

House debates planned budget cuts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Previewing the bitter battle emerging over proposed budget cuts, House Democrats accused Republicans on Sunday of taking food from the mouths of children and were told by their GOP counterparts that they have lost touch with the American people.

Republican budget-cutters are "looting kids and cloistering seniors in order to pay for tax cuts like the capital gains tax cut for some very high-income people," said Rep. David Obey, D-Wis., ranking Democrat on the Appropriations Committee.

"My goodness, we're just beginning to trim," replied Rep. Bob Livingston, R-La., the chairman of the committee. They appeared on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Democrats, he said, "lost the election last time, and they can't get used to it. They just can't get over the fact that it's time to stop tinkering in terms of increasing the budget."

The Appropriations Committee is

slated Thursday to take up a package of \$17.5 billion in cuts from this year's budget in housing, nutrition initiatives, peacekeeping and other programs.

Democrats claimed the cuts, approved in subcommittee meetings last week, exposed the Republican hand — that they would target the poor, the young and the elderly in their drive to cut the budget deficit. President Clinton described the cuts as "making war on kids" and threatened a veto.

It's a replay of the Reagan years, said House Minority Whip David Bonior, D-Mich., on CBS' "Face the Nation." Republicans are taking cuts from programs for children, for student loans, aid for nutrition and "putting them in a pot so that they can use them

in a few weeks to cut the taxes of the wealthiest people in our society."

Bonior's comments were met with disdain by Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas.

"You can't get focused," he said to Bonior. "David is just simply not able to comprehend the way it works."

Republicans insisted that very few programs are being cut, that mostly they are cutting back projecting spending increases or transferring funds-to-states-in-the-form-of-block-grants. Armey said it was an "old silliness" of the Democrats to say that a smaller increase for a program meant it was being abolished.

But Democrats insisted the cuts were far from cosmetic. Reductions in spending for school lunch programs

"going to take a terrible toll on young kids across this country," Bonior said. "You're going to find diminished quality of learning in our schools today."

Obey asked why Republicans wouldn't touch the \$70 billion F-22 fighter-jet program. "But you go after preborn kids by knocking out Healthy Start, you go after preschool kids by knocking out public broadcasting, you go after hungry kids by knocking out the school lunch program."

But Livingston insisted that "the American people intuitively know that we've gone astray" and that aggressive budget-cutting action is needed.

He suggested that without efforts to cut the deficit, the United States could one day face the financial crisis being experienced by Mexico. "All of the people that David is trying to help will be in far worse condition, because there'll be joblessness, there'll be rampant disorder in the streets, and we simply won't be able to cope with that sort of misery."

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Chemical plant fire spews chlorine gas into Minneapolis neighborhood

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — A chemical supply plant caught fire, spewing chlorine gas into the air early Sunday and prompting authorities to urge residents nearby who could smell the fumes to leave their homes.

Fire officials said people living near the fire at Hawkins Chemical, Inc. should stay put if their doors and windows were well-sealed. But they urged people who could smell the fumes to drive — not walk — away.

They also sent buses to accommodate the possible evacuation of up to 300 residents in a square-mile area.

A police dispatcher said she had no reports of evacuations in the first two hours after the buses arrived.

Two firefighters were treated for minor injuries and chlorine gas residue was washed off 12 others.

"We kicked open the door and in two seconds we could see we couldn't get in," one firefighter said.

The chlorine chemical is similar to those used in swimming pools. The gas causes burning in the eyes and mouth and difficulty breathing, said Deputy Fire Chief Tom Deegan.

"You'd have to get an incredible exposure before it will kill you," Deegan said.

Clouds of black smoke hung over the neighborhood, at times obscuring



Minneapolis firefighters use scrub brushes and water to decontaminate themselves during a fire at a Hawkins Chemical Inc. building early Sunday.

streets and buildings. Authorities spoke through loudspeakers to order University of Minnesota students in a nearby housing complex to stay inside.

The fire was contained in the building, and firefighters did not fear it would spread to others, some of which also contained chemicals. Deputy Fire Chief Richard Haugen said they were

letting the fire burn itself out because using water could cause an explosion or spread the chemicals further.

Firefighters weren't sure how the blaze started late Saturday night, but suspected it began in a storage room toward the back of the one-story building. It wasn't immediately known if anyone was inside at the time.

Clinton to sign order to track deadbeat parents

WASHINGTON (AP) — With thousands of federal workers dodging child support bills, President Clinton will make it easier to track down the deadbeat parents and collect their money, the White House said Sunday.

Clinton, who has made child support enforcement part of his welfare reform plan, will sign an executive order Monday aimed at the 105,000 federal workers skipping out on child support or avoiding efforts to establish their paternity.

"One of the purposes of issuing the executive order is to make the federal government a model employer by requiring its workers

to live up to their responsibility of providing child support to their children," presidential spokeswoman Ginny Terzano said.

The order will mainly seek improved communication between states and the federal government; so violators cannot slip through the cracks of overlapping jurisdictions.

The Internal Revenue Service now garnishes tax refunds of deadbeat parents identified by states. Clinton's executive order will require agencies to cross-check the state lists annually against payroll or personnel files to identify federal workers.

Foster refutes latest charges

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Surgeon general nominee Dr. Henry Foster went on the offensive Sunday against "right-wing extremists" who he accused of attacking his nomination to advance their own agenda.

"The most recent charge — that I, as a young black doctor in Tuskegee, Ala., knowingly cooperated with the most cruel and inhumane experiment ever undertaken by our government — is outrageous ... And it is without substance," Foster said.

Before his hometown congregation at First Baptist Church, the 61-year-old obstetrician-gynecologist urged church members to help fight "the latest attack from the right-wing extremists that are using my nomination to achieve their radical goals."

The controversy stems from the conservative Family Research Council's allegation that Foster learned in 1969 of a federal study that left black Alabama sharecroppers with syphilis untreated, and that he did nothing about it.

Foster says he did not find out about the experiment until 1972 and when he did learn about it, he was outraged and pressed to get proper treatment for the men.

The Public Health Service conducted the Tuskegee Project from 1932 to 1972.

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Army says no to affirmative action programs

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Majority Leader Dick Armey, adding his voice to the rising GOP criticism of affirmative action, said it's time to trust the inherent goodness of Americans and get government out of the business of deciding who gets jobs and educational benefits.

Asked on CBS' "Face the Nation" if any affirmative action programs are needed, Armey said, "I don't think so."

The task of ending racial and sexual discrimination should be taken up "with an eye toward what is the fundamental sound goodness of the American people, not what is the bully and gule of the federal government," the Texas Republican said.

Conservative Pat Buchanan, a probable Republican presidential candidate, told CBS that affirmative action, ensuring that minorities and women get a fair share of job and educational benefits, discriminates against working-class whites "for one reason — to advance the cause and to save some guilty consciences of people who aren't paying the price of affirmative action."

But Rep. Kweisi Mfume, D-Md., former head of the Congressional Black Caucus, said Republican presidential candidate Sen. Phil Gramm and others opposed to affirmative action "are making this something that it shouldn't be. It's dividing us as a nation. It's polarizing us."

Affirmative action remains a necessary "bridge over troubled waters" for many Americans, Mfume said, on ABC's "This Week with David Brinkley." "Wiping out all affirmative action is a simple solution, but it is dead wrong."

Mfume and another advocate of affirmative action, Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., expressed support for President Clinton's announcement last week that he would review existing programs and end those no longer necessary.

"I think what began as an effort to redress the legitimate concerns and needs of African-Americans has expanded to other things entirely unexpected. And if every 30 years you look at a program, that's not so bad," Moynihan said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

House Minority Whip David Bonior, D-Mich., said he, too, was willing to look at reforms, but "what we ought not to do is engage in some cheap political demagoguery over this issue."

Don't-smoke campaign gets scanty results

WASHINGTON (AP) — One of the nation's biggest anti-smoking projects failed to help heavy smokers kick the habit, and had just a modest effect on more moderate smokers, federal scientists report.

Disappointed National Cancer Institute researchers blamed the \$45 million study's lack of effect on people who smoked more than 25 cigarettes a day on nicotine addiction too powerful to overcome.

They insisted their modest success with more moderate smokers — a 3 percent higher quit rate — was significant enough for communities nationwide to adopt the anti-smoking programs.

"It may sound small, but the public health importance of that benefit, if we were to apply it on a national basis, would translate to about 1.1 million fewer smokers," said NCI study director William Lynn.

Dr. Edwin Fisher of Washington University agreed. "Considering the enormous risks attendant on smoking and the benefits of quitting, such an impact is noteworthy," he wrote in an editorial accompanying

the study in Monday's American Journal of Public Health.

The NCI launched the massive Community Intervention Trial for Smoking Cessation to see if intense anti-smoking programs would help smokers quit.

NCI paired 20 demographically similar communities in the United States and two in Canada. One community in each pair ran the campaign, everything from education to workplace smoking bans to teaching doctors to push patients into smoking cessation program.

The idea was to see if, after four years, more smokers subjected to the community pressure kicked the habit than did their neighbors.

Of the 2.3 million people living in the study communities, NCI monitored 10,019 heavy smokers and 10,328 more moderate smokers.

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Minidoka schools eye scholarship program

By Eric Goodell Times-News correspondent
RUPERT - Minidoka County School District officials have big hopes for a budding scholarship program that will encourage academic excellence.

The school district will sponsor awards that will recognize high school seniors for excellence in scholarship, leadership and citizenship. The first scholarships would be awarded during the 1995-96 school year.

Goodworth suggested \$500 to the winner in each category, with possible runner-up awards. Money for the program will initially come out of the school district's budget. But Goodworth hopes that area businesses also will donate money towards the scholarships.

The Sterling Scholar program in Utah has gained momentum since it was started by KSL Radio and the Deseret News 34 years ago in the Salt Lake City area. Goodworth said the program has expanded throughout Utah and to Hawaii.

risk losing federal funds. Last week, Heworth suggested several revisions to the policy Goodworth has been writing. Even after the revisions are made, however, Heworth said he will still probably vote no on the proposal.

How Idaho lawmakers voted

- House ATTENDANCE RECORD: CHENOWETH 96.15, CRAPP* 89.74. 1) BILL: H.R. 687 The House on Feb. 10, approved by a 238-192 vote a bill that would boost grants for prison construction from the \$7.9 billion included in the 1994 anti-crime package to \$10.5 billion.

Portrait of Chenoweth with 'Yes' and 'A**' votes. Portrait of Crapp with 'Yes' and 'A**' votes. Legend: Yes, A**, No.

Idaho town worries as timber mill closes

COUNCIL (AP) - Few say outright that Council is dying. The town has weathered hard times before, and its people pride themselves on their mountain-tougher toughness. But Art and Bob Davis know this time is different. This time it's permanent. The mill where three generations of Davises have worked, the mill that supports 56 families and sustains Council's hospital, schools and businesses, will close forever March 31.

The mill isn't the only employer in Council, but it's the biggest. Its 56 employees and their families make up roughly a fifth of the population, and its \$2.7 million payroll is a force in virtually every home and business. Without the mill, the Idaho Northern & Pacific Railroad is likely to pull up its tracks. Local taxing districts will lose more than \$33,000 annually in Boise Cascade taxes.

Gem board gives grants for computers

BOISE (AP) - More than \$10 million is on its way to Idaho's public schools to buy computers, install networks and make other technological improvements. The state Board of Education approved \$3.1 million in computer grants Friday and \$7.1 million in grants that will go to each school district that submitted a technology plan.

