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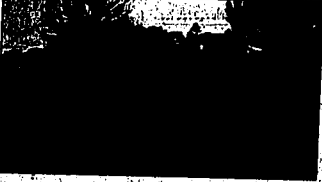
Government shuts down - again

The Associated Press
WASHINGTON — Their budget talks ground, President Clinton and Republicans traded accusations but no new offers Saturday as the second government shutdown in a month left tourists staring forlornly at padlocked federal museums and parks.
In a sign that the standoff might take some time to solve, Democrats trying to craft a new proposal they could unite behind found themselves divided.
A day after bargainers stalked out of three-week-old negotiations over balancing the budget by 2002, the rhetoric, if anything, edged up a notch. "I am not going to let them hurt our children," Clinton said during his weekly radio address, vowing to hold fast against proposed GOP cuts in health, education and waste-cleanup programs.
"He can stop that garbage he's been spewing on his radio program and everything else," fumed Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., when asked what Clinton could do to restart negotiations.
Though the words fell on deaf ears, Clinton urged Republicans to pass legislation halting the pre-holiday shutdown and to return to the table. His press secretary issued a warning.
"Whether the government will open on Monday depends on whether the Republicans will come back to the table," said White House spokesman Mike McCurry.
In a meeting between Clinton and congressional Democrats at the Blair House across the street from the White House, and at another session among Democratic lawmakers at the Capitol, Democrats labored to

Food fight - A3
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craft a new budget-balancing proposal but found themselves at odds. Among other things, participants said Clinton was resisting pleas from many lawmakers that he drop or severely pare his proposed tax cut.
Democrats were also divided over what other changes to make. Some want to back a plan proposed by the so-called Blue Dogs, 21 conservative Democrats whose seven-year balanced budget has spending cuts falling mostly between those proposed by Clinton and the Republicans.
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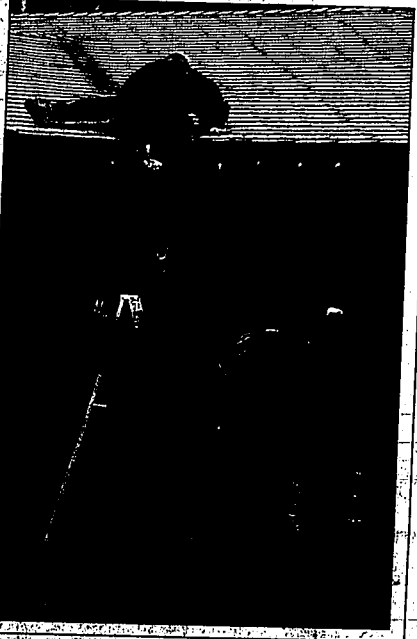
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Santa makes a pass through Paul



BUDDY CHARLES MANNING/The Times-News

Above, throwing candy to children, the West End Fire Department and Santa visit every street in Paul Saturday. Right, Angle Gill helps Beth Carlisle retrieve candy from her roof after one of Santa's helpers threw a little off target.



Cease and desist

Idaho farmers face new water measuring law

By William Brock
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — For the first time ever, some of southern Idaho's ground water pumpers were required to measure how much water they pumped in 1995 — and a few violators have been told by the state they can't pump again until they measure.
"This is extremely significant," said Heyburn resident Clarence Parr, chairman of the Idaho Water Resources Board. Telling pumpers they can't pump is an unpleasant new message for the Idaho Water Resources Department to deliver, he said, "because everybody thought there was no end to the Snake Plain Aquifer."
The vast majority of pumpers got with the program this year, said Gary Spackman, water distribution manager for the Idaho Department of Water Resources.
"I felt really good with the way most of the water users worked with us," Spackman said.
But a few farmers, whether innocently or intentionally, did not get with the program — and wound up with cease-and-desist orders from Water Resources. The orders prohibit them from pumping water until they comply with the measurement program; violators face a \$100 per day penalty.

List of violators - C3

"We're just seeing the tip of the iceberg," Parr predicted. "Once they start the enforcement, we'll be seeing a lot more of these" cease-and-desist orders."
Many in Idaho's water community suspect some pumpers are using more groundwater than they're legally entitled to — measuring program — coupled with rigorous enforcement — may slow the depletion of southern Idaho's enormous Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer.

Confusion, resentment

Many of the farmers who have been ordered not to pump said their violations were due to mix-ups and confusion — and they vowed to be in compliance when the 1996 irrigation season begins. Water users can either install meters, or supply their electrical bills — which coupled with information about their wells and pumps — reveal how much water was used.
Though he got one of the cease-and-desist orders, Hazelton-area farmer Delbert Kolts praised the new measurement program — and the Water Resources staff. Kolts owns 640 acres and three wells, but he hit upon the list because a meter wound up on the list because a meter

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Ancient enemy could break out, attack at any time; waiting for antigenic shift

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It may start with a pig on a remote farm in Asia, and a human influenza virus and a swine virus somehow lodge near each other in the throat of a porker. The two viruses exchange DNA, forming a unique genetic combination. Suddenly a brand new form of influenza is born.
With a simple snort by the pig, the new flu is airborne and introduced into the world: Inhaled by the farmer, it quickly reproduces by the millions and is transported to towns, passed around to other humans and then hitchhikes a ride to the city in the bronchial passages of a traveler.
Within days, thousands of humans are hacking, coughing and feverish from the new virus. The bug continues to spread, to train stations, airports and ships. In only a few weeks, a virus created by chance in that remote pig pen is felling people on six continents around the world.

'Flu in the last decade has assumed something of a secondary status. But we who have dealt with the infection recognize its power.'

—Dr. John LaMontagne, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

That, many experts say, is how the next pandemic — or worldwide epidemic — of killer flu could happen. Time after time, going back hundreds of years, a new form of the flu bug has broken loose and killed millions. (Now, say the experts, the world may be overdue for that to happen yet again.)
In an age of antibiotics and vaccines, most people regard flu as dangerous only to the elderly, the very young and those already ill. But, to experts, it lurks as a constant threat to all.

"Flu in the last decade has assumed something of a secondary status," said Dr. John LaMontagne of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. "But we who have dealt with the infection recognize its power."
The flu virus, he said, "is constantly

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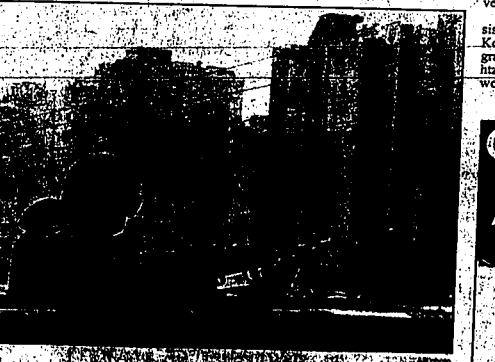
Weather halts troop landings in Bosnia

Newsday

ZAGREB, Croatia — Low, white clouds delayed the first deployment of American combat troops to Bosnia Saturday, hours after President Clinton had NATO implement their yearlong mission to enforce peace in the war-ravaged Balkans.
"G-Day" — short for "Go Day" — was disrupted by subzero temperatures and what the U.S. Air Force called a "ragged" ceiling of clouds at Tuzla that scrubbed 20 flights carrying 2,000 Army airborne troops from Aviano, Italy. The light-infantry will secure the airport and Tuzla for the arrival next week of the tanks and troops of the 1st Armored Division.

But the vanguard of 20,000 American soldiers was delayed in Italy when C-130 Hercules pilots were unable to land safely.

BOSNIA/A4

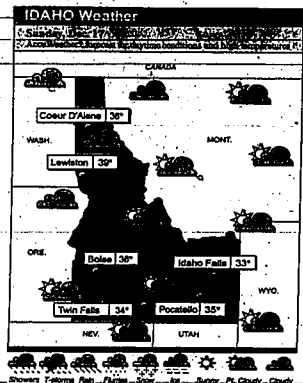


A U.S. marine manning a machine gun in the back of an advanced force preparing to enter Bosnia. The first of American combat troops ready to enter Bosnia Wednesday delayed their arrival for three days. They will try again to land today.

Christmas in City Park

TWIN FALLS — The fourth — and last — Sunday evening of the Scrooplist in City Park Christmas celebration starts at 5 p.m.
Tonight's featured entertainment is the Golden Moments Trio of Camille Cox, Milton Barrus and Jack Van Buren.

Weather



Idaho forecasts

Magic Valley

Today partly cloudy after patchy morning fog. Highs in the lower to mid-30s. Light winds. Tonight and Monday mostly clear except patchy night and morning fog. Lows in the teens. Highs in the mid-30s.

Extended regional forecast

Tuesday through Thursday fair. Areas of valley fog and low clouds mainly nights and mornings. Lows in the teens to mid-20s. Highs in the 30s.

Wood River Valley

Today patchy morning fog then sunny. Highs around 30. Tonight clear except patchy late night fog. Lows 5 to 10. Monday patchy morning fog then mostly sunny. Highs around 30.

Treasure Valley

Today sunny after patchy morning fog. Highs around 40. Light winds. Tonight mostly clear. Patchy fog west portion. Lows 20 to 25. Monday partly cloudy after patchy morning fog. Highs near 40.

Northern Nevada

Today variable high clouds. Highs in the upper 30s and 40s. Tonight increasing clouds west. Fair east. Lows 5-15 east to teens to mid-20s west and central. Monday mostly cloudy west with a slight chance of showers. Increasing clouds east and central. Highs in the upper 30s and 40s. Snow level near 5,000 feet.

Northern Utah

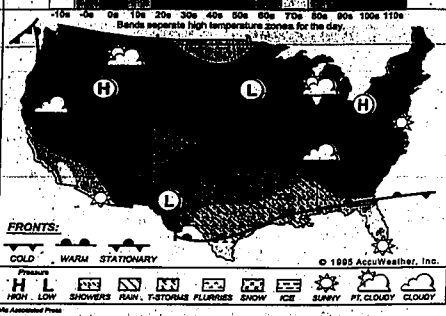
Today mostly sunny. Highs mid- to upper 40s. Tonight fair and cool. Lows in the mid- to mid-20s. Monday mostly sunny. Highs in the mid-40s. Chance of precipitation 30 percent this evening.

Idaho weather summary

Remnants of a Pacific storm system brought mostly cloudy skies and near normal temperatures to parts of the north and most of the south, east of the Treasure Valley. High temperatures varied from the lower 30s at higher elevations as well as parts of the north and southeast to the lower to mid 40s elsewhere in Idaho.

NATIONAL Weather

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Sunday, Dec. 17.



Temperature extremes

Idaho: High, 44 degrees at Caldwell. Low, 15 degrees at Stanley. Nation: High, 84 at Fort Myers, Naples and Jacksonville, Fla. Low, 21 below at Ely, Minn.

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National temperatures

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	48	37	0.1
Atlanta	57	33	0.1
Boston	32	28	0.2
Chicago	38	18	0.1
Denver	67	49	0.3
Denver	44	27	0.1
Des Moines	42	18	0.1
Detroit	34	22	0.1
Honolulu	89	71	0.1
Houston	80	68	0.5
Indianapolis	47	27	0.1
Kansas City	49	25	0.1
Las Vegas	59	40	0.1
Los Angeles	69	48	0.1
Memphis	59	47	0.1
Miami Beach	79	74	0.1
Milwaukee	28	16	0.1
Minneapolis	24	11	0.1
New Orleans	77	67	0.1
New York	41	33	0.1
Oklahoma City	48	41	0.7
Omaha	44	24	0.1
Phoenix	41	31	0.1
Pittsburgh	44	24	0.1
Portland, Me.	23	21	0.1
Portland, Ore.	50	42	0.2
Reno	40	32	0.1
St. Louis	50	28	0.1
San Antonio	64	44	0.1
Salt Lake City	60	46	0.1
Seattle	49	39	0.1
Spokane	49	39	0.1
Washington	51	40	0.8

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Almanac

Idaho	Max Min Pcp	Twin Falls	Yesterday	35	30	0.1
Boise	90	54	Last year	35	20	0.1
Fairfield	86	59	Normal	40	23	0.3
Gooding	m	m				
Hagerman	100	51				
Idaho Falls	93	49	Month to date:	1.72		
Jerome	90	60	Normal mo. to date:	.67		
Idaho Falls	95	m	Water year to date:	3.96		
Idaho Falls	94	49	Normal year to date:	2.82		
Malden	m	m				
Melba	m	m				
McCall	m	m				
Pocatello	93	51	Humidity at 7 p.m.:	72		
Salmon	85	51	Barometer at 7 p.m.:	30.09		
Stanley	m	m				
Sun Valley	m	m				

Skywatch

Sunset today 5:06 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 8:03 a.m.
Lunar phase: Last quarter, Dec. 15; new, Dec. 21; first quarter, Dec. 28; full, Jan.

Visible planets: Morning, none.
Evening: Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Venus.

Water

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which he paid for — malfunctioned. "I'm against big government, so it really hurts me to say this, but we've got to find out why there's so much pressure on this aquifer," he said. "You take a look at your garage to your car every time you go somewhere, so maybe we ought to start doing that with this aquifer."

Jerome area farmer and dairyman Luis Bettecousq said he's on the cease-and-desist list because a private contractor he hired to install his water meters got swamped with other orders — and didn't get to him in time.

Bettecousq put meters on wells that supply his three dairies, but opted to supply power records for his irrigation wells. There was no problem with his irrigation measure-

ments, he said, adding that he got into trouble over his dairy wells.

Eugene Hruza, who has 750 acres about five miles east of Minidoka, said he plans to get off this cease-and-desist list "because I don't have no problem putting a measurement device on my well."

Hruza said his land is watered by three wells, only one of which was used in 1995. He said he leased this land to another farmer this year, so compliance with the new program "was somebody else's obligation."

Though he promised to comply, Hruza is no fan of the measurement program — which he described as "a bunch of garbage to give some political people a job."

"I really have problems with this because my original water right — which is from 1948 — has no limit on the volume I want to pump,"

Hruza maintained. "There's a limit on flow, but I can pump it 365 days a year if I want."

New legislation
The groundwater measurement program was ordered by the Idaho Legislature in 1994. There wasn't enough time to set it in motion last year. A limited measurement program began in 1995.

This year's program encompasses 1,300 to 1,400 wells in Basin 36, Spackman said. The area is bounded roughly by the Snake River on the south, the communities of Hagerman on the west and Minidoka on the east, and lava fields to the north.

About 500 of the targeted wells were measured by meters installed at irrigators' expense, Spackman said. Water extraction from the re-

maining wells was measured by electrical consumption.

Basin 36 was chosen first "because it was closest to a number of problems," Spackman said, noting that water squabbles have escalated into formal "calls" for water near Hagerman and Rupert. The calls came from water users who believe they're entitled to water they "call" to Water Resources.

Ideally, the groundwater measurement program will expand throughout the state by the year 2000, Spackman said. However, the state's program could get washed out if pumpers unite to form their own groundwater management districts — and handle measurement duties themselves.

It's about time
Farmers dependent on surface water have been measuring their water use for decades, said Vince Alberdi, manager of the Twin Falls Canal Co., "so it's time we have a

fair and equitable playing field."

The canal company installed a \$225,000 weir about three years ago to measure how much water it diverts from the Snake River, Alberdi said. Measurements are accurate to within 2 or 3 percent, he said, and they are taken every 15 minutes during the irrigation season.

Alberdi and other surface water users applaud the nascent groundwater measurement program. Surface water supplies often dwindle in areas with heavy groundwater pumping because the soil, drained of its water, is thirsty.

Surface losses to groundwater pumping "were just theoretical many years ago," Alberdi said. "Now it's not just a hunch, it's fact."

Diminution of the canal company's natural flow rights from springs near American Falls Reservoir forced it to file suit several years ago, Alberdi said. The upshot from that suit was a moratorium on new groundwater permits for irriga-

tion in southern Idaho.

As squabbles over water increase, Idaho's water managers no longer can afford to turn a blind eye to unregulated groundwater extraction, Farr said.

"Everybody is convinced that we have overdone it when it comes to how much water we're taking out of that aquifer," he said, adding it's high time water managers know how much is being pumped.

The upshot is that Water Resources is asking questions that it never asked before, Farr said, and they're pointed questions about whether groundwater users are pumping more than they're entitled to.

"The department has been charged with irresponsibility in policing these licenses — that they have not policed these licenses as well as they should have," Farr said. "They've gotten pretty sensitive about it and now they're reacting to the accusations."

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Idaho road report
BOISE (AP) — Snow continued in eastern Idaho Saturday afternoon, the Idaho Department of Transportation said.

Road conditions:
U.S. 95 — Plummer-Moscow, wet, icy spots; West-Oregon line, icy spots.
Interstate 90 — Lookout Pass, wet.
U.S. 12 — Wet; Lolo Pass, closed.
Interstate 84 — Dry.

U.S. 20 — Mountain Home-Carey-Ashdon, wet; Ashdon-Montana line, icy spots, broken snow floor.
Idaho 51 — Wet, icy spots.
U.S. 93 — Nevada line-Carey, dry; Carey-Salmon, icy spots; Wet; Lost Trail Pass, icy spots, broken snow floor.
Idaho 75 — Shoshone-Ketchum, wet; Galena Summit, snow floor.
Interstate 86 — Wet, light snow.

Interstate 15 — Utah Line-Malden Pass, wet; Pocatello-Blackfoot-Idaho Falls, wet, light snow; Monia Pass, icy, snow floor.

Idaho 21 — Boise-Idaho City, wet; Idaho City-Lowman, wet, broken snow floor; Lowman-Banner Summit, icy spots, broken snow floor.

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Idaho lottery
BOISE (AP) — The winning numbers drawn Saturday night in "Powerball" are: 4-14-18-19-26 Powerball 30 (four, fourteen, eighteen, nineteen, twenty-six; Powerball thirty).
Estimated jackpot: \$33.3 million.
BOISE (AP) — Here are Saturday's winning numbers in the Tri-West Lotto lottery game: 8-11-13-17-19-31 (eight, eleven, thirteen, seventeen, nineteen, thirty-one). Estimated jackpot: \$275,000.

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Associated Press Poll

Voting Intentions

Looking ahead to the 1996 elections, do you think Bill Clinton should be re-elected as president?

Yes 43% No 42% No answer 15%

Yes 46% No 37% No answer 16%

Men: Yes 40% No 48% No answer 12%

Women: Yes 46% No 37% No answer 16%

Registered voters: Yes 49% No 33% No answer 18%

If the election for Congress were held today, would you vote Republican or Democratic?

All adults: 468

Men: 38

Women: 46

Registered voters: 448

Special AP national phone poll of 1,004 adults taken Dec. 12-15. The 1995 survey research center is a part of AP's Consulting, Marketing and Research Group. Margin of error is plus or minus 3 percentage points. All figures are rounded, not all sums total 100 percent.

Poll shows U.S. voters find Clinton dishonest, though 2nd term likely

WASHINGTON (AP) — At the dawn of the 1996 election year, the country is evenly divided over whether President Clinton deserves a second term, and leaning toward Democrats for the next Congress, according to an Associated Press poll.

Among Republican White House hopefuls, Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole tested strongest when voters were asked to match the attribute they consider most important in a president with a list of GOP candidates.

Dole's rivals barely registered in that test, providing additional evidence of the "Kansas senator's" big advantage seven weeks before the first voting in the GOP nominating season.

Honesty and trustworthiness ranked highest when 1,004 randomly selected adult Americans were polled Dec. 8-12 and asked what mattered most in picking a president.

Thirty-five percent picked honesty, nearly twice as many as any other attribute. Among this group,

Clinton fared poorly: Only 25 percent of those who listed honesty as most critical said Clinton was the presidential candidate who best exemplified that quality.

"I want someone who is honest, someone who has a strong Christian point of view," said Sue Corwin, a 50-year-old medical records clerk from suburban Cincinnati who said she would not vote for Clinton.

Clinton fared better among the 18 percent of respondents who said getting things done was what mattered most in a president, and best among the 16 percent who said their first priority was a president "who cares about people like you." Among the latter group, 55 percent said Clinton best exemplified that quality.

Dole scored best among those who said experience or leadership mattered most. He also scored respectably among those who cited honesty and getting things done as the top attributes.

"Dole has the most experience, but someone else may come along who fits in with my beliefs," said Ted Emory, a speech pathologist

from Winter Park, Fla.

The national AP survey was replete with evidence that Clinton's improved standing at the close of a tumultuous political year in Washington stems largely from rising public anxiety with the GOP congressional agenda. And Clinton's fellow Democrats are also benefiting.

Overall, the AP survey found that 43 percent believed Clinton should be re-elected next November, while 42 percent said he should not be given a second term.

By comparison, 38 percent of respondents in a February 1992 AP poll said George Bush deserved re-election, while 48 percent said he did not. These numbers proved telling: Bush received 37 percent in the November 1992 election.

In Clinton's case, the 43 percent who said he should be re-elected matched his showing in the 1992 election. That would suggest Clinton has maintained his core support, but would have his work cut out for him if the 1996 race is a two-way contest.

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'Food fight' stalls GOP effort

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — While the budget impasse between Congress and the president monopolizes the spotlight on Capitol Hill, another tense standoff — this one between Republicans — has stymied progress on the GOP's high-priority welfare reform plan.

The dispute that has blocked welfare reform for a solid month has nothing to do with single mothers getting jobs. It involves a program that many people probably do not associate with welfare: federal subsidies that help feed 26 million children nutritious meals at school and another 2.5 million children at day care centers.

On one side, Rep. Bill Goodling, R-Pa., chairman of the House Economic and Educational Opportunities Committee, insists that Washington must hand over control of the \$7 billion school nutrition program to the states by giving them lump-sum block grants and authority to design their own programs.

On the other side, Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., refuses to sign off on any welfare reform measure that cancels the existing, federally run lunch and breakfast programs.

"It's a food fight," said Rep. Clay Shaw, R-Fla., principal author of the GOP welfare package. "We're in a war of wills now."

The House approved its version of welfare reform in March and, after much delay, the Senate passed its measure in September. A committee of House and Senate members then blended the two versions into a measure calling for the lump-sum grants. That compromised version must be voted on again by both houses before it goes to the president.

But first, a majority of the committee, which is made up of Republicans and Democrats, must sign the finished product — and supporters are one signature short.

Lugar and one other Republican senator — James Jeffords of Vermont — refuse to sign.

So far, every attempt at mediation has failed.

"I took my shot at it," said Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., who was a leader in welfare reform in the House before being elected to the Senate last year. He was asked by Shaw to intercede. "I could not budge anybody."

Even Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., and House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., called the warring parties together to negotiate a compromise, but failed.

While some lawmakers may admit the steadfastness of Goodling and Lugar; they fear the standoff is jeopardizing what could turn out to be the GOP's biggest legislative trophy.

"Some of the people involved have lost sight of the greater good," Shaw said.

Both Lugar and Goodling say they are standing on principle and cannot in good conscience acquiesce.

"There is no reason school lunches need to be part of welfare reform," Lugar said in an interview Friday. "They were simply an add-on by those looking for more money." By giving school lunches to the states, Congress would be destroying "a safety net that is extremely important to children," he said.

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The subject of the virus is covered with two proteins, hemagglutinin and neuraminidase, called antigens. The body's immune system recognizes these antigens and attacks with antibodies primed for the kill. And the immune system remembers the chemistry of those antigens and is always ready to defend against them.

Though the virus constantly varies its antigens, usually the changes are slight and the immune system can adapt and immediately start a defense.

Health officials monitor these slight changes and annually design a vaccine to protect against the expected strain of flu. That's why people must get flu shots annually.

The shots are effective. Studies show 70 percent to 90 percent of people getting shots will not get the flu in an average year.

But every now and then, the virus experiences what experts call an antigenic shift — the antigens turn into a unique form. Often this happens when human virus and pig virus came together and exchange genes in a process called reassortment, says Alan Hammon, deputy director of the World Health Organization.

Because the antigens are unique, the immune system has no antibody memory and virtually no human is protected. The result is an epidemic.

That's what happened in 1918-1919 and 20 million to 40 million people died worldwide. There were also worldwide epidemics in 1957 and 1968.

And, says Dr. Dominick Laciuzio of NIAID, it will almost certainly happen again.

"Some experts say we are overdue," Laciuzio said last week at an international conference on the flu.

To prepare, the experts called for more surveillance of flu cases, particularly in Asian "hot spots" where new viruses often first appear. If the new virus can be spotted quickly, then new vaccine can be prepared to blunt the pandemic. The World Health Organization uses 110 surveillance labs worldwide now, but more are needed.

The same flu vaccine system, based on cultures in eggs, has been used for 50 years and experts say it needs to be modernized.

The method, takes too long to produce vaccine in an era when a new virus can circle the globe at the speed of a jet.

Laciuzio said researchers are researching the use of smaller amounts of vaccine, making it a new way and, perhaps, perfecting a way of dosing the drug through nose drops or sprays.

"While the prospects of a pandemic are a part of an uncertain future, the experts are sure that ordinary flu will be around next year."

Preparation for the 1996-97 flu season starts Monday. Experts meet to discuss what is likely to be most common flu virus strain. By Feb. 1, drug companies will start the six-month process of making flu shots with a new formula.

"If all goes well, the shots will be ready next fall. If the formula is correct, millions will be protected."

"But if some strange new virus is just now arising in the throat of an Asian pig, the next season could be one of killer flu."

Such a season is coming, said LaMontagne, "but we don't know when."

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on the Tuzla runway. It was socked in for the third straight day, with only a chance for deployment Sunday.

"This is not a combat situation," Air Force Col. Neil Patton told reporters at Tuzla. "We're not going to take chances. We can come back tomorrow."

The delay disappointed NATO commanders who have been planning Operation Joint Endeavor

for more than two years with an emphasis on clockwork precision.

In Brussels, Belgium, U.S. Army Gen. George S. Brown, the NATO commander, activated the Implementation Force hours after the U.N. Security Council-Friday authorized "all necessary measures" to enforce the peace agreement signed by the leaders of Bosnia, Croatia and Serbia in Dayton, Ohio, last month.

Brown will command 60,000 troops from 14 North Atlantic Treaty Organization countries and

15 other nations, including Russia. The toothless U.N. Protection Force formally will give way to the heavily armed NATO juggernaut on Tuesday.

Clinton's order to American troops was relayed by the U.S. European Command in Stuttgart, Germany. That permitted 18 more trains to leave Germany Saturday with M1 Abrams tanks, trucks and other equipment of the 1st Armored Division. So far, 44 trains from Germany have arrived in southern Hungary, the staging area for the 1st Armored Division's Task Force Eagle.

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Decrease Holiday Pressure, Increase Holiday Pleasure.

The holidays should be a time for fun, family, and friends. Unfortunately, that's not always how it works out, especially for mom.

She's hardly alone. For far too many of us, preparing for the holidays means stress, tension, and over-extending ourselves. So how can you keep seasonal responsibilities from turning your holidays into headaches? This year, follow these tips from the American Psychological Association (APA) and see if they don't help make the holidays more enjoyable and less stressful.

Don't be a perfectionist. Is it really worth all the work finding that perfect gift, decorating the perfect tree, or preparing that perfect meal if it leaves you exhausted and your family on edge? **Scale it back.** This year, make two lists for yourself: one of holiday customs that make you

only make you more stressed. If necessary, cut back on extravagant gifts, expensive parties, and extensive decoration. Set a holiday budget and stick to it!

Lower your expectations. Many of us have an unrealistic image of the ideal holiday. Don't place undue pressure on yourself trying to make every aspect of the season perfect.

Exercise. Scientific evidence indicates that regular (at least three times a week) exercise relieves stress. Take a break, go for a brisk walk.

Learn to delegate. For once, don't try to do everything yourself. Share more responsibilities with others. Spread holiday projects and jobs around. Ask dinner-party guests to bring a special dish to cut down on kitchen time. Women in particular should heed this advice, because many take responsibility for a disproportionate share of holiday preparation.

Give yourself a break. Very few people reserve time for relaxation and quiet family time. This year, schedule a little downtime from the hustle and bustle.

For far too many people, getting ready for the holidays creates stress, anxiety, and even exhaustion.

merrier and another of activities you find unimportant or stressful. Give yourself a splendid holiday gift by eliminating unnecessary holiday activities and traditions.

Set some rules, miss some deadlines. Don't subject yourself to unnecessary pressure. Take your time, work at a comfortable pace. Who says the cards have to be sent or the cookies made by a certain time?

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Don't forget about sleep and proper nutrition. If your body isn't running smoothly, neither will your holidays. Plan time each day to recharge yourself.



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Make Toy Safety a Holiday Tradition.

The holiday season is filled with excitement for children, as they open presents and play with new toys from family and friends. However, the excitement of a new toy can quickly turn tragic if adults do not factor safety into their gift-giving traditions.

In 1994, approximately 133,000 toy-related injuries were sustained by children ages 14 and under. Innocent-looking toys — such as marbles and balloons — present a choking hazard to small children. Other hazards include toys with small parts, sharp points and edges, toxic paint, flammable materials, and long strings that can be a strangulation risk.

The Magic Valley SAFE KIDS Coalition and the National SAFE-KIDS Campaign recommend that parents select toys that are appropriate for the age and development of their child. They should also be aware that:

- Toys with small, removable parts are hazardous particularly to children under age three.
- Toys with sharp points or edges may enable a child to unintentionally cut or stab himself or another person.
- Toys that produce loud noises, such as caps or toy guns, may permanently harm a child's hearing.
- Propelled toys, such as toy darts and projectiles, should be avoided. If allowed, it is very

important that they have soft, non-removable ends to prevent eye injury.

• Electric toys should be used by children who are age 8 or older.

In June of 1994, President Clinton signed into law the Child Safety Protection Act: a federal toy-labeling law which requires manufacturers to place warning labels on toys with small parts. The law calls for toys such as marbles, balloons, and small building blocks to be labeled as a choking hazard to young children.

To help parents ensure that safety factors into their holiday purchases, the Magic Valley SAFE-KIDS Coalition and the National SAFE-KIDS Campaign offer the following toy safety guide for age appropriate toys:

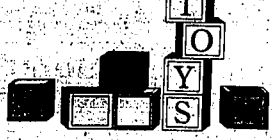
- Infants to one year old: In the first few months of their lives, children are immobile. Eventually, they learn to reach, roll over, and sit up. In the second six months, children become more mobile and are at increased risk for suffocation. The most suitable toys for the first year include activity blocks, stuffed animals without button noses and eyes, bath toys, soft dolls, baby swings, and squeaky toys.
- One- to two-year-old toddlers: At this age, children are curious and have no sense of danger. They like to climb, jump, throw, and play rough and tumble games. Supervision is important for these toddlers. The best toys for this age group are books, blocks, fit together toys, balls, push and pull toys, pounding toys, and shape toys.
- Two- to five-year-old preschoolers: As any parent of a preschooler can tell you, these children spend much of their time running. They like tests of physical strength and begin to develop skills such as riding a tricycle, increasing finger control, and the ability to build with large blocks and construction materials. Toys that are most suitable for this

age group include approved nontoxic art supplies, books, videos, musical instruments, and outdoor toys such as a baseball tee stand, slide, or swing.

- Five- to nine-year-old school children: It is in the early ages of this group that children become creative and more physically active. They can write, make art and crafts, and are able to use simple mechanical toys such as cars and trains. Recommended toys include bicycles, crafts, jump ropes, roller skates and protective gear, puppets, electric trains, and sports equipment. Check tape recorders and battery-operated toys regularly for loose or exposed wires.

- Ten- to 14-year-old school children: At this age, children enjoy team sports and games that require increased dexterity such as pick-up sticks, marbles, and jacks. Strenuous physical activity is also popular for this age group. Children begin to develop hobbies and a strong interest in scientific activities. For these children, the most appropriate gifts are computers, microscopes, table and board games, and equipment used in outdoor sports.

This is just a partial list of age-appropriate toys. In order to truly enjoy the holiday season, parents must choose toys that are safe as well as fun for their children. If your child is injured by a toy, please report it to the Consumer Product Safety Commission hotline at 1-800-638-CPSC (2772).



"Many toy-related injuries occur when parents overestimate their child's ability to handle a toy made for an older age group," says Blossom Mathews, coordinator of the Magic Valley SAFE KIDS Coalition. "Parents should defer to the experts and always use age recommendations as the guideline for selecting safe, appropriate toys."

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formation of a \$1 million endowment.

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"Having that school named after me was the greatest ever bestowed on me," McCain told several hundred people attending a school board meeting.

Ex-mountain man wants to be counselor

BOZEMAN (AP) — The odyssey of Dan Nichols, from mountain man to kidnapper to mental health counselor.

Nichols, 31, along with his father Don, kidnapped biathlon champion Karl Swenson near Big Sky in 1984. Today, he is majoring in counseling and psychology at the University of Great Falls and plans to apply to graduate schools in August.

Eventually Nichols hopes to be a

counselor, said his common-law wife, Liz Zink, who works at a battered woman's shelter in Great Falls.

"He's been doing internships, but hasn't decided what kind of counseling he wants to specialize in," she told the Bozeman Daily Chronicle.

To support himself, Nichols is working as a houseparent at a Great Falls home for developmentally disabled, potentially violent male adults.

He and his father kidnapped Swenson on July 15, 1984 while she was running on a trail near Big Sky.

The next day, the elder Nichols shot and killed searcher Alan Goldstein of Big Sky. Dan accidentally shot Swenson in the chest during the confusion, he later testified.

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Creative education funding ideas sure to spark debate

How would you like to vote someday on whether your local high school should play football?

You might, under one of the creative ideas being kicked around by Idaho education leaders.

Usually, school funding is like dietary roughage: important to your future, but dull.

But this year, some big ideas are afoot.

One big idea is from House Speaker Michael Simpson. He wants to set aside a portion of sales-tax revenue to help replace worn-out school buildings. (Idaho has an abundance of used-up schools, because local districts have trouble paying for new ones.)

An even bigger idea comes from Curtis Eaton, the Twin Falls banker who heads the State Board of Education. Like Simpson, Eaton wants the state to take on facilities construction. But he goes further:

- Have the state pay for a thorough core curriculum, but no frills. If local districts want extracurricular activities, they can pay for their own.
- Give local districts some reasonable options (including, but not limited to, property taxes) for funding those extras. Local voters would control the amount.

