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Republicans stand by Gingrich

Knight-Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — Republicans rallied around their beleaguered leader, Newt Gingrich, Sunday as they downplayed his confessed violations of House rules and predicted he would win re-election next month as Speaker.

But the House ethics committee's final determination of his punishment still clouds his fate.

Moving swiftly to influence public opinion about Gingrich, whose popularity among voters was already low, the GOP also began a campaign to discredit his chief antagonist, House Minority Whip David Bonior, D-



Newt Gingrich

Mich., as "fixated" and "obsessed" with bringing the Georgia Republican down.

An array of Republican House members appeared on the Sunday morning talk shows defending Gingrich and belittling the dimensions of the charges lodged against him Saturday by a special subcommittee of the House ethics committee.

"There were mistakes made (by Gingrich)," said House Majority Leader

Richard K. Armey, R-Texas, on NBC's "Meet the Press," "but no one has said the Speaker intentionally tried to deceive the committee."

One of Gingrich's principal GOP critics, Rep. Peter King of New York, said on CBS's "Face the Nation" that he was satisfied the speaker had not purposely misled Congress and would support his re-election on Jan. 7, when the 105th Congress convenes.

"This is not the type of conduct that should cause any Republican not to vote for Newt Gingrich for speaker," King said, noting that he had spoken with Gingrich by telephone after the subcommittee reported and had been reassured

about the speaker's intentions. "I feel Republicans will stand as one," Rep. Christopher Shays, R-Conn., who earlier had said he would abstain from voting for Gingrich on Jan. 7 if the ethics matter had not been resolved, said on CNN he felt the Speaker was "clearly vindicated" by the subcommittee and would now support him.

But Bonior, on two network talk shows Sunday, continued to argue that Gingrich's offenses were serious enough to warrant his resignation as speaker. "It's very clear (from the ethics report) the speaker deceived the committee on 13 occasions," Bonior said on ABC's "This Week"

PAR FOR THE COURSE?



Aside from the \$10,500 a year he is paid by the city, Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course pro Mike Hamblin earns additional proceeds from business he conducts at the golf course.

City Council considers 2nd fee hike in 3 years at municipal links

By William Brock
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The City Council will vote off this afternoon on round two of a discussion of proposed hikes in municipal golf fees.

If approved, the increase would be the second rate hike in three years. The higher fees are intended to offset the course's long-standing \$107,000 deficit and fund a wide range of improvements.

Developed by the city's Golf Advisory Board, the proposed fee hikes would boost season pass prices by \$75 per person and \$150 for couples and families; junior passes would remain unchanged at \$100.

Daily greens fees for an 18-hole round would rise to \$18 on weekends — an

Come speak out
The Twin Falls City Council will meet at 4 p.m. today in City Hall. The meeting is open to the public.

increase of \$3 — and jump from \$11 to \$13 on weekdays. The annual fee to operate private golf carts on the city course would rise from \$100 to \$200.

Scores of local golfers turned out for a public hearing last week and many blasted the proposal to boost senior pass prices and double the private-cart fee.

One Twin Falls golfer, Leonard Vauk, said the best way to boost local golf revenues is to tack a \$1-per-round surcharge onto the city's existing fee structure. Councilman Howard Allen suggested the

same thing at last week's meeting, but the idea didn't draw much enthusiasm.

If the higher fees are approved, Twin Falls would have substantially higher senior fees than Idaho Falls — which has three municipal courses — but less expensive fees than Lewiston's city-owned course.

The higher-fee proposal would boost Twin Falls' season-pass prices to \$425 for adults and \$375 for seniors; couples' passes would rise to \$650 and \$600, respectively.

In Idaho Falls, a season pass for seniors is \$230, while passes for a senior couple are \$435, and good for all three courses, said Dave Christensen, Parks and Recreation director.

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In the name of fact-finding

Interests fund expensive trips by lawmakers, staff

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Tapping a last avenue for gift-giving, outside interests spent \$4.6 million this year to send members of Congress and their staffs across the country and around the world in the name of fact-finding.

Destinations included domestic tourist spots like Pebble Beach, Calif., and Hilton Head, S.C., as well as Asia and European capitals. Foreign governments, corporate giants, think tanks, universities picked up the tab 2,378 times from January to mid-December.

The Associated Press used a computer to analyze disclosure records filed under an ethics law that took effect Jan. 1 and banned most gifts to members of Congress. The law made an exception for travel involving meetings, speeches and "fact-finding" connected with the duties of lawmakers and their aides.

"These trips are the last vestige of the social interaction that used to be of interest in the trade" of lobbyists, said Ron Shaiko, who teaches lobbying at American University. "Whether it's having dinner, some leisure time in the afternoon, or sitting on the plane, this gives them face time with a captive audience."

This year's travel ranged from the exotic — a 10-day trip to Zimbabwe by Rep. Jack Fields, R-Texas, that cost

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Frequent flyers

Members of Congress and their aides who have profited travelers on fact-finding trips reported on disclosure records.

Staff/Member	Cost	Rep./Sen.
□ Kenneth Kline (household staff)	\$57,400	Rep. Bill Archer, R-Texas
□ Rep. Patricia Schroeder, D-Colo.	\$45,012	Rep. Patricia Schroeder, D-Colo.
□ Sen. Jesse Helms, R-Texas	\$43,012	Sen. Jesse Helms, R-Texas
□ Sen. Bill Bradley, D-N.J.	\$37,027	Sen. Bill Bradley, D-N.J.
□ Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif.	\$32,323	Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif.
□ Rep. Solomon Ortiz, D-Texas	\$31,332	Rep. Solomon Ortiz, D-Texas
□ Rep. Jim Kolbe, R-Ariz.	\$29,982	Rep. Jim Kolbe, R-Ariz.
□ Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga.	\$28,253	Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga.
□ Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn.	\$28,253	Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn.
□ Rep. Howard Berman, D-Calif.	\$28,253	Rep. Howard Berman, D-Calif.
□ Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich.	\$28,253	Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich.
□ Rep. John Forster, R-Texas	\$24,373	Rep. John Forster, R-Texas
□ Rep. Bill Richardson, D-N.M.	\$24,304	Rep. Bill Richardson, D-N.M.
□ Rep. Billy Tauzin, R-La.	\$23,274	Rep. Billy Tauzin, R-La.

The Associated Press

Santa brings ho, ho, holiday cheer to Virginia shoppers



The Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Va. — Johanna Moore jumped on Santa's knee and squealed with laughter when he nuzzled her cheek with his white beard.

"He said, 'Ho, ho, ho,'" the 4-year-old told her mother, who couldn't believe her daughter had sat down willingly on Santa's lap.

"I'd believe he was Santa," said Karen Moore of Fairfax Station, Va. "Just look at his nose, his mustache and his beard. And the fact that he's married to Mrs. Claus makes him even more realistic."

Indeed, with his long, white natural beard and mustache, his pot belly and his throaty "Ho, ho, ho," Clifford Woods has become the most popular Santa in the Washington area. Virginia's Pentagon City mall hired him again this year because he was such a hit last year.

To complete the picture is Mrs. Claus (aka Marna Woods), Santa's genial, gray-haired wife of 42 years, in her red dress decorated with holly leaf prints, a white lace apron and a Santa watch on her wrist.

Clifford Woods and his wife, Marna, are the Mr. and Mrs. Claus of Pentagon City mall in Virginia.

And just like the real Santa, Woods has come from far away to be with the children — a little town called Crossville in Tennessee. While he didn't exactly glide in on a sleigh, he did drive his mobile home 575 miles.

"He's more special than the Santas at other malls. He hugs the children. He talks to them. The others are fast, fast," said Barbara Bartoszewicz, who brought in her two grandchildren for a repeat photo session.

The children leave with a big hug, a booming "I love you" and tiny packets of dried cranberries. In this age of political correctness, Woods was told by the mall managers he couldn't kiss the kids because their parents might not like it.

"But certainly if they offer to kiss me on the cheek, I do it," he said. Woods said Barbie dolls and Power Rangers top the list of requests from children this year. But one wish made him sad.

"One boy told me he just wanted a good life. He looks like a very unhappy child," said Woods, 61.

It was his love for children that made Woods play — oops — become Santa 12 years ago.



2 shopping days until Christmas



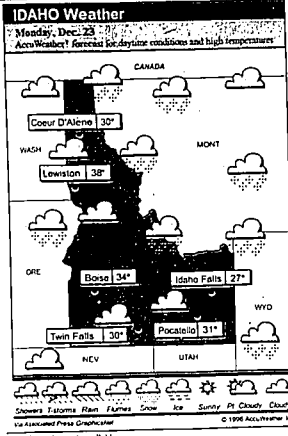
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SKIWATCH

Sunset today 5:09 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow 8:06 a.m. Lunar phase: First quarter Dec. 17, full Dec. 24...

Links

Continued from A1. A single adult season pass in Idaho Falls costs the same as the \$425 Twin Falls is proposing...

Muni manager in eye of fee debate

By William Brock Times-News writer. TWIN FALLS - Whenever people talk about the city's municipal golf course, Mike Hamblin's name is bound to come up.

Circulation and subscription information for the Times-News, including contact numbers and rates.

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Magic Valley Today cloudy with scattered snow showers in the morning; then snow likely again toward evening...

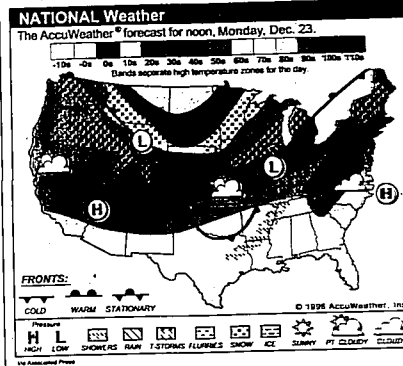
Extended regional forecast Christmas Day through Friday areas of low clouds and fog. A chance of valley rain west mixed valley rain and snow east and snow in the mountains each day...

ACROSS THE NATION

Storm buries Sierra Nevada in up to 7 feet of snow

The Associated Press A strong storm hovered over the West Coast on Sunday, bringing weekend snow accumulations to as much as 7 feet in the Sierra Nevada...

shed snow at 181 percent of average, the National Weather Service said. Snow eased briefly in the mountains of northern California and Oregon...



HIGHS & LOWS Idaho: High, 36 degrees at Grangeville. Low, 0 degrees at Salmon. Nation: High, 83 at Kingsville, Texas. Low, minus 24 at Baudette, Minn.

FOR MORE INFORMATION Tune to the National Weather Service radio band at VHF-FM 162.4 or 162.55 MHz or call 423-4423. The Internet address for Idaho Transportation Department road reports is http://www.state.id.us/idot/dmnp.htm

TEMPERATURES

Table of temperatures for various cities including Albuquerque, Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Denver, etc.

ROAD INFORMATION

For current road conditions, call these numbers: Boise, 378-8029; Shoshone, 885-2265; Pocatello, 233-6238; Idaho Falls, 745-7278; Utah, 801-964-6888; the Ellen, Nev., area, 702-738-8888.

Trips

Continued from A1. \$16,250 - to the grab! A congressional staffer took a big trip to suburban Fairfax, Va., and dropped \$9 for lunch.

The American College of Surgeons spent just over \$10,000 to bring 13 fly health aides to teaching hospitals in Tampa, Fla., Chapel Hill, N.C., and Dallas.

Large group of hostages freed Sunday by leftist rebels in Peru

LIMA, Peru (AP) - In a Christmas gesture, rebels freed dozens of hostages Sunday night from a diplomatic residence where 340 people had been held.

At 10 p.m. the first two dozen of an expected total of 225 departed. Within 25 minutes, about 80 diplomats, businessmen, politicians had regained their freedom.

ROAD CONDITIONS

BOISE (AP) - The Idaho Transportation Department reported icy conditions on several highways Sunday. Road conditions: I-84 - Oregon Line...

Interstate 90 - Fourth of July Canyon, icy spots; Lookout Pass, snow floor, snow flurries; U.S. 12 - Lewiston-Orofino, wet; Orofino-Lowell, icy spots; Lowell-Lolo Pass, broken snow floor, snow flurries...

Recommendations for various services like car wash, oil change, etc. with prices listed.

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A frenzied final pre-Christmas weekend

NEW YORK (AP) — Under the Christmas display, in the department of the department store whose name conjures up a movie-magic Christmas to so many, an impossibly cute toddler begins bawling.



Holiday shoppers make their way in front of Macy's department store in New York Saturday.

She's hot. She's tired. She's hungry. She wants Santa. A passing middle-aged woman is toting an Orville Redenbacher Hot Air Popper watches sympathetically. "I don't blame her," says the woman. "I feel like crying too."