It's not just our livelihood. We're worried about losing our way of life. Most of us who work at the mill were raised here. Our parents are here. Our kids are here. - Bob Davis, Council

hydroelectric operations to obey all state and federal license requirements, remove floating vegetation, keep temperatures down, and dissolved oxygen levels up. Minimum amounts of water must be kept in the riverbed.

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Central to the plan is a commitment by six industry groups to reduce pollution of the Snake River. Specifically, the five-year plan calls for: Aquaculture - or fish hatcheries to reduce phosphorus contributions to the river by 20 percent in the first year, and 40 percent by the end of the fifth year.

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Senate

- ATTENDANCE RECORD: CRAIG 100, KEMPTHORNE 100. 1) BILL: H.J. Res. 1 The Senate on Feb. 14, voted 57-41 to kill a proposed addition to the balanced budget amendment that would have exempted Social Security receipts and outlays from being used to meet budget targets.

Portrait of Craig with 'Yes' and '100' votes. Portrait of Kempthorne with 'Yes' and '100' votes. Legend: Yes, 100.

Hailey

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annexation have been held up by the city in a "de facto moratorium." Kearns said, until the sewer bond issue passes. The city is waiting for additional engineering estimates from JUB Engineers of Twin Falls and Forsgren Engineering of Boise.

be the soonest they could be held. Meanwhile Blaine County plans a May 23 bond election for a new county jail. That bond issue amount would be about \$7 million.

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Dan Jansen tops list for Sullivan Award

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Now that his competitive career as a speedskater is history, Olympic gold medalist Dan Jansen's thoughts are on a new sport.

"Come summer, I'll be out on the golf course as much as possible," said Jansen, who ended a series of heart-breaking Olympic efforts with a world record performance of 1 minute, 12.43 seconds in the 1,000-meter event in the Lillehammer Olympics last year.

That accomplishment helped earn him a second consecutive nomination as a finalist for the Sullivan Award which will be presented for the 65th time Monday night. The award is presented annually by the Amateur Athletic Union in recognition of being

like to spend (time) with my daughter (Jane) and my wife (Robin)," he said.

He's being used by CBS for sports other than speedskating, including the U.S. Open Tennis tournament, skiing and the U.S. Olympic Festival.

And his ability to overcome frustrating falls in Olympic competition following the death of his sister of cancer during the 1988 Olympics has helped produce commercial endorsements such as Swatch watches, John Hancock Insurance and Miller Brewing Co.

Jansen isn't the only repeat finalist considered by the more than 1,700 participants in the national voting.

Bruce Baumgartner is a finalist for the fourth time after

'I watched the world championships earlier this month. It was the first time in 13 years I wasn't in it. It was hard but not as bad as I thought it would be.'

— Olympic gold medal winning speedskater Dan Jansen

year and can be won only once.

"It would mean a great deal. It's the top amateur athletic award in the country, which speaks for itself. I remember when (speedskater) Eric Heiden won back in 1980. That was the first time I became aware of what it was, and I've followed it ever since," said Jansen, who was a finalist when Heisman

Trophy winner Charlie Ward won the Sullivan last year.

Jansen would be only the third speedskater to win the award, which has been given to track and field performers 36 times. Bonnie Blair won two years ago.

The retirements of Jansen and Blair have left the United States with a rebuilding project for the 1998 Winter Olympics, but Jansen has no second thoughts about his decision to end a career that sent him to four Olympics and included a 1993 World Cup championship at 500 meters.

"I miss it. I miss the competition most of all, the friends, the camaraderie. But there comes a time when everybody's got to move on, and it is time for me," he said. "I watched the world championships earlier this month. It was the first time in 13 years I wasn't in it. It was hard but not as bad as I thought it would be."

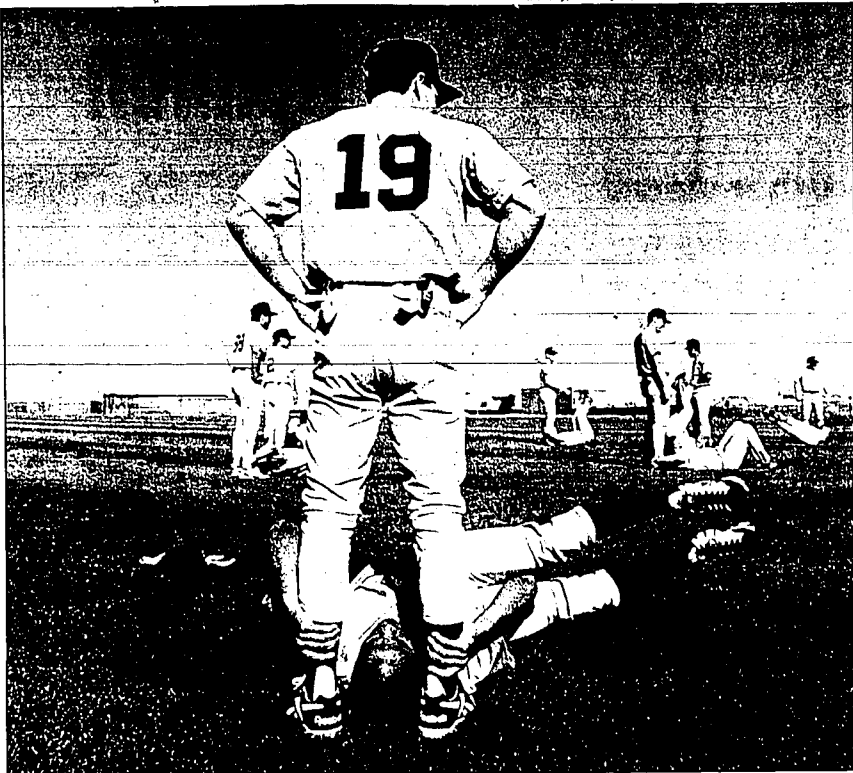
Jansen still spends considerable time traveling, having delivered over 50 motivational talks to corporations since last year's Olympics. He also works as a sports commentator for CBS.

"I've been on the road so much with all of this stuff that I stay really busy. Then when I get home I'm catching up on things I miss when I'm away. I just

times up the 200 and 400-meter last year, and Shannon Miller, the most decorated American female gymnast ever who became the first American to win consecutive world all-around titles in 1994.

The other finalists include Leroy Burrell, who had a time of 9.85 seconds to better the world 100-meter record set by Carl Lewis in 1991; and gymnast Dominique Daves, who became the first woman in 25 years to win the all-around and all four event titles at the 1994 national championships.

Completing the list of finalists are figure skater Nancy Kerrigan, who won the silver medal in the 1994 Olympics after an emotional year that included being struck at the national championships; skier Tommy Moe, who won Olympic gold and silver medals in Lillehammer; former Purdue star Glenn Robinson; the top pick in the NBA draft after he was named the college player of the year following his junior season; and Tiger Woods, who became the youngest winner and first African-American champion in the 99 years of the U.S. Amateur Golf Championship. Woods and three United States teammates won the World Amateur Team Championships in France.



San Diego Padres infielder Matt Howard assists Quentin Harley during warmups at spring training in Peoria, Ariz., Sunday.

Who will play? Who won't?

Spring training plagued with problems; teams lay rules

The Associated Press

The Milwaukee Brewers became the latest team to offer its minor leaguers an incentive for playing in spring training games — more meal money — while the Chicago White Sox sent home a pitcher Sunday who refused to participate in exhibitions.

The issue of who's going to play and who's not remained the hot topic of the spring.

The California Angels, who face Arizona State University in baseball's first game of the spring, got written commitments Sunday from 45 of their 50 players that they would play. One player, whose identity was not known, refused and four others had not yet returned their paperwork.

The San Francisco Giants polled their players, forcing some to declare for the first time whether they will meet the union's call to boycott or satisfy management by playing. Kansas City told its minor leaguers they would be considered striking players if they refused to play and would be sent home. Pittsburgh general manager Cam Bonifay said the team's minor leaguers must give him their decisions by Monday.

"It's a bad situation to put us in, a terrible situation," said pitcher Archie Corbin, one of the Pirates' final cuts last spring. "I wish it didn't have to come down to all this. ... I think everyone is facing the same dilemma."

"It's a nice big Catch-22 for you," Boston first baseman Don Barbara said after Red Sox general manager Dan Duquette met with minor leaguers for 35 minutes.

On Monday, the union will hold a meeting for minor leaguers in Tampa, Fla. Also Monday, the 200th day of the strike, baseball owners and players will resume negotiations outside Phoenix.

Five of Baltimore's 12 spring training opponents, meanwhile, have informed the team they could cancel exhibition games if the Orioles don't agree to use replacement players.

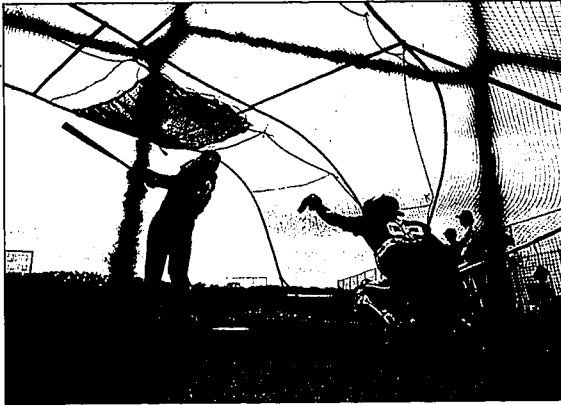
The opponents have given the Orioles a deadline of Monday to decide if they will use replacement players or minor leaguers with replacement clauses in their contracts.

Orioles owner Peter Angelos said Sunday his club isn't budging from its decision not to use replacement players.

Milwaukee general manager Sal Bando promised minor leaguers who played in exhibition games that they would get about \$100-a-day meal money instead of the \$11 a day they get at the minor league complex.

"That is a cost we're willing to pay because they've been put in the middle," Bando said. "Historically, we wouldn't do that. But we will give them a little extra because they're doing a little extra for us."

The Colorado Rockies have offered \$150 per game for minor leaguers who play, while the Los



Detroit Tigers batter Joe Perona and catcher Rob Ballnt practice during spring training drills in Lakeland, Fla., Sunday.

Angels Dodgers have said minor leaguers who take part in exhibition games will have a job in the system for the whole season.

Whether Barry Johnson will have a spot with the White Sox all year is uncertain. He was sent home after refusing to pitch in spring training games.

"Unless an arrangement was already made, I was expected to pitch in all games," White Sox general manager Ron Schueler said. "I told two kids I needed an answer in a couple days and they didn't respond favorably in a week. We were very lenient in this case."

Schueler would not identify the other player but said he had not been in camp. Johnson, 6-2 at Double-A Birmingham last season, could be called back when the team's minor league camp begins March 15 if "we have work for him," Schueler said.

"Right now we're caught in the middle," Johnson said. "I did my homework. I searched and searched to try and do the right thing. But you're going to make one side or the other mad." A few players with major league experience were seen at camps Sunday, albeit under different circumstances.

Casey Candaele was the most recognized player as a team of Dodgers minor leaguers beat the

Samsung Lions of the Korean League 11-2. No admission was charged and about 250 fans filled the four-row aluminum bleachers on a back field for the game at Vero Beach, Fla.

Candaele went 2-for-5 and ended the game with a major-league caliber play on a grounder up the middle.

Second baseman Chico Lind created a bit of a stir when he walked through Royals' complex in Haines City, Fla.

Lind was there to pick up his brother, Orlando, a pitcher who is scheduled to start the first spring game Thursday against Stetson University. Lind joked with Royals vice president George Brett and shook hands with general manager Herk Robinson.

As he walked away, Lind said, "Hey Herk, I need a job" and made a tacking motion with his arms.

"I'll give you a job if you've got a glove and a bat," Robinson replied.

