vice president of the Federal Office for the Protection of the Constitution. Hundreds of neo-Nazis are in prison.

But there's little German authorities can do about American Gary Lauck — identified by Frisch as the biggest supplier of propaganda to German neo-Nazis.

As the leader of a group that idolizes Hitler, Lauck prints an anti-Semitic newspaper and propaganda in Lincoln, Neb.

"We've had intensive talks with the FBI about him," Frisch said at an exhibit on extremism. "They (the FBI) point out that freedom of speech is an absolute right in the United States and there is no chance to take legal action against him."

Bishop struggles to mediate Chiapas conflict

SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS, Mexico (AP) — As opponents demand his removal, Bishop Samuel Ruiz struggles to hold together an increasingly polarized Chiapas state and mediate a year-long Indian uprising.

The job is getting tougher by the day. The 70-year-old diabetic monsignor faces protests by dissenters who want him to resign and pressure from Mexico City to quit his role as mediator.

The toll shows on his ashen face and the unusual silences at ever-rarer public appearances.

At the brightly painted 16th-century Roman Catholic cathedral, parishioners stacked blankets and firewood in front of the diocese doors on Monday, after a riot Sunday left four people injured.

About 500 ranchers and businessmen from the San Cristobal Civic Front, accusing the bishop of supporting the Zapatista rebels, hurled eggs, rocks and sticks at the cathedral. Some demonstrators carried signs depicting Ruiz as a devil. In Las Margaritas, about 100 miles south, graffiti called for his death.

The demonstrators were gone Monday, but parishioners still maintained their vigil outside the diocese.

"The bishop is a great person who has always defended us," Santana Ernesto Martinez Gonzalez said of Ruiz, who has been the Roman Catholic bishop of San Cristobal for more than three decades.

"We are here to support Don Samuel and protect him from the ranchers," said the 39-year-old Indian peasant, among some 100 people who spent the night outside the cathedral, huddled under blankets around a bonfire.

"The people with money are against the bishop because they are afraid of the effect on their economic interests," said Abelardo Sanchez Bermudez, 21, as he helped to form a human chain around the church. "He wakes up the poor people."

"But may here feel otherwise. He's not behind the Zapatistas."



Bishop Samuel Ruiz gives communion Friday at the cathedral of San Cristobal de las Casas, Chiapas. Ruiz is under pressure to resign because some believe he is responsible for fomenting the Zapatista uprising by defending Indian rights.

He is the leader," charged Luis Beltran Mijangos, a priest who publicly disagrees with Ruiz's teaching of liberation theology.

"The clergy, managed by Samuel Ruiz... totally changed the sense of the gospel. They hammered into the head of the indigenous the hatred of the Ladinos," said Mario Flores Quiroz, a

leader of the Civic Front. Ladinos, of European-Indian descent, control most of the money and power in the country.

Ranchers blame Ruiz's liberation theology for the Jan. 1, 1994, uprising by the Zapatista National Liberation Army, which demanded political and social reform for impoverished Indians. At least 145 people died in 12 days of

fighting and rebels and peasants have taken over 2,000 private properties.

Liberation theology interprets the Holy Scriptures in light of the poor. It has spurred rebel movements throughout Latin America in the last 20 years, although the Vatican now opposes it.

"Liberation theology is fomenting hatred and a struggle between classes," Beltran said. "It justifies armed struggle to recuperate property ... This is not right. What guilt do I have for what my grandparents did?"

But Ruiz has stayed firm. "I've never heard of a theology of slavery," he once said. Ruiz has received letters and at least one call from the Vatican, asking him to tone down his involvement.

Italian mobsters outlaw kiss of honor

ROME (AP) — The Sicilian Mafia reportedly has outlawed its "kiss of honor," that peck on the cheek to indicate to fellow mobsters that a man is part of the crime society.

Investigators believe most Mafiosi only know other Mafiosi in their own clan unless they are specifically introduced to members loyal to other bosses. The so-called kiss of honor is one way of telling a clan member the recipient is in the Mafia too.

An entire section of Palermo prosecutors' request for indictment of former Premier Giulio Andreotti deals with the significance of the kiss. An indictment hearing for

Andreotti, accused of having Mafia ties, is scheduled for Friday.

Mafia informer Balduccio Di Maggio told investigators he witnessed Salvatore "Toto" Riina, reputedly the Mafia's "boss of bosses," giving such a kiss to Andreotti while the Christian Democrat leader was in Sicily.

With undercover work virtually impossible inside the Mafia, police rely heavily on turncoats for information on how the crime syndicate works. The news reports Monday said some other traditions have also apparently been ordered ended.

Judge seeks status of ex-Union Carbide chief

BHOPAL, India (AP) — A judge asked the government today for an update on a court order to extradite the former boss of Union Carbide Corp. to face manslaughter charges related to the 1984 Bhopal gas leak.

Warren Anderson, former chief executive of the Danbury, Conn.-based company, was charged after deadly gas leaked out of Carbide's pesticide plant

in India and killed 7,000 people. The Indian government, apparently reluctant to risk harming relations with the United States, has not yet requested Anderson's extradition and has repeatedly asked for more time to consider the order.

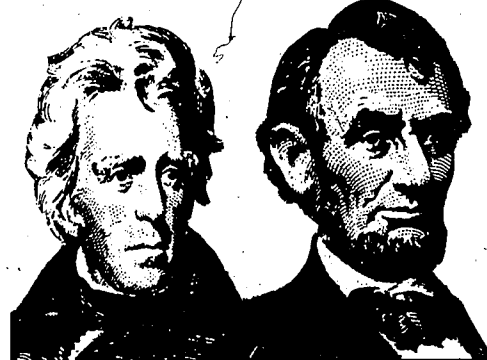
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Opinion

Editorial

Banning initiatives could do more harm than good

Heads up, Idahoans. Here comes another bucket of bathwater with a baby in it.

Some Idaho politicians are worried that environmentalists and animal-rights radicals will attack hunting rights through the initiative process. Their proposed solution is a constitutional amendment to ban initiatives on natural-resource issues.

"Dumb" is too nice a word for this idea. "Foolhardy" is more like it. In order to get rid of unwanted bathwater (those pesky animal lovers), the amendment would toss a cherished baby (the right to practice direct self-government) straight out the window.

Furthermore, what began with a relatively simple desire to protect hunters has somehow grown to cover mining, grazing and anything else in the "natural resources" realm.

The basic trouble with the "hunters' rights amendment," as it's being called, is that you can't safeguard one right by forfeiting another.

The Idaho initiative process isn't perfect, but it provides a useful safety valve. If state government doesn't do what the people want, the people can pass petitions, get an initiative on the ballot and do the job themselves. Oc-

asionally someone tries to misuse that process, but the voters generally do the right thing.

The proposed amendment would tie the people's hands on resource issues. In effect, Idaho voters would be saying, "We don't trust ourselves with this much power. Take it away."

That notion may appeal to hunters right now, when they are feeling threatened by anti-hunting activists. But taking power from the people leaves that power in the hands of lawmakers-and bureaucrats. Even if you trust the current crew in Boise, those people won't be there forever.

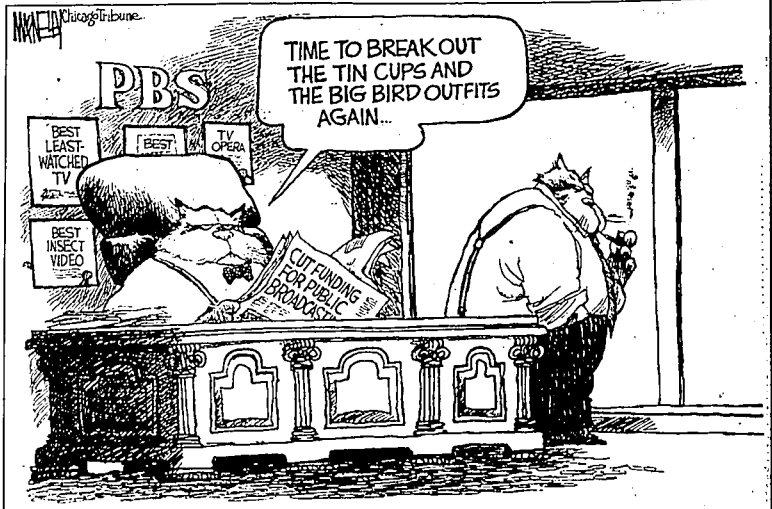
If anti-hunting forces someday win power in the Legislature, hunters will wish they had kept the initiative process to protect themselves. The same goes for miners, ranchers and farmers. The initiative process may look threatening today, but it may become awfully attractive a few years from now.

As a practical matter, all resource users must rely on the good will and political support of their fellow citizens. As long as they keep that support, they don't need a hunters' rights amendment. If they lose that support, no amendment can protect them for long.

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Saving IRAs and the American Dream

John L. Steffens

The "American Dream" is in jeopardy. Part of the danger is self-imposed - Americans have stopped saving and the nation is experiencing a historic fall in personal savings. But Americans today also believe the government discourages them from saving for the future and, in fact, has actually withdrawn incentives in recent years.