Only time and market analysis will tell if the final weekend before Christmas was a successful retail period, or whether they call such things. But a few hours at Macy's in Manhattan was enough to convince anyone that, indeed, the shoppers were shopping. Waiting in line to make a purchase often took up to 20 minutes, depending on the department.

"It's more Christmas if you wait until the last minute," said one woman toting three children and three bags. She had come in from nearby Staten Island. "It's not fun," she said, "but it's certainly an experience."

The area of Manhattan known as Herald Square — named after a grand old newspaper and home to Macy's, Toys 'R Us, Duffy's and The Gap, among other stores — was teeming Saturday, a sunny, frigid afternoon. Traffic jammed the streets, pedestrians and their formidable bags jammed the sidewalk.

It took nearly 10 minutes just to cross the street and enter Macy's. Subways were jammed as they approached the Herald Square stop, virtually empty when they pulled inside the store, all was mercantile madness.

"I," said a woman wielding a Coach bag, "am in heaven."

malls across the country during the weekend, Macy's is what shopping was before the mall of America. The store was staffed to kill: The space behind counters seemed as

crowded as the space in front of them. And they knew their stuff. Asked directions, they answered in seconds rapid-fire. "What's the name of the number?" "Main." Intimate apparel (not that anyone ever actually sees that term?) "Three." And, of course, toys — "Five, but be careful! It's manual up there."

Actually, the toy department wasn't so hot, it was mostly adults, the kids kept away for the sake of Christmas surprise. By far the most chaotic area was the eighth floor, where the realm of Santa drew a labyrinthine thicket of a line that was a parental nightmare.

There, two young women in elf outfits stood as gargoyle guardians at Santa's gate, trying to control the smaller derby before them.

"This way to VESU Santa," one said wearily in a Spanish accent. Shouted the other: "This way to just PEEK at Santa."

"This is kid-driven chaos, and the kids are a rainbow. They are speaking Chinese, Asian, Spanish, French, English, Japanese — a polyglot of people, all united in the grand pursuit of shopping. A true capitalist utopia."

"Forty-minute wait from here," a rather portly male elf, flanked by a beefy security guard with a walrus-mustache, tells parents. And phones? "Twelve minutes a copy." Macy's, which takes up an entire city block, is, of course, the first of Santa-driven retail traditions. This is the place where Kris Kringle (Edmund Gwenn) held court in 1947's "Miracle on 34th Street," a tale about a real-life Santa Claus, a little girl who learns to believe — and a burned named Mr. Macy.

Lumpectomy may not eliminate all cancer cells

Weight-Watcher News Service

SAN JOSE, CALIF. — Bay Area researchers have found startling evidence suggesting that a common form of breast cancer treatment — lumpectomy — may not eliminate all cancerous cells, even when it appears all of the tumor has been removed.

Lumpectomy is surgical removal of the breast cancer lump that leaves most of the nearby breast tissue intact. The scientists found cancer-like genetic abnormalities in that adjacent tissue.

But several researchers said the findings should not scare women into getting a more drastic treatment to remove the entire breast, because that could mean more surgery.

"I don't want people to think this means we should go back to mastectomy. We don't want to go back to the Dark Ages," said Steven Smith, researcher at the University of California at San Francisco and California Pacific Medical Center, who led the study.

The findings, if confirmed in further studies, could enable doctors to pinpoint which women should get more aggressive treatment of their breast cancer.

Dr. Smith indicates the need to do more comparative work with radiation.

treatment," said Dr. Jay Harris, professor of radiation oncology at Harvard Medical School.

He estimated that 30 percent to 40 percent of women nationwide who get a lumpectomy for early breast cancer already get additional radiation therapy to kill any remaining cancer cells. In some places such as Boston or San Francisco the proportion is as high as 70 percent, he said.

Other researchers said the study was important because it suggested that standard tests for identifying what's cancerous and what's not, may not be reliable. Biopsies done after surgery, for example, rely on examination of cells under a microscope — a method that wouldn't detect the genetic abnormalities identified by Smith.

"What Helene's telling us is: If it looks normal, it ain't necessarily normal," said Dr. Craig Allred, professor of pathology at the University of Texas Health Sciences Center in San Antonio.

The study, published in today's issue of the journal Science, found that more than one-quarter, or eight of 30 women with breast cancer, had the cancer-like genetic changes in tissue near to their tumors. But the number of cases is too small to know if that applies to most women with early breast cancer, Smith said.

Tests start on AIDS drug

Weight-Watcher News Service

BERKHAMPTON, CALIF. — Neurobiological Technologies Inc.

has begun human clinical trials of a drug it hopes will prevent AIDS-related dementia and could also prove useful for memory loss, stroke and Alzheimer's patients.

The compound, Memantine, could be the first effective treatment for the devastating brain damage suffered by up to 40 percent of AIDS patients, according to the company.

In a trial sponsored by the National Institutes of Health, Memantine will be tested on 120 AIDS patients at 16 medical centers, including the University of California at San Francisco. The trial could take up to 18 months.

Several companies are testing similar compounds, called NMDA antagonists, although neurobiological says its product does not cause the severe side effects — such as hallucinations —

associated with other products. A treatment for dementia is gaining in importance as AIDS patients taking a new class of drugs, called protease inhibitors,

are living longer, but many are still plagued by dementia.

"We expect this drug will stop the neurotoxicity of the HIV virus within the brain," said Shawn Johnson, Neurobiological's director of research.

But whether results in animals will translate to an effective treatment in humans remains to be

"I'm willing to entertain the possibility that Memantine might work, but you have a little skepticism built on when the last drug that was tried crashed and burned."

— Mark Bowers, managing editor, treatment publications

Yuletide row spoils Christmas spirit for the 3rd year as couple tries to stop holiday music

ANTWERP, N.Y. (AP) — To many of their neighbors, Stephen and Mary Diehl are worse than any Scrooge or the Grinch — at least those holiday-haters eventually succumbed to the Christmas spirit.

For two years, in state and federal courts, the Diehls have tried to stop a neighboring church from playing Christmas music from loudspeakers atop its steeple.

This year, they are even more strained as the feud enters a third Christmas in this otherwise serene village of about 700 located 25 miles south of the U.S.-Canadian border.

The Diehls say they have been harassed and even attacked by angry residents, and now fear for their safety.

"It's gotten very nasty, and getting worse," said Diehl, holding an unsigned letter left in his mailbox two weeks ago that called the couple "crazy" and "evil." It said "people will torment you right out of town."

"This last week left us pretty shook up," he said. "We just don't know what to expect."

The First Congregational Church and its supporters say the Diehls are exaggerating, but state police said the couple has filed numerous complaints and



Pastor Kenneth Leamon stands next to a Christmas tree inside the First Congregational Church in Antwerp, N.Y., Friday. The church is facing a lawsuit from a local couple over taped Christmas music played over loudspeakers from the church's tower.

requested more patrols. The latest harassment has been honking cars, crank phone calls and obscene gestures and remarks from passersby. But Diehl has also been assaulted on his front lawn and his wife confronted in her garden by an angry church member.

All the Diehls wanted was some peace and quiet.

They sued the church in December 1994, complaining that holiday music blared from

the speakers for hours at a time. The two wildlife photographers said the constant carols from the church, 500 feet away, caused physical problems from stress.

A state judge ordered the music cut back to two hours a day, but now both sides are to live up to a non-binding agreement reached with the help of a federal judge a year ago.

The church's 400 parishioners and other supporters said they can't understand why anyone would sue a church that is celebrating Christmas.

"They're being unreasonable," said Raechel Eggleston, the deputy village clerk who works almost opposite from the church.

"Everybody's trying to get into the spirit. People are sick of them."

Diehl, who has lived with his wife in Antwerp for 25 years, said he doesn't see an end to the yuletide row.

"This is my home. I like Christmas music but I shouldn't have to put up with it blasted into my living room," Diehl said. "We don't have anywhere else to go."

New Mexico plane crash kills 6 people

HOLMAN, N.M. (AP) — The wreckage of a private airplane missing for a day with six people on board was found Sunday where no survivors, state police said.

"There's not going to be any removal of (bodies or wreckage) today because this is a dangerous area," state police Lt. Mike Hill said.

The wife of one of the victims reported the plane overdue Saturday, Hill said. He would not say where the flight originated where it was headed or details of the plane.

But the police chief in Raton, Vince Mares, said the victims included one of his officers and the man's wife

and three children. He said family members were on their way to Arizona for Christmas. He did not release their names.

The plane's automatic emergency locator beacon was tracked by Air Force satellite to the Mora County area of north-central New Mexico. State police search and rescue teams

were joined by aircraft from the Air Force and National Guard.

The wreckage was spotted Sunday morning near Holman, a farming and ranching community about 35 miles northeast of Santa Fe. Hill said the Federal Aviation Administration was sending representatives to investigate.

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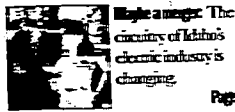
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Magic Valley: The gateway of Idaho's electric industry is changing. Page A6

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Christmas Day dining featured at restaurant

TWIN FALLS — Looking for a place to dine-out on Christmas Day? Sunday's *Times-News* listed several local restaurants that will be open on Wednesday, Dec. 25. *Times-News* Chef's Chuck Wagner, 1239 Kimberly Road, will be open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Jerome courthouse posts hours of Christmas operation

JEROME — The Jerome County Courthouse will be open for business from 8:30 a.m. to noon Christmas Eve. Offices will close at noon and open again at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 26.

Bald High club sponsoring Christmas paper recycling

BALD — The Bald High School Ecology Club is sponsoring a Christmas paper recycling event Thursday night. The club will donate a dumpster to be placed at the school parking lot for community use. The club requests that no cardboard, plastics or other items be mixed with the paper. The project is for wrapping paper only. Magic Valley Recycling will use the material, and the club will receive no money for the recycled wrappings. The club's goal is recycling 100 lbs.

The Ecology Club also is inviting forces from the Middle School Club in adopting a seasonal Highway 20 to keep litter-free.

Elmore County commissioners are scheduled to meet today

MOUNTAIN HOME — Elmore County commissioners will meet at 8:30 a.m. today at the courthouse.

An executive session regarding pending litigation is closed to the public. New business will include a request for cancellation of personal property, a second item notice from Idaho Planning and Development Commission and a final report from the Department of Environmental Quality on a regional solid waste capacity assessment.

Discussion items from 9 a.m. to noon include a continuing program's funding request, City Executive fees, the land-use planning for the city, a public auction for several parcels of property, solid waste and the County Fair landfill.

Executive sessions are planned for 11, 11:15 and 2 p.m. on a personnel matter, new inmate cases and an ongoing hearing for reconnection of water service to the County Fair landfill.

County Clerk Legner will present the proposed ordinance at 2:30 p.m. For a complete agenda, contact Elmore County commissioners.

Rezone taps agenda when Filer council meets

FILER — The Filer City Council will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 7 at City Hall, 300 Main St., to consider an application for rezoning of property owned by Larry O. Newhall at 306 Stevens.

Parents, others encouraged to sign up for 10-week class

TWIN FALLS — Parents and others are encouraged to sign up for a 10-week ID-week class, an effort to instill responsibility and achievement in children, called "Developing Capable People."

The class originally was developed by Sacramento, Calif.-based child psychologist, speaker and book author H. Stephen Glenn, who claims hundreds of thousands of graduates of this program.

The Twin Falls School District offered Glenn's course during the spring of last year and received very positive feedback. Glenn's course release from Marlene Lanning, student assistance and substance abuse prevention coordinator for the district. The district's student assistance program is sponsoring the course.

Participants will receive three books and one manual classes one day per week for three hours over a total of 10 weeks. Classes start between Jan. 7 and March 19. The courses are taught by people trained to teach Glenn's methods. Registration forms are available at the district office.

Jerome public library closes for the Christmas holiday

JEROME — Jerome's public library will close for the Christmas holiday Tuesday through Thursday. Normal hours resume Friday. Next week, the library will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday.

Compiled from staff reports

Curriculum brings valley history to life

By Barbara Nelwert
Times-News correspondent

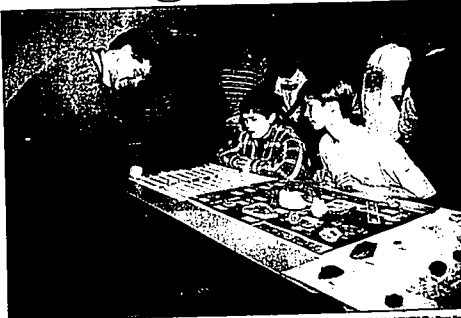
"There's a trail that leads out to the mountains. Through the prairie dust, velvet gray, Through the canyons, the gulches, and cañons. A trail that grows dimmer each day. You can't make it without an old-timer To guide you and make you his guest. For the trail is the long trail of memory, And it leads to the heart of the West." — from "Land of the Yankee Fork" by Esther Yarber

HAILEY — Wood River Valley children grow up with history bouncing off the valley walls around them.