Steve Howe reported for his first day of work in the ticket office of the New York Yankees' spring site in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. He is working as a condition of his probation for a 1992 conviction on a drug charge.

"I ain't talking," said Howe, making \$772 per week.



American Gerald McClellan grimaces moments before collapsing Saturday evening following his defeat by Nigel Benn.

U.S. boxer McClellan expected to recover

LONDON (AP) — Boxer Gerald McClellan remained in critical condition in a London hospital on life support Sunday after having a large blood clot removed from his brain.

Doctors said the next 48 hours would be critical to recovery for the 27-year-old American.

"I think there's a good chance he will survive, unless any other problems develop in the next 24-48 hours," said John Sutcliffe, the neurosurgeon who performed the operation at the Royal London Hospital.

Sutcliffe, who put McClellan's recovery chances as better than 50-50, said it was too early to say whether the American had suffered long-term damage. In any case, he said, "his career as a boxer is finished."

Perhaps the victim of his own ferocious attacking style, McClellan was felled twice in the 10th round

Saturday night by Nigel Benn in a sometimes brutal World Boxing Council super-middleweight fight.

White Benn celebrated, McClellan collapsed in the ring soon after reaching his corner. Rushed to hospital on a stretcher, he underwent surgery for a large blood clot on the right side of his brain.

McClellan's family flew to London Sunday from their home in Freeport, L.I. to see him deep under sedation while doctors monitored the condition of his brain.

Benn, who was treated briefly at the same hospital for exhaustion, said he was deeply saddened by McClellan's injuries and was considering retiring from the sport.

McClellan's knockout loss and collapse was a surprise and tragic finish to a ferociously-fought contest staged before 12,500 fans at the London Arena.

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to do better in the second," Enqvist said. "I started to hit the ball further and push him back. I played unbelievably, I think."

Chang had three break points, Enqvist responded with three straight aces between 115 mph and 118 mph to hold serve 1-0. He then broke Chang twice and took a 5-0 lead. But Chang responded with two breaks of his own only to drop serve in the 12th game and lose the set.

"I should have put a lot more pressure on him," Chang said. "I think it was a combination of Thomas raising his level of play and me losing that little bit of concentration" after being up 6-0.

The quietly confident Enqvist has now won two tournaments this year and 16 of 18 matches. His only losses are to top-ranked Pete Sampras in Memphis, Tenn., and to Jim Courier at the Australian Hardcourts. Enqvist triumphed at the New Zealand Open last month.

He is coming off a year in which he underwent surgery on both knees and missed 18 weeks on the tour. His rise comes at a down time for Swedish tennis. For the first time at the Australian Open, no Swede is in the top 10.

But when the ATP's rankings come out Monday, Enqvist will be 24th — with a bullet.

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Training work force is job for industry and schools

Employers don't have much confidence in the ability of schools and colleges to prepare young people for the workplace. Not only that, employers also show a skepticism and animosity toward young, new workers that is alarming.

These are two findings of a first-ever national survey of hiring, training and management practices in American business. The survey of 3,347 companies was conducted by the Census Bureau for the U.S. Department of Education. The findings can't be good news to anyone, least of all to young workers, who have to earn a living in competition with the rest of the world.

To be fair, it is highly unrealistic to expect that schools and colleges will be able to prepare students to fit seamlessly into all manner of jobs, short of teaching schools to specific industries. Jobs are becoming more specialized, and so is the training needed by the labor force.

In the long run, employers will hire the best-suited to mold their new hires

to their specific needs.

That said, however, the survey makes it clear enough that employers don't think the educational system has risen yet to a crucial challenge: defining what skills are basic, in our technological age, to the labor needs of the future and what levels of proficiency are absolutely essential for a flexible and adaptable work force.

Educators have to show they are producing students whose skills are malleable to the fast-changing demands of the workplace. The survey offers one of the strongest arguments for close partnership between schools and employers.

Employers may win sympathy if they are frustrated by the quality of young workers now; they won't have any but themselves to blame, however, if they don't mobilize to help schools and colleges to train the work force they need.

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California life shows woes are connected

LOS ANGELES - It's not my fault; Me no Alamo, I've been in Los Angeles almost 24 hours, and what's a girl to do? O.J. in the air, O.J. on the brain - the town reeks of O.J.

The media keep having this absurd navel-gazing contest in which they each claim, "We know we're going overboard, but the people are interested in this."

The people can't escape it. This should be a one-paragraph story. You talk to anyone in this town and they sound like Garry Trudeau's character on the subject of Richard Nixon: "Guilty, guilty, guilty!" What's a story without suspense? A measure of the cynicism inspired by a legal system in which the poor get screwed and the Deriding California as the home of the fruits and the nuts (hch, hch) is one of our stupider national pastimes, but then there is this mondo bizarro quality to the place that makes it irresistible. In Davis, the town so politically correct that it has outlawed smoking outdoors, the biggest problem is people displaying Bad Bicycle Manners. They're leaving a truckload on it.

The big political news here is that Michael Huffington finally conceded last week that Di-anne Feinstein won that Senate race they had a year or so ago. He should have held out longer. It was getting to be like a flapjoe-sitting; How long can the guy stay up there? He could've con-cluded with a few well-chosen words on his debthanded and made the history books.

Meanwhile, the Christian Revolution rolls merrily along, improving the nation almost daily. By George, in a country where our worst

Molly Ivins

care and/or good nutrition, and most of them attend disastrously substandard schools. We also suspect, although we have no definitive proof, that they are influenced by the violence they see around them - by violent films like "New Jack City," violent video games and violence on television.

Now, do you think that taking "Sesame Street" off the air is going to make their lives better? Probably not.

Taking away nutritious lunches and breakfasts for them? That one cuts both ways. Conceivably, if we keep them half-starved, they wouldn't have enough energy to commit violent crimes - except for the popular drive-by shootings. On the other hand, the nutritionists kept telling us that their little brains and bodies don't develop properly without good food, making them both sicker and dumber in the long run - probably not a good idea. They could wind up costing us more in Medicaid if they get sick a lot, but the Republicans are also planning to cut Medicaid, so I guess we don't have to worry about that.

Then too, after the R's get through cutting housing aid, these kids won't be addressing any longer. If we don't know where they are, we won't be able to count them, and if the government doesn't have any records, they won't exist, will they?

That should take care of the problem of juvenile crime. These Republicans are a lot more visionary than most people give them credit for.

Molly Ivins is a columnist for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Letters

Talent means only some in sports

I am writing in response to Eddy Crumrine's letter published on Feb. 14.

To be a high school athlete, a student must possess more talents than merely running fast and jumping high. To be an outstanding performer on the athletic field, one must demonstrate such qualities as competitiveness, desire, heart, determination, patience, persistence and, above all, generosity.

A true team athlete must be willing to give themselves unselfishly. They must be willing to push themselves 110 percent in practice as well as on the court. They must be willing to give up personal glory for the benefit of their team. They must be willing to work and train in the off season. Above all, an athlete must be cooperative with coach and team.

It was coached by Mr. Malone for three seasons. As a former player, I honestly believe Mr. Malone would never "cheat" anyone out of playing time they deserved. Mr. Malone spends at least two hours each day with his team improving their basketball skills. He knows who works hard and who doesn't. He knows which players have heart and desire. He knows which athletes are blessed with patience, persistence and determination. He knows, as a coach, which of his 10 girls possess generosity.

Playing time is earned; it is not handed out. Playing time is cherished by many and wished upon by others. Deciding which players get playing time and which ones do not is probably the hardest job a coach has. Sometimes as fans, players and especially parents, we must swallow our pride and accept the leadership of great people; these people are called coaches.

Congratulations, Mr. Malone, on back-to-back Canyon Conference championships and two state runner-up trophies. I think you are a wonderful coach, motivator and friend.

MANDY SCHWARZ
Branson, Mo.

Give us back some salmon, too!

The feds have given your wolves back and it's the grizzly they're getting now. Where are our salmon? Are the feds slow or something? Get them back.

The big judges threatens the miners and loggers. Sure they need to be kept away from streams. I'm sure the miners and loggers would be obliged to level the eight dams before they get extinct. It better be before they're extinct.

The towns of Riggins and Salmon depend on the salmon for tourism and guide services. They are going to dink around and spill some water thinking that will do it. You say write your senators and congressmen. I did, big joke.

Gov. Batt howled about water. They can fix the problem when you got 200 nuclear plants around the country. Two or three could take care of the dams. That is not much when you got the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory, Hanford, Three Mile Island and Bonemville near Seattle. I can tell you none of these run in black ink. They are building four new aircraft carriers right now and squadrons to go with them. It's amazing you had 20 million salmon coming up river - now a handful. Political hogwash.

ALVIN FOWERS
Jerome

Doctor deserves support of all

In response to the letter about Dr. Vania, I will support Dr. Vania, and I will also support the hospital where he goes.

It was only eight years ago that he was a very strong supporter of our Rupert hospital. Our hospital board should support and back our doctors because without them, how is the hospital going to remain in business. I do know the tax dollars for 1994 for Minidoka County is \$205,230. This does not take into account the indigent fund also paid by the county. I feel the taxpayers of Minidoka County have a right to know what is really going on at the hospital. I have, up to this point, been a supporter of Minidoka Memorial Hospital, although my last stay in the hospital was not up to the standards for years passed.

In this day of high medical costs, I know Dr. Vania saves his patients a considerable amount of money by doing testing in his office. I do know the tests I had at Minidoka Memorial Hospital for my last physical, which was in 1994, came to \$1,710. If anyone doubts this figure I'll have my billing and I'll show it to you.

Dr. Vania, God bless you.

NELLIE BERG
Rupert

Still time to save TV show

The Feb. 17 headline gave the impression that "Incredible Idaho" has been cut from the Fish and Game budget; this is not true. The Fish and Game budget must pass both houses. It is not yet too late to call your legislators at 1-800-626-0471 or Gov. Batt at 334-2100 and tell them you want "Incredible Idaho" left in the Fish and Game budget for next year.

We have three local legislators on the Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee. Sen. Dean Cameron and Rep. Maxine Bell voted to deny us a great family show educating all people about Idaho's wildlife resources. Sen. Joyce McRoberts voted to keep "Incredible Idaho" on the air.

It is important that this program be left in the Fish and Game budget because it is important that we hunters and fishermen show the people of Idaho that we are protectors of Idaho's wildlife resources. Last year, the Fish and Game budgeted about \$95,000 for 12 shows. Video sales of the show generated \$56,000, which the Fish and Game donated back to the Morrison-Knudsen Wildlife Park in Boise which also emphasizes the importance of the biological management of Idaho's wildlife resources.

This show is a good example of efforts to "privatize government." It is done in cooperation with KTVB television of Boise. Please ask our politicians why they are not supporting their own goals! The hunters of Idaho are now facing a major campaign from the "animal rights" movement. As hunters, we need programs like "Incredible Idaho" to keep non-hunters informed about the positive side of hunting and fishing.

Please call and make your wishes known.

CLAYTON NIELSON
Kimberly

Letters

Article makes mockery of much

Frank Lockwood's mocking article in the Feb. 22 edition is an insult both to the journalistic profession and to Christians everywhere.

You know as well as I that a prayer group meeting is not at all newsworthy. Business people, those in the military and many others with the inclination hold such sessions, and they have done so since the earliest beginnings of religion. I think it is obvious that Lockwood did the piece in an attempt to ridicule those particular lawmakers for daring to pray to their God across the street from the Statehouse.