That could all change, however, if the Clinton administration and the 104th Congress act swiftly to revitalize a proven incentive for savings, one that will provide the government with its own fiscal dividends as well. We at the Securities Industry Association (SIA) are talking about Individual Retirement Accounts, or IRAs.

IRAs worked before and, as newly proposed by the White House, Senate and House, they could work even better. These proposals, targeted for a wide spectrum of Americans, deserve early action in 1995.

Failure to move forward would only risk worsening America's saving crisis. For individuals, it would further dim their hopes for realizing the American Dream. For the nation, it would slow the flow of capital needed by business to create job growth and higher wages, and hinder the advance of U.S. living standards. If this sounds like excessive gloom and doom, consider the facts. Americans are clearly saving less today than at almost any time since World War II. The personal savings rate has plummeted from 8 percent of disposable income in 1970 to only 4 percent in 1994. By today's eco-

nomie standards, the fall from 8 to 4 percent represents a loss of roughly \$200 billion of capital that could have been put to work in our economy. Among global savers, American households now save less than half as much as those in Britain and Germany, and less than a third as much as those in Japan and France.

No wonder the American Dream is a fading vision for many families. These families simply don't have a cushion of savings to fall back on in hard times, let alone the resources to achieve many of the other aspects of the American Dream, namely, buying a first home, funding their children's education or providing for a secure retirement.

In our view, hard-working middle-class Americans would be big winners and users - of an expanded IRA. In fact, a postelection survey by the Luntz Research Companies showed that IRAs were the single most popular tax proposal included in the Republican "Contract With America." Other recent public opinion surveys have revealed that concerns about saving and retirement rank as high - or higher - than nearly every political issue on the table, including health care.

We at the SIA disagree with critics who claim IRAs are funded from other saving. We would argue that these critics ignore key data, such as a recent study commissioned by Merrill Lynch that shows that half of all

American families have less than \$1,000 in net financial assets. Although older households have greater savings than younger ones, even families headed by individuals aged 45 to 54 have only \$2,600 in median net financial assets. So-called "shuffling" of assets, as the critics put it, is purely marginal under these circumstances.

Beyond their direct benefit as a saving vehicle, expanded IRAs also will play an even larger role in solving the saving crisis by prompting financial services organizations to spend tens of millions of dollars advertising saving. Today we often only see advertising promoting more and better ways to borrow. We need to shift to a culture of saving. As with the IRA program from 1982 to 1986, new advertising programs would no doubt succeed on an educational level, draw former IRA contributors back into the saving habit and lead millions of new savers to open IRA accounts.

It is time to look to the future and revive the saving habit in the United States. The American Dream is priceless and we must become a nation of savers, again. A revitalized IRA will be an important first step toward saving the American Dream.

John L. Steffens is 1995 chairman of the Securities Industry Association, the trade association for the securities industry in North America, and executive vice president, Merrill Lynch & Co. Readers may write to him at the Securities Industry Association, 120 Broadway, New York, NY, 10271-0080.

Letters

Council set out on witch hunt

The Kimberly City Council meeting held Feb. 14, was in fact, a witch hunt.

It was the council's righteous zeal and spite against Betty Murray, whom they perceived as a witch. It held trial as a bigoted judiciary that does not care for human spirit. It was, in fact, a repeat of the witch hunt in Salem in 1692. I expected to see her burned at the stake.

This is the exposure of the war being fought in Kimberly by the City Council and Betty Murray over the First Amendment, the most sacred of our freedoms - the right to speak freely. They need to go by the present laws of this government, not the malicious malificarium (which means the witches hammer), which is the "ultimate irrefutable authority on the prosecution of witches."

We need to bring out the positive of our city and bring out the negative of our city government. The negative would stop if they would start listening to the people and stop the cover-ups.

This letter is the sole thoughts and opinions of Teresa Singleton, a witness to the witch hunt.

TERESA SINGLETON
Kimberly

Kimberly council disgraces city

The contents of this letter is the soul expression of Mike Hendricks. None of the contents of this letter is a typographical error. Nor is it fictional.

The system doesn't often deliver justice to the people. We have received little justice for our children. Our children have been raped of their rights as citizens of Kimberly. Our children (the victims) feel abandoned and, worse, they were injured again by the conduct of our city officials.

I do know the meaning of due process. Due process is also for the victims! Did Betty Murray receive due process? Mr. Overacre only mentioned the people who signed letters that could be intimidated; he did not mention everyone who signed letters. Our City Council is a disgrace to our good community. Several people who wrote letters were at the council meeting to defend themselves on behalf of their constitutional right - the freedom of speech.

Yes, Mr. Overacre, she was our choice. Who voted for you?
MIKE HENDRICKS
Kimberly

staff has sacrificed and worked continuously to help Morningside School achieve the high standard of excellence associated with National Blue Ribbon Schools. What right does this one individual have to strip Morningside of this nationally acclaimed title and defame the character of the staff at Morningside?

Offense was taken when it was suggested that we would discredit our integrity as professionals and our school by engaging in dishonest testing practices. We would never "play games" with our students' achievement as Black suggested.

It is interesting that we read personal comments about our schools and education but rarely are these individuals seen in our rooms or halls observing or asking questions. Our doors are open to the public at any time. We encourage you to come and witness for yourselves what is really happening in our schools. We highly value our parents and encourage them to voice their opinions about our practices.

We're proud of our school and our students' accomplishments. We feel we have been a positive influence in the lives of our students and what they accomplish academically.

JOAN WALTON
CINDY HOWA
JANA FOX
MARY BARRON
CATHY MUUS
Morningside Elementary
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Send postcards to 3rd-grader

Our third-grade classes are studying the 50 states. We hope your readers will send us postcards or any other information about your area and state. Send to Michelle Ruff and Debbie Atkinson, Bergman Elementary School, Highway 7 North, Bergman, AR 72615.

Thank you for helping us learn more about America.

MICHELLE RUFF
DEBBIE ATKINSON
Bergman, Ark.

Help student learn about Idaho

I am a sixth-grader at Mills Elementary School in Klamath Falls, Ore. We are doing a state report, and I chose your state. I learned that your state bird is a mountain bluebird. I think it is very beautiful.

I wish you guys could send me any information about your state. I would also appreciate receiving postcards if possible. It would help me a lot with my report. Send to Darla Pullins, 520-E Main St., Mills Elementary School, Klamath Falls, OR 97601.

Thank you for all your time.

DARLA PULLINS
Klamath Falls, Ore.

Letters

Prove school testing is legitimate

I find it interesting that an educator from Twin Falls ended up being made to sound more like a radical from the "religious left" than an administrator. Was this an attempt at waging an unholy war against the right in the name of education?

Surely, Twin Falls School District officials have facts and statistics that could be presented to demonstrate that testing at Morningside Elementary School is on the up-and-up!

Please report the facts for the community.

JIM SOMMER
Twin Falls

No Micron: Report other stories

Thanks, Lord, for relieving us Twin Falls folks from the second media event of the winter. Yes, O.J.'s trial is still in the No. 1 slot, but it was neck-and-neck for a while.

So anti-Micronites, unload your weapons and holster your pieces and go out and celebrate. Us working stiffs won't be rushing to pick out our new home sites at Stonybrook or Carderidge just yet. Those low wages that the Magic Valley is famous for are still safe and secure. No, Micron won't be here to provide any competition against them.

We were stupid to get our hopes up, eh?

Yes, pro-Micronites, the gnashing of teeth and self-flagellation may now begin. Our city streets will still be jam packed, but at least with us local folks. We are now safe from the hordes of aliens that were waiting

on our borders - waiting for Micron to begin hiring.

On the bright side, however, we can all take some comfort in the fact that KMTV and The Times-News will now have unlimited opportunities to report on something, anything please, besides Micron. It's been an interesting sideshow, but now it's over. Adios, Micron.

WALLY KENDRICK
Twin Falls

Editorial seemed to hit target

Just wanted to compliment you on your Feb. 15 editorial paper in which you're suggesting that the state of Idaho is snubbing Micron, not the other way around.

I especially liked the way the article ended with the reference of the new Marriott Courtyard hotel offering us, perhaps, some maid and bellhop jobs.

DICK MCMAHON
Twin Falls

Fish, Wildlife official out of touch

I cannot help but get upset when I see an employee of a tax-paid government agency spreading lies and misinformation about the taxing public.

In the Feb. 13 article about grazing on Fish and Wildlife land, it is obvious that Terry Gladwin, wildlife biologist of Fish and Wildlife, has spent very little time in the field. As Henry Schodde states in the article, "There's never been any complaints until we

got our notices this year."

Shoreline vegetation on the Minidoka refuge is thick, even with cattle grazing, so it is obvious that Mr. Gladwin has not visited there. Smith Springs is a piece of state land which does not fall under his jurisdiction. That area has one of the few stands of greasewood seen along the river, and it would be difficult for bushes to grow there because the shoreline in most of that area is a rock ledge many feet above the level of the river. do not know where Mr. Gladwin was when the photo for the paper was taken.