But without the guidance of a trained eye to help children spot the historical nuances in their everyday lives, the valley's history is little more than words in a book.

To bring the past to life — and teach earth science, art, history, language arts and drama — eighth-grade teachers at Wood River Middle School have developed an interdisciplinary curriculum which has earned praise from their students.

"It wasn't boring," student Whit Henry said about the semester-long



Student teacher Rob Landis checks out the display of Lyle Stoops' center, center, and firing Varing at Wood River Middle School's rock and mineral show, the culmination of an interdisciplinary lesson on mining.

mining unit. "Mr. Poklemba makes it fun. The teachers involve you, and you get to do hands-on things," eighth-grader Gunnar

Gladius said. The curriculum has brought acclaim to its authors — teachers on WRMS's Green Team — who were awarded the

first-place honor last month in the Pacific Northwest Division by the National Middle School Association.

Rather than lecture to students daily, the teaching team of Deb Straiton, Valerie Thor, Erik Larson and Mary Bush developed "Gold Fever — Catch It!"

Red Team science teacher Stephen Poklemba incorporates many of the interdisciplinary principles in his classroom as well.

Field trips found the 225 WRMS eighth-graders panning for gold at such historical mining areas as the Yankee Fork of the Salmon River and Camas Creek near Fairfield.

Gold is still to be had for those with patience. Students constructed sluice boxes, panned for the precious metal and returned home with small vials of red gold, thanks to local miner Joe Swamer's permission to work his claim on Camas Creek.

In the field, kids learned different means of finding gold, through either dredging or panning. Another trip to the Croesus Mine near Hailey revealed the ways of hard-rock mining and the remnants left by pioneers who had hopes to strike it rich.

"It's really interesting to know all the

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Young, elderly - this man helps them all

By H.R. Weiszel
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — A Jerome man wonders how he ever had time to work before he retired.

Earl McGuire's active everyday life is focused on helping others.

"Earl is one guy you can count on when something needs to be done. He's always the first to be there and the last to go home," said his friend Dee Haycock.

A lifetime member of Kiwanis International and past president of the Jerome Kiwanis Club, McGuire puts club programs for youth high on his list of priorities.

"He's the backbone of Kiwanis projects. If anybody asks for something to be done, Earl does it," said Janet Lehman, a Kiwanis member.

McGuire's to-do list features others' needs.

"I don't need much, but there's a lot of kids and older people who need a lot, so whatever I can do to help out, I'll do it if at all possible," he said. Mowing lawns, transporting older people for their shopping and home fix-up and repair jobs have made McGuire a "warrant wanted man" in Jerome.

"He does so many different things — like taking care of the Kiwanis candy machine. He not only schedules the use of the machine, but delivers it to whoever needs it and then picks it up again," Lehman said. "At the Kiwanis food booth at the Jerome County Fair, McGuire puts in many hours. He gets and sets up supplies, waits on customers and does whatever needs to be done. He's just an all-around sort of man."

The retired man keeps the Kiwanis football league for sixth- and seventh-grade students going during football season.

"I had five teams this year, which made it a good time for everybody. There were about 100 kids playing," said McGuire, who supervised the program, helped players fit uniforms and was waterboy when necessary.

An annual project for Kiwanis members is treating children to a hamburger meal at Dairy Queen and Christmas shopping at King's. Kiwanis members



Earl McGuire helps Jerome 10-year-old Amanda Carl keep track of \$15 she has to spend as part of a Kiwanis youth program.

provide money for the gift-buying spree.

Jerome petty theft rises

By Mark Helitz
Times-News writer

JEROME — Misdemeanor theft cases in Jerome have nearly doubled in the last two years, partly because people have made things easy for crooks, the chief of police said.

"Some people will leave a purse, a camera or something else valuable sitting in a car without locking the doors and then wonder why it's gone," Chief Jim Dahl said.

The increase in criminal cases filed by the city has also made things harder for the county's clerk and prosecutor, Commissioner Roy Prescott said.

Petty theft plays a big part in the increase, Dahl said.

While the Magic Valley's population has gone up in the last few years, there is enough of a small-town atmosphere left in Jerome. People keep their guards down and their doors unlocked, Dahl said.

Many thieves who take advantage of that trust are juveniles who wander town at night, looking for easy-to-reach valuables.

"Their philosophy is, why work for things when you can just take what you have?" Dahl said.

According to a report prepared by the

Idaho Bureau of Criminal Identification, 235 incidents of larceny were reported to the Jerome Police Department in 1995, leading to 42 arrests. Through September 1996, 195 larcenies reported, leading to 38 arrests made, the report states.

The report lists the following numbers for other crimes:

• Murder: One murder reported in 1995, but no arrest was made. No murders were reported in 1996.

• Felonious rape: One case reported in 1995, four reported in 1996. No arrests reported in 1995 and one in 1996.

• Drug-related crimes: 17 cases in 1995, leading to 19 arrests. So far in 1996, there have been 15 reports, leading to 17 arrests.

• Simple assault: 88 cases in 1995, 110 in 1996.

• Drunken driving: 34 incidents in 1995, 52 in 1996.

Dahl said the department will sometimes use "selective enforcement" against a particular crime, such as DUI or alcohol-related assaults. Officers will patrol trouble areas heavily until the arrest rate starts going down, he said.

More cases are on the books because the department added two new detec-

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Former Shoshone care center directors question financial management

By Mark Helitz
Times-News writer

SHOSHONE — Some former members of the Wood River Care Center's board of directors said they resigned because they didn't like the way the budget was handled.

But a county commissioner who was in office when some of those people left the board said the problems have been solved, though a recent audit showed the center running in the red.

An audit by a Boise accounting firm showed the center ran a \$40,014 deficit during the 1995-96 budget year, County Auditor Brent Hyatt said. The same audit showed the center ran \$556 in the black during the 1994-95 budget year.

The county owns the 40-bed center, which provides full-time and outpatient care to the elderly. County commissioners appoint a private board of directors to run it. The board hires and supervises the center's administrator.

The center has had financial trouble before, according to some former board members.

Vic Bezato, a retired Shoshone businessman, said he resigned from the board in 1992 out of frustration.

About Earl McGuire

Age: 78
Residence: Jerome
Profession: retired chronicler doctor
Family: wife, Nellie; daughter, Pamela Fennell
Hobby: snowmobiling and playing in the snow
Good deed: He leads club projects and is the man to help whenever needed.

EVERYDAY HEROES

Know an everyday hero?

Anyone who does something extraordinary — neighbors, sodamasters, church group members, hospital volunteers, tutors — without getting paid for it, qualified. So do professionals, such as engineers and teachers, who contribute something extra. Send nominations to Everyday Heroes, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or fax us at 734-5538. We'll need your name and phone number, the name of your everyday hero and a few sentences about the person.

Of course, McGuire is "right there in the middle of the fun time. He helped get this idea going and has been there ever since," said Haycock, Dairy Queen owner/manager.

McGuire was a Boy Scout master for about six years and an assistant leader Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Jerome.

"At 78 years, Earl snowmobiles with the big guys," Haycock said. "He's a wild man on a snowmobile and goes where only the big boys go. One thing about snowmobiling, you get out there to get stuck and the more stuck you get, the more fun it is."

But when one of us gets stuck, the first one to be there to help you get out is Earl."

"When I owned a business, we operated on the idea that if you can't make it on your own, you're done," he said. "I couldn't get that point across to the rest of the board."

The care center was too dependent on government money, and too much money was spent, he said.

Still, Bezato said he didn't know if the center's current problems stem from the sort of poor management he says caused him to leave, because he hasn't had anything to do with the center since.

Sandi Ushpaw of Dietrich said she was kicked off the board by the chairman and county commissioners in 1993 because she questioned the center's financial management.

"There were expenditures that (the management) could never explain," she said. "Things like a popcorn maker for people who couldn't chew and cigarettes for people who didn't smoke."

Commissioner Jerry Nance, who was in office when Ushpaw left, said he sees it differently.

"She wasn't kicked off the board. She just wasn't re-appointed after the end of

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Electric co-ops talking merger

Public comment is being sought by both utilities

By Jennifer Brunch
Times-News writer

BURLEY — The circuitry of Idaho's electric industry is changing, and the changes could affect Mini-Cassia ratepayers.

Small rural utilities are looking for ways to be competitive in a changing market, said Roy Eiguren, a Boise attorney for the Idaho Cooperative Utilities Association. If they don't, rural customers could be stuck with higher power costs.

The actual outcome of a deregulation is unknown, Eiguren said. Some people think ultimately it will bring prices down throughout the country. Others worry it could result in low prices for large users and higher prices in rural areas.

Consumers could be able to shop around for cheap electrical rates, choosing the best offer from companies that can serve their homes, Eiguren said.

In the Mini-Cassia area, Unity Light & Power in Burley and Rural Electric Co. in Rupert recently announced plans to study merging. Their purpose is to find a way to provide better rates and services and become larger and more competitive.

Ultimately, the decision to merge is up to cooperative members, who must support such a move with a vote. Both cooperatives have invited the 11 other Mini-Cassia area utilities to consider consolidation or at least sharing services with them.

"I suspect this may be a growing trend," Eiguren said.

A 1992 federal law called for the deregulation of the electrical wholesale and transmission markets, but left deregulation



Two file records payments on computer at Unity Light & Power Co. in Burley. Office Manager Darlene Fostenmeyer works in the background. Administrative services is one of many functions the utility and Rural Electric Company in Rupert say they could combine if they merge.

of retail sales up to the states, Eiguren said. However, members of Congress are drafting bills to tell states how to deregulate.

In essence, a race is on between the federal government and the states to see who

can do it first, he said. Locally, the utilities will ask their members to support a merger if such a move will result in better rates and services, said Ralph Williams, general manager of Unity Light & Power. The idea is to reduce

Feedback request

Unity Light & Power, in Burley, and Rural Electric Co. in Rupert would like to get feedback from cooperative members about whether the two utilities should merge. Studying the proposal, it is necessary to take up to three years. The subject will be discussed at the utilities' annual membership meetings. Rural Electric members live in the Mini-Cassia area. Unity Light & Power's members live in Burley, Idaho. During January, Unity Light & Power will hold a series of open houses for members.

operation costs by pooling resources.

This is important, because everyone will compete for the lowest rates in a deregulated market, Williams said. Those rates are found in the Northwest, and if available, large industrial consumers throughout the country would seek these rates, he said.

"They would come in and cherry-pick ... and let our customers fend for themselves," Williams said.

If the two cooperatives merge, their total customer base in south Burley and the outskirts of Rupert would be nearly double what each has now. Employees wouldn't lose jobs. Personnel cutbacks would be absorbed through attrition.

One important advantage of merging would be the added resources available to hire the expertise to shop around for low power rates, Williams said. Under utilities can shop for the good deals on wholesale power, said Larry Burbank, general manager of Rural Electric Company. It is becoming a specialized field.

Other services that could be combined include computerized record-keeping and ownership of specialized equipment, Burbank said.

Animal has been roaming Hailey streets

HAILEY (AP) — A cougar wandering through subdivisions prompted a call to the Idaho Department of Fish and Game and local police.

Officers found the cat resting on the front step of a house south of Hailey last week. The cat headed across state Highway 75 after an effort to trap it in the garage failed.

The cat had been reported earlier that same day moving between the highway and foothills. Fish and Game Conservation Officer Roger Olson said.

Olson said the cougar looked scrawny. Armed with a tranquilizer gun, Olson and wildlife biologist Randy Smith of the Jerome Fish and Game office found the lion in some brush in a ditch. They decided to leave the cat alone for the night.

The only sign of the cougar the next morning were its tracks, but it showed up two days later.

It was holed up under some plywood, and Fish and Game officers were able to shoot it with a tranquilizer gun.

They could see that the cat was in poor condition and took it to veterinarian Mark Acker in Bellevue, Olson said.

The 3-year-old male cougar weighed about 85 pounds, but a scale should have weighed closer to 125 pounds, Olson said.

Fair honored for its more-than-fair number of entries

By N.S. Nokkenvold
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls County Fair this year was recognized as one of the best in the country for fairgoers size.