The amateurish article displays not only Lockwood's ignorance of Christianity but also his apparent contempt for that faith. It is filled with not-so-sly innuendo and phrases designed to belittle the legislators and their beliefs. If the biased squib had to appear at all, it should have been on the opinion page. But the good news for Lockwood is, yes, God indeed "loves the biggest dirtbag."

JAMES F. VARLEY
Twin Falls

CBS 'news' leaves lot to be desired

Does CBS Television owe the public an apology or is the following freedom of speech?

On Feb. 21, during the Dave Letterman Late Night Show, CBS pretended to give a news flash twice. The second time, a person named Richardson ended the report by saying, "Have sex with me."

Letterman faked his innocence of the news flash.

Is a news report "special" for our instruction and information or for poor entertainment?

If I am out of line on this issue, U.S. West Communications gives me two or three easy ways to contact me. Why not write to CBS, unless you approve.

PAUL KENNEDY
Buhl

Farm, ranch life more endangered

To the people of Idaho and the whole nation: Maybe you should recognize that the farmers, cattle ranchers, sheep ranchers, the lumbering people and the miners have become an endangered species. They are getting pushed around by a lot of other people who do not recognize their place in our society. These people are the bedrock of our civilization. They are the ones who bring the wealth from the ground so it can be distributed through different channels so everyone can live comfortably. Why do you think this area seems to be more prosperous than other places?

Of course, the first occupation of people after hunting was farming. As people got more

Remind reps of their obligations

To the voters:

The voice of America in the last election voted for less government regulation, more state and local control and lower federal spending. Please write to your representatives, reminding them of their obligation to the people they represent.

The voice of America can speak again!
BILL MCCURDY
Challis

Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

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Croatian aide hints at war possibility

ZAGREB, Croatia (AP) — A close aide to Croatia's president hinted strongly at the possibility of war, while United Nations peacekeepers in neighboring Bosnia faced obstruction Sunday from both the Muslim-led government and Serbs.

In an interview published in the Vecernji List daily newspaper, Miomir Zuzul, Croatia's ambassador to the United Nations in Geneva, said the only real chance for peace in Croatia lies in rebel Serbs' acceptance of reintegration into Croatia — which they have repeatedly rejected.

"If the Serbs do not accept Zagreb's rule, Zuzul said, 'Croatia could do what every sovereign country has the right to do in its territory... and afford normal life to the majority of its population.'

War will also come if Bosnia

Serbs join forces militarily with the Croatian Serbs, as they have said they could, or if Serbia intervenes directly in Croatia, Zuzul said.

His comments contradicted assurances from President Franjo Tudjman and other leaders, who have said Croatia's insistence that 12,000 U.N. peacekeepers start leaving when their mandate expires March 31 will not necessarily lead to war.

Tudjman says the peacekeepers should go because they have in effect cemented the Serbs' hold on the one-third of Croatia they captured during a six-month war in 1991 that killed 10,000 people.

In Bosnia, meanwhile, armed men set up roadblocks near a U.N. base in Gorzaj Vakuf, central Bosnia, to protest the presence of two Bosnia Serb liaison officers to the United

Nations. The Muslim-led Bosnia government said the men were civilians.

U.N. spokesman Lt. Col. Gary Coward said the United Nations had lodged a protest with the government over this "serious irritation" to the 400 British U.N. peacekeepers at the base.

Government forces were also holding two U.N. fuel trucks at Visoko, just outside Sarajevo.

For their part, Serbs on Sunday prevented U.N. officials from inspecting a suspected arms stash in Sarajevo. They also prevented the resupply of Dutch peacekeepers in the eastern Muslim enclave of Srebrenica, where medical supplies are reaching critically low levels, Coward said.

U.N. officials revealed Sunday that a U.N. plane hit by two bullets

Saturday was carrying about 30 Turkish officials and journalists in advance of Turkish President Suleyman Demirel's arrival in Bosnia on Monday.

There was increasing nervousness about Demirel's safety after Bosnia Serb leader Radovan Karadzic responded to U.N. requests for security guarantees with "extreme evasion," a Western diplomat said.

The Serbs have accused the Turks of bankrolling and arming the government.

War broke out in Bosnia in April 1992 — three months after a ceasefire took effect in Croatia — when Bosnia's minority Serbs rebelled after the republic's Muslims and Croats voted to secede from the former Yugoslavia. An estimated 200,000 people have been killed or are missing in the war.



A Russian mental patient grips the bars of his ward in Shall Psychiatric Hospital near Grozny, the capital of the breakaway republic of Chechnya.

Psychiatric patients stroll amid shelling

SHALI, Russia (AP) — Mental patients strolled outside Shall Psychiatric Hospital in the winter sunshine as shellfire ripped up plumes of dust a mile behind the deadly front line dividing Russian and Chechen forces.

Women in white overalls, their heads shaved, sat on the concrete or wandered around the dilapidated hospital building just north of this town, oblivious to the explosions and bursts of machine-gun fire close by.

The roof of a farm building across the road had been blown off.

"Apart from a little local charity, these people have nothing," said Lilya Musayeva, 42, a large, kindly Chechen woman who runs the clinic with her husband.

She said a bread truck stopped at the hospital but there was little else for the 25 patients, who are mostly ethnic Russians and Ukrainians. It wasn't clear whether the Chechen patients were taken away by relatives.

The hospital was unlit, unheated and had no running water.

"The war has cut everything off," Musayeva explained.

Two old men lay curled up in their

Second-wife villages emerge in China

Hong Kong businessmen make love; and profits, in convenient cross-border affairs

SHENZHEN, China (AP) — Yellow Shell Ridge is just one of many villages that have grown together in the booming town of Shenzhen along the border with Hong Kong. But townspeople know it as "Second Wife Village."

The nickname comes from the village's reputation as the place where Hong Kong husbands hide their Chinese mistresses. The affairs are a controversial byproduct of the growing social and economic bonds between Hong Kong and China.

Thousands of Hong Kong men travel to China on business, and so many of the married ones have taken Chinese mistresses that the Hong Kong legislator is demanding they be prosecuted as bigamists.

There are no statistics, but it is an open secret in Shenzhen and Hong Kong that some men from the British colony are making love as well as profit in China.

Cross-border affairs are facilitated by the trains that leave central Hong Kong for Shenzhen every few minutes and by China's visa-free privileges for residents of Hong Kong. The journey is getting even easier with the approach of 1997, when Hong Kong reverts to Chinese rule.

"It's very convenient... it takes an hour, you can come over once or twice a week," said Xin Yong, a former Chinese policeman who lives in Shenzhen and who says several of his female friends live off lovers from Hong Kong or Taiwan.

Chinese call it "making a second wife." It does not mean the couple marries, but that the man gives "money for a house, clothes and food, and the girl does not work or date other men," Xin said.

For a Hong Kong lawmaker, Eric Li, putting a halt to cross-border affairs has become a question of "how to preserve the healthy family unit as a cornerstone of our society."

He argues that husbands whose affairs last two years or longer or who



Travelers from Hong Kong cross the border to Shenzhen, China. Thousands of Hong Kong men travel to China for business and mistresses.

support mistresses or have children with them should be prosecuted for "committing bigamy in all but name."

The Hong Kong government says that Li's proposal is unenforceable and that catching the two-timers could entail invasions of privacy. Social workers agree, but praise Li for forcing the issue into the open.

"We do need to do something, that's for sure," said Rita Chiu of the Hong Kong Catholic Marriage Advisory Council.

Cheating is practically "a culture for businessmen in Hong Kong. They seem to think it is expected of

them to have affairs in China," she said.

Social workers say that men often take mistresses after their marriage sours. They want the government to offer more counseling services for unhappy couples and say businesses can help by not sending married employees on long or frequent trips to China.

Yellow Shell Ridge, a motley mix of traditional cottages and modern high-rises, is popular because rents are cheaper than in central Shenzhen.

Perfectly groomed young women sporting the latest Hong Kong fashions

— miniskirts, ankle socks and dyed hair — stroll the village's main street. Since many homes do not have international dialing, makeshift phone booths have sprung up so people can call Hong Kong.

Beauty parlors and hairdressers abound among the open-front, mom-and-pop shops, and at least three clinics in the village advertise cures for sexual diseases.

Shenzhen men, not surprisingly, aren't happy. "If you don't have money in Shenzhen, you won't get a girlfriend. It's a bummer," said Xin, the former cop, who is a bachelor.

U.S., Europe disagree on speed of technology

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — The world's seven richest nations pledged Sunday to work together for a technological revolution, despite transatlantic differences over speed limits on the information superhighway.

"G-7 partners are committed to playing a leading role in the development of the Global Information Society," the G-7 nations said in a statement adopted at the end of their three-day conference on new technologies.

"Our action must contribute to the integration of all countries into a global effort."

But while the U.S. delegation urged a high-speed push towards a new information age, European officials urged caution. They said application of new technologies — in global computer networks and telecommunications systems, for example — could put jobs and national traditions at risk.

"The potential of the future information society is clear, but we must not be stary-eyed about it," said Padraig Flynn, the European Union's top social affairs official. "In its early phase it will almost certainly bring job losses."

Industry leaders, invited for the first time to deliver their message to the governments of the G-7, disagreed. They insisted the new technologies would create new products and boost employment, and called on governments to open markets, lift regulations and clear the way for a global information exchange.

The United States appeared ready to heed their advice. Vice President Al Gore said Saturday that limits on foreign investment in American telecommunications would be lifted this year for countries that drop their own restrictions.

All seven nations — the United States, Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy and Japan — approved a package of 11 pilot projects for international cooperation in information technologies.

Brigitte Bardot demands improved transport for animals

PARIS (AP) — Brigitte Bardot contended France's agriculture minister at the country's biggest farm fair Sunday, demanding the government improve conditions under which animals are transported to slaughterhouses.

Animal rights activists want an eight-hour limit on journey times. Current European Union rules set no limits.

Agriculture Minister Jean Pouch said he pushed the issue "with ardor" but other EU countries were opposed.

Bardot was invited to examine some prize animals at the fair.

"Of course the animals here are fantastic," the former film star told one rancher. "This is like the Cannes Festival for French agriculture."

Several dozen members of another group wearing white duck masks occupied part of the Champs-Elysees in central Paris to demand leadless hunting shells. France's Bird Protection League says thousands of birds die every year after eating shells containing lead.

Bank of England considers plan to rescue ancient, collapsing bank

LONDON (AP) — Britain's oldest merchant bank, which financed the Napoleonic wars and lists Queen Elizabeth II among its clients, is in danger of collapsing, news reports said Sunday.

The Bank of England was reportedly attempting to rescue Baring Brothers and Co. after at least one of its dealers in Singapore lost about \$600 million, mostly in speculative trading on the Japanese stock market.

The Bank of England, Britain's central bank, declined to comment Sunday on the newspaper and broadcast reports, and there was no answer at Barings' London office.

If a buyer cannot be found in time, the Bank of England may prop up Barings by taking over its massive debts. Failure to do so could cause a crisis of confidence in other British banks and hurt the London stock exchange.

Barings was founded in 1762, and was the great banker of Europe long before the Rothschilds appeared on the international financial scene. It remains a bank for the rich, charging a minimum of \$15,600 to manage shares for a year.

Press Association, the British national news agency, said the huge losses were incurred by one or two dealers in Barings Securities' Singapore office.

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Idaho/West

Coloradans line up as town eases restrictions on guns

Knight Ridder News Service

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — The outlaws came to town. The citizenry elected a new sheriff. Now, the sheriff is helping the citizenry arm for gun battles.

In a move reminiscent of the Old West, the new sheriff of El Paso County last week lifted nearly all restrictions on permits for concealed weapons.

More than 1,000 people have applied for permits since Wednesday.

"We're just overwhelmed with the response," said Sgt. Dean Kelsey, a deputy sheriff. "It's sad and unfortunate that as we supposedly go forward with society, this is what we've come to."

Said George Devors, completing her application Friday as she sat in the lobby of the sheriff's office, "It really does seem like a cowboy movie, but I'll feel safer, that's for sure."

One model for the new program: Florida's more restrictive, but still relatively liberal, policy on concealed weapons.

"Florida has had very few revocations of people who get permits and turn around and commit a crime," Kelsey said. "We saw that the system is pretty well managed down

there. We hope we have a similar experience here."

Under the new program, applicants need only live in El Paso County, be at least 25 years old, pay \$85 and have no felony convictions or history of mental instability. They are not required to demonstrate a need for a concealed weapon or proficiency with firearms or familiarity with safety procedures.

Floridians who apply for concealed weapons permits must be at least 21 and have no felony convictions. They also must attend a certified gun familiarity course or provide proof of an honorable military discharge.

In Colorado, a state that still allows residents to wear pistols and holsters in full public view, each county sheriff decides how to dispense concealed weapons permits. The present sheriff of El Paso County, defeated for re-election last year, required applicants to prove their lives had been threatened. That strict policy yielded just several dozen permits during Sheriff Bernard Barry's 12-year term.

But during the election, candidate John Anderson promised to ease the restrictions. He took office 45 days ago. His policy is believed to be the most lenient in Colorado and one of

the most lenient in the country. Federal statistics show a decline in per-capita crime here, but the volume of crimes has increased as has the relative brutality, according to local authorities.

New gangs moved into the area recently, Kelsey said, and they have been using firearms with abandon.

"We feel there is no reason why a law-abiding citizen should not have the same opportunity as a criminal to arm himself," he said. "If the criminal element knows that more people in the community are carrying weapons, that element might not be so hasty to commit a crime."

Not everyone agrees. Colorado Springs Police Chief Lorne Kramer is not happy. The city's 300,000 residents comprise the vast majority of the county's population and are subject to the new policy.

"Introducing more guns into a society that already has too much gun violence isn't in the best interests of the public," Kramer told the Colorado Springs Gazette Telegraph earlier this week. He was not available for comment Friday.

Estimates of the number of times a year that guns protect Americans vary widely — ranging from 80,000 to 2 million, depending on who is conducting the survey.

Proposed Micron plant would be most expensive built in Nebraska

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — If Micron Technology Inc. chooses Nebraska's largest city as the site for a proposed \$1.3 billion plant, officials say the project would be the most expensive ever built in the state.

"There's nothing even close," said Tom Doering, director of research for the state Department of Economic Development.

Vying for the computer chip manufacturing plant are Omaha, Oklahoma City and Utah County, Utah. A final decision from Micron is expected by Wednesday, though company officials are to meet Monday at Micron's headquarters in Boise, Idaho, to discuss the sites.

The expense of buying a square-mile of land for the plant, construc-

tion and the equipment to put in the factory dwarfs any previous business project in Nebraska, officials said.

The ConAgra Inc. campus in downtown Omaha cost \$80 million to \$82 million, company spokeswoman Joan Lukas said. The Landmark complex of U S West in Omaha cost \$155 million, spokeswoman Roger Stuhmer said.

Even the MCI Communication Corp. data center under construction in Omaha isn't close. State officials estimate the project at \$245 million, though the company figures it will cost about \$140 million.

The high expense of a computer-chip factory — known as fabs in the industry — is nothing new, said

Kevin Brett, spokesman for the Semiconductor Industry Association in San Jose, Calif. Experts blamed the expense of sophisticated equipment and an environmentally controlled, clean atmosphere. "When anybody talks about the cost of a fab, it is automatically assumed that you're talking about a billion dollars plus," Brett told the Omaha World-Herald last week.

The Micron plant, which will make chips the size of a fingernail that can hold 16 million bits of data, will require 800 million worth of equipment, company spokeswoman Julie Nash said. The land and construction will cost \$490 million more.

Legislature may fight ACLU over cross

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Legislature may become a defender of the lighted cross on Boise's Table Rock.

Lawmakers this week will consider jumping into the fray by urging the state Land Board to reject the American Civil Liberties Union's case.

The ACLU has questioned the validity of the sale that transferred title of the land on which the illuminated cross stands from the state to the Boise Junior Chamber of Commerce. A joint memorial sponsored by Rep.

Fred Tilman, R-Boise, says the land was purchased by the Jaycees at fair market value.

Joint memorials have no legal weight and are not binding. "It is a way for us to express our view and show our support," Tilman said.

The Jaycees paid the state Department of Lands \$100 for the 0.71-acre parcel in 1972, 16 years after they created the 60-foot steel cross.

The ACLU contends the sale is improper and that ownership should

revert back the state. In December, it asked the Land Board to look into the matter.

"This land may have been fraudulently and illegally conveyed," said ACLU attorney George Patterson. "If so, the cross is on public property and it is public property, the cross is unconstitutional."

The Land Board is scheduled to discuss the issue on March 14. Secretary of State Pete Cenarrusa, on the board now and at the time of the sale, said it was "for a noble purpose."

Warmer winter weather worries Utah fruit growers

PAYSON, Utah (AP) — Bouts of spring-like weather this winter have Utah fruit farmers worried, but a county extension agent said they should not fret.

Many farmers remember how they lost peach trees to sub-zero temperatures in late 1990 and early 1991, only to have the young replacement trees damaged by warm-cold fluctuations in subsequent years.

But Tony Hatch, fruit specialist with the Utah County office of Utah State University Extension Services, said near-freezing temperatures at night have kept most trees from blooming in spite of 60-degree days.

"The biggest danger right now is to have a huge swing in temperature from spring one day back to winter the next."

Most trees are not as far along as people think, Hatch said. "Apple and pear trees are still tight, but peaches and the stone fruits are already slightly swollen."

Stone-fruit trees, such as apricots and Oriental plums, are some of the first varieties to begin blooming, often as early as two weeks to a month ahead of other trees.

"Apricots are more prone to be killed than apples because they bloom early and there are more

chances for them to get hit by frosts," Hatch said.

Right now, most trees are in no danger because buds, and consequently, blooms, haven't shown up yet, Hatch said.

"Thirty-degree temperatures can only hurt after the petals have fallen off the blooms," he said. "That's when they're most susceptible."

"Every day that goes by without severely cold temperatures, the better (fruit farmers) are off. But that is never out of danger until the fruit is off the tree. Just about anything can happen."

Many farmers are preparing their wind machines and propane heaters to keep the chill off when cooler temperatures arrive this week.

Also, Hatch advises farmers to monitor their use of oil-based sprays intended to deter aphids or other insects. Those sprays can actually worsen frost damage, he said.

Robert McMullin, who has been in the fruit farming business for nearly 25 years, said the warm winter weather worries him.

"Of course, we had about these same temperatures and conditions in 1992 and what we had left was the best crop ever," he said. "And our trees are coming along really well. With some luck, we should have really good production this year."

Kempthorne says Air Force base will be upgraded, not shut down

MOUNTAIN HOME (AP) — Expect more airplanes and more money for base housing and infrastructure at Mountain Home Air Force Base.

This year, the government plans to spend \$12 million to upgrade the Mountain Home runways to accommodate B1 bombers, Sen. Dirk Kempthorne, R-Idaho, said Saturday.

And if Mountain Home remains off the base closure list, the base will receive another \$12 million to build B1 hangers, Kempthorne said. It was reported Saturday that the Mountain Home Base was not one of the 22 bases being targeted for closure by the Pentagon.

Kempthorne, who serves on the Senate Armed Services Committee, said he had not seen the Pentagon's base closure list, but that news that Mountain Home is not on it is consis-

tent with what he had heard from Defense Secretary William Perry and Air Force officials.

Perry, who will announce his base closure recommendations Tuesday, could still make last-minute changes. The list must win approval from the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission, as well as Congress.

Plans also call for E3 AWACs, planes with advanced radar systems, to come to Mountain Home. Kempthorne said Mountain Home also has been mentioned as a possible destination for F22s, fighter planes that will be ready in six to eight years.

More planes mean more space will be needed to train, Kempthorne said. But even though the base appears to have escaped closure, that does not mean the government will proceed with the proposed Owyhee County training range.

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Health & Fashion

Right on the trademark

Before I get to today's topic, which is mutant cereal in Canada, I want to apologize in a sincerely legal manner to JOCKEY International Inc., which manufactures JOCKEY brand wearing apparel. Recently I received a certified letter from Charlotte Shapiro, a JOCKEY brand corporation attorney, noting that, in a column concerning the issue of whether or not you can call your underwear, I had incorrectly used the official JOCKEY brand name in the following sentence: "Waiter, are these JOCKEY's fresh?"



Dave Barry
Humor

Ms. Shapiro points out that the word JOCKEY is an official trademark, not a generic word for underwear, and it must be used "as an adjective followed by the common name for the product." Thus my sentence should, legally, have read as follows: "Waiter, there's a fly in these JOCKEYS!"

I am grateful to Ms. Shapiro for making me more sensitive to this issue, and in the future if I ever hear anyone misusing the JOCKEY brand name, I will make it my business to strike that person with a Sears CRAFTSMAN brand hammer.

Speaking of hard objects, I have here an alarming item from the oxymoronically named Canadian newspaper Northern Life, sent in by alert reader Alan Nursall. The article, by Kim Dominique-Plouffe, concerns a Sudbury, Ontario, woman named Dot Brousseau, who was pouring some Kellogg's brand CORN FLAKES cereal into a bowl when — please try to remain calm — out came a hard, fist-sized clump of CORN FLAKES all wadded together.

Here in the United States, a typical consumer, confronted with this situation, would probably just take it in stride, by which I mean don a STYROFOAM brand neck brace and sue Kellogg's for \$4.7 million. But Canada is not part of the United States (it is part of Iceland). So what Dot Brousseau did was contact Northern Life, which printed a story headlined WOMAN SURPRISED TO FIND A LUMP "THE SIZE OF A FIST" IN HER CORN FLAKES BOX. The article is accompanied by a photograph of Brousseau looking concerned and holding the CORN FLAKES clump, which looks sort of like an oyster.

Like most professional journalists, I routinely investigate any documented case of breakfast foods spontaneously wadding together, so I contacted various news sources that I have cultivated over the years, and I was able to determine that Canada does, in fact, have telephones. I then called Dot Brousseau and asked her for an update on the situation. She told me that she had received "several compliments" on the Northern Life article, and that a number of people had come over to view her clump, which she is keeping in a BAGGIES brand plastic bag.

She said that a Kellogg's representative had also come to her home and examined the clump, and had wanted to take it away, but she refused. "I'm going to have it analyzed," she said.

Please see BARRY/B2



When the savings of the century is every week, perhaps it's not really a bargain

Orange County Register

Snow sale anyone?

If the sun is out, just change the name. It seems as though there is a sale for every reason. As soon as after-Christmas sales ended, New Years sales rushed in.

Mid-January clearances were followed by President's Day sales and end-of-the-season sales will be upon us.

Just mumbo-jumbo? Or are there really deals?

More confusion: Some retailers are increasing their number of promotions, while others are cutting back, leaving a confused customer who doesn't know whether to believe the price of an item.

"A customer will start to question the price in the first place," said Linda Luna-Franks, a spokeswoman for Seattle-based Nordstrom stores, which this year are eliminating their fall and spring clearance sales.

"We want to stay true to our big sales and do a better job selling what we have," Luna-Franks said.

The best tip for shopping a sale is to use your best judgment, consumer experts say. But as you sort through the sea of sales, check our chart and consider these points:

Retailers like to "turn" the selling floor — meaning introduce new merchandise — every six to eight weeks. So if you see something you like and there seems to be plenty in stock, you might return regularly until it gets marked down, said Kathleen

A discount master preaches caution

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A retailer who knew how to attract shoppers like few others in Magic Valley history says the secret of the successful clearance sale is credibility.

"The thing I always tried to remember was that my customers knew my merchandise as well as I did," said Earl Faulkner, who ran The Paris women's clothing store in downtown Twin Falls for 37 years until he retired five years ago. "They knew how much it cost before I cut the price."

That's the trouble with non-stop selling, Faulkner said: Astute shoppers can figure out when the price of an item has been raised so it can be reduced.

"A retailer can lose credibility with customers, and that's something no retailer can afford," he said.

O'Connor, a New York retail consultant. Look, too, for items at the end of a fad. They're likely to be reduced up to 50 percent in price. The best price reductions likely come at the end of the season. A coat sale at the start of cool weather might save you 20 percent to 25 percent, but chances are you'll save up to 50 percent and more in February on what remains, O'Connor said. If you buy then, consider it a purchase for next year.

Faulkner's six-times-a-year sales were legendary for the throngs of loyal customers they drew, and yet prices were almost never cut by more than one-fourth.

"We'd open up after taking inventory, and after our ad came out, we'd do as much business as we normally would in a week," he said.

Shoppers should know that few retailers can turn merchandise over fast enough to have constant clearance sales, Faulkner said.

"The time to buy is at the end of the season," he said. "Now would be a good time to buy a coat or a sweater."

Be wary of sales at the height of peak shopping periods, Faulkner said, and if the deal seems too good to be true, it's worth considering whether it might be.

"Fifty percent off? A hundred percent? I'd be careful of anything over 25 percent."

For Nicklin, a "true sale" is when a tag has been red-lined, meaning the original price is lined through and the sale price is displayed. If the tag shows two markdowns — all the better.

A good sale can be one where retailers take an additional percentage off an already reduced price.

Some stores schedule sales the same time every year, taking markdowns only then.

Nordstrom has a men's half-yearly sale starting the day after Christmas and on Father's Day, a women's and children's half-yearly sale in June and November, an after-Christmas clearance, and a pre-season sale in July — called an anniversary sale.

The pre-season sale features new-to-the-store merchandise at reduced prices. This is Nordstrom's most popular sale "because it's not clearance stuff," Luna-Franks said.

The stores occasionally field calls from shoppers who want to plan their vacations around the sale, she said.

There are only a few reasons to pay full price:

- If you must have the item for a one-time special occasion such as your best friend's wedding.

- There's only one size, model or color of what you must have, and you're uncertain if it will go on sale.

- In either case, it's worth asking the store clerk if he or she knows when the item might go on sale. Some clerks will tip off regular customers to upcoming deals.

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Looking good

Style doesn't have to cost a lot

The Associated Press

For the woman who sews, the dictates of fashion are less dictatorial, and usually less expensive, too. Pricey designer wear is less so if it comes off the machine at home.

A.J. Bari, a top design name in the formal-evening wear field, comes across with a new line of outfits for Butterick Patterns. It includes a striking sleeveless column dress, cut long or above the knee, with three diamond-shaped keyholes in the back (3803).

Another designer newly featured at Butterick is Lauren Sara Morgan, who offers an evening separates ensemble (1467) that includes a main-sleeve jacket and seersucker cropped top, both with fishtail backs, to be paired with either full pants or long front-slit skirt. Her maternity line, called Lauren Sara M, features a simply cut chemise (1465) or a two-piece dress (1466).

With the success of African-inspired fashions by Emeecha Emeocha, McCall's has added the designs of Twain Revell and Daphne Maxwell Reid.

Revell often uses mudcloth embellished with cowrie shells, beads and buttons in her Afro designs; her first pattern for McCall's (7463) is a collection of accessories, including headwraps, hipwraps and a regal collar.

Reid, an actress who sews, offers career coordinates with an African slant. A long, princess-seamed jacket, two skirts, trousers and a stole (7355) can be interpreted with African prints; her basic coordinates (7353) has a key-vest piece with an extended shoulder yoke that can be used to showcase African fabrics and trims. The pattern also includes a hat and a sash-stole.

The Folkwear catalog is \$3 from the Taunton Press, P.O. Box 5506, Newtown, Conn. 06470-5506.



The dress on Claudia Schiffer costs \$5,000 off the rack, but you can make it for much less.

Health notes

HOPE FOR X-RAYS: Early detection of breast cancer poses a painful dilemma. Frequent X-ray exams increase the chance of finding the disease early. But they also raise the risk of damaging the tissue from too much radiation exposure. One promising solution is to use "hard" X-rays (those with the shortest wavelengths) that penetrate flesh so easily that very few are absorbed. Now a team of Australian scientists has found a way to enhance hard X-ray contrast dramatically by exploiting a subtle effect: Although the rays are not absorbed as they pass through soft tissue, they are refracted, and their wave phases are shifted slightly. That is, waves that traverse a tumor arrive a tiny bit out of sync with those that go through surrounding areas. In the Feb. 16 issue of Nature, T.J. Davis and colleagues describe a method of detecting those shifts by bouncing the rays off a perfect silicon crystal. The crystal surface diffracts the X-ray beams, and only beams in a certain phase are passed on to the X-ray film. This system, the researchers write, should provide resolution as good as current techniques, but with less radiation exposure.

THE BLINK OF AN EYE: Her winking and blinking may be giving you the nod, men. According to the American Optometric Association, women who take birth-control pills blink an aver-

age of 19 times a minute, one-third more often than women who don't take the Pill, Men's Health magazine reports.

RUNNING IN PLACE: Just because you can run five miles on a treadmill doesn't mean you can run five miles on the street or on a track. Lack of wind resistance on a treadmill may make the run deceptively easy, says Jack Daniels, a physical education researcher and cross-country coach at the State University of New York at Cortland. Over-the-ground running costs about 7 percent more in energy than treadmill running, Daniels says. To equalize the effect, you have to either run faster or raise the angle of the treadmill, he advises.

THE 2000-YEAR ITCH: Watch out — the epidemic of "millennial fever" is about to break out. Although the year 2000 is still five years away, "1995 will be a watershed year as media begin to beat the millennium drum," marketing consultant James R. Rosenfield writes in Advertising Age magazine. Nostalgia, especially in advertising, will be very big, and intimations of mortality among baby boomers will fuel a "so much to buy and so little time" wave of consumption, the chairman of San Diego-based Rosenfield & Associates predicts.

Compiled from wire reports

Alcoholic treatment faces reluctant market

Newspaper

While others may be hesitant to dub naltrexone — a drug recently approved by the U.S. government — as a "magic bullet" for alcoholics, Marc Catrbanone has no such reluctance.

Five years ago, after several other approaches failed, she used the drug in her personal fight against alcoholism, and she says it worked.

"Naltrexone really decreased my craving for alcohol, which was the key to my situation," said Catrbanone, a 46-year-old sales manager from Clifton Heights, Pa. "I've not had any relapse, I'm proud to say. My sobriety has been wonderful."

Using naltrexone with alcoholics was still in the experimental stage when Catrbanone started taking it. The drug was approved by the Food and Drug Administration for use in treating alcoholism Dec. 30, and is now being touted by some addiction experts as an effective tool in helping alcoholics overcome cravings for alcohol.

Naltrexone is the first drug approved by the FDA since the introduction of Antabuse in 1948. (Antabuse causes extreme nausea when mixed with alcohol, thereby deterring the alcoholic from taking that critical first drink.)

Skeptics of naltrexone can be found throughout the treatment community.

"I don't see this as anything our doctors would prescribe," says Dolores Hughes, director of privately run addiction treatment facilities in Long Island, N.Y. "It seems alcoholics look for a quick fix and it doesn't work. And taking a pill is a quick fix."

Hughes said programs that emphasize counseling and abstinence are most effective in turning around the lives of alcoholics.

Some of the drug's critics point out that it wasn't terribly effective when it was used in trials as a deterrent to heroine use. It worked against the craving, they said, but it didn't

offer any positive reinforcement or replacement for the heroin high.

Even the drug's manufacturer says that the "magic bullet" tag is probably not warranted since the drug, sold under the name ReVia, is best used in combination with a regular counseling program. But they argue that the drug has a place in most alcohol abuse programs, if given a chance by the traditionalists.

"We're not going to convince everyone and it's not going to be used by everyone," says Laura Mas-trangelo, spokeswoman for DuPont Merck, the drug's manufacturer. "We understand there's going to be resistance. Over time, we're convinced there will be enough studies to show what the success rate will be."

The government's approval resulted from two federally sponsored studies, which outlined the effectiveness of treating alcoholics with naltrexone along with counseling. One 12-week study of 70 alcoholic men at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine showed that 23 percent who were on the drug relapsed, compared with 54 percent who took a placebo. Similar results were found in another Yale study.

"Based on clinical trials to date, it holds considerable promise," said Richard K. Fuller, clinical research director for the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism in Rockville, Md. He said that naltrexone could become a major factor in treating alcoholism in America.

Researcher Raye Litten, of the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, said the government plans further studies on naltrexone.

"We still don't understand why naltrexone seems to be working," says Litten. "It's the first compound that can reduce one's desire for alcohol. And that's what's exciting."

Both the drug manufacturer and the experts studying naltrexone insist it is a supplement, and not a replacement, to counseling at alcoholism treatment facilities.

in the garage when his shoes "seemed to explode, catching his jeans on fire." The story states that the shoes were turned over to the fire department; a fire official is quoted as saying that "it does appear that the explosion came from within the shoe itself."

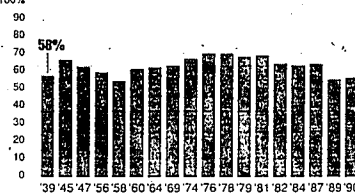
I want to stress that this is just one isolated incident of NIKE shoes apparently exploding. We cannot conclude that all NIKE footwear explodes, even if we feel somewhat bitter toward the NIKE brand corporation because we are forced to purchase its absurdly overpriced products for our children, who refuse to wear any other kind because they have been exposed to relent-

less multimillion-dollar advertising campaigns featuring athletes such as MICHAEL JORDAN. We should continue to purchase and wear NIKE brand shoes with total confidence, unless we happen to be among those rare individuals who need, for some medical reason, to retain the use of their feet.

Alcohol in America: The legal drug epidemic

How many Americans drink

Percentage of those who consumed alcohol at least occasionally:



Who's doing the drinking

Percentage of Americans who consumed alcohol at least occasionally in 1992:

Category	Percentage
Total	64%
Men	72%
Women	57%
Ages 18-29	71%
30-49	68%
50 and up	56%
College graduates	78%
Some college	64%
High school graduates	64%
No high school diploma	49%

SOURCES: The Gallup Organization; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

Who's affected

- 1 in 4 — number of Americans affected by a drinking problem
- 6.6 million — number of children under 18 who live with an alcoholic mother or father
- 37 of every 100,000 — number of babies born in the United States in 1992 who had fetal alcohol syndrome

"None of these studies indicate this is a substitute for good psychosocial treatment — 12-step programs like Alcoholics Anonymous," said Charles O'Brien, a professor of psychiatry at the University of Pennsylvania.

For decades, the majority of alcoholism treatment centers have based their approach on a "drug-free" philosophy. (Some drug-treatment facilities also use this philosophy, though others rely on methadone, a synthetic opiate, for treatment). Some resistance to naltrexone is based on this long-standing drug-free philosophy.

There's a lot at stake if naltrexone can provide even limited success. The cost of alcohol abuse is staggering, claiming 65,000 lives and \$136 billion in 1990 alone, according to one study.

The federal government currently spends more than \$180 million annually in the fight against alcohol. Of the estimated 10 million American alcoholics — people whose alcohol use adversely affects their behavior — about 1.5 million are now in some form of treatment.

DuPont Merck says the cost of ReVia will be \$3.80 a day. The company also promises to make it available to those who can't pay. Sales are currently less than \$8 million annually, the company said.

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Barry

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She also said that Kellogg's had given her some free products. "They're going to bend over backward to kiss our butt," she noted.

I asked Brouseau if she was aware of scientific experiments showing that Kellogg's strawberry POP-TART brand snack pastries will, if you place them in a toaster and hold the lever down, burst into flames within six minutes (unless you attempt to demonstrate this to a national TV audience on the David Letterman show, in which case the POP-TARTS will not ignite until after your segment has ended). Brouseau was surprised to hear this,

Ha ha! I am joshing, of course; I have nothing but the deepest respect and affection for the NIKE corporation and its huge legal department. So just in case I may have misused or maligned any brand names in this column, let me conclude with this formal statement of apology to NIKE, BRATISLAVA, KILL LOGGS, STY, ROFOAM, BAGGIES, MICHAEL JORDAN and any other giant corporate entity I may have offended: I'm really sorry, OK? So don't get your JOCKEYS in a knot.

es and gathering material for his weekly Knight-Ridder column. Barry's Washington gig will run from March 6 to 10. Then he's off to Los Angeles the morning of the 11th to televise a "Wheel of Fortune" and regale Pat Sajak with the inside scoop on LaTourrette.

"We aren't too worried about what he'll write about us," said LaTourrette's spokeswoman, Deborah Winston. "I think he can appreciate that we need his job."

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and told me, with concern in her voice, that she had strawberry POP-TARTS in her cupboard even as we spoke.

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THE CHIROPRACTIC COLUMN

HANDS-ON BACK THERAPY IS WINNING RESPECTABILITY

By Elisabeth Rosenbald
Frustrated by a lack of good treatments for back pain, doctors are turning to a therapy they have long dismissed as chiropractic quackery: spinal manipulation.

The American Association of Orthopedic Surgeons this year for the first time included a symposium on back manipulation at its meeting and, in a show of hands, almost a third of the 1,000-member audience bashfully admitted that they had referred patients to the technique.

"No question, manipulation is more accepted," said Dr. Scott Malfem, a neurologist who is also a chiropractor. "Ten years ago if you practiced manipulation, you were a quack; you couldn't get published and were never invited to meetings. Now you can't keep up with the limitations."

"I was surprised at how much agreement there was on when manipulation was appropriate and surged at the interest on the part of the orthopedists," said Dr. Paul G. Shekelle, an internist, who is leading the Rand project. At one time, he said, he would never have sent a patient to a chiropractor, but he now does so on occasion.

Dr. John Frymoyer, director of the McClure Musculoskeletal Research Center at the University of Vermont, says that a growing number of doctors practice manipulation themselves, or, more commonly, refer patients to other professionals who are skilled in the technique, from chiropractors to physical therapists.

Dr. Horton Hadler, a professor of rheumatology at the University of North Carolina Medical School at Chapel Hill, describing himself as a "cantankerous doctor who would have never dealt with manipulation in the past," said "It's not mainstream, but it has become acceptable to talk about because some of us establishments figures have become interested."

Today, most hands-on back therapy is done by chiropractors, who believe that back pain and a number of other maladies can be treated by manipulation. The physical movement of joints past their normal range of motion, in their view, manipulation relieves aching backs because it restores normal mobility to vertebrae joints that are abnormally stiff, altering the function of adjacent muscles and nerves.

"Chiropractors, who used to be ostracized, are now invited into major hospitals, H.M.D.s and practices," Dr. Halldeman said. ©H.E.A.L.

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the lesson page

Lower body stretches

Exercises that help build strength and flexibility in the hips and legs.

Call stretch

■ Extend left leg forward with knee flexed; place palms against a stationary surface, keeping elbows bent; extend right leg backward, knee locked, heel on floor; lean into a wall; reverse legs



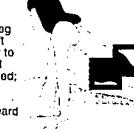
Quadriceps stretch

■ Lie on side with right leg bent slightly at knee, supporting upper torso with right arm; bend left leg and grasp left foot with left hand; press left heel toward buttocks; reverse legs



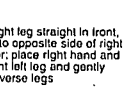
Hip flexor stretch

■ Step forward on left leg into a deep lunge with left knee bent, perpendicular to floor and heel flat; extend right leg to rear, heel raised; balance yourself on fingertips; press forward gently; press buttocks toward floor; reverse legs



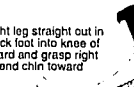
Hip abductor stretch

■ Sit on floor; extend right leg straight in front, lock knee; cross left foot to opposite side of right knee, placing foot on floor; place right hand and forearm on outside of bent left leg and gently press toward the right; reverse legs



Hamstring stretch

■ Sit on floor; extend right leg straight out in front; bend left leg and tuck foot into knee of extended leg; reach forward and grasp right heel with hands; gently bend chin toward knee; reverse legs



SOURCE: Dayton Daily News

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Valley happenings

U of I Co-op System to present lunch

TWIN FALLS - The University of Idaho Cooperative Extension System will present its monthly Power Lunch at 12:15 p.m. Tuesday at the Food Court in the Magic Valley Mall. This month's topic is "Financial Fitness." The session is one of a series of six free seminars designed to provide information to today's families in a convenient manner. Participants can either bring a sack lunch or purchase lunch at one of the food counters. For more information, call 734-9590 or 324-7578.

Square dance club plans its workshop

JEROME - The Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club will hold a regular workshop at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Catholic Parish Hall, 216 Second Ave. E. Gerald Hurst will be the guest caller. People whose last names begin with the letters R through Z are asked to bring finger foods. For more information, call Mae McKenney at 324-2656, Sadie Thornton at 736-2543 or Janice Lang at 326-5470.

Garden Club will hold lunch meeting

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Garden Club has planned a luncheon meeting for 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Tse Restaurant, 1021 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. Laryne Creasey will present a program about her recent vacation in Hawaii.

The Times-News welcomes news of community events. Send material to The Times-News Valley Happenings, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303-0548. Please submit news at least a week in advance and include a phone number where you can be reached.

Color blindness now seen in whole new kind of light

The Washington Post

John Dalton (1766-1844), the English chemist who devised atomic theory, is memorialized today by two words: the unit of atomic mass called the dalton, and Daltonism, a form of color blindness suffered by his eponym. To Dalton, red sealing wax and laurel leaves looked the same, and a pink geranium appeared to be sky blue.

We now know that such people lack one of the three types of cone-cell pigments normally found in the retina, each of which responds to a different range of wavelengths and hence to different colors. Dalton, assumed it was because the vitreous humor in his eyeballs was blue. He left instructions after his death his eyes should be dissected to decide the matter.

It was done, but the humors and lenses were found to be quite normal. In a macabre form of conservation, the eyes were preserved, passing into the possession of the Manchester Literary and Philosophical Society.

That's where scientists from the universities of London and Cambridge recently to obtain samples of Dalton's celebrated optics so they could examine them with modern DNA-testing techniques. The researchers report in the Feb. 17 issue of Science that Dalton lacked the gene to produce pigments sensitive to middle wavelengths that include green, although he did have long-wavelength

cones responsive to red. To a person with this condition - called deuteranopia - certain shades of the two colors look the same.

Visual-pigment genes for middle and long wave lie on the X chromosome. It has been assumed (based on early DNA analysis) that people with normal color vision have a single version of the long-wave gene - which has two or more normal variants - plus one or more middle-wave genes. But when researchers from the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee used a more sophisticated method of analysis, they found that some men had as many as nine pigment genes on the X chromosome. In addition, they report in the same issue of Science, many men had at least two variants of the long-wave gene, and some had four. These "individual differences in the pigment genes are much larger than have been appreciated," they write.

This unexpected variation may explain certain observed differences in color discernment among subjects with normal color vision. When men are given a test in which they are asked to mix red and green lights until the result exactly matches a pure yellow light, the Wisconsin researchers note, "a person who has inherited one of the long-wave variants will choose a different red/green ratio as matching the yellow than will another person who has inherited a different long-wave variant."

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LIVING TRUST POPULARITY
QUESTION: Why are living trusts gaining in popularity?

Dennis S. Voorhees

Over the last thirty years the public's desire to assert greater personal control over how estates pass from one generation to another has increased markedly. The forces underlying this movement are the fear of probate and disdain for lawyers. A groundswell of interest in non-probate estate transfers was set in motion with the 1965 bestseller, *How to Avoid Probate* by Norman J. Dacey. In states not having streamlined and efficient probate laws like those of Idaho, many people choose a living trust to avoid probate delay and expense. In Idaho, where probate delay and expense are not significant considerations, the well-informed person selecting a living trust does so for other equally important reasons. Several come quickly to mind - the desire to place asset management in professional hands, avoiding probate of real property located in other states, anticipating the onset of a debilitating illness, and assuring coordinated management and distribution of complex assets.

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Laser-treated teeth fight against cavities

The Washington Post

In a development that narrows the gap between real life and Star Trek, researchers are using laser beams to transform the enamel coating on teeth into a hard-as-nails surface that is extremely resistant to cavities.

The experimental procedure has been performed only on teeth that have already been extracted. But researchers said they hope soon to try it on animals and then gain permission to test the method in people.

"We get at least as good an effect as with fluoride," said John Featherstone, the University of Rochester chemist who has been leading the research, referring to the fluoride treatments that are now commonly used to help children's teeth resist decay. "This treatment won't be for everybody," he said, but he suggested it may have some advantages over fluoride for people whose teeth are especially susceptible to cavities.

Featherstone developed the approach with University of Rochester laser expert Wolf Seka and Daniel Fried, a professor at the Eastman Dental Clinic. The team uses a carbon-dioxide laser to burn concentrated

energy against the tooth for a hundred-millionth of a second, heating the outer surface to about 1,800 degrees Fahrenheit. The tooth enamel literally melts. When it cools and recrystallizes a tenth of a second later, its molecular structure has changed in a way that makes it to 85 percent more resistant to the acids that cause tooth decay. And since the laser energy is delivered in such brief pulses, the sensitive core, or pulp, of the tooth does not warm up more than 2 degrees, ensuring its survival.

The team tested laser-treated teeth's resistance to cavities by soaking them in a weak acid for seven hours a day

(to simulate exposure to food acids during eating) and then dunking them in a specially developed artificial saliva for 17 hours a day. After two weeks they tallied the net loss of minerals from the teeth to get a measure of their susceptibility to decay.

Featherstone said results suggest that the technique may prove useful not only for chewing surfaces of teeth - either alone or in combination with fluoride - but also for treatment of root surfaces, which often become exposed as gums retreat in adults.

Featherstone reported on the technique last week at the annual meeting of the International Society for Optical Engineering in San Jose, Calif.

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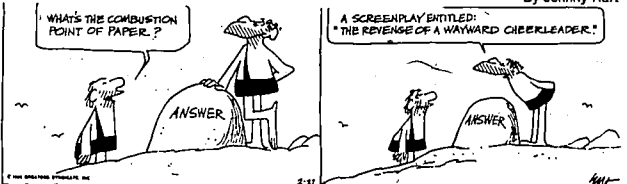
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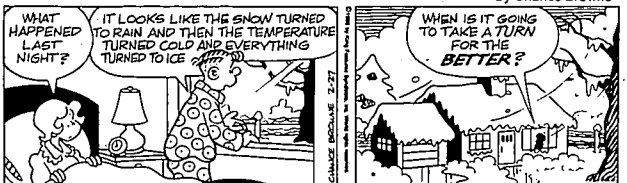
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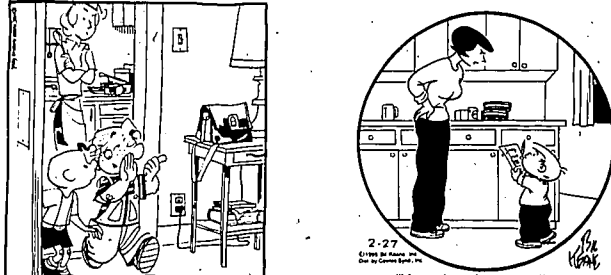


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"I wish my mom would keep her patience in her purse. Maybe she wouldn't lose it so often."

Sydney Omarr Horoscope

IF FEBRUARY 27TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are a natural humanitarian, willing to fight when cause is right, you are dynamic, inquisitive, headstrong, when you love, you love all the way and thus have been vulnerable to emotional bruises. Aries, Libra persons play meaningful roles in your life. Current cycle relates to business organization, career, ability to meet deadlines and complete projects under budget. Marital status figures prominently. September will be your most memorable, profitable month of 1995.

ARIES (March 21-June 20): Universal Your appeal transcends local news, extends worldwide. Aquarian moon reverts to elements of the unorthodox, timing, surprise, surge of popularity.

TALUS (April 21-May 20): Make fresh start. Sun keynote blends with Venus rulership for possible hot time in the old town tonight! Promotion due, advertise ways, publicize your own cause.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Hunch accurate! No matter what others say, follow intuitive intellect. Family members talk as if they know it all, expecting to live your life for you. Cancer (June 21-July 22): Those who counted you out less than 24 hours ago will pay a dear price. Focus on fun, frolic, creativity, successful artistic endeavors.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Solid backing! What appeared nebulous is transformed into durable goods - you might be asking, "Is alchemy at work?" Spotlight on publicity, popularity, written agreement, marital status.

VIROGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Waiting game! Refuse to be cajoled into easy decision. Time on your side, organize priorities, don't sign until signs tells you, "Just right!" Gemini, Sagittarius, another Virgo involved.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Focus on music, beauty, flowers, occasion relating to financial event, personal purchase. Gift involves porcelain, valuable gear, should be regarded as symbol of affection.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): What was yours, ready will be recovered. Stay close to home, relatives, structure, check plumbing, ease way out of untenable relationship.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Power play! You'll astonish many by insisting on following your own course. Emphasis on strength, determination, intense love relationship.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): All the way! Don't let any "go faster" go full steam ahead with project that might lead to foreign land. Focus on universal, full, distance, language, familiarity with import-export news.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): In your court! Circumstances make dramatic turn favoring your efforts - highlight independence, declare, "I accept challenge, responsibility and I guarantee victory!"

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Good! Dining treat in store. Cancer native extends invitation, lives up to reputation as excellent chef. Family member says, "Let bygones be forgotten, let us be together!"

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'Coca-Cola' a pricy name

"Marlboro," "Coca-Cola" and "Budweiser" were named in recent research reports as the three most valuable brand names in the world.

Lions also get distemper.

Q. The first public restrooms west of the Mississippi, where were they installed?

A. At St. Louis's old courthouse in 1844. Same year a German engineer named Gottlieb Keller invented the wood pulp process that brought newspaper prices way down. These two developments eventually made it possible for just about anybody in downtown St. Louis to buy a newspaper and go to the restroom.

Q. Am told some but not many can enunciate 100 different words in less than 20 seconds.

A. Skin fit the kernel. It's smoother, so conducts heat more quickly into the starch to create pissan. And it's tougher, so withstands enough pressure to make it explode when it escapes.

Reportedly on the market now in Japan is a detergent with a bacterial enigma that eats stains.

L.M. Boyd
What's what?

Announcer Jack Buck once described George Steinbruner's yacht of the time as "a beautiful thing to behold, with all 36 oars working in unison."

So much of what you buy is air. Take bread. Claim it you can squeeze a family-size loaf of supermarket bread into a two-inch cube.

Half the trips on public transit nationwide are in New York City.

Q. "Percians" is what makes popcorn pop. I've read. What's that?

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In-line skates give aerobic benefit along lines of a run

WASHINGTON (AP) — Why run when you can roll? Studies indicate that, for most people, in-line skating is as good as running for burning calories and aerobic conditioning.

"The biggest thing we found is people can get a physical workout and benefit from in-line skating," said researcher John P. Porcari, executive director of the La Crosse Exercise and Health Program at the University of Wisconsin, La Crosse.

However, another researcher cautions that this still doesn't prove in-line skating can be used for aerobic training.

Although many people use in-line skates, there has been little research to indicate how much benefit they get. Porcari's report said. The study was published in the American College of Sports Medicine's journal, *Medicine and Science in Sports and Exercise*. The Rollerblade skate company provided the skates.

A few other studies have looked at the aerobic benefit of in-line skating, but this is the first comparison of skating and running to be published in a journal that requires outside experts to approve its scientific value, Porcari said.

Porcari and his colleagues compared in-line skating to running in 16 men, ages 18-37. All were tested on a treadmill and on a newly paved stretch of road certified as flat by the La Crosse City Engineers Office.

In either place, the men exercised progressively faster, 3-minute stages. They wore devices that measured

their heart rates, and periodically breathed into bags so researchers could tell how much carbon dioxide the exercisers exhaled. The researchers calculated how much energy the men burned.

After each stage, the men also rated how hard the workout felt to them.

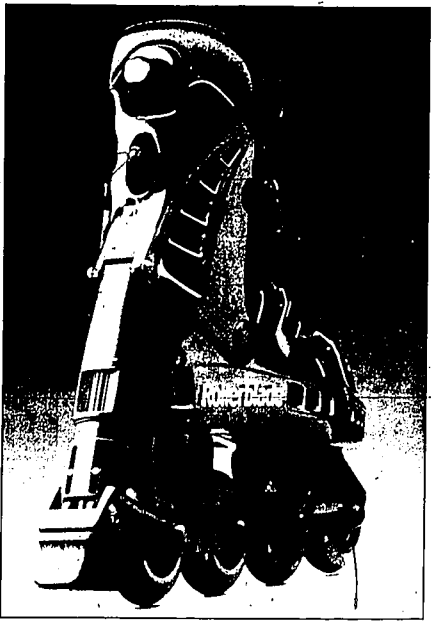
For all but the highest levels of exercise, it took about as much heart-pounding effort to get an aerobic payoff in running as it did in skating, the researchers found.

"Your average person skates at 10 to 12 mph," Porcari said. "A person running at an 8 or 9 mph will feel a pace would feel the effort involved to be the same, he said. How hard a person perceives the effort to be is a good measure of how hard the exercise actually is.

Heart rates and oxygen use rose at about the same rates as the exercise intensity increased. So did the exercisers' ratings of how hard the exercise felt to them, and the amount of calories burned.

"The thing we found is that people exercise at about the same heart rate," Porcari said. "As long as it's an aerobic exercise, they get about the same aerobic benefit."

The study did not fully test the aerobic potential of in-line skating, because the exercisers had five-minute rests between stages. This means so researchers could drive the men back to the starting point for the next stage and fit them with bags for collecting their expired air, Porcari said.



LA TIMES photo

Researchers find that in-line skates, also known as Rollerblades, are close to the aerobic exercise benefit of a good run.

When the label says it's natural, you still run allergy risk

DEAR PAULA: Lancome's salespeople have been insisting that the fragrance listed on the ingredient label in their products is an FDA requirement even if the scent occurs "naturally." In other words, the fragrance in Lancome products is not really fragrance. That does not make sense to me; does it make sense to you? I also thought you might like to know that I learned from Alpha Hydrox recently that there has been some trouble with their new Enhanced Gel. It becomes flaky and peels off, especially under foundation or a sunscreen. I called the customer service number and was told that there has been a flaking problem and they are working on a new formulation. — Beth, Pittsburgh

DEAR BETH: It doesn't make any sense at all. Lancome is not a fragrance-free line. According to the FDA, fragrance is any additional ingredient(s) used in cosmetics to alter the smell. It's that simple. There are "natural" ingredients that can impart fragrance to a product and they may be listed by the name of that specific ingredient and not as the generic term "fragrance." Whether or not a fragrance is natural (meaning plant-based) or chemical (meaning synthetically derived), the term "fragrance" refers to a blend of ingredients that alters the smell of a product. By the way, almost all fragrances used in cosmetics are derived from plants. Products that have no additional fragrance do not have to list anything because nothing was used to scent the product.

A so-called "naturally derived" fragrance can still cause allergic reactions. I had not heard about the flaking problem with the Alpha Hydrox gel, but given the ingredient list it does make sense. I called Neoteric, the makers of Alpha Hydrox, and asked them what was going on, and they indeed acknowledged the problem. They are working on reformulating the gel and turning it into an oil-free cream or lotion. I bet that either the cream or lotion contains thickeners or silicone oils which is almost always the case, it isn't going to make women with oily or combination skin happy. I begged them to reconsider. I'll let you know what they decide. In the meantime, you might want to consider Alpha Ceramide by Arden. It's pricey, but it is a good, gentle 7.5 per-

cent AHA product.

DEAR PAULA: I have tried some products you recommended and am pleased with some and other I haven't settled on. When I purchased your book I was using Eric Laszlo skin care, foundation, and powder; Lancome blush and eyeshadows; Clinique lipsticks; and Maybelline Great Lash Mascara. I loved Eric Laszlo because my skin was clear and felt clean. I have combination skin that leans to the oily side. I have tried Cetaphil Lotion, which doesn't get my makeup off, but I do like the Cetaphil Lotion mixed with baking soda as a scrub. The 3 percent hydrogen peroxide (seems like water) and L'Oreal's Plentitude Floral Toner seems like perfumed water; neither made my blackheads go away. I do see some fine lines disappear when I use the Alpha Hydrox Gel, so I would like to incorporate an AHA product regime, but without the Laszlo products my skin seems to be worse. Any personal recommendations to lower my skin-care budget and keep me off Laszlo would be appreciated. — Elizabeth, Atlanta

DEAR ELIZABETH: Cetaphil Lotion is not a great makeup remover for someone with combination/oily skin. Please use the Cetaphil Lotion only during the day before you apply your makeup. At night try either Moisturizer's Sensitive Skin Cleanser, Nivea's Hydro Creaming Gel, or Pond's Foaming Cleanser and Toner in One. If you are using an alpha hydroxy

acid product (one with an 8 percent concentration such as Alpha Hydrox Gel), you don't need and should not be using a scrub. AHAs in the right concentration replace the need for a scrub. Try the Alpha Hydrox Gel once or twice a day and see how that works. The 3 percent hydrogen peroxide is hardly water, although it may not work for your skin, and the toners I recommend are mostly soothing agents, nothing more.

If your skin did well with the Eric Laszlo line and you like their foundation best after searching for alternatives, then stay with the Laszlo products. My opinion is not gospel, and you are a good example of someone for whom alcohol and bar soap, though I am loath to admit it, can be beneficial. It always shocks me, but you are living proof. Go ahead and add the Alpha

Hydrox Gel to your routine and see how that works for you. One word of warning: Some of the skin problems you are having may not be a result of the change in products. A large number of women begin having skin problems in their late 20s.



Cosmetics Q&A Paula Begoun

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