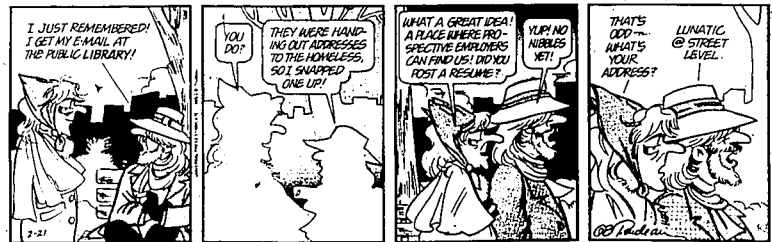
Mr. Gladwin states that it would take 30 years for enough grass to grow before it would create a fire hazard, yet in the same area which is grazed on a rotational basis, enough vegetation grew in one spring season to burn 35,000 acres. One of the grazers in this 35,000-acre area was under a 75 percent reduction order because of perceived overgrazing, yet his allotment produced enough vegetation to carry a fire of this magnitude. If Fish and Wildlife was more knowledgeable about the resources that it manages, maybe it would be able to sustain wildlife numbers at the high level of that of the Bureau of Land Management lands which border Fish and Wildlife.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife should cooperate with the community and surrounding land owners for the best interest of the wildlife rather than ridicule the ranchers who support much of Idaho's wildlife on their private property.

EVEVA WANN
Rupert

Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



School staff hurt by rumors

In response to Ron Black's rumors: As a third-grade team, we want to counteract the allegations suggested by Rep. Ron Black and the practices of reporting unsubstantiated rumors and maligning our students, faculty and administrators. We are confident and proud of the noble profession we represent. Our

Muslims disrupt hearing

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Police formed a human chain Monday around the Lahore High Court to restrain hundreds of Muslim extremists protesting an appeal hearing for a Christian teen-ager sentenced to hang for insulting Islam.

Salamat Masih, 14, and his uncle, Rehmat Masih, were convicted of writing anti-Islamic slogans on a mosque wall, a crime that carries a

mandatory death sentence. Defense attorney Hina Jilani argued in her appeal Monday that prosecutors had failed to provide any evidence the two ever blasphemed Islam. The slogans were immediately wiped off the mosque and witnesses refused to repeat them in court, saying they were too offensive.

Even the Muslim cleric who accused the two has since withdrawn

his complaint, Ms. Jilani said in Lahore High Court.

"There's no evidence. The state hasn't presented anything, nothing," she said, adding that she feared for her clients' safety.

"If they are freed, their lives in this country would never be safe," she said.

Police in riot gear patrolled the sprawling stone courthouse Monday to keep out

about 500 extremists who shouted threats against the judges and lawyers.

Wearing headbands reading "Kill them or die trying!" the extremists erected a stone barricade in front of the building.

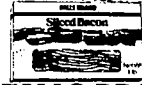
"If the court lets them go, we will come out on the street and fight the Christians!" screamed one protest organizer, Alla Dita Mujahid.

Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto has

promised to crack down on Muslim extremists, but the case has shown how weak her government is against the militants. Outside the courthouse Monday, the mob chanted "Death to Bhutto!"

"Salamat, who was 12 when the alleged offense occurred, has already spent a year in jail. Successive judges have refused to grant him bail because of fears for their own safety."

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World



Richard Linklater, left, and Paul Auster receive awards at the Berlin Film Festival Monday. Linklater won as best director for 'Before Sunrise' and Auster accepted a jury prize on behalf of director Wayne Wang for 'Smoke.'

Newman, Linklater honored at film fest

BERLIN (AP) — Paul Newman, playing a nearly over-the-hill construction worker in Robert Benton's "Nobody's Fool," won the best actor award today at the Berlin International Film Festival.

The Golden Bear award for best film went to "L'Appart," or "Live Bait," by French director Bertrand Tavernier.

Josephine Siao won best actress for her portrayal of the daughter-in-law of a Hong Kong man afflicted by Alzheimer's disease in the movie "Xiatian de Xue," or "Summer Snow," by director Ann Hui.

The best director prize went to American Richard Linklater for "Before Sunrise," the story of a young American (Ethan Hawke) and a French woman (Julie Delpy) who meet on a train from Budapest and spend a get-to-know-you day and night together in Vienna.

The main competition of the 45th annual festival offered little in comparison to the richer field of Hollywood's Oscars.

"Nobody's Fool" was the only competition film with Oscar nominations — Newman for best actor and Benton for best adapted screenplay.

This year's festival was a celebration of a century of movies, with offerings dating from the first short movies shown to paying audiences in Berlin and Paris in 1895.

Retrospectives were devoted to the silent film star Buster Keaton and to the veteran French actor Alain Delon, who received a Golden Bear award for his career achievement.

Israel replaces Arab workers to avoid more terrorist attacks

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — Construction worker Ion Tofei, attracted by wages far higher than in his native Romania, arrived in Israel this week to take over the kind of job that until recently was held by Palestinians.

The 52-year-old welder is among tens of thousands of foreign laborers streaming to the Jewish state to replace Palestinians as part of Israel's emerging separation from the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The foreigners are picking fruit at farms in central Israel, for example, and building interchanges on the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem highway.

"If Palestinians can find jobs in their own areas, that is more natural and better," said government spokesman Uri Dromi Monday. "The less we are together the better."

Aimed at preventing further terrorist attacks, the separation policy is a sharp departure from the initial hopes for peaceful economic integration when the Israel-PLO accord was signed in September 1993.

It is making an already desperate situation even worse in the Palestinian areas, still heavily dependent on the income from jobs in Israel.

But a wave of bombings against Israelis by Islamic fundamentalists opposed to the peace process has convinced many Israelis that the best option for the moment is divorce.

U.S. drug agents launch Burma opium survey

RANGOON, Burma (AP) — A team of U.S. drug agents traveled to northeastern Burma to determine the amount of opium production in the area, the state-owned New Light of Myanmar newspaper reported Monday.

U.S. officials say most of the heroin in the United States originates in Burma. Heroin is derived from opium which is made from poppies.

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6 years after consecutive Open wins, Strange drought continues

PALM DESERT, Calif. (AP) — Curtis Strange looked anxiously toward the large pond on the 18th fairway at Bermuda Dunes, then took several steps forward to get a better look at his fairway shot.

It wasn't what he wanted to see. As his shot splashed into the water, a look of disappointment covered Strange's face. Nearly six years after his last victory on the PGA Tour, his winless streak would continue.

Strange, who has 17 career victories, had birdies on Nos. 12 and 13 to pull into a tie with Kenny Perry in the final round of the Bob-Hope Chrysler Classic on Sunday.

But then he bogeyed two of the last three holes, including that 3-wood into the pond at 18, and finished tied for third with Dillard Pruitt and Tommy Tolles, two strokes behind Perry and one back of David Duval.

Strange left without speaking with reporters.

After shooting seven birdies on the back nine on Saturday to pull into a tie for second, Strange said he was "anxious to do well. There's no hiding that. Nobody'll try harder (Sunday) than me. Somebody might wear me down, but I'll try."

Strange, who hasn't won since repeating as U.S. Open champion in 1989, wore himself down.

He missed the green on both the 15th and 16th holes. On the 15th, he drove into the left rough and had a nice shot around a tree, leaving it on the fringe. He chipped on and saved par with a seven-foot putt.

But on 16, he wasn't as lucky. His approach shot bounced through the green onto the back fringe, and a downhill chip ran past the cup. His comeback putt went right, leaving him with a bogey and a shot behind Perry.

On the par-3 17th, he left his drive short of the green, chipped even with the pin and saved par.

Strange had a good drive down the middle on the par-5, 513-yard 18th, but tried to reach the green with his second shot and ended up in the water. He just missed a putt that would have saved par and tied him for second with David Duval.



Curtis Strange directs his ball toward the cup on the 14th green Sunday at Bermuda Dunes Country Club in Palm Desert, Calif. He birdies the next two, but bogeyed two of the last three to lose any chance for a victory.

Briefly in sports

Deceased player could lead Big Sky

BOISE — Brad Snyder, Northern Arizona basketball player killed in a weekend traffic accident just hours after helping beat Idaho State at Flagstaff, could wind up leading the Big Sky Conference in free throw accuracy.

The 6-6 junior forward died early Sunday morning when his car crashed. Before his death he made 52 of 59 free throw attempts, just over 88 percent. If Snyder has enough successful free throws to qualify, he could wind up as the Big Sky's statistical leader since the closest player in that category is Montana's Jeremy Lake at 85 percent.

Weber State's Ruben Nembhard made the biggest move among Big Sky players last week. He led the Wildcats to an important pair of home victories over Idaho State and Boise State, putting Weber alone atop league standings with two weeks to go in the regular season.