The International Association of Fairs and Expositions earlier this month recognized the fair for having the most number of agricultural entries for a fair with attendance under 100,000.

The association met in Las Vegas during the first week of December and included representatives of some 5,600 fairs in the United States and Canada and three in Australia.

Awards were given to fairs in five categories, determined by attendance, fair manager John Piz said. The official attendance figure for the 1996 Twin Falls County Fair was 151,047.

The fair listed agricultural entries totaling 5,311, including 3,364 livestock entries and 1,947 horticultural entries.

At the annual Las Vegas event Piz also was able to contact fair entertainment and national

rodeo sponsors for next year's fair.

He is hoping to sign country singer Chris LeDoux, with the up-and-coming group Ricochet as the opening act, LeDoux "put on a heck of a show," Piz said. Both put on high energy shows, he said.

Piz said he was happy overall with his first year as county fair-plant manager. His only complaint was a little disappointment in the attendance numbers.

A number of fairground improvements topped the list of accomplishments for the year. The fair office was remodeled. Improvements were added in livestock barns, new announcer stands were added to the small arenas, some new roads were put in and the fairgrounds acquired five acres.

The fair also is working on a master plan for the future, Piz said. And the fair board has picked a theme for the 1997 fair: "A Family Tradition."

Meanwhile, during the cold winter months, Piz is working on contacting various sponsors for next year's events.

City of Paul begins comprehensive plan

By Ginger Kirk
Times-News correspondent

PAUL — City officials took the first steps toward mapping out the Paul's future Wednesday when they hired a local engineering firm and formed a comprehensive planning committee.

The committee met Wednesday with Dorothy Moon, senior planner of Moon and Associates, to begin drafting a community growth over the next 20 years.

Committee members are Otto Riedinger, Melanie Haynes and Kathy Arritt.

"It's important for cities to figure out a comprehensive plan because it outlines the present and future needs of the community," said Darl Moon, of Moon and Associates. "The plan is essentially a business plan. The city wants to meet in a specified length of time."

Moon and Associates helped Heyburn complete a 1995 comprehensive plan that is beginning to show results, Darl Moon said. "Heyburn is following their plan like a business plan," he said.

Moon and Associates has contracted to develop the plan with the aid of Paul residents for \$500.

Since the comprehensive plan represents residents' concerns, the committee will ask residents to complete a written survey on

community goals. The survey is scheduled to be mailed out Jan. 17, Dorothy Moon said.

"This is the public opportunity to give us some input," she said.

The committee's responsibility is to identify goals for future expansion and measures needed to reach them.

The plan is a guide for the planning and zoning committee, and ordinances can be written from the information in the plan, she said.

"Once the plan is written, the city is eligible for more grants. The plan also helps organize groups who can attack specific problems in the community and focus on solving them," Darl Moon said.

The public services, facilities and utilities components are the most important in the city's plan to manage growth. The components are needed to determine sites for solid-waste disposal, sewerage, drainage and power plants, as well as sites for schools, libraries and public-safety facilities.

Future water supply and fire-fighting needs also are addressed.

Utility deficiencies will be noted and existing service levels compared with population forecasts to help the city plan for additional housing, public buildings and new businesses, Darl Moon said.

70 southwest Idaho churches are launching a \$100,000 media blitz

BOISE (AP) — Seventy churches in Southwest Idaho are launching a \$100,000 media blitz to reach more people Christians are united in their belief about God and Jesus.

The campaign features newspaper ads with pastor's pictures in the shape of a cross, television spots in which ministers answer questions about the Bible and dozens of billboards throughout the Treasure and Magic valleys.

"We're trying to bridge gaps," said Dana S. Brazell, pastor at Abundant Life Christian Fellowship in Mountain Home.

"There is love and unity in the body of Christ."

Denominational differences are often taken as a sign that churches

do not agree with each other. The message is intensified on issues such as abortion and homosexuality.

"We have more in common than divides us," Brazell said.

Baptist, Lutheran, Friends, Seventh-day Adventist evangelical and non-denominational churches are a part of the media campaign.

Behind the ads and TV commercials is Mission Media, a Boise-based non-profit organization that uses cutting-edge technology to evangelize. Part of Mission Media's goal is to develop TV spots in which ministers pose and answer questions about Christianity. Several pastors will provide answers.

"The purpose of the church is to provide a plan of salvation to its

surrounding area," said Michael Boerner, Mission Media executive director.

"For far too many years they have been doing it independent of one another and that has created the appearance of disunity."

Ads are planned to be run on local network and cable stations, including MTV. The ad campaign will not be cheap, and churches which rarely have surplus money will be asked to pay for getting the message out.

But Brazell is not worried. "This is kingdom business," he said.

"We're dealing with kingdom currency. If the need is there, people will support it and the funds will come."

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tive's positions in 1995, bringing the total number to three.

Those new cases are putting a strain on the county clerk and recorder's office, which processes city criminal cases, Prescott said.

The combined total of felony and misdemeanor criminal cases the city sent the county clerk

office rose from 266 in 1993 to 562 so far in 1996, Prescott said. During that same period, traffic cases jumped from 654 to 1,952, he said.

"If it keeps getting worse and the paperwork keeps piling up, we'll have to add something to that office to help," he said.

The city also pays \$750 per

month for the county prosecutor's services. With the increased workload over the past couple years, that may not be enough, Prescott said.

A meeting between the City Council and county commissioners to discuss the clerk's workload and the prosecutor's fee has been set for Jan. 27.

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office of mining in the Wood River Valley," said eighth-grader Calvin Chaney of Hailey.

Chaney, whose family spends every summer weekend hiking the backcountry of Stanley Basin and Wood River Valley, said the mining unit has taught him much about the geology of the area he hikes and about people who passed there before him.

In addition to studying scientific aspects of rocks and minerals, students learned about the mining ancestors, their homes and their way of life.

For instance, at the Bonanza Cemetery on Yankee Fork, students took a tombstone tour complete with grave-site documentation. That history lesson taught students to "think about what life was like on Yankee Fork, how long people lived, how life was different for men and women and what were common causes of death, Thor said.

Back in town, students researched historical homes and buildings then took a walking tour of old Hailey to see for themselves that these buildings still stand and are used by their friends, neighbors or local business people.

The culmination of the semester's work came Thursday with the Eighth Grade Rock and Mineral Show. More than 200 collections were displayed, many of them exhibiting some "truly outstanding work," Pöklömbara said.

Ned Flanagan, an eighth-grader who has had an interest in rock collecting "since he was a kid," really enjoyed the mining unit.

"I always picked up rocks as a kid, but I never knew what types of rocks or minerals they were," Flanagan said. "Now I do."

During the semester, students collected rocks from the Wood River Valley, southern Idaho and other places they traveled. Many were found in students' own backyards.

"That was the fun part. Figuring out what types of rocks were collected proved the most challenging, Flanagan said.

"Rocks' hardness, luster, streak, cleavage and type were clues used to name the collected rocks. Teachers helped with identification and even helped with the collection process along the way."

"Ms. Thor was really cool — she gave me this rock, cinnamon," said student Tug Henley about a colorful red specimen in his collection. "It's very heavy, as heavy as lead."

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her term," Nance said. Ushvay was appointed to replace Paul Perron, who said he resigned in 1992 because he didn't like the way things were run.

"People got emotional and defensive if you brought up financial problems," said Perron, now a substitute teacher and homemaker in Dietrich.

She remembers what she thought was far too much being spent on a small wooden sign for the center.

VALLEY IN BRIEF

Community invited to presentation

GOODING — Interested community members are invited to attend "Dorothy's Flowers" at 230 p.m. each Saturday at the Gooding Rehab and Living Center.

Gooding resident Dorby Bornaman makes a different presentation each week. For more information, call activity directors Mary Packer or Connie Runyon at 934-5601.

Jerome church re-enacts Christmas story

JEROME — Live enactment of the Christmas story will take place from 7 p.m. today and Tuesday on the outdoor stage at the First Baptist Church in Jerome.

Animals, costumed actors and realistic lighted staging make the drama a must on any list of sights and sounds around the Magic Valley. View it from North Park or drive past 308 First Ave. E. Call 324-5338 for more information.

Compiled from staff reports

school, but she also thought the center was not being run as well as possible.

"I am a perfectionist. I always think things should have been done yesterday, that's just my personal style," Taber said.

Taber said she thinks money-sometimes was spent frivolously. "Once, a dining room was painted pink. I couldn't see spending all that money on pink paint."

But as a health-care professional, Taber said, she understood that the center sometimes had a hard time making ends meet. Medicare and Medicaid, now a substitute teacher and homemaker in Dietrich, can make budgeting difficult, she said.

"The government often pays 80 percent of what it thinks is fair," she said.

Taber also said she is pleased with what she has seen lately at the Wood River Care Center, and thinks things there have improved greatly in the last few years.

Nance said he also thinks the center is recovering from some rough times in the early '90s.

"It was then that the number of full-time residents began to drop off, and the center had always counted on every bed being used, he said.

"All of a sudden, the full list of clients went away. (The staff) thought it would come back. Maybe they waited too long before cutting spending."

Despite last year's deficit, reports show the center in the black again during November and December, and Nance said he is confident it will recover.

Jazz split: Utah Jazz' Karl Malone sets a record but Cavs get the win.

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66 Sometimes it seems like forever that I've been doing this. Other times, it seems like longer.

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—Broadcaster Marty Glickman before he announced his 1,000th football game

SCOREBOARD

Pro football

Philadelphia 29	Arizona 19
Jacksonville 19	Atlanta 17
Tampa Bay 34	Chicago 19
Houston 24	Baltimore 21
Cincinnati 31	Indianapolis 24
Buffalo 20	Kansas City 9
Miami 31	New York Jets 28
Green Bay 38	Minnesota 14
Carolina 18	Pittsburgh 14
Washington 37	Dallas 10
Seattle 28	Oakland 21
San Diego 16	Denver 10

Pro basketball

Cleveland 100	Utah 94
Indiana 111	Orlando 92
Charlotte 102	Boston 98
Golden State 97	L.A. Clippers 91
Seattle 93	Dallas 79
Vancouver 91	Washington 87

Men's top 25 college basketball

No. 5 Iowa State 59	Texas-El Paso 48
No. 8 Clemson 76	Texas A&M 44
No. 11 Duke 100	Army 38
No. 12 North Carolina 69	Penn State 30
No. 22 Stanford 83	Seoul Hall 81, OT

Women's top 25 college basketball

No. 22 Clemson 52	Florida 50
No. 23 Arkansas 101	Western Ill. 49

IN BRIEF

Boise snowboarder among slalom winners

CARRABASSETT VALLEY, Maine—Canadian Jesse-Jay Anderson was an easy winner in the men's giant slalom while Lisa Kosglow of Boise topped the women's field in the \$75,000 Bud Light U.S. Snowboard Grand Prix windup Sunday.

Anderson was more than two seconds ahead of everyone on his second run to finish with a combined time of 2:19.09. Ian Price of Manchester Center, Vt., was second in 2:23.38 and Tom Lyman of Whitefish, Mont., took third in 2:23.47.

"It's my Christmas present, and it's a good one," said Anderson, whose first-place prize was \$6,000.

"For the first year, I can buy some presents for my family and friends."

Kosglow finished with a two-run time of 2:27.52. She was followed by Sandra Van Ert of Ketchum, (2:37.80), and Betsy Shaw of East Dorset, Vt., (2:38.33).

The Bud Light Snowboard Grand Prix moves on to Snowmass, Colo., for the next round of events Jan. 25.

Arizona State coach recalls 1st Rose Bowl

TEMPE, Ariz.—Arizona State Coach Bruce Snyder, on his first Rose Bowl experience:

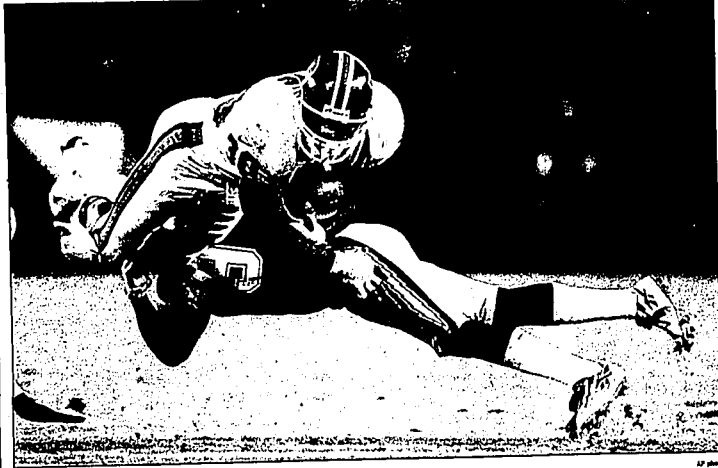
"It was the 1957 game, Iowa and Oregon. I was a junior at El Monte (Calif.) High School and I volunteered to drive a Rose Parade float because they gave you a free ticket to the game. Also, I figured it would be a great way to meet beautiful girls, but they assigned me to the Salvation Army float.