With the money the state saves on extracurriculars, it could pay for much-needed technological and vocational programs. Eaton suggests using community colleges as regional technology centers, with courses both on-site and long-distance.

Are these big ideas also good ideas? Maybe. But they surely will inspire discussion. Expect plenty of it when the Legislature collects in Boise next month.

For instance - Idaho taxpayers like

to have some control over their local schools, even though the state picks up most of the costs. Construction projects are one place where people can say "no" and make it stick.

School officials hate that, of course. But time after time, voters have shown they don't mind shouldering the construction burden if schools offer solid, economical proposals. Given the power to tax themselves, voters are fugal-but-fair.

Simpson's plan wouldn't rob that precious power, though it would dilute it a bit. By having the state share construction costs, he would make the property-tax pill easier for local voters to swallow.

Eaton's plan takes off in different direction. Voters might lose control of construction, but they would acquire control of extracurricular spending.

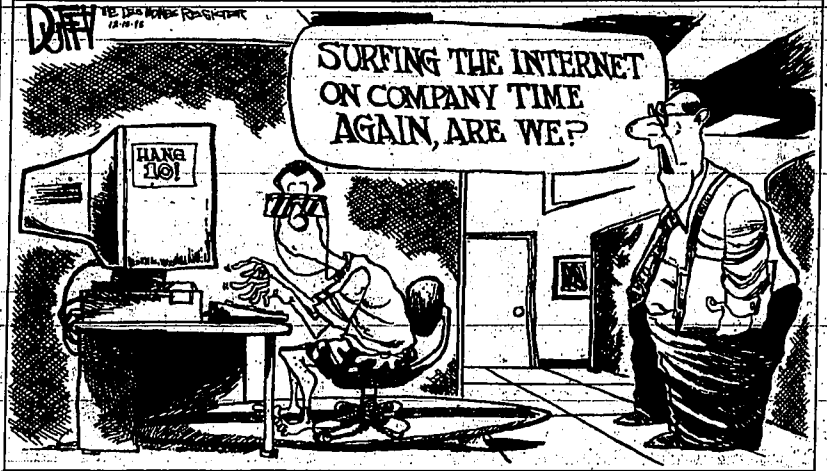
That idea is appealing, because taxpayers often don't realize the expense of sports and other activities. If local school boards had to sell those programs to voters, they might compress the costs or raise user fees.

On the other hand, construction bonds need two-thirds approval from voters. Taxes for extracurricular spending might not. So the net effect of Eaton's proposal might be higher taxes.

That's not so appealing.

In general, Idaho's system of paying for schools works pretty well as it is. Its main flaw is a clash of competing goals: the need to replace crumbling buildings, and property owners' desire for tax relief.

That's a tough conflict to resolve, and Simpson and Eaton deserve credit for trying. At the very least, they've put their proposals provide a launch pad for discussion.



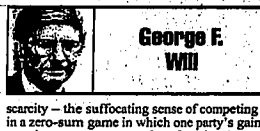
French strikes foreshadow U.S. future

Fear has been called the aerobics of the mind. If that is so, everyone who thinks there can and should be an entitlement to economic security should tune up their minds by focusing on what is happening in the streets of French cities, and on what has happened on the streets where picketers walked for 17 months outside Caterpillar works in the United States.

The future of all unreformed welfare states can be seen through the smoke from fires set by people protesting the French government's "austerity" plans, meaning plans to curtail entitlements to public jobs and benefits. Being apoplexized by the smoke is any lingering hope that welfare states will be sources of social cohesion. Instead, welfare states weaken the unity of their nations by creating large state-dependent factions that aggressively throw elbows against one another in defense of their portions of their nation's budgets.

Because the French strikes involve so many groups - transportation workers, teachers, sanitation workers; newspaper deliverers, broadcast air traffic controllers, and on and on the list goes - the strikes may seem to be a single rising of "the people" against the uncaring state.

Actually, the state has been so comprehensively corrupt that it has created a Hobbesian state of nature, a war of all against all, where life is nasty, brutish and short-tempered. The welfare state that organizes the factions around their entitlements also inhibits economic growth, thereby inducing panic about



George F. Will

scarcely - the suffocating sense of competing in a zero-sum game in which one party's gain must be a commensurate loss for others.

In the Reagan years the U.S. economy created 18 million jobs. At the end of the 1980s France's unemployment rate was 2.8 percentage points higher than it would have been if job creation had just equaled the growth of the labor force. The pandemonium in France today reflects widespread insecurity among factions dependent on a government that has made more promises than the private sector's wealth-creation can pay for. The promises have crippled the private sector's wealth-creating capacities, so insecurity is the product of policies designed to deliver an entitlement security.

The United Auto Workers union has learned another way not to achieve security. It struck Caterpillar in 1994. Two weeks ago, the UAW surrendered to a company that during the strike increased its sales, profits and stock price. The terms of surrender will leave the union with fewer prerogatives than before the strike.

Blaguered by foreign competition during the 1980s, Caterpillar shut inefficient plants, distributed work to low-cost subcontractors

and spent \$1.8 billion on computerized machine tools and assembly robots. Barry Bearak of the Los Angeles Times reports that between 1979 and 1991 Caterpillar's UAW employees declined from 40,500 to 15,100, and from 45 percent of Caterpillar's workers to 28 percent.

Because of similar downsizing throughout the economy, when the strike started, management could enlist help from what Marx called a "reserve army of the unemployed." But this was not Marx's army of the unskilled. It included large regiments of skilled workers. And when the strike ended, the company said that under the pressure of the strike it had learned so many labor-saving efficiencies that now it needs 2,000 fewer employees than before the strike.

In 1977, the year of record-setting labor strife, there were 3,111 work stoppages (strikes, and some lockouts). In the 12 months that ended Sept. 30, there were just 385 stoppages. The Caterpillar episode illustrates why strikes are becoming weak weapons.

France's social turbulence has the government in retreat, and will confirm that nation in its reactionary inwardness, strengthening its faith that politics can keep economic realities at bay. At least the rigors through which Caterpillar and the rest of the U.S. economy are being put will, like aerobics, conduce to fitness.

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Free trade exports jobs

I took great interest in a Dec. 6 article titled, "Sweatshop retailers identified." Sweatshops operators should be identified and prosecuted. After all, it's against our laws.

What I find ironic is that around the world there are working conditions where the workers would probably like to work in our sweatshops. But we Americans don't care about that, nor do our retailers: The retailers stock and we buy goods made by child labor, forced labor and/or in servitude conditions.

It seems to me that Secretary Robert B. Reich would also list countries that utilize sweatshop conditions. The 31 retailers mentioned in the Associated Press article should also be opposed to stocking such goods. One reason Mr. Reich would not list other countries is that he would probably be in trouble with the World Trade Organization.

It's interesting that cities and states across this great country work very hard just to get a factory to move to their location. Then the federal government creates prime conditions and even gives financial support to get the factories to move out of the country. Even the National Chamber of Commerce supports the government in these failed trade policies.

I say bring the factories home and let's fix America first. The World Bank now lists the United States economically as No. 13. The first 12 nations still have some market protections. Whereas our government leaders support wide open free trade. They don't care about fair trade. Anyone that supports our trade policies also supports the growing trade deficit and the exporting of American jobs. You can't have it both ways.

PRESTON BELL
 Kimberly

Make Christmas useful

We are strange humans - we do not bother to mention his name all year (except when we smash a finger, etc.) or something. Yet we go out and buy ourselves into debt for things to be returned and cover our homes with enough lights to light up the town. We have a big feast, people gather and eat - and forget each other the rest of the year. Throw it all away the day after, take the tree down and it's over.

No wonder so many get depressed. Should we do a neighbor a favor? Give a few hugs? Visit the lonely and the sick? Does your gift have to be wrapped with ribbons and bows?

Maybe celebrate his birthday all year long. Whose birthday?

BETTIE GALVIN
 Wendell

Take time to sing-a-long

To Mini-Cassia residents: It's coming! It's coming! And before I know it, I will be basking in the marvelous sound of live Christmas music by the Magic Philharmonic's concert.

The night of Dec. 18, 7:30 p.m., is the time my children and I reflect on Christmas cheer and the magical sounds of this wonderful season. The whole evening is a delight.

Please do not be one of those who says, "It's passed and I missed it." I do hope to hear you singing with me during the sing-a-longs tomorrow evening.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!
 HOPE PESTINGER
 Burley

Religious right is right

I take exception to the political cartoon by Branch in the Dec. 7 paper. It showed a woman at a door saying, "Hello, I represent the Righteous Religion Coalition, a group dedicated to the elimination of sex education in our schools... is the mother of these darling children home?" The usually wary, young girl in the doorway carrying a baby and a toddler at her side says, "Speaking."

The cartoon would have us believe that the Christian viewpoint and opposition to sex education in the schools is responsible for the fact that the incidence of children having children, unwanted, and unwanted pregnancy continues to skyrocket out of control. I'm sure the artist would include all other sexual problems and disease in this issue. He blames Christianity, the horrible "religious right." The only thing he has gotten correct is the right: Christianity is right.

I maintain it is not the "Righteous Religion Coalition" that is responsible for the sorry state of the morals of our young people. The state has been teaching our children its sexual values in the schools for 30 years or more, most of the time in opposition to the values of the parents. And Branch has the audacity to blame Christianity for our problems. Teaching children "if it feels good, do it" and throwing condoms at them in our schools cannot solve the problems we have, and he and they know it.

I think there are those in our society that would like to cover their own lack of morality by participating in lowering the morality of society to match their own abysmal standards. In sex education in many schools, they are teaching our children that if they are not involved in sexual activity, they are missing out on something good. They teach them it is all right if you use a condom. This is garbage. It is neither morally right, nor is

it safe. Condoms are not safe, especially in the hands of children. Why don't you people promote ideas that build society, not tear it down.

Cartoons that make fun and demean the good in our society are counterproductive to the good of society.

KENNETH R. KUHLMAN
 Burley

'Speed freaks' endanger all

Isn't it ironic speed limits have been raised from 55 miles per hour to 75 and even more depending on conditions?

I realize this does not mean necessarily Idaho. But believe you me, people drive down country roads at horribly high rates of speed. My daughter and granddaughter are so very sick at heart because some heartless SOB ran over their chow dog early Wednesday morning. Yes, they didn't even have the decency to come to the door and say, "I accidentally hit your dog." No, they let him drag himself to the gate and wait for my granddaughter to come out, as she did every morning to say "Good morning, Maxie Baby." But no way, Max wasn't even wagging his tail, only staring. No, he didn't die right away. We had to take him to a veterinarian where he was euthanized due to his severe injuries.

You should know who you were, probably driving late to work at the dairy up the road. You ran over a very, very beloved family pet at 243 S. 400 W., in Jerome.

Thank God it wasn't a child waiting for a school bus is all I can say. I was so very upset. I called the sheriff's department, which told me it was not up to them regarding speed limits on country roads. They said to call the highway department. I did, but again it's not up to them to be able to control the speed limit, only if there is dangerous cross-

roads, etc. So who, pray tell, can help control these speed freaks who think they own the roads?

Not everyone likes to drive like there's no tomorrow! Some of us enjoy life. If these idiots who drive fast want to go out and drive like they do, then do it by yourself some place where humans, pets and private property are not involved. Go hurt yourself, not innocent little kids who cry and cry and pray that their pet is in heaven because of some speed freak!

RETA WILDEZ
 Wendell

Californians detect coldness

My son and I came from southern California a short time ago looking for a little slower pace. We found it; however, in looking we found something else also. It seems that there are a lot of scrooges toward Californians this holiday season. One example comes to mind. Recently I purchased a mobile home from a major dealership here in the Magic Valley and, based on my credit references, I qualified and I bought it. The mobile home was already set up in a park here in Twin Falls. I was told by the managers there that I didn't qualify to pay the \$150 per month for the space based on my credit application, and I would have to move the mobile home out. I think the California thing scared them off.

I get a distinct feeling in this area that as long as I am helping to stimulate the economy, I will be made to feel welcome, but otherwise that it's go home, California.

So I am writing this letter just simply to say Merry Christmas to all the people here in the Magic Valley... even the scrooges. By the way, we're not all bad.

DENNIS VINCENT
 Twin Falls

Doonesbury



By Gary Trudeau



Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley



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3 flag burnings a year doesn't make a crisis

Today we will discuss How to Desecrate An American Flag. I hadn't realized this was such a pressing issue until the recent debate in the U.S. Senate. Seems that the beautiful thin piping of three vengeful lawmakers rejected a proposed constitutional amendment to outlaw flag burning. The losing side went away in defiance, vowing vengeance.

It's always troubling about our representatives that with all the problems we have, they are hard at work on one we don't. Know how many flag-burning incidents were reported last year?

In a nation of 250 million people, THREE? I suspect most of us know what many of our representatives do not that if you seek to desecrate the flag, burning is the most ineffectual way to do it. Burn a flag, and that's all you've done: burned a flag. A wrenching sight, to be sure, but not blackening the flag.

Balanced budget won't help economy

Since it's being hawked as everything but a cure for warts, it is interesting to see what the White House and Congress claim will be the economic benefit of balancing the budget by 2002.

So—the envelope, please—let's have a look at the new economic forecasts for the next seven fiscal years just released by the Congressional Budget Office and by the White House Office of Management and Budget. I know the suspense is killing you, but be patient. I want to make sure I get this right.

Well, if you expected good news, beat yourself. The near-term macro-economic effects of balancing the budget range from negligible to nothing. The unemployment rate—5.6 percent right now—will be 6 percent in 2002 according to the CBO, 5.8

Leonard Pitts

flakes of hot shit floating away. But once the doctord's finished, you must come to grips with the fact that you've done nothing to damage the ideas that give the flag meaning and life. Nothing to injure the sense of omission that lifts it, like an unexpected breeze on a windless day. Nothing to abuse the honorable convictions that has emboldened soldiers and scholars, drivers and slaves for seven generations and counting.

So how DO you desecrate an American flag?

If you are a social welfare agency in New York, you might ignore the fact that a little girl is in danger long enough that she eventually is bludgeoned to death, allegedly by her mother. That sure spatters mud on the unalienable right to life.

If you are an American soldier in Fayetteville, N.C., you could execute an American couple for the offense of being black. That

would shred the self-evident truth that all are created equal.

If you're a gun nut, perhaps you'd choose to take to the woods and plot the violent overthrow of the government. That effectively mocks the notion that a "well regulated Militia" is "necessary to the security of a free State."

How do you desecrate an American flag? There are many ways to do it, but the plain fact is, burning won't get you very far. I know that some galls, slaves to primary color emotions, would disagree. But they mistake the cloth for what it represents, which fits like mistaking the hood ornament for the car.

Which would almost be funny except that this particular car is in desperate shape. The tires are bald, the heads are blown, the fender is dented, the plugs are shot, the transmission is leaking, the license plate is crooked.

You'd think lawmakers could tear themselves away from the shiny

bling on the hood long enough to give the vehicle itself some attention.

Three flags were burned last year, and 2,500 children were murdered. Three flags, and 44,000 died of AIDS.

Three flags, and an estimated 2 million to 3 million Americans were homeless.

The flag's not burning, but the nation is. And that desecrates us all.

Leonard Pitts is a columnist for the Miami Herald.

Robert Reno

percent according to the OMB. Inflation, now hovering in the neighborhood of 3 percent, will still be hovering around 3 percent in 2002.

And remember 5 percent mortgages? Some of us do. Forget about them, too. The CBO forecast for long- and short-term interest rates does not anticipate any dramatic return to 1960s levels even with federal borrowing sharply reduced.

The question is, would Americans be so anxious to balance the budget if they knew how marginal the near-term effects would be? And would the Republican "revolution" seem half as impressive if it were seen not so much as a return to the good old days of Ozzie and Harriet economics

but as a continuation of present economic patterns in which most Americans feel a greater sense of economic insecurity than at any time since the Great Depression?

Downsizing the deficit and downsizing government begin to look about as inviting to the average American as the downsizing of the average corporation—good for somebody, but not for you.

Remember, we're talking about \$164 billion against a \$7-trillion-a-year economy, a \$16 trillion federal budget, against \$2.3 trillion in federal, state and local spending and about \$1 trillion a year in new public and private borrowing.

Robert Reno writes for the Long Island, N.Y., newspaper Newsday.

Letters

Free trade exports jobs

It appears Congress and the White House are about to begin battling head-on as they enter the 1996 Budget Cutting Olympics. As reasonable and rational citizens, we can see that most of these antics are simply "jockeying for position," so in the end "the others" will be to blame for what happens.

Anyone with an IQ above that of a rock has known for some time that we have been living beyond our means, and we know there is plenty of blame to go around. But the current Congressional plan to "tighten our belts for us" is like an 800-pound sumo wrestler supervising our diets.

Let's place a challenge on Congress—let's demand a reduction in their current deficit on as well. Let's demand it demonstrate its commitment to reducing the deficit and distributing the pain evenly.

The challenge:

- Congress should first turn down this year's annual "automatic" pay increase.
- Congress should then repeal, remove, or do whatever is necessary to end the practice of "automatic" pay increases.
- Congress should then repeal about a trillion dollars from their pension.
- Congress should then limit its own staff to 25 members each.

These immediate changes would show the American public that they are serious about solving our budget problems. Congress could undertake these changes without the threat of a presidential veto. It could do these before the end of the year.

Then, while we are talking about balancing the budget in the next few years, we can place campaign financing, lobbyist reform, pension reform and other congressional perks on the table as well.

WESLEY A. GATES
Jorland

Present unnecessary

To Cheri, regarding the letter written Dec. 13:

I'm sorry your Christmas will be bare of presents, decorations and a tree this year. It is difficult to feel all excited when you can't deck the halls, but please remember you still have much more than Jesus had on Christmas. You are paying rent, vehicle phone and cable payments,

which means you are blessed in a way that most in this world are not. I have been in the shack of a family in Soweto where they were thrilled because they had one electric light. I have seen people living in the graveyards in Egypt because they have no water also.

We, too, are on a tight budget this

year, but I'll be darned if I'm going to measure the way I feel about this glorious holiday by the size of the trimmings. We have the stars, the music, the loved ones and especially the gift of Christ himself for Christmas. The rest is fluff.

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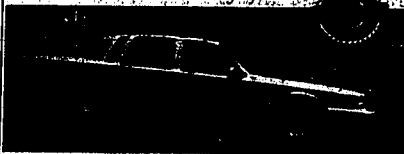
NEWS RELEASE
Honda Motor Co. celebrates 25th anniversary with Automobile Magazine naming Honda Civic their car of the year!



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Sports

Clutch free throws win nailbiter for CSI

By Larry Hovey
Times-News writer



RANGELY, Colo.—The College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team turned to Rusty Yoder, George Brown and Mantia Callender for crucial last-second free throws to hold off a determined upset bid by Colorado Northwestern Saturday night.

Callender hit two free throws with '36 seconds left to give CSI its first lead since late in the first half at 77-77. George Brown followed with two more charities and after one Spartan free throw — Yoder drilled two free throws with four seconds showing to nail down the 82-78 Scenic West Conference victory.

The Eagles again struggled inside fell behind 51-38 in the second half.

But pressure defense and seven points from Marcus Wallace and four from George Brown brought the Eagles back to within two.

From then on Colorado managed to stay two-to-four points ahead, its last four-point margin coming with 1:46 left in the game. From that point on, all the scoring came from the foul line, with CSI hitting 10-of-10 to pull it out.

Scenic West men's standings

Utah Valley	3-0
North Idaho	3-1
Snow College	2-1
Southern Idaho	2-1
Dixie College	2-2
Eastern Utah	2-2
Ricks College	2-2
Salt Lake CC	1-2
Treasure Valley	0-2
Colorado NW	0-3

Last weekend's games

Thursday
North Idaho 99, Snow 85
Ricks 102, Dixie 97

Friday
Utah Valley 102, Salt Lake 76
Eastern Utah 73, CSI 71
Treasure Valley at Colorado NW (no report)

Saturday
North Idaho 88, Dixie 72
Ricks 104, Snow 100
CSI 82, Colorado NW 78
Eastern Utah 79, Treasure Valley

CSI women - B2

Shoplifting charge benches CSI player

By Brad Bowlin
Times-News sports editor



Brown

TWIN FALLS—College of Southern Idaho freshman basketball player Rich Brown was back in action Saturday night after being suspended for one game after he was charged more than a week ago with shoplifting.

Brown, a 6-foot-9 forward, sat out CSI's first loss of the season Friday night at College of Eastern Utah. He suited up for Saturday's game at Colorado Northwestern and scored nine points in an 82-78 victory. The Golden Eagles will not play again until a Jan. 8 home game against Northwest Nazarene.

CSI President Gerald Meyerhoeffer said Saturday afternoon that Brown had been suspended from the team for a week, and that any further disciplinary action probably will not be determined until after the first of the year.

The suspension does not affect Brown's academic standing, Meyerhoeffer said. Brown is a liberal arts major from Beaver Falls, Pa.

Meyerhoeffer did not divulge why Brown was suspended, except to say it

was for violating team rules. That is in keeping with the college's policy, which guards student privacy, but also requires student-athletes to steer clear of criminal violations.

Brown, who will turn 20 next month, was cited for misdemeanor petty theft the morning of Dec. 8.

According to a police report, Brown put on a green sweatshirt at the Shopko store in the Magic Valley Mall. He then put his jacket on over the shirt and left the store without paying for it, said Twin Falls police Sgt. Mike Hotman, reading from the report.

Brown was not arrested, but was issued a citation and released, Hotman said. He has not appeared in court. An arraignment, at which Brown will have an opportunity to enter a plea, is likely to be scheduled for Thursday, Hotman said.

Brown is a key part of CSI's inside game, which struggled Friday when the top-ranked Eagles lost to Eastern Utah, 73-71.

Morning line

Sportsquote

“

I really don't think I'll have a problem with it if I'm making the kind of money Jim Carrey's making.

I'll dress in drag.

”

Former two-sport star and budding actor Bo Jackson, when asked if he would abandon his role-model persona and play a villain in a film

Briefly

ISU guard suspended

POCATELLO—Shabaka Lands, a starting guard on Idaho State University's basketball team, has been suspended and faces a Thursday court appearance on a misdemeanor shoplifting charge.

Lands, a senior, was cited by Chubbuck police on Dec. 7, on a charge that he shoplifted a \$44 pair of gloves.

Before he was suspended, Lands had scored all five games this season, averaging just under 10 points per game and leading the team in assists and steals.

Couples shoots into lead at Walker Championship

MONTGO BAY, Jamaica—Fred Couples shot an even-par 71 on Saturday and took a one-stroke lead after three rounds of the Johnnie Walker Championship of Golf.

Couples, who charged into contention with five birdies on the back nine Saturday, completed 54 holes at 5-under-par 208.

Filip Vijay Singh, one of three players who shared the 36-hole lead, shot a 72 Saturday and was at 209. Couples had two birdies, to offset a double bogey while Singh had two birdies and three bogeys.

Loren Roberts shot a 70 and was at 210, two strokes ahead of Mark Calcavecchia, who had a 70 on Saturday.

The best round of the day was the 66 turned in by defending champion Ernie Els. However, it served only to leave him at 5-under-218. Els birdied Nos. 11, 14 and 16 and signed the par-5 12th.

British Open champion John Daly had another miserable day, adding an 84 to the 80s he shot Thursday and Friday. Daley had 89 on the par-4 10th and a 7 on the par-3 12th.

Camacho charged with pushing pregnant girlfriend

ORLANDO, Fla.—Welterweight champion Hector "Macho" Camacho was charged Saturday with aggravated assault and domestic violence for allegedly pushing his pregnant girlfriend.

Neither the woman, Amy Torres, 30, nor the fetus was hurt.

Ordinarily, Camacho, 33, would have been charged with simple battery, a misdemeanor, said Orange County sheriff's spokesman Carlos Espinosa. But because of his 21 months pregnant, deputies charged Camacho with a felony.

The woman did not want to press charges, said her sister, Margie Torres, who added that Camacho had never hit his girlfriend. The couple has two other children.

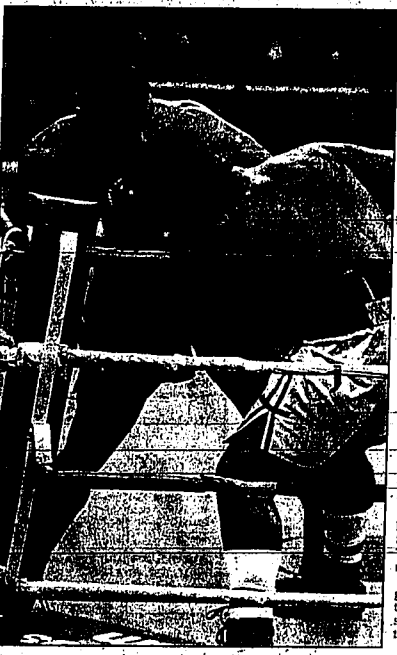
Giants outfielder says he defended himself against wife

REDWOOD CITY, Calif.—San Francisco Giants outfielder Barry Bonds testified during divorce proceedings that he never physically abused his wife but once kicked her after she hit him.

In court Friday, Bonds said his wife of six years had fierce temper tantrums that included breaking some of his trophies, smashing holes in the walls, damaging cars and nearly hitting into a fist fight with her mother.

Compiled from wire reports.

Tyson topples Mathis in 3rd



The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA—WBC champion Frankie Bruno thought Mike Tyson looked rusty Friday night. But Buster Mathis Jr. found out that underneath the rust there was nothing but iron.

Mathis held his own in two rounds of mauling with Tyson at the Spectrum; giving as good as he got. Then late in the third round, Tyson started Mathis on the way out with a right uppercut and finished the job with a left hook and two casing rights to the head.

"I'm looking forward to fighting anybody," said Tyson after winning the second fight of his comeback that began Aug. 19. "I don't care who it is. I'm not afraid of anyone. I'll fight anywhere."

Well, Tyson will next step into a ring against Bruno on March 16 for a pay-per-view television match at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas.

It will be a rematch but the last time they fought, Tyson was the undisputed champion and he stopped Bruno in the fifth round on Feb. 25, 1989.

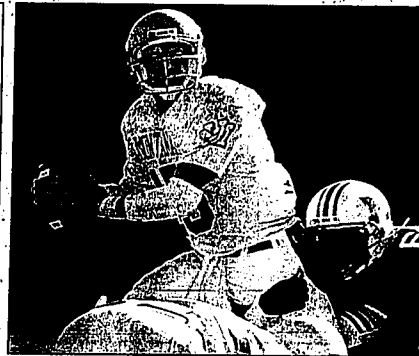
Mike Tyson does not look "right," Bruno said. "He looks very rusty. I'm a totally different person since I fought Mike Tyson. I haven't been in prison three years. I've been working."

Perhaps the lightest man in the half-empty house estimated at 8,000 for the fight seen on free TV on the Fox network was promoter Don King.

"Mike has now dropped the gauntlet," King said. "He told me to get him anyone, he's ready. As soon as he wins the undisputed title, he wants Bowe."

Also at ringside Saturday night were WBA champion Bruce Seldon and IBF champion Francois Botha. They and Bruno are promoted by King but Riddick Bowe, recognized as champion by the WBO, is not.

Mike Tyson gets a glove on the head of opponent Buster Mathis Jr. during the first round of their heavyweight elimination bout at the Spectrum in Philadelphia Saturday. Tyson won with a knockout in the third round.



Montana quarterback Dave Dickenson struggles in the grasp of Marshall defender Ricky Hall in the second quarter of the NCAA Div. I-AA championship game Saturday.

Grizzly defense takes I-AA title to Montana

The Associated Press

HUNTINGTON, W.Va.—The NCAA Division I-AA championship game Saturday was a showcase for Montana quarterback Dave Dickenson, and it was: But two unexpected factors — Montana's defense and kicker Andy Larson — came up just as big in Saturday's 21-20 win over Marshall for the Grizzlies' first title.

Dickenson, who finished with 12,580 career yards, was 29 of 48 for 281 yards and two touchdowns. Sixty-nine yards of that total came as Montana drove 72 yards for Larson's game-winning, 25-yard field goal with 29 seconds left.

It was Larson's second field goal of the day, but just his 10th of the year in 14 tries. Montana (13-2) of the Big Sky, which outscored opponents 185-34 in the playoffs, seldom needed to call on him this season.

"It really hasn't sunk in yet," Dickenson said. "I'm happy, but in the same sense, I planned it. I wasn't coming down here to lose."

The heroes wouldn't have been

possible without Montana's defense. The Grizzly defenders accounted for two points, pressuring Herd freshman quarterback Chad Pennington to ground the ball in the end zone in the third quarter.

Montana also had a successful goal-line stand early in the fourth, forcing the Herd to settle for Tim Openlander's 21-yard field goal after Marshall had first-and-goal from the 1.

The Grizzlies held Marshall's Chris Parker, I-AA's fifth-best career rusher, to just 94 yards on 23 carries.

"We knew coming in we had to stop Parker," said linebacker Jason Crebo. "We knew if we stopped him, they'd have to go to Pennington. Our defense came up big today. On the big plays, we came together."

The finish was strangely similar to Marshall's only title, in 1992. That year, Thundering Herd quarterback Michael Payton, a senior who, like Dickenson, set a number of school records, drove the Herd for the game-winning field goal late against Youngstown State.

Sports fan hands out gift ideas for heroes, villains

With only a week left before Christmas, panic is setting in for those of you who have yet to even attempt any shopping. There's nothing that drains your holiday spirit faster than a chaotic trip to the mall, but shopping in the wonderful world of make-believe is pure bliss.

And so as 1995 draws to a close and we reflect on another year of ups and downs in the sports world, it seems appropriate to hand out fantasy gifts to our favorite heroes, villains, superstars and super-idiot.

For Cal Ripken Jr., a ticket good for future admission to the Baseball Hall of Fame's "They Helped Save Baseball in 1995" Wing.

For the Northwestern football team, a victory in the Rose Bowl that would complement one of the greatest stories in the history of the college game.

For the Ohio State football team, enough "We Really Hate Michigan Now" T-shirts for the school's entire alumni association.

For Fiesta Bowl officials, well, I guess



Out of Bounds Marcus Prater

Ohio State already gave them an early Christmas gift.

For Curtis Strange, a par.

For Mickey Mantle, an afterlife filled with nothing but home runs.

For Peter McNeely, a trip back to obscurity where he came from.

For Chris Miller, retirement.

For the Atlanta Braves, continued recognition for their dogged and successful pursuit of a singular goal.

For O.J. Simpson, a conscience.

For Art Modell, never-ending nightmares of being chased by a pack of Dawgs.

For Cleveland Browns fans, a few minutes in a dark alley with Art Modell.

For the Utah Jazz, a tent that won't fold in the playoffs.

For Deion Sanders, some humility.

For University of Montana QB Dave Dickenson, his rightful place for having one of the greatest seasons ever by a college quarterback.

For Don King, in lieu of jail time, a six-month sentence ordering him to keep his mouth shut.

For John Daly, an uneventful year off the course.

For Steffi Graf, a new tax planner.

For Joe Theismann and Dan Dierdorf, a muzzie.

For Barry Switzer, both a badge of courage and a lump of coal for fourth-down stupidity.

For Ben Wright, an apology.

For Shawn Bradley, a side of dedication and commitment thrown in.

For Al Davis, continued regret over giving up on Marcus Allen.

For Bob Byrnes, a trip to Heaven, where all of the wagers are winning ones.

For Jerry Jones, a Nike swoosh tattoo carved into his ego-swollen head.

For Greg Maddux, added-space in his trophy case.

For Dennis Rodman, just a question: What color is the sky in your world?

For Monica Seles, a successful comeback.

For the Brigham Young football team, a guide to spending the holidays at home for the first time in 17 years.

For Mike Tyson, a qualified opponent.

For Jeff Gordon and Dale Earnhardt, a long and spirited rivalry.

For the Chicago Bulls, continued gratification that Michael Jordan isn't much of a baseball player.

For Dan Marino, a Super Bowl victory before he retires.

For sports fans everywhere, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Marcus Prater is a Twin Falls native who started his sportswriting career in 1980 and wants a new golf game for Christmas.

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The Pack is back — in playoffs

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Brett Favre threw for 308 yards and four touchdowns Sunday as the Green Bay Packers, buoyed by the return of defensive end Reggie White, qualified for the NFL playoffs for a third straight year with a 34-23 victory over the New Orleans Saints.

The victory also positioned the Packers (10-5) to clinch their first NFC Central championship since 1972.

White, the NFL's career leader with 157 sacks, was expected to miss the rest of the year with an injured left hamstring. But he entered the game on the Packers' third defensive play. He was credited with one tackle in the game.

On Wednesday, the Packers said White would miss the final two games and the playoffs because of surgery scheduled for next week. But the following day, White returned to practice and showed he didn't need the surgery after all.

He injured the hamstring Dec. 3 against Cincinnati and missed last Sunday's game at Tampa Bay. It was the first game he missed because of injury in his 11-year NFL career.

Favre, who completed the first six passes he threw, advanced his claim for the NFL's MVP award by completing 12 of 18 passes for 203 yards and four touchdowns in the first half.

It was the second time this season Favre, who grew up about 60 miles from New Orleans and had a large group of fans on hand, passed for four touchdowns in a game. He completed 21 of 30 passes on the day.

Four minutes into the game, Favre hit Anthony Morgan with a 19-yard touchdown and added another first-quarter score on a 17-yard pass to Robert Brooks.

Six seconds into the second quarter, he found Brooks open again for a 40-yard touchdown, capping a 58-yard drive. Favre finished the first half with a 3-play scoring drive and an 11-yard touchdown pass to Antonio Freeman, his first NFL touchdown.

The loss guaranteed the Saints (6-9) a second straight losing season and third non-winning year.



Green Bay wide receiver Robert Brooks celebrates with Packer fans after scoring a touchdown in the first quarter against the Saints Saturday.

It may have been the final game in the Superdome for coach Jim Mora, who has been under fire this year after the Saints opened 0-5 and attendance fell sharply. The Saints failed to sell out a single home game this year. It's the first time that's happened since 1985, the year before Mora took over.

The Saints scored on a 2-yard run by Ray Zellers in the first quarter. They added a second touchdown with 19 seconds left in the half on a 4-yard pass from Jim Everett to Torrance Small, making it 28-14 Green Bay at the half.

In the first half, Favre became the third quarterback in Packers history to throw for 4,000 yards in a season. Lynn Dickey had 4,458 in 1983 and Don Majkowski 4,318 in 1982.

Favre was sacked twice in the first half by Wayne Martin, who has 13 sacks on the year.

Brooks caught five passes for 118 yards and two touchdowns for his eighth 100-yard game, breaking Sterling Sharpe's record of seven.

Edgar Bennett rushed for 80 yards of 26 carries, giving him 1,010 on the season. He is the first Packers running

back to rush for 1,000 yards since Terrell Middleton gained 1,116 in 1978.

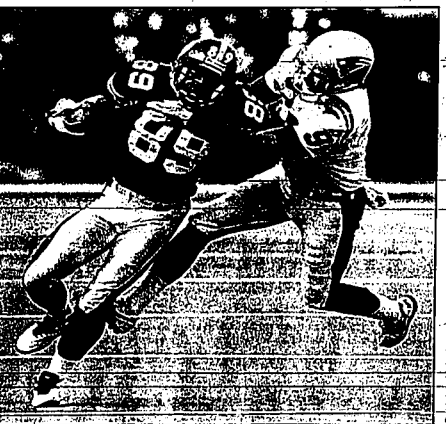
After a first half of wide-open offense, the only second-half touchdown was a 6-yard scoring pass from Everett to Small with no time remaining.

Everett had his third 300-yard game, completing 29 of 44 for 364 yards and a touchdown.

Chris Jacke padded the Packers lead with 47-yard and 21-yard field goals in the third quarter.

Doug Brien missed a 44-yarder for the Saints in the third quarter. He hit a 43-yarder in the fourth quarter.

Steelers roll over Patriots, 41-27



New England Patriots kicker Bryan Wagner tackles Pittsburgh Steelers Ernie Mills as he returns a kickoff in the first half of the game in Pittsburgh Saturday.

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Pittsburgh's defense woke up the echoes of the 1970s, and Kordell Stewart again was a throwback to the 1940s. No wonder the Steelers are talking Super Bowl again.

Pittsburgh's league-leading defense scored twice and Neil O'Donnell threw a 62-yard touchdown pass to Ernie Mills with 1:28 left as the Steelers rallied to beat the New England Patriots 41-27 Saturday.

The Steelers (11-4) blew a 12-point lead, but scored two touchdowns in the final 1:30 of each half to extend an NFL-leading eight-game winning streak. It is their longest since a nine-game streak in 1973-74.

"Big plays made this game, and this team is thinking big things," linebacker Kevin Greene said. "We made some mistakes, but this team has the will to win and we managed to keep pushing out the fire."

O'Donnell threw two touchdown passes, Stewart ran for his first NFL touchdown on a drive started by his two pass completions and Brentson Buckner and Chris O'Neil scored defensive touchdowns. The AFC Central champion Steelers (11-4) now are assured of a first-round bye and at least one home playoff game.

"I wasn't panicking on that last drive," said O'Donnell, who was 14-of-25 for 195 yards. "I just thought,

'Give me the ball and let's go get at least a field goal. Then, boom, Ernie made the big play.'"

Patriots coach Bill Parcells blamed reserve defensive back Carlos Yancey for the blown coverage. Yancey also was beaten in 1-on-1 coverage on Yancey Thigpen's 14-yard touchdown catch late in the second quarter.

"There was no miscommunication. He just got beat," Parcells said. "We had 38 guys playing their rear ends off and about seven I wish I'd left at home. They made a couple of plays and we didn't, and that's about all the difference there was between the two teams."

One of those plays came from Stewart, the quarterback/wide receiver whom the Steelers couldn't figure out how to use until mid-season.

Stewart, a throwback to the one-plateau days when players were asked to pass and kick, came in with Pittsburgh leading 17-12 in the third quarter following the first of Drew Bledsoe's two 6-yard touchdown passes to Ben Coates.

Running the Steelers' "Buffalo" offense, Stewart deflected Bills for 9 yards and Thigpen for 32, then shifted to receiver as O'Donnell entered the game. Lined-up-in-the-slot, Stewart took a pitch and ran 22 yards through the right side of the New England defense to put Pittsburgh ahead 24-12.

Pro Bowl selection slights Seahawk safety

Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — The National Football League roundup:

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SLIGHTED: Seattle safety Robert Blackmon didn't make the Pro Bowl, nor did he expect to despite a Pro Bowl season. Blackmon has twice been named AFC Defensive Player of the Week in the last month and had four interceptions in his last five games. But Blackmon lost out in the Pro Bowl balloting to Pittsburgh's Carnell Lake, Denver's Steve Atwater and Houston's Elaine Bishop.

"I don't take the Pro Bowl seriously," said Blackmon, a Baylor product. "Some people get it and deserve it. From what I've seen the last couple years, some people don't deserve it."

"I think there's a lot of politicking about going to the Pro Bowl. I'm not going to kiss anybody's butt to get to the Pro Bowl. I'm not going to anybody's golf tournament. I'm not going to anybody's football game. The off-season is the off-season to me."

Lake was the top-vote-getter at safety in the AFC even though he played most of the season at cornerback.

BOILING OVER:

The Jacksonville Jaguars have seen a promising inaugural season dissolve with a six-game losing streak. That took the Jags from 3-5 and a half-game out of first place in the AFC Central to 3-11 and the worst record in the league.

High-priced free-agent defensive tackle Kelvin Pritchett lays the blame at the doorstep of head Coach Tom Coughlin.

"This thing is run by one person," Pritchett said. "It's a dictatorship. I don't know if everybody is afraid to go to (Coughlin), but they're afraid they might lose their jobs. Everybody feels if you don't follow the rules, or complain about them, then you're out of here. Nobody wants to lose their jobs."



god of Pritchett's comments.

"You've got to be careful in the words you choose," he said. "There's disappointment, frustration and a lack of re-inforcement for hard work. That's what's frustrating."

"When you play hard and you have an opportunity to win it's a difficult thing. It's not easy for the players, it's not easy for the coaches. You just take your frustrations and put them toward the next opponent."

That would be Detroit on Sunday at the Silverdome.

OVER-HYPED:

Maybe Bobby Ross heard wrong. His San Diego Chargers visit the Indianapolis Colts on Sunday with the wild-card hopes of both teams on the line. Says Ross, "They're calling it the biggest game in the history of their franchise."

Not likely. The Colts have played in two Super Bowls and also won what has been billed as the greatest game ever played — the 1958 NFL championship against the New York Giants. The Colts survived, 23-17, in the NFL's first overtime game.

This contest between the 8-6 Colts and 17 Chargers could be the biggest game in city history — if that city is Indianapolis, not Baltimore.

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If the Dallas Cowboys have a shot at catching the AFC's best in the field advantage, it probably comes Monday night when San Francisco hosts Minnesota. The 49ers are two-touchdown favorites — but they've been huge favorites against Tony Dungy defenses before.

Dungy coaches the Minnesota defense and is one of the few coordinators with a winning record against the powerful 49er offense at 3-2.

In 1984, Dungy's first season as an NFL coordinator with Pittsburgh, the Steelers upset the 49ers, 20-17 in San Francisco. That was the only game the 49ers lost en route to a franchise-best 13-1 record and an NFL championship.

Dungy also beat the 49ers with Pittsburgh in 1987 (30-17) and Minnesota in 1994 (21-14). The two defeats came in back-to-back seasons with Minnesota in 1992-93. Dungy has a defense with three rookie starters this season, but the Vikings rank third in the NFL against the run, third in sacks and fourth in takeaways.

MONEY MATTERS:

The Detroit Lions hope to extend quarterback Scott Mitchell's contract at the end of the season. Mitchell has a year left on the original three-year deal he signed with the Lions in free agency in 1994.

After a disappointing first season in which he completed less than 50 percent of his passes, Mitchell is having a record-setting second season. His 28 touchdown passes, 301 completions and 3,753 yards are on a compelling need.

Mitchell said he would like to continue his career with the Lions, but he doesn't want to talk extension or money until after the season. At 8-6, the Lions are a game back of Green Bay in pursuit of the NFC Central Division title.

"It's something I don't want to worry about and deal with right now," Mitchell said. "I've got other things to deal with, and I don't want that hanging over my head."

Galloway shares joys of the season

Knight-Ridder News Service

week-in-Denver.

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. — Although Galloway is a rookie, he knows something is special happening when it's nearly Christmas and the Seattle Seahawks still have reason to ask Santa for an invitation to the postseason.

"Last week, the Seahawks fell behind 20-0 in Denver, lost starting quarterback Rick Mirer to a separated shoulder in the second quarter and rallied to beat the Broncos 31-27."

"The victory evened their record at 7-7, this after a 2-6 start, and kept their playoff hopes alive."

Galloway is merely enjoying his first week through the NFL, but for Seahawks veterans, who have endured the pain and misery of losing season after losing season, just to be 500-

"I can tell they're excited," Galloway said. "They don't really have to tell me. I can just tell. After we won that game in Denver, in the locker room, it was crazy. You could just feel the excitement, because everyone knows we have a chance. What we have to do is go out and play and hope that things work out."

For things to work out, the Seahawks must beat the Raiders on Sunday at the Kingdome. Seattle's startling revival has attracted the attention of Raiders receiver Tim Brown.

"Usually, they're packing their bags in December," Brown said. Instead, the Seahawks are just one game behind the Raiders.

"We're playing so bad, they're playing so good, and we're in their back," Brown said, rejecting the theory that the Raiders have comfort in knowing they handed Seattle 34-14 earlier this season.

The Seahawks have progressed further than anticipated under first-year head coach Dennis Erickson, and the playoffs know it.

Receiver Brian Blades had to think back to 1988 to remember the last time the Seahawks had a victory as big as the one they had last

it was the 1988 regular-season finale when they beat the Raiders in Los Angeles to clinch the only AFC West division championship in the franchise's history. That was the last time they made the playoffs. They haven't had a winning season since going white here in Seattle that in December when we're playing our 15th game when we have something to play for, that we have an opportunity," Erickson said.

"Not only do we have to win, but some other things have to happen; we all realize that, but right now this is an exciting time for our football team. We started 2-6 and now we're in the middle of December we do have a chance to at least compete for it. So, yeah, it is exciting. It's an exciting time for our players and it's an exciting time for this town right now."

Erickson explained the reversal of fortune as simply the players and the coaches becoming familiar with each other, which has reduced mistakes.

"Of course, it also helps Erickson that he has Chris Warren to run the ball. Warren, who was selected to his third consecutive Pro Bowl on Thursday, is second in the AFC in rushing with 1,234 yards.

Chris is a back that gets better and better every game and gets better during the game," Erickson said. "He looks like he maybe isn't doing a lot of things, and then all of a sudden he'll break out, and pretty soon the game's over and he has over 100 yards and he's scored a touchdown and he's caught a bunch of passes. I can't say enough about what he's done."

While Warren has been the one aspect of the offense that could rely on for regular production, Mirer has settled down after shaky start at quarterback.

In the first eight games when the Seahawks were 2-6, Mirer threw 14 interceptions. In the six games since, he has thrown six. His shoulder injury will prevent him from playing against the Raiders, but as Friesz proved against Denver, he can get the job done.

Americans either love or hate Cowboy team

By Ron Green

Knight-Ridder News Service

These are the worst of times, these are the best of times — depending, of course, upon whether you are among the 130 million Americans who love the Dallas Cowboys or the 130 million who think the Cowboys are what real cowboys sometimes are in.

You're not allowed to be neutral about the Cowboys. It's a misdemeanor carrying a sentence of 10 days in a cell with Rick Simmons. Little bit happens. The American sports generates as much conversation as a Dallas defeat.

Three losses in four games have raised the decibels to levels that sound like John Madden's family reunion.

No other sports team in America commands that kind of attention. America's Team, they call it, and it is just look around and you see many people are wearing the silver and blue.

The Cowboys are a curious thing. People fell in love with them back in the 1970's when they were coached by Tom Landry, who died in 1987. And he didn't know enough to choose one of those 500.

In 1989, Jones acquired the Cowboys and hired Johnson. The record that year was 1-15. That wasn't right. Football's not right when Dallas goes 1-15.

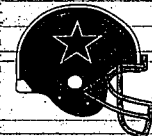
Three years later, Dallas won the Super Bowl, then won it again the next year.

Jones hired the right coach and spent the money to rebuild this unique team but he felt that Dallas was not enough for him. He needed the spotlight, needed everyone, including his coach, to know that this was his team.

He ran Johnson off and, in what many interpreted as a farewell attempt to show that it was Jones' team and not Johnson's coaching that had won those Super Bowls, he hired Switzer.

Now the Cowboys are in turmoil, hurting physically and mentally. Half of America aches with them. Half of America smiles.

Ron Green writes for The Charlotte Observer.



Olympic diver battles vertigo

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — The edge-of-a-platform three stories high, Mary Ellen Clark stands with her back to the pool below. She jumps, hangs over the water, somersaults backward 3 1/2 times, and disappears in a splash.

Not bad for someone who suffers from vertigo.

One of America's best divers, Clark overcame spells of dizziness in 1988 and again in 1990. The most recent bout has been the worst, halting her training for most of this year.

She resumed workouts in mid-October and despite a recurrence of her symptoms just last week, she continues to pursue a dream of competing at the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta.

Those close to Clark say she deserves a medal for Olympic persistence.

"She has a wonderful attitude," said Dr. John Upledger, an osteopath treating her. "I find nothing in her that says, 'I'm a little bit intimidated.' She's a really courageous lady."

Clark, who turns 33 on Christmas, won a bronze on the platform at the 1992 Olympics. That performance surprised even her.

"I've fulfilled a dream," she said. "I'd love to fulfill another one in Atlanta. But I really am taking things one day at a time. I don't have a choice."

The image of someone with vertigo diving off a 33-foot-high platform belongs in an Alfred Hitchcock movie. Occasionally, the task is too daunting even for Clark.

"I've climbed back down just as a smart decision — 'Let's not push this today,'" she said. "I won't put myself in a dangerous situation."

Seeking to stop her world from spinning, Clark followed the advice of friends and strangers.

She has given up alcohol and caffeine, taken alternative medicines, seen numerous doctors, undergone their tests and received acupuncture.

The vertigo persisted. "It can happen anywhere — in the middle of a dive, just standing there or jumping on a trampoline," she said. "When it happens, I feel a little spacy. It's difficult to focus. It's a little like you woke up on the wrong side of the bed."

Treatments from Upledger, a proponent of acupuncture and new therapies, finally allowed Clark to resume training. He traced the source of the vertigo to damage caused by hitting the water.

"She had 15 or 20 old injuries to her head or neck," he said.

Contributing to the dizziness were two injuries:

A compression of the skull on the right side of her neck, crimping an artery.

A jammed right temporal bone, which surrounds the ear and contains the mechanism for balance.

To eliminate Clark's symptoms, Upledger focused first on her pelvis and left leg.

"It sounds weird, doesn't it?" the doctor said. "When you stand up, you have a foundation. Somewhere along the line she twisted her left leg and ankle and began to have an imbalance in the foundation. To compensate, her pelvis and lower back act in an asymmetrical way."

"As far as repairs are concerned, we started at the bottom."

Upledger used manipulation — usually only one or two ounces of pressure — to heal the affected areas of Clark's 5-foot-11 frame. She quickly noticed an improvement.

After more than 10 visits with Upledger, Clark has resumed diving and trains against the clock.



"I'd like to finish my career on my terms. But it's not in my hands."

— Mary Ellen Clark, Olympic swimmer suffering from vertigo



Mary Ellen Clark, who won a bronze medal in platform diving at the 1992 Olympics, practices while trying to overcome bouts of vertigo.

Upledger said she'll eventually be free of dizziness, but perhaps not soon enough to return to Olympic form next year.

"She trained through vertigo for six months in 1988 and said after that she never wanted to do that again," said her coach, Ron O'Brien.

"It is kind of dangerous. We're at a crossroads. She's at

80 to 85 percent of where she was when the vertigo first occurred in January. If she has another several months where she can't go up and do her dives, it's going to be over."

For Clark, who took up the sport at age 7, retirement remains an unspoken word.

"I'd like to finish my career on my terms," she said. "But it's not in my hands."

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Actor Michael Chiklis of 'The Commish' poses on the score board at the Lexus Challenge in La Quinta, Calif.

Frey-Archer tied at top

LA QUINTA, Calif. (AP) — Singing in front of millions is easier for Glenn Frey than trying to hold his own with golf partner George Archer.

Frey managed to contribute 3 points to his team Friday, while Archer had seven birdies to propel the two some to a 10-under-par 62 and a share of the first-round lead in the \$1-million Lexus Challenge.

Frey, of the rock group the Eagles, and Archer entered today's final round with Hale Irwin and former basketball star Julius Erving.

Ray Floyd and actor Michael Chiklis were a shot back in second after a 63 tied them with Tom Weiskopf and "Batman Forever"

actor Chris O'Donnell. Floyd, second in career PGA Tour and Senior PGA Tour combined earnings with \$9,146,509, is the host of the pro-am event on La Quinta's Citrus Course.

"This is working out better than I envisioned," Floyd said. "My partner won six of the nine points for our team. I really think there's more pressure on the pros to not let their partner down. I know that's how I feel."

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Major league soccer may benefit from European Court's free-agency ruling

Chicago Tribune

The new U.S. professional soccer league, Major League Soccer, could benefit from Friday's court ruling that granted free agency to all soccer players from the 15 nations in the European Union.

That decision in a lawsuit begun five years ago by Belgian player Jean-Marc Bosman could revolutionize soccer as much as the 1975 arbitrator's ruling that struck down the reserve clause did baseball.

The European Court of Justice ruled that soccer's restrictive transfer system and the limits imposed on number

of foreign players were contrary to the law of the European Union. There is no appeal.

While the decision applies to fewer than 10 percent of the 193 member-nations in the international soccer federation (FIFA) they are the countries with most of the world's pro-eminent leagues and many of its best players: England, Italy, Germany, Spain, the Netherlands.

Under the rules in place before Friday, if Team A wanted to buy a player from Team B (there are 32 leagues), Team A would have to pay a transfer fee to Team B, even if the player's contract with Team B

had expired.

The transfer fees often are astronomical, such as the \$11.8 million paid in June by Arsenal of England to Inter of Italy for Dutch striker Dennis Bergkamp. The player generally kept only a small percentage of the transfer fee, and the inflated prices restricted movement of players.

Now a European Union player whose contract has expired will be a free agent within the European Union.

"Without the transfer fee, players become less expensive, and that could make some of them available to Major League Soccer," said Hank Steinbrecher, executive director of the U.S. Soccer Federation.

NAIA Div. II championship ends in tie

TACOMA, Wash. (AP) — Findlay of Ohio and Central Washington will share the NAIA Division II national football championship. Undersandably, neither is happy about it.

"And some of the players were even surprised by the NAIA's seemingly archaic rules following Saturday's 21-21 tie in the Tacoma Dome.

"I'm disappointed," Findlay's Troy Pearson said. "Bowl games have a tiebreaker now. I figured there would be one here."

Because of a rule that hasn't been updated in 39 years, a Division II title game wound up in a tie for the third time.

In 1981, Austin College of Texas and Concordia of Moorhead, Minn., tied 24-24 to wind up as co-champs. And in 1987, also in the Tacoma Dome, the championship game ended in a 16-16 tie between Pacific Lutheran and Wisconsin-Stevens

Point Wisconsin-Stevens Point later had to give up its share of the title because of an ineligible player.

"I'm not happy," Findlay linebacker Ray Long said. "We worked so hard and now we have to share the national championship."

"It's my last game and this tie leaves me with a numb feeling," Wildcats defensive tackle Shawn Raykovich, voted the defensive player after a 13-tackle performance.

The coaches felt the same way as their players.

"If you ask all 96 players, you'll get 96 votes to change the rules," Findlay's Dick Strahm said. "There's

no doubt about it. We're all down in the dumps. I think something needs to be corrected."

Jeff Zenisek came away with a hollow feeling following the first tie in his four years as coach of Central Washington.

"It's tough," Zenisek said. "It'll take us a couple of days to get over this."

Pearson was voted the game's best offensive player by the media after rushing 26 times for 176 yards and two touchdowns.

Central Washington's Jon Kitna completed 23 of 39 passes for 286 yards and three touchdowns.

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Austrians take 1-2; Street ties at 3rd in women's World Cup

ST. ANTON, Austria (AP) — Picabo Street tied for third place in the women's World Cup downhill race on Saturday in a race dominated by Austrians.

Led by Michaela Dorfmeister, who scored her first career victory, the Austrians took first and second places and shared third with Street.

Dorfmeister covered the 2,950 meter Kandahar course in 1 minute, 36.34 seconds for the first downhill victory by an Austrian woman in two years.

"My teammates were doing so well, better than I was in the training runs," said Dorfmeister. "It made me kind of down, so I decided to put a little pressure on myself."

She was followed by teammate Alexandra Meissnitzer, who finished in 1:36.47.

Renate Goetschl tied for third with Street, whose string of six straight downhill victories ended Friday.

The two were timed in at 1:36.52.

Street's share of third place

pushed her to the top of the downhill standings with 200 points. Olympic champion Katja Seizinger of Germany slipped to second with 180.

Street's teammate, Hilary Lindh, finished seventh, with a clocking of 1:37.43.

"I was pretty satisfied with my result today," said Street. "More than yesterday."

"I was a little surprised by the Austrians. When one of them is doing well it pushes the others to do well, too. They are aggressive and not afraid of what the course will throw at them."

Seizinger, winner of Friday's sprint downhill, paid dearly for a mistake at the top of the course, and finished 33rd in 1:39.09.

The victory-boosted Dorfmeister in the overall standings from ninth to fourth place, with 253 points. Seizinger still leads the overall standings with 360 points, but Meissnitzer's second place finish moved the Austrian to within 12 points of the lead.



Picabo Street Ties for third place

Former Olympic champion wins men's World Cup downhill title

VAL GARDENA, Italy (AP) — With a perfect run on a course he knows by heart, former Olympic champion Patrick Ortlieb of Austria won the third downhill race of the World Cup season on Saturday.

Ortlieb's victory in the men's speed race at Val Gardena came as the Austrian women took the top two places and tied for third in their downhill at St. Anton, Austria, just across the border.

"I need this course at least 30 times. I know it by heart and without doubt it's my race," said Ortlieb, who beat Xavier Gigandet of Switzerland by 0.44 seconds and Frankman Luc Alphand by 0.48 down the 3,446-meter Saslong track, with a vertical drop of 839 meters.

He reached peak speeds of more than 66 mph on a course with several bumps but a few difficult turns.

The 28-year-old skier from Lech, an Olympic downhill champion in 1992, ended the winning streak of Alphand, who had taken the two previous downhills in Vail and Val D'Isere and the last speed race of the 1994-95 season in Bormio.

Olympic downhill champion Tommy Moe of the United States, still competing with a bandaged knee following last season's injury, could not push too hard and finished 50th, more than three seconds slower than the winner.

"I have nothing personal against Alphand but I really wanted to beat him this time," said Ortlieb.

He finished in the top ten in Val Gardena nine times since 1988, including a second and a third place.

Alphand, the defending World Cup downhill champion, said he was not disappointed, despite defeat.

"I made some mistakes, but I skied well and I made the top three," he said. "My season goal was to win at least one race. I won two already."

Two late starters, Markus Foser of Liechtenstein and Markus Herрман of Switzerland, finished surprisingly high in fourth and fifth place respectively.

Hermann was tied in fifth place with Lasse Kjus, the Norwegian skier who widened his lead by 45 points in the overall World Cup standings with a commanding total of 590.

Swiss giant slalom specialist Michael Von Gruenigen, who did not enter Saturday's downhill, is running with 300 points.

White leading the downhill standings with 260 points, compared with Ortlieb's 175, Alphand moved to third place overall, with 296.

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"I'll pass," I said. "I really just want to know my future."

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By William Brook and Jennifer Bunch
Times-News writers

BURLEY - An Arizona chemical factory was making a soil fumigant in May when an accidental release of hydrogen sulfide gas sent 16 people to the hospital - despite company claims that the factory was incapable of producing the hazardous gas.

The Arizona plant, Minerec Mining Chemicals, has been plagued with environmental violations and is under a court order to shut down completely by the end of 1997.

Chemical executive Robert Kerley, 75, is part owner of the plant and was until recently president of Minerec. He plans to help build another factory near Burley to make the same soil fumigant - metam sodium.

Kerley said the environmental troubles at the Arizona plant were trumped up in an attempt by American Indians to get the plant off their reservation near Tucson. Kerley said he owns a 19 percent stake in the operation, which is on the Tohono O'odham Indian Nation.

Kerley said in order to make hydrogen sulfide gas out of the chemicals used in metam sodium production, a person either would have to set out to make it or "screw up."

But in the past 19 months, two hydrogen sulfide discharges from Minerec have sent 51 people to Tucson-area hospitals; one more hydrogen sulfide discharge, and the factory will be closed immediately, according to a judge's orders.

And on Oct. 20, after hundreds of sewage-discharge violations, the Minerec factory was disconnected from the Pima County sewage system, officials said. In addition to industrial discharges, the sewage prohibition includes the factory's toilets - so plant workers now answer the call of nature in portable outhouses.

At its peak, the factory employed about 45 workers; now there are about 15.

Leaks, malfunctions, failures

Some of Minerec's problems involved equipment failure. A chronology of events documented by attorney Margo Cowan, who represents the Tohono O'odham Indian Nation, dates back to 1991. The chronology includes tank leaks, malfunction of the scrubber system that filters chemicals before releasing steam into the environment, and failure of safety equipment.

Kerley, who claims he owned 16 U.S. chemical factories at the peak of his career, invested in Minerec in 1992 to help the company-out, he said. The company started manufacturing in Arizona a year earlier.

Guidelines set for Burley factory

By Jennifer Bunch
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Cassia County can revoke the permit of a proposed chemical plant if it violates county guidelines or state and federal laws, Prosecuting Attorney Stephen Bywater said.

Or, the state could shut the factory down.

Under the plant's special-use permit:

• It cannot release any chemical products into the air or ground.

• It cannot produce any product other than metam sodium, a chemical that becomes gaseous in farm soils and kills numerous pests, from weed seeds to bacteria.

• It must handle chemicals in accordance with state and federal laws.

• It must be surrounded by a mound of

soil that prevents water from leaving the site.

• Drainage from nearby test crops must be directed away from the plant site.

Three chemicals are used to make metam sodium - caustic soda, carbon bisulfide and methylamine. They will be transported into Burley by rail. Robert Kerley, the chief financial backer behind the chemical-manufacturing plant, says the chemicals will be pumped into bullet-shaped holding tanks and then mixed inside the plant.

The plant will be located south of Burley at 285 West and 500 South. Much of the 45-acre site will be reserved for crop testing, Kerley said.

The county commissioners' process to revoke Kerley's permit would probably

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Steve Crump
Don't ask me.

"Steven, I get the really strong sense that by channeling more positive feelings toward the red end of your emotion-intuitive continuum, you could free the left side of your brain for incredible creativity."

"Incredible creativity?"

"Incredible creativity and yet great spontaneity. You can't intellectualize that."

"I should say not."

"What I want you to do is to find your center, and begin to move in circles."

"Circles?"

"Circles: Big elliptical circles that move outward, and yet continue to describe your deepest, more personal feelings, but in the gentlest possible way."

"Nice circles."

"Nice, warm, cuddly circles."

"Cuddly circles?"

"Exactly."

"When do I get to talk to Nostradamus?" I asked.

"Well, the lady on the infomercial said that if I gave you \$6.95 compounded semi-monthly, you'd put me in touch with the great prophets and seers of the past."

"With the psychic energy of the great prophets and seers of the past, Belle corrected. 'It's there for all to discover.'"

"How about Jimmy the Greek?"

"Jimmy the Greek?"

"Yeah, Jimmy the Greek. I want to ask him about some football scores."

"I'm sorry, Steven, but Jimmy the Greek is not our client. And you can't use psychic energy as a tout service."

"Not even to cover the spread?"

"I should say not. You need to be marshaling your resources for more time on the You're Psychic! Network."

"I can sense that you're moving dangerously into the blue end of your emotion-intuitive continuum. That's so self-defeating, you know."

"How much would it cost me to get a jump-start out of the blue?"

"Fennec on the dollar against the cost of negativity."

"And that cost would be?"

"Relax. I sense you have a major credit card."

"My AT&T credit card isn't major enough?"

"Certainly not, Steven, you really need study aids and our patented Capricorn Lodestar, made of genuine, imported moon rocks, to show you the way."

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Additional charges filed against 3 suspects

BOISE (AP) — Ada County prosecutors have filed additional charges against three of the six people accused in connection with the Nov. 20 slaying of Travis McIntire.

Audie Helms, 18, and Melissa Friedly, 18; both of Boise, were charged on Friday with second-degree kidnapping and burglary. Aleatha Kirkpatrick, 18, also of Boise, was charged with burglary.

The three already faced grand theft charges for allegedly stealing McIntire's car after he was killed.

Two others — Richard Dunn, 26, and John Maynard, 18 — are accused of beating McIntire and throwing him off a 100-foot cliff near Lucky Pack Reservoir. The Boise men both are charged with first-degree murder.

A sixth suspect, 21-year-old Shawn Norris of Boise, charged with aiding and abetting murder.

Helms, Kirkpatrick, Dunn, Norris and Maynard are being held in the Ada County Jail. Friedly resisted extradition after her arrest in California, and authorities say it could be more than a month before she will be returned to Idaho.

Tribune poll says constituents don't buy Enid's excuses

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Rep. Enid Walcott's marathon litany of "Joe-did-it" excuses for her financial predicament didn't win Utah voters, a new newspaper poll shows.

Despite a lachrymose five-hour news conference where thefts from her campaign, her father, herself and creditors were laid squarely at the feet of her estranged husband, Joe Walcott, a copyright poll by The Salt Lake Tribune showed more people than ever are clamoring for her resignation.

The poll, done by Valley Research and involving interviews with 507 voters in the 2nd Congressional District, was to be published Sunday. It carries a margin of error of 4.4 percent.

The poll was conducted Wednesday, just two days after the freshman Republican went before the cameras to address her "first time" question that had dogged her since she won the seat in 1994.

She blamed Walcott, a Pittsburgh political consultant and her former campaign treasurer, for funneling \$1.8 million in apparently illegal contributions into her campaign. All the while, she said, he was lying, misquoting cash, ripping off her multimillion dollar engineering in "questionable lifestyle choices."

A federal grand jury is investigating Walcott for a \$1.7 million campaign finance scheme and has questioned the congressman. The Federal Elections Commission also is looking into the matter, as is the Internal Revenue Service, which says the couple failed to file taxes in 1994.



Enid Walcott

Among the poll's findings:

- In spite of Joe's alleged "perfidy," 78 percent of those asked said Walcott must accept equal or most of the blame for the cascading problems and illegals.
- Just 16 percent accepted her premise that Joe was wholly to blame.
- The number of constituents who believe she must resign immediately have risen slightly — from 36 percent to 42 percent — when compared to a poll conducted by the newspaper before her statement. Support from those who believe she should finish out her term dipped from 54 percent to 47 percent in the same four-week period.
- Nearly 70 percent don't want her to seek re-election and just 16 percent said they'd vote for her again. Three out of five of those who don't want her name on the ballot identified themselves as Republicans.
- Those supporting a re-election fell from 21 percent to 18 percent.
- Walcott insisted that she will not resign, but there is mounting speculation that she may step down in a matter of days.
- The Justice Department, she has not said whether she intends to seek re-election, but made the telling statement that she would encourage all candidates — including other Republicans — to consider running.

And it appears, based on The Tribune's poll, that almost anyone could beat her.

The poll shows that three of five respondents would not vote for her if she ran again next year, regardless of the opponent. Another 17 percent said their decision would depend on who ran against her and 7 percent were unsure.

Of Enid's public soul-searching itself, constituents were a bit more charitable. Roughly three out of five respondents found her to be effective or partially effective in her sometimes tearful, sometimes biting presentation and was truthful or somewhat truthful about what she knew and when she knew it.

Women, Republicans, active members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints — the congressman is a Mormon — tended to be most empathetic.

But even these support groups bailed out when it came to assessing her responsibility for the debacle.

More than seven of 10 Republicans in the 2nd District say the congressman must at least share the blame with Joe if not shoulder most of it herself — just 6 percent below the overall response. Further, 28 percent felt she ought to resign now.

Among those who said they were active Mormons, nearly two in three don't want her to seek re-election. The same number, however, believe she ought to finish her term.

Just 34 percent of those who voted for her in 1992 said they would vote for her again.

Services

Keegan Lewis Likes, two-month-old son of Bruce and Jennifer Likes of Buhl, family will greet friends from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl. Burial will be Monday in Firth.

Leo E. "Trip" Triple, of Twin Falls, 10:30 a.m. Monday, Twin Falls LDS 6th Ward Chapel, 667 Harrison St. Viewing, 4 to 8 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls and from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. Monday at the church. The family will greet friends from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the mortuary.

Ivan Lee Mink, of Gooding, 11 a.m. Monday, Demary's Gooding Chapel. Viewing, 4 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

William "Bill" Roemer, of Twin Falls and formerly of Rupert, 11 a.m. Monday, Trinity Lutheran Church, 909 Eighth St. in Rupert. The family will greet friends from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the church, (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Catherine Jane Reilly Ward, of Twin Falls, 1 p.m. Monday, Twin Falls LDS 2nd Ward Chapel, 229 Park Ave. Viewing, 4 to 8 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls and from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Monday at the church. The family will greet friends from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the mortuary.

Kenneth Allen Pock, of Fairfield, 3 p.m. Monday, Mountain View Cemetery in Fairfield, (Demary's Gooding Chapel).

1995-ot-Bullhead City, Ariz. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Death notice

Ruth McClure RUPERT — Ruth McClure, 63, of RUPERT, died Saturday, Dec. 16,

Holmes, Urian Shaw, Maye Stanley Dertny-Winters and Linda Wigley, all of Burley; Joe Kudella and Cody Smith, both of Rupert; Patricia Pierson of Heyburn; and Ferrell Bell of Jerome.

Births
A baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Gerhardt of Burley; and to Rocio Arteaga of Rupert.

Hospitals

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
Some names are omitted at patients' request.

Admitted
Olga Herzinger of Buhl; and Charles Stoddard of Twin Falls.

Released
Robin Lonette Brown of Filer.

CASSIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
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Admitted
Beryle Ambrose, Wallace Briggs, Marcia Foust, Willis Curran, Cassandra Gerhardt and Jesse Jones, all of Burley; Rocio Arteaga and Adam Ortiz, both of Rupert; Carol Gorringer of Heyburn; and James Bodilly of Declo.

Released
Ladonna Bingham, Martin Funk, Trishan Garcia, Ross

MINDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
Some names are omitted at patients' request.

Admitted
Ida Rodriguez of Rupert.

Released
Amy Cain and Rosemary Mort, both of Burley; Matthew Rasmussen of Rupert; and Robin Taylor and baby son of Heyburn.

Obituaries

Grace I. Novak, 91, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Dec. 15, 1995, at West Magic Care Center in Twin Falls.

She was born Dec. 27, 1903, in Riverdale, Neb., the daughter of Owen and Cora Pettus Hart. On April 18, 1923, she married Joseph A. Novak in Kearney, Neb. He preceded her in death on March 2, 1980.

She moved with Joe and her family to Buhl from Miller, Neb., on June 17, 1940, and they later moved to Twin Falls in 1950. She was a very generous person and tried to be helpful to all of her family and friends. She always had a smile for all, even in the later years when she was suffering from Alzheimer's. Grace was a faithful wife and an excellent mother. She was a longtime member of the Faith Assembly of God Church in Twin Falls.

She is survived by four sons, Lyle (Phyllis) Novak of Twin Falls, Norman and Larry Novak, both of Fresno, Calif., and Ronald (Shirley) Novak of Grants Pass, Ore.; two daughters, JoAnn (Don) Meredith of Lovings, Nev., and Marilyn Ashford of Boise; 19 grandchildren; and 32 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother and two sisters.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19, 1995, at White Mortuary Chapel, with the Rev. Paul Springer officiating. Burial will follow at Twin Falls Cemetery. Friends may call at home 4 to 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 18, 1995, at White Mortuary.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be given to the Alzheimer's Association, Boise-Treasure Valley Chapter, 4620 Overland Road No. 211, Boise, ID 83705; or to the Faith Assembly of God Church, 179 Filer Ave. W., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Raymond H. Raper, 63, of Hagerman, died Dec. 10, 1995, following a brief illness at the Veterans' Hospital in Boise.

Ray was born in Rossville, Ga., on Sept. 29, 1932, and raised in Knoxville, Tenn. In 1950, he joined the Navy and served for 22 years. On Jan. 19, 1954, he married Linda S. Borgogno of Hawthorne, Nev. After graduating from the Navy, he opened up Elko Electronics and Music Center in Elko, Nev., until 1986 when the family moved to Hagerman. He then worked for Universal Food Products until 1993. Ray enjoyed hunting, fishing, bowling, country music and writing poetry.

He is survived by his wife, Linda S. Raper, and mother-in-law and father-in-law, Marian and Walt Borgogno, all of Hagerman; one daughter and son-in-law, Belinda and Bill Mann and grandchildren, Desirée Harshbarger, Constance and Devon Butts; Elko McMurray and son-in-law, Rose Marie and Doug Gunderson and grandchildren, Travis and Shawn Gunn. He is also survived by Hegerman's father, Raymond H. Raper of Knoxville, Tenn.; sister and brother-in-law, Linda and Alvin (Butts) McMurray of Powell, Tenn.; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother, Helen Jewell Raper; brother, Gary Raper; sister, Joyce Faye Seaton; and one grandson, Wade Smith.

There will be no services as requested by family members.



Raymond H. Raper

Lucy A. Stocking
Lucy Ann Stocking, age 91, of

direction of Wood River Chapel of Holey.

She was born in Basin, near Oakley, Idaho, on Sept. 6, 1904. She was the seventh of eight children. Her parents, Hyrum and Mary Egan, moved to the Starr's Ferry project to homestead in 1904. They were one of the first families to settle there. She grew up on the family farm. Her father sent the children to attend school in Burley, about five miles away, because he thought this was best. He provided the team of horses and wagon for transportation and the older, brother drove the team. They picked up neighbor children along the way to school. She graduated from Burley High School in 1924 and attended one year of college at the Brigham Young University. She only went one year because her older brother wanted to go to college and she could only afford to send one child.

She married James Leroy Stocking on April 12, 1926. They had three children. In 1943, they moved to the Flan Creek ranch northeast of Carey, with their children, milk cows and sheep. In 1944, they took their children and went to the Salt Lake LDS Temple where they were sealed as a family. To make it easier for their children to get to school, they bought a ranch on Dry Creek in 1947. In the fall of 1951, they built a home in Carey and have since resided there.

She was a member of the LDS Church and had served in many different callings. She was also a temple worker in the Boise Temple for several years. She enjoyed visiting with her friends as a member of the Progressive Club. She loved music and passed her musical talent on to her posterity.

She is survived by three sons, Arnold Stocking of Clearfield, Utah; Buz Stocking of Twin Falls and Boyd Stocking of Carey; two daughters, Lois Jobs of Syracuse, Utah; and Marlene Peterson of Carey; 18 grandchildren; 56 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, seven brothers and sisters, three grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19, 1995, at the Carey LDS Chapel, with Bishop Hal S. Brigham conducting. Interment will follow at the Carey Cemetery. Friends may call one hour prior to the service at the church. Memorial arrangements are under the

Threats to kill Santa keep Tucson businesses alert

TUCSON, ARIZ. (AP) — Anonymous letters threatening to kill Santa Claus have prompted increased security at some local malls and a search for a threat with a history of making threats.

Police refused to release details of the anonymous threats Friday, but a source told The Arizona Daily Star that letters sent to two Tucson businesses contained threats that Santa would be shot.

Police are searching for Kem D. Messenger, 30, of no known address. Authorities say he claims to be a journalist and is wanted on several misdemeanor warrants.

Because of the threats, El Con Mall sent its Santa actor home on Wednesday. Tucson Mall added two armed guards and moved its Santa and his elves from the center of the mall to a second-floor store front.

"It's pretty bad when something like this happens," said Vicki Duncan, marketing director for Tucson Mall. Despite the situation, parents and children were still having fun, she said.

John Santolano, director of security for El Con Mall, said the mall's executives decided it was safer to send Santa away than to increase security.

Sgt. Charles Armijo of the police special investigations unit said his department was taking the matter very seriously.

"But we don't want the public



Messenger

to be panicked," he added.

Police have asked for the public's help in its search for Messenger.

Messenger's father, Dewane, said Friday he had thought his son was living out of state until he saw his photograph on the television news.

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Detention class straightens 'F' students

By H.R. Weisel
Times-News correspondent

BROME—Giving Jerome High School students adequate guidance for improving grades and behavior means the principal and vice principal meet with 30 to 40 young people every day.

Principal Carol Matthews and vice principal Clark Muscat are meeting with every student who has a problem or needs disciplining.

At the end of the quarter I met with each senior who was an F student. I showed each one what to do to raise that grade and for the most of them, they are doing it," Matthews said. "With the kind of attitude and effort these failing students are putting out, they should get at least a passing grade by graduation."

Between 30 and 40 students are called into Muscat's office every day.

"Most of the time Clark is checking on why a student was tardy or absent from a class," Matthews said. The vice principal deals with truancies, tardiness, and any other problems a student might have. Through the computer system, these problems are recorded and when a student has three discipline referrals, or five tardies, or one truancy, the student is sent to the Student Detention Center.

Since the Center opened this year at Washington School, "131 kids have been sent to the detention class. What this does, is give immediate correction," said Matthews.

Giving individual attention isn't the only help students are getting at

the high school, Matthews told the School Board last week.

Basketball coach Brent Clark has opened a classroom as a "study table" where his players come and finish their homework after school while waiting for a practice session or basketball game to start.

"They have about an hour where there is nothing to do but goof around, so this way they have a place to go and can even get help with their homework," said Matthews. "The students have a game or practice session at least three nights every week, so that was taking too much time away from homework," he said.

Parents of Jerome High School students "are working on a system to give positive awards for kids doing things right. We have more positive things than, negative and

need a way to recognize that," Matthews said.

In other business the School Board:

- Approved a policy prohibiting gangs and hate groups.
- Heard a report by Superintendent Jim Cobble that a \$6,087.12 grant was received for reading improvement classes and \$19,399 for revising math curriculum at Central and Jefferson schools. A \$123,000 grant also had been received for computer networking.
- Reviewed Special Education Director Chris Gibson's report on managing and protecting student use of internet.
- Appointed School Board members Steve Marshall and Eric Steigers as teacher negotiation representatives.

Water Resources lists violators

Here is a list of southern Idaho farmers who violated the Idaho Department of Water Resources' newly established groundwater measurement program. The list was released by Water Resources on Dec. 11.

Listed irrigators have been served with a cease-and-desist order that prohibits them from pumping water until they comply with terms of the measurement program. Violators who continue to pump water are subject to a penalty of \$100 per day.

NAME	Area
Don McFarland	Eden
Donald Tibault	Jerome
Frank Veerstin	Wendell
Elden Lind	Declo
Ronald May	Twin Falls
Magic Valley Foods (Don Cole)	Eden
Eugene Hnza	Rupert
Minidoka	Minidoka
Layne Harper	Paul
Luis Batten Court	Jerome
Delbert Kohz	Eden
Irene and FF Gunnung	Jerome
Larry Gillette	Paul
Seater Lake Farms	Rupert

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS—The Idaho Department of Water Resources objects to publication of a list of irrigators who got cease-and-desist orders for violating terms of a groundwater measurement program in Basin 36.

"First, the list paints an unfair and misleading picture of which segment of the water user community has not complied with the requirements," wrote Dick Larsen, Water Resources spokesman in a letter to *The Times-News*. The department's initial round of inspections and spot checks was almost exclusive-

ly confined to irrigators, he said. Other industries also use groundwater.

"We are certain there are probably other water users who may not be complying but are not reflected because they have a different use of water, and we have not yet reviewed their individual case," Larsen said. "Using the names on the list at this time unfairly suggests only irrigators have failed to comply."

Further, Larsen said the list unfairly highlights violators who were caught after random visits to their wells.

"We by no means were able to examine every single water user covered by the measuring requirements," he said. "Therefore, using the names on the list would lead readers to believe that only these people failed to meet all the requirements when in fact we were only able to actually check a fraction of those cases that appeared to be a problem."

"The list is 'only a temporary snapshot of a process that continues to evolve as time goes by,'" Larsen said, adding that names will be removed when violators come into compliance — and new names will be added as the measurement program expands.

In other, Water Resources erased 19 names from its violator's list between Nov. 13 and Dec. 11.

Gary Spackman, who heads Water Resources' groundwater measurement program, said the list wasn't a full accounting of all violators.

When the list stood at 32 names, Spackman said: "There are probably triple or quadruple the number of people who are in violation. My gut feeling is there are 100 to 200 people out there who are in violation."

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Minerac has in the past, he said.

Meanwhile, Cassia County commissioners have agreed to allow Or-Cal Inc., of Junction City, Ore., to operate a chemical plant at 285 West and 300 South. Or-Cal needs a new source of metam sodium because Minerac is closing.

Kerley is collaborating in the Burley plant. But Minerac has nothing to do with Kerley's plans for Burley, and no equipment from the closing Arizona plant will come to Burley, he insisted.

Cowan, the lawyer for the Tohono Oodham Nation, said Kerley's practices are outdated.

"His view of what is environmentally sound and what is safe for his employees is like something out of the 1930s," Cowan said.

But Kerley says environmental laws are important.

"As the world continues to increase in population, they're going to need them more and more. We just need smart, intelligent, dedicated people to enforce them," Kerley said.

like this stuff down the drain."

On April 18, 1994, Minerac discharged carbon disulfide in excess of 300 times greater than the permitted discharged level in Pima County, according to Cowan's chronology of Minerac problems.

Hazardous gas leaks

At one time, the Minerac factory made about 20 chemical products, but by order of a federal judge, it is now limited to making only metam sodium.

Metam sodium becomes gaseous in farm soils and kills seeds, weeds, bacteria, nematodes, fungi and insects before crops are planted. On Idaho crops, metam sodium is injected into the soil in a liquid form or it is applied to the soil through a farmer's irrigation system, according to Bob Spencer, education and compliance supervisor for the technical division of the Idaho Agricultural Department.

"If that release had taken place in Houston, it would never have been noticed," Kerley said in an interview in Burley. He and Phillips described the second hydrogen sulfide incident as "a non-incident."

Phillips said no one in the factory was affected by the second discharge and all of the 16 "victims" who sought medical attention were employees of the casino. Hydrogen sulfide levels inside the plant measured about 10 parts per million, Phillips said.

"It was a nuisance odor, but never a health threat," he said, charging that the casino workers feigned illness.

The Minerac factory was under strict orders not to use — or produce — any hydrogen sulfide when the incident occurred.

Past problems

But while Kerley looks to the future, critics of his Arizona factory point to the past.

"We're out there once a week and about a third of the visits we've made in the past year were in response to complaints," said David Estabro, environmental quality director for Pima County, Ariz.

Kerley says the tribe simply wants to expand its casino, which operates at the opposite end of the industrial park where Minerac has its plant.

"The Indians don't want a chemical factory near the casino and the complaints are a concerted effort to get us out of here," said Minerac's environmental manager, Eric Phillips.

"Tribal leaders say the idea is ridiculous, since federal laws would restrict expansion on the casino."

The U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited Minerac for 25 violations and levied fines of \$88,700. The Pima County sewer violations — all 25 of them — could generate fines as high as \$6.4 million.

County officials found chemicals in the sewage system that "couldn't have come from any other place than Minerac," said George Brinkso, wastewater management director for Pima County.

"I held a hearing on it and they couldn't come up with anything more than, 'It couldn't have been us,'" he said, adding "Housewives in Tucson do not put anything nearly

As with the sewage violations, Phillips had an explanation. A valve feeding the factory's reactors broke.

"The recipe got messed up," he said, and workers added materials in the wrong order "and when they corrected it, it had an unexpected side result."

Such explanations make tribal employees shake their heads, said Carol Young, who works in the Tohono O'odham planning and operations department.

"Making that chemical should not have produced that gas — but they found a way to do it," she said.

inspected by the DEQ unless someone complains about the company, or the company draws the DEQ's regulatory attention in some other manner, said Mike Gregory, DEQ's environmental enforcement manager in Boise.

Wastewater inspections depend on how a company is handling its waste, he said.

But the DEQ has authority to penalize companies they are found to be out of compliance with state and federal laws, Gregory said. The DEQ can obtain a court injunction to shut down a plant if it does not work to meet requirements, he said.

Officials to pick medical service

BURLEY—Cassia County commissioners will decide Monday whether to choose Cassia Regional Medical Center or Minidoka Memorial Hospital to provide ambulance service for the county.

Commissioners will award a four year contract at 10 a.m. at their regular meeting in the county courthouse.

Minidoka Memorial has placed a joint bid with Bannock Regional Medical Center in Pocatello, to provide service for \$96,000 annually for four years. Cassia Regional has

bid to offer service for \$92,500 per year for the first two years and \$96,200 per year for the second two years.

In other business, commissioners will hold a public hearing at 11 a.m. on a proposed gravel pit in the Jackson Area south of Rupert at 250 North and 750 East. Triple C Concrete Inc., of Rupert is requesting a county permit to excavate gravel there.

At noon, Cassia County elected officials will meet with local state legislators to discuss legislation for the 1996 legislative session in Boise.

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require less than a month, Bywater said.

Other stipulations are that a locked fence must surround the plant site, and truck traffic from the plant must be routed west on 500 South to 400 West and north to Highway 30 or East on 500 South to the Burley-Oakley Highway.

"The plant will not produce wastewater by making metam sodium," Bywater said. The only type of wastewater system at the site will be a septic tank for plant personnel offices, he said.

"Watching the plant for violations

of federal or state laws will be the job of the Idaho Department of Agriculture and the Division of Environmental Quality, which handle enforcement for the federal Environmental Protection Agency.

Pesticide manufacturers are required to register with the EPA and report annually which products they are producing, said Jon Heller, environmental protection specialist for the EPA in Seattle, Wash.

Idaho's Ag. Department inspects the actual product, said Bob Spencer, supervisor of the department's inspection office.

The department inspects the prod-

uct to ensure it meets EPA quality standards, he said. The department also inspects company records to see if the plant is producing what it says it is, Spencer said.

Metam sodium is a general-use pesticide, which means anyone can purchase and use it, Spencer said. But it is under review by the EPA, which is considering requiring a permit to use the chemical, he said.

It is considered a strong alternative for other fumigants that are believed to destroy upper-atmospheric ozone. A small chemical operator producing less than 220 pounds of hazardous waste a month will not be

inspected by the DEQ unless someone complains about the company, or the company draws the DEQ's regulatory attention in some other manner, said Mike Gregory, DEQ's environmental enforcement manager in Boise.

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Kerley

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would be inaccurate to give Kerley all the credit for reducing toxic emissions.

Cowen assumed environmental responsibility for Kerley's plants.

"We made sure there weren't any problems with the Kerley plant," Bennett said.

Other than Kerley's troubles with Minerac Mining Chemicals in Tucson, Ariz., where his factory faces a court-ordered closure dead-

line. — *The Times-News* has found no other problem plants owned by Kerley, but information supplied by the various state governments was limited.

Kerley had a manufacturing plant near Pocatello on the Fort Hall Indian Reservation, which now is a storage plant, Kerley said. The plant manufactured sulfur products.

Farshid Farsi, director of the air quality program for Bannock County on Fort Hall, said the reservation

hasn't had any problems with the plant. Farsi has worked in the Fort Hall office for four years, he said.

Cerald Quaresin, in Louisiana's state Department of Environmental Quality, said he doesn't know of any problems with the Kerley plant that operates next to Conoco there.

"As far as I know, they have had a pretty good environmental record in our area," Quaresin said.

Larry Dickinson worked for Kerley for at least 30 years running

Kerley's industrial plant in Antioch, Calif.—Dickinson now runs a former Kerley plant in Finley, Wash., near Kennewick.

The Kennewick plant makes metam sodium, other farm chemicals, industrial chemicals and mining chemicals, Dickinson said.

Dickinson spoke favorably of Kerley.

"He's a very dependable, efficient man. He's outstanding in my book," Dickinson said.

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Idaho

Advocacy groups fight hydro plan

BOISE (AP) — Two conservation groups have filed a protest against the latest proposal from a developer for diversion of the North Fork of the Payette River for a hydroelectric generating project.

Gem Irrigation District has asked the state Department of Water Resources for an amended water right to divert 100 cubic feet per second from the river year around. The water would enter a pipeline and run along railroad tracks to a power turbine. It would be returned to the river 15 miles downstream.

The North Fork of the Payette in western Idaho is one of the state's prime kayaking and rafting streams.

Idaho Rivers United and Idaho Whitewater Association filed the protest. The groups said they were concerned that diverting water from the North Fork will impact whitewater recreation, harm fish and wildlife habitat and spoil the visual experience of one of Idaho's prime whitewater streams.

The also claim granting the water right would run contrary to the State Water Plan which for the North Fork of the Payette prohibits dams for hydro power purposes.

"This project has been a loser since the beginning," said Marti Bridges, water policy director for the rivers association.

The state's Fish and Game and Parks and Recreation agencies also filed protests; the conservation groups said.

ISU student pleads guilty to battery

POCATELLO (AP) — Troy Shiozawa, who was to stand trial again next month on a felony charge of aggravated battery, has pleaded guilty to a reduced count of misdemeanor battery.

Bannock County Prosecutor Mark Hiedeman said Shiozawa, 24, a student at Idaho State University, was sentenced to six months in the county jail, later reduced to 90 days, two years probation and fined \$500. He also was ordered to attend anger management classes.

Shiozawa was charged with aggravated battery in connection with an alleged assault on his estranged wife, Leslie, as they sat in the woman's car on Interstate 15 last February.

He was charged with running his wife's car off the road and stabbing his 2-year-old stepdaughter, Lexie Hill, with a small knife. She suffered only a minor wound.

The jury acquitted Shiozawa on the assault count but couldn't agree on the charge of aggravated battery alleging that Shiozawa attacked his wife.

The jail term from 6th District Judge Peter McDermott will allow Shiozawa to be sent to attend classes at Idaho State, where he is an accounting student. McDermott said Shiozawa must report to jail the day after Christmas.

"We've been working on this plea bargain for some time," Hiedeman said. "We believed it to be a reasonable compromise," he said, and Leslie Shiozawa agreed to it.



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World

U.S. offers support for Israel-Syria talks

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel and Syria will resume their month-long land-for-peace negotiations near Washington on Dec. 27, Secretary of State Warren Christopher said Saturday.

He said the first round of talks will last three days, recess for a week and then resume the first week in January for another three days. And then, Christopher said, he would return to the Middle East to discuss the results with Prime Minister Shimon Peres and Syrian President Hafez Assad.

"Clearly, we are entering a new phase of negotiations," he said. "Conducting the negotiations in a site near Washington will intensify the discussions."

Christopher offered the full support of the United States to conclude a peace treaty. It would be based on Israel relinquishing land in exchange for Syrian diplomatic recognition.

Peres has already indicated he was willing to surrender all of the strategic Golan Heights, which Syria lost in the 1967 Mideast war, in exchange for diplomatic and security pledges.

Christopher said the resumption of talks, which broke down last June, reflects "a very clear desire" from both Peres and Assad to make progress as rapidly as possible.

Christopher returned to Jerusalem to see Peres again — they reached a basic understanding at a Sabbath dinner Friday night — after holding talks in Aqaba, Jordan, with King Hussein and in Jericho with Yasser Arafat, the chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Always cautious, Christopher said in Aqaba: "We are still trying to finalize the way in which we might effectively renew the discussions." He said he hoped to make an announcement before leaving the region.

Asked if new negotiations between Israel and Syria would produce a peace treaty, Christopher said he could not make a prediction. But other U.S. officials said Assad was more in tune with Peres than his predecessor, Yitzhak Rabin, who was assassinated Nov. 4, because Peres prefers to make direct moves without distracting details.

Columbian gunmen kill American

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Gunmen killed an American woman while she was carrying her 6-month-old baby and dropping off her toddler at a preschool in the northwest city of Medellin, police and her family said Saturday.

Ently Lane, 34, of Rye, N.Y., was

shot three times Friday morning by two gunmen who escaped on a motor-cycle. Authorities did not know the motive for the shooting.

Lane, an English teacher, was holding her baby when she was shot, said her sister, Sarah Lane of Missouri, Mont. The children were not hurt.

Bus, trucks collide in Brazil; at least 20 dead

SAO PAULO, Brazil (AP) — Three trucks and a packed bus collided in a fiery explosion killing at least 20 people, including all four drivers, police said Saturday.

Twelve survivors were hospitalized with light burns after the accident Friday night near the small city of Rio Claro, 120 miles northwest of Sao Paulo in southeastern Brazil.

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North Korea says it will continue nuclear freeze

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — One day after signing a \$4.3-billion nuclear reactor agreement, North Korea warned it might restart its suspected nuclear weapons program if Washington fails to keep its side of the bargain.

"How the (historic 1994) framework agreement is implemented depends entirely on whether the United States observes the principle of simultaneous action," an unidentified Foreign Ministry told the North's official Korea Central News Agency Saturday.

North Korea and a U.S.-led international consortium signed a deal in New York on Friday out-

lining the details behind replacing the North's existing nuclear program, suspected of weapons production, with two safer reactors financed by Western countries.

In October 1994, the North promised to freeze and eventually dismantle its program in return for the two new plants.

Washington promised to improve trade and diplomatic ties in line with progress in the reactor project.

The reclusive North insists its facilities are only for peaceful purposes. But Western officials believe it has extracted enough weapons-grade plutonium to make at least one nuclear bomb.

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Gadhafi meets Nation of Islam

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi has met with a delegation from the American-based Nation of Islam to discuss Libyan support for the group.

Libyan television reported the meeting on Friday, but did not identify the American participants. The broadcast was monitored by the British Broadcasting Corp.

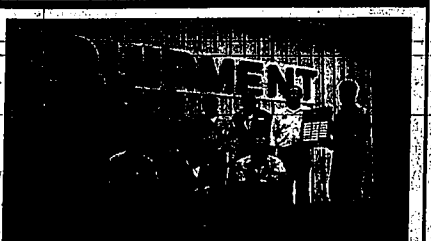
Gadhafi telephoned Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan in October to congratulate him on the "Million Man March" on Washington and to pledge his support for uniting the Muslim world. Libyan television said Farrakhan's delegation was in Libya to coordinate the action program which was launched by the march of two million blacks, which shook the American capital last October.

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School lunch menus

Only main dishes are listed. All schools serve milk with meals.

BLAINE COUNTY
Monday: Hamburger on a bun.
Tuesday: Enchilada.
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets.
Thursday and Friday: No school.

BLISS
Monday: Hot meatloaf sandwich.
Tuesday: Potato bar.
Wednesday: Turkey and mashed potatoes with gravy.
Thursday and Friday: No school.

BUHL
Breakfast: Juice served everyday.
Monday: Cereal and cinnamon toast.
Tuesday: Breakfast pizza.
Wednesday: Pancakes.
Thursday: Scrambled eggs and muffin.
Friday: Cinnamon roll.
Lunch:
Monday: Beef tacos.
Tuesday: Baked ham and mashed potatoes with gravy.
Wednesday: Pizza.
Thursday: Pig-in-a-blanket.
Friday: Crispy burrito with salsa.

BURLEY JUNIOR HIGH
Breakfast: Juice and fruit served everyday.
Lunch: Choice of salad bar with sandwich or soup or sandwich bar every day.
Monday: Macho nachos.
Tuesday: Baked potato special with ham, cheese and turkey gravy.
Wednesday: Chili or barbecue.
Thursday: Hamburger, burrito or choco-burg-er.
Friday: No school.

CASSIA COUNTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
Breakfast: Fruit and juice served everyday.
Monday: Cereal and cinnamon toast.
Tuesday: Breakfast pizza.
Wednesday: Peanut butter and honey sand-wich.
Thursday: Maple bar and cheese slice.
Friday: No school.
Lunch:
Monday: Taco salad.
Tuesday: Turkey and dressing.
Wednesday: Chili.
Thursday: Hamburger on a bun.
Friday: No school.

CASTLEFORD
Monday: Cinnamon roll.
Tuesday: Pancakes.
Wednesday: Eggs and toast.
Thursday: Blueberry pancakes.
Friday: French toast.
Lunch: Self-serve salad bar everyday.
Monday: Grilled cheese sandwich and soup.
Tuesday: "Wol" burger.
Wednesday: Chili.
Thursday: Burrito.
Friday: Baked ham and all the fixings.

DIETRICH
Breakfast: Choice of juice, milk, hot chocolate, cereal, toast or muffin.
Lunch: Salad bar and variety of fruit choices; both chocolate milk and white milk offered daily.
Monday: Ribbons and baked potato.
Tuesday: Turkey and noodles.
Wednesday: Grilled cheese sandwich.

Thursday: Taco.
Friday: Nachos.
FILER
Monday: Ham.
Tuesday: Ham sandwich.
Wednesday: Hamburger on a bun.
Thursday: Turkey gravy over mashed potatoes.
Friday: Corn dog.

GLENNIS FERRY
Monday: Foot-long hoildog.
Tuesday: Potato soup and grilled cheese sand-wich.
Wednesday: Sloppy joes.
Thursday: Sausage pizza.
Friday: Tuna sandwich and vegetable soup.

GIBBONS ELEMENTARY (OODING)
Breakfast served everyday.
Lunch: Salad bar or potato bar available on alternating days.
Monday: Chicken nuggets.
Tuesday: Pizza pocket.
Wednesday: Baked ham and mashed potatoes with gravy.
Thursday: Sack lunch.
Friday: No school.

FRAM MIDDLES SCHOOL (OODING)
Breakfast served everyday.
Monday: Chicken nuggets.
Tuesday: Pizza pocket.
Wednesday: Nachos and cheese.
Thursday: Sack lunch.
Friday: No school.

HAGERMAN
Chocolate milk is available for 25 cents.
Monday: Chicken nuggets.
Tuesday: Pizza.
Wednesday: Turkey gravy over mashed potatoes.
Thursday: Taco.
Friday: Chicken on a bun.

HANSEN
Monday: Ravioli.
Tuesday: Hamburger on a bun.
Wednesday: Tuna pita.
Thursday: No lunch served.
Friday: No school.

IDAHO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND
Breakfast: Choice of juice and fruit.
Monday: Cereal, sausage patty and toast.
Tuesday: Cereal and breakfast sandwich with egg and ham.
Wednesday: Cereal, blueberry muffin and yogurt.
Thursday: Cereal and cinnamon toast.
Friday: Rice, bacon and French toast.
Lunch: Salad bar everyday.
Monday: Deluxe hamburger on a bun.
Tuesday: Nachos.
Wednesday: Italian spaghetti.
Thursday: Chicken patty on a homemade bun.
Friday: Ravioli.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL
Monday: Christmas brunch.
Tuesday: Salad bar and creamy potato soup.
Wednesday: Beef and pepperoni pizza.
Thursday and Friday: No school.
Friday:

JEROME ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
Breakfast served everyday.
Lunch:
Monday: Chicken nuggets.

Tuesday: Chef salad.
Wednesday: Baked ham and scalloped potatoes.
Thursday: Grilled cheese sandwich and Campbell's Garfield Lip-Lickin' soup.
Friday: Sabatosa pizza.

JEROME MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS
Choice of salad bar, soup and sandwich bar, self-serve bar, mainline (fried), hamburger and fries with french fries and fresh fruit.
Monday: Chicken nuggets.
Tuesday: Chef salad.
Wednesday: Baked ham and scalloped potatoes or ala carte items. Hamburger and mainline served with french fries and fresh fruit.
Thursday: Grilled cheese sandwich and Campbell's Garfield Lip-Lickin' soup.
Friday: Sabatosa pizza.

KIMBERLY
Breakfast served everyday.
Lunch:
Monday: Chicken sandwich.
Tuesday: Pizza.
Wednesday: Turkey submarine sandwich.
Thursday: Chili and crackers.
Friday: Christmas dinner.

MINDOKA COUNTY
Breakfast: Fruit served everyday.
Monday: Cereal and muffin.
Tuesday: Pancakes and ham slice.
Wednesday: Toaster tuna.
Thursday: Sausage and egg biscuit.
Friday: Cereal and cinnamon toast.
Lunch:
Monday: Spaghetti and cheese.
Tuesday: Nachos supreme.
Wednesday: Breaded chicken and mashed potatoes with gravy.
Thursday: Student's choice.
Friday: Hamburger on a bun.

MURKLAUGH
For grades six through 12, choice of salad bar, hoildog, nachos or the mainline everyday. Choice of chocolate milk or white milk everyday.
Monday: Baked ham and su grain potatoes.
Tuesday: Nachos.
Wednesday: Tuna croissant sandwich.
Thursday: Burrito.
Friday: Sack lunch.

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Breakfast: Juice served everyday.
Monday: Pancakes and sausage.
Tuesday: Cereal and muffin.
Wednesday: Pancakes and hash browns.
Thursday: Sticuli with gravy.
Friday: Cereal and pie.
Lunch:
Monday: Corn dog.
Tuesday: Soft-shell taco.
Wednesday: Pizza.
Thursday: Turkey and dressing.
Friday: Tuna sandwich and turkey noodle soup.

SHOSHONE
Monday: Submarine sandwich.
Tuesday: Ham roast and mashed potatoes with gravy.
Wednesday: Hamburger on a bun.
Thursday: Turkey gravy over mashed potatoes.
Friday: No school.

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Monday: Chef salad.
Tuesday: Taco.
Wednesday: Baked potato with toppings.
Thursday: Chicken nuggets.
Friday: No school.

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Breakfast served daily at all schools.
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Breakfast served everyday.
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VALLEY
Breakfast served everyday. Choice of white milk or chocolate milk.
Monday: Crisp burrito with salsa.
Tuesday: Chicken chunks.
Wednesday: Soft-shell taco.
Thursday: "Pizza Hut" box lunch.
Friday: No school.

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Breakfast served daily.
Lunch:
Monday: Super nachos.
Tuesday: Fried chicken.
Wednesday: Pizza.
Thursday and Friday: No school.

WENDELL MIDDLE SCHOOL
Monday through Friday: Choice of chef salad or submarine sandwich.
WENDELL HIGH SCHOOL
Alternate menus available daily.
Monday: Super nachos.
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Wednesday: Breakfast for lunch.
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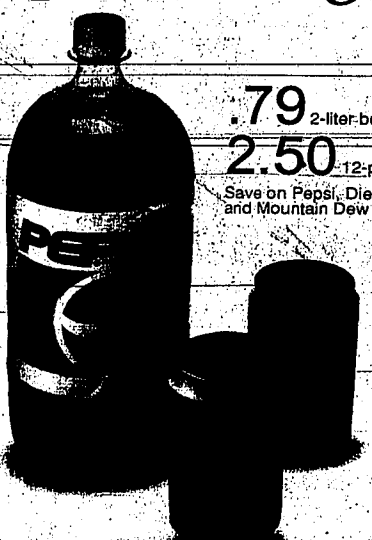
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Anger over Russia's reforms at crux of parliamentary election

MOSCOW (AP) — Communists and Russian nationalists who want to bring back the Soviet Union will be a step closer to power Sunday if angry voters use parliamentary elections to demand a halt to democratic reforms.

While the hard-liners appeared certain of doing well, few pollsters and analysts were willing to predict the outcome of elections for the Duma, the lower chamber of parliament.

Many Russians are simply bewildered by the 43 parties and the 8,000 or so candidates who are running. Up to one-third of voters were still undecided in the campaign's final days, pollsters said.

No one party is expected to win an outright majority in the Duma, and even if a stable anti-reform alliance emerged, it would find it hard to change policy. Russia's constitution grants vast powers to President Boris Yeltsin and limits the legislature's.

Although no major changes in economic policy are expected if the hard-liners do well, a strong performance by them could result in a more anti-Western foreign policy. The election is an important barometer of support — or disillusionment — in Yeltsin's reforms and a bell-weather for next June's presidential vote. Yeltsin made an impassioned plea to Russians in a TV address Friday evening to remember the hardships of the Soviet past and vote against hard-liners.



Ultra-nationalist leader Vladimir Zhirinovskiy shows an ABC book he says was published by his Liberal Democratic Party at a news conference in Moscow Friday.

Yeltsin has put off deciding on a re-election bid until after he sees the results of the parliamentary ballot. He sat out the campaign because of heart trouble and is still recovering at a suburban health resort.

Interest in the election picked up in recent weeks despite the dull and, in many places, nonexistent campaign. Voter turnout of 50 percent to 55 percent would be very high, analysts at the Carnegie Foundation's Moscow think tank concluded.

"It's very important to vote. These guys in parliament, they don't do a thing. We've got to get new folks in there," said Mikhail Filipov, a pensioner. "It won't change things right away, but we'll get there."

Most of Russia's 30 million to 35 million pensioners, about one-third of the electorate, are expected to vote. Most of them have suffered from free-market reforms and long for the past. Many are likely to vote Communist or nationalist.

Their grandchildren, who grew up under reform, are more favorable to change but less likely to vote. But some have been scared by last-minute warnings from pro-reform parties about the dangers of a hard-liner victory.



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Money

Planned giving begins at home

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — When it comes to helping the less fortunate, savvy donors are discovering there's nothing wrong with charity beginning at home.

In fact, that's the added benefit of what's known as planned or deferred giving.

Once a vehicle for the rich, philanthropic arrangements like charitable remainder trusts, gift funds and annuities are becoming increasingly popular among middle class individuals who want to support a worthy cause, get a tax break and even receive income from their donation.

Financial advisers say the huge run-up on Wall Street this year presents a good opportunity to donate appreciated securities like stocks, bonds and fund-holdings, especially during the holidays when goodwill is also at a peak.

"It's a win-win situation ... (and) it's a growing phenomenon," said Ann Kaplan, research director of the American Association of Fund-Raising Counsel in New York.

"Instruments that had always been very well used by upper-income contributors who plan a lot of their finances are now available to people in the average

range of giving."

More charities are targeting a broader audience for planned giving — and it appears to have paid off for some. The American-Red Cross, for instance, received \$65 million through planned giving in fiscal 1994-95, up from \$40 million the previous year and more than double '91-92.

Fidelity Investments' charitable gift fund has risen to more than \$300 million in assets in four years, Jennifer Garf, a Fidelity marketing manager, says. Higher stock prices fueled interest this year.

Those who donate appreciated securities can derive greater tax benefits by setting up specialized trusts and funds than by selling the same securities and donating the cash. In most instances, donors can deduct the full market value of their gift and avoid tax on any capital gains. Wealthier individuals will also lower

their estate tax by reducing the size of their net worth.

Someone in the 28 percent income tax bracket who bought 100 shares of a hot technology stock at \$10 per share, or \$1,000, would be hit with \$1,120 in capital gains taxes if he or she sold the stock at \$50 a share, even though the resulting cash was earmarked for charity. But the tax bill disappears when the gift is simply given away.

Planned-giving comes in many forms. (Because of their complexity, it's best to review each with a financial adviser before making any commitments. Remember: Some have minimum startup requirements along with fees from trust managers and are irrevocable. And while there's a tax deduction for donation, any income it generates may be taxable.)

A donor can transfer assets into a char-

itable remainder trust. The trust pays a set amount each year to named non-charitable beneficiaries, like a spouse or child, for a fixed period or the life of the named individuals. Afterwards, the remaining assets are distributed to one or more charitable organizations.

Although the donor retains a life income interest, he or she gets an immediate tax deduction for the value of the remaining interest that goes to charity upon the trust's termination.

In a charitable income or lead annuity trust, the donor transfers assets to a trust that pays a set amount each year to charitable organizations for a fixed term or the life of a named individual. When the trust expires, the remaining assets are distributed to non-charitable beneficiaries.

A gift annuity pays the donor or any other specified person a fixed annual income, guaranteed for life, with the size of the payout depending on the person's age. (Some charities will accept reverse annuities, whereby donors give real estate to a charity, retain the right to live there and can get a lifetime income, too. The property goes to the charity upon the donor's death.)

Please see GIVING/D5

Black Facts

Working harder and harder
Average annual percent increase in output per hour worked in various countries

Japan	3.1%
Italy	2.9%
France	2.5%
U.S.	2.4%
Germany	1.9%
Canada	1.7%

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Briefly in business

State issues charter to Pend Oreille Bank

BOISE — The state has issued a charter to Pend Oreille Bank to relocate its head office from Newport, Wash., to Ponderay, in northern Idaho. The bank plans to open by next September.

Gavin Gee, acting director of the Department of Finance, said the new state charter bank's head office will be located near the junction of U.S. Highway 95 and Triangle Drive in Ponderay, just outside Sandpoint. The bank was established in 1981 and reported nearly \$29 million in assets this year. The bank is owned by Pend Oreille Bancorp, a bank holding company formed in 1993. Evelyn Mee is the bank's president, chief executive officer and board chairman. Gee said, four members of the bank's board are residents of Idaho and the rest live in Washington.

"This institution is a profitable, rapidly growing, well managed bank which has a capable board of directors," Gee said.

100 workers disciplined for accessing sex on Internet

RICHLAND, Wash. — Nearly 100 employees at a federally funded laboratory are being disciplined for using their work computers to access sexually explicit Internet sites, officials said Friday. Pacific Northwest Laboratory suspended the 21 workers who used the sites most frequently. Another 77 workers will receive written reprimands. The suspensions will begin Monday and last for as long as two weeks.

Most of the scanning of adult bulletin boards occurred on workers' own time but still violated company policy against using work computers for personal business, laboratory spokesman Greg Koller said.

The discovery was discovered when Battelle Memorial Institute, which operates the lab, was trying to determine its Internet capacity for a new building. The sexually explicit addresses showed up on Internet records.

Koller did not have exact figures on the usage. The laboratory on the Hanford nuclear reservation operates under a contract with the Energy Department and has about 3,700 employees. Battelle, based in Columbus, Ohio, does a variety of research at Hanford, much of it on how to clean up the nation's most polluted nuclear site.

Tom Paine guides new Liberty line of T-shirts

Tom Paine helped rally the American colonists to revolution and now he's the guiding spirit for Tom Paine Products, a T-shirt maker in Tempe, Ariz. The company sells shirts in several categories. The icons of Liberty line include dresses, shirts with the likeness of Voltaire, Thoreau and economist Milton Friedman, among others. Paine himself is in the Founders category, along with Washington, Franklin and Jefferson. There's also a line called Troublemakers, including John Wilkes Booth, socialist Emma Goldman and anarchists Sacco and Vanzetti. And one with quotations that the company says "pack the most punch." For example: "A good politician is quite as unthinkable as an honest burglar," from H.L. Mencken.

Watch out! Your timepiece may be smarter than you

If you use a wristwatch only to get if you're early or late, you could be seeing a lot more work out of a timepiece, says Home Office Computing magazine. In its December issue, Home Office reports there are watches that store data in much the same way as a pocket electronic organizer and others that work as pagers. The magazine says it's hoping someone will develop a watch that also operates as a cellular phone, but that's still in the planning stages.

Compiled from wire reports

Savings you need in next 12 months

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	8%	12%	9,712
20 years	3%	12%	24,067
	8%	12%	17,369
10 years	3%	12%	39,466
	8%	12%	87,577
5 years	3%	12%	\$ 59,922
	8%	12%	123,883
40 years	3%	12%	255,007
	8%	12%	60,317
20 years	3%	12%	94,607
	8%	12%	\$ 76,081
10 years	3%	12%	118,467
	8%	12%	195,015
5 years	3%	12%	\$146,035
	8%	12%	237,721
40 years	3%	12%	409,123
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KRT Infographics

U.S. workers save more for retirement

But still not enough, despite education efforts

Knight-Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — After shoring up their retirement nest eggs in recent years, anxious American workers have begun socking away much more in savings.

But they're still not saving nearly enough. In fact, workers on average are saving less than they did just three years ago, and at a rate that will leave them with only about \$20,000 a year in income during their golden retirement years.

The average worker this year saved \$2,160, up 22 percent, or \$384, from last year, according to the fourth annual Workplace Pulse survey released Tuesday by the Employees Council on Flexible Compensation, a group promoting the use of 401(k) and other employee benefit plans.

"People are coming to grips with reality and are saving more," said Kenneth Felman, the group's executive director.

"But many still face disaster," he said, if they don't save more or if Social Security isn't available when they retire. The survey reflects growing fears — by employers, government officials and private experts — that too many Americans have done little or nothing to prepare for retirement.

In July, Labor Secretary Robert Reich, hoping to avert a future crisis, christened a campaign to educate workers about the need to boost retirement savings. It is the first major government attempt to change savings patterns and reverse a 22-year decline in the U.S. savings rate. In August, the savings rate was a dismal 1.2 percent of disposable income, down from 1973's peak of 10.7 percent.

"People need to save more — and they need help" from employers and the federal government to save what they need, Felman said.

He noted that many employers don't provide their employees with the easiest and most popular method for saving for retirement — a 401(k) account. A 401(k) allows a worker to make pretax contributions to a savings account that can grow tax-deferred until retirement.

Many who do offer 401(k) plans are afraid to advise employees on how much they need to save or how to invest in en-

sure they'll have the savings they need. One reason is that the answers to those questions vary widely based on the individuals' needs.

And employers fear they will be sued if they offer specific investment advice that doesn't work.

But many employers are growing bolder in urging their workers to participate in 401(k) plans to supplement increasingly limited corporate pension plans.

Felman said most workers believe the government needs to do more to encourage retirement savings. They "believe that government must share much of the blame for the retirement savings crisis," he said.

Among the findings of the Council's November survey:

• While workers boosted retirement savings this year, on average they saved \$538 less than they did in 1993. Younger workers, aged 25 to 34, saved 33 percent more than last year.

• The average person age 45 to 64 is saving \$2,844 a year and has \$109,075 in savings. Social Security and pension benefits so far. At that rate, the average person will be about \$4,000 short of the \$24,000 a year that people earning \$30,000 a year say they want at retirement.

• Some 71 percent favor an overhaul of the federal tax system. The majority favor a flat-rate income tax, one of the options now being considered by Congress.

• The majority of workers would rather put money into a pension plan or a 401(k) or other self-directed retirement account than into Social Security.

• Some 85 percent would like more responsibility for saving for their retirement and to pay lower taxes.

Surveys like this show employees are getting the message, but for many it may be too late, said Jack Alberter of Alberter Enterprises, a Washington-based economic consulting firm.

The survey of 1,000 full-time employed workers was conducted from Nov. 7 to 10 by Pulse Surveys of America Inc. for Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Co. and the Employees Council on Flexible Compensation.

It has an error rate of plus or minus three percentage points. The dollar amounts are not adjusted for inflation.

Microsoft founder's new book worth reading

By Dan Gillmor

Knight-Ridder News Service

On line

The wizard of Windows, Bill Gates, has co-authored a book about our electronic future. If you haven't thought about where digital technology is taking us, you could do a lot worse than to read "The Road Ahead."

Gates and his collaborators — Nathan Myhrvold, Microsoft's chief resident futurist, and journalist Peter Rinearson — have very little new to tell anyone who's diligently followed the digital revolution. And the written-by-committee prose won't inspire you.

But it'll be worth the time for the readers at whom it's principally aimed: regular people who wonder what the infobahn really is all about, who don't know a URL from an e-mail. You can safely ignore the accompanying CD-ROM, among other flaws. It doesn't work on many com-

puter books these days, you'll find especially interesting (and a bit scary) a chapter on what the authors call "fictional capitalism," in which the infobahn becomes the ultimate, highly efficient middleman in commerce. I think Gates understates the dislocations this will cause, but his observations are at least intriguing.

More interesting, though, are the many leaps into what's coming, or likely to come, as information technology pervades our lives.

If you, as I, work in a business that plays a middleman role today, you'll find it especially interesting (and a bit scary) a chapter on what the authors call "fictional capitalism," in which the infobahn becomes the ultimate, highly efficient middleman in commerce. I think Gates understates the dislocations this will cause, but his observations are at least intriguing.

Sometimes he reinforces the obvious, though in areas that need repeating in our selfish time. Such as: Education is our best possible investment, individually and collectively, and multimedia will spur children's natural curiosity. Uh huh.

Gates' relentless optimism is one of his (and the book's) more engaging traits. But it leads to a few conclusions that I find unlikely. For example, I don't share his belief that digital technology will reduce the gap between the world's rich and poor. The evidence tells me the gap is widening, and that it'll grow worse yet in the new information Age.

You should also take with a mountain of salt Gates' self-serving recounting of Microsoft history. You'll get no hint of the company's hardball dealings with other computer-industry players, and its monopoly moves come off as natural events.

Not, unfortunately, will you get any glimpse of the Gates I saw at a recent luncheon. As another reporter noted to me after Gates expounded on a variety of large and small topics, this sanitized volume has little of the rudeness, dirt, paranoia, mordant humor and other qualities that make Gates who he is, and Microsoft what it is. Whether Gates is our era's Charles Darwin, a paragon of American virtue or something in between, this book provides no real clue.

I doubt Gates is capable of genuine introspection, at least not for public consumption. Maybe, decades from now, some lucky historian will read Microsoft's electronic mail archives, some of the most interesting parts, without a doubt, will be the messages to and from Bill Gates.

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Money

Experts recommend a fifth of bonds be invested in 'junk'

Orange County Register

SANTA ANA, Calif. — If you don't have junk bonds in your fixed-income portfolio, consider adding some.

That idea might be heresy to conservative investors who witnessed the junk-bond debacle of 1989 and 1990, when debt-laden companies defaulted in droves on speculative-grade issues.

Look at the facts:

• Bond investors are running out of high-yield options as low government interest rates dampen returns and low inflation promises to keep them down.

• Good corporate bonds don't offer much better returns than super-safe Treasuries, with the gap between the two at historically narrow levels.

• Junk bonds have enjoyed a five-year rally, with high-yield mutual funds turning in an average 13.56 percent annual yield — more than twice the current yield on a 30-year Treasury bond.

• Economists expect the economy to slow but not falter, raising the risk of junk-bond default but not to prohibitive levels.

That outlook prompted the Orange County Register's panel of bond experts to recommend that the average bond investors put at least 19 percent of their portfolio in bonds rated less than BBB by Standard & Poor's or less than Baa by Moody's Investors Service.

The experts say research, vigilance and willingness to take some risk are essential for the investor who wants to squeeze out extra return. "If an investor is going to earn 2 percent to 7 percent more than the comparable maturity Treasuries, it will take some work," said Marilyn Cohen, Envision Capital Management, Los Angeles. "But it can be accomplished."

First, some background. "Junk" bonds came to prominence in the 1980s when they were used to finance leveraged buyouts. A takeover company would issue the bonds, saddling its target with debt to pay for a merger.

Junk bonds today generally describe high-yield debt issued by corporations either too new to have a seasoned bond rating or those, known as "fallen angels," that have stumbled on hard times.

Like other corporate bonds, junk bonds are sensitive to interest-rate changes and they can be called — that is, redeemed before the maturity date. Junk bonds are more sensitive than other bonds to changes in a company's stock price, since the company's fortunes closely track whether bondholders get paid back.

And like all investments, the higher the return, the higher the risk. The weakest companies generally have to pay the highest interest rates to lure investors.

Recessions typically hurt junk bonds more than better corporate bonds, said Lynn Reaser, chief economist for First Interstate Bank.

Reaser said the risk of recession is about 15 percent next year but rises to more than 50 percent by 1997. Investors should avoid bonds issued by companies already slowed by heavy debt or those nearing the end of their economic cycle, such as steel, paper and chemical manufacturers, she said.

"Companies can't look to inflation for a rescue; they won't be able to raise their prices," Reaser said. "Debt is the real issue."

But not every investor has the time or resources to follow more than a few bonds, and others want the diversification and professional management bond funds can offer, said Peter Van Dyke of T. Rowe Price & Associates, a mutual-fund company.

Van Dyke said junk-bond funds can be a good deal for investors looking for extra income, although he cautions that capital gains are unlikely. "There's not a lot of price appreciation in store (for junk bonds)," Van Dyke said.

Many bond-fund managers, such as Patricia Brady of T. Rowe Price High Yield (which posted 11.27 percent five-year average returns) are jettisoning their riskiest bonds and shortening maturities in preparation for possible economic slowing. That's good news for more conservative investors.

Bond funds with the best five-year returns, lowest risk relative to their peers and the highest Morningstar Inc. ratings include Fidelity Spartan High-Income (18.05 percent five-year annualized return), Fidelity Ad-

visor High Yield (17.5 percent), Fidelity Capital & Income (16.79 percent) and Money Street High-Yield Corporate Bond (16.54 percent). Other highly-rated funds include Northstar Adv High-Yield (17.06 percent) and MAS High-Yield (16.54 percent).

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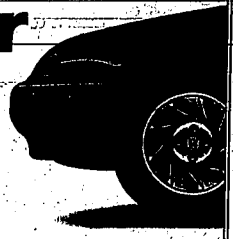
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Tradewinds

HAILEY—Sam Gillette recently received the Eagle Spirit Award from the Transportation Division of the U.S. Postal Service.

The award is given to only 110 postal contractors nationwide in recognition of exemplary service provided to the Postal Service over the year.

Mail transportation is provided by private businesses and self-employed people who bid for the contracts, provide the equipment and labor and cover all expenses incurred in transporting the mail. Gillette, formerly of Burley and Heglar, became a postal contractor in 1996 and has been responsible for getting the mail to the Wood River Valley since that time. He now has two contracts involving three vehicles and two employees.

He picks up mail in Twin Falls at 3 a.m., delivers to Shoshone, Bellevue, Halley, Ketchum and Sun Valley post offices, then goes on to deliver to residents of Smiley Creek, Obsidian and Stanley. Back in Ketchum about 4 p.m., he picks up mail from the post offices on the way back to Twin Falls.

TWIN FALLS—Bill Lamb, Jerry Kokko, Adella Stauffer, Camille Ramirez and Matt Zimmerman of Elmer's Pancake and Steak House have completed a ServSafe Certification course.

ServSafe is the educational foundation of the National Restaurant Association's food-safety program.

It is recognized nationally as the leader in food-safety training. The program is designed to train managers and staff members in safe food handling from raw to cooked products, the flow of food through the operation, including critical control points, cleaning and sanitation practices and accident prevention in the workplace.

TWIN FALLS—John Etheridge attended the Idaho Association of Realtors 1996 Leadership Conference Dec. 6 in Boise. The conference is the annual meeting where leaders in the real estate industry in Idaho meet to train, review policies and set goals for the association.

Etheridge, of Hallows Realty, and other industry leaders throughout Idaho discussed negative, industry technology and ethics issues. Goals outlined by the group will guide the Idaho Association of Realtors throughout the coming year.

The Idaho Association of Realtors is Idaho's largest industry trade organization and is the state charter of the National Association of Realtors, which maintains more than 750,000 members worldwide.

BURLEY—Terry Cope has been promoted to loan officer at West One Bank's Burley office, 112 E. Main St. His responsibilities include interviewing customers for consumer and commercial loan requests and approving those requests.

Cope earned a bachelor's degree in marketing from Boise State University and a master's of business-administration degree from Oregon State University. He previously worked at the bank's Coeur d'Alene office. His community activities include Kiwanis and the United Way.

Farmers may need to play futures market

Here's a summary of Saturday's edition of *Magic Valley Ag Weekly*.

Twenty years ago, Magic Valley farmers had little reason to play the futures market.

Few of the contracts offered by the nation's commodity exchanges applied to the potatoes, grain and milk raised in the valley.

And government programs—at least in grain and milk's case—provided farmers with stable markets, so it wasn't necessary to use the futures markets.

In the next decade, all that could change. It appears the 1995 farm bill will launch American agriculture into an era of reduced federal support and free trade—and more risk for individual farmers.

As a result, farmers and ranchers must seek ways to minimize that risk.

The futures and options markets are a logical way to do this," said Larry Makus, University of Idaho agricultural economist.

Thanks to the industry's historically stable prices, the nation's

Farmbeat

commodity exchanges never considered dairy to be a very lucrative place to launch futures and options contracts.

After all, price volatility is what makes those contracts necessary and profitable for exchanges.

"(Volatility) is one of the things you look at when you're developing futures contracts," said Janet Troy, vice president of marketing for the Coffee, Sugar and Cocoa Exchange in New York City.

This year, 1995 farm bill talks centering around deregulating the federal dairy program drew commodity exchanges eyes back to the dairy industry.

The New York Cotton Exchange is still awaiting regulatory approval to launch its potato futures and options contracts, but expects to begin trading in early 1996 if the contract passes.

George Gero, head of the Exchange's potato committee, expects the Commodity Futures Trading Commission to pass the

contract; he just isn't sure when that might be.

The contract would be the third potato futures contract in U.S. history.

Others have faltered for various reasons, but Gero said the Exchange addressed the problems with previously traded contracts when it created its own.

What was once the wasted rocky corner of a pivot-irrigated field is now a Christmas tree farm that doubles as a prime bird habitat.

Dale Thomas has been planting 500 to 700 pine trees a year for 15 years at his farm west of Gooding.

From late November until Christmas, families from throughout the Magic Valley come to stroll through the small forest and pick a fresh tree to take home and decorate.

Thomas follows along with his chainsaw and cuts any tree they want for \$20.

Since June, the local market for dairy-quality alfalfa has been above the national average.

"As far as I know, this is probably the first time this has ever hap-

pened," Parma extension agent Bob Romanko said this week after receiving the state statistics.

"With the growth of the dairy industry in southern Idaho, there is a stronger demand for high quality hay," he said.

Prices in California, Washington, Arizona and New Mexico still are higher than Idaho's, he said, but buy prices in the Midwest and in the East are lower.

Some of the world's finest cuisine is produced in Idaho, and this holiday season, the state Department of Agriculture and the Best Western Canyon Springs Inn are out to prove it.

Through Christmas, the Twin Falls hotel restaurant is offering a special menu, entitled "Idaho Holiday Temptations," sure to impress out-of-towners and locals alike.

"Everybody knows that Idaho grows the best potatoes in the world," said agriculture department secretary Maureen Brewer.

"But how many people know that Idaho also grows the best wild rice?"

Media ownership left in deregulation

WASHINGTON (AP)—The far-reaching rewrite of the nation's telecommunications laws neared completion Friday as congressional negotiators tried to work out details for loosening federal controls on news media ownership.

The issue is the last major obstacle in resolving differences between separate bills passed by the House and Senate earlier this year to deregulate most of the communications industries.

"Broadcasting is the last big one we got. Everything else we have put to bed," chief negotiator Sen. Larry Pressler, R-S.D., told The Associated Press late Friday. "Broadcasters are the problem. They really are asking for too much here."

Even so, he said, "We are a lot closer. Administration officials, however, said there's been no movement

toward an agreement on the media provisions and Senate Democrats, disgusted over the negotiating process, boycotted a meeting earlier in the day.

President Clinton criticized early versions of the bills and administration officials said they're not happy with the way the final bill is shaping up.

If the legislation becomes law, it will dramatically change the way Americans receive telephone, television and other communications services and how much they pay for them.

It would let local, long-distance and cable companies get into each others' businesses, deregulate cable rates and, for the first time, outlaw transmission of smutty materials to kids over computer networks.



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TWIN FALLS—The Southern Idaho Life Underwriters Association recently donated 300 pounds of turkey to help a local soup kitchen. The association extends appreciation to Brent Barlow and Smith's Food King for selling the turkeys for an exceptionally low price for the donation.

To donate, contact Randy Hansen at 733-3033.

TWIN FALLS—Roy Raymond Ford, employees recently held their annual Christmas Food Drive. Contributors donated food and gifts to a 4-foot by 4-foot "Santa sleigh" parked in the showroom. Items were later delivered to three needy families selected from the homeless.

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Another option is a pooled income fund like the Fidelity charitable 549 fund, which operates like a mutual fund. Donors place securities or cash into it pool, and they or their named beneficiaries receive a share of the net income generated by the fund for life, after which the individual's share of assets are removed from the fund and distributed to the charity. Donors receive an immediate income tax deduction at the time funds are contributed and escape capital gains taxes.

"Frank Madden, who runs Madden and Associates, Financial Consultants in Jacksonville, Fla., and puts together several remainder trusts a year, says planned giving isn't for everyone regardless of the tax benefits.

"If you have the ... dollars you can gain," he said. "What will make it work is your philanthropical needs," or desire to really help out.

Bennett M. Weiner, director of the philanthropic advisory service of the Council of Better Business Bureaus in Arlington, Va., agrees, saying individuals should thoroughly research the charities earmarked for planned giving beforehand.

"Potential donors should ensure, for example, that the charity has a solid history both financially and in delivering its programs and services," he said.

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Spotlight on the valley

NMSP honors TFHS senior

The National Merit Scholarship Program has issued a letter of commendation to Kelly R. McCoy, a senior at Twin Falls High School. She is one of approximately 35,000 commended students throughout the nation being honored for exceptional academic promise. The students placed among the top 5 percent of more than a million students who entered the 1995 Merit Program by taking the 1994 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

Student honored for writings

Julie K. Sarasqueta has been recognized by the National Council of Teachers of English for superior performance in writing. She is a senior at Twin Falls High School, where she is in the English Department. The NCTE Achievement Award in Writing certifies Sarasqueta's writing to be of superior quality. Recipients names are sent to colleges and universities with the recommendation that the students be considered for scholarships.

Area author publishes poetry

Regina M. Marker has had original poetry published in a book titled "Between the Raindrops." The book is a treasury of poetry compiled by the National Library of Poetry. Marker's poem was called "This is Where I'll Always Be." Its main subject is the death of a loved one. Marker was born in Twin Falls. She moved to Filer at age 12 and graduated from Filer High School in 1987. She attended ITT in Boise and is a computer operator for the F4 program at Gowen Airfield.

UI soil team wins contest

The University of Idaho Soil Science Team recently won the regional Soil and Site Evaluation Contest. The team is qualified to compete in the National Collegiate Contest in Florida in the spring. The team includes Nathan Olsen of Buhl and Jason Kruse of Hagerman.

Olsen is a junior soil science major and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Olsen of Buhl. He won the top individual award. Kruse is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rick Kruse of Hagerman and a freshman plant science major.

Teacher receives appointment

Janez R. Counts of Kimberly High School has been appointed as state coordinator for the 1996 National Council of Teachers of English Achievement Awards in Writing Competition, which recognizes approximately 800 high school seniors for excellence in writing and recommends them to colleges and universities for admission and financial aid if needed. Results are announced in October of each year.

Beck enrolls in program

Kristin Beck has enrolled as a freshman at Lake Forest College in Lake Forest, Ill. She is one of 26 freshmen invited to be in the Richter-Scholar Program, which is designed to provide unique intellectual opportunities to a small group of outstanding students. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Beck of Twin Falls and a graduate of Twin Falls High School.

FFA team places 1st in contest

Muriough's Future Farmers of America "Roperize" team placed first in a state FFA contest and went on to represent Idaho at the 68th annual National FFA Talent Program in Kansas City, Mo. Performances included vocal soloists and groups, jazz and cultural dancing, rock, and country western and bluesgrass music.

Members of the team are Aimee Blinn, Alisa Funk, Kelly Pynn, Melissa Aliman, Britney McFarland, Elizabeth Moyes, Britney Hunsaker, Ginger Bland and Tiffany Gunnell. Stacy Wilm is the FFA chapter advisor. The National FFA Talent Contest is sponsored by Ford Division of the Ford Motor Co. of Detroit, Mich., as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

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Glenns Ferry resident Bill Arbaugh, one of four Arbaughs married in 1945, looks back on 50 years of fond memories.

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When the world fell in love

For the Arbaughs, 1945 was a very good year

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

JEROME — Back in the Ozarks, before Mr. Franklin Roosevelt lighted a fire under the Great Depression, about the only way a young fella could afford to court was to follow a girl home from church.

So follow they did, the Arbaugh boys — but discreetly, in the manner of the time.

Brothers Pete and Jim, and their nephews, brothers Bill and Truman, had known some of the girls they saw home on those Sunday afternoons for years. Little did they know that they'd follow each other, in a roundabout way, to Idaho.

A dancing mink has thawed into an indifferent drizzle as the four Arbaughs and their wives sit in Pete and Olga's living room on this late autumn morning and contemplate 200 years together.

All four couples are celebrating 50th anniversaries this year; they married within a few months of each other as World War II flickered and died.

And all four still live barely 50 miles from each other.

"Fifty years? Don't seem like 50 years," says Bill, 71, of Glenns Ferry. "Don't seem that long at all."

As the Arbaughs make the rounds of anniversary parties, neither does it seem especially remarkable to them that they, along with the 8 million other Americans who were married in 1945 and 1946, ignited the baby boom — the demographic explosion that transformed America like nothing before or since.

The end of the war, and the long Depression that preceded it, was just a good time to fall in love, they say.

There were dances and movies, and during the times you were separated, we wrote letters," Mary, 72, who's married to Jim, said. "We fell in love and stayed in love," said Olga, 67. "All these years."

Three of the four Arbaugh boys spent part



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Celebrating their 50th anniversaries are the Arbaughs, from left, Bill and Helen, Jim and Mary, Truman and Esther and Pete and Olga.

of the war years or the postwar years abroad in the military. Truman came to Idaho first, then Bill, and eventually the others followed.

All married Arkansas girls except for Truman, who wed Esther, born and raised in Jerome. Bill and Helen settled in the King Hill area, where they farmed.

"The land was too expensive around

here," Bill explained.

In fact, economics was the lure of Idaho in those days — jobs and opportunity in construction, services and transportation. Jim, Truman and Pete and their brides all eventually settled in Jerome.

Now mostly retired, the four couples

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More love stories that have lasted

The Times-News

The Sandys

After Alfred Sandy's first meeting with his future bride, his cousin Ed Obermeyer asked whether he could be the best man.

"Smart fella," that Ed. Alfred and Florence Mary have been married for 49 years now, a relationship favored by an "unspoken understanding that each can do his own thing with complete confidence" that it will meet with the approval of the other partner, Alfred said.

But that understanding, Alfred allows, is sometimes "tempered" with discussion. It works, he says, because the couple shares love and trust.

Sandy was a 30-year-old veteran living in Shoshone when Obermeyer asked him to accompany him to Hagerman to meet a girl. It was well worth the trip.

The three went to a dance, and if it weren't love at first sight, love wasn't far behind.

Alfred and Florence conducted a long-distance courtship — Shoshone and Hagerman were a hard 30-mile drive apart on the highways of the day. Early one morning, Alfred got stuck in a mud hole in Gooding County, and had to be pulled out by a friend, a farmer who lived nearby. The ride back to Sandy's stalled car on the friend's tractor left Alfred covered with mud — and hardly in shape to go courting.

The Sandys had four children, including John, who's a state senator. Before they were married, Florence, a graduate of the University of Washington, had thought about returning to do social work. By marrying him and remaining in Hagerman, Alfred said, she's had many opportunities to do just that.

They'll celebrate their 50th anniversary next Oct. 19.

The Chojnaks

But for a Roman Catholic priest doing his job as social director at a dance, Lee and Mildred Chojnaky might never have gotten together.

"All the boys were on one side and all of the girls were on the other," Mildred said. Luckily, Lee crossed the hall and a half-century-long love story ensued.

In the meantime, theirs was a classic wartime romance — he, a farmer, waiting to be drafted;

Please see TIME/E2

Three Dog Night, Bob Barker and other Christmas mysteries

Is Christmas wearing you out? Maybe it's time for a break. Grab a cup of hot chocolate and take time out to try this Christmas quiz.

Questions

- Which of these gifts are listed in "The Twelve Days of Christmas"?
(a) Two turtledoves, (b) Eight maids milking, (c) Three French hens, (d) The whole Partridge Family, (e) Six geese aaying
- Fill in the missing words: "Christmas roasting on an open fire, _____ nipping at your nose."
(a) Rudolph, (b) Plastic surgeons, (c) Jack Frost, (d) Snowflakes
- Where did the idea of trimming the tree come from?



Life and Times
Denise
Turner

- Ancient Rome, (b) Germany in the 16th century, (c) USA Today, (d) Kimberly Nussler
- The carol "Joy to the World" originated from what famous source?
(a) Psalm 98, (b) Handel's "The Messiah," (c) Three Dog Night, (d) All of the above
- Who began the Christmas custom of exchanging gifts in old England?
(a) King Henry VIII, (b) Santa Claus, (c) The Beales, (d) Bob Barker, (e) The

Tudors

6. What names are traditionally given to the three wise men?

(a) F. Lee Bailey, Johnnie Cochran and Robert Shapiro, (b) Gaspar, Melchior and Balthazar, (c) Socrates, Plato and Aristotle, (d) The Gatlin Brothers

7. Which is the name of one of Santa's reindeer?

(a) Caribou, (b) Dasher, (c) Bambi, (d) Sushi

8. What holiday song was introduced by Angela Lansbury in the 1964 Broadway musical "Mame"?

(a) "We Need a Little Christmas," (b) "Silver Bells," (c) "Santa, She Wrote," (d) "Grandma Got Run Over By a Reindeer"

9. How many wise men were there?

(a) Three, (b) More than there are now,

(c) At least two, (d) As many as it took.

10. According to the Gospels, the baby Jesus was born in ...

(a) December, (b) October, (c) Winter, (d) No one knows

- Answers
- 1. a, b, c, d
- 2. a, b, c, d
- 3. a, b, c, d
- 4. a, b, c, d
- 5. a, b, c, d
- 6. a, b, c, d, e
- 7. a, b, c, d, e
- 8. a, b, c, d, e
- 9. a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z
- 10. a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.

Super idea raises money for poor Love

DEAR ABBY: Since you have so many readers who enjoy football, I thought you might like to share this terrific idea with them.



Dear Abby
Abigail VanBuren

ter-in-law is not comfortable addressing anyone but her own mother as "Mom." Since this obviously bothers you, why don't you let her know how you feel?

PAULINE W. GAGE, BRADFORD, PA.
DEAR PAULINE: I do. I have faith that many clergy will agree it's an inspiring idea.

A "SOUPER" BOWL
For Super Bowl Sunday, 1990, the Rev. Brad Smith, associate pastor of the Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, S.C., conveyed this message to his congregation:
Even as we enjoy the Super Bowl game, we should be mindful of those who are without even a bowl of soup. That insight gave him an inspiring idea: To ask churchgoers to donate \$1 each on Super Bowl Sunday for the homeless and poor.
Teen-aged members from his congregation helped sign up 22 churches willing to take up a special collection. The young people stood at the back of the church with soup kettles and collected the contributions, explained Pastor Smith. To keep a tally, the pastor requested that each participating church phone in the amount of money collected and the charity designated to receive the donation.
"Since then, the 'Souper' Bowl has been impressive. After the 1995 Souper Bowl

Sunday, 2,300 churches, synagogues, schools and businesses in 49 states raised \$450,000! Every cent was donated to a soup kitchen, food bank or other agency designated by each congregation.
"You know, a dollar is nothing," says Pastor Smith, "but a dollar from a few million people — now that's a lot of money!"

Jan. 28, 1996, is Super Bowl Sunday. To kick off a collection at your school, office, Super Bowl party or place of worship, call Pastor Smith at 1-800-338-SOUP (7687).
DEAR ABBY: My son has been married for 28 years, and his wife has never in all these years addressed me as "Mom." She always uses my first name when writing — or talking to me. I am way up in years now and I've always resented this.
She and my son have been very good to me, but I'd still like your opinion on this issue. Please do not use my name or town.
— **HURT MOTHER-IN-LAW**
DEAR HURT: Perhaps your daughter

and lead mines were still operating, and the Sun Valley Lodge had been transformed into a convalescent hospital by the Navy. Rose used to go to USO dances.
But she fell in love with Bill Malloy, a local boy. They got to know each other in high school, at The Star Cafe, and later on the slopes of the mountains surrounding Hailey. Skiing was the hot new sport, the new Rosamund Ski Area was affordable, the kids loved it.
Bill had a medical deferment from the draft, and most of the time the war seemed very far away, Rose said. The Wood-River Valley was isolated at the time, but it seemed to Rose and Bill like a fine place to build a future together. Turns out they were right.
The Malloys have lived there for all but about a year of their nearly half-century together, raising three children.

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spend their days with their hobbies, their friends, their kids and grandchildren, and each other. They all own recreational vehicles; there's talk of a vacation together sometime.
When pressed to do so, they'll even display their eight custom-made matching sweatshirts which

celebrate all of their years together. Love has kept the couples that way, they say — 1997 and a decent respect for each other's space.
"Sometimes you just need to get out of each other's hair," Helen, 68, said. "Everybody needs their time to themselves."
But all four couples, who collected

tively now have dozens of children and grandchildren, have a hard time prescribing a single formula for their longevity together.
"I don't know what to say," Olga said, looking at Pete much as she must have 30 years ago. "Except that he's still my best friend."

Time

Continued from E1
she hoping the war would end before he had to go.
It didn't. He was called up in 1944 and spent 1 1/2 years with the Army in Okinawa and Korea. She spent those years in Jerome, living with her family.
"We'd write to each other all the time, but you never knew when you were going to get a letter," she said. "Sometimes they'd come a half dozen at a time; sometimes you wouldn't hear for a week or more."

Some of her letters were even photographed and shrunk to postage-stamp size, as part of a War Department effort to save paper and space on cargo ships. When the tiny letter got to its destination, it would be enlarged until it was readable.
Finally, the waiting ended. Their wedding cake was made of rationed sugar and a date was whatever they could manage on 10 gallons of gasoline a month.
"But we both came from pretty strict backgrounds," Mildred said.
Mildred calls their nearly 50 years together "happy and successful." The Chonackys have nine children.

The Malloys
Hailey in the war years was a cross between a mining town, a military convalescent hospital, a ski resort and Anywhere U.S.A.
There was a Chinese restaurant called The Star Cafe with a juke box in back. Rose Malloy recalls a place where you could fall in love to Benny Goodman or Tommy Dorsey.
"It seemed like it was more romantic time," she said. "It was certainly much less stressful."
Single fillars were everywhere. The sit-

ter-in-law is not comfortable addressing anyone but her own mother as "Mom." Since this obviously bothers you, why don't you let her know how you feel?
Do not use my name or town.
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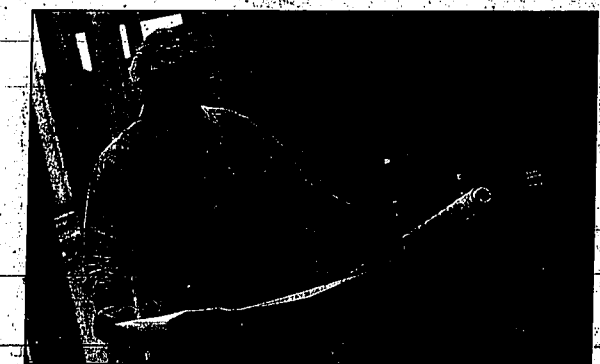
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Engagements

Wardell-Burton

TWIN FALLS — Daniel and Cherie Wardell of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Janene Diane, to Matthew Oliver Burton, son of George and Chauvin Burton of Willis, Calif.

Wardell is a 1993 graduate of Murch High School and a 1995 graduate of Ricks College in Rexburg. She is employed at Jaker's in Idaho Falls and is also a Mary Kay consultant.

Burton is a 1991 graduate of Willis High School and served an LDS Mission in the Independent Missouri Mission. He is a student at Ricks College and is scheduled to graduate this spring.

The wedding is planned for Thursday in the Salt Lake City LDS Temple.



Matthew Burton and Janene Wardell

A reception will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday at Memories The 1908 Manor, 511 Second Ave. W. in Twin Falls. An open house is set for Dec. 30 at the Willis LDS Chapel.

Prien-Turner

BUHL — Mr. and Mrs. Robert Turner, Jr., Buhl, announce the engagement of their daughter, Vicki Jo, to Scott Prien, son of Janet Drapet of Papi and Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Prien of Rupert.

Turner is a graduate of Buhl High School and the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed at East Minico Junior High School in Rupert.

Prien is a graduate of Declo High School. He is also employed at East Minico Junior High School.

The wedding is planned for Dec. 29 at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Rupert.



Scott Prien and Vicki Turner

Golay-Dayley

TWIN FALLS — Rex and Sandra Golay of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Andrea, to Travis Dayley, son of Linda Dayley of Burley and the late Larry Dayley.

Golay is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and received a degree from Boise State University in dental assisting. She is employed by Dr. Tim Thompson in Twin Falls.

Dayley is a graduate of Minico High School and is employed by Barclay Truck Rebuilders in Paul.

The engagement took place on Waikiki Beach, in Honolulu, Hawaii over Thanksgiving. The wedding is planned for April.



Travis Dayley and Andrea Golay

Petersen-Remaley

TWIN FALLS — Roland and Charm Petersen of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Angela Marie, to Trey Remaley, son of Paul and Sue Remaley, also of Twin Falls.

Petersen is a 1995 graduate of Twin Falls High School and is currently attending the College of Southern Idaho. She plans to attend the University of Utah in Salt Lake City.

Remaley is a 1994 graduate of TFHS and is currently attending CSU. He plans to return to the U of U to study physical therapy and sports medicine.

The wedding is planned for Dec.



Trey Remaley and Angela Petersen

The wedding is planned for Dec. 29 at the LDS Church on Caswell Ave. W. in Twin Falls. A reception will immediately follow.

Spotlight on the valley

Local student wins recognition

Doreen Kerbs was responsible for the art direction of three Peace Lutheran publications that won first-place awards at the National Orientation Directors Association National Conference. His team member, Jennifer Schoen, assistant director of student activities at FLU, was responsible for the writing and content of the conference, where the university competed against 70 other universities and came away with the most university awards. The two also won first place last year for their fall orientation brochure and student handbook.

Kerbs graduated from Twin Falls High School and is a senior at FLU. He is majoring in music education and minoring in publishing and printing arts. He did all of the layout and design of the school's fall orientation brochure, fall student newsletter and the student handbook. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Kerbs of Twin Falls.

Scano wins junior city queen title

Candace Marie Scano has been named Miss

Junior American City Queen for South Twin Falls.

Candace is the 12-year-old daughter of Robert Scano and Laurie Scano, both of Twin Falls. She is in the sixth grade at Lincoln Elementary School, where she is involved in the Meditation Program which allows her to act as a mediator on the playground. As a member of the Earth Force-Team, she receives brochures and information about the earth and conservation. Her hobbies are horses, dancing, collecting teddy bears and taking care of her dog and two cats. Candace has an opportunity to receive school scholarships, cash awards and prizes. She has been invited to the Entertainment Industry Workshop in Culver City, Calif. where she will be interviewed for possible commercials and sit-coms. Jewel's Home Care, owned and operated by Roger and Jewel



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Blades, is her sponsor.

An account has been set up to accept donations to help with the trip to California. Send contributions to the D.L. Evans Bank, in care of Beth Beck or Nichol Harms, P.O. Box 87, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

Jerome natives join speech club

Katie Neff and Manda Hicks, both of Jerome, are members of the Carroll College Talking Sains speech club. The team recently placed first at the Linfield College Forensics Tournament held in November in McMinnville, Ore. Neff is a sophomore, and Hicks is a junior. Carroll College is located in Helena, Mont.

The Times-News welcomes items about area residents who receive honors or recognition. Send information to The Times-News Spotlight column, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

Family news you can use

Barbie shortage

Try to find the special-edition-1995-Happy-Holidays-Barbie. Go ahead, try. Toy stores nationwide are sold out and Mattel — out of stock — will soon sell vouchers that promise delivery of the doll next year, too late for Santa. Barbie fans have been scrambling — and, in some cases, literally fighting — to get the wispy blonde, who's decked out in a glittery emerald gown with a white Victorian collar and appliqued holly berries. The desperate have even resorted to bidding wars in want ads and on the Internet.

A word on lyrics

Speaking of the holidays, a new magazine has come up with a list of pop songwriters who have been naughty and those who have been nice. Entertainment Monitor reports that only 10 of 40 hit albums on sale are free of profanity or lyrics dealing with drugs, violence or sex. Only discs by such performers as Mariah Carey, Tim McGraw, Michael Bolton, Selena and Natalie Merchant were deemed by the magazine, in a list that came out before major new releases from the Beatles and Bruce Springsteen, to contain "nothing seemingly offensive."

Preschool preparation

Before they enter kindergarten, most children in this country can identify colors, recognize letters of the alphabet, count to 20, hold a pencil properly, and write their own first names. But preschoolers whose mothers have less education or whose first language isn't English lag behind other children in both literacy and motor skills, a U.S. Department of Education study found.

Paci-lever

Parents, the first Food and Drug Administration-approved pacifier/thermometer is now on the market. The mercury-free Wee Care Digital Pacifier Thermometer takes an accurate reading as a child sucks on the rubber nipple. It sets for \$16 in most pharmacies and chain stores.

Tape of the tape

You and the family watching more home videos than you used to? Join the crowd: Americans spent an average of 35 hours watching home vids in 1983, 46 hours in 1992 and 54 hours this year, American Demographics magazine reports.

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Where do old toys go to die?

Chicago Tribune

Somewhere there exists a land where the dark side of "Toy Story" plays out. It's a dark, gloomy place where the years that couldn't conceivably have wound up in Andy's room in the Gatzilla-sized bit movie that celebrates enduring, classic toys. In this toy limbo, Evel Knievel races by a Sonja Henie figurine while the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles and an assortment of tin toys play Pong.

Every once in a while, a crowd of new castaways arrives aboard a Battlear Galaxy spaceship. Why, hello, Strawberry Shortcake. Is that you, Barney? "Toy Story" has taken over during a holiday season in which the supposed trend is away from hyped product lines, toward the classic-type toys that gift-giving parents and even their grandparents may have played with as children.

Of course, much of this trend is hype in itself, though it's a hype that has spawned its own barrel full o' tie-ins. The notion that a blockbuster movie is boosting a group of toys distinguished by their lack of commercialism is more than a tad ironic.

Nevertheless, the movie's success has dawned optimism in the industry, why certain toys survive while others become relegated to Neverneverplaywith Land.

Imagine, for instance, the boardroom meeting in which some eager young toy executive proclaims, "I have this great idea. You take this potato, see, and you stick a face on it. What do you call it? Mr. Potato Head!"

Listening to this pitch, do you immediately assume that Mr. Potato Head will become a classic that will entertain preschoolers for 43 years and counting? Or do you think, well, that's a cute idea that should last until we roll out next year's Runtabaga People. "It's beyond analysis almost," Frank Reysen, editor of the New York-based Playthings Magazine, says of Mr. Potato Head's staying power. "We're in the realm of a child's imagination, and creativity, and once you start analyzing it, you're outside that realm."

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Letters of thanks

Story shows there are people around who help

All we read anymore in the papers are horrible and sad stories. How about writing about some people that have helped others? Here's my story.

My husband was taken sick with lung cancer. We had to rearrange our lives. We had a beautiful recreational vehicle we couldn't afford to keep. I checked out two cars about a trade, but no deal. They like the van but didn't want to give me anything for our equity. So we went to the Car Store and talked to John Newhouse, who came to our rescue, took our van and gave us enough for a good use car. Now we can afford the expensive medicine my husband needs.

Thanks to all the good guys at the Car Store.

MR. AND MRS. RONALD SHORTRIDGE
Wendell

Optimists thank those who aided Christmas party

The Third Annual Dennis Conrad Memorial Head Start Christmas Party sponsored by the Twin Falls Optimist Club was held Dec. 8. The Optimist Club would like to thank the following associations for their contributions.

Episcopal Church of the Ascension, Gem State paper, McDonald Insurance, Mc & Ed's Pizza, Payless Drug, Swenson's, Target and the employees and families of Head Start. A very special thank you to Coach Steve Irons and the college of Southern Idaho basketball players who, next to Santa Claus, were the highlight of the evening.

GREG NEWBERRY
Party Chairman
Twin Falls

The "Letter of Thanks" column will publish letters of up to 150 words from:

- Civic organizations thanking contributors
- Individuals thanking public agencies, civic organizations and businesses for extraordinary service.

If you would like to purchase a classified ad to express gratitude of a personal rather than public nature, call The Times-News Customer Service department at 733-0931, Ext. 209.

Spotlight on the valley

Twin Falls High School's drama team recently placed first in the District Drama Competition.

In serious ensemble, Dawn Johnson, Jason Hoppeck and Vanessa Peterson placed first with the play, "In Retrospect." In Letter Home, with Britton Sojka and Stormy Edwards, took second. Nathan Schmidt, Oscar Melendez and Eddie Cabello placed third in humorous ensemble with "Complete Works of Shakespeare." Kiana Starlin and Rickie Palmer won third with their mime ensemble, "Ice Cream Cone." A solo pantomime of "The Teacher" brought third place to Palmer.

Philip Valente placed first with "The Tell-Tale Heart" in serious solo, and Sojka placed second with "Autumn Leaves." Johnson was third in serious solo with "Happy Landings," and third place in serious original went to Tiffany Andrews for "The Tide." Melendez placed third in solo audition with "Shylock - Who's Got His Own," and Becky Taylor and Stefan Slabakov won first with a scenic design in the technical division for "The Marriage." Also in the technical division, Andrews won first for a costume for "Mary Queen of Scots," Christina Valenzuela was first in makeup for "Kajinco," and Jennifer Butters was third in scenic design.

Wood River High honor roll

HAILEY - Wood River High School has released its first trimester honor roll. Listed below are students who earned high grades.

SENIORS
4.0: Tim Connor, Steven Dondem, Lara Elora, Lisa Gray, Devin Hanson, Morgan Hogue, Tina Kohli, Ryan Lindsey, Carrie Lyons, Jamie McLaughlin, Andrea Palm, Molly Pochling, Alysa Root, Brita Schenckman, Holly Shelton, Bret Tylnski and Niki Vonlindeman.

JUNIORS
3.5-4.0: Katie Albright, Sean Bohosky, Rusty Baird, Erin Bliss, Michelle DeFabry, Tara Dimmer, Casey Finegan, Casey Fricker, Jason Georgiadis, Jimmy Goldman, Sadie Hopkins, Courtney Lager, Jessica Miller, Maria Mimma, Chase Monroe, Jennifer Nelson, Courtney Ovesby, Jamie Parkison, Jessica Perry, Ryan Redman, Aulia Steinbis, Zeban Stroebel-Haft, Taylor Sturges, Eddiann Thompson, Taylor Tovey and Kriszy Williams.

SOPHOMORES
3.25-3.5: Garrett Altmann, Ben Baker, Melissa Fairbanks, Bill Freer, Crystal Fuller, Chase Hamilton,

Lucas Littlefield, Tiffany Lowder, John McLaughlin, Courtney Meyer, Mitchell Roberts, John Rust, Larissa Schliers, Jo Stump, John Umek, Zach Vanzon, Whitney Werth, Brian Wilson and Jesse Woods.

FRESHMEN
4.0: Cassie Brothwell, Sabrina Chintendon, Laura Cordes, Holly Cunha, Ellie Davis, Jacques Dorcas, Terry Hanggi, Mariah Kashino, Genny McMillen, Frances Nagasima, Christy Rubel, Amber Sewald, Cassi Shelly, Aubrey Toppin and Keri York.

SOPHOMORES
3.5-4.0: Annie Barnes, Michael Bellamy, Melissa Brown, Brian Burnett, George Collier, Molly Finegan, Rebecca Fink, Angela Fluke, Cathy Fickinger, Wendy Gillette, Mattie Green, Kirtan Gudman, Summer Lager, Polly Hopkins, Anna Kolish, Zachary Latham, Michael Lloyd, Mike McGrew, Sarah Millard, Will Reaso, Vanessa Scissors, Patrick Simon, Preston Smith, Heidi Stuenkel and Haley Verge.

JUNIORS
3.25-3.5: Kristen Bahstisa, Paul Gotopecha, Patti Hyllon, Jonathan Leatham, Bill Lewis, Brad McLean, Casey Mills, Gilberto Palomera, Christopher Petersen, B.J. Price and Kevin Thomas.

SOPHOMORES
4.0: Amber Acker, Amanda Archibald, Marie Brown, Matt Cleveland, Mandy Flader, Abbey Frow, Kasey Gosche, Nicholas Green, Jennifer Hobson, Whitney Hoger, Taylor Kearns, Erin Lyons, Matthew Melick, Adam Neville, Kaye Sady, Heidi Schies, Heidi Shelton, Nicholas Tabler, Evan Wells, Autumn Wenglikowski, Summer Williams, Katie Wilson, Regan Wilson and Eyan Youdall.

JUNIORS
3.5-4.0: Ryan Batsody, Scott Banning, Whitney Chandler, Stephanie Cimino, Miranda Domke, Kris Dondro, David Fowler, Josh Hays, Emily Howell, Maria Martinez Macias, Conlee McCarthy, Amanda Olmstead, Yvonne Paxton, Heidi Pochling, Kyle Sarway, Matt Walker and Shoji Watanabe.

SOPHOMORES
3.25-3.5: Jared Burgess, Matthew Burnett, Tom Butler, Crystal Davies, Erin Dick, Cody Dieffenbach, Jackson Estelmas, Sarah Fisher, Leslie Forbis, Chance Fraser, Brandon Hollenbeck, Jessica Jewell, Morgan Maemer, Eryn Michaud, Daniel Neifert, Ryan Nisson, Robert Parker, Dhivani Pearson, Lucy Pina, Anna Steinbis, Sara Stuart, Christina Terry, Paul

Torwan, Shaun Tubbs and Mark Vale.

FRESHMEN
4.0: Zoe Carter, Jessica Eitta, Julie Harakay, Claire Holley, Sarah King, Sarah Kolash, Kristy Kuntz, Nic Long, Jamie Mengor, Ewaire Nagashima, Katie O'Farrell, Bo Pritchett, Dana Ramill, Emily Riley, Jacob Risher, Gina Robens, Debbie Rubel, Andrew Schiers, Rene Thomas, Taryn Wheeler and Chaudrea Wolfe.

JUNIORS
3.5-4.0: Claire Askew, Kelly Brady, Aiden Branch, Benjamin Brewer, Jill Brown, Jim Chatterton, Shauna Dittmer, Heather Doane, Jeremy Greenberg, Gordon Henkens, Daniel Hills, Bryson Hollenbeck, Matthew Johnson, Danielle Kurasa, Piper Loyd, Holly Nelson, Jodi Parks, Chad Pressman, Kristyn Price, Guadalupe Salamanca, Roly Switzer, Samali Shrivastava, Sarah Wagner, Holly Webb, Jon Wilkins and Caleb Wright.

JUNIORS
3.25-3.5: William Booth, Maria Casas, Chandra Gough, Megan Grimes, Josh Kocifer, Justin Lager, Hannah Malone, Justin Nelson, Kandis Pedersen, Tony Pina and Tyler Pritchett.

Letters of thanks

Light display on Rock Creek Road shows spirit

Although I've never written a letter to the editor before, last night I was moved to express my opinion publicly. This letter serves to thank those responsible for setting up the fabulous light display on Rock Creek Road this year. I took my wife and visiting family out to see the lights and was very impressed with their splendor.

I wish to express many thanks to these folks for their wonderful yuletide decor and for the spirit of giving they shared by making it so accessible to the public. Being able to stop the car, listen to the music and drive around the lights was a special and memorable way to start our holiday season.

Truly, you folks have provided a wonderful gift to your community. I wish to extend a "happy holiday" to you as well.

ROLAND REESE
Filer

Air Force band extends thanks for area support

On behalf of the U.S. Air Force Band of the Rockies, I would like to thank you for your outstanding support for our concert in Twin Falls on Oct. 16.

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Letters of thanks

Light display on Rock Creek Road shows spirit

Although I've never written a letter to the editor before, last night I was moved to express my opinion publicly. This letter serves to thank those responsible for setting up the fabulous light display on Rock Creek Road this year. I took my wife and visiting family out to see the lights and was very impressed with their splendor.

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The man carrying 2 lumps instead of 1

"The Old Man And His Wen" (a tale from Japan), adapted by Tony Friedland, and illustrated by Jillian Gilliland.

Long ago there lived an old man who had a wen on the side of his face. This growth was a great annoyance to him. He spent many years and much money trying to rid himself of it. He consulted doctors far and near, took all kinds of strange potions and medicines, bathed in famous pools. Alas, the lump did not go away. The old man finally resigned himself and accepted the wen as part of his life.

Tell me a story

One day he walked into the hills not far from his home to gather firewood. It was a chilly but lovely day, and the old man enjoyed the fresh air. So grateful was he for the beauty around him, he worked slowly. He had decided he would gather all the firewood he could, not only for his family, but for his friends as well, and he began to sing. As he sang, his wood turned homeward.

He had not gone far when the sky clouded over and cold rain began to fall. He looked about for shelter, but the only place he could find was the hollow of a great tree nearby. He crept inside and sat down, hoping the shower would soon end.

To his disappointment, instead of clearing, the rain came down harder. The wind roared fiercely. The old man shivered with cold and thought about his poor wife. He knew she must be worried for him.

But then, just as suddenly as it had come, the storm moved on. The sky cleared and the hills glowed in the light of the setting sun. Just as the old man was about to step from his hiding place, he heard the sound of footsteps. "Ah, my friends are coming," he said to himself, for he thought they had come to find him.

But when he looked around, he saw not his friends but dozens of demons marching toward the spot. Some of the demons were huge, some were tiny, with great eyes too large for their heads, others too minute so big they looked as if they might swallow him with one gulp; and every single demon had horns growing out of its forehead.

Trembling with fear, the old man crept down inside the hollow, wondering when he might be able to escape.

Soon, though, he heard a most beautiful sound. The demons were singing. He peered out from the tree and saw that the demon chief himself was sitting with his back against the tree in which the old man hid. All the other demons were singing and dancing around him. The old man almost laughed out loud at the incredible sight. He had never before imagined that demons danced.

After a while the demon chief yawned and said in a bored voice, "I am tired of your dances. Isn't there one of you who can do something new?"

Now the old man had always loved dancing. He wondered if he ought to show the demons a new dance or two. It might be dangerous, for he didn't please them, they might hurt him. He pondered this for a while, but he couldn't help himself. The music and the dancing



moved him so, he stepped out of the tree. And he began to dance up a storm!

At first the demons seemed surprised to see a human creature joining in their fun, but as he danced, their surprise gave way to admiration. "I have never seen such a wonderful dancer!" said the chief.

When the old man had finished his dance, the demon chief lifted a cup to him. "Thank you for your dance, old man. And now give us the pleasure of joining in our feast."

The old man bowed before the chief. "I thank you for your kindness. I'm sorry if I've disturbed your party."

"Oh no," said the demon chief. "You must come often and dance with us. Will you come again tomorrow, old man?"

Now the old man wasn't certain he wanted to join the demons again, but felt he couldn't refuse. And besides, their music was quite delightful. "I'll come," he said at last.

"You must give us some pledge of your word," the chief said. "Whatever you like, your lordship," the old man said.

"The token you leave must be the most important thing you own."

"Ah, but I own so little," the old man said sadly. "I have nothing at all to give you."

The demon chief laughed. "I see you have a wen on your right cheek. You must know this means good fortune. I shall take the lump from your cheek and you will surely come tomorrow, if only to retrieve your wen." And with that the chief stretched out his hairy arm and with his clawlike hand, he snatched the wen. It came off with no pain at all.

The old man was stunned. He bade farewell to the demons and hurried home, happier than he had ever been in his whole life.

When he arrived, his wife stared in wonder at his face. The old man told her the story, and to celebrate, the old couple danced under the moonlight together.

Now, in the house beside the old couple there lived a wicked man. He too had a wen on his cheek, though his was on the left. He too had tried all manner of ways to remove it, all of them unsuccessful.

the chief said. The wicked man with us. Go away and do not return." The wicked man was horrified, finally stopped, and the demon chief. And with these words he took from and tugged and pulled, trying to rid himself of his second lump. But it was quite different from your dance had taken from the old man. He was no use. Instead of losing the of yesterday. We don't want to see threw it at the right cheek of the wen on his cheek as he had hoped, any more of this dancing. We shall wicked neighbor. The lump attached he now found that for his envy, he give you back the token you left himself at once. had two lumps instead of one.

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Pledge donation forms can be picked up at Pinetree Sports in Burley, Century Boatland, Blue Lakes Sporting Goods, and Elevation Sports in Twin Falls. Two shirts will be given to participants skating at least one hour and jackets \$200, and ski pants \$100. All donations will be accepted at Shoshone Falls on January 1, 1996.

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Service news

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Byre is the son of Col. and Mrs. I.E. Byre of Jerome. He is a 1980 graduate of Jerome High School and married to the former Laurie Ann Griffith of Jerome. Capt. Byre, his wife and two young children, live in Manhattan, Kan.

TWIN FALLS - Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Allen W. Peters, son of Gerry W. and Joyce Peters of Twin Falls, recently departed for a six-month overseas deployment to the Western-Pacific Ocean aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Peleliu - the lead ship of the USS Peleliu Amphibious Ready Group (ARG).

A 1988 graduate of Filer High School, he joined the Navy in March 1991.

TWIN FALLS - Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Bryce C. Jacobson, son of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Jacobson of Twin Falls, is currently halfway through a six-month deployment to the Persian Gulf aboard the dock landing ship USS Comstock as part of the USS New Orleans Amphibious Ready Group (ARG).

So far in the deployment, Jacobson and fellow shipmates have participated in several training exercises with forces from Jordan. The exercises increased operational readiness between the countries, and served as a deterrent to Iraqi aggression.

While spending most of the deployment at sea, Jacobson also has visited Hong Kong, Japan, Jordan, Singapore and the United Arab Emirates.

A 1986 graduate of Kelly Walsh High School in Casper, Wyo., he joined the Navy in August 1986.

BELLEUE - Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Robert M. Shappee, son of Charles D. and Brenda S. Shappee of Bellevue, has departed on a five-month Antarctic deployment while serving with Naval Support Force Antarctica.

Shappee is one of more than 100 sailors who departed Fort Huencene, Calif., to participate in the Operation Deep Freeze deployment. Shappee and fellow Sailors are providing support for scientists conducting research while stationed at McMurdo Station, Antarctica.

A 1990 graduate of Wood River High School in Halley, he joined the Navy in July 1993. Shappee is a 1993 graduate of Boise State University, with an ASSOC degree.

BUHL - Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Michael W. Crowley, a 1985 graduate of Buhl High School, recently received a Letter of Commendation while assigned with Strike Fighter Squadron 27, Naval Air Station, Lemoore, Calif.

Crowley was recognized for his superior performance of duty, displaying remarkable dedication and initiative. Crowley consistently performed his demanding duties in an exemplary and highly professional manner.

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JEROME - Jennifer L. Gillette, daughter of Tony A. Haberland of Mountain Home and Hester S. Waite of Jerome, has been promoted in the Air Force to the rank of staff sergeant.

Gillette is a multi-mode systems operator assigned to Kelly Air Force Base, Texas. She is a 1988 graduate of Mountain Home High School.

PAUL - Air Force Lt. Col. Gregory L. Morgan, son of Lee and Betty J. Morgan of Paul, has assumed command of the 374th Air Base Squadron, Yokota Air Base, Japan.

Morgan was decorated with the Meritorious Service Medal. The

medal is awarded for outstanding non-combat meritorious achievement for service to the United States.

The colonel is a 1972 graduate of Monticello County High School in Rupert, and a 1978 graduate of Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. He earned a master's degree in 1980 from the University

of Southern California, Los Angeles.

SHOSHONE - Air Force Airman Matthew F. Stebbins, son of Fred and Betty F. Stebbins of Shoshone, has graduated from basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

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Anyone interested in collecting stamps, postcards, etc., are welcome. For more information, call 326-3184.

Square dancers sponsor lessons Monday

JEROME - The Buttons and Bows Square Dance Club will sponsor dance lessons Monday at the American Legion Hall on North Lincoln.

A workshop for advanced dancers begins at 7 p.m., and beginners follow at 8:30 p.m. For more information, call Jung Custer at 733-9235.

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

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THE Sunday Crossword

Edited by Herb Ettenson

Senior calendar

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center
616 Eastland Drive
All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$2.50 for seniors, \$3.50 for non-seniors, under-60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.
Monday: Pork chops
Tuesday: Creamed chicken with noodles
Wednesday: Meatloaf
Thursday: Christmas dinner with ham
Friday: Fish or chicken
Activities
Library, Pool Room, and Bargain Center with cards/games, color television and movies. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Monday
Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Exercise at 10 a.m.
Tuesday
Blood pressure checks from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m.
BJ & Friends will play at 11 a.m.
Wednesday
Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Exercise at 10 a.m.
Bingo meeting at 1 p.m.
Thursday
Homestead crafts at 9:30 a.m.
Pinocle at 1 p.m.
Friday
Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Blood pressure checks from 10 a.m. to noon.
Exercise at 10 a.m.
Ladies pool at 2 p.m.
Saturday
Center closed.

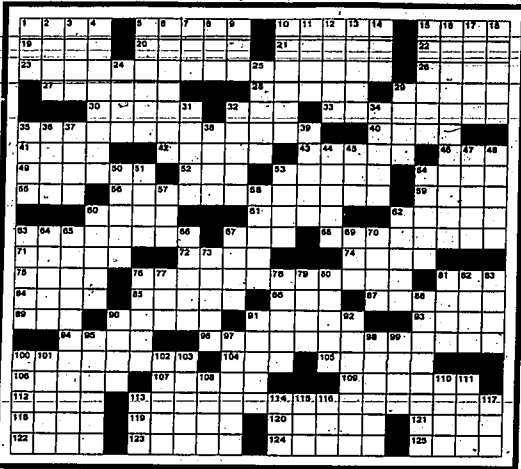
Bridge at 1 p.m.
308 Senior Ave.
All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$2 for seniors and \$4 for non-seniors.
Monday: Baked chicken
Tuesday: Beef stew
Wednesday: Chicken chow mein
Thursday: Ham
Activities
Monday
Pool at 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Line dancing at 9:30 a.m.
Pinocle at 12:30 p.m.
Hand & Foot card game at 6 p.m.
Tuesday
Pool at 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Knitting at 9:30 a.m.
Bridge at 6:30 p.m.
Men's pool at 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday
Pool at 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
Line dancing at 9:30 a.m.
Shuffleboard at 6 p.m.
Thursday
Pool at 9:30 a.m.
Fiddlers will perform at 12:30 p.m.
Make Up Pool at 1:30 p.m.
TOP 3 p.m.
Men's pool at 6:30 p.m.
Pinocle at 7 p.m.
Friday
Bridge at 9 a.m.
Open pool at 9 a.m.

Jerome Senior Center
212 First Ave. E.
All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$2.
Monday: Beef pattie
Tuesday: Barbecue over parsley noodles
Wednesday: Chicken a la king over mashed potatoes
Thursday: Roast pork
Friday: Turkey and ham
Activities
Monday
Acrobatics at 11 a.m.
Tuesday
Acrobatics at 11 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.
Pinocle at 12:30 p.m.
Wednesday
Pinocle at 7:30 p.m.
Thursday
Acrobatics at 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.
Friday
Pinocle at 12:30 p.m.
Acrobatics at 3:30 p.m.
Sunshine Singers will perform.

Silver & Gold Senior Center
202 Wilson St.
Dinner is served at noon. Suggested donation is \$1.75 for seniors and \$3.25 for non-seniors. Home delivered meals suggested donation is \$1.75. Center hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday.
Tuesday: Lasagna
Thursday: Christmas dinner with ham
Activities
Monday
Breakfast from 8 to 10 a.m.
Friday
Breakfast from 9 to 10 a.m.

West End Senior Citizens Inc.
1010 Main St., Buhl
All meals at noon Monday through Saturday; 1 p.m. on Sunday.
Thrift shop open every day from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Sunday: Pork chops
Monday: Panekakes or toast, ham or sausage, scrambled eggs and fruit
Tuesday: Chop Suey
Wednesday: Chop Suey
Thursday: Turkey and dressing with all the trimmings
Friday: Turkey and dressing with all the trimmings
Saturday: Sloppy joes
Activities
Monday
Exercise class at 10 a.m.
Cards at the center.
Tuesday
Cards and quilting at the center.
Wednesday
Exercise class at 10 a.m.
Bus to Twin Falls every Wednesday for doctor appointments as needed.
Thursday
Cards at the center.
Friday
Exercise class at 10 a.m.
Saturday
Exercise class at 10 a.m.

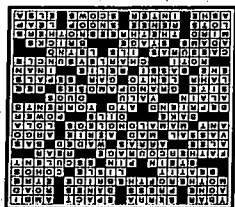
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How-to cope with teen-agers' changes

Is the teen-ager in your house different from kid who lives with you yesterday? Probably. The raging hormones and emotional highs and low of adolescence commonly result in big mood swings.

Some mood swings are signs of problems, of course — depression, alcoholism, drug abuse. What's a parent to do?

Learn to listen, listen, listen. Teens need to be heard without trying to solve the problem for them, be given advice or lectured to.

- Set clear and concise limits.
- Follow through if limits are violated. Don't rescuse.
- Respect your teen's point of view, even if you don't agree.
- Research what is going on for your teen developmentally so that you are prepared.
- Turn over as much responsibility (washing their own laundry, waking up in the morning, handling their own expenses with their own bank account, etc.) as possible. Do it gradually to avoid overwhelming them.
- Learn to let go. Stop worry-

Your kids

—Source: Orlando Sentinel

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Seniors

Amid darkness, lights blink message of hope

My newspaper assignment was a heartbreaker: Find a Christmas message in grim surroundings where you wouldn't expect to find one.

The search took me to the inner-city neighborhood where I was born, to the street of a row of dilapidated buildings that were built in the early 1900s.

I remembered gleaming paint, wide porches, gingerbread spindles and spires, remembered playing on sidewalks swept daily, in yards with immaculate lawns, amid gardens where rambling roses and tiger lilies bloomed.

But the house of my birth was gone, torn down. The few abandoned buildings nearby leaned like wounded soldiers stumbling through a battlefield strewn with rubble and broken glass.

Find Christmas here? In this bleak place?

In paint-peeled houses with board-



Aging
Lucille S. deVieau

ed-up windows? In eerie silence where laughter once echoed in lights?

Remnants of the last snowfall were pocked with soot. Even the bare trees mocked the season, their black limbs casting grotesque shadows that deepened my gloom.

Across vacant fields, the downtown skyline promised a world of lamp posts hung with holly, trees trimmed with tinsel, windows aglow with gifts and toys. There, shoppers whirled along crowded sidewalks while bells chimed and loudspeakers blared the news that Santa Claus is coming to town.

The headlights of my car picked out deserted buildings where danger seemed to lurk in the night. Then suddenly I spotted a glimmer in an upstairs room. Could it be? It was.

In the window of a house worn to bare boards, lights from a Christmas tree blinked on and off. The other windows were dark and curtainless, as if the rooms were empty, as if I knocked, but the only response was the deep bark of a dog.

I came back the next night with a photographer. By shouting up to the window, we learned a man lived there alone, had lived there alone for 45 years. That's all he would say. The lights in the window told the rest.

I have thought of that neighborhood, that house, many times since, for the holiday season does not come only at times of joy.

Sometimes it arrives when hearts are empty, when life is littered with dreams gone splat, when the lights

of the soul have dimmed; when no loved one is present to ease the pain.

At such times, celebration comes hard.

How to dig out the box of ornaments or sign cards of greeting? How to hum the music, or murmur good wishes with no one to hear?

We all have such times. I feel certain the man living alone in his house for 45 years had them.

But he strung the lights, and they glittered in the blackest of nights.

And though I may have been one of the few to see them, I was comforted at the sight.

—Lucille S. deVieau, the writing coach for The Orange County Register, writes a weekly column on aging. Write to her at The Orange County Register, P.O. Box 1-1626, Santa Ana, Calif. 92711.

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Social Security Q&A

Q. My daughter recently died in a car accident at the age of 43. I lived with her and her 13-year-old son. She paid all the household expenses with the money she earned working as a nurse. I am 64 years old and have no income of my own. Can my grandson get Social Security benefits? What about me?

A. You both may be entitled to benefits. Social Security pays survivor benefits to children and widows/widowers, and to dependent parents over the age of 62 who have not remarried and are not entitled to a higher Social Security benefit of their own. Call Social Security toll-free at 1-800-772-1213 or your local Social Security office to make an appointment to file a claim on your daughter's record.

Q. I want to apply for my Social Security benefits and my friend told me to ask about direct deposit. How can I get more information about filling for benefits and direct deposit?

A. Call Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213 to speak to a representative. The people there can answer your questions about applying for benefits and direct deposit. They may even be able to take your application and complete the forms for direct deposit of your benefit check by telephone. The 800 number lines are busiest early in the week and early in the month. So, if you wait to call until later in the week and month, you shouldn't have to wait long. On business days between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., call to speak to a service representative or make an appointment to visit the local office. Whenever you call, have your Social Security number handy.

This column was prepared by the Social Security Administration. For fast answers to specific Social Security questions, contact Social Security toll-free at 800-772-1213.

Somebody needs you

Caregivers, need a break? Call Judy Tipton at 736-2122. Also, if you know of a caregiver that needs a break, please let her know.

A Bosnian family in need of end tables, coffee and kitchen items. Clothing is also needed for a 40-year-old lady (size medium) and her 17-year-old son (size medium). For more information, call Marcie Donner or Judy Tipton at the Office on Aging at 736-2122.

The Senior Companion Program has an opening in the Wendell or Shoshone area. Senior companions assist homebound elderly or disabled persons so they can stay at home rather than go into care facilities. Lend a hand and help someone in your area. Senior companions earn a tax-free and exempt stipend, travel reimbursement and are covered with accident, liability and excess automobile liability insurance — all this for only 20 hours a week of your time. For more information, call Marcie Donner or Terese Hellickson at 736-2122.

This public service column is designed to match needs in the communities of the eight counties in the Magic Valley, with volunteer help. If you need a volunteer, call Judy Tipton at the College of Southern Idaho, 736-2122, to have it appear in this column. It is requested that persons submitting items for this column, should call Tipton before 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday for Sunday publication. Call Tipton weekly to retain request.

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Casino (R) Robert DeNiro
Daily 7:30 - Sat-Sun 4:00-7:30

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Golden Eye (13) James Bond is Back
Daily 6:45-9:15
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The Toy Story (G) Walt Disney
Daily 7:00-9:00
Sat-Sun 1:00-3:00 5:00-7:00-9:00

Sabrina (PG) Harrison Ford
Daily 6:45-9:15
Sat-Sun 1:45-4:15 6:45-9:15

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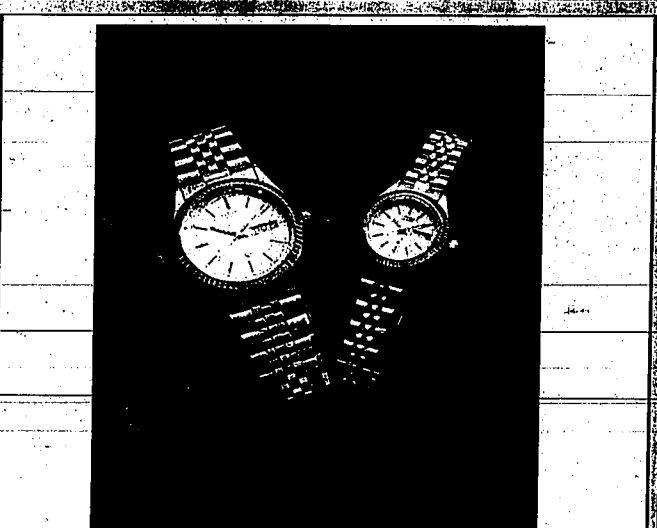
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Nation

Around the nation

Fire destroys Detroit charity warehouse

DETROIT — Just nine days before Christmas, fire destroyed a warehouse jammed with donated clothes, household goods and furniture that were to be distributed by one of the city's largest charities.

More than 100 firefighters and 30 trucks were sent to the four-building Society of St. Vincent de Paul complex after the blaze was reported Friday night. Crews finally extinguished the fire Saturday afternoon, more than 17 hours after it broke out.

The fire could not have come at a worse time, said James Coleman, who has worked sorting clothes for the charity for several years.

"But you know something? There's never a good time for something like this," he said. "It's just fortunate there wasn't anybody in there."

No injuries were reported.

Would-be donor can't get U.S. visa to save brother

MANHASSET, N.Y. — Mauris Astefanous III has cancer and needs a bone marrow transplant. His sister is a perfect tissue match, but she lives in Egypt and the U.S. Embassy in Cairo won't give her a 15-day visa.

"This is my only hope for life," said Astefanous, 45, of New York City. "I'm desperate."

"This man will surely die without a transplant," said Dr. John Loscalzo of the hematology-oncology department at North Shore University Hospital in Manhasset, adding that Astefanous has only months left.

Astefanous, who immigrated from Egypt 17 years ago, is being treated for acute myelogenous leukemia.

The Egyptian Government immediately issued Wada Astefanous a passport. But the American Embassy denied the visa.

A State Department spokesman didn't return calls for comment Friday.

"American embassies are skeptical of these situations because it's a common scam used to get into the United States, that 'I need to go for medical reasons.' They want proof and paperwork," said Jordan Goldes, a spokesman for Rep. Gary Ackerman, D-N.Y.

U.S.-led commission meets Belfast leaders to bridge Gulf

BELFAST, Northern Ireland — A U.S.-led commission met with pro-Irish and anti-Irish nationalists Saturday to tackle disarmament, an issue that has long stalled the Northern Ireland peace process.

In a building once bombed by the IRA, former Sen. George Mitchell and his Irish nationalist, Finnish deputy heard separately from the largest pro-British Protestant party, the Ulster Unionists, and its main Catholic-nationalist rival, the Social Democratic and Labor Party.

The aim of the commission is to judge whether outlawed paramilitary groups must begin to disarm before their political representatives can join negotiations on Northern Ireland's future. It has pledged to make its recommendations to the British and Irish governments by mid-January.

The issue has frozen peacemaking efforts for months in Northern Ireland, where majority Protestants, or "loyalists," want continued British rule but many Roman Catholics want Britain out.

On Monday the commission will meet with the UDA's enemy, Sinn Fein.

Man runs into icy river to avoid speeding ticket

FORTSMOUTH, R.I. — A man trying to escape a speeding ticket plunged into an icy river and refused to come out for 40 minutes.

Police stopped Stephen Coleman, 25, at about 1:30 a.m. Saturday. Police said he was going 56 mph in a 25 mph zone.

While Lt. Paul Valente was writing a ticket, Coleman sped away. He stopped his car, jumped out, and punched and kicked Valente and Patrolman Alberto Buccì.

Buccì sprayed Coleman with pepper gas, but he broke free and ran into the Sakonnet River.

Coleman stood shoulder-high in the icy waters and clung to a pier, refusing police and firefighter calls to come out.

Finally, two firefighters in cold weather gear waded in and pulled him out. Coleman was being treated for hypothermia in the intensive care unit at Newport Hospital, and was listed in good condition.

Compiled from wire reports



A sign hangs on the closed gates of the Washington Monument Saturday announcing the temporary closure of the attraction due to the government shutdown.

Annoyed tourists shut out — again

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Annoyed tourists were turned away from the White House and locked-out-of-the-Washington-Monument's parking lot Saturday after parts of the government shut down for the second time in five weeks.

President Clinton was on the minds of some visitors as they rushed around Smithsonian Institution exhibits shortly before museums closed prematurely about noon EST.

"You can tell Bill it's a big mess. We're very upset," said Hazel Roberts of Chester, England, just before she and a friend dashed into the National Air and Space Museum.

"We're only here for the weekend," moaned her friend, Teresa White, also of Chester. "Today we were going to see the museums and the buildings, but we suddenly found out about ten o'clock that they all shut at noon."

The two had arrived in Washington the night before from New York, and they planned to leave for Orlando, Fla., Sunday.

"They shouldn't shut this down. This is America's history. I mean, people need to know this," said Shannon Del Grosso of Pierre, S.D., as she stared in awe at the huge statue of Abraham Lincoln at the Lincoln Memorial.

Candy Sheehan of Coppell, Texas, her husband and her two young children stopped at the Air and Space Museum for a quick look at the Mercury Friendship 7 spacecraft, the one astronaut John Glenn, now a Democratic senator from Ohio, rode when he became the first American to orbit the earth in February 1962.

The shutdown "spoiled" our whole vacation," she said. "We flew in yesterday from Texas, so we didn't get to see any sites on Friday because our flight came in late. So we planned on Saturday to see the sites."

"We're leaving here tomorrow," tourists were free to wander the halls of the Capitol, touch the walls of the Vietnam Memorial and climb the steps of the Lincoln Memorial to read the Gettysburg Address — those and other similar sites don't require supervision by federal employees.

But the White House was closed, unfortunately, for Jeffrey Pellegrini of Graham, Wash., who braved a chilly, early morning rain to visit the Lincoln Memorial instead.

"We drove by it," he said. "We planned a nice day down here and it really got messed up very badly. ... We flew three thousand miles to see less than what we planned." Around the country, the park service's historic homes, monuments and national parks closed. Some large parks remained accessible, but without the usual visitor's services.

The Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona remained open, thanks to \$211,500 authorized by the state parks board.

In Baltimore, the historic fort that inspired Francis Scott Key to write "The Star Spangled Banner" closed early Saturday afternoon, interrupting the tours of more than a dozen visitors.

The Fort McHenry National Monument opened two hours late Saturday morning while park rangers awaited word on whether they would be able to operate for the weekend, said Hugh Manar, a park ranger.



James and Elsie Mather sit in the room of their comatose son Ellis at American Transitional Hospital in Phoenix Friday.

Disabled student comatose in dorm room 6 days before anyone notices

The Associated Press

PHOENIX — Ellis Mather left a small Alaska town and came to Arizona State University to study because the school's facilities for the disabled made it seem to be a welcoming place.

But when he fell into a coma, sitting in his wheelchair in the privacy of his dormitory room, nobody missed him. It was a week before others noticed a persistent odor and sent police to check on him.

The 21-year-old quadriplegic has been in a vegetative state for the past month. Doctors believe Mather may have had the flu. With his lungs weakened by his paralysis, the illness affected the supply of oxygen to his brain and he slipped into a coma, said his neurologist, Dr. Jess Miller.

And the longer he spent without medical attention, the worse was the damage to his brain, doctors have told the young man's parents:

Miller has said he is not overly optimistic about Mather's chance of full recovery, although he says the young man's crucial brain stem was not damaged.

With 1,800 disabled students among its student body of 43,000, ASU prides itself on giving such students freedom in a supportive environment, said Tedde Scharf, associate director of disability resources at the school.

"We've fought so hard to get out of nursing homes to be able to be independent, so do we go back to an environment that's suffocating?" said Scharf, who's disabled. "Even if we had something like room checks, Ellis is the kind of student who would have resisted it." Mather's parents, James and Elsie Mather, think guilty of unanswered calls they made to their son during the week he was comatose in his room.

"We thought he was out and about, or in class," said Mrs. Mather.

"He was very sensitive about being independent. We didn't want to intrude on him," said her husband.

Mather lived in a first-floor room, part of a suite in the school's Palo Verde East dormitory, a 400-room, seven-story dorm set on a busy avenue lined with palm trees.

A suite-mate saw him on Monday, Nov. 13. It wasn't until six days later that university police opened the door to Room 137 and found Mather slumped in his wheelchair, dehydrated and unconscious.

The Mathers have left their jobs in Bethel, Alaska, population 4,000, and now spend their days by their son's bedside at the American Transitional Hospital in Phoenix.

Mather had been quadriplegic since the age of 15, when he broke his neck in a trampoline accident, although he still had some use of his arms and hands, his mother said.

Killings expose violent racist infiltration of Army

Los Angeles Times

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. — In James Burmeister's world, a spider web tattoo was like a soldier's combat medal, a sign that the bearer had passed a crucial test, had proved his mettle on the field of battle.

Barely 20 years of age and on his first Army posting, the gangling private had not yet seen combat. No ribbons hung from his scrawny chest. But earlier this month, troops from his division prepared to ship out to risk their lives in Bosnia, police say.

Burmeister, a nerdy-looking man in glasses who struck some as a loner, set out on a mission of his own — to earn a spider web tattoo. With two fellow soldiers from Fort Bragg Army Base here, he went cruising with a 12-



Burmeister

pack and his father's Ruger handgun. He completed his mission shortly after midnight, Dec. 7, police say. When he pumped six bullets into the heads of Michael James, 36, and Jackie Burden, 27, two blacks he found at random in a black neighborhood near downtown.

The killings, which shocked this city and sparked a massive investigation of extremist activities in the Army's ranks, pulled back a curtain on a troubling but little-examined aspect of military life — its infiltration by violent racist hate groups.

Officials at Fort Bragg insist that the number of soldiers here who participate in neo-Nazi and racist skinhead activity is small — perhaps about a dozen. But soldiers from the base have been linked with white supremacist organizations for more than a decade. In several alarming episodes, special forces soldiers were accused of helping groups stockpile stolen military weapons, allegedly for use in racial warfare. Two soldiers were convicted of doing just that in 1991.

Burmeister and his friends, while apparently not officially affiliated with any national organization, were part of the local racist skinhead subculture. By day, they moved in lock-step through the disciplined world of the military, training and working alongside blacks, Asians and Latinos. At night, they

doffed their Army fatigues and donned uniforms of a different type — the jackboots, leather jackets and Nazi insignia of Hitler-loving skinheads. Thus adorned, they swilled beer and fought and thrashed all night to the throbbing beat of industrial and heavy metal music in the city's clubs.

Police say the rented room where Burmeister illegally lived off base was a Nazi shrine. It was cluttered with racist pamphlets and tracts on Hitler — even a book on bomb-making.

Among his possessions they found scrapbook photographs of Burmeister and his friends in skinhead garb giving Nazi salutes, according to Bob Symington, a local club owner who said Army officials showed him the photographs in an effort to identify the club members.

Clinton defiance invigorated Whitewater

By John Solomon
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Caught in a political quagmire it helped create, the White House has propelled the Senate Whitewater investigation — which for weeks languished in obscurity — to front-page headlines.

By refusing to turn over notes a former presidential aide took during a 1993 meeting on Whitewater, it gave an often-disinterested public a simple yet dramatic issue to grasp.

Now, a debate before the full Senate and a potential court-battle loom. Republicans have new license to suggest President Clinton is hiding something. Even the president himself was finding old comparisons to Watergate by week's end.

Conceding some costly political fallout, presidential aides say they've determined to find a way to turn over the notes — and quiet the headlines.

The escalating battle carries dangers for Republicans, too. Their hard charge for the documents and rhetorical comparisons to Watergate could look excessive if the notes turn out to be innocuous — a line of attack the White House has already begun to sound. If the public events seen in the notes, "the American people will know what a multimillion-dollar wild goose chase" Republicans have been on, a presidential aide said Friday.

On the sidelines is Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr, whose criminal investigation could gain access to new information if the Senate Whitewater Committee wins its battle.

Presidential aides insist there's nothing to hide in the notes, former associate White House counsel William Kennedy took during a Nov. 5, 1993, meeting on Whitewater between presidential aides and the Clintons' private lawyers.

Rather, they said they defied a Senate subpoena and burned political capital to preserve a legal principle that a president has the right to keep confidential his conversations with private lawyers.

The approach, however, did not have unanimous support inside the White House.

Some presidential advisers argued the content of the notes was not worth a very public fight that could hurt the president as his approval ratings edged above 50 percent.

But on the other side, White House counsel Jack Quinn and David Kendall, the Clintons' lead private attorney, insisted the Clintons needed to claim privilege on the notes.

Their concern, according to those involved, was that if the Clintons gave in on the single meeting, they could open a legal hole for investigators to claim they had waived their right to keep any of their Whitewater discussions with lawyers confidential.

The two camps tried to marry their concerns Thursday when they offered a last-

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U.S. truckers fight free trade accord

REYNOSA, Mexico (AP) — To believe critics, U.S. highways will soon be overrun with bad Mexican drivers hauling toxic chemicals, and Mexico's bumpy roads will swarm with American trucks stealing jobs from poor Mexicans.

Drivers on both sides of the border are worried about what will happen when a clause of the North American Free Trade Agreement takes effect Monday, allowing trucks from Mexico and the United States to freely cruise through border states for the first time.

Canadian trucks already have access to U.S. roads, and U.S. trucks can drive through Canada. But along the Mexican-U.S. border, foreign rigs have been limited to a 17-mile zone, after which they have had to unhitch their trailers and turn back.

Beginning Monday, Mexican trucks will be allowed through designated border states of California, New Mexico, Arizona and Texas, and U.S. drivers will be able to enter Mexican border states.

In the year 2000, all limits on travel come to an end. Reynosa, a bustling border city just south of McAllen, Texas, bridges are clogged with Mexican truck drivers fuming about the accord known



Mexican trucker Sabino Cruz Munoz discusses the future of trucking in Mexico and the U.S. at a truck stop on the Mexican border city of Reynosa.

as NAFTA. They complain they can't afford to buy new trucks or even fix old ones, and therefore can't compete with Americans driving modern rigs. "They are coming to take food

from our stores," said Sabino Cruz Munoz, 53, who has been transporting coffee, vegetables and fruits from tropical Veracruz state for the past 40 years. "We don't

want the free trade agreement." In the United States, activists and unions charge that Mexican drivers are inexperienced, often uninsured and drive clunky, unsafe trucks.

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minut compromise to turn over the notes if the committee agreed to five conditions, including an acknowledgment the meeting was privileged.

Angered by the conditions, Republicans quickly rejected the offer. On Friday, the committee voted to ask the full Senate to initiate court action to force Clinton to surrender the notes unconditionally. The Senate considers the request this week with the potential for a heavily partisan debate in the midst of the already rancorous budget crisis.

The committee wants the notes to help it determine whether presidential aides misused confidential information they obtained in 1993 about two ongoing Whitewater criminal investigations. The White House denies it interfered with either probe.

"Paul Rothstein, a law professor in Washington, said that despite the Clinton's concerns he believes it is legally possible for the president to surrender the confidentiality of Kennedy's notes without waiving his privilege.

"He does have to be reluctant in giving in order to preserve the privilege," Rothstein said. "But he can give in."

Rothstein and others, including the Whitewater committee chairman, Sen.

Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., predict the White House will avoid the court battle.

One option presidential aides are discussing is for the administration to negotiate an agreement with Starr and lawmakers that if it surrendered the notes, the president would still have the right to claim privilege on other conversations with his lawyers.

Nonetheless, Republicans were invigorated by the developments. For weeks, the committee's probe had been widely ignored as they questioned obscure witnesses and probed issues that few in the public understood.

"Suddenly, the GOP had a new symbol to support its claims that the White House has been stonewalling. I think the public is beginning to understand that," said James Wilson, a former Bush administration Justice Department lawyer who assisted the Senate investigation last year.

"If you look at 60-50 pages in the last two weeks, there are three words that come up: cover-up, hobble and hiding," he said. "They are not synonyms for cooperation."

By week's end, Clinton himself was sending off comparisons to Watergate.

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Assistant headman experience required. Must know milk cows. In Jerome. Call John 324-5211

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A custodian is needed for the Fliler School District. This position will begin in January. You may get an application form from the Fliler School District office or contact Marie Cravers, Personnel, 326-5981, P.O. Box 5, Fliler, Idaho 83325. The closing date for this position is December 28, 1995.

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MECHANIC
Ammorone West Inc., Idaho's largest cheese producer, is growing & has employment opportunities for maintenance mechanics for 7 twin Falls cheese plants. Requires 2 years experience in mechanical, electrical & plumbing. Competitive wage & good benefit package for qualified individuals. Please send resume and cover letter to: Ammorone West Inc., Attn: Human Resources, 174, Twin Falls, ID 83301. EOE

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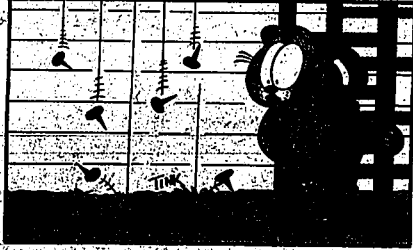
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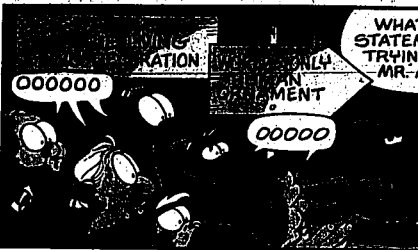
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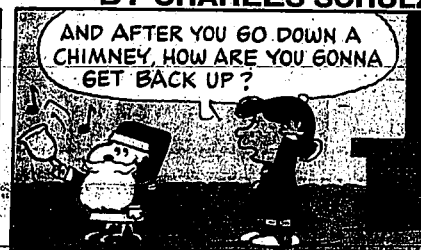


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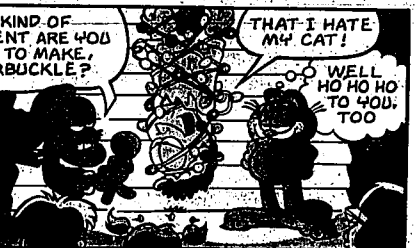
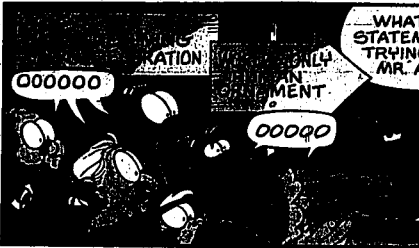
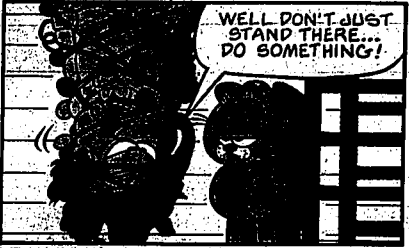
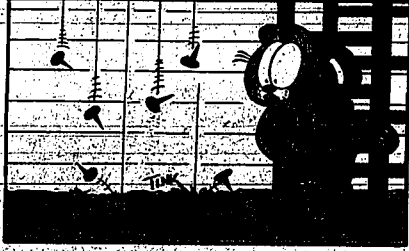


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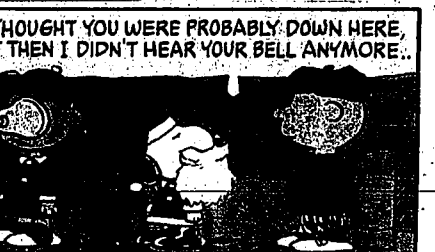
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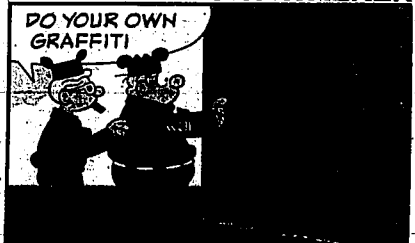
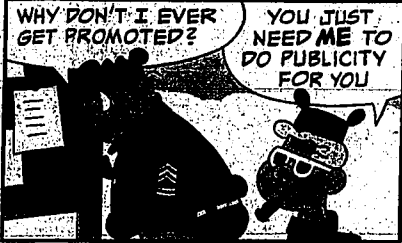
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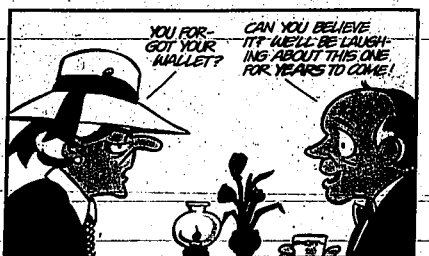
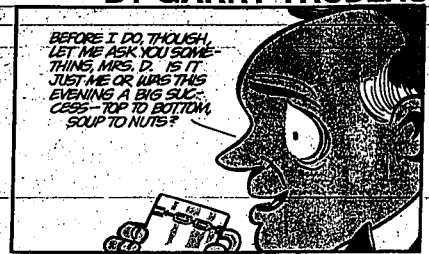
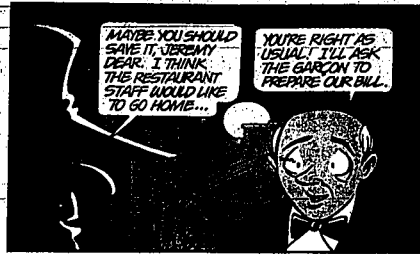
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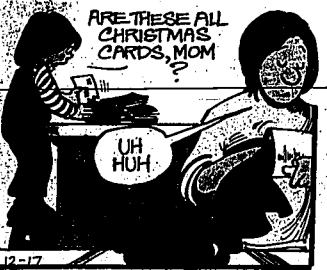
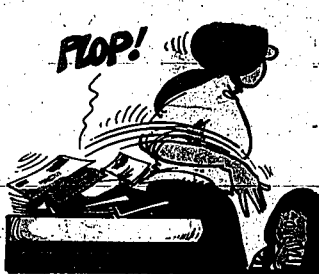
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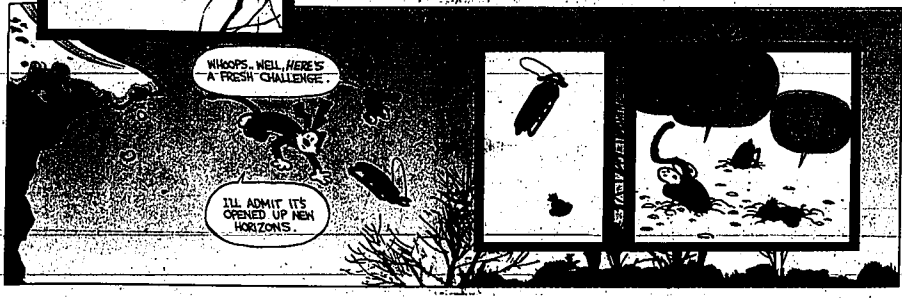
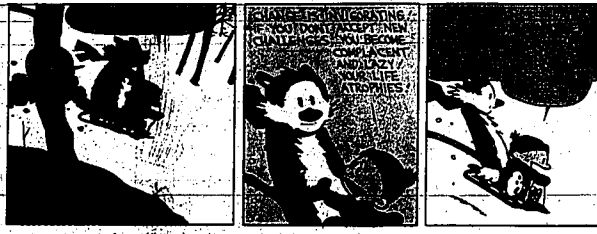


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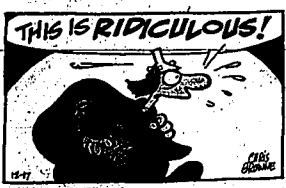
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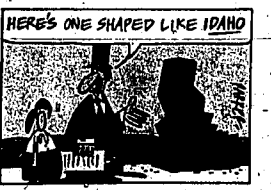
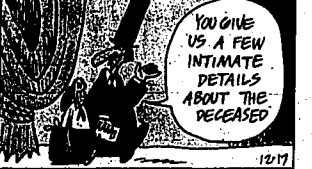
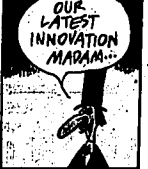
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FRANK & ERNIE

ERNE, LOOK OUT THE BACK WINDOW INTO THE NEXT SECTION OF THE PAPER AND READ ME YESTERDAY'S LOTTERY NUMBER.

5-3-0-7-3-0-9-1-5!

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! I WON! LET ME SEE FOR MYSELF!

OKAY.

ERNE!! YOU READ THE MOVIE LISTINGS! FIVE-THIRTY, SEVEN-THIRTY AND NINE-FIFTEEN!

OH, WHAT A DISAPPOINTMENT!

I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL, FRANK.

YOU DO?

YEAH. I CAN'T MAKE ANY OF THOSE TIMES EITHER.

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THE BORN LOSER



by Art & Chip Sansom

ALLOW ME TO EXPLAIN OUR NEWEST LOAN PLAN, MR. AND MRS. THORNAPPLE...

THE IDEA BEHIND THIS LOAN IS TO KEEP YOUR MONTHLY PAYMENTS LOW, THEN AT THE END OF THE TERM YOU MAKE ONE BALLOON PAYMENT.

WELL, WHAT DO YOU SAY?

SOUNDS GOOD TO US!

FINE... I'LL GET THE NECESSARY PAPERS!

I LIKE THE IDEA OF KEEPING OUR MONTHLY PAYMENTS LOW, BUT DO YOU REALLY THINK THIS BALLOON PAYMENT IS SUCH A GOOD IDEA?

ABSOLUTELY! IT'S A NO-BRAINER, GLADYS!

AFTER ALL, HOW MUCH CAN A BALLOON COST?

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THERE'S A NEWS FLASH FOR YOU...

GENERATION X GOT MASS!

OVER HERE IT'S GIFT GIVING SEASON! IT'S ALSO THE BIRTHDAY OF JESUS! ALTHOUGH, WHAT ONE HAS TO DO WITH THE OTHER, ELUDES ME.

HEY, WOW... A GIFT!

THIS GIFT CERTIFICATE ENTITLES THE BEARER TO ONE HEAD TRANSPLANT.

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Cathy

by Cathy Guisewite

HA HA HA HA HA

I REALLY ENJOYED MEETING YOU TONIGHT, CATHY.

ME TOO, PHILLIP!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE DINNER THIS WEEK?

NO. IF WE HAD, I'LL HAVE TO BUY YOU A CHRISTMAS GIFT.

DON'T BE SILLY, IT'S ONLY A... DINNER.

PRECISELY. WHAT DO YOU GET FOR SOMEONE YOU'VE ONLY EATEN ONE MEAL WITH?

I'VE EATEN 38,000 MEALS WITH MY PARENTS, AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO GET THEM.

I STILL HAVE AN IMPOSSIBLE GIFTS TO BUY AND AM NOT ABOUT TO THROW IN THE TOWEL MORE OBSCURE SHOPPING CATEGORY OF "GIFT FOR MAN I ATE PASTA WITH ONCE BUT WANT TO MARRY AND BUILD KITCHEN WITH IN FUTURE!!"

IN SHORT... NO, PHILLIP! YOU'RE TOO LATE!! WAY, WAY, WAY TOO LATE!!

WHOEVER SAID THE HOLIDAYS ARE ROMANTIC HAD OBVIOUSLY MET THE "START-UP RELATIONSHIP" BEFORE "MIDWINTER FIRST" CUT-OFF DATE.

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PARADISE

*Katie Couric, co-host of the 'Today' show, talks us all
her job, her marriage and America's young people*

AN INTERVIEW
By Dotson Rader



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Katie Couric, co-host of the *Today* show, talks about her job, her marriage and America's young people.

'We Mustn't Let All The Bad News Eclipse The Good'

"I'm very secure in who I am and what I'm about," says Katie Couric, 38.

BY
DOTSON
RADER

IHAVE A LOT OF EMPATHY AND sympathy for working mothers," Katie Couric said, "particularly single-mothers who are on the job 12 hours a day, get home dog tired, can barely get supper on the table and get the kids bathed, much less teach them values.

"I worry a lot about kids, especially latch-key kids. I don't want kids coming home after school and spending two hours watching television. I think television has eroded values. I'm very disturbed by the kind of garbage that's on some of these daytime shows. I think they're dangerous. It really bothers me. I know this sounds corny, but the images I saw on TV when I was a young girl were, for the most part, pretty respectful, pretty positive. I grew up

watching *Julia*, a sitcom about a single woman, a black nurse, who did a great job of raising her child. My brother and I used to come home after school, and we'd get a bowl of ice cream and watch *Gilligan's Island*. It was fine. It was safe. Today I don't want my daughter, Ellie, to aspire to be like the women on *Melrose Place*."

I visited Katie Couric on a weekday afternoon after she returned home from her day at NBC, which began at 5:30 that morning. We spoke in the living room of her four-bedroom apartment overlooking Manhattan's Central Park.

Couric has remained largely a private figure, despite her great television visibility. Now in her fourth season on the *Today* show as co-host with Bryant

Gumbel, Couric came to national attention seemingly overnight when she was chosen to replace Deborah Norville. When Couric arrived in 1991, the program's ratings were in decline—something her presence quickly reversed. The mother-of-4-year-old Elinor, Couric will take two months off from *Today* when she has her second child in January.

In interviewing her, I wanted to learn who this woman actually was, what her values were and what had brought her from obscurity to national prominence.

"It was the quintessential youngest child," she told me, talking about her childhood, "the charmer of the family, a little bratty. I could sort of charm my way out of sticky situations in school and convince the teacher to let me hand-

in my paper a week late. I did okay in school, but I wasn't brilliant. I think as the youngest child I just wanted to be liked."

Katherine Anne Couric's childhood sounds almost like a fairy tale. She grew up in a red brick house with a white picket fence in Arlington, Va., a suburb of Washington. Her parents—Elinor, 73, a homemaker, and John, 75, a former journalist—raised her in an environment where thrift, tolerance and learning were valued. She and her sisters, Emily and Clara, were cheerleaders. Along with their brother, John, they were expected to bring a new vocabulary word to the dinner table each night.

"Both my parents grew up in the Depression," she said, "and there was a feeling that it was really important to save money. They don't like ostentation, showy people. We never belonged to a country club. I never got an allowance. They gave me money when I needed it. They weren't extravagant. Mother forbade us to buy treats at the movies, so I used to end up smelling Janet Taft's empty popcorn container."

then in print journalism. After less than a year as a lowly desk assistant at ABC News in Washington, she was hired as an assignment editor at CNN, a job that required on-air reporting. She was a flop at it, her voice so squeaky and high pitched that the president of CNN, Reese Schonfeld, demanded that she never appear on camera again.

But Couric took voice lessons and,



Photo: Bob D'Amico



Left: Katie with her parents and her brother, John, at Virginia Beach in 1960. Top: With her husband of six years, John Monahan, an attorney, and Today co-host, Bryant Gumbel. They brought the NBC show back to first place in the morning ratings race.

She laughed. "Once, Mother found a candy wrapper in my snow jacket, and there was all hell to pay!

"I love my parents very, very much, and one of the greatest gifts they gave me is that I'm very secure in who I am and what I'm about. I've had moments of insecurity throughout my life, but I've always felt that my parents would love me no matter what. The only thing that I'm afraid of is losing them, because they're so very important to me."

Couric attended Yorktown High School in Arlington, then went on to the University of Virginia, where she graduated with honors in 1979. She decided to go into broadcasting, a decision her father encouraged, telling her she could make more money in television

in 1984, got a job with a CBS affiliate in Miami. In 1987 she returned to Washington to work for the NBC affiliate and, in 1989, was named deputy Pentagon reporter for the network. In 1991, Couric came to *Today* at a salary reported to be \$1 million to \$2 million.

"This isn't something I particularly strive for," Couric replied when I asked her about being co-host of the morning show. "I'd probably be just as happy if I didn't have this job. I'd be just as content on a smaller stage. I really believe that. I think of myself as a reporter. I think the whole worship of TV journalists is bizarre—the cult of celebrity in this country is ludicrous. It's out of control."

What, I wondered, was the effect of

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gal practice, joining a firm in New York so he could be with her.

"When we got married," she explains, "I was a young associate of a very powerful Washington law firm and I was a local news reporter, and then all of a sudden this happened with the *Today* show. We had a lot of big changes early on in our marriage, whether you're talking about me getting this job or the baby being born—all sorts of things seemed to happen at once. The fact that we were able to keep our equilibrium is kind of a tribute to both of us."

She thought a moment. "The fact that Jay would move up to New York just to be with me!" she exclaimed. "I'll pay him back. When the time comes that he has a great opportunity, then I'll move for him. I may go kicking and screaming at first, but he did it for me, and I owe him."

Later I asked Monahan, 39, about their marriage.

"Our primary focus is our family," he said. "So when Katie got the *Today* show, we wanted to do what was most

responsible for our marriages in the long run. That meant my moving to New York. Katie and I both share the same high esteem for marriage. It's something you only do once. I'm Catholic, Katie's Presbyterian. So how we see marriage comes from our faith and our parents. It isn't something we take lightly."

"He keeps me grounded," Couric said of her husband. "Sometimes I just want to turn off the news. I just hate to let all the bad news eclipse the good."

"You hear constantly about overwhelming mean-spiritedness. I think our perspective of society gets skewed. It frustrates and depresses me. Television spends so much time on the salacious, the titillating or the bizarre that too often the great masses of law-abiding, normal people—who are trying their hardest, who do what the government, who want to raise good, responsible children—are largely forgotten."

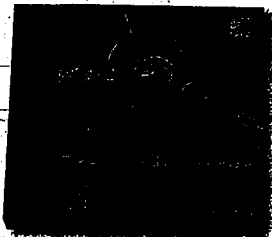
"Because of my work, I see things everyday that hearten me—small acts of kindness that I'm able to witness when I do the show. People do step forward and do the right thing in times of crisis, and they somehow do find reserves of inner strength, as clichéd as that might sound. Maybe I'm too idealistic. I believe people are intrinsically good, and if someone is in need or in trouble, they do all they can. I still have this enormous respect for what the human spirit can accomplish in a troubled time."

"The real trick with Nintendo is getting the kids to let you play."

Janie



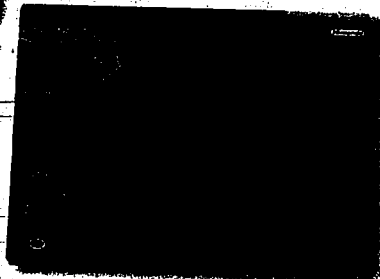
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Ask Marilyn

If half-siblings have the same mother (but different fathers), are these children more alike than half-siblings who have different mothers (but the same father)? Friends say the terms "brother" and "sister" refer to children of the same mother, regardless of the father, and that "half-brother" and "half-sister" describe the relationship between children of different wives of the same man. They also say that it is now accepted that the maternal genetic material counts for more. Is this correct?

—Mary Goetsch, Aurora, Ill.

Not really. This widely used social terminology comes from the understandable tradition of identifying sibling groups by the mother, who is nature's principal parent and generally provides primary care for the children to whom she gives birth.

As for genetic material, perhaps your friends have been reading about "mitochondrial DNA." While the nuclear DNA (in the nucleus of the human cell) accounts for most of the genetic material and is inherited through both the mother and father, the mitochondrial DNA (in the cell structure that provides energy) is inherited only through the mother.

When it was discovered that this material could be traced back to a single woman who lived between 50,000 and 500,000 years ago, it was erroneously reported that this meant only one woman (called "Eve") was alive way back then. The truth was that, of the many women alive, only one woman's mitochondrial DNA managed to survive to the present day.

Still, you can keep blaming Mom and Dad about equally for your bad points (and take credit for your good ones, of course).

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Parade's Guide to Better Fitness

Are there exercises that can help incontinence?

More than 10 million Americans—85% of them women—suffer from incontinence, the loss of bladder or bowel control. Women are particularly vulnerable due to muscle strain from childbirth or hormonal changes from menopause, which result in pelvic-floor weakness. Men also become incontinent from pelvic-floor weakness, especially after an invasive procedure, such as prostate surgery. But with early treatment and education, 90% of cases can be improved or cured. Exercise also can help. I spoke to Janet Hartery, a physical therapist and director of the Sports Training Physical Therapy center in Stamford, Conn., which offers a program to treat incontinence that uses *perineometry*, a series of exercises to strengthen the pelvic floor, along with biofeedback.

"An incontinence problem should first be brought to a physician's attention for diagnosis and treatment," Hartery says. "The doctor can rule out causes such as urinary tract infections, bladder cancer, endocrine problems, acquired deformities or neuropathies. A common diagnosis, stress incontinence, is when urine leaks during coughing, sneezing or exercising. Urge incontinence is frequency of urination more than seven times a day. Strength and neuromuscular control of the pelvic-floor muscles are key factors in both."

In Hartery's program, patients remain fully clothed while pelvic-floor strength, endurance and resting tension are assessed, as well as general flexibility and posture. "They learn techniques to strengthen the pelvic-floor by visualizing muscle contractions on a computer screen," Hartery explains.

"Later, patients can rent a 'home-training' device, practicing for 20 minutes two to three times daily. They return for a reevaluation every two weeks—many become totally dry in four to 14 weeks, depending on the severity of leakage. Once patients feel the proper connection, they no longer need the home-training device, but will continue to perform pelvic strengthening for the rest of their lives to stay dry."

For more on incontinence, see "Don't Get Embarrassed, Get Help," by Earl Ubell (PARADE, Sept. 10, 1995).

—SHEA

There's newfound respect for the high level of fitness of some of these athletes, plus for the long hours of practice they endure.



What's your take on cheerleaders—are they athletes?

I'm assuming that your question was inspired by PARADE's "Fresh Voices" columns of July 23rd and November 19th in which teenagers aired their views on sexism in high school sports and tensions between cheerleaders and players. Here's my "take": Not every cheerleader is an athlete—but those who tend to be, are very good athletes. I say this because when members of a squad take part in cheerleading competitions (not all squads compete), it requires long hours of practice and high levels of fitness.

I also took up this matter with Jim Lord, director of instructional programs at the Universal Cheerleaders Association, which last year trained 120,000 cheerleaders—only 10% of them boys—

at its camps. About 9000 of these cheerleaders took part in regional competitions. Lord maintains that while "the primary role of a cheerleading squad is to lead the crowd," there also are "incredible athletes" who participate.

"Athleticism has surrounded cheerleading for the last 15 years in particular for two reasons," Lord adds. "First, the National High School Cheerleading Championships have been televised for 13 years, showcasing the activity nationwide. Also, during this time, schools began closing their gymnasiums, which left no outlet for some great athletes. Many of these athletes turned to cheerleading, adding another dimension, such as acrobatics, to this growing activity. These 'acrospoints' influences gave cheerleaders new skills and a new-found level of respect."

For more on competitions, training camps, coaches' clinics, fundraising ideas and finding instruction in your area, call the Universal Cheerleaders' Association at 1-800-238-0286, or e-mail them at coach@uca.com.

Michael O'Shea, Ph.D., is founder and chairman of Sports Training Institute.

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"This Christmas, I want to serve an easy holiday breakfast that the whole family will love. I would like to have some recipes that are relatively different. Can you help?"

*—Janice James,
Kirk, Colo.*

Our favorite morning of the year is here: There's hot chocolate brewing, tasty muffins inside antique lace-lined baskets, a luscious ham and the best a-la-carte offerings as, one by one, the

family arrives at the table for Christmas breakfast.

"I think a large, glazed baked ham always sets the tone for a perfect holiday breakfast; so does a festive Queens Cake, this one bestowed with the tradition of the Colonial Williamsburg kitchen. French toast stuffed with jelly will delight young and old alike. And for a special treat, whip up my Wild Mushroom Scramble in bite-size portions.

Set the table with your best sugar shaker, jam pot and butter dish, as well as cut-glass pitchers of cranberry juice cocktail. (This is easier than keeping pots of coffee going and much more festive.)

Once everyone has eaten and the children get to the serious business of opening presents, arrange a table of treats for friends and family who drop by. For a special touch, set out goodie bags of home-baked holiday cookies for guests to take home.

With everyone fed and satisfied, it's time for you to enjoy the holiday with family and friends. Best wishes!



Wild Mushroom Scramble

As this is a very rich dish and can be costly because of the mushrooms, serve extra-small portions in tiny bowls or ramekins as a very special treat or as a starter. Cook the mushrooms quickly so that they don't give off too much liquid.

2 ounces fresh shiitaki mushrooms
2 ounces fresh crimini or other mushrooms
2 teaspoons unsalted butter
1 teaspoon vegetable oil
Pinch of nutmeg
4 eggs
1 tablespoon sour cream
Salt and pepper, to taste
1 teaspoon snipped chives

1. Clean mushrooms with a damp paper towel. Trim stems and cut into julienne strips.
2. Melt 1 teaspoon butter with the oil in a non-stick skillet over medium-high heat. Add the mushrooms, sprinkle with the nutmeg and cook quickly shaking the skillet, for about 4 minutes or until just tender. Remove to a bowl and set aside. Wipe out the skillet with a paper towel.
3. Whisk together the eggs, sour cream, salt and pepper. Heat the remaining butter in the clean skillet over medium-low heat. Add the eggs and cook for about 1/2 minute, stirring with a fork, for soft eggs.
4. Spoon the eggs into 2 small bowls or plates and top evenly with mushrooms. Sprinkle with chives and serve immediately.

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Cider-Baked Ham

A whole, cider-baked ham is one of the sweetest holiday offerings known. Frequent basting is the key here. Once the ham is well-studded with cloves and dressed with apricots, the brown sugar and apple cider give it the perfect glaze. As the ham bakes, the basting liquid will crystallize and form a candylike topping. Really thin slices are most appealing.

1 ready-to-eat Virginia ham
(14-16 pounds) with bone in
Whole cloves (enough to
cover surface of ham)
1/4 cup apricot preserves
3 tablespoons Dijon-style
mustard

1 cup packed light-brown
sugar
2 cups apple cider
1 pound dried apricots
(optional)
Maple syrup, for serving
Mustard, for serving

1. Preheat the oven to 350°F.
 2. Carefully cut off the thick rind and most of the excess fat from the top of the ham, being careful not to cut through to the meat. With a sharp knife score a diamond pattern.
 3. Set the ham in a shallow roasting pan. Stud ham with a whole clove at the crossed point of each diamond.
 4. Place the apricot preserves in a small saucepan over low heat to melt slightly. Brush the preserves all over the ham, then brush all over with the mustard. Pat the brown sugar all over.
 5. Pour the apple cider into the pan and bake the ham for 45 minutes, basting frequently. Add the apricots to the basting liquid and bake another 45 minutes, or until the ham is glazed and brown.
 6. When the ham is finished baking, remove the apricots and decorate the top of the ham, securing an apricot in each diamond pattern with a toothpick. Place on a serving platter. Slice thinly and serve with maple syrup and mustard.
- Serves 20 to 25. Per serving (based on 25): 508 calories, 15g fat, 150mg cholesterol.

Williamsburg Queen's Cake

Borrowed directly from Colonial Williamsburg, Va., this moist, easily "sliceable" cake is perfect to grace any table for the holidays.

1 cup unsalted butter,
at room temperature
1 cup granulated sugar
5 eggs, at room temperature

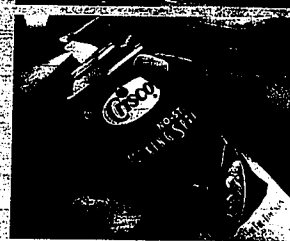
1 teaspoon fennel extract
1 teaspoon orange extract
2 cups plus 1 tablespoon
all-purpose flour

1/3 teaspoon baking powder
1/3 teaspoon ground cinnamon
2 cups currants

1. Preheat the oven to 325°F. Lightly butter a 9 1/2 x 5 1/2 x 2 1/2-inch loaf pan. Line the bottom with a piece of waxed paper or parchment to fit; butter the paper. Lightly flour the pan, shaking out any excess.
2. Cream the butter and the sugar in a bowl with an electric mixer. Add the eggs, one at a time, mixing well after each addition. Add the lemon and orange extracts; mix well.
3. Sift 2 cups of flour, the baking powder and cinnamon together. Gradually add flour mixture to the batter, stirring well after each addition. Toss the currants with the remaining flour; add to the batter.
4. Scrape the batter into the prepared pan and bake in the center of the oven for 1 hour and 20 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool in the pan for 10 minutes before turning onto a rack to cool completely.

Yield: 1 loaf. Serves 12. Per serving: 322 calories, 18g fat, 129mg cholesterol.

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Steffi's Blueberry Bran Muffins

With very little fat included, these moist, delicious muffins make for a perfect blue. My friend, Steffi Berns, uses dried blueberries for a great taste surprise, but currants, cherries or raisins may be used instead. Be careful not to overmix the ingredients.

Nonstick cooking spray,
for greasing muffin tins
1 1/2 cups wheat bran cereal
1/2 cups milk
1 cup all-purpose flour
1/4 cup whole-wheat flour
1/3 cup granulated sugar

1 tablespoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
Pinch of salt
1/4 cup (generous) dried blueberries
1 egg
1/4 cup vegetable oil

1. Preheat the oven to 400°F. Grease a muffin tin (regular size, 12 cups) with nonstick cooking spray or vegetable oil. Set aside. (For a decorative touch, place paper muffin liners in the tin and fill with batter.)

2. In a large bowl, combine the bran cereal and milk; set aside.

3. In a medium-sized bowl, combine the flours, sugar, baking powder, nutmeg, salt and dried blueberries. Stir with a fork until dry ingredients are evenly distributed.

4. Add the egg and oil to the softened cereal and beat with a wooden spoon or hand mixer until thoroughly combined. Fold in the dry ingredients just until the flour is barely visible. Do not overmix or the muffins will be lopsided and "tough."

5. Using a 1/4 cup dry measur and a small rubber spatula, scoop level measures of batter into 12 muffin cups. Bake in the center of the oven for 20 minutes or until the muffins are firm to the touch and a wooden toothpick inserted in the center of a muffin comes out almost clean with no uncooked batter on it.

6. Allow the muffins to cool in their pan for 5 minutes before removing from the cups. Serve warm. The muffins freeze very successfully. After baking, cool to room temperature, place in a self-sealing plastic bag and freeze for up to one month. To serve, place frozen muffins on a baking sheet and heat in a preheated 350°F oven for 10 minutes.

Yield: 12 muffins. Per muffin: 322 calories, 18g fat, 125mg cholesterol.

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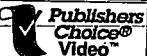


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TRUST AND BETRAYAL

The subject of *Sex, Love, Virginity, Trust, and Betrayal* came up during a conversation at Miss Porter's School in Connecticut last year, with Lisa Greenberger, 18; Saraah Shea, 15; Kate Hemphill, 17; Andrianna Campbell, 16; Sarah Weston, 15; Tara Dean, 17; and Christy Verston, 16.



Lisa

Lisa: I think it's sad that most people have to learn from their mistakes. Because these mistakes through sex can be deadly. You have to teach people from when they are children how to keep up their confidence and respect themselves enough to keep out of those situations.



Sarah

Sarah: I've been brought up to wait for sex until I'm married. Kate: That's the way I've been raised too.



Kate

Andrianna: I'll wait until I'm in a serious relationship, where I feel comfortable having sex with that person.



Andrianna

Kate: I've known situations where girls have thought it was the right thing to do and figured out afterward that it wasn't. Maybe they were physically ready, and they found out after the fact that they weren't emotionally ready. Or the boy didn't speak to them afterward. And it's really sad. Because virginity is something that, once you've given it up, you can never get it back. If you give it to the wrong person, you're going to go around with a feeling of guilt, and that's something I don't want.



Sarah

Lisa: If somebody is going to lose their virginity, they definitely should love themselves—because if you love yourself, you won't let anyone treat you badly, usually. And you will be responsible enough to use condoms or to be on some other birth control. To ask questions of the boy: Who have you had sex with? Did you use a condom with them?



Tara

And you can't say it depends on how mature you are. I know mature, smart girls, from good families. Yet they're not smart enough to practice safe sex.



Christy

Lynn Minton: They're not! Lisa: They believe that it won't happen to them—that they won't get pregnant, that their boyfriend is monogamous, that they won't get AIDS... and so

Sarah: Nothing's going to happen until it happens to you. Christy: When you're with a guy, in the heat of the moment—if

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you don't love yourself, like Lisa said—a girl may jump into it. But afterward, when you end up pregnant and your boyfriend says you're going to be like... they didn't ask him to use a condom?"

Andrianna: I'd have to know the person enough to know that if I had sex with him, he wouldn't leave me.

Lisa: There's some sense here—however each of you feels about virginity—that a awful lot of guys out there... What about all the good guys who are caring and honest and devoted?

Tara: They're hard to find. Lisa: All those good guys—it doesn't necessarily mean they're not going to get into trouble. All my friends are good guys, but some of them still don't have enough sense to use condoms.

Christy: High school is pretty complicated, and sex can complicate things even more. It's added stress. A lot of people aren't ready for it.

Sarah: Sometimes in high school people do get into a relationship where they're so comfortable with the person and they're completely in love.

Lisa: And there's nothing better than being with that person. But I think that a guy can never really trust a girl fully and a girl can never trust a guy fully—even in marriage. Because even though someone may be the greatest person and have the best motives, it doesn't necessarily mean that they're not going to do the wrong thing or make the wrong choice. Look at how many affairs go on in happy marriages.

Tara: I hope that the person I marry, I can completely trust. I know that to some people that sounds stupid and blind. But that's what I would like—to completely trust the man that I'm marrying and for him to trust me.

I think that you need to take that chance.

Lisa: It must be hard to live a life, even a free-living one, never trusting the person you love.

Kate: It's really scary.

Lisa: But it's the reality of life.

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Reading usually is a solitary pleasure. But reading together as a family can make a profound difference to both parents and children—especially when a child is learning about right and wrong.

Read To Your Children—It's A Family Value

It's important to read to young children—but reading together doesn't stop when children learn to read on their own.

BRUCE KEPT GETTING into trouble," one of my graduate students recalled. Her 11-year-old son was making himself a nuisance at school and at the homes of friends. But his family found a way to help—and the solution was as simple as a poem.

Bruce's family read together once a week. This particular week, they read A. A. Milne's strange and compelling poem "Disobedience," which begins "James James Morrison Morrison," about an obstreperous boy who insists that his mother not go to town without him so he could watch over her. "Bruce was so pleased to read about James with us," his mother said. "At one point, he screamed out, 'James is just like me!' At that moment, he seemed to understand that other people could feel like he did—and that they could change too. Reading out loud was the key."

A child learns to read for pleasure in a reading environment, where books abound and parents read for fun and study. Educators encourage parents to read early to their children. Once a child becomes a reader, however, family reading tends to stop. Parent and child begin to read alone, privately.

But, in fact, reading as a family is particularly significant when children are between ages 8 and 13. These are important years for moral development—the building of strong character. Through shared stories, parents can discuss moral dilemmas with which a child may be struggling and express their own values. And reading together keeps the channels of communication open between parent and child.

Reading to my own children and in classrooms, I've been struck at how excited youngsters become by *The Wizard of Oz*. The sense of adventure is heightened by the idea that people can become what they want to be. I've seen children thrilled when the Lion gets his courage and the Tin Man his heart. An 8-year-old once asked me about the Wicked Witch: "Was she so wicked that she couldn't change?" What an invitation to a wonderful family discussion.

Some schools across the country have established family-reading programs that encourage parents to read with children. Teachers send home selections that are appropriate for children but interesting to adults as well.

Here are some tips for reading together as a family:

- *Enjoy the time together.* Talk about the material you've chosen—but don't insist on finding a lesson in everything you read.

- *Make reading routine.* By setting aside a daily or weekly time to read, you will have a regular place where differences can be aired—indirectly, through discussion of character and imagined situations; or directly, as you happen on similarities between life and



fiction. As a parent, you are likely to recognize these opportunities first—but don't always rush to be the first to talk about them. Remember, 8- to 13-year-olds can be shy in expressing their thoughts.

- *Pay attention.* Reading together may provide clues about your child's unspoken worries. Note unusually strong reactions to stories or characters; or an intense reluctance to discuss some part of a story.

That was the case with Amy, 9, the daughter of a colleague. Amy's friend was killed in a car accident but, after a few days, Amy seemed to go on with her normal life. Months later, she was refusing play dates and watching TV alone but wouldn't tell her parents what was wrong. Fortunately, the family read together. Amy repeatedly asked to skip certain stories, and her mother gradually realized that they all touched on death. When she asked Amy about it, the child burst into tears. Finally, she could talk about how it felt to lose a friend.

- *Notice that you too have strong emotional reactions to certain passages or a desire to avoid others.* These may be a clue to your own feelings.

- *Appreciate your child's ideas.* Let your child speak freely, even if some of his or her ideas are worrisome. Talking about temptations and dilemmas is part of the process of character development.

- *Talk about your own favorite stories.* Here's a chance for you to be a child with your child, sharing memories as you read old favorites. But be sure children get to choose stories too. A student told me how he and his twins kept choosing *Hardy Boys* and *Nancy Drew* books, stories both he and his wife had hated as children. "I realized how important it was to them to read to us about kids figuring things out that defied adults," he said.

- *Choose stories with goals in mind.* Find stories that will explore the values you consider important. Conversations about heroes, villains and ordinary people in literature can strike our imaginations and call on us to be better and stronger people. For many families, the Bible is a basic book for family reading and stirs conversation about values like courage and compassion.

- *As you read together, you will be helping your children grow as individuals and expand their world.* When they read with you, they hear adult phrasing and interpretation, they listen to a mature perspective and they learn how to frame their own ideas.

Colin Greer, an educator and writer on social issues, is the author, with Herbert Kohl, of *"A Call to Character,"* a treasury of stories, poems and fables designed to guide the development of values for parents and children.

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THE STAR OF CHICAGO Hope, Mandy Patinkin had just wrapped up his final episode of the powerful CBS weekly drama—heading back to New York to spend more time with his family—and I was talking to Adam Arkin, who now had the series' lead role as Dr. Aaron Shurt.

"We had a little party on the set and a cake after Mandy shot his last episode," Arkin said. "But this show is more than a one-person show. There was a feeling that the character [of Shurt] had taken a little bit of a back seat. My relationship with this show and with [the executive producer] John Tinker is very upbeat. We're in the process of re forging an identity for ourselves."

"When I asked if doing this interview was part of that process, Arkin said jocularly, "Yeah, a desperate attempt to boost my ego."

Although they shoot *Chicago Hope* on sound stages of 20th Century Fox in Los Angeles, Arkin told me, "The pattern is we go and shoot two or three sets of exterior shots in a week. Not everyone has to go. Some scenes are being shot at the same time in L.A., so it takes coordination."

Adam knows about stuff like that, having come from a showbiz family (Alan Arkin is his father). "I was born and raised mostly in New York," he said. "Also for a time in St. Louis. What happened was my folks separated. I lived with my mother until I was 11 and then moved back to New York to live with my father. I went to the Professional Children's School, where my major accomplishment was holding my breath until I turned blue. I was very aware that my father by then had turned from just being an actor to becoming a star [*The Russians Are Coming!* *The Russians Are Coming!* came out in 1966].

"I'd been working spasmodically [as an actor] during high school. Then I went out to the West Coast and almost immediately started working." So much for college education! How did the agent's present young Adam?

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Birth: Aug. 29, 1956, in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Personal: Separated; one daughter, Molly, 8.

TV Series: Includes *Eusting Loose*, 1977; *Teachers Only*, 1982-83; *Tough Cookies*, 1989; *A Year in the Life*, 1987-88; *Northern Exposure*, 1990-95; *Chicago Hope*, 1994-

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in September, Arkin played an FBI agent in an indie movie called *The Line of Duty: Hunt for Justice*. "It was a ball," he said. "I had a childhood fantasy of playing a cop."

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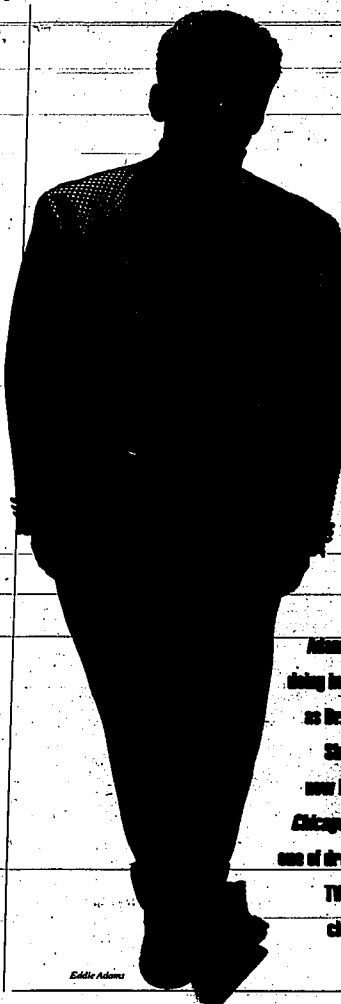
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A Family Affair



Leigh (l) as Sadie, and Winnieham as her talented big sister, Georgia.

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Georgia is a family affair—Leigh's mother, Barbara Lucey, wrote the script. Her younger sister, Mina Badie, has a small role. Her older sister, Carrie Morrow, also contributed. Leigh's chambermaid, Sadie, is helped through drug rehab by her sister. "Carrie has been through it and come out the other side," said Leigh. "She just had her fourth year of sobriety."

Leigh and Winnieham met as teens when Mare was Jennifer's cabin chaperone at a summer arts camp. She sang to the girls at night. "She had this voice from God," Leigh said.

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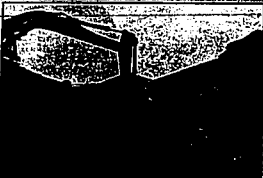
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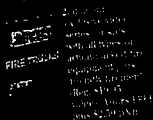
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An Albanian View of the Promised Land

Most Americans know nothing about Albania, but that could change with the film *Lamerica*, which opens in theaters this week after wowing viewers at the New York Film Festival and winning Best Picture at the Felix Awards, "the European Oscars." And Americans are not alone. Few people outside

the outside world. Its people are desperately poor, and Italy—across the Adriatic—became the promised land to them, as America was to Amelio's family in the '40s. He was 2 when his father left for America. "Immigration was a terrible trauma for my family," he said. "My grandfather left his wife with three kids, pregnant with the fourth. He never returned, and he married again. She became a 'white widow'—if your husband isn't dead, but you're like a widow because he is gone. My father and uncle went to find him and were gone 18 years."

Once in Albania, Amelio filmed in near-documentary style—using real events and dialogue and native Albanians. He was struck by the effect of TV: "These people went from total isolation—prohibited even to listen to foreign radio—to seeing soap operas, quiz shows and commercials for the first time," explained the director. The film, which stars Enrica Lo Verso as Gino, includes real-life scenes of villagers watching *The Price Is Right*, and a little Albanian girl dancing like Michael Jackson.

The last scene—of a loaded refugee boat taking off from Albania—was the toughest to film. It was held up for seven months because the government was afraid the 3000 extras would actually sail to Italy. Finally, it was filmed with the Albanian military patrolling the waters and several U.S. Navy vessels trailing them as well. More important, the extras insisted on being back home by 4:30 p.m., when a World Cup soccer game was being broadcast. If they hadn't made it, Amelio joked, it might have triggered an Albanian revolution.



Enrica Lo Verso as Gino—stranded in Albania and trying to figure out how to get back home to Italy—in the film *Lamerica*

Albania know much about that Balkan nation. On a recent visit to New York, Gianni Amelio, the Italian director of *Lamerica*, told me: "I must confess that when I first went to Albania in 1992, I was as ignorant as Gino." Gino is the arrogant Italian in the film who comes to Albania with a get-rich-quick scheme, loses his passport and possessions, but finds his humanity. Amelio first began to think about Albania when he saw 10,000 refugees in the Italian port town of Bari. In 1991, after 45 years of isolation under a Communist dictator, Albania was opened to

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