Nembhard scored 49 points in two games to boost his average to 19.3 points per game, moving ahead of Idaho State's Jim Potter at 19.1.

Jimmy DeGraffried is the next-leading scorer at 16.5 points per game. Boise State's 7-foot center, John Coker, is averaging 17.1 points per game but has been sidelined three weeks with a broken bone in his foot and doesn't have enough games to qualify among the Big Sky leaders.

The school said Coker was expected to practice this week but his status for the home games against Montana and Montana State was uncertain.

Montana State continues as the Big Sky's top scoring team at just under 85 points per game, and Boise State has the best defense, giving up 65.3 points per game.

Panthers ink deal with lineman, kicker

ROCK HILL, S.C. — The Carolina Panthers jumped into the unrestricted NFL free agent pool Monday, signing Seattle Seahawks placekicker John Kasay and New York Giants defensive lineman Mike Fox.

"We said we meant business. We were serious," said elated general manager Bill Polian, who said both players were at the top of the Panthers wish list. "We weren't going to wait for the bus to leave."

Both Fox and Kasay signed for five years. Polian declined to give financial details, but earlier reports said Fox had agreed to a contract worth more than \$1 million a season with a large bonus.

Fox, 27, who is 6-foot-6 and 288 pounds, was moved to left tackle this season when the Giants switched from a 3-4 defense to a 4-3 defense. He had 40 tackles and one sack.

For Kasay, 25, it means a return to the Southeast. He played his college ball at Georgia.

Kasay has converted 82 of 105 field goal attempts in his four years in Seattle, for a 78.1 percent rate. Last year, he converted 20 of 24 field goal attempts.

Olympic finances said to be tight

ATLANTA — An accountant told Olympic organizers Monday that their revenues were on target to meet projected expenditures for the 1996 Games, but warned that their margin for error was small.

Officials of the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games said they were satisfied with the assessment by accountant Robbie Pound. They said they still expect revenues to exceed their anticipated expenses of \$1.6 billion by about \$60 million.

Pound's figure showed a reserve of \$32 million. Pound, hired by the Metropolitan Atlanta Olympic Games Authority which oversees ACOG, said the Olympic committee had no margin to spare in meeting its reserve requirement of 5 percent above the uncommitted portion of the \$1.6 billion.

Douglas seeks rematch with Tyson

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Five years and 10 days after stunning the boxing world with a knockout of Mike Tyson, James "Buster" Douglas said Monday he wants a rematch to erase the memory of his eventual "crash landing."

"I was on top the boxing world. I was fulfilling a dream," Douglas said at a news conference. "You have an idea of how you want it to end and it doesn't end that way. Instead you have a crash landing. This is an opportunity for me to go back and make right what went wrong. That's a huge motivation."

Douglas said neither he nor anyone close to him has had discussions with Tyson or anyone representing him. Tyson will be released next month after spending three years in an Indiana prison on a rape conviction.

WLAF makes Cougar receiver top pick

DALLAS — Shaumb Wright-Fair, a wide receiver who played at Washington State, was the first selection Monday in the two-day World League of American Football draft.

Wright-Fair was selected by the Rhein Fire as WLAF coaches began choosing 144 players for the league's six teams. The coaches of the franchises went through 24 rounds Monday and will complete their draft with 23 more rounds on Tuesday.

Wright-Fair was selected by Rhein coach Galen Hall. Then Ernie Stautner, coach of the Frankfurt Galaxy, chose Bryan Addison, a defensive back from Hawaii. The third pick was defensive tackle Mike Evans of Michigan, drafted by coach Al Luginbill of the Amsterdam Admirals.

Those three were followed by cornerback Eric Stephens of Jacksonville State, picked by coach Bobby Hammond of the London Monarchs; defensive tackle Tim Barnett of Jackson State, picked by Lary Kuharich of the Scottish Claymores; and defensive tackle Chuckie Johnson of Auburn, selected by Jack Bicknell of the Barcelona Dragons.

Compiled from wire reports

U.S. skater claims gold

JACA, Spain (AP) — Michael Weiss. Remember the name of this 18-year-old.

Weiss won the figure skating gold medal Monday in the Winter University Games, not only giving the United States its first medal of the competition but also perhaps launching the Fairfax, Va., resident into international prominence.

"I'm glad I came here and represented my country and I hope I can in the future," said Weiss, who finished sixth earlier this month in the U.S. championships. "I know I'm one of the best skaters. I know I can compete with the other best skaters in the world."

"Nationals were such an emotional high for everybody, and I skated OK," he added. "So coming back a week and a half later to bring myself up a second time was really a big accomplishment for me. ... Tonight wasn't a spectacular performance by any means. It was just good and clean and I got the job done."

Weiss' teammate, Damon Allen, got the silver medal after finishing fourth in the U.S. championships.

Baseball

Continued from B1

"I'm not in it, I won't get in it," Sen. Larry Craig said Friday. "Let the millionaires fight the millionaires — I hope they both lose."

Representatives of the national pastime got a chilly reception when they tried to bother Idaho's senior senator.

"When the baseball players wanted to come to my office I said, 'No thank you. I don't have time for it,'" Craig recalled. "I'm a lot more interested in balancing the budget than solving a problem for a bunch of pampered baseball players."

U.S. Congressman Mike Crapo is also reluctant to tackle the six-month-long strike. "I don't think the federal government should get involved in trying to solve private disputes unless there's a national security interest at stake," he said Friday.

While he might support a non-binding resolution urging both sides to cooperate, Crapo isn't going to be taking sides in the dispute. "If we start passing laws and bringing force to bear then I think that would be the wrong precedent," Crapo added.

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Around the valley

Investment promoter told to stop soliciting

TWIN FALLS - A Twin Falls investment promoter and his company were told last week by a Boise judge to stop soliciting money until they follow state finance laws.

Fourth District Judge Deborah A. Bail handed down the judgment Friday against Warren P. Chapman and his company, Capital Enterprises Inc.

The state Department of Finance had filed suit against Chapman in July 1994, alleging that Chapman and Capital had solicited investors in a variety of schemes since 1992, including a gold mine and a bank "letter of credit" program.

Last week's injunction prohibits additional violations and limits the future securities activities of Chapman and Capital.

Filer School District Board of Trustees to meet tonight

FILER - The Filer School District Board of Trustees will meet tonight at 7 p.m. in the elementary-middle school library. They'll vote on replacing a double door at the high school, an electrical analysis and changes in the "zero tolerance" and bus-conduct policies. The public is welcome.

Annual meeting of water-users will take place in Idaho Falls

IDAHO FALLS - The annual meeting of water-users of Water District 1 is planned for 9 a.m. March 7 at the Westbank Convention Center, 475 River Parkway.

Items on the agenda include the election of Committee of Nine members and voting of the resolutions for Water District 1 for the ensuing year. Baked chicken will be served for lunch at \$6.75 per person. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 252-7173.

People planning to attend the meeting who need special assistance due to a disability should contact Water District 1 at by March 2.

Parents of disabled invited to attend workshop Saturday

TWIN FALLS - A workshop for parents of students with disabilities, "Inclusion - We All Belong," is planned for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the KMYT Community Room, 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd.

Inclusion is the process of educating students with disabilities in regular education classrooms with the necessary supports and services to allow success. The workshop will help parents understand the concept of inclusion, each parent's role in providing inclusive education for their children with disabilities and how families work with local schools for inclusion to become a reality.

The program is co-sponsored by Idaho Parents Unlimited Inc.; Blaine County, Twin Falls, Minidoka County, Buhl and Jerome School districts; and the Parent Awareness Team at the Cassia County School District.

Admission is free for parents who pre-register by Thursday. For more information or to register, call Marianne Birch at 678-9458 or Idaho Parents Unlimited Inc. at 1-800-242-IPUL.

Quartet of Magic Valley chess players take home titles

TWIN FALLS - Four Magic Valley players won titles at the Idaho Closed Chess Championships, which concluded here Monday.

John Carr of Pocatello claimed the overall championship, beating Jim McClure of Boise.

About three dozen chess players from throughout the state took part in the three-day tournament.

Pete Stolica of Twin Falls won the Class C title, while Tom Cromwell took the Class E honors. Glen Buckendorf of Buhl was named the top senior, and Garrett Reynolds of Twin Falls the best junior.

In addition, Gene Rambo of Murtaugh was the runner-up in Class B and Earl McClellan finished second in Class E.

Other division winners were Michael Henderson of Boise in the expert class, Dennis Hevener of Boise in Class A, Don Bloomquist Jr. of Nampa in Class B, and Vincent Carlson of Meridian in Class D.

Matt Butler of Nampa was named the top unrated player.

Compiled from staff reports

Bowl 'em over

Wheelchairs no barrier for disabled bowlers

By Julie M. McKinnon
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - They don't get the same speed, spin or pin action as some bowlers. But bowlers in wheelchairs use the same strategy as everyone else.

"It's physics - every ball rolls a different way," said Twin Falls quadriplegic Mark Beck. "Also every lane rolls differently."

Beck, with a 170 average, is the top scorer and unofficial coach of a group of disabled Magic Valley bowlers. Some are wheelchair users; others have other disabilities such as blindness.

To bowl from their wheelchairs, Beck and his comrades launch their bowling balls down meticulously positioned ramps.

"Once you learn how your ball curves, then you can control it," said Kimberly resident Patti Small, who has multiple sclerosis and uses a wheelchair. "It's so much fun to have something to do."

"Too often you think about the things you can't do, and you need to think about the things you can do."

The bowlers are part the local Friends in Recreational Opportunities Group, whose activities also include picnics, skydiving and other sports. Monthly trips to Magic Bowl started out as a lark last spring - another way to socialize with other disabled people during cool weather.

But some FROG members have grown passionate about the game. A few bowl every Monday and are improving their scores as they prepare for encounters with other recreation groups for disabled Idahoans.

"Everyone's game has improved by 30 to 40 points within the last two months," group chairman Paul Sherrai said. Beck recently broke 200.

Next month, the bowlers want to challenge a group in Boise. A Pocatello group may be next.

Unlike wheelchair user Steve Phobio Johnson of Twin Falls, who never bowled before three months ago, Sherrai was a

Want to help?

The Friends in Recreational Opportunities Group bowlers need people to help them during their outings, which are scheduled for the first and third Mondays every month at Magic Bowl. More bowlers, whether disabled or not, also are welcome to join.

For more information, call the Living Independence Network Corp. at 733-1712.

'Too often you think about the things you can't do, and you need to think about the things you can do.'

— Patti Small, who has multiple sclerosis

league bowler before losing most of his sight in 1986. Sherrai said his current bowling abilities are about the same as before.

"I was as bad then as I am now," said Sherrai, who usually bowls about 120. "I kind of know placement on the lane, and then they tell me what pins are left, and sometimes I hit them and sometimes I don't."

For guidance, some blind bowlers use a rail that sits on the lane, he said.

Steve Hammett of Twin Falls, who uses a manual wheelchair, said he had tried bowling without a ramp, but his brakes didn't keep the chair steady enough.

"I kind of like to take each frame as a separate challenge," Hammett said. "I feel pretty good if I can get a spare. A strike is like gravy."



Aubrey Leonardson of Twin Falls, left, and Kimberly resident Patti Small watch the pins go down as Small bowls on Monday at Magic Bowl.

Presidential tribute



In the early dawn of President's Day, Gene and Ellis Sharp plant flags along Harrison Avenue in Twin Falls. In what has become a holiday tradition, Magic Valley Realty employees planted U.S. flags at every house on Lincoln, Buchanan, Pierce, Fillmore, Taylor, Polk, Tyler and Harrison Streets, from Addison to Filer, on Monday.

Seastrom owner thinks smaller is better

By Sean L. McCarty
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Bob Seastrom says he didn't think he had lived here long enough to get involved in the public debate over Micron Technology Inc.

Boise-based Micron dangled 3,500 jobs in front of the Magic Valley before deciding last week to pursue suitors in larger cities. Seastrom's company, Seastrom Manufacturing Co. Inc., will only employ about 90 when the factory reaches full strength this spring.

"There are a lot of companies my size or larger that this community would suit very well," he said Monday. "I'm a firm believer in a lot of little people instead of a

few big ones. It's a much more stable environment to work in."

Seastrom would know. The manufacturing firm had called Glendale, Calif., its home for 66 years before announcing in February 1994 it would head north to Twin Falls. The commitment ended a three-year courtship by city officials and executives from the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce.

At the time, Seastrom said he was looking for a new home for both his company and his family. "We're not the kind of company where the owners can live where they want and let the company run itself," he said last year. "So Twin Falls was a good match for us, as well as a good match for us."

Work began at the Twin Falls plant a couple of weeks ago even though some finishing touches still need to be made to the office complex, Seastrom said. He said about 82 of the plant's 90 employees have been hired; the

Black's remarks make School Board agenda

By Karen Talkinon
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A legislator's unproven remarks that Morningside Elementary School may have cheated on standardized tests have made it onto the agenda for tonight's Twin Falls School Board meeting.

District Superintendent Terry Donicht will raise the issue in his report to board members, who may decide to counteract Rep. Ron Black's charges by authorizing a districtwide inspection of standardized testing practices.

Black, R-Twin Falls, said in two interviews last week that three voters told him Morningside may have prevented low-performing students from taking the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills, in order to raise test scores.

Morningside had the among highest scores in the district, state and nation in last fall's tests. The school boasted when scores were released that a program known as "outcome-based education" had boosted scores. The program has its vocal foes, however.

Black acknowledged that he had no proof that Morningside had done anything improper. But he said he had heard that school dis-

trict residents would no longer accept low test scores and may have pressured the school into using "questionable" practices to raise them.

Black is House Education Committee chairman.

Morningside Principal Dennis Sosno vigorously denied the charges and faulted Black for failing to investigate the rumors by contacting the school before publicly criticizing the school. He and Morningside teachers have said they fear their school's credibility has been damaged.

"I think we're definitely going to have to take a stand," said Dave Sommer, School Board vice chairman. "I don't think that Rep. Black has been fair with himself and his patrons. I personally think Morningside is on the up-and-up. They've always been fair and honest with the other tests."

The district may request members of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce's education committee to come in and thoroughly review testing practices in each school, he said.

The School Board will meet at 7 p.m. in Please see AGENDA/C2

Senator fields concerns over shutdown

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CHALLIS - Over 250 people packed into Challis' auditorium Sunday hoping to hear some good news from Sen. Dirk Kempthorne, R-Idaho, ordered their fight against a shutdown of forest activity that will purportedly protect endangered salmon.

"You and the rest of the Idaho delegation are our last hope," said Eileen Chivers, a retired Stanley Basin rancher who spent \$90,000 trying to fight grazing cutbacks before she and her husband sold out.

"Ordinary people like us can't buck these agencies."

In response to a lawsuit that is controversial even among environmentalists, 9th District Court Judge David Ezra ordered a halt to logging, mining and grazing on six national forests in Idaho on Jan. 9. Ezra then issued a stay of the order, extending the deadline to March 15.

The Forest Service and National Marine Fisheries Service have agreed to complete consultation on the forests' long-range management plans by March 1.

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Senate would require marriage ceremonies

The Associated Press

BOISE - The Idaho Senate will take up legislation abolishing legal recognition of common-law marriages.

The House voted 48-22 on Monday for a bill that would require a formal ceremony and a license for a couple to be considered married, starting next year. The House passed a similar bill last year but it failed to pass the Senate.

Rep. Maynard Miller, R-Moscow, lost a

51-18 vote when he attempted to put the bill up for amendment to delay the change for three years.

Miller contended the bill was being rushed through too quickly. "This bill does allow the government to intrude more vigorously into our lives than the tenor of this session would allow," he said.

But Rep. Celia Gould, R-Buhl, chairman of the Judiciary, Rules and Administration Committee, said the measure got a thorough hearing.

Starting next January, the status of any existing common-law marriage would remain the same, but to be legally recognized as married, a couple would have to buy a license and go through a formal ceremony.

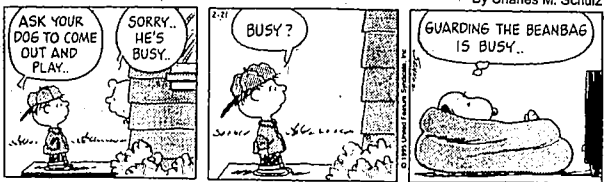
"If couples wish to get the benefits of marriage, let them get married," said Rep. Dave Baumann, R-Boise. "I believe it would lead to a strengthening of our families by abolishing common-law marriages."

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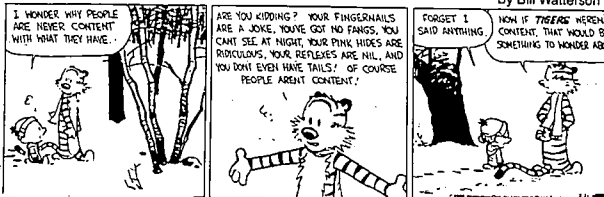
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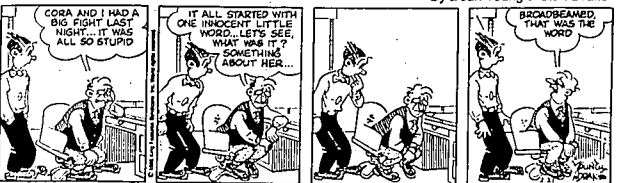
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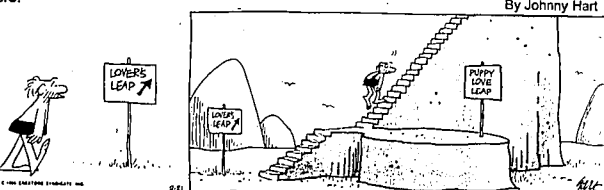
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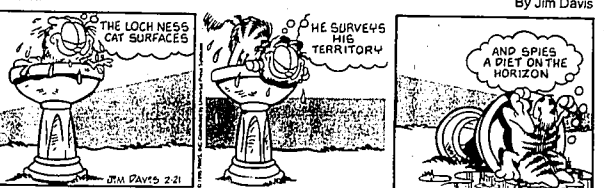
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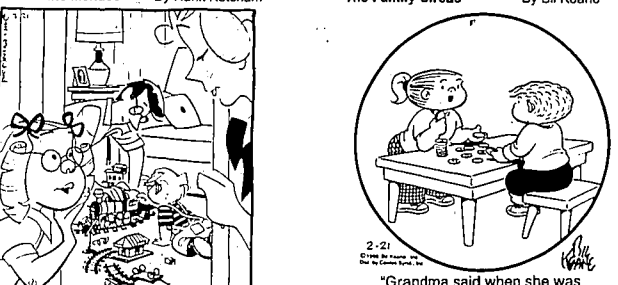
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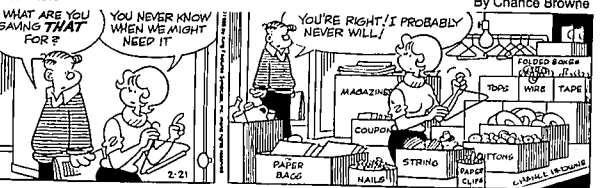


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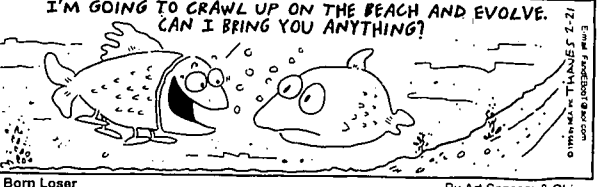
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IF FEBRUARY 21 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are capable of laughing at your own foibles, intellectual curiosity is feature of your persona. People enjoy being with you, you revel in clash of ideas, your concepts of education are considered unorthodox, you travel more than most persons, you'll be at home some this year, perhaps due to marriage. Dealings with older women play significant roles, especially during September. Gemini, Sagittarius persons influence your activities. June memorable.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Accent the unorthodox, dare to be different. Focus on accounting procedures, diversity, entertainment. Artistic endeavors succeed, reward itself bristle from past regrets. Celebrate!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Check for hidden clauses, be aware of credit ratings, give special attention to partnership, be embarrassed. Project revamped, you'll fit in perfectly.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Read and write, teach and learn, protect self in emotional clinches. Chance meeting or old date important, but don't permit yourself to be open to injury.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Those who attempt to embarrass you will themselves be embarrassed. Emphasis on home, security, gifts, marriage. You're invited to dine gourmet style — hors d'oeuvres especially delicious!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Myself will comment, I'd say a mysterious figure! Promote aura of glamour, intrigue, don't give away secrets. Family member insists on attempting to live your life.

VIROO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Focus on engineering project, investment, overtime assignment. You'll deal with Cancer native. You're finished with losing proposition.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Long-term negotiations completed to your advantage. You'll see tomorrow. Cash flow starts, results in contemplation of future projects. Study language, you might soon be in foreign lands.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't take for granted! The future is now — imprint style, test original concepts. New love on horizon, vitality makes comeback. You'll be at right place, credit see appeal.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Gain enlightenment as result of recent dark experience. You'll know what to do, when to do it — marriage, home, security dominate scenario.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Gift received adds to wardrobe — many will be amazed by your knowledge of fashion trends past and present. Social activities accelerate, you could win contest.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Review, exhibit sense of the ridiculous. Mean, let others know you are sworn enemy of stuffed shirts. Scenario moves relates to career, business associates and promotion. Vitality!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Emphasis on reading and writing, developing skill as narrator, actor. Communicate, let others know, "I am not a Johnny One-Note!" Means display talents in many areas.

Rice pudding born in Dark Ages

L.M. Boyd
What's what?

Rice soup in biblical times was made with milk and honey and whatever dried fruit was at hand, if any. Then the Dark Ages decreed: Add rice, cut the milk and honey. Finally, a century or so ago, it became what you and I know as rice pudding.

Vietnam is short for "Viet Nam Doc Lap" — the "Vietnam Federation of Independence."

Q: What is it about youngsters' faces that change in their early teens to make them suddenly look so much more grown up?

A: Their jawbones get bigger.

An irrational fear of pointed knives — some suffer same — is listed as "belonophobia."

Q: What came first — electric fans or book matches?

A: Fans by 10 years. A 23-year-old New York engineer named Schuyler Sklarer Wheeler put together the first two-bladed desk fan in 1882. Wheeler's uncle 1892 that Joshua Fahey came out with the first book matches. Pretty little things. But poisonous. Grow-ups, too, had to be told not to eat them.

Average lifespan of Japanese Sumo wrestlers is 10 years shorter than that of the average Japanese male.

Our Love and War man has reported that most newlyweds talk a lot about how many children they're going to have, if any. A seasoned marriage counselor says, That's good, but if they stop talking about it before settling the matter in their minds, that's bad. Silence on the subject, claims this expert, can suggest the matrimonial trouble.

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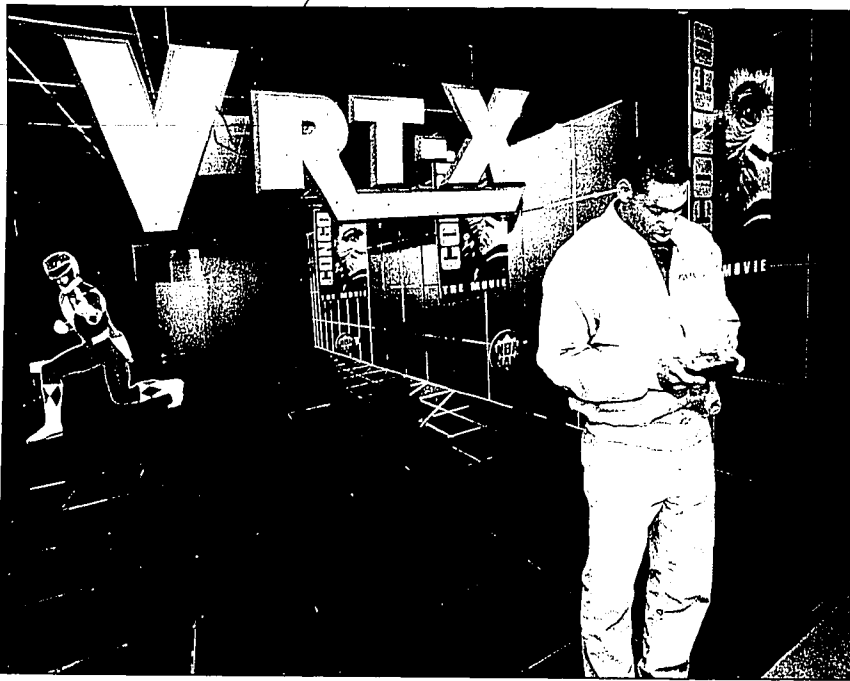
An estimated 58 million people nationwide weigh at least 20 percent more than one prescribed ideal weight for age, height and sex. Or so say the Hyattsville health statisticians.

Q: Where was Marlon Brando's movie "Viva Zapata!" filmed?

A: San Vagnacio, Texas. It kept the old look longer than most towns.

Money

Market moves toward less violent playthings



New York Daily News

NEW YORK — Costumed superheroes shook hands with passers-by along Fifth Avenue as cheerleaders waved pompons to promote Leatherhead, a cartoon character.

It was opening day at the American International Toy Fair, which ended Monday. The elevators were overflowing, and dozens of media people — juggling camcorders and notebooks —

And it's growing. Among the toy-makers leading the trend are companies such as Scholastic Inc., an education publisher that has licensed its properties such as The Magic School Bus for toy lines; Cultural Toys, marketer of Dinkytown Day Care Kids multicultural doll line and other multicultural aids; and Connector Set Toy Company, maker of the K'Nex connector sets.

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Holland — who is active in the American Specialty Toy Retailers Association — estimates that specialty toys, the non-violent and often non-commercial ones, garner 5 percent-10 percent of industry sales.

We all were looking for the next trendy toy, the one that will blow away the Mighty Morphs the way the superation heroes unceremoniously left Barney in just so much purple dust last year.

And amid all this frenzy, was an oasis in a sea of banality — the showroom of University Games Corp., where the snatches of conversation overheard between toy buyers and salespeople were peppered with phrases like "play value," "staying power" and "ability to develop self-esteem."

This didn't sound like the Toy Fair — the tabloid tyland that unleashed Super Soaker waterguns, Dr. Dreadful and enough Jurassic Park merchandise to populate two prehistoric worlds. The toy industry's obscene annual retail sales of \$18.7 billion is more than the gross national products of Afghanistan, Albania and Argentina, to name just a few.

But smack in the middle of this cutthroat industry is a growing movement toward non-violent, meaningful toys that last at least longer than a Saturday morning cartoon series.

What's hot — what's going to sell the most is not always what's best, said Doug Mackey of University Games, which markets "Brain Quest." "Where in the World is Carmen San Diego" and the new "Game of Knowledge."

Some of the bigger manufacturers are designing toys that make great 30-second commercials, but the product may be only worth one minute of play," he said.

University sells to some 3,000 specialty retailers, who, like Karen Benz Holland, proprietor of The Wooden Hinge in Los Gatos, Calif., is looking for "good, basic, bread-and-butter toys."

Where do we get those wonderful toys?

New York's annual International Toy Fair spotlights a \$19 billion market of kid stuff

Chicago Tribune

NEW YORK — Sailor Moon and her four saucer-eyed sidekicks like makeup, jewelry and clothes. But these Japanese-born beauties, who made their debut at this year's American International Toy Fair, which ended Monday, are not out to compete with Barbie. They are out to close the gender gap between boys' and girls' toys once and for all, and, feminine as they are, they come down solidly on the side of testosterone in the combat department.

The Sailor girls, so-called because in Japan the school uniform for girls is a sailor suit, are warriors, superheroes on a par with the Mighty Morphin Power Rangers. And, despite a still-growing chorus of concern over "violent" toys, the Power Rangers were all over this year's toy fair, with their kick-boxing images on everything from dolls to lunch boxes.

The Rangers, two of whom are girls (though in their armor they are androgynous) sold an estimated \$300 million last year for Bandai

America, which holds the master license. Marketing director Trish Stewart sees the addition of Sailor Moon as superhero good for her company. The Rangers will get a feature film this year, while Sailor Moon will hit morning television after several years of runaway animated stardom overseas.

"These action figures offer a classic case of good vs. evil," Stewart said. "Now girls and boys alike can go, in their imaginations, from ordinary children to superheroes out to save the world."

Superheroes seem to be working. Barry J. Alperin, chairman of the Toy Manufacturers of America, said overall toy and game sales — largely driven by the Rangers, 30-year-

old GI Joe and the diminished, but still strong, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles — were up 7.2 percent to \$18.7 billion in 1994. He predicted an equal rise for 1995. As for new offerings, a Minneapolis firm, Cultural Toys, says it has a non-violent answer to the world-saving head-bashers. Cultural's Dinky Town Day Care Kids, one of 75 products emphasizing gentility, are eight multicultural dolls that spokesman John Larson predicts ultimately will outsell the Rangers — even without the boost of television and movies.

"This has a strong storyline and the kids are interested in learning and cultural harmony, not fighting," Larson said. "Sales are booming, and by the end of this year, we'll

have all major retailers on board." The Day Care Kids, of course, should appeal to parents running shy of violence, but, as Toy Vision president David Fuhrer says, "Kids are the final judge." To that end, Fuhrer offers Scrushkins, the most charmingly homely creatures since Cabbage Patch Kids. Through a space-age bond of fabric and metal — "high-tech low-tech," as Fuhrer puts it — the creatures' features can be molded into any expression a child wants them to have.

But new products were not the only entries at the toy fair. A host of still-sellselling oldies celebrated anniversaries. Monopoly is out with a deluxe, limited edition celebrating its 60th birthday; Etch-a-Sketch, now in color as well as black and white, is 35; Nerf balls, now mutated into an arsenal of foam-bullet-firing assault weapons, are 25; and Steiff, the German firm that makes plush animals so realistic they might be expected to leap off the shelf, celebrated 115 years by adding 221 new rare and endangered species to its menagerie.

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KFC starts delivering dinners

Orlando Sentinel

ORLANDO, Fla. — If hard day at work? Hungry? Too tired to cook? Too exhausted to move? KFC is counting on that as it begins delivering its famous red-and-white buckets of "Kentucky-fried chicken."

Orlando, Dallas and San Diego are among the first cities where KFC is introducing home-delivery of complete dinners including cold slaw, biscuits, mashed potatoes and gravy.

"We're fairly confident that by June we'll have home-delivery in 350 outlets across the country," said Jean Litterst, public affairs manager at KFC's headquarters in Louisville, Ky.

"As far as we know, no other chains are delivering entire meals or chicken. We're offering the next step of convenience," Litterst said. "People are busy. People are time-starved. Not only will the Colonel cook for you, he'll deliver it to your door."

Carryout meals in groceries, delicatessens, other fast-food vendors and even fancy restaurants have become more common, according to industry analysts. But home delivery of fast food beyond pizza is new.

KFC's sister subsidiary, Pizza Hut, is among the nation's innumerable pizzerias — small as well as large — that have provided home delivery for decades.

Green idea turns gold as recycling industry hits stride

SEATTLE (AP) — Garbage was never so precious.

The recycling industry, after faltering for years despite public enthusiasm for recycling, has finally hit its stride. Demand is high for nearly all recyclables, and prices have soared for used paper, cardboard, aluminum cans and plastic.

It's good news not just for the recycling trade but for green-minded consumers who have been faithfully sorting their trash into bins, not knowing that some supposedly recycled materials actually languished in warehouses or ended up in landfills.

"Industry has gotten on the recycling bandwagon because it's good business," said D'Anne Mount, a spokeswoman with the Solid Waste Utility of Seattle.

The rebounding economy has increased demand for recycled materials by stimulating production of consumer goods. Technological advances also have helped, making it cheaper to create new products from used materials — clothing and shoes from old plastic bottles, for example.

But industry insiders say the biggest reason for good times in the garbage business is a growing recognition that recycling is more than a passing fad. What started as an environmental gesture is becoming tightly woven into the nation's economic fabric.

- The federal government, one of the world's largest paper users, now requires its agencies to buy writing and printing paper with 20 percent recycled content.
- Major corporations regularly boast of their commitment to recycling. McDonald's Corp. last month announced it had spent \$1 billion since 1990 on recycled goods for its restaurants, from paper tray-liners to carpeting.
- Paper manufacturers, banking on continued demand for recycled paper, plan to spend \$10 billion by the year 2000 retrofitting and building new mills to make recycled paper, says the American Forest & Paper Association.

The value of recyclables

National average prices paid by mills, in dollars per ton:

	Jan. 1994 (Jan. 14 — Feb. 1)	Jan. 1995 (Jan. 13 — 31)	Percentage change
Plastic soda bottles (polyethylene terephthalate)	\$146	\$199	36%
Plastic milk jugs (high-density polyethylene)	\$140	\$447	219%
Aluminum cans	\$758	\$1,460	93%
Newspapers	\$17	\$89	424%
Corrugated cardboard containers	\$30	\$93	210%
Computer printouts	\$186	\$282	50%
White office paper	\$140	\$260	86%

Source: Recycling Times

Companies that once worried about whether recycled products would sell now worry instead about finding the recycled materials they need.

"Prices are up for everything," said Lisa Rabassa, editor of Recycling Times, an industry newsletter. "Mills and plastics plants find themselves scrambling for feedstock, paying top dollar for material that they often got for a minimal fee only two years ago."

Nationwide, paper mills paid an average \$89 a ton for old newspapers at the end of January, up 424 percent from \$17 a ton one year earlier, according to Recycling Times. Prices increased 210 percent for corrugated containers, 219 percent for plastic milk jugs, and 93 percent for aluminum cans.

The reason for such sharp swings can be traced to the late 1980s, when recycling came to be seen as an environmental magic bullet, in one stroke saving money, sparing natural resources and easing pressure on landfills.

More than 6,600 U.S. communities now have curbside recycling programs, up from about 1,000 five years ago.

Seattle has led the way, recycling 48 percent of its residential solid waste, the highest rate of any large U.S. city. But other areas are catching up. Nationwide, 22 percent of all municipal solid waste was recovered for recycling or composting in 1993, up from 17 percent in 1990, says a new study commissioned by the federal Environmental Protection Agency.

"I think most people are looking for ways to reduce waste in their everyday lives," said Mount. "Recycling is something they can do to make a difference."

The problem with recycling's sudden popularity was that the programs were launched

with little regard for demand for materials generated. Prices plunged as the flood of recycled materials hit the market. In some cases, there wasn't any market at all.

Consider the glass heap that almost buried Seattle.

When the city launched its voluntary curbside recycling program in 1988, residents embraced it, diligently sorting their old newspapers, mixed paper, glass and cans into separate bins.

Not long after, though, a pile of broken glass started to grow in the city's industrial south end. Buyers existed for glass sorted by color, but none could be found for the shattered, mixed-color leftovers that typically comprise one-third of discarded bottles and jars.

By early last year the glass mountain stood 45 feet high and covered 1 1/2 acres. It was a sparkling monument to recycling's potential for diverting trash from landfills, but an embarrassing reminder of industry's inability to make use of all the materials generated.

"We simply didn't have a place for it to go," said Nick Harbert, president of Waste Masters, one of two private contractors who started to run Seattle's recycling program. "We started stockpiling it, and it just got higher and higher."

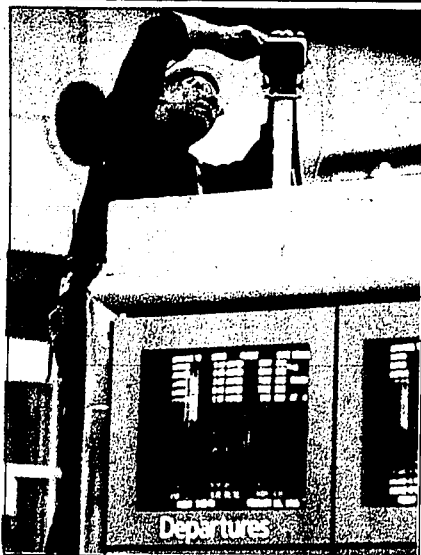
Harbert's company finally persuaded local construction contractors to try the glass in place of dirt-and-gravel aggregate used under roads and foundations. The contractors liked it, and today Harbert's glass mountain is a molehill, reduced by 90 percent in a matter of months.

Such new uses, combined with greater application of old uses, helped make 1994 the year that the glut of recyclables became a shortage.

There still are weak spots in recycling, such as plastics. About 7 percent of all plastic packaging is recycled, according to the American Plastics Council, compared to 24 percent of glass containers and nearly 70 percent of aluminum cans.

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Electrician Marty Thorpe attaches a power cable to a surveillance camera at the Jeppsen Terminal Building at Denver International Airport.

Denver braces for new airport's bill

The Washington Post

DENVER — After years of unpleasant cost overruns and embarrassing false starts, the Denver International Airport is expected to open Feb. 28. And it's a marvel so long as you don't live in the Denver region and have to pay for it.

With five runways, miles of concrete and the latest in directional lights, the lavish new airport (known as DIA) amounts to a \$5 billion gift from this region to the nation's 21st-century air travelers. The airport has been designed to smooth out air traffic across the country and make it easier to get from one point on the continent to another.

Because of DIA's large landing capacity, the old bad-weather "stack-ups" at Stapleton International Airport that delayed flights all the way back to Miami and New York should virtually disappear. Planes will get to the runways quicker on wide taxiways. The vast Rocky Mountain states will become more accessible to business and tourism.

"This will be the most efficient airport in our national system... the crown jewel," said Transportation Secretary Federico Peña, who helped get DIA started when he was Denver's mayor.

The massive Denver airport project hit some air pockets along the way. The original cost tripled. There were four delays because of a malfunctioning baggage system, and even now people who aren't flying on United Airlines may find baggage service worse than at some other airports.

Moreover, passenger demand is likely to be well below what was originally forecast. And because of the way the airport is being financed — through a "passenger facilities charge" on flights that start or end in Denver, but not on connecting flights — it amounts to a subsidy from Denver area travelers to the rest of the country.

"The people of Denver are going to take a hit right in the pocketbook," said Tom Parsons, editor and publisher of Texas-based Best Fares magazine, which monitors ticket prices. "Especially businesses, because they don't shop for bargain fares."

The first whack came last month, when United Airlines Inc. announced a \$20 increase on each passenger fare starting or ending in Denver. That came on top of fare increases the airline has been able to

L.A. pushes for clean-running jets to fight smog

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — As the DC-10 destined for Honolulu speeds down the runway at Los Angeles International Airport and glides into the air, it leaves more than an ephemeral white streak on the skies above the city.

On each landing and takeoff, one wide-body aircraft spits out about 100 pounds of smog-causing gases. By the end of a typical day, jets at the region's five commercial airports spew tons of fumes equivalent to more than a quarter-million cars.

Yet, in a metropolitan area where virtually every factory, utility, small business and motorist has already shared the pain of cleaning up the nation's worst smog problem, airlines remain virtually untouched.

While freeway traffic has been the bane of smog fighters for decades, airport runway traffic raises even

thornier dilemmas for federal authorities who are wrestling with options for cleaning up the oily, brown fumes wafting from airports.

The airline industry has long escaped its fair share because of its clout, the complexity of its operations, safety concerns and the sluggish pace of aircraft technology and turnover. Even NASA, which is spending \$50 million developing state-of-the-art, low-pollution technology, says it will need at least a decade to perfect the substantially cleaner engines.

The struggle over aircraft illustrates that even after decades of smog control and technological advances, many major sources of Southern California's pollution, especially industries with a national or global base, remain a formidable obstacle.

"When it comes to airlines, there are so many issues running the gamut — from costs, to technical feasi-

bility, to legal jurisdiction, to international issues," said Rich Wilcox, chief of special projects at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Mobile Sources. "This is very complicated. It's not like a truck going down the road. It's not even like a vessel going into the port."

A year ago the Clinton administration, facing a court order to take over smog control in California, proposed a mandate that airlines slash emissions in the Los Angeles basin 35 percent to 45 percent by the year 2005 in whatever way they chose. But last week, when the EPA unveiled its final plan, the agency had surrendered to pressure and dropped the idea.

Aircraft — which are responsible for three-fourths of the airlines' 28 tons of daily emissions — were left untouched. Instead, carriers must gradually convert their baggage tractors and other ground equipment to

electric power, beginning in 1997. One longtime observer of air quality issues compared the EPA's decision to sealing the hub caps when it could have stolen the car: Why clean up ground equipment while leaving the biggest portion of the pollution unchecked?

The EPA has put the airline industry on notice that it will begin seeking input in May on whether national emission standards should be set for aircraft.

The Clinton administration faces pressure from environmentalists, local air regulators, California Gov. Pete Wilson and Los Angeles Mayor Richard Riordan to set national standards for aircraft, trucks and locomotives to assist the region's battle against smog. They argue that regulating those pollution sources only in Southern California places the region at a competitive disadvantage.

Sheriff creates form to record child's plans

NAMPA (AP) — Canyon County Sheriff George Nourse wants parents to give their children the third degree to maintain control.

Nourse is introducing a question and answer form designed to help parents quiz their children before they walk out the door and potentially into trouble.

Called "Mom's Third Degree Sheet," the six-question form asks children such things as where they are going, who they will be with and what time they will be home. "The whole thing I'm doing is to try to empower parents to be in control and keep their kids out of the juvenile justice system — to keep it in the family," Nourse said.

The form can be used as a contract between parent and child or as an informal way to keep tabs on kids, he said.

It is available at the sheriff's office and other outlets.

The form is simple, but often such easy steps can help parents tremendously, said Joetta Fulgenzi, a family counselor.

"They really want to be their kids' friend and not their parents, so they've forgotten they are the ones who are supposed to ask these questions," Fulgenzi said.

Troubled baggage system solved

The Washington Post

DENVER — The airport feature that has been responsible for repeated delays in Denver International Airport's opening is the automated baggage system that winds underneath the airport like a 20-mile roller coaster.

Planned originally for United and then expanded for the entire airport, the automated baggage system crash-landed a year ago. Its 4,000 computer-guided carts, each carrying one piece of luggage, didn't have the capacity to keep up with the peak requirements of loading and unloading 94 jets.

Even today, the system is so massive and complex that visitors can feel it shaking the buildings as they head for their planes.

Faced with a baggage mess, United took the offensive last fall and spent \$55 million of its own money to correct its section of the baggage system. The city allowed United to take over parts of the automated track designated for other airlines.

As a result, DIA will have two systems: United will have a nifty automated one; the other airlines will sort bags in a parking garage next to the terminal and tow them on carts through a mile-long maintenance tunnel.

United also has an edge in the all-important ski department at DIA, because it controls some key elevators equipped to move the oversized baggage. It's a sore spot with terminal-counter neighbors such as American and bargain carrier MarkAir — both of which will have to scramble to get skis to their planes.

Those issues have the Colorado ski industry jittery. They worry that DIA will put United in the cabdriver's seat and make the city a one-airline town.

"Without low-cost carriers in here, it's going to be a continuing challenge to be competitive," said Doug Cogswell, president of Colorado Ski Country USA.

make because of its near-monopoly on routes where it was once competitive with Continental, which recently scaled down its presence in Denver.

Iraqi refugee claims ISU discriminated against him

POCATELLO (AP) — It has been nearly a year since Shukur Mahdi received a "D" in his Psychology 228 class at Idaho State University, but he refuses to say die on upgrading it.

Mahdi, a Kurd from northern Iraq, has argued with every school official who will listen that the grade was unfair and the exams had an unfair advantage for Americans.

Three committees that decide academic appeals have all ruled against him.

Mahdi alleges university officials ignore his complaints because he is

Kurdish, and one even told him the school is for local people only. Idaho State replied Mahdi has given due process in his appeal and even made some concessions in his favor, but it considers the matter closed.

At issue are the exams Mahdi took in Coke Brown's tests and measurements course last spring. Brown died in October.

On three exams, Mahdi received grades between one and two points short of a higher letter grade. He received a "C" on the final exam, and a "D" in the course.

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