"By the time the parade was over and I got the thing parked, the game was in the third quarter. I never saw it."

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For the latest scores call 734-6326 and follow the simple instructions. The Times-News



Denver's Terrell Davis is upended by San Diego's Terrance Shaw after gaining two yards during the first quarter of Sunday's game in San Diego.

Seau plays for pride

Though out of playoffs, Chargers' LB helps defeat Broncos

The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — In a game that meant nothing, Junior Seau showed why he's a perennial All-Pro.

He lined up at end several times when yet another San Diego Chargers defensive lineman went down. He sprained his right knee in the second quarter and back on the next series, recovering his second fumble of the night. He limped over to the stands and handed the ball to a fan in the front row.

Other than Seau's inspired play, San

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Musgrave suffered a dislocated right shoulder when he was leveled by Seau in the third quarter.

John Elway was pulled after 20 plays, but not before he fumbled on a sack by Vernon Edwards, with Seau recovering. Elway was 6-for-11 passing for 46 yards.

Elway came back in for the last play of the third quarter and handed off to Vaughn Hebronn, apparently to give third-stringer Jeff Lewis more time to get ready. Lewis took over and moved the Broncos to the San Diego 8, but an interception in the end zone by Rodney Harrison ended the 16-play drive.

The Broncos (13-3) tried to keep everyone healthy for the playoffs, but

Redskins drub Cowboys in RFK's finale

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — At 7:01 p.m., Ken Harvey tackled Herschel Walker on the worn grass near midfield, closing an era for the Washington Redskins.

In the final NFL game at RFK Stadium — a contest that featured backups on both teams and had no bearing on the playoffs — the Redskins took a little of the sting away from their second-half collapse by matching their biggest-ever margin of victory over their fiercest rival, the Dallas Cowboys.

Terry Allen scored three touchdowns and Scott Blanton kicked three field goals in the 37-10 win as the Redskins (9-7), who were eliminated from postseason contention last week despite a 7-1 start, salvaged a winning season for the first time since 1992.

The Cowboys (10-6), already assured of the NFC East title, rested a few starters, including offensive lineman, Emmitt Smith, Mark Tuinei and Eric Bjornson.

The Cowboys, who will play host to Minnesota in the first round of the playoffs Saturday,

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Green Bay's Reggie White sacks Minnesota's Brad Johnson in the third quarter of Sunday's game in Green Bay, Wis. The Packers win, 38-10.

Road to Big Easy visits Big Freezy

The Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis.—If it's cold, Brett Favre wins. And as Green Bay rolls into the playoffs, the Packers have the chance to use their frigid home field to propel themselves to New Orleans for the Super Bowl.

Favre's three touchdown passes broke his own NFC record and sparked the Packers to a 38-10 rout of the Minnesota Vikings on Sunday.

While NFC Central champion Green Bay has a first-round bye, the wild-card Vikings (9-7) open the playoffs at Dallas.

The Packers (13-3), who have watched their season end at Dallas three consecutive years, will get all their playoff games at Lambeau, where they've won 26 of their last 27.

"It's great. We earned it," Favre said. "We know how tough it is to go on the road. We know as well as anyone; going to San Francisco and Dallas. We'll probably end up playing both of them here, if my guesses are correct."

Game-time temperature Sunday was in the 30 degrees, but the wind chill was in the

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Duke takes no prisoners against Army

Blue Devils' coach tallies 100-38 victory over alma mater, former team

The Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C.—Mike Krzyzewski's soft spot for Army lasted about a minute — the time it took for the first push, bump or shove by the physical Cadets.

In a game that at times resembled studio wrestling more than college basketball, No. 11 Duke gave its coach a 100-38 win over his alma mater and former team Sunday.

"When we were getting banged around there was no sympathy," said Krzyzewski, who watched Army commit 32 fouls against his already hobbled Blue Devils (8-2), many of them of the hard variety. "I was mad."

Certainly, in a non-competitive state I have great emotions for the institution and Army basketball," added Krzyzewski, who played at West Point for Bobby Knight and later coached Army before coming to Duke. "It has been a huge part of my life. The seeds of whatever character that I am were grown at the academy, both as a young man and as a young coach. I will forever be grateful to that institution."

Following the game during his postgame comments to the media, Army coach Dino Gaudio apologized to Krzyzewski and Duke for his team's rough play.

"Our whole theme coming down here was we were going to try to win the psychological war," Gaudio said. "When we put keys to victory on the board, the first key was our mental approach to the game."

"We were coming down here and we were not backing down," he said. "We were going to drive them off the floor and we did a couple of times. ... We crossed the line a couple of times."

Krzyzewski, who was down to eight scholarship players because of a variety of injuries, said he understood Army's tactics.

"They are playing hard and trying to win, and we have to react to that," he said. "We're bigger, we're quicker and we're better."

"Sometimes a guy who is really trying hard, the feeling behind that can sometimes be misconstrued. He's just trying like crazy because it's his day in the sun and he's got a chance to play against Duke. We have to understand that and keep our poise."

Duke used a 25-0 first-half run to hand Army its second-worst loss in school history. The Cadets lost to Union 81-13 in the 1913-14 season.

It was also the biggest margin of victory for the Blue Devils since a 130-54 win over Harvard in 1989. During one stretch, Duke outscored Army 66-11.

The Blue Devils, playing their first game after an eight-day layoff, missed nine straight shots early, including six 3-pointers, as the Black Knights (3-2) pumpe the lane with defenders. But it was just a matter of time before Duke's talent took over and the Blue Devils handed Army its 16th straight loss.

Roshon McLeod started Duke's surge with seven points over a 2 1/2-minute span, and Greg Newton asserted himself inside late during the burst, collecting 13 of his 22 points in the first half.

"I was a first-half Gaudio would soon forget. The Cadets, with only one starter taller than 6-foot-5, got in immediate foul trouble and finished the half with a whopping 22 personals. Second-leading scorer Christian Clowe fouled out with 16:47 left — without a point.

"We alternated sleeping some. I got a little, Bobby got a little bit."

Goyton said they set out hiking again on Saturday morning, through 2 to 4 feet of snow, sometimes sinking up to their chests.

Gayton said he and Unser walked all day and found a trail at about 5 p.m. "We reached the trail by dark," Gayton said. "We knew it led out. But we still don't know where."

Both men tried to quench their thirst with snow, and Unser kept spitting up snow. "We figured it's a life and death deal here," Gayton said. "But neither one of us never thought we were not going to get out of there."

Late Saturday, they found a barn that had a phone and heater. Gayton estimated that they had walked about 14 miles.

Bobby Unser, friend spend 2 nights in mountain snow after breakdown

The Associated Press

CHAMA, N.M.— Forced to eat snow for nourishment and build a snow cave for shelter, auto racing great Bobby Unser and a friend fought for survival for two nights before breaking down after their snowmobiles broke down.

"It was very frightening," Unser, a three-time winner of the Indianapolis 500, told KOATV morning before unplugging his bedroom phone and going to sleep.

Unser, 63, and Robert Goyton, 36, withstood temperatures of zero to 10 above, with wind chills well below zero.

They began their snowmobile trek Friday morning from Unser's ranch home at Chama, about 120 miles north of Albuquerque and six miles south

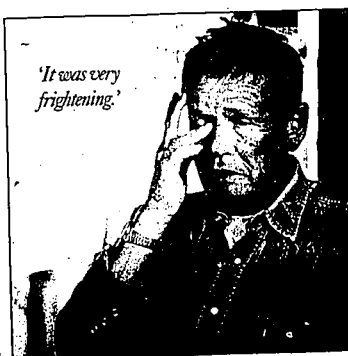
of the Colorado state line. Unser's race veteran brother, Al, and nephew, Al Jr., also have ranches at Chama.

Goyton's snowmobile broke down first, and after the two doubled up on Unser's snowmobile, it started sputtering. "The more it ran, the worse it got," Unser said. "It just quit on us."

The two men carried no food or water, but they were dressed in insulated snowmobiling outfits. They hiked into a canyon to get out of wind that estimated at 70 mph and built a snow cave, covering it with branches and filling it with twigs for insulation.

"It took a lot of energy to build it," Goyton said. "He went in first, me, head first. It was small, but it was better because for the heat."

"We were talking through the



Three-time Indianapolis 500 winner Bobby Unser talks about his two-day encounter with the New Mexico mountains at his home Sunday in Chama, N.M.

SPORTS

Malone gets milestone but Cavs hand Jazz loss

CLEVELAND (AP) — NBA All-Star Terrell Brandon of the Cleveland Cavaliers and Karl Malone of the Utah Jazz were in agreement Sunday. Both insisted that winning is more important than individual accomplishments. "It's all about winning to me," Brandon said, after scoring 12 of his career-high 33 points in the final 12-7 of Cleveland's 100-94 victory. "I don't pay much attention to my numbers."

Malone added by his considerable numbers by becoming the 11th player to get 20,000 points in the final 1,000 rebounds in an NBA career. He grabbed a missed 3-point attempt by Danny Ferry 2:09 before halftime for rebound No. 10,000.

"It's been fortunate to stay healthy and play 12 years," Malone said. "To get a standing ovation here was nice, but I think people tend to forget the games mean more than the individual things. You think about what you've done for your career. I'm not finished yet."

SuperSonics 93, Mavericks 79

SEATTLE — Gary Payton scored nine of his 31 points in the fourth quarter Sunday to lead the Seattle SuperSonics to their fourth straight win, a 93-79 victory over the Mavericks.

FOOTBALL

NFL standings

AFC EAST DIVISION	
New England	10-6
Buffalo	8-8
Indianapolis	7-9
Pittsburgh	6-10
Denver	5-11
Kansas City	4-12
Dallas	3-13
AFC NORTH DIVISION	
Cincinnati	10-6
Pittsburgh	9-7
Cleveland	8-8
Baltimore	7-9
Cincinnati	6-10
Cleveland	5-11
Pittsburgh	4-12
AFC SOUTH DIVISION	
Atlanta	10-6
Indianapolis	9-7
Jacksonville	8-8
Atlanta	7-9
Jacksonville	6-10
Atlanta	5-11
Jacksonville	4-12
AFC WEST DIVISION	
Denver	10-6
San Francisco	9-7
San Diego	8-8
San Francisco	7-9
San Diego	6-10
San Francisco	5-11
San Diego	4-12

NFL summaries

Denver 21, Dallas 10 — Quarterback Tim Lincecum threw for 211 yards and three touchdowns to lead the Broncos to a 21-10 victory over the Cowboys. Lincecum completed 22 of 37 passes for 211 yards and three touchdowns. Running back Terrell Davis had 100 yards and a touchdown. Dallas quarterback Troy Aikman completed 20 of 33 passes for 200 yards and two touchdowns. Running back Emmitt Smith had 100 yards and a touchdown. The game was played at the Sports Authority Field at Mile High in Denver.

San Francisco 24, Pittsburgh 10 — Quarterback Steve Young threw for 240 yards and three touchdowns to lead the 49ers to a 24-10 victory over the Steelers. Young completed 22 of 37 passes for 240 yards and three touchdowns. Running back Eric Decker had 100 yards and a touchdown. Pittsburgh quarterback Kerry Collins completed 20 of 33 passes for 200 yards and two touchdowns. Running back Jerome Bettis had 100 yards and a touchdown. The game was played at Candlestick Park in San Francisco.

San Diego 24, Kansas City 10 — Quarterback Drew Brees threw for 240 yards and three touchdowns to lead the Chargers to a 24-10 victory over the Chiefs. Brees completed 22 of 37 passes for 240 yards and three touchdowns. Running back LaDainian Tomlinson had 100 yards and a touchdown. Kansas City quarterback Matt Cassel completed 20 of 33 passes for 200 yards and two touchdowns. Running back Priest Holmes had 100 yards and a touchdown. The game was played at Qualcomm Stadium in San Diego.

Pro basketball

Seattle was leading 77-65 when Payton triggered an 11-2 run with two clutch shots. He beat the shot clock with a short shot over two defenders in the lane, and made a 3-pointer with 8:11 left.

Pacers 111, Raptors 92

INDIANAPOLIS — Reggie Miller's 21 points helped the Pacers to a 111-92 victory over the Raptors for the third time this season.

Hornets 102, Celtics 98

BOSTON — Glen Rice scored 25 points and Anthony Mason added 19 Sunday to lead the Charlotte Hornets to a 102-98 victory over the Celtics.

Warriors 97, Clippers 91

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Latrell Sprewell scored on a three-point play with 3:10 remaining and Golden State scored the game's final seven points Sunday for a 97-91 victory over the Los Angeles Clippers.

Grizzlies 91, Bulls 87

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — Anthony Peeler scored two critical 3-pointers as the Vancouver Grizzlies connected on four of five long-range shots to rally for a 91-87 victory over the Washington Bulls on Sunday night.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Idaho downs Western Montana, 87-58

MSCOOT — Jason Jackson led all scorers with 25 points as Idaho pounded Western Montana 87-58 on Saturday. The fever 8 Jackson hit 10 of 15 shots from the field and made all five of his free throws in just 20 minutes of action. Troy Thompson scored 12 of his 19 points in the first half as Idaho built a 42-27 lead at intermission. Thompson led his team with nine rebounds. Idaho, of the Big West, improved to 4-4, while Western Montana of the Frontier League dropped to 1-11.

Bengals trip Roadrunners behind Green's 21

POCAHELLO — Name Green scored 21 points to lead Idaho State past the University of Texas-San Antonio Saturday night. Texas-San Antonio (4-5) beat Idaho State (3-3) when they played two weeks ago. Steve Meyer had 23 points for Texas-San Antonio Saturday, but could not rally another win. Idaho State led until Leon Watson scored with 14:54 left in the game. Watson's score narrowed the game to 46-47. He had a total of 12 points. Green scored from Rob Preston at 14:03 and did not surrender the lead the rest of the game. The Bengals led 42-35 at half time. In the last six minutes of the first half the Bengals scored 13 points, while the Roadrunners scored nine. Rod Hall scored 13 points for Texas-San Antonio. Ron Harwell scored 20 for the Bengals.

Idaho State players face theft charges

POCAHELLO — Four more Idaho State University basketball players were arrested by police, following an investigation into a shoplifting scheme involving a basketball. Dedric Bell, Cedric Robinson, Stephen Brown and Raphael Fontaine were arrested Sunday and charged with petty theft. They were cited and released. The charge is a misdemeanor, punishable by a \$1,000 fine or one year in county jail. The four players were suspended from competition for one week. That brings the total of Idaho State basketball players implicated to five, following the arrest of starting forward David Hickman on the same charge. He is scheduled to be arraigned Jan. 9.

Packers

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single digits and snow swirled around the stadium in the second half, just as the Packers got hot. Improving to 17-0 in cold-weather games, Favre gave Green Bay its 16th straight victory at Lambeau Field, where the Packers have never lost a playoff game. Favre's three TD throws gave him 39, one more than he threw last year, when he won the MVP award. He broke a 10-10 halftime tie with a 13-yard screen to Dorsey Levens, then added a 22-yard strike to Andre Rison and a 23-yarder to Keith Jackson. In winning his fifth straight, Green Bay set several team and league standards. The Packers tied the 1952 club for most victories in a regular season and became the first team since 1972 Miami Dolphins to lead the NFL in both total points (456) and fewest points allowed (210). Against the Vikings, the pass-oriented Packers rushed for 233 yards while throwing for 212. Edgar Bennett's 109 yards on 18 carries marked the first time all year that a Packers player topped the 100-yard mark. Dorsey Levens got 73 yards on 11 carries. Each ran for one touchdown. Bruce Wilkerson replaced rookie John Michels at left tackle, and helped neutralize Minnesota's John Randle. The Vikings, who sacked Favre a career-high seven times in their first meeting back in September, got two sacks Sunday.

Redskins

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did start most of their first-team defense, although Dejon Sanders left after the first series when he appeared to aggravate his sore neck while covering Michael Westbrook on a routine play. With the game of little consequence, the loudest ovations of the day came at halftime, when 32 players and former Redskins from the tunnel, ran up the dugout steps and jogged onto the field one last time. The biggest cheers were for Art Monk, John Riggins, Sonny

PACKERS

Jurgensen, Darrell Green and especially Dexter Manley, who had to get special permission from a Texas parole board to attend because of his recent cocaine conviction. "I think it's kind of good that they're playing for nothing," Riggins said. "So that way we can focus on the farwell to REX." The Redskins also fielded an undermanned offense, but Gus Frerotte completed 22 of 31 passes for a career-high 346 yards, and Allen carried 26 times for 87 yards to break Riggins' single-season team rushing record.

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SCORES AND STATS

Idaho State vs Texas-San Antonio

Team	Score
Idaho State	87
Texas-San Antonio	58

Bengals vs Roadrunners

Team	Score
Bengals	42-35
Roadrunners	9-13

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ON THE AIR TELEVISION

Event	Channel	Time
Golf, Oklahoma Scramble	ESPN	12:30 p.m.
NFL football, Oilers at Oilers	ABC	7 p.m.
Figure skating, U.S. Champagne on Ice	ESPN	7 p.m.

College scores

Team 1	Score	Team 2	Score
Idaho State	87	Texas-San Antonio	58
Bengals	42-35	Roadrunners	9-13

High school Top 5

Rank	Team	Score
1	Idaho State	87
2	Texas-San Antonio	58

Later NBA box scores

Team 1	Score	Team 2	Score
Idaho State	87	Texas-San Antonio	58
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NATION

Iran sees U.S. security threat in Gulf region

The Washington Post

TEHRAN, Iran — The United States sees Iran as a powerful, ideologically hostile country bent on dominating the strategically vital Persian Gulf — by subversion if possible, by force if necessary.

As it happens, Iran sees the United States in almost exactly the same way.

In interviews here, Iranian officials voiced alarm at the hefty U.S. military presence in the Persian Gulf, an area that Iran has long considered vital to its national interests.

They accused the United States of raising tensions by appropriating funds to destabilize Iran, conducting frequent military exercises and selling huge quantities of arms to non-democratic, frequently hostile Arab powers, such as Saudi Arabia.

They said that instead of look-

ing to the United States for protection, Arab countries in the Persian Gulf should join their natural geographic partner — Iran — in a regional security alliance. President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani recently went so far as to propose that Iran and the Gulf countries hold joint military exercises.

"We propose a collective security arrangement," Deputy Foreign Minister Abbas Maleki said in a recent interview. "We can promise that calmness will continue in the Persian Gulf if the United States withdraws from this region. ... We can promise the security of oil and gas flowing from this region without any foreign soldiers."

Such offers might seem inconsistent with Iran's long history of bad blood with Arab countries, its attacks on Kuwaiti tankers during the "tanker war" of the 1980s and its bitter dispute with the

United Arab Emirates over three Iranian-occupied islands — a conflict that Iran recently intensified when it announced plans to hold a soccer tournament on one of them.

Only last month, Iran held its largest naval exercises since the 1979 revolution that toppled the pro-U.S. monarchy, including a practice amphibious landing on the Iranian island of Kish.

U.S. officials contend that Iran threatens American interests through its alleged pursuit of nuclear weapons, its active opposition to the Middle East peace process and its support for extremist groups linked to terrorism. They advocate "dual containment" of Iran and Iraq through military deterrence and trade embargoes.

The United States is evaluating Saudi claims that Iran played a role in the massive truck-bombing that killed 19 Americans and

wounded hundreds more at a military housing complex near Dhahran in Saudi Arabia's Eastern Province last June.

But the dual-containment strategy is opposed by Washington's European allies, which advocate "critical dialogue" aimed at strengthening moderates in the Iranian regime. Many analysts, moreover, suggest that American perceptions of the military threat posed by Iran are exaggerated, and that its naval buildup in the Gulf, including Russian submarines and shore-based missile batteries, is primarily defensive.

They note that Iran spends far less on its military — about \$3 billion a year — than Saudi Arabia, whose 1994 defense expenditures topped \$17 billion, according to a published CIA estimate. Saudi Arabia is the largest country in the six-nation Gulf Co-operation Council, which was founded in part to counter Iran.

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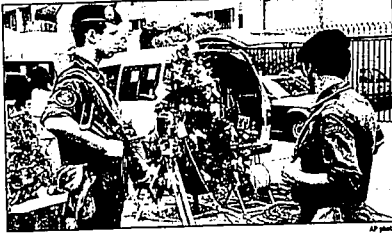
Peruvians march to show support for hostages

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Singing and shouting white carnations, thousands marched to the Japanese ambassador's residence Sunday in support of 340 foreign and Peruvian hostages held inside for five days.

Despite a pledge by leftist rebel captors the night before that more hostages would be freed "in the next hours and days," nothing had transpired by Sunday afternoon.

The 3,000 marchers and others in this capital of 8 million hoped new statements by Peru's president and the rebel leader who orchestrated the seizure meant a breakthrough is possible.

The march, under Lima's hazy summer sun, aimed to convey that "all Lima and all Peru are with you, supporting you and telling you, 'You are not alone,'" said Lima Mayor



Two police officers stand guard near a Christmas tree brought by a local television crew to the area where dozens of journalists are camped out while covering the hostage situation at the Japanese ambassador's residence in Lima Sunday.

Alberto Andrade.

Hundreds of Peruvian and foreign officials and businessmen were taken captive Tuesday night by rebels who

ambushed a gala reception at the diplomatic residence. More than 200 hostages, including all the women, already have been freed.

Car bomb wounds IRA supporter

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — A car bomb wounded a prominent Irish Republican Army supporter Sunday, signaling the apparent end of a 26-month truce by pro-British Protestant militants.

No one claimed responsibility for the small bomb, which could have large ramifications for Northern Ireland's deteriorating peace process.

Loyalists — Protestant militants

who want to maintain British rule in Northern Ireland — kept in their cease-fire for more than nine months despite the IRA's decision to resume hostilities in February.

An end to their truce could trigger a new round of the far-right violence between the two sides, and the possible exclusion of political parties affiliated with loyalist militants from negotiations over the future of the province.

Bridge falls, kills 29

HONG KONG (AP) — Rescuers have recovered the bodies of 29 people killed when a bridge under construction collapsed in southern China, the official China News Service reported Sunday.

Sixty others were injured in the collapse Friday, the state-run news agency reported, citing local officials. The English-language Hong-Kong-Standard-reported Saturday that 100 people were feared dead.

Many of the dead were believed to be migrant laborers from other parts of China. The workers were rushing to finish the 396-foot bridge in northern Guangdong province in time for the Chinese New Year, which starts Feb. 6, the China News Service said.

Bomb explodes at Algerian school

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) — A bomb exploded at a high school where many girls have refused to wear the traditional Muslim head scarf, killing one student and wounding another.

No one claimed responsibility for Saturday's bombing in front of the school in Douaouda, about 18 miles west of Algiers. It exploded at midday, just as classes were getting out.

After an absence of nearly a year, religious tracts reminding

women of their "permanent obligation" to wear a veil — and advising men not to smoke cigarettes — were being handed out this weekend in the suburbs around Algiers.

At many Algerian high schools, girls have been refusing to wear the veil as Islamic militants insist.

The tracts were attributed to the Armed Islamic Group, the most violent of the factions trying to overthrow the North African country's government and install strict Islamic rule.

Jailed militant claims hostages were killed

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — Kashmir separatists killed four Western hostages — including one American from Spokane — five months after seizing them in July 1995 and buried them in the Himalayas, a newspaper reported Sunday, citing a jailed militant.

The account contradicts government claims that villagers continue to see the foreigners in the high mountain area, where several groups are fighting to gain greater autonomy for Kashmir, India's only Muslim-majority state.

Government officials were not available to comment on the report in The Indian Express, a respected English-language daily.

The newspaper said it obtained portions of a 120-page police report on the interrogation of captured rebel Nasir Mehmood.

Mehmood, 31, is a Pakistani militant arrested this year and held in a New Delhi jail, the newspaper said. It did not indicate the charges against him.

One of the hostages is Donald Hutchings of Spokane. Last week

his wife, Jane Schelly, said she hoped a new Indian government reward, of about \$28,500, would yield results. The United States also recently offered \$2 million for information leading to Hutchings' release.

"Somebody has the answers about what happened to our loved ones," Schelly said, shortly after returning from a six-month trip that included India and Pakistan.

The Indian Express newspaper quoted Mehmood as saying the kidnappings were carried out by guerrillas of Harkat-ul-Ansar, one of a dozen militant groups operating in Kashmir, a disputed territory over which India and Pakistan have fought two wars.

Mehmood said Harkat-ul-Ansar wants Kashmir to break away from India and join with Islamic Pakistan. Members include fighters from Kashmir, Pakistan, and Turkey.

Mehmood said the group's original plan was to abduct foreign engineers, but the abductors disobeyed orders and kidnapped the six foreign tourists instead.

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HEALTH & FASHION

Festive decorations may pose threat to tots

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP)—Mischievous, baby and Christmas tree ornaments hang from the ceilings, but can cause health hazards for young children, experts warn.

"Each year we have hundreds of poison exposures that are related to the celebration of the holidays," said Jose McNally, the Arizona Poison & Drug Information Center's assistant director.

"The kids that we've most worried about at this time of year are under 5, usually 2- to 3-year-olds. They're the ones most likely to get into trouble as we bring new holiday things into the home," he said.

The center has already fielded one call from a parent whose child ate their mischievous berries. He had berries on his holiday tree that had clear, candy-like appearance. But they, too, are toxic, and consuming just a few berries from either plant can cause irritations to 12 hours of nausea, vomiting and diarrhea, McNally said.

Eating 10 or more mischievous berries can lead to seizures, hyperactivity or hepatitis, he said. ingesting that many holly berries can cause drowsiness or depression.

A child who eats 10 or more berries of either type should be taken to the emergency room, McNally said.

Children who consume either plant should be monitored for blood pressure changes and should drink plenty of fluids and hydration, he said.

berries, is a safe alternative. It often grows in yards and is available in plant stores.

Alcohol and chocolate can also cause problems for children and pets. In the season of celebrating and gift-giving, they are more accessible and can easily fall into the wrong hands — or paws.

"People have holiday parties and decide to clean up in the morning," McNally said. "But they might not get up before their kids, and the kids go around drinking fruit punch that has also 'in it and was left on the table.'"

This scenario usually prompts several phone calls each holiday season, he said.

Alcohol can also be discovered as a decorated surprise under the tree. Gift-wrapped cologne and perfume seem particularly attractive to children and pets because they smell nice, but their high alcohol content can cause trouble, he said.

Theobromine, a chemical that occurs naturally in the cocoa plant, can be fatal to dogs. A dog that has eaten chocolate is vomiting or having a seizure should be seen by a veterinarian immediately, McNally said.

Even ornaments and Christmas lights can seem appetizing, and young children sometimes bite into them, McNally said.

Incidents of accidental drug overdoses increase during the holidays, too. Sometimes children find an out-of-town guest's medication, and elderly people often request non-child-resistant caps. A single adult dosage of blood pressure or cardiac medicine can harm a small child.

"Make everyone more aware," McNally said. "When we have guests come into the home, they should store their medication up and out of reach, and be aware of after-shower and colognes."

The same precautions should prevail when a young family stays in a home that is not childproof, he said.

Diet reduces epileptic seizures for some

By Knight-Ridder News Service

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Three-year-old Reese Nordier eats a tablespoon or more of mayonnaise with every meal.

It may not sound healthy, but Reese's high-fat, low-carbohydrate and low-protein diet has reduced his epileptic seizures from three a day to one every three or four days.

"It sounds awful, but it works," said Reese's mother, Tina Nordier, of Charlotte. It's called the ketogenic (key-toe-JEN-ick) diet. In January, Carolinas Medical Center's epilepsy center began including the diet in its treatment options, and Reese was the third of 14 children to try it. Two have since dropped out. Of the remaining 12, all have better seizure control, and two are seizure-free.

No one is certain how the diet works, but it is thought to be related to ketones, substances produced when the body burns fat. The body normally burns glucose, or sugar, for energy. But after one or two days of fasting, all the glucose in the blood is burned up, and the body turns to burning fat, a state called ketosis.

"Usually you don't have any (ketones) unless you're dieting. Most people don't burn fat," said Nordier, a nurse who became co-director of Carolinas Medical Center's epilepsy program after her son started treatment. Reese's seizures started after an accident when he was 14 months old. His father's dirt bike fell over on him, and the handlebar lever that controls the brakes struck him in the eye and poked into his brain.

Surgeons removed part of Reese's frontal lobe. He was temporarily paralyzed on his left side. Six months later, while in rehabilitation, he started having seizures, sometimes eight or 10 a day, 15 to 20 minutes each. Doctors tried six different combinations of medi-

cines that helped to control the seizures but Reese continued having them. He was hospitalized eight times last year because of seizures or side effects from the drugs.

Since he started the ketogenic diet in March, he not only has fewer seizures, but they don't last as long. From 20 minutes each down to eight. Instead of four medicines, he's now taking two.

The diet began with a supervised fast. Reese spent four days in the hospital while his body adjusted to the fast and his parents learned about the diet. While there, he didn't have a single seizure.

"That's a real good sign," Nordier said.

During the fast, Reese could drink only limited amounts of liquid. Once he began excreting ketones through his urine — which meant his body was burning fat — he was allowed to begin eating. Dietitians calculated how many calories he'd need for energy and minimal growth.

He could have only 75 percent of the calories recommended for a child his weight and height. Most children can have 1,000 calories a day. Because of his brain injury, Reese has a slow metabolism, so he's allowed only 500 calories a day.

"We try to keep them on the thin side of their normal weight," said Nordier, who now works with

other parents of epileptic children. The ketogenic diet was introduced as a treatment for children with epilepsy in 1921, but when medicines, such as phenobarbital, became available in the 1950s, the diet went out of favor. It seemed easier to give medicines than to carefully control a child's diet.

But 25 percent of children do not get control of their seizures with medicine, Nordier said. The diet "helps a lot of kids with epilepsy that the medicine doesn't work in."

Fat in the ketogenic diet comes mainly from butter, mayonnaise, heavy whipping cream or canola oil. Parents must weigh foods on a gram scale and strictly limit the

kinds of foods their children eat. Even small amounts of carbohydrates, such as a small cookie or cracker, could eliminate the ketosis and nullify the whole effect. Medicine must not include sugar or starch that isn't calculated in the diet.

For breakfast one day last week, Reese ate about 15 bits of round steak, a small piece of asparagus mixed with a tablespoon of mayonnaise and a glass of peach-flavored water. At lunch, he had a tablespoon and a half of canned white-meat chicken, mixed with a tablespoon of mayonnaise and some chopped tomato, served on a lettuce leaf.

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Doctors only beginning to understand why miscarriages occur

Knight-Ridder News Service

Miscarriages occur much more often than people know. But doctors are only beginning to understand why and to develop treatments for women who have them over and over again.

About 20 percent of known pregnancies and 50 percent of all pregnancies end in miscarriage, according to the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

In about half of all miscarriages, the cause is a random scrambling of chromosomes during conception that stops the embryo from developing. This sort of chromosomal abnormality has nothing to do with defects in either parent.

Doctors usually attribute first and second miscarriages to this phenomenon. They don't become alarmed until after a woman has three consecutive miscarriages.

That's when they label as woman as having "recurrent" miscarriages. It's usually also after the third loss that doctors evaluate the woman and partner to look for underlying causes.

Even if doctors identify a cause, there are limits to what they can do. But new research is giving some women hope.

The following lists the major areas of research into causes and treatment for miscarriage:

- **Hormonal deficiencies:** Some doctors believe progesterone deficiencies affect up to 25 percent of patients with recurrent pregnancy loss, according to the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

- Progesterone is a hormone necessary for successful implantation and maintenance of early pregnancy.

- Doctors diagnose progesterone deficiencies by endometrial biopsy, in which a doctor scrapes a small sec-

tion of the uterus for microscopic examination. Doctors must do the test twice near the end of the woman's menstrual cycle.

Doctors can easily remedy this condition by giving women progesterone supplements.

There is no risk to taking them. But some doctors question whether a woman taking hormone supplements would have gone on to have a full-term pregnancy anyway.

- **Uterine abnormalities:** Ten to 15 percent of women with recurrent miscarriages have uterine abnormalities, which can often be corrected by surgery.

These abnormalities include a weakening of the cervix, the muscular opening that connects the uterus to the birth canal. An incompetent cervix is usually associated with second-trimester pregnancy loss.

Susan Sipes, assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the Yale University School of Medicine, said sometimes the cervix is injured during a difficult childbirth or during a cone biopsy, when the cervix is treated for abnormal cells.

Another abnormality is a "double uterus," Sipes said. This condition is congenital and occurs when the two

halves of the uterus in the female embryo fail to fuse and develop into a single cavity.

- **Immune system disorders:** Antiphospholipid syndrome occurs in 5 to 10 percent of women with recurrent miscarriage, says the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists' bulletin.

The syndrome causes a woman to have an abnormally high level of an antibody in her system, which can lead to blood clots in the placenta and halt the flow of oxygen and nutrients to the fetus.

Doctors treat it by giving women heparin, low-dose aspirin or a combination of both. So far, however, there is no strong evidence that these treatments work, says the bulletin.

Another condition under study has to do with a woman's body rejecting her fetus as foreign tissue.

In a normal pregnancy, the woman's body produces special antibodies that prevent her regular antibodies from rejecting her fetus.

But some researchers believe this process goes confused when the parents share certain genetic similarities. In this case, the woman's body may not recognize the

fetal tissue as foreign and produce the necessary antibodies to protect it.

Treatments for this condition remain highly experimental, controversial and expensive.

- **Genetic abnormalities:**

Two to 3 percent of recurrent miscarriages are caused by genetic abnormalities in one of the parents' chromosomes. Doctors can test for genetic defects. But, at this point, they can't do anything to correct them.

- **Lifestyle factors:** It's commonly accepted that pregnant women should avoid tobacco, alcohol and illegal drugs. Doctors also tell women to avoid these substances if they are trying to become pregnant.

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HEALTH & FASHION

Contrary to conventional wisdom suicide doesn't peak during the holiday season

The Washington Post

As nearly everyone knows by now, it's one of the great suicide times in a season replete with joy and hope, the "holiday blues" drive the suicide rate to its annual peak.

Except that nearly everyone is wrong. December records the least number of suicides of any month, national statistics show. Suicide rates tend to rise in spring and summer and edge down in fall and winter, according to data compiled over the past 20 years. "If you look at the statistics day by day over a period of years, what you find is not an increase but a drop in suicide during the holidays," said David Phillips, a sociologist at the University of California at San Diego who has studied demographic trends in suicide.

The belief that suicide is more common during the holidays is one of the most persistent sociological myths of the season, warning those who have tried to dispel it with data.

"Where it comes from, I don't know, except that people really believe it," said John McIntosh, a research psychologist at Indiana University South Bend and an expert on seasonal patterns in suicide. "It just seems to have its own life."

McIntosh said the holiday-season suicide myth ranks right up there with the idea that more babies are born under a full

Until recently, spring was the peak season for suicides, McIntosh said. In the past few years, the peak has shifted to the summer months.

In 1991, the latest year for which complete data are available, the months of April and June tied for the highest average daily suicide count, followed in order by August, July, May and September. December ranked last.

"It is counter-intuitive, to be sure, but winter months are not the higher ones" for suicides, said David Jobs, a clinical psychologist at Catholic University in Washington who has studied patterns in suicide.

Not that suicide ever has a "slow" season. More than 31,000 Americans killed themselves intentionally in 1994, making suicide the nation's ninth-leading cause of death, surpassing homicide.

• Most people who kill themselves don't necessarily want to die; they're trying to end some unbearable pain.

• The vast majority of suicidal people — upward of 80 percent — tell somebody else about their feelings.

• Most suicidal people have a diagnosable emotional problem — such as depression or drug abuse — that could respond to treatment by medication or psychotherapy.

• "These three facts," Jobs said, "are a preventionist's call to arms."



moon — another bit of "conventional wisdom" that has never been supported by fact.

Many health clubs don't check new members for heart trouble

WASHINGTON (AP) — At many health clubs, the condition of a new member's heart is a great unknown, a study finds. These clubs don't even ask prospective members if they have symptoms of heart disease, the report said.

Although exercise in general is safe as well as healthy, these clubs are raising risks they ought to be lowering, said researcher Kyle J. McInnis, a professor of exercise physiology at Boston University Medical Center.

"They don't know if (new members) have heart disease if they don't ask the questions," McInnis said. Would-be exercisers should be asked if they have heart problems, he said.

McInnis and his colleagues analyzed survey data gathered in the spring of 1996 from 110 health clubs in Massachusetts. The clubs were asked if they gave prospective members questionnaires on heart disease symptoms.

Thirty-eight percent of all clubs did not do pre-entry screening consistently, and 10 percent never screened, the study found. The results were presented recently at a meeting of the American Heart Association.

This is contrary to guidelines from the AHA, the American College of Sports Medicine, and a health club trade group — IHSA, the International Health,

Racquet and Sportsclub Association, McInnis said. "All agree that at least a basic form of written health history questionnaire be administered to all clients," he said.

Of clubs offering special programs for the elderly and for people with heart disease, 25 percent did not screen consistently, the survey found. That's especially worrisome because the risk of a cardiac event during exercise is about 10 times greater for someone with heart disease than for someone without, McInnis said.

Of all clubs that do screen, 25 percent would let people with known heart disease exercise without a physician's consent. Twenty-two percent of clubs with special programs would do the same, the survey said. "Even if they do screen, what do they do with the data?" McInnis said. At many clubs, the answer is apparently nothing, he said.

However, the study has some limitations, McInnis noted.

The researchers did not attempt a national sample, so the percentages might be different in other areas, McInnis said. However, he added, "I can't think of any reasons why."

Also, the 110 clubs that responded were only 54 percent of those to which the questionnaire was sent. But nonresponders would probably be less likely to pretest prospective members, McInnis said. "You wouldn't

want to admit it," he said. "So we think this is probably a best-case scenario."

McInnis and other experts caution that people should not take the study as an excuse not to exercise. Controlled exercise is commonly prescribed for people with heart trouble. And the risk of early death from causes including heart disease is higher among the sedentary than exercisers.

"That's what we don't want to see happen," said Cathy McNeil, IHSA's spokeswoman. "They are at greater risk for not exercising than they are for exercising."

Other experts find that the risk that a person will die during exercise is very low overall. "I don't think this is an enormously major problem," said cardiologist Paul D. Thompson of the University of Pittsburgh Heart Institute, in an interview.

An article Thompson wrote for the journal Archives of Internal Medicine said that, although the risk of a cardiac event does rise a bit during exercise, only 6 middle-aged men per 100,000 die each year from any cause during exertion. The risk is even lower for younger people, he said.

Just the same, 20 million people exercise at health clubs, McInnis and his colleagues said. "The promotion of physical activity to the public must coincide with better screening at fitness clubs to minimize potential cardiovascular risks," their report said.

Research: Testosterone doesn't deserve reputation

Colorado Springs Gazette

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — In popular culture, testosterone is the hormone that condemns men to nasty, brutish and short lives.

It's linked with practically every form of male misbehavior, from channel-changing and tail-gating to fighting, raping and murdering.

It's also linked with heart disease — the nation's No. 1 killer. But is testosterone really the bad boy of hormones? A growing body of research suggests not.

"Testosterone is a healthy thing," says Jackie Berning, biology professor who teaches a human metabolism course at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. "Both males and females have a certain amount."

If you're surprised to learn testosterone is made by men's testicles and women's ovaries (albeit in much smaller amounts) — and that it plays a vital role in the health of both sexes — you're not alone.

According to a recent Gallup survey of menopausal women — one of the groups most drastically affected by testosterone deficiencies — only 5 percent were even aware that they made testosterone, much less that they needed it.

Until learning otherwise, they accepted the commonly held notion that testosterone is a male hormone, estrogen is a female hormone, and that's that.

In men and women, testosterone builds muscle and bone, improves brain function, and sparks sexual desire. It's believed to play a role in the prevention of heart disease, osteoporosis, depression, Alzheimer's disease and many other ailments.

Testosterone therapy is not recommended for men with prostate cancer or a family history of prostate cancer. In men and women, levels must be carefully monitored to guard against such side effects as heightened aggression, high cholesterol, unwanted hair growth and liver damage.

But today's precise dosing has dramatically decreased the risk of such complications.

"It's too bad testosterone is commonly described as a 'male' hormone," says Dr. Jack Ford, a Colorado Springs gynecologist who has treated men and women for 20 years with testosterone.

"It's simply a body hormone that plays an important role in body function. It should be seen just like we see insulin, cortisone or thyroid."

How, then, did testosterone acquire such a bad reputation? In ancient times, healers and shamans suspected a male "essence" determined strength and sexual potency. They exorted men with flagging libidos to eat the sex glands of bulls and other male animals. In 1889, a French scientist injected himself with an animal-testicle solution. His enthusiastic reports helped create a worldwide fad — sex-rejuvenation clinics, which often were run by outright quacks.

In 1934, eastern European scientists succeeded in synthesizing testosterone, which means "steroid found in the testes."

But researchers were less interested in developing testosterone-replacement therapies for men than in developing estrogen-replacement therapies for women. The reason? Men don't experience the plunge in hormone production that afflicts women during menopause.

The male "menopause" — if it can be called that — is a gradual process that begins in middle age and culminates in old age, when testosterone output is typically a fraction what it was at age 20.

For decades, the only approved medical use for testosterone supplements was for treating hypogonadism, a condition in which men produce abnormally low levels of the hormone.

Supplements were most commonly found in gymnasiums,

where athletes and bodybuilders illegally used massive doses to bulk up their muscles, often with disastrous consequences to their physical and mental health. With up to 100 times the normal level

effective treatment for angina, the crushing chest pain that often accompanies heart disease.

Today, more and more doctors are using testosterone to combat the age-related woes of men and women. Since oral supplements are associated with liver damage, it's delivered via prescription-only injections, creams, skin patches, and implantable pellets that release

steady doses of the hormone for three months.

Dr. Fred Collins of Senior Health Solutions in Colorado Springs views testosterone-replacement therapy as a godsend for many older men.

"Testosterone deficiency is more common than we used to think," he says. "As men age, about a third of them go into the low range."

The most common symptoms: weakness, fatigue and an inability to get an erection.

"Even for those who say, 'I don't care if I have sex anymore,' it's often advantageous to take testosterone for muscle mass and bone strength," Collins says.

Having seen many of his patients spring back to life, Collins predicts testosterone-replacement therapy for men might someday be as common as estrogen-replacement therapy already is for women.

"Testosterone deficiency is more common than we used to think, as men age, about a third of them go into the low range."

— Dr. Fred Collins, Senior Health Solutions in Colorado Springs

of testosterone circulating in their systems, heavy users often fly into uncontrollable rages.

Since such users are at high risk of developing heart disease, researchers concluded the hormone is the reason men have more heart disease than women. So testosterone became a bad hormone, especially when compared to estrogen, which protects premenopausal women against heart disease.

Not until recently did researchers discover the truth — that testosterone, at proper levels, causes neither disease nor derangement; instead, it transforms boys into men and girls into women and plays a lifelong role in preserving health.

While some studies continue to show that young men with high testosterone levels are more likely to commit violent crimes, the connection is getting weaker. Recent studies by the University of California-Los Angeles and the Seattle Veterans Affairs Medical Center show men with low testosterone levels are more likely to be aggressive.

Researchers theorize such men are more violence-prone because they feel lousy.

Other studies debunk the idea that normal levels of testosterone cause heart disease. Young men who develop heart disease more often have high levels of estrogen than testosterone.

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Skunk-stripe hair catches on

Multicolored hair traced to variety of sources including '60s, Bandstand

The Orlando Sentinel

The look is much more flattering than the name: skunk-stripe hair.

But the name does describe the look: one or more broad, contrasting stripes of color in the hair, much like the white stripes that run across the forehead and down the sides of a skunk's black pel.

So much so, that when Natalie Lindquist had her dark hair streaked with gold, she earned the nickname *Pepe le Pew* — after the cartoon skunk.

"Mostly I've gotten compliments, though it took a while for it to grow on some people. But I hardly like it," said Lindquist, 21, a bartender in Winter Park, Fla.

In recent months, models on the runways of Paris and New York have been displaying these skunk stripes — in shades that range from fairly natural blond and red, to blatantly unnatural silver, blue or purple. Sometimes the stripes, just one section of hair is highlighted, such as the bangs, the crown or the tips. The look is also big with the trendy folks who populate the pages of *Details* magazine and MTV.

It is catching on off the runway among women — including Lindquist and her younger sister, Valerie, a student at the University of Central Florida.

"It took a good week for me to get adjusted," said Valerie Lindquist, 20, whose black hair has been brightened with face-framing bronze streaks. "Now I really like it. It's a nice fashion statement and a good change. I'd never done anything so dramatic with my hair before."

Some of her friends are so impressed with her new look, they are planning to get their own hair striped. "But my family isn't really attached to my pure black hair," she said.

Skunk-stripe hair is a high-fashion look, said Shawn Hunt, a stylist at Gary Lambert Salon in Winter Park. "It's not supposed to look natural. It's unbalanced, nonpologetic color."

Take the blaze of bright gold he painted across the copper-brown bangs of one client, Jenny Stuart. "No one could mistake that for sun-kissed," Hunt said.

Even Stuart, who watched every step of the transformation, was stunned when she viewed the results.

"I was shocked. I mean, it really stood out. But now that I'm used to it, I love it. I like to be different," said Stuart, 26, a public assistance specialist at the Department of Children and Families in Orlando, Fla.

Skunk striping can be achieved three ways: with hair color, with pomades or with small hairpieces. Hair color is permanent — at least until the color grows out — or is covered with a different color. Pomades and hair pieces carry a temporary dash of contrasting color. Most pomades cost less than \$10. Extensive skunk striping on long hair can run more than \$150 (but may cost as little as \$25 for one or two stripes

in short hair). Hairpieces generally fall somewhere in between.

The inspiration for bright, multi-colored hair can be traced to a variety of sources. "It comes from the '60s, from shows like *American Bandstand* and movies like *Hairspray*. It has a lot to do with the retro-'60s thing that is happening in the music and fashion right now," said Gary Lambert, owner of the eponymous Winter Park salon.

"It makes for a great change — and it's fun even when it's growing out and the roots are showing. Madonna and Courtney Love did a lot to make dark roots fashionable," Lambert said.

Even some of his older clients have tried the skunk look — though usually they opt for subtle, low-contrast stripes.

Jimmy Lee, an owner of Jungle Red salon in Winter Park, believes computer animation helped spark the skunk-stripe look.

"The kids are seeing these bright colors on their computer screens. It's making them like more artificial colors — in their clothes and in their hair."

Runway models also helped popularize the look, he said. "I remember, about three seasons ago, when Shalun (supermodel Shalun Haelson) came out with white skunk stripes in her dark dark hair. Then Naomi Taylor did gold on blond. It's still with us, though it's evolved into a more subtle look for most women."

One popular, low-key version of skunk striping is *tone-on-tone* color — an all-over blend of two or three similar shades of red, blond or brown, Lee said. Also gaining converts is hybrid color — a mixture of warm and cool tones, such as golden blond and ash brown, or beige and magenta. To counteract gray, the hair can be tinted with permanent color, then a gentle "lifting agent" can be applied to create bands of lighter color.

For a special occasion, or to test the skunk look temporarily, Lee suggested using a pomade or hairpiece in a contrasting color.

"The club girls love the pomades. The wild colors give an almost futuristic effect. For something more subtle, there are colored shampoos and conditioners. Say you have blond hair and want to be strawberry for the evening. You just shampoo it in, then rinse it out the next day with a clarifying shampoo."

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68	14.3	18.4	28.7%
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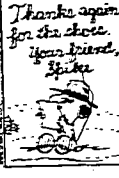
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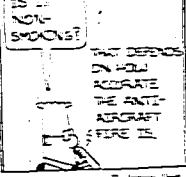
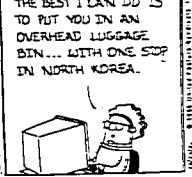
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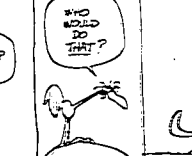
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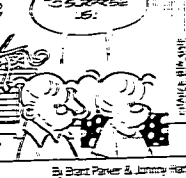


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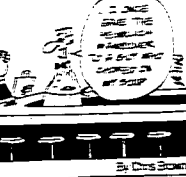
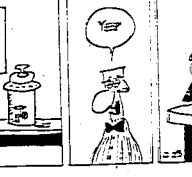
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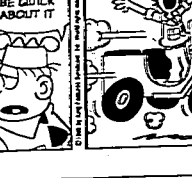
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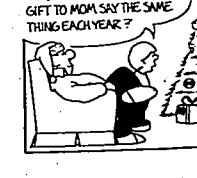
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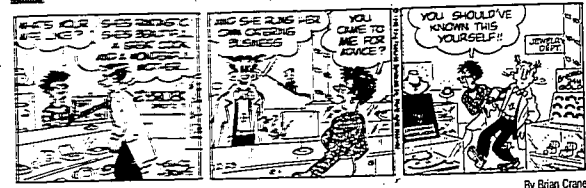
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