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Leukemia has filled Ashley Higley's short three years with many ups and downs, but she still has fun playing with her mother, Michelle, on the family's trampoline.

Deaths from cancer decrease but reoccurrences on the rise

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

HEYBURN - To survive cancer is to catch lightning in a bottle.

It is to catch a miracle that can quickly fade. Or disappear altogether, as it did for Ashley Higley's family last week.

Ashli, a bright, bouncy 3-year-old from Heyburn, had beaten leukemia twice and seemed on the way to a childhood free of fear and pain.

"She had been doing pretty good," Ashley's mother, Michelle, said. "Then last Monday, she got sick."

On the day after Christmas, doctors told Michelle that leukemia was back - and that the best they could do for Ashli now was to keep her comfortable.

For sometimes, cancer comes back.

"Cancer is a cruel disease," said Dr. Eugene Seville, radiation oncologist at the Southern Idaho Regional Cancer Center. "Many patients recover and do well, and yet they're waiting for the other shoe to drop."

Who survives cancer?

Five-year survival rates for various kinds of cancer:

- Lung cancer - It's 13 percent in all patients. The rate is 48 percent for cases detected when the disease is still localized, but only 18 percent of lung cancer cases are discovered that early.
- Colon cancer - When it's detected early, 92 percent of victims survive for five years. After the cancer has spread regionally to involve adjacent organs and lymph nodes, the survival rate drops to 61 percent.
- Breast cancer - The survival rate for localized breast cancer is 93 percent. If the cancer has spread regionally at the time of diagnosis, it's 72 percent. If it's metastasized, it's 18 percent.
- Prostate cancer - Fifty-eight percent of all prostate cancers are discovered while still localized; the five-year survival rate for patients whose tumors are diagnosed at that stage is 92 percent. Overall survival rate is 78 percent.
- Cervical cancer - The survival rate is 67 percent.

For women diagnosed with localized disease, it's 90 percent.

- Leukemia - The five-year survival rate is 38 percent.
- Lymphoma - The overall survival rate after five years for Hodgkin's disease is 78 percent; for non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, it's 52 percent.
- Skin cancer - For malignant melanoma, the survival rate for localized disease is 92 percent; for regional and metastasized disease, they're 85 and 14 percent, respectively.
- Ovarian cancer - The overall survival rate is 41 percent. If diagnosed and treated early, it's 88 percent.
- Bladder cancer - Detected early, the survival rate is 51 percent. For regional and distant disease, it's 48 percent and 9 percent, respectively.
- Oral cancer - Survival rates range from 28 percent for cancer of the hypopharynx to 90 percent for lip cancer. Overall survival rate for oral cancer patients is about 52 percent.

— Source: American Cancer Society

Special Report: When Cancer Returns

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Its return in ever greater numbers is testimony to what medical science knows and all it has yet to learn about cancer.

Thirty years ago, few people got cancer again - because it killed most patients the first time. But four out of 10 of the Americans who are diagnosed with cancer next year still will be alive in 2002. Only one out of three cancer patients diagnosed in 1967 survived until 1972.

The five-year survival rate for localized breast cancer increased from 78 percent in 1940 to 93 percent today. For prostate cancer, the survival rate has increased from 50 percent to 78 percent in 30 years.

But researchers are finding just how complex the mechanisms for the return and spread of cancer cells really are.

"When we talk about getting rid of cancer, we're cautious about how we use the word 'cure,'" Seville said. "Being can-

cer-free is not the same thing as being cured."

"I've been cancer-free for 17 years, and I'm still wary about that word 'cure,'" said Char Basila-Davis, clinical social worker at the Southern Idaho Regional Cancer Center. "That's because I'm not just a cancer survivor; I'm a recurrent cancer survivor."

The chances of cancer coming back depend to a large extent on when the disease is diagnosed.

If it's localized - meaning the tumor hasn't spread beyond a specific point - the odds are very good that you'll be a cancer survivor.

But if it's regionalized, such as a breast cancer tumor that spreads within the breast, the chances are better that cancer, once "cured," will return.

And if it's metastasized, or spread to "distant" sites, your prospects are grimmer.

The Higleys understand the dynamics of hope and fear as only cancer survivors and their families can. After two bone-marrow transplants, chemotherapy and a four-week coma, Ashli's good days have shone all the brighter.

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Burley cops name victim of shooting

By Lori Betteinskil
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Police have identified Jerry Centino, 46, of Burley as the third person who died early Friday morning during an apparent double homicide plus suicide inside a Burley home.

Cassia County Sheriff Billy Crystal said Centino was shot and killed at 1001 Burton Ave. along with Cheryl Choate, 36, of Burley. Richard Choate, 37, of Burley died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound, Crystal said.

Richard Choate appeared to be the aggressor in the shootings, Crystal said. Police suspect jealousy as the apparent motive, although the investigation won't be complete until at least Monday afternoon, he said.

Cassia County Coroner Paul Young said Centino was "a friend of the (Choate) family." Crystal said he thought the Choates were divorced at the time of the murders.

Centino's nearest relative was contacted Saturday in the Republic of the Philippines. Crystal said the victim was Filipino and apparently unmarried. Family members also live in Burley and California.

Four teenagers who witnessed the crime were interviewed by police officials Friday and will continue to be questioned Monday. Young said some of the witnesses were related to the victim.

According to Crystal, the four teenagers were inside the home when the murders occurred.

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Clinton backs new rules on auto air bags

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON - President Clinton endorsed forthcoming new rules on automobile air bags Saturday, predicting that the changes will "make our roads safer, and our children more secure."

The new regulations, aimed at protecting children and small adults from the explosive force of air bags, will permit automobile manufacturers to install less powerful versions of the devices and will allow car owners to have them disconnected at their discretion. The rules are scheduled to be released Monday.

While air bags have saved about 1,700 lives, they deploy with such force that they have been implicated in the deaths of at least 32 children and infants and 26 adults - mostly small women - in low-speed accidents the individuals otherwise probably would have survived. Air bags also have been blamed for inflicting potentially serious disabilities, such as eye injuries.

In response, government safety officials and others have warned motorists to keep children in the rear seat while driving.

In reality, however, many parents find that it is sometimes difficult or impossible to follow such advice. The neighborhood car pool, for example, has become a way of life - even a necessity - for many American families. Frequently, car poolers have no alternative but to place one of the youngsters in the front passenger seat.

Northwest digs out in time for another winter blast

The Associated Press

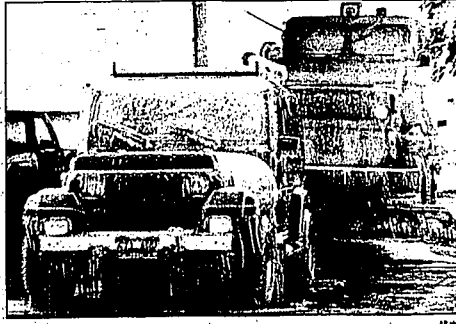
SEATTLE - Northwesters scrambled Saturday to dig out roads clogged by more than a foot of snow and restore electricity to thousands of blacked-out customers before the next storm hits.

Another dose of snow, -4 to 10 inches possible - was expected to move into the region during the night.

The storm is expected to produce more moisture for southern Idaho, at least through New Year's Day. Temperatures should be above average, with highs in the 40s after today, resulting in snow just at the higher elevations.

A winter storm watch was in effect Saturday through Sunday for all of Washington.

The two major routes across the Cascade Mountains in Washington - Interstate 90 and U.S. 2 - were reopened Saturday morning after as much as 2 feet of snow halted scores of travelers. In Oregon, I-54 east of Portland in the Columbia River Gorge also was reopened after being shut down by thick ice.



A storm that hit the Pacific Northwest on Friday left a sheet of ice over everything, including these vehicles in Troutdale, Ore. A new storm was expected to hit Saturday night, early today.

Outdoors has little tolerance for mistakes

By Tom Steinastra
San Francisco Examiner

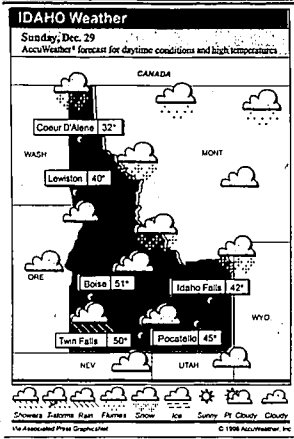
SAN FRANCISCO - Mountains wait for you to make a mistake. If you do, you will pay for it.

When trapped in a winter blizzard, the difference between survival without injury and a frost-bitten death can lie in something as small as having remembered to pack a Power Bar and plastic bottle of water.

Last weekend, two different parties were lost in mountain blizzards. Race car driver Bobby Unser and a friend survived when they got lost in a blizzard along the Colorado-New Mexico state line by building a snow cave and hunkering down until the storm passed. But San Francisco developer James Augustino, 48, perished in the same storm, five miles away.

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WEATHER



FORECAST

Magic Valley
 Sunday rain or snow likely in the morning becoming rain by noon. Highs 45 to 55. Breezy. Southwest winds 15 to 25 mph. Sunday night rain likely. Lows 35 to 40. Monday rain likely. Highs in the upper 40s.

Extended regional forecast
 Sunday and New Year's Day valley rain and mountain snow likely. Breezy. Lows in the 30s to near 40. Highs in the 40s.
 Thursday partly cloudy with a chance of rain or snow showers. A little colder with lows in the mid-20s through the 30s. Highs upper 30s to mid-40s.

Camas Prairie, Wood River Valley
 Sunday occasional snow in the morning then rain or snow in the afternoon. Snow level near 5000 feet. Total accumulation 4 to 9 inches. Highs from the mid 30s to the mid 40s. Locally breezy. Sunday night rain or snow. Lows mostly in the 20s. Monday rain and snow showers likely. Highs from the upper 30s to the mid 40s.

Treasure Valley
 Sunday occasional rain. Breezy. Highs 50 to 55. Southwest winds 15 to 25 mph. Sunday night cloudy with scattered rain showers. Lows near 40. Monday rain showers likely. Highs near 50.

Sawtooth Mountains
 Sunday occasional snow in the morning then rain or snow in the afternoon. Snow level near 5000 feet. Total accumulation 4 to 9 inches. Highs from the mid 30s to the mid 40s. Sunday night rain or snow. Lows mostly in the 20s. Monday rain and snow showers likely. Highs from the upper 30s to the mid 40s.

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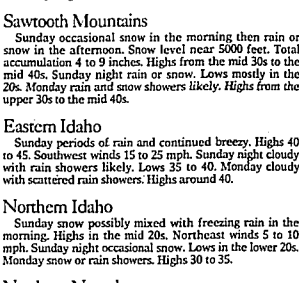
More rain, snow headed for Northwest; East warms up
 The Associated Press
 A new storm system began moving onto the West Coast on Saturday with a threat of heavy rain and snow, while warm weather spread across parts of the eastern half of the nation.
 Scattered rain showers rolled into northern California and parts of western Oregon and more rain was moving in from the ocean.
 Two inches of rain was possible in some areas by Sunday morning.
 Snow was likely farther north along the coast. A winter storm watch was in effect through Sunday for all of Washington, including the usually temperate Puget Sound region, and the northern half of Oregon, the National Weather Service said.
 Up to 4 to 10 inches of snow was possible in western Washington north of Seattle.

A storm watch also was posted for the Sierra Nevada of northern California.
 Ahead of the approaching storm, Yakima, Wash., chilled to a record low of 4 below zero. Farther east, Cut Bank, Mont., had a low of 16 below with a wind chill down to 66 below.
 High wind blew across much of Wyoming and northern Colorado, with gusts to 57 mph near Denver and to 52 mph at Rawlins, Wyo.
 Over the eastern third of the nation, muggy air Southeast, carrying temperatures in the 70s as far north as Hopkinsville, Ky. Temperatures in the 40s and 50s extended up the East Coast past New York and into the Boston area.
 The lowest wind chill was the 66 below zero at Cut Bank, Mont.

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Hagerman	42 37 .06
Idaho Falls	35 32
Jerome	35 33 .06
Lewiston	27 21
Malad	41 35
Maia	45 32
McCall	41 36
Pocatello	36 33
Salmon	41 28
Stanley	m 25
Sun Valley	m

NATIONAL WEATHER



TEMPERATURES

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	56	36	.....
Anchorage	62	49	.....
Boston	43	32	.....
Chicago	39	33	.....
Dallas	73	24	.....
Denver	54	28	.....
Des Moines	35	28	.....
Detroit	45	32	.01
Honolulu	77	66	.....
Houston	80	57	.01
Indianapolis	63	42	.....
Kansas City	39	29	.....
Las Vegas	61	51	.....
Los Angeles	65	55	.18
Memphis	68	55	.02
Miami Beach	80	67	.....
Minneapolis	38	32	.01
Mississippi	51	49	.53
New York	49	37	.....
Oklahoma City	57	42	.....
Omaha	50	42	.....
Phoenix	69	53	.....
Pittsburgh	61	39	.10
Portland, Me.	42	27	.02
Portland, Ore.	39	34	.....
Reno	49	36	.....
St. Louis	57	30	.01
Salt Lake City	51	34
San Francisco	59	53
Seattle	36	30
Spokane	17	4
Washington	53	47

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SKYWATCH

Sunset today 5:13 p.m.
 Sunrise tomorrow 8:08 a.m.
 Lunar phase: Full, Dec. 24; last quarter, Jan. 1; new, Jan. 8; first quarter, Jan. 15.
 Visible planets: Morning: Mars, Venus.
 Evening: Jupiter, Saturn, Mercury.

Eastern Idaho

Sunday periods of rain and continued breezy. Highs 40 to 45. Southwest winds 15 to 25 mph. Sunday night cloudy with rain showers likely. Lows 35 to 40. Monday cloudy with scattered rain showers. Highs around 40.

Northern Nevada

Sunday mostly cloudy and windy with a slight chance of afternoon showers. Southwest winds 20-30 mph by afternoon. Highs in the lower 50s. Sunday night chance of showers. Lows in the 30s. Windy. Monday showers likely. Snow level near 7000 feet. Continued windy.

Northern Utah

Sunday windy, cloudy and mild. South winds 20-30 mph. Highs in the lower 50s. Sunday night chance of showers. Lows in the 30s. Windy. Monday showers likely. Snow level near 8000 feet.

HIGHS & LOWS

Idaho: High, 46 degrees at Caldwell. Low, 9 degrees at Coeur d'Alene.
 Nation: High, 85 at McAllen, Texas. Low, 21 below at Great Falls, Mont.

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/Trip Information Department road reports is: http://www.stateid.us/inf/dt/dtimp.htm

More hostages released

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Leftist rebels released 20 more hostages, including two ambassadors, from the Peruvian embassy residence on Saturday, following the first face-to-face talks between the guerrillas and the government's negotiator.
 Education Minister Domingo Palermio said upon emerging from the

residence that he had a "conversation" with rebel leader Nestor Cerpau in which he won freedom for 20 people. "Advances were made for a solution to this serious situation," he Palermio.

The release began with three hostages, one of whom read a statement from the Tupac Amaru rebels that contained demands and said

Shootings

they resented being called "terrorists."
 The statement did not refer to the original demand that jailed rebels be freed, but it said jail conditions must be improved. Political prisoners are treated harshly in Peru and some are sentenced to life in solitary confinement.

Youngsters lift car off man's chest

DENVER (AP) — When Gary Lewis' car collapsed onto his chest while he was changing the transmission, the only people around to hear his cries for help were five skinny youngsters.

Together, the four boys and a girl — ranging in age from 8 to 13 — were able to lift the compact Ford Fiesta just enough to allow Lewis to slide free. He emerged with bruises and scrapes and did not require hospitalization.

"They're my heroes. I don't know how they did it," Lewis said of Friday's rescue.

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Through the snow came Augustine and his 18-year-old son, Harley, constructed as a shelter was a good one, according to the search-and-rescue team, somewhere along the way Augustine got wet, and the mountain would not forgive. He died of exposure.

"Snow 'can protect you," noted Doug Read of the search-and-rescue team that found Augustine, but if it gets you wet, "it's your worst enemy."

On Friday night, the weather turned ugly and it snowed five feet in 35 hours in nearby Truckee, piling as high as 16 feet in regions of North Tahoe. When I heard of the two sagas, one ending in safety and the other in tragedy, I thought of how I once had been caught in a similar blizzard, of how fortunate I was to escape, and of the precautions available to keep winter adventures safe and fun.

A detailed weather report is mandatory, just for starters. Every newscast out last week was predicting a mammoth storm, and when the brunt of it hit Friday night at Tahoe, nobody should have been surprised.
 But they were because they were not prepared.
 Being prepared begins with wearing the right stuff. Whatever is next to your skin should wick moisture away from your body. The next layer or two should keep you warm. The top layer should keep you dry.
 And in the winter, always carry a small pack filled with

essentials. That starts with first-class foot wear gear — the top layer you simply must never get wet. It includes food as well as a Power Bar.

jerky, trail mix and, of course, water, at least eight ounces and preferably a two-quart canteen filled to the brim.
 I also carry a lightweight space blanket to provide emergency warmth, a lightweight flashlight, a lighter and toilet paper.

I understand the importance of such things because I was caught in a blizzard on a rare solo hike in the Sixkayu Wilderness in northwestern California. After a rough night, I awoke to a blizzard, two feet of fresh snow and roughly 30 yards of visibility. I was above tree line, and the rock trail markers were buried, leaving only a white moonscape. There were no landmarks for reference.

The first thing I did was make sure I would stay dry, especially my head and hair, where most body heat escapes. I carry raingear all the time, pants and a jacket.

I took stock of my food, and ate some beef jerky (hydration helps my head and hair) and drank some water, and I was ready to pack, dig out, and get off the mountain.

But with each step, my boots sank like postholes, several feet

down into the snow. Luckily, I'd waterproofed my boots so my feet inside would stay dry and warm.

But which way to go? That's when I remembered that, just before entering the wilderness, I'd stopped at the little Forest Service District Office in Gasquet and told them where I was going, so I figured they would send a rescue team out for me. Since I was many miles from the trailhead, in deep snow, that still didn't give me much hope.

They'd find my four-wheel-drive truck, but little else.

To try and get oriented, I spread the map atop the snow. Huge snowdrakes covered it in just a few minutes. I set the compass atop the map and oriented it to the north. Then I looked at my altimeter watch and traced my elevation of 4,900 feet to the elevation lines on the topographic map. With this strategy, I was able to figure my position within about 700 yards.

I continued checking my altimeter watch and the topographic map all the way down the mountain until arriving at the tree line. Finally, amid the blanket of snow, I was able to find the flat switch-backed depression in the forest that marked the trail out.

It was hours later when I finally reached my truck, and found a giant all-terrain Forest Service vehicle and two rangers.
 "Need any help?" I asked.
 "Just joking. The snow was already so high that they had to tow me out in my four-wheel-drive. But I was safe.

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NATION



Sarah Stevens, 7, of Griffith, Ind., waits patiently as her brothers try to remove a Cabbage Patch Snack Time Kids doll from her hair on Thursday. The doll had eaten about 8 inches of her hair and attached itself to Sarah's head.

Hungry dolls gobble girls' hair

GREENVILLE, S.C. (AP) — In the third such incident since Christmas, a little girl's hair got caught in the mouth of a battery-powered Cabbage Patch doll that mimics eating.

Three-year-old Carly Mize started crying when her doll snagged her hair Thursday, and her mother said a patch of hair was pulled right out of her scalp. "I thought maybe she had stuck her finger in the doll's mouth, so I checked her fingers, but she was still crying," said her mother, Tammy Mize of Easley. "When I picked Carly up, the doll was attached to the back of her head."

The Cabbage Patch Snack

Time Kid doll, which is supposed to "eat" plastic french fries and other fake food, has no on-off switch, and Mrs. Mize said she tried to pry the doll off Carly's head with no success.

"It kept rolling her hair inside the head," she said. "It pulled her hair completely from the root. She is completely bald for maybe a hands-length all the way down the back of her head."

Carly had received the doll for Christmas and the incident happened while she was shopping with her mother in a Greenville store.

Also on Thursday, a doll belonging to 7-year-old Sarah

Stevens of Griffith, Ind., had to be taken apart piece by piece when it chewed its way up her hair to her scalp.

Sarah's aunt, Kelly Nagy, and the owner of the hair salon where the incident happened, worked 30 minutes to free the little girl's hair.

"She must have had it lying by her hair, and it must have sucked it down," Nagy said.

Early Saturday, one of the dolls chewed the hair of 7-year-old Amanda Gomez of New Haven, Conn. Her father told WFSB-TV that emergency workers had to take the batteries out of the doll and cut the girl's hair to free her.

Police search home for clues in child's death

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — Police have assigned 30 officers to the case of a slain 6-year-old beauty queen, using Saturday to search for clues at the 15-room family home where she was found strangled in the basement.

JonBenet Ramsey, last year's Little Miss Colorado, went to bed Christmas night after receiving a new bicycle. The next day, her father found her body, eight hours after receiving a ransom note.

The girl's parents and her 10-year-old brother were placed in protective custody following the slaying. Police say no one has been ruled out as a potential suspect.

"Nobody's in, nobody's out," police spokeswoman Leslie Anholm said.

The girl's mother, Patricia Ramsey, 39, is a former Miss West Virginia. John Ramsey, 53, is the president of Access Graphics, a subsidiary of Lockheed Martin Corp. and one of the city's largest companies with 380 employees.

Access Graphics recently celebrated its first \$1 billion in revenues, but police said there is no indication the slaying is linked to the business. Authorities said they were attempting to comply with the note's instructions when the girl's body was found.

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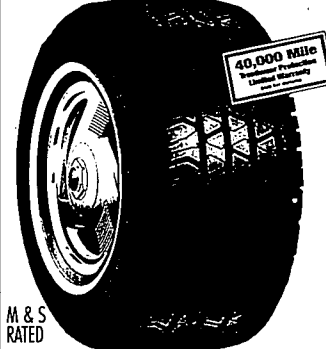
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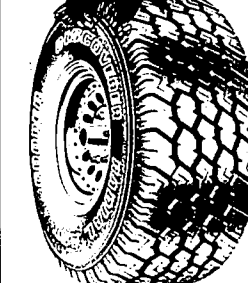
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Cancer

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That's because over the past 30 years, there's been a dramatic improvement in the survival of patients with acute lymphocytic leukemia, the disease from which Ashli suffers - from a five-year survival rate of 4 percent for people diagnosed in 1960 to 52 percent today.

And in children, the improvement has risen from 4 percent to 72 percent. "Children handle it in different ways," said Dr. Lynn Smith, a radiation oncologist at the University of Utah Health Sciences Center. "Sometimes they deal with it better than their parents do, sometimes they don't. But it's always harder with children."

"When a 60-year-old is diagnosed with cancer, at least that person has lived a long life," she said. "With a child, it's as if they never had a chance."

Recurrent cancer in children usually hits the families who are already stressed, Smith said.

"A big part of our effort is helping families deal with the emotions involved, and to help them find financial help," she said. "Young families are usually the ones who are in the worst position financially."

"When an adult cancer patient dies in a unit like this one, it affects the people who've worked with that patient," Seville said of the Southern Idaho Regional Cancer Center. "When a child dies, it devastates the whole unit."

Because sometimes cancer comes back, part of Seville's job and that of other radiation oncologists is explaining a range of unpleasant options.

It's a discussion that usually boils down to odds and percentages, and often to a single question: If you were in my place, what would you do?

"They'll say, 'If you were in my place, would you want a stem-cell transplant?' (a promising but expensive treatment for some types of cancer that's not covered by some insurance companies)," Seville said. "And I have to say, 'Well, yes I would.'"

Some patients with recurrent cancer are bitter, some are resigned, others remain upbeat, Basila-Davis said.

"A very common reaction is 'Why me? I've been through this once. Why do I have to do it over again?'" she said.

And some are at odds with their families about what to do next. "One of the most difficult things is trying to explain to a family that the treatment they want isn't going to have much effect on the outcome," Seville said.

Most cancer is treated by surgery, radiation and chemotherapy - all highly specialized alternatives with some unpleasant side effects. Chemotherapy is sometimes accompanied by wrenching nausea and hair loss, among other symptoms - is a hard sell if the patient has been through the process before.

"When I got cancer again, I remembered what it felt like to go through chemotherapy," Basila-Davis said. "Believe me, it's the last thing I wanted to do again."

"You discuss with the patient what the desired outcome is, and give them your best judgment about the way to get there," Seville said. "But you always tell them exactly what to expect."

Expect an emotional roller-coaster, Basila-Davis said.

"Being diagnosed with cancer the first time is like being stranded in the middle of the ocean in a rowboat," she said. "You promise God anything to get you out of there, but if you reach shore, you're probably going to forget some of those promises."

"The important thing is that once you've had cancer, you need to follow your doctor's instructions about follow-up and take care of yourself," she said. "Don't forget all the things you said you'd do when you didn't know how it was going to turn out."

Some patients who can afford it, such as Allen, wind up in places like Vancouver trying experimental therapies. Still, the people with the best chance of surviving recurrent cancer are generally those who stay the course with more conventional treatments, Seville said.

"A positive attitude is a plus, certainly," he said. "But a patient

who is involved with his therapy and who is willing to stick with it is usually going to have the best outcome."

"I think the patients who do best are those who don't waste a lot of energy on keeping a stiff upper lip," Basila-Davis said. "It's OK to feel bad."

For the Higleys, feeling bad has gradually given way to cherishing whatever time they have left with Ashli.

"We'll make it as good as we can," Michelle Higley said. "But we'll certainly take a miracle, if someone wants to throw one our way."

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NATION



George Gazhenko receives treatment for chronic back and leg pain from acupuncturist Augusto Romano at the Kent Community Health Center in Kent, Wash. Friday.

Practitioners expect integrated medicine to 'sweep the country'

KENT, Wash. (AP) — George Gazhenko has suffered from chronic back and leg pain for nearly a quarter-century, the legacy of years of hard labor on a Soviet farm collective.

In both his native Ukraine and the United States, where he has lived for five years, Gazhenko tried a number of painkilling medications, injections and physical therapy with minimal results. He began to believe back surgery was his only option.

"I was desperate," Gazhenko says through an interpreter. "I had a lot of pain. I could not stand for 10 minutes."

But even surgery carries no guarantees, so Gazhenko sought an alternative at the King County Natural Medicine Clinic at the Kent Community Health Center in this community between Seattle and Tacoma.

In selecting the clinic, Gazhenko became part of an economic-development project and experiment in health-care delivery that locals hope will make Kent the "natural medicine" capital of the world.

"We want people to see that natural medicine works, that it's cost effective," said Mark Bresnick, project manager for the clinic, in a recent interview.

The county clinic, which opened last month, is the nation's first publicly funded natural medicine clinic, he said.

The Kent project is attracting national attention. Manthey has received calls from all over the country seeking advice on integrating conventional and natural medicine. "Public health departments throughout the country are looking at what's going on here," Bresnick said.

His mission is to provide a combination of conventional western medicine and natural alternatives to low-income, immigrant and refugee populations, said Bresnick, who is also director of Bastyr University's Natural Health Clinic in Seattle.

Bastyr, an accredited natural medicine university, is leading the two-year, \$1.2 million project here in collaboration with the private, nonprofit Community Health Centers of King County, which is the Kent clinic's parent group, and the Statistics and Epidemiology Research Corp.,



George Gazhenko receives a treatment called "cupping," which is combined with acupuncture, for his chronic back and leg pain.

which is evaluating the program. The Seattle-King County Department of Public Health is providing the public funding for the project, which includes \$750,000 in startup money from the state. The Community Health Centers of King County's six community health centers provide referrals to the natural medicine clinic.

The waiting room in the Kent health center, which is open to everyone, can be like a tiny United Nations. There are patients from Russia, Ukraine, Mexico, Bulgaria, Vietnam, Korea, Thailand, Somalia and other countries, receptionist Robin Karrick said.

Gazhenko is here to see Augusto Romano, a licensed acupuncturist originally from Italy.

Stripped down to his shorts, Gazhenko stretches out on his stomach atop a padded massage table. Romano deftly eases several acupuncture needles into Gazhenko's back for pain relief. Then he places small cups over the needles to create suction on the back and draw out toxins. After a several minutes, he removes the needles and cups and wraps up the session with a bit of light massage.

"The way I work is systemic," Romano said. "The goal is to teach the body balance, to get better circulation and produce endorphins."

He sends Gazhenko home with some Chinese herbs to help him sleep.

Gazhenko, 59, isn't cured after five visits with Romano. But his pain has been significantly reduced, and he no longer needs a cane to walk.

"People choose natural medicine for many reasons," said Dr. Cindy Breed, a naturopath who works at the clinic and also has a private practice.

Computer grounds flights


JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — A pair of computer problems in a downtown area of a regional air-traffic control center grounded jets along the East Coast on Saturday, delaying some flights by nearly an hour.

The center was without radar for about an hour after technicians failed to connect the flight data computers after routine maintenance, said Bob Rzepewski, a Federal Aviation Administration spokesman.

Flights were ordered to keep 20 miles between their planes, and others, Rzepewski said.


"There weren't any dangerous situations," Rzepewski said.

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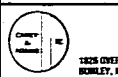
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EDITORIAL

City council owes golfers in-depth review of issue

The Twin Falls City Council acted hastily on Monday night in approving a surcharge on golf season passes. The council's reasons were unclear, but the result is plain: hurt feelings and angry duffers. The council owes it to golfers to review this issue further.

A week after listening to scathing public comments on an earlier fee proposal, the council abruptly switched gears and adopted the \$1-per-round surcharge. In doing so, it ignored the research and opinions of its golf advisory committee, which had offered the original proposal.

Although public comment had been accepted on the first proposal, the surcharge had barely been mentioned at the previous week's hearing. Golfers who had opinions on the surcharge were blocked from speaking before Monday's council vote. Mayor Jeff Gooding ramrodded the process with unyielding resolve.

The question is, why? Golf season is months away. The council had plenty of time to talk about fees. The only stated reason for rushing was to let Christmas shoppers buy season passes at the new rate. But that's a feeble excuse. The Dec. 23 decision gave Santa's elves exactly one day in which to buy passes before Christmas.

Although the decision process was faulty, the decision itself seems to make pretty good sense. With Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course running a \$107,000 cumulative deficit, and with the course in need of improvements, the case for additional revenue is obvious. Extracting that extra money from the people who use the facility, rather than from taxpayers, is reasonable.

Golfers objected to the original proposal, which would have raised greens fees, season-pass rates and the "drive-on" rate for private golf carts. The surcharge, seems like a reasonable compromise: a relatively painless way to make a direct connection between paying and playing.

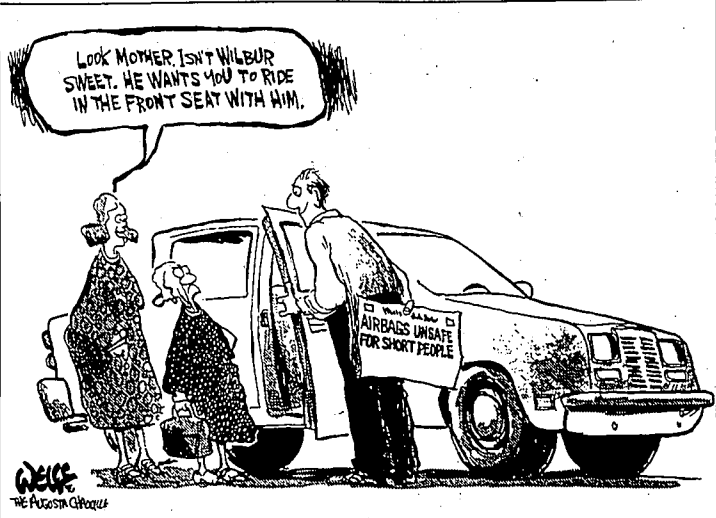
But that's just our opinion. Other people have different viewpoints, which the council didn't bother listening to.

If the council is wise, it will take a mulligan on this decision. Tee up the ball again, and let golfers comment on all possible solutions before choosing one. Another step worth considering is a thorough review of the city's relationship with course pro Mike Hamblin. We don't mean any criticism of Hamblin here, but the arrangement appears to let Hamblin profit handsomely from city facilities, with little public accountability.

As a city employee, Hamblin receives a small salary and benefits. Yet he's also a franchised entrepreneur, running a pro shop, snack bar and driving range on city property.

Does anyone know what that arrangement is worth in dollars? We don't, but we've heard speculation that being the pro at Muni is more lucrative than being governor of Idaho or president of a state university.

We encourage the council to review this arrangement - and reveal its details. The course is a public asset. It belongs to the people, and citizens have a right to know how money is being spent and made.



Increase sensible discussion before golf rates

City Code Chapter 3 states this purpose for the Golf Advisory Commission: To advise and recommend to the City Council matters concerning the city golf program and facilities and the maintenance and operation of the city golf course.

On Nov. 6, the Golf Advisory Commission submitted a proposal to increase the fees at the city golf course. A special meeting was called in response to this proposal by Mayor Jeff Gooding (who plays most of his golf at Canyon Springs Golf Course).

Nov. 25, Mayor Gooding came to the Golf Advisory Commission meeting to tell us he has the "power" to stop this proposal and do whatever he wants. A public hearing was held Dec. 16. The proposal was tabled for further discussion. The Golf Advisory Commission was asked to attend and discuss other options of fee increases. Dec. 19, I receive a

READER COMMENT Dwight Sandmark

phone call from Councilman Gale Kleinkopf saying the Golf Advisory Commission is not needed at the council meeting on Dec. 23, 1996, until further research was conducted by the City Council.

On Dec. 24, The Times-News reported 7-0 against the option of a per-round usage fee and 7-0 against charging county residents a higher fee than city residents.

If you have the "power" to do what you want and "know how to play the political game to get it done," then you're wasting my time asking me to serve on a board

that has no voice.

Did anyone have the opportunity to discuss the disadvantages of this type of increase? Are you going to collect \$1 a round from junior golfers playing on the high school team and play every day?

How about the business owner who owns a building in the city but prefers to live in the county, does he pay \$25 more for his season pass?

In my opinion, the only thing this type of increase does is discourage the senior citizens and avid golfers from playing golf as much as they would like. The money will never be seen in the form of improvements or maintenance programs at the golf course. It will be lost in the city's general fund just like the "building fund" for the clubhouse several years ago.

Dwight Sandmark of Twin Falls is president of the Twin Falls Men's Golf Association and serves on the city's Golf Advisory Commission.

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LETTER

Final bill for lottery will be costly

Contrary to The Times-News recent editorial opinion, the Idaho Lottery is not good public policy. The lottery in Idaho is probably as well-run and free from negative influences and as good as lotteries get. But The Times-News, in its editorial, has mistaken an absence of problems for good public policy.

The Department of Finance recently told me that for a company to advertise and sell stock to more than three investors without violating the law, the potential investors would have to know as much as an officer of the company would know.

Here is what all lottery ticket buyers would be told to comply with securities laws. First, for every \$1 given to schools, the lottery takes out of the economy \$4.48. That is an aggressive tax. The lottery is a very regressive tax, too. Regressive means that it impacts the lower-income earners more than the higher-income earners. For example, for a minimum-wage earner, a \$10 expenditure for lottery tickets represents 22.7 percent of a daily wage, but for say, the lottery director, for example, it represents only 3.8 percent of his daily wage from his \$65,000 per year salary.

The actual odds of winning the jack-

pot for one out-of-state game are 1 in 54 million, and for another, 1 in 1.1 million. The scratch tickets are somewhat better at 1 in 5. That still is a negative return for your investment. These odds of winning would land corporate executives in jail if they were based on stock sales and returns to investors.

Public policy can only be complete by examining the social impact on families where breadwinners risk the family income on gambling. Other states are now measuring the welfare costs of whole paychecks being spent on \$40 million jackpot tickets. We will pay for so-called "easy money" policies some day.

Is the Idaho lottery good? As lotteries go, yes. Does it raise money for schools? Yes, of course it does. Is the gain worth the cost? Who can tell? The real cost is yet unmeasured. Are lotteries good public policy? Since when is it good public policy for a state to promote a scheme which, if promoted by a private company, would be shut down by another branch of state government?

We have not seen the final cost bill on the lottery. When it comes in, it will be a jackpot, only in the red.

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Liberals try silencing opponents with 'civility'

The latest threat to free expression comes not from those "censors" at Wal-Mart who refuse to sell blatantly obscene compact discs, but from a cadre of good-government politicians and academics who are devising ways to combat incivility.

Today's civility peddlers are right to point their fingers at our coarsening public culture. Americans should be ashamed - if we still know what that word means - of the rudeness, violence and profanity that ooze out of every pore of our popular culture.

But these purveyors of politeness throw all "incivility" into the same bag, lumping together outspoken politicians like Jesse Helms with abortion-clinic bombers and misogynistic rap stars. They also fail to recognize that, by turning America into a patchwork of competing victim groups, modern liberalism is at the root of the collapse of civic virtue.

"What we need to do is have a civilized conversation and civilized disagreements, all with a commitment to solving problems and not winning points," Pam Solo, the head of a group called the Institute for Civil Society, told USA Today in a recent front-page story about this new social crisis.

Sounds great, but I'd like to hear her definition of civility and her plan for policing uncivil speech.

The civility movement already has spawned its share of think tanks, such as the National Commission on Civic Renewal and the Penn National Commission on Society, Culture and Community, and the New Century/Next Solutions Project.

These commissions probably won't do much more than keep the FAX machines humming with the latest school-marsh pronouncements about the awfulness of modern American life. But the civility mongers already have had some success influencing public debate.

Polishing a majority of Americans

STEVEN GREENHUT

concerned about incivility. USA Today reports that congressmen from both major parties now attend retreats to "get to know each other better." Politicians increasingly shy away from ideological conflict. Groups like Common Ground bring together opponents in the abortion debate to find - well - common ground.

But as much as the purveyors of civility talk about reforming our culture and rebuilding communities, they have a strange fixation on Washington politics. Yet the real work of societal reform won't take place in the halls of Congress but in families and communities across our land.

It's telling that Rep. Patricia Schroeder, the retiring Colorado congresswoman not known for her kid-glove treatment of political opponents, is in on the act. She will lead a \$5 million program to push politicians beyond ideological skirmishes toward what is called "binary thinking."

The idea is to transcend the politics of left and right and chart a new course that eschews the so-called politics of extremism.

It's hard to miss what this unrepentant leftist is up to: Using civility to shame conservatives into silence. (I can hear it now: "I am shocked that my GOP colleague would raise such an uncivil criticism of welfare mothers.") Schroeder apparently would replace debate, principled debate with a bipartisan consensus to promote the big-government and social-libertarian status quo.

Now we must endure their high-mind-

ed concern about politically motivated congressional investigations and the unfairness of special prosecutors. Where were these people when President Reagan was on the hot seat? Why do they now consider civil disobedience at abortion clinics to be beyond the pale of civility, while they still celebrate the halcyon days of civil-rights and anti-Vietnam protests?

On a recent TV newscast, reporters covered the ongoing abortion controversy in Pensacola, Fla., as a backdrop to what they described as the everyday incivility of American life. If only the pro-abortion and anti-abortion forces would put aside the vitriol, the show concluded, they would see each other's humanity and learn to "dialogue" in a calm, constructive manner.

There's much to be said for treating your opponents with decency. But it's not hard to understand that abortion-rights advocates benefit most from any truce in this divisive battle. Sure, put down your signs and your anger and we can talk, as long as aborting one's child remains a cherished right.

The TV report's most revealing moment came when an Episcopal minister on the front lines of Pensacola's fight against incivility referred to his fundamentalist opponents as "Bubbas." Why am I not surprised that those who preach civility the most often practice it the least?

America doesn't need more self-appointed Speech Police to monitor debate and chill legitimate discourse. Those concerned about civility should spend their time acting more civil.

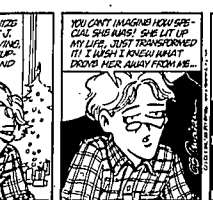
As for me, I'm still searching for the rudest way to tell the civility nannies to go jump in a lake.

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By Garry Trudeau



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LETTER

Clarifying the picture on Unistar Enterprises LLC

Over the past few months, Unistar Enterprises LLC has received extensive coverage in the local press. This coverage has, unfortunately, not always been accurate or positive. We accept responsibility for some of the inaccuracy and will redouble our efforts to communicate our positions clearly and accurately.

One of the most prevalent misconceptions is that Unistar is owned by Larry Wood. Larry Wood serves as president of Unistar; however, the ownership includes no fewer than eight individuals. Two-thirds of the company's membership includes former Jerome County Emergency Medical Services employees.

Unistar was formed for several reasons:

1. We believe that anything private enterprise can do as well or better than government, it should do.

2. We do not believe that since we live in a rural area, we must accept a lower level of health care. In fact, the geography of rural counties necessitates advanced life support capability, extending the reach of the hospital into the community.

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5. Unistar believes the patient is the top priority, no decision is made without considering the potential impact of

that decision on those we serve. We believe that there is a need for our service and are committed to providing quality medical care. The most frustrating aspect of this entire endeavor has been the lack of effort by those who oppose our existence to seek out accurate information.

In the interest of clarifying our positions and intentions, we once again offer ourselves to anyone who has questions or concerns. The issue at hand is paramedic-level service for rural communities; we believe that it is not only desirable but necessary. Emotions and personalities aside, we believe that paramedic-level care is in the best interest of the citizens of Jerome County and will diligently continue to pursue that goal.

**LARRY WOOD
DAVID DAVIS
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Chuckling at the 'Top 10 Reasons to Believe the CIA'

It seems to be the only person in America who thinks it's just peachy keen that President Clinton sort of auctions off a night in the Lincoln Bedroom at the White House in exchange for campaign donations. Apparently, if you give about \$100,000 to Clinton's campaign, you're pretty much guaranteed a night with Old Abe Hiss's rested his bones. I grant you it's a little tacky, but as a citizen, I like knowing what the payoff is.

I'd much prefer to see rich,



that in turn costs the Treasury billions of dollars and increases taxes on three and me.

By comparison, a night in the Lincoln Bedroom is quite a bargain for taxpayers. It still costs a lot less than road subsidies to the timber companies or giving away mining rights for a pittance or underwriting corporate cattle ranchers. Compared to most payoffs for campaign contributions, this one is a real bargain for taxpayers.

From The Nation magazine come The Top 10 Reasons to

Believe the CIA When It Says It Never Sold Crack Cocaine to Support the Contras:

No. 10: Promised Manuel Noriega the cocaine. (Contras were supposed to get gambling and prostitution.)

No. 9: Came to the support of the Crips after reports that the KGB was backing the Bloods.

No. 8: Believed pilots when they said they were flying sugar into Mena, Ark., for Gov. Clinton's sweet tooth.

No. 7: Did everything it could - from producing assassination

manuals to mining harbors to destroy Colombian drug lords. (Oops! That was the Sandinistas.)

No. 6: Hasn't run a major drug-smuggling operation since Vietnam.

No. 5: If it really wanted to see blacks killing each other, it would have put more money into that Angolan operation.

No. 4: Never trained or worked with LAPD death squads.

No. 3: Director was at times drunk and incoherent; may have mumbled, "Get cracking on this

Contra thing."

No. 2: If Ronald Reagan had known about it, he wouldn't have let it happen.

No. 1: The New York Times says it isn't so.

So, I'm signing off for the year in my usual state of blissful optimism. And I'll see y'all in 1997, ever ready to pounce on the bad guys and glory in the general tomfoolery of the greatest democracy on Earth.

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

Quiet the ego, listen to the heart speak

All goes back to earth, and so I do not desire pride of excess of power, but the contentments made by men who have had little: the fisherman's silence receiving the river's grace, the gardener's musings on rows.

I lack the peace of simple things.

I am never wholly in place, I find no peace or grace.

We sell the world to buy fire, our way lighted by burning men, and that has bent my mind and made me think of darkness and wish for the dumb life of roots.

-The Want of Peace, by Wendell Berry

Years ago, a senior executive confided in me the management upper management.

The higher the rank, the more the attention span resembles a gerbil's. I smile each time I recall this story, even as it cringe at its seed of truth.

For many of us, not just executives, the work world has become one of those spinning wheels that gerbils ride faster and faster to nowhere. We delude ourselves thinking that the harder we push, the more distance we cover.

If I had one wish for 1997, it would be that we run less and reflect more.

My reason is simple. You need quiet to hear your heart above the din of your ego. The static that bombards us in our daily work life too easily separates us from our humanity. Standing still, somehow, helps us reclaim it.

Remember this during the holidays, when the frantic pace of work, play and shopping can wreck the goodwill and tranquility that is at the heart of the season. Then, reflect on your blessings.

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Getting away, even if for a short time, can revive a tired spirit. Reflecting on what matters to you and articulating those ideas in a supportive community helps you define, rein-

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force and practice them.

When you take the time to reflect, you may be surprised at the solutions that appear. Sometimes, results follow without you knowing how or why.

David Sheffman, a Miami Beach lawyer, wrote to me after reading my column about ways he is still discovering.

"I had lost sight of my spirit," says Sheffman, who in the early 1990s represented Victor Posner, the Miami Beach financier, and other high-profile, high-stakes clients. "The pressures of the day, the adversarial people ... I didn't know what my spirit was and didn't know how to find it."

Though he may still not know what that spirit is, Sheffman believes he has a much better idea. This is after a year with his wife, daughter, dog and cat in a rented house, far from the confrontations and distractions.

In that time, he walked in the woods, studied Canadian law, did carpentry and learned to row. Since returning to Miami Beach in late 1995, his dealings with clients, particularly with other lawyers, have been transformed, he says.

"I don't know if it's me, or the people I now deal with, but it's easier," he says. "All of a sudden, the lawyers I deal with are doing a great job, but recognize

that the other lawyer is also a human being trying to best represent his client."

The accompanying box has the "seven blunders" that Sheffman has taped to his office wall, a daily reminder of imbalances that can so easily creep into our lives.

How many of us lottery players have yearned for "wealth without work?" How many have succumbed to the temptation of "commerce without morality?" The test is whether we realize it, and move beyond.

Staying conscious of your values will help you avoid slipping away from them. Reflecting will hone your daily behavior and the course you wish for the future. It will protect your perspective from the routine defeats and petty frustrations, and keep the ego in check.

I keep a copy of The Want of Peace, the eloquent Wendell Berry poem, taped to my desk as my own reminder. We work because we love what we do. We work because we feed and shelter ourselves and loved ones. Both are honorable and meaningful.

What are you rushing toward, anyway? You may find that pushing less conserves energy, which, over a lifetime, can take you further. So slow down, consider your gifts. And have a truly peaceful New Year.

Susana Barciela writes about business for the Miami Herald.

The 7 Blunders

After I wrote about a business conference in the Himalayas, David Sheffman wrote to me about the "seven blunders" to which Mahatma Gandhi attributed the violence that plagues our world.

Sheffman, a Miami Beach lawyer, has reflected on "the blunders" ever since he read them in a Canadian newspaper several years ago. They are:

- Wealth without work.
- Power without conscience.
- Knowledge without character.
- Commerce without morality.
- Science without humanity.
- Worship without sacrifice.
- Politics without principles.

As the story goes, only a few weeks before his assassination, Gandhi gave his grandson a talisman engraved with the blunders. He called them imbalances that cause "passive violence," which fuels the active violence to which Mahatma Gandhi attributed the violence that plagues our world.

"We could work till diamonds to achieve peace in this world," Gandhi said, "and would get nowhere as long as we ignore passive violence." Here's wishing you balance, reflection and peace.

During this Special Season, our thoughts turn gratefully to those who have made our progress possible. Thank You Magic Valley for a terrific 1996. We appreciate your patronage, and wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

- John & Terri Tolk

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Cold cures make me comatose

If science can put a man on the moon, how come it can't keep me awake past 10 a.m.?

I'm taking the Special Cough/Cold/Catarrh Day-Night Operate Heavy Machinery with Nary a Nod or Sniffle Decongestant/Antihistamine Formula that's supposed to make me forget that I have the flu. I swallowed the first capsule filled with colorful tiny time pills at 7:45 the other morning and was snoring on the couch by 7:48.

Got to work at 9:06 and fell asleep in my coffee by 9:09. By mid-morning, I actually dozed off on the phone.

When I awoke, I called the 800 number on the pill bottle to ask about the dosage.



DON'T ASK ME Steve Crump

"Should I be comatose?" I asked the friendly customer service representative.

"Not unless you took our product internally," she chirped.

Later, my doctor explained it to me. "Antihistamines don't actually stop your nose from running," he said. "They render you unconscious so you don't care."

"Truth is, he continued, none of the over-the-counter cold poisons upon which Americans spend \$9 billion each year have any effect whatsoever on the sniffles.

"Now that's marketing," he said admiringly.

"The man has a point. Think of all the indignities you've visited upon yourself over the years trying to get rid of colds, coughs and sore throats, all at a total cost roughly equal to the price of a small island in the Bahamas.

"There was the menthol cream you smeared on your chest. It so overwhelmed your nose that you stopped breathing, thereby alleviating your cold symptoms.

"There were the cough drops with the pictures of the two bearded guys on the package, along with the implicit threat that unless you got well quickly, you'd end up looking just like them.

"Then there were the infernal machines that spewed water droplets into the air, soaking everything in the room on the astonishing premise that Damp is Healthy.

Doc Wengert, who was the family doctor when I was growing up, would have none of that nonsense. It was convinced that upper respiratory disease was a symptom of moral decline, or worse, parental indulgence.

"Of course the boy has a cold," he'd fumed after a cursory examination. "He's sleeping with the windows of his room closed. The lad's overheat, and the first germ that comes along lays him low."

Doc Wengert's rules for respiratory well-being were simple:

- Eat a hot breakfast, preferably including farina. Stick-to-the-ribs, hard-to-swallow cereals had the advantage not merely of fiber, but of moral fiber.

- Always wear overshoes, ideally the kind with buckles. In health terms, a pair of sneakers was the equivalent of a penny in the bank of permissiveness.

- Ban dungarees, which he defined loosely as any pair of pants made of cotton and brass rivets. Dungarees tend to get wet and drain away body heat, but more ominously, their comfortable fit and durability encouraged youngsters to hookey-bop.

- Out of bed by 5:30. Lying abed later led to moral turpitude, which in turn led to physical decline.

- Chopping wood. "I never knew a family with a wood stove that was sick for dry," he'd muse. "Chilly maybe, but never sick."

- Doc Wengert thought writing prescriptions was the easy way out for doctors, so he'd dispense nostrums instead.

- "There's not a thing wrong with cod-liver oil," he'd said. "Ever seen a fish with a cold?"

- Not one who's awake, anyway.

Steve Crump is the Times-News features editor.

The memories of news stories are still fresh

The Times-News

It was a year of crime and prosecution of initiatives and politicians.

A year marked by a string of brutal murders in Minidoka County and a shocking explosion of violence in rural Lincoln County. The fall election season, was marked by a costly and caustic Senate race and a prolonged referendum on nuclear waste storage above the Snake River Plain Aquifer.

In this report, *The Times-News* looks at the faces of 1996, with a view to 1997.

Phil Batt

TWIN FALLS - The lowest point of 1996 for Gov. Phil Batt came in July, when Proposition Three qualified for the Nov. 5 ballot.

Before it was over, the initiative campaign, and the governor's nuclear waste agreement the initiative sought to overturn, became one of the biggest stories of the year.

Batt took the battle personally - but he was redeemed by voters who turned down the initiative by nearly a 2-1 ratio. Despite the victory, Batt lashed out at supporters of the initiative.

It is precisely that attitude that may have led to the initiative drive, some initiative supporters say.

Core proponents of Proposition Three had questioned Batt's character and motives when he signed the waste agreement with the federal government in October 1995. Batt press secretary Frank Lockwood said. And Batt took that as an attack on his integrity.

Batt admitted he may have been "intemperate," in his attack on initiative supporters. He recently said he wants to leave the quarrel behind and work together with all interests.

"I intend to cooperate fully with all groups, including environmentalists. I think they are a very important part of the equation," Batt recently told the Associated Press.

But if that had been Batt's attitude before he signed the agreement, they may not have been an initiative drive, said Bill Chisholm of Buhl, an outspoken supporter of Proposition Three.

Backers say their initiative was a political issue, not an attempt to discredit Batt. When the Legislature refused to hold hearings on Batt's agreement, the initiative was the only remaining avenue for people who wanted to be heard.

"The public needed to be involved in the process," Chisholm said.

Though voters didn't support it, the initiative was an enormous victory in a way, said Margaret McDonald-Stewart of the Snake River Alliance's Ketchum office. The campaign got the nuclear waste issue talked about in classrooms, kitchens and on the streets. And that discussion has been about the issue of nuclear waste, not Batt's integrity, she said.

The governor, if guilty of anything, was guilty of bad judgment, and he got some bad advice, said former Sen. John

Faces of 1996



Victor and Janet McCoy are overcome with emotion while visiting a memorial for their daughter and stepdaughter, Denise McCoy, and her four children at the College of Southern Idaho rose garden in September. Shoshone resident Walter Schoolcraft shot the family, then himself, on the night of June 11.



Gov. Phil Batt makes a Halloween day visit to Twin Falls, drumming up support for his nuclear waste agreement.

Peavey, a spokesman for Proposition Three. It was nothing personal. The agreement is a huge profit-making opportunity for Idaho National Engineering Laboratory contractors, and some of Batt's advisors were also



Former drug investigator Juan Perez, Jr. was found guilty in October of stealing from the anti-drug task force where he was employed.

supporters of the INEL. Peavey said. "I don't think the governor was thinking in those terms," Peavey said. "I don't think it was a deliberate attempt to mislead voters of Idaho."

-N.S. Nookermetel

Larry Craig/Walt Minnick

BOISE - Now unemployed, Walt Minnick is looking for a job.

The million-dollar businessman took on firms entrenched Republican Larry Craig for a seat in the U.S. Senate earlier this year, losing decisively.

While Craig has been focusing on congressional issues and staffing changes, Minnick has gotten a few nibbles from corporations looking for a chief executive officer, including one wood products company - he directed a TJ International, a wood products company in Boise. Several of the nibbles are from out of state.

"I'm a professional manager, so I have to look nationwide," he said. "If I do (take an out-of-state job) it's a substantial, because Idaho is home."

Craig has hardly taken a break since the election, said Washington, D.C. spokesman Mike Frandsen. He has spent most of his time in the nation's capital, where two weeks ago he unveiled a plan to overhaul forest management. He intends to ask Congress for a balanced budget at the start of the session, and will likely ask again for an interim nuclear waste storage site in Nevada.

Minnick and his wife, A.K. Liebhart-Minnick, took a trip to the Virgin Islands to unwind after the election, and have gone scuba diving and skiing.

Midway through the campaign, Minnick said this was his one shot at political office.

"Nothing has happened to change my mind," he said recently. "That was not a casual comment. I'm going to go back to the business world."

-Karen Talkington

Edna Edwards

GORBA - While fighting noxious or noxious aggressive weeds in Cassia County, Gordon Edwards gained the support of farmers and ranchers who have had to put up with quarantines to stop the spread of weeds.

He has worked to educate people about how noxious weeds affect local resources - a \$150 million crop loss each year.

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City golf adviser resigns; others may follow

By William Brock Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Fed-up with a recent City Council decision, the president of the local Men's Golf Association has resigned from the city's Golf Advisory Board.

Dwight Sandmark mailed his letter of resignation Friday. At least two other board members said they share Sandmark's sentiments - and are mulling resignation.

The disgruntled trio is angry with the City Council, which recently disregarded recommendations from the advisory board and set new rates for the city's municipal golf course without listening to the public.

"I didn't like the way the city completely ignored the Golf Advisory Board's recommendations," he went ahead and passed the rate increase without taking any input at all," Sandmark said Friday.

"I'm real unhappy with the City Council and the way they handled things," said another advisory board member, Steve Fahrenwald. "I've considered (resigning) and if things keep

going this way, I'm going to do it." "It seems like I wasted a lot of my time," added Willie Dane, who also sits on the Golf Advisory Board. "All the time we spent coming up with the fee schedule was a complete waste of time."

Twin Falls Mayor Jeff Gooding said Sandmark's resignation "comes as a surprise to me."

"The council needed to make a policy decision, and that's what we did," Gooding said Saturday. "If they are upset with us, they should come talk with us."

The City Council disregarded a recommendation from the Golf Advisory Board the last time it raised rates at the municipal course, two years ago, Gooding said. At that time, the advisory board was pushing for a \$2-per-round surcharge on all season pass holders, but the council voted to increase season pass prices.

This time around, the City Council and the Golf Advisory Board agreed that rates needed to rise at the city's municipal golf course. The dispute was over the details of the fee increase.

The advisory board recommended boosting the price of season passes by \$75 per person. On Dec. 16, the City Council listened to public testimony on that idea; virtually all of the opposition was voiced on behalf of senior citizens.

Council members discussed the proposal that night, then tabled it for further discussion. On Dec. 23, they revisited the subject during a regular meeting; no public hearing was conducted.

The \$1-per-round surcharge had drawn little enthusiasm when it was discussed a week earlier, but it gathered momentum and swept to a 6-1 approval, with Councilman Tom Mikesell opposed.

"I couldn't believe what I was hearing," said Dane, who sat silently in the audience. "I couldn't understand how they got from a \$75 increase to a \$1-a-round increase."

"If anybody had any idea that was going to happen, there would have been many, many more people at that meeting," Dane said. Many season pass holders pay 150 rounds, or more, every season - which adds up to a fee increase that's more than double what the advisory board recommended, he said.

"It's like the council just pulls stuff out of the air and does what it wants," said Dennis Mai, a Golf Advisory Board member whose term expires Tuesday.

Gooding said he didn't allow the public to speak at the Dec. 23 meeting because he didn't want to run afoul of state law.

"If we wanted to take additional public input, we would have had to have had another public hearing - which would have required another 10 days' notice," he said. "The public really needed swift resolution because it was beginning to generate 'negative energy,' he said.

"I'm really unhappy with the City Council and the way they handled things."

- Steve Fahrenwald, Golf Advisory Board member

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year, according to University of Idaho estimates.

But during the dog days of August, the efforts of Cassia County's weed superintendent were obscured by a wildfire that burned out of control for nearly 11 days.

Edwards, himself a resident of the Elba Valley, and two other people hired by the county had been burning the noxious weed medusashrub on Aug. 26. The fire escaped them. It blackened nearly 6,700 acres of U.S. Forest Service land and another 4,600 acres of private and Bureau of Land Management ground.

The fire changed directions while it burned, course, blowing up the hillside and then back down to Elba, surprising firefighters and sending people fleeing from their homes. Several neighbors fought to save houses from flames. The only structure lost was an abandoned mining building.

At last count, Cassia County faces \$960,000 in claims for property lost to the fire. The largest bill is \$650,000 from the U.S. Forest Service for firefighting costs.

Edwards said the safety of Cassia County came first when he initiated the burn project. He said adequate procedures had been taken to keep the fire controlled. He joined the ranks of nearly 200 people from throughout the county who were brought in to help battle the wildfire.

However, a Forest Service

investigation determined a fire line around the medusashrub burn area had not been completed. Wind-blown flames across the line in a spot where it hadn't been completed. Edwards maintains an adequate fire line had been built.

—Joseph Bunch

The farm worker

Long have they toiled in the fields and furrows. They clean weeds chocking beet fields and carry pipes so water can nourish crops. They gather the bounty and move on when the weather turns cold.

In summer and fall their presence is so familiar a sight, they blend into the landscape of growing things.

Mostly they labor unseen, chasing strays on the range or silently hooking up coves to humming mowing machines. Their sweat and backs help carry a state's economy, but a law taken for granted by other workers for 79 years slipped through their fingers like the water they helped move.

This year, the Idaho farm worker stepped out of the landscape.

The Legislature passed a law to extend worker's compensation insurance coverage to people who labor in the agricultural industry of farms, dairies, fish farms or ranches.

An ally arrived from a Wilder onion field. In the political field, Gov. Phil Batt lobbied for a law to ensure an estimated 40,000 farm workers medical coverage if they were hurt on the job.

Meanwhile, the plight of the



William and Helen Trowbridge, who declined to pay income taxes to the federal government, in a September 1992 file photo. William Trowbridge died while imprisoned this year.

farm worker found its human face in the tragic form of 23-year-old Javier Tellez Juarez. He had lost both arms and one leg in a post-hole digger accident at a Malta-area farm in December 1995.

The price Tellez paid helped meld support for worker's compensation. A coalition prevailed over Idaho's farm lobby, and overcame the counterargument that mandatory worker's compensation would prove too costly for small farm operations. The resulting law goes into effect Wednesday.

Tellez powerfully illustrated that agriculture is as much the life of the farm worker as of the

landowner — a vocation with costs to both.

—Pat Marcantonio

Gara Newman

RUPERT — Hounded by public criticism over her plea agreement with confessed killer Corey Hood in June, Minidoka County Prosecutor Gara Newman convinced the court to lift a gag order she initially supported.

Then, given the chance to defend her decision, she shied from public comment until the Idaho Attorney General's Office challenged her authority to prosecute three capital cases in Minidoka County.

The repercussions of the plea agreement with Hood will be felt into the new year, as a special prosecutor tries to undo it. If he is successful in withdrawing Hood's pleas to two counts of voluntary manslaughter in the deaths of Wendy Hunter and Mae Hood, Minidoka County Deputy Prosecutor John Bradley says he will charge Hood with two counts of first-degree murder and seek the death penalty.

But Newman will not be in office in 1997 to pursue that case, or Minidoka County's two other pending capital cases. She was voted out of office by a landslide in November. Newly elected Rick Bollar takes office in January.

It was a difficult final year in office for Newman — a year in which the word "embattled" seemed an unofficial prefix to her elected title.

Newman won one major battle — the fight against Attorney General Alