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Gore announces restoration plan for Everglades park

EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK, Fla. (AP) — The Clinton administration wants to double spending to restore the Everglades to about \$1.5 billion, funded in part by cutting subsidies to Florida sugar farmers, Vice President Al Gore said Monday.

Part of the money would be used to buy 126,000 acres of land for an attempt to restore some of the Everglades degraded by decades of draining, farming, pollution and development.

Gore spoke alongside a small lagoon at the Royal Palm Visitor's Center in Everglades National Park. Two alligators floated nearby.

"We are dealing with an extremely fragile system that is on the verge of collapse," Gore said of the Everglades, a vast sheet of water known as the River of Grass that stretches about 50 to 75 miles wide across southern Florida. The water goes on to nourish Florida Bay.

"We must pass on to our children a planet as healthy as that left to us," he said.

Part of the administration's funding for the program would come from a one-penny reduction in the current 18-cent-per-pound subsidy paid to sugar farmers in the Everglades area of South Florida.

The subsidy reduction would raise \$35 million each year for seven years for land acquisition, Gore said, calling it "very small reduction in the very significant subsidy."

There have been proposals in Washington to make all Florida sugar growers pay 2 cents on each pound of sugar to buy and restore land.

Florida's two senators, Democrat Bob Graham and Republican Connie Mack, countered with a proposal to tax sugar produced everywhere across the nation. A federal farm bill passed earlier this month by the Senate called for spending \$200 million but without fees.



AP photo

Vice President Al Gore announces a new initiative to restore natural water flow through the Everglades National Park to Florida Bay. Farmers, mill workers and sugar company officials condemn the penny-a-pound sugar tax proposed by the administration to pay the bills.

The Everglades vs. sugar issue has figured in the debate on the farm bill as well as in presidential politics.

The heavily financed sugar lobby has clout, but so does the growing number of Florida residents who blame sugar growers for damaging the environment.

Sugar companies say they already are carrying their fair share under a state law requiring them to pay \$165 million to \$320 million over the next 20 years to create marshes to filter polluted water.

Sugar farmers, sugar mill workers and sugar company officials staged

a rally Sunday in Miami to condemn the expected administration plan, calling it a penny-a-pound tax.

"Don't Gore us with new taxes," one sign read.

Gore said the administration also is proposing appropriations of \$100 million a year for four years for the restoration fund.

And there would be a 25 percent increase in funding for various federal agency programs that help the Everglades, such as land and water management projects. That proposed spending would increase from this year's \$104 million to \$131 million for 1997.

Arsonist disables dam's generator

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (AP) — An arson fire in the control room of a hydroelectric dam knocked out the generating station on the Klamath River.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms is investigating the blaze, which destroyed major electrical components at the John C. Boyle Dam.

Pacific Power and Light spokesman Gary Donnelly said the motive for the attack is unknown. An employee at a house nearby

was awakened by an alarm early Sunday and discovered smoke coming from the power house, sheriff's Sgt. Dave Sellers said.

"Whoever did this knew what they were doing," Sellers said. "They knew where to go to put the devices to cause the most damage. They must have had it well planned because they were able to escape before he arrived."

The utility offered a \$1,000 reward for information leading to a conviction.

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FDA, critics wrangle over speed of drug development, approval

WASHINGTON (AP) — Government doctors thought they'd finally proved Americans get life-saving new medicines as fast as or faster than Europeans, but critics are insisting that's not good enough.

Afraid the good news could slow congressional efforts to revamp the Food and Drug Administration, its detractors are charging that hidden red tape forces U.S. drug makers to spend 15 years developing a single medicine.

Incensed regulators say that's just not so.

In a question that becomes pivotal Wednesday, because, while aid Congress believes could determine whether it gives an overhaul or merely a face lift to the agency responsible for safeguarding medical therapy.

"We are far and away... ahead of the world," says Dr. Murray Lumpkin, the FDA's drug chief.

Countered Robert Goldberg of George Washington University: "Patients are still waiting longer than necessary."

Congress begins debating legislation Wednesday to make the FDA get new therapies to patients faster.

A Senate plan would force the FDA to review new medicines under strict deadlines and streamline the time spent testing new products. The House will explore a much more radical alternative: Let private companies approve new medicines to reduce the FDA's role to that of a gatekeeper

that ensures the firms are certified to work properly.

The hearings promise to be feisty and partisan: Just last week, House

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— critic Gerald Mossinghoff

Republicans apologized for annoying them to FDA critics before giving Democrats the date.

Nobody disputes that FDA has worked too slowly; in 1987, it took three years on average to review a drug. But the FDA argues that it has improved on its own, averaging 16 months last year. More important, it cut in half the review time for "breakthrough" medicines, taking six months to clear drugs for killer diseases or first-of-a-kind treatments.

International drug records show

that last year Americans were the first users of 10 of the world's 28 breakthrough drugs. Germany and Belgium had the next-highest rate of first approvals, with three.

The figures stunned FDA critics, and drug makers conceded the agency had improved.

The critics are giving Congress two new arguments.

—All told, the rest of the world got 18 of last year's 28 breakthrough drugs before Americans.

"I would hope the FDA would aspire to be the world's leading regulatory agency," Gerald Mossinghoff of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers Association wrote the FDA last week. "The U.S. discovered 52 percent of the important drugs marketed in industrialized countries between 1975 and 1994, yet 67 percent... were approved abroad first."

FDA requirements for how companies test a new medicine force drug makers to spend 15 years developing a single drug, Washington University's Goldberg charged.

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Latex may cause allergies in many

Orlando Sentinel

When sweeping guidelines were instituted in the 1980s to prevent the spread of blood-borne infections in hospitals, no one anticipated that latex gloves could become the source of yet another kind of epidemic in the 1990s.

Since 1988, when measures were mandated by the Occupational Health and Safety Administration and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to protect workers — and patients — in health care settings, the use of latex gloves has skyrocketed.

But so have incidents of latex allergies. Of all hospital products containing latex, gloves are the most prevalent. Each year, Baxter Healthcare Corp., the nation's largest glove producer, sells more than 3 billion pairs of gloves, which serve as airtight barriers between the hands of health care workers and the blood and bodily fluids of patients.

Increasingly, health care workers say their gloves are making them sick, and hospitals are scrambling to supply comparable substitutes that can keep gloves at bay and costs under control.

The U.S. Public Health Service cites latex allergies as having reached "epidemic proportions." And the Food and Drug Administration estimates between

8 percent and 17 percent of health care workers may be allergic to latex.

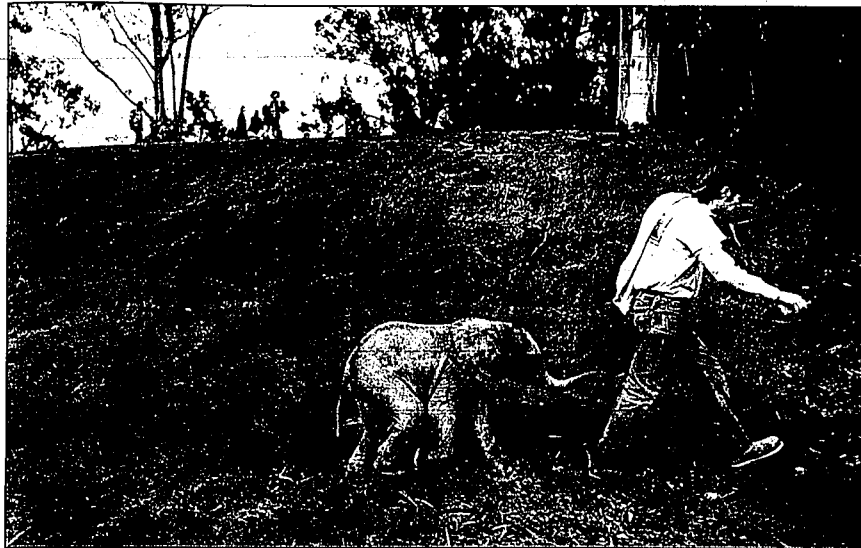
For most, a latex allergy manifests as a rash. For others, who are more seriously debilitated by contact, latex induces asthma. In the worst cases, the allergy can cause a sudden drop in blood pressure, leading to shock and death.

Ruth Harper, a phlebotomist for 23 years is well acquainted with the problems linked to latex because the substance triggered an asthma attack that nearly killed her.

For years, Harper never wore gloves when she drew blood at Health Central, a medical center in Ocoee, Fla. Her sensitivity problems started after the hospital required her to wear latex gloves as part of an infection-control program.

"You first break out like you have a rash, and it itches really bad like a heat rash — but worse," she said. "The tops of my hands were beet red. Then they got raw."

One day last year Harper inhaled some of the powder that is applied to the gloves to make them comfortable to wear. It turned out that latex particles were mixed in with the powder. Harper broke out in a sweat, her throat swelled and chest tightened, then she passed out. Hospital co-workers rescued her.



Caretaker Jeff Kinzley takes Kijana for a walk at the Oakland Zoo. The baby African elephant was rejected by his mother after his birth.

Baby elephant finds solace in humans

Los Angeles Times

OAKLAND, Calif. — Keepers at the Oakland Zoo were surprised to find a newborn male lying among the African elephants one cool morning last November. The animal's mother was even more clueless — when the new arrival could stand on its wobbly legs, she swatted him with her trunk.

By the end of the day, zoo keepers had whisked the 190-pound infant away to embark upon a rare, controversial and largely uncharted journey — they would hand-rear the baby elephant.

Now, three months later, Kijana — Swahili for "little boy" — is thriving as the first African elephant since 1984 to be born in captivity and survive.

He owes his survival so far to meticulous and expensive care — about \$120,000 a year. Daily, Kijana sucks down about 40 pints of specially created formula flown in from Canada and served in a giant bottle, warmed by

microwave and fed to him by human hand.

He is attended round the clock by a select handful of zoo staffers and volunteers who feed him, clean up after him, sleep next to him through the night and chart his every mood and bodily function.

When they wrap their arms around his body and coo "what a good boy" he responds with a low rumble — the elephant equivalent of a greeting.

Standing a mere 38 inches high, Kijana seems more like a big Golden Retriever with a trunk than a fledgling behemoth. But he already weighs 304 pounds and gains about a pound a day. His friendly game of head-butting can almost knock down an adult human.

How the zoo will bottle feed a 1,000-pound elephant with trucks — he

will need milk for the next two years — remains to be seen.

"It's going to be an experiment for everyone," says Allison Lindquist, an instructor at the zoo and one of Kijana's night baby sitters.

Even more daunting will be the task of reintroducing the young male to the zoo's herd of African elephants, who now regard him warily through bars in the elephant barn. The 14,000-pound bull who sired Kijana could kill him.

In about two years there will come a point of no return when he will be placed on one side of the fence with his bigger, stronger relatives — and the human handlers who once covered him with quilts at night will have to watch from the other side.

"Once you open the gate, nature takes over and we can't intervene," says Joel Farrott, the zoo's executive director and a veterinarian.

Kijana's birth comes at a time when zoos everywhere are re-evaluating the handling of elephants — highly social and intelligent animals that can live 60 years in captivity and roam long distances in the wild.

The Oakland Zoo practices an innovative style of elephant management called "protected contact" that allows elephants more room to roam and eschews physical discipline — but leaves keepers with much less control over the animals. Supporters praise it as more humane.

The zoo adopted the practice in 1991 after their 14,000-pound bull Smokey — going through a period of musth when males assert their dominance — killed a keeper, apparently by breaking the man's neck with his trunk then stepping on him. Now, no elephant at the zoo is ever hit.

'It's going to be an experiment for everyone.'

— Allison Lindquist, zoo instructor

Woman killed in subway robbery

NEW YORK (AP) — A young woman died under the wheels of a subway train in a struggle with a teen-age mugger over her \$60 earrings.

A 15-year-old with psychiatric problems was charged with murder Monday. His mother said he had stopped taking medication that controlled his temper.

Nacema Lee, 20, was killed Sunday after the two struggled over her gold hoop earrings between cars of a subway train, police spokesman Doram Tamari said. He said it's unclear whether she jumped or was pushed onto the tracks.

Lee was on her way to her mother's house to pick up her 21-month-old child.

A police officer watching the train enter a station saw the struggle.

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Passenger jet skids off runway

HOUSTON (AP) — A Continental Airlines jet skidded on its belly off a runway Monday while landing at Intercontinental Airport, apparently when its landing gear collapsed.

Authorities said none of the 82 passengers and five crew members aboard Flight 1943 was seriously injured. One man was hospitalized with back pain.

Passengers aboard the DC-9, en route from Washington's National Airport and due to continue to Las Vegas, said the landing gear appeared to collapse seconds after hitting the runway on a clear morning.

"All I could hear was metal grinding on the runway and pieces breaking off, and it was a horrible feeling," Richard Fisher said.

The plane came to rest flat in a grassy area near the end of the runway.

Fisher and other passengers said smoke began filling the cabin after the plane stopped. Fire department officials said there were no flames when they arrived, and the airline said it didn't know what caused the smoke.

Continental spokesman Ned Walker said there was no immediate clue as to what caused the accident.

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Club calendar

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Al-Anon - Burley
 8 p.m. at Presbyterian Church, 2100 Burton. For more information, call (208) 768-9843.
Al-Anon - Filer
 9 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church, 600 Stevens St. at Sixth.
Al-Anon - Hailley
 7 p.m. at St. Charles Parish Hall on First Street. For more information, call (208) 788-4682.
Alcoholics Anonymous
 Noon to 1 p.m. at Salvation Army, 448 Fourth Ave. N. in Twin Falls. For more information, call Irene Stroud at 736-8446 or Dave Lancaster at 734-0590.
Cocaine Anonymous
 6:30 p.m. at Magic Valley Fellowship Hall, 801 Second Ave. N. in Twin Falls. For more information, call 734-7242.
Narcotics Anonymous (Southern Idaho Region)
 7:30 p.m. at 801 Second Ave. N. in Twin Falls. Closed meeting. For more information, call 736-1160 or 1-800-328-5257.
Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center
 Dinner at noon. For more information, call 734-5084.
Twin Falls TOPS Club ID No. 3
 Meets Tuesdays at Valley Vista Village, 653 Rose St. N. TOPS is a non-profit weight loss organization. For more information, call 733-8215.

WEDNESDAY
Al-Anon (non-smoking) - Twin Falls
 7:30 p.m. at Magic Valley Fellowship Hall, 801 Second Ave. N.
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 6:45 a.m. at Magic Valley Fellowship Hall, 801 Second Ave. N. in Twin Falls. For more information, call 733-7897.
Alcoholics Anonymous
 Noon to 1 p.m. at Salvation Army, 448 Fourth Ave. N. in Twin Falls. For more information, call Irene Stroud at 736-8446 or Dave Lancaster at 734-0590.
Cocaine Anonymous
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Jerome TOPS Chapter No. 48

6 p.m. at Public Library. TOPS is a non-profit organization to support weight loss. For more information, call 324-5272.
Magno Valley Pinocchio Club
 7:30 p.m. at Disabled American Veterans Hall on Harrison Street and Shoup Avenue. Open to the public. \$2 donation. Prizes.
Narcotics Anonymous (Southern Idaho Region)
 6:45 p.m. at 571 Second E. in Ketchum.
Narcotics Anonymous (Southern Idaho Region)
 Noon at 801 Second Ave. N. in Twin Falls. Non smoking. For more information, call 736-1160 or 1-800-328-5257.
Narcotics Anonymous (Southern Idaho Region)
 Noon at 215 Shoshone St. S. in Twin Falls (through rear door). Closed meeting. For more information, call 736-1160 or 1-800-328-5257.
Overeaters Anonymous
 6:30 p.m. at First-Baptist Church on Shoshone Street (go through side doors) in Twin Falls. For more information, call 734-4547.
Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center
 Exercise - Over 60 at 10 a.m. Non-strenuous and no charge. For more information, call 734-5084.
Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center
 Dinner at noon. For more information, call 734-5084.
Twin Falls TOPS Chapter No. 309
 (a non-profit-organization support group for weight loss)
 7 p.m. at Valley Vista-Village, 653 Rose St. N. For more information, call 734-5300.

THURSDAY
Adult Children Anonymous
 Noon until 1 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 209 Fifth Ave. N. in Twin Falls.
Alcoholics Anonymous
 Noon to 1 p.m. at Salvation Army, 448 Fourth Ave. N. in Twin Falls. For more information, call Irene Stroud at 736-8446 or Dave Lancaster at 734-0590.
Narcotics Anonymous (Southern Idaho Region)
 7 p.m. at 901 S. Fir in Jerome. For more information, call 736-1160 or 1-800-328-5257.
Narcotics Anonymous (Southern Idaho Region)

8 p.m. at Kimberly Senior Citizens Center on Main Street. For more information, call 736-1160 or 1-800-328-5257.
Narcotics Anonymous (Southern Idaho Region)
 10 p.m. at 801 Second Ave. N. in Twin Falls. For more information, call 736-1160 or 1-800-328-5257.
Twin Falls Optimist Club
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Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center
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FRIDAY
Al-Anon - Buhl
 8 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 516 Main St. For more information, call (208) 543-5792.
Al-Anon - Step Meeting - Twin Falls
 Noon at Walker Center, 219 Shoshone St. in Twin Falls.
Al-Anon - Wendell
 8 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church, 1752 Second Ave. W. For more information, call (208) 536-2723.
Alcoholics Anonymous
 Noon to 1 p.m. at Salvation Army, 448 Fourth Ave. N. in Twin Falls. For more information, call Irene Stroud at 736-8446 or Dave Lancaster at 734-0590.
Narcotics Anonymous (Southern Idaho Region)
 Noon at 801 Second Ave. N. in Twin Falls. Non smoking. For more information, call 736-1160 or 1-800-328-5257.
Narcotics Anonymous (Southern Idaho Region)
 7 p.m. at 219 Shoshone St. N. in Twin Falls (through rear door). Non smoking. For more information, call 736-1160 or 1-800-328-5257.
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SATURDAY
Al-Anon Family Group
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Cocaine Anonymous
 5:30 p.m. at Magic Valley Fellowship Hall, 801 Second Ave. N. in Twin Falls. For more information, call 734-7242.
Magic Valley Chess Club
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Overeaters Anonymous
 10 a.m. at the Walker Center on Shoshone Street (go through rear entrance) in Twin Falls. For more information, call 734-4547.

SUNDAY
Alcoholics Anonymous
 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at Salvation Army, 448 Fourth Ave. N. in Twin Falls. For more information, call Irene Stroud at 736-8446 or Dave Lancaster at 734-0590.
Al-Anon - Shoshone
 8 p.m. at the Walker Center building on North Rail Street. For more information, call (208) 544-7802.
Narcotics Anonymous (Southern Idaho Region)
 6 p.m. at 311 First Ave. in Hailley. For more information, call 736-1160 or 1-800-328-5257.
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To eat one's cake and have it too is good feat

DEAR ABBY: The phrase, "You can't have your cake and eat it too," has always bothered me. I wonder why not? I do it all the time. I have my cake - and then I eat it.


Recently I read somewhere that the correct phrase is "You can't eat your cake and have it too." This makes much more sense to me. Which is the correct version? Abby, can you check this out? Sign me

... HAD MY CAKE, THEN ATE IT

DEAR HAD MY CAKE: I checked it out, and the second version is the correct one. Quote books attribute it first to Thomas Heywood in 1546.

He wrote, "Wolde you bothe eat your cake, and haue your cake?"

Dear Abby
 Abigail VanBuren



Somewhat later (in 1633), George Herbert phrased the saying "Wouldst thou both eat thy cake and have it?" This popular criticism was also variously rendered: "She was handsome in her time, but she cannot eat her cake and have her cake" (Swift, 1738); "You can't have your cake if you eat it" (J.R. Planché, 1871); and finally, "One cannot eat one's cake and have it, too" (L.H. Huxley, 1880).

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2 seats open on nursing board

The Times-News

BOISE - Three vacancies will be filled on the Idaho Board of Nursing on April 1, according to Faith Peterson, chairman of the board.

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NASA prepares for giant space yo-yo, other dire possibilities

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Suppose, just suppose, Columbia's astronauts are reeling in a half-ton satellite at the end of a 12.8-mile cord when the motor inexplicably revs, yanking the satellite toward the space shuttle like an incoming cannonball.

Or maybe a micrometeorite whizzes by and severs the tether, whipping the cord around the shuttle. Or maybe the cord goes slack and — boing! — the satellite becomes an out-of-control yo-yo.

Maybe, maybe, maybe. The seven astronauts assigned to NASA's upcoming mission with the tethered satellite have trained for such dire possibilities and more during two years of preparation on the

ground in simulators. "All very hairy," said astronaut Franklin Chang-Diaz, the crew's chief scientist. It will be the second trip into space for Italy's tethered satellite, which got no farther than 840 feet out the last time and almost had to be ditched. Chang-Diaz and three other astronauts who flew on that failed 1992 mission are back, along with many of the same flight controllers and scientists.

The countdown for Thursday's liftoff began Monday afternoon.

"It's a tough business," said astronaut Jeffrey Hoffman, who like Chang-Diaz will be making his fifth shuttle flight. "People know this was the flight that got screwed up the first time, so the whole world is going to

be looking, and I hope we can get it all the way out this time."

The tether jammed because of a protruding bolt that NASA had added to the reel at the last minute. That bolt has been removed, and more than 20 safety reviews have been conducted on the improved \$443 million tethered-satellite system.

Officials insist neither the crew nor shuttle will be in any added danger in the two days the tethered satellite is supposed to be generating electricity while sweeping through Earth's magnetic field at 5 miles per second. Scientists expect 3,000 volts of electricity to be generated by the satellite and its braided copper, nylon and Teflon tether, just one-tenth of an inch thick. A paltry 40 volts were

generated last time. Current will flow from the satellite down the 12.8 miles of tether to Columbia, where electron guns will shoot the electrons back into space and thereby close the electrical circuit. One kilowatt of power should be produced, not quite enough to run a small, portable heater.

If shown to be feasible, tethered satellites could be used to generate power and provide lift for future space stations. They also could drop space-station garbage low enough to re-enter the atmosphere and burn up, and lower experiments to Earth.

NASA is playing down the exotic, futuristic applications of orbiting tethers, such as the space elevator envisioned by Arthur C.

Clarke of "2001: A Space Odyssey" fame. The four Americans, two Italians and one Swiss assigned to this flight are also stressing the more practical and immediate benefits of tethered satellites, while warning that surprises will pop up.

"As well as we've tried and with as much effort that has been put into it, we know there are going to be some things that we just can't duplicate here on Earth," said shuttle commander Andrew Allen. "We're as humanly prepared to do it as possible."

If the reel breaks, Chang-Diaz and Swiss astronaut Claude Nicollier will take an emergency spacewalk and haul in the tether and satellite by hand or, in the worst case, snip the tether with giant clippers.

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Around the valley

Mother of editor killed in Wyoming rollover

RIVERTON, Wyo. — The mother of former Times-News Managing Editor Chris Peck was killed in a traffic accident Saturday.

Cordelia Peck died when her car rolled over twice in the median on Interstate 90 west of Elk Mountain, according to the Wyoming Transportation Department.

Peck, of Riverton, was married to State Sen. Bob Peck.

Chris Peck, who served as editor of the Wood River Journal in Hailey and later as city editor and managing editor of The Times-News in the late 1970s, is now editor of The Spokesman-Review in Spokane, Wash.

Twin Falls Democrats plan county caucuses on March 5

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls County Democratic caucuses will be held at 8 p.m. March 5 in the Obenchain Building.

The public is invited to participate. For more information, call 733-5082.

Senate approves bill to make sex offenders register for life

BOISE — The state Senate has voted overwhelmingly to require convicted sex offenders to register with the state for the rest of their life unless specifically excused by the courts.

The legislation, sent to the House on Monday without dissent, would lift the 10-year limit on registration after release from state or local control because supporters said it has made Idaho a haven for ex-sex offenders from states with lifetime registration.

With many of the sex offenders currently imprisoned in Idaho in their 50s and beyond, Republican Sen. Clyde Bopright of Rathdrum said, "a convicted sex offender when he's 30 years old can be just as dangerous in his 50s and 60s."

After registering for the minimum 10 years, the requirement could be dropped if the person is no longer a threat to commit similar crimes and has no history since the original charge of criminal behavior.

"They can get out of it if they become good players, good actors," Senate Judiciary Chairman Denton Darrington, R-Deer, said.

School-construction measure has no home in Idaho House

BOISE — Legislation designed to make it easier for school districts to finance construction can't seem to find a home in the Idaho House.

The bill originated in the Education Committee and was sent to the Revenue and Taxation Committee. Monday, the tax panel voted to send it back to Education.

Rep. Doug Jones, R-Filer, urged approval of his bill creating a revolving loan fund, so school districts could borrow from it to repay school bonds.

He didn't specify any particular amount for the fund. He said money from the state lottery could go into the fund, or any surplus in the state general fund.

The fund could be used to lower the interest on school bonds, he said.

A second Jones bill, which would allow school districts to impose an income tax surcharge, was sent to the full House for amendment to clarify the definition of "domestic" in the legislation.

Salvation Army seeks cash donations for flood victims

SEATTLE — With an estimated need of \$200,000 in relief funds for the next two months, the Salvation Army is looking for cash donations to help Washington and northern Idaho flood victims.

The Salvation Army's currently needs money to help people with basic necessities: food, cleaning supplies, paper products, diapers, schoolbooks, medications.

"Need varies during the recovery process, and there is no way to anticipate what all the needs of the people will be," said Salvation Army Disaster Services Director Denny Strand in Seattle. "Funds give us the flexibility to help any way necessary."

Checks marked "NW Flood Relief" may be sent to the Salvation Army, P.O. Box 9219, Seattle, Wash. 98109. Credit-card donations may be made between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. by calling 1-800-736-7291.

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Amateur cubism



Perrine Elementary School student Stephanie James makes a sketch in Paula Schreiner's class last week. On the wall are students' attempts at seven-line cubism from a lesson about Pablo Picasso.

Sketchin' with Picasso

Perrine students immerse themselves in year of art

By Rebecca Tatroka
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Paula Schreiner's fifth-graders are learning all about Picasso.

And cubism. And "Sarah, Plain and Tall." "Art is very, very frightening to most people, especially teachers," said Schreiner, who teaches at Perrine Elementary School. "They think they have to be great artists to teach art."

Schreiner is an art teacher-certified by the Idaho Department of Education. With the help of an Incentive Art Grant from the state, she and fellow teachers have Perrine students deeply into art this school year.

And that means everybody. The money goes to incorporate art projects into the curriculum.

"We wanted to put art with something they're teaching already," said Schreiner.

For example, Schreiner's students were also reading "Sarah, Plain and Tall" for a separate assignment. So she had them draw a house, a tree, and a windmill from the perspective that Sarah

describes in the book.

The children not only had to read the book to get a mental picture, but also about perspective in drawing a picture, then color schemes, and finally how color is used in seven-line cubism.

"They're learning history ... critiquing, techniques, and then production," Schreiner said.

Principal Lillie Brown, like Schreiner a state art trainer, holds meetings every couple of weeks in order for teachers to practice a particular concept, such as watercolors or pastels.

Last fall, a schoolwide art project "showed the wide range of abilities of kids of all ages," Schreiner said. Sometimes a second-grader's (work) would be comparable to a sixth-grader's, she said.

The students don't get to take each completed project home. They are creating portfolios at school for year-end assessment, and also for exhibitions.

Some of the their work is now being displayed at the Twin Falls Public Library. And this year, the school will combine its science fair with the art week, because "parents are busy and can

come once to see it all" in April, Schreiner said.

Students also learn some side benefits of art. The sixth grade, for example, used the screen printer to create stationery and cards to raise funds for a field trip.

The grant also covers the expense of art supplies, which can be a substantial investment.

"We have lots of books and videos ... so the kids can go look things up and study art," screen printing equipment, and other reusable art supplies, Schreiner said.

The school can now afford watercolor paper, brushes and pencils, scratch boards, tools for marbling and carving, and other art stock. Students have not had much more than glue, construction paper, markers, crayons and scissors in the past.

The grant is available to all schools in the state and is not a matching-funds grant. That means that the school isn't required to have an equal amount of cash in order to receive the money.

Schreiner feels it's important for children to be taught all aspects of art.

"They're more open to it."

Brazilian to help Hagerman Fossil Beds find its place in prehistory

By William Brock
Times-News writer

HAGERMAN — Thanks to an exchange program with a Brazilian museum, visitors to the Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument someday will learn how southern Idaho fits into the big picture of prehistoric animal migration.

An official from a museum at the mouth of the Amazon River will spend a month in Hagerman this spring, helping monument staff design visitor-friendly exhibits, said Greg McDonald, staff paleontologist at the fossil beds monument.

"We're interested in how we can best present what we're doing to the public," said McDonald, "who will spend time in the Brazilian city of Belem early next year; he was there for two weeks last summer."

"In this age of video games and instant sound-bites, it becomes much more of a challenge to make it interesting for people to find out about things that happened 3½ million years ago," McDonald said in a recent interview.

To that end, Antonio Soares from the Goeldi Museum of Natural History in Belem, will spend the month of May in

Hagerman. Soares specializes in public presentation of museum collections, McDonald said.

The exchange is funded by a \$10,000 grant from the American Association of Museums, McDonald said; the money originally came from the Lampadia

"The only way we can solve some of these mysteries is to interact with researchers on other continents."

— paleontologist Greg McDonald

Foundation in South America.

"This exchange is a prototype of what we hope to be doing on a regular basis in the future," McDonald said. The goal is to "share how we do things up here and see how they go about presenting things down there."

McDonald is keenly interested in ancient animals that migrated between the two continents — and why they survived in some areas, yet perished in others.

"The only way we can solve some of these mysteries is to interact with

researchers on other continents," he said.

To underscore his point, McDonald noted that llamas and tapirs got their start in North America, but they no longer live here; instead, they migrated to South America — where they survive to this day.

On the other hand, North American porcupines, possums and armadillos originally came from south of the border.

A similar migration route connected North America with Europe via a land bridge across the Bering Sea; animals ranging from muskrats to mastodons made the trip, he said.

One of McDonald's personal favorites is the giant ground sloth, which he first saw the light of day in South America. Gargantuan sloths — some as big as elephants — roamed the earth about 10,000 years ago.

Big or small, routine or rare, McDonald wants to know why some animals bothered to make the trip — and why they survived, while others that stayed put perished.

"We're interested in how the bio-diversity came about," said McDonald, who has been sifting through Hagerman's fossil beds for more than 25 years.

"I want to put Hagerman in a larger context than just southern Idaho."



Devin McDaniel, 8, plays with his reflection in a mirror at the Pacific Science Center. The Seattle center's traveling Science Carnival will arrive at the Magic Valley Mall Wednesday.

JFAC approves \$50,000 to help groundwater districts form

The Associated Press

Republican Rep. Maxine Bell of Jerome managed to persuade the Legislature's Joint Finance Appropriations Committee Monday to approve \$50,000 to help groundwater districts form.

Although those districts could spring up anywhere in the state, the interest has been in southern Idaho.

In response, Republican Sen. Stan

Hawkins of Ucon tried to get \$20,000 for a general study of the recreational needs of Idaho Falls and Bonneville County since they make up the state's second largest population center and yet are 80 miles from Harrison-State Park.

But the proposal was rejected on a 12-7 vote. Bell and Lucas were the only members outside the region to support it.

Republican Sen. John Hansen of Idaho Falls did not vote.

Regional interests on the legislative budget committee coalesced on Monday behind targeted recreation projects for northern and southern Idaho.

The Upper Snake River Valley, which has siphoned past cash to its own special project, was cut out this year.

"Once again, we get rather parochial when we start looking at these projects," House Appropriations

Chairman Kathleen Gurnsey, R-Boise, told the other budget writers.

In light of the mounting damage from flooding in northern Idaho, Gurnsey proposed adding \$50,000 to Gov. Phil Batt's austere 1997 budget to help the Parks and Recreation Department make at least a dent in the hundreds of thousands of dollars in damage state recreational facilities have suffered.

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World

IRA claims responsibility for bomb

LONDON (AP) — The IRA claimed responsibility Monday for a blast that ripped through a double-decker bus in central London, killing one person and injuring nine. Police said they believed the bomb was detonated accidentally and the carrier may have been among the victims.

Two people were arrested Monday under anti-terrorism laws, Scotland Yard said, but it refused to say whether they were connected to the Sunday night explosion. Police also said a weapon was recovered from the wreckage, but gave no details.

Despite some Protestant political leaders' demands that the government lock up all suspected IRA leaders, British and Irish leaders continued trying to salvage the battered peace process in Northern Ireland.

The Irish Republican Army had already killed two people in London since calling off its 17-month ceasefire Feb. 9.

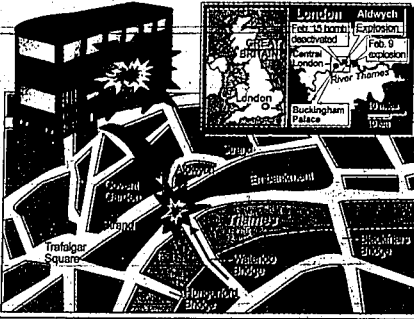
Scotland Yard said there was no warning before the 10:38 p.m. explosion at the edge of the theater district, near Covent Garden's popular restaurants and bars.

Commander John Griev, head of Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist unit, said the bus "was not the intended target," although he couldn't say what was.

The IRA, in a statement telephoned to the British Broadcasting Corp. in Belfast, Northern Ireland, claimed responsibility.

"We can say at this stage we

IRA responsible for bus bombing



regret the loss of life and injuries which occurred," the caller said.

The mangled and burned wreckage continued to block traffic Monday while police technicians probed for clues. Buses carry video cameras, but it wasn't known if they survived the blast.

Four victims of the blast remained hospitalized Monday.

Dr. David Williams, director of Accidents and Emergencies at St. Thomas' Hospital, where the victims were treated, confirmed

Monday that armed guards were on duty in the hospital. Scotland Yard refused to comment on the reason for the extra security.

Williams said one injured man, 38-year-old Ralf Hobart of Torquay in southwestern England, suffered severe injuries on the right side of his face and was in critical condition.

His girlfriend, Denise Hall, 30, also was injured.

Londoners, meanwhile, settled into the familiar routine of bomb alerts, train cancellations and

immobilized traffic. "You have always got it in the back of your mind that you could be in the same street next time," said John Langston, who was delivering meat Monday near the scene of the bombing.

"I am just carrying on as normal. There is nothing you can do — except hope the bombs don't come to you."

Peter Robinson, deputy leader of the Democratic Unionist Party, the third-largest and exclusively Protestant party in Northern Ireland, urged the government to simply lock up suspected IRA leaders.

However, Sir Patrick Mayhew, Britain's minister responsible for governing Northern Ireland, said the search for a peaceful settlement would continue despite the bombing.

He rejected Protestant calls for the government to end all contacts with the IRA's allies in the Sinn Fein party.

"It's perfectly clear that this (bombing) is part of a campaign designed to make the British government, a democratic government, comply with the wishes of terrorists. But of course that's going to fail," Mayhew said.

John Hume, leader of the Social Democratic and Labor Party, which gets most Roman Catholic votes in Northern Ireland, met for two hours Monday with British Prime Minister John Major. Hume said they exchanged proposals, but he gave no details.

3 die as winter storm hits northwest Europe

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands (AP) — Blizzards plowed through northwestern Europe on Monday, causing hundreds of highway accidents and forcing more than a thousand motorists to abandon their cars on snow-clogged roads.

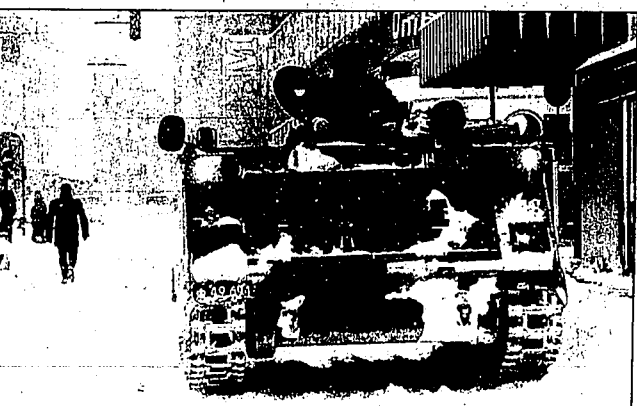
The storms showed the contrast between countries accustomed to snow and those that are not: In Denmark, 6 feet fell in some places but there were no fatalities, while in the Netherlands, 4 inches of snow brought more than 500 car crashes and two deaths.

In Britain, trees felled by high winds disrupted train and road traffic. A motorcyclist died after hitting a fallen tree near Iver, Buckinghamshire.

It was the worst snowstorm in the Netherlands since 1985. In the northernmost Dutch provinces of Groningen and Friesland, heavy snow cut off access to many villages. Some schools closed.

Heavy snow is a rarity in the Netherlands and highway crews lacked enough equipment to keep roads clear. Ice on highways sent cars skidding, causing multiple accidents that paralyzed traffic.

In western Denmark, where snow is a part of life, the storm was bad enough to force more than a thousand motorists to abandon their cars on a



An army vehicle, one of the few vehicles equipped to negotiate the heavy snowstorm, makes its way through downtown Aarhus, Jutland.

highway. The travelers were advised by radio to walk to highway exits,

where buses took them to nearby schools for shelter. Denmark's main

Jutland peninsula was the hardest-hit area, with about 6 feet of snow.

Experts confirm Ebola in African village

GENEVA (AP) — In a small African village gripped by the deadly Ebola virus, a team of international medical experts is involved in a grim game of wait and see.

Thirteen people have died from the disease in Gabon, a country of 1.2 million on the west coast of Africa, the World Health Organization confirmed Monday. Seven more are infected. Only time will tell how many more the disease will hit, WHO said.

The most recent death was the 6-month-old child of a man who became infected after skinning and eating a chimpanzee found dead in the forest. Another child from the same family has been hospitalized with fever.

So far, all the victims are from Mayibout, a remote northern village of 150 inhabitants on the Iwindo River, 200 miles east of the capital, Libreville.

Two neighboring villages, seven more people with fevers are suspected Ebola cases.

"For the time being it is very uncertain how the epidemic is going to go," said WHO spokesman Valery Abramov.

There are already concerns the disease may have spread to Makokou, capital of Ogooue-Ivindo province, about 100 miles away, where the sick were hospitalized, he said.

One of the deadliest viruses known to man, Ebola causes internal and external bleeding. It is

spread through bodily fluids and kills up to 80 percent of those infected. There is no treatment and no cure.

The outbreak in Gabon is the third time the disease has struck the African continent in a year. In Zaire last spring, it infected 316 people and killed 245. A single case of Ebola was confirmed in the Ivory Coast in December.

Nineteen Mayibout men are thought to have been initially infected after skinning and eating a chimpanzee found dead in the forest. Chimpanzees are known to have previously contracted the disease.

The men were taken to Makokou hospital by people from neighbor-

ing villages. All in the group may have been infected by the Ebola virus, WHO said.

Seven people are believed to have returned to their villages with the bodies for burial. Another 10 are thought to be at large in the town.

WHO's priority is to track these people and isolate them, Abramov said.

"The trouble is we don't know how many people were involved in bringing the infected men to Makokou, we don't know how many returned to the village or the whereabouts of the others," he said.

Oil-for-food talks end with no agreement

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Iraqi and U.N. negotiators ended two weeks of oil-for-food talks Monday, and the chief U.N. negotiator said he was not prepared to recommend allowing Iraq to resume badly needed oil exports.

Hans Corell, head of the U.N. team, said the talks were complicated by many technical issues. There was no word on when and where any subsequent talks might take place.

Still blocking any deal was Iraq's demand that \$4 billion in foreign assets frozen after it invaded Kuwait in 1990 be transferred to a U.N.-administered account, sources said.

The two sides met Sunday for a 10th day of talks on a U.N. offer to allow Iraq to sell oil to buy food and medicine, which are in short supply after 5 1/2 years of international sanctions.

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Hearing opens in Nazi war crimes case

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Looking frail and dressed in a gray fur coat and blue flannel shirt, Szymon Serafinowicz, a native of Belarus, walked slowly into court with his lawyer. Free on bail at his home in Belstead, near Dorking, Serafinowicz has denied three charges of murdering Jews in the early 1940s in Belarus, then a republic of the Soviet Union.

Prince says he won't return for trial

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia — The trial of a Cambodian prince accused of plotting to kill one of the country's premiers will start Wednesday — without the prince.

Now living in exile in Paris, Prince Norodom Sirivudh says he cannot expect a fair trial and safety in Cambodia.

Despite Sirivudh's announcement last week that he would not return, courts have scheduled the conspiracy trial for Wednesday, his lawyers said Monday.

The trial had been set to start last Thursday, but was delayed after the prince's lawyers complained court officials had not given them the advance notice required by law.

2 launches put 7 satellites into orbit

MOSCOW — Russia launched two rockets carrying seven satellites into space on Monday, news reports said.

A Cyclone-3 rocket carrying six satellites blasted off Monday morning from Russia's Plesetsk launch site, about 800 miles north of Moscow. It carried three Cosmos satellites for the Defense Ministry and three Gonet-D1 rockets for civilian communications use, the reports said.

The Gonet-D1s are the first of 45 satellites that will orbit 930 miles above the earth. Among other things, the satellites will transmit electronic mail, the reports said.

None of the reports gave details about the military satellites.

Lost cash turned in to Tokyo police

TOKYO — The Japanese capital may well be the best place in the world to lose your wallet.

According to statistics released Monday, Tokyoites went to police last year with 2,726,694,200 yen — about \$26 million — they had found.

Topping the list of good Samaritans was a 19-year-old man who found the equivalent of \$190,000 wrapped in newspaper in a toilet stall. He turned the money over to police, but got it back six months later when no one claimed it.

Another person turned in a handbag with about \$95,000 inside — but the owner recovered it.

Police make arrests in hotel bombings

MANAMA, Bahrain — Police have arrested suspects in two bomb attacks on luxury hotels during weeks of anti-government unrest, a government official said today.

Bahrain, site of a U.S. Navy base and a major regional banking center, has been shaken by a wave of street protests demanding greater democracy and the release of political prisoners.

Police have arrested hundreds of suspected "rioters, saboteurs and arsonists" in the past seven weeks, but today's report was the first of any arrests in connection with the hotel bombings.

French arrest 24 suspected militants

PARIS — French police arrested 24 people with alleged links to militant Islamic groups in early-morning raids today and seized a weapons cache believed bound for Algeria.

"This operation by the judiciary police was decided in order to prevent possible terrorist actions on our territory," Alain Marsaud, a judge and parliament deputy, told RMC Radio.

Ten of the suspects remained in custody, police said. Among them was Taoufik Ayari, a Tunisian police say has links to two Algerian brothers charged with smuggling weapons to the Armed Islamic Group, Algeria's most militant organization.

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CRACKER, CRACKER, CRACKER.
WHO'S THAT?

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SHOW ME A GUY THAT BELIEVES "NO MAN IS AN ISLAND"...
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SHE GETS ALL THAT ROMANTIC FANTASY STUFF OUT OF HER SYSTEM DURING THE DAY.
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WHERE'S OUR SOUP? WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOREVER!
YOU HAVE TO EXPECT IT TO BE SLOW, SIR.
AFTER ALL, YOU DID ORDER TURTLE SOUP.

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HEY OTTO, YOU WANNA GO CHASE A FEW?
SOUNDS GOOD TO ME.

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SO THINK YOU CAN JUST BUST INTO THE FLATS, DO YOU? FORGET YOUR KEYS, SO YOU JUST CRACKER UP (QUONDO) IN A CRAWL-IN?
WILL NOT ON MY PROPERTY! I GOT PULSES HERE! I GOT THE FRONT-TYRE YOU MESS WITH ME, AND YOU'RE OUT, SEE? - AN' THAT'S
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OH NO! THESE FLIERS ARE NOT! IT'S NOT! I'M SORRY, I THOUGHT I WAS SUPPOSED TO BE...
YOU'LL HAVE TO CHANGE...
WHY NOT LEAVE IT TO PEOPLE WHO WONDER WHAT IT MEANS? I'LL COME TO FIND OUT, YOU'LL GET BUSINESS!
HOW DO THE FLIERS COME TO YOU? I'M NOT SURE YET.

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WHAT'S GRANMA DOING?
GUESS SHE'S FINDING OUT ABOUT HER ANCESTORS.
WELL, ANCESTORS ARE YOUR FOREFATHERS. YOU KNOW LIKE ME. I'M ONE OF YOUR ANCESTORS.
REALLY? THEN HOW COME EVERYONE'S ALWAYS BRAGGING ABOUT THEM?

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"Has your baby's extension cord come by yet?"

Staircase serves as workout **Sydney Omarr** **Horoscope**

L.M. Boyd
What's what?

A Pennsylvania doctor contends climbing stairs is the most effective exercise of all. He says, "People who can't bring themselves to exercise otherwise might do well to live where they're forced to climb stairs daily, and such a house is a good place to retire."

An expert on deer reports nearly 99 percent of the female whitetails conceive every year. Remarkable, if true.

Q. The U.S. Postal Service printed 80 million stamps honoring Richard Nixon? How many Elvis Presleys? A. Five hundred million.

Please report another name for Leap Year is "bisectant."

52 professional gamblers offers this advice to the lottery player: Pick one or two numbers higher than 31. Some people who base their selections wholly on dates - birthday, anniversary, whatever - only use numbers of 31 or lower. So many do they shift the winning odds toward the other players who choose some numbers higher than 31.

Your "nusha" is the nape of your neck. "It was not so long ago," said the politico Geraldine Ferraro, "that people thought semiconductors were part-time orchestra leaders and microchips were very, very small snack foods."

A full set of armor is called a "panoply."

So a porcupine's quill coat ends.

Q. In a recent TV "Biography," actor Roger Moore paid great credit to the late David Niven, who'd so quickly become successful in Hollywood years earlier. What was Niven's first film? A. So quickly? He played a blanketed Mexican in a Hopalong Cassidy picture, then an extra or walk-on in 20 other westerns before he landed a major part in the 1935 "Splendor."

Women over 65 are far more likely than men over that age to live alone.

Big komodo lizards can't climb trees, but they could when they were little. That's how they got to be big. They escaped being eaten by big komodo lizards.

LEO (Jan. 21-June 20): You get additional space following dispute involving money. You're asked to bring order out of chaos, you'll be invited to join political, charitable campaigns.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your kind day! Focus on reporting, photography, sharing information regarding current events. Flirtation lends spice, you'll blend romantic feelings with humor.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Domestic issues come into focus - buying, get, buying and selling, attendance at concert, theater all dominate scenario. Language relating to education will involve you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You discover hiding place. What seemed out of reach becomes available, changes course of destiny. Romance blends with creative endeavor - road bump, you'll survive.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You'll attest, "Hard writing makes easy reading!" What was rejected will be enthusiastically accepted. Turis out you were right, views verified, Capricorn involved.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Long-range projects come into focus - focus and another Libran play significant roles. Romance mingles with travel, educational-publishing concerns.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Lunar aspect coincides with decision relating to romance, travel, old flame. Make fresh start, move forward, not backward. Overcome temptation to repeat thrills, mistakes. Leo involved.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Check plumbing facilities, insist on skill as contrast to bargain rate. Emphasis on partnership, legal agreement, marital status. Cancer native declares, "Don't sell yourself cheap!"

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Relative overesty welcome, utters remarks not worthy of your company. Draw line, make clear you don't agree, then declare, "Time for you to leave!" Instead of face-planting, you'll be free of association with one who constantly belittles, chides. Taurus in picture.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Set pace, imprint style, display way with words. Make peace with appearance, wear your colors - sea green, mauve.

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Playing ball

What's this? Spring training and Roger Clemens is happy?

The Associated Press
For once, Roger Clemens can enjoy the start of spring training.

No questions about why he's late, or nagging injuries or difficult contract talks. This year, he can just relax and get ready to play ball.

"Financially I'm set. I couldn't be happier in my life right now," Clemens said Monday.

The three-time Cy Young Award winner took part in exercises, fielding drills and extra running on the first day for Boston pitchers and catchers to work out in Fort Myers, Fla.

Clemens said he's reported to spring training every year at between 230 to 235 pounds. On Monday he weighed in at 234.

"As long as I don't get under 225 (during the season), I'm happy," he said. "I've never been over 235 my whole life, even when I played defensive end" in high school.

Clemens began last season on the disabled list with a strained muscle in his right shoulder. He didn't make his first start until June 2 and ended with a 4.18 ERA and 10-5 record, although he was 7-1 in his last 10 starts.

He intends to work up to his full pitching speed more gradually in hopes of avoiding another injury. But he knows a power pitcher like himself is likely to endure some pain.

"Some guys complain about little nagging injuries here and there. You're never going to feel 100 percent," Clemens said.

In 1992, Clemens was criticized for showing up eight days after the team wanted him to in Butch Hobson's first season as manager. In 1993, he reported on time but had to answer questions about his belated 1992 arrival.

In 1994, he focused on coming back from his first losing season. And in 1995, he endured the uncertainty of when the players strike would end and he could report to camp.

Clemens said the Red Sox, who

won the AL East last year, can be a "solid" team if they improve their fielding. And with their potent lineup, he can afford to make more mistakes than in the past, although he still expects teams to get fired up for him.

"It was a lot easier getting to the top than staying there," Clemens said.

Rockies

Colorado pitchers hit the bases as manager Don Baylor kept up his strenuous running program.

The pitchers, including several who have not had an at-bat in the past few years, took turns running intervals that included rounding first base, going from first to third and the inside-the-park homer.

Though noticeably winded, the pitchers have handled the running regimen and there have been no significant injuries in the first four days of training in Tucson, Ariz.

"So many times, you want to work guys and they're not physically able to do it," Baylor said. "We haven't had any of those (injuries). Tells me a lot of things — that these guys were in pretty good condition when they got here."

Angels

With young Troy Percival poised to assume the closer role for California, manager Marcel Lachemann must find one, or preferably, more than one guy to fill the reliever's old setup role.

Percival appeared in 60 games last year, usually before Lee Smith entered, and struck out 94 in 74 innings while fashioning a 1.93 ERA.

"Those results and Smith's off-season knee problems — the result of a hunting accident — has made Percival the main man going into spring training."

Mike James, 3-0 in 46 games for the Angels last year, is a top candidate for the setup role along with veteran Bryan Harvey, who is coming back from arm surgery 10 months ago that limited him to one appearance last year with the Florida Marlins.

"Ideally, we'd like to have a few guys so we don't have to ask as much from one as we did from Percival last year," Lachemann said. "Troy would throw two innings and then come back and throw two more the next day."

Spring fever



Athletics manager Art Howe (18) watches a group of pitchers take sprints against the backdrop of the Papago Buttes in Phoenix. AP photo



The highest paid man in baseball, Ken Griffey Jr., tries his hand at pitching at the Mariners' training camp in Peoria, Ariz., Monday.



Javy Lopez takes it back to the batting cage Monday at the Braves' training camp in West Palm Beach, Fla.



San Francisco Giants left fielder Barry Bonds drops a fly ball while working out at Scottsdale Stadium in Arizona Monday.

Bonds confident after season of anguish

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — After a season of pain and anguish, Barry Bonds says he's in the best shape of his life. — thanks to a new workout regimen and the end of a messy divorce.

Though tense and defensive in his first meeting of the year with reporters Monday, Bonds says he's more confident entering spring training than he's been since winning his third MVP award in 1993.

"I'm happy now. I'm free of a lot of things and I'm content," says the San Francisco Giants left fielder. "I'm not as tired. I don't have to be in court as much."

Bonds' statistics were exceptional again last season.

"I hit .284 with 33 homers, 104 RBIs and 109 runs scored. He led the NL with 120 walks and a .431 on-base percentage. He had 12 outfield assists. He became the first Giants player with 30 homers and 30 stolen bases in a season since his father, Bobby, did it in 1973. And Bonds played in all 144 games despite a hairline fracture of his right wrist that bothered him in

the season's closing weeks. But it also was a season of torment for Bonds.

He was emotionally drained by a publicly humiliating divorce case that dragged through the season. He jostled with fans after getting booed at Candlestick Park for standing still as a fly ball went over his head for a two-run double.

And, in a spike-scared season that turned many baseball fans into cynics, Bonds and his \$43.75 million contract became targets for those who claimed greed was destroying baseball.

It left Bonds with constant headaches, and led him to hint he would consider retirement after the season.

"I was in a lot of pain," he says, referring specifically to the wrist injury but in a sense to the 1995 season in general. "I just wanted to get to the finish line."

He spent much of the off-season doing intense workouts with former San Francisco 49ers running back Roger Craig, and they were joined by 49ers wide receiver Jerry Rice in recent weeks.

Fans haven't forgotten — will they forgive?

PHOENIX (AP) — Nearly empty stands greeted the replacement players who took the field in last year's spring training games.

By the time the real players returned for a second round of spring games, many of Arizona's mid-winter visitors had gone home. And those who stayed booted their erstwhile heroes as over-paid crybabies.

This spring could be a good indicator of whether fans will forgive players for the follies of the past two seasons.

"Last year was so discombobulated," said Jerry Geiger, president of the Cactus League Association, a support organization for the eight teams that train in Arizona.

The excitement of the 1995 season may have done much to help the healing process, said Joe Garagiola Jr., general manager of the Arizona Diamondbacks.

A lot of great stories helped it along," Garagiola said. "You begin with Cal Ripken, then look at what the Mariners did; how well the additional round of playoffs went, a great World Series, with two great teams battling. Plus, it's been a quiet winter, which is good."

Business has boomed for the Diamondbacks, at least: who have nearly sold out the 48,500-seat Bank One Ballpark, where they will begin play in 1998.

But Garagiola believes baseball fans overall are focused on the players



Baseball fans Troy Jensen, 2, center, and his brother, Nick Jensen, 7, of Port-St. John, Fla., watch as their cousin, Florida Marlins pitcher Chris Hammond, practices Monday.

again, instead of legal battles and cash-flow charts.

"It's where it should be," he said. "The return of Ryne Sandberg is a huge story for spring training here."

ment," said winter visitor Jerry Bostic, a Cincinnati Reds fan from Columbus, Ohio. "People are still doing some thinking about how much to spend on baseball."

The reduced prices to see replacement players last spring pleased Clair Good, a retiree from Paulding, Ohio.

"I thought last year was a hell of a good year for spring training because it got to see a lot of games and it didn't cost me very much," he said. "Even though Paul Pense bought tickets for some Cubs spring games, the Hermosa Beach, Calif., man said his enthusiasm for the big leagues has waned."

"The Double-A and Triple-A ballparks are full up because those teams are playing with heart and those players are playing with heart," he said. "In the major leagues, a lot of them are playing for themselves."

But Lester Frazin of suburban Sun Lakes sided with Garagiola.

Frazin, a rabbi from Chicago's South Side, switched his allegiance from the White Sox to the Cubs sometime after he slept on a sidewalk to buy a ticket the 1945 World Series. He said just the sight of the uniforms warmed him to the replacement players.

"Some of them were pretty good," he said. "Baseball is a civilized sport if you play it right. I'm not talking about the Ty Cobbs. For every one of them, you've got dozens of spring players, real gentlemen — a Ryne Sandberg, a Mark Grace, a Billy Williams."

Sanders plans to put America's pastime on hold

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Deion Sanders is to announce Tuesday he is temporarily putting his two-sport career on hold to concentrate on being the NFL's only two-way player, a source told The Associated Press.

Sanders on Monday announced through the Dallas Cowboys that a news conference is scheduled for noon Tuesday at Sanders' new club, "Prime Time 21." Cowboys owner Jerry Jones and coach Barry Switzer are to attend.

Sanders, who doesn't have a baseball contract, has decided not to try latching on with a team in time for spring training so he can spend more time with his wife and two children at their new \$2 million home in



Sanders

north Dallas. Sanders, who made \$2.5 million playing baseball last season, probably won't give up baseball for good. Instead, he'll take a year off to let his body recover from the wear and tear of an extended two-sport career.

Sanders wants to polish his skills, as a wide receiver by working out with Cowboys quarterback Troy Aikman, who has said that Sanders

could be one of the NFL's elite receivers with more practice.

Sanders signed a \$35 million deal with Dallas last season, then played nine regular-season games once the baseball season ended.

Sanders began last baseball season with the Cincinnati Reds, then was traded to the San Francisco Giants.

The Giants allowed him to become a baseball free agent when they didn't offer him arbitration.

Sanders' Dallas debut was delayed last fall because of surgery to repair an ankle injury sustained while playing baseball.

The Cowboys need Sanders to be healthy and available for all of the upcoming football season because

they are thin at cornerback. Super Bowl MVP Larry Brown is a free agent and unlikely to be re-signed, Kevin Smith is trying to recover from a torn Achilles tendon, and Clayton Holmes was recently cut. Holmes also is still serving a suspension for drug problems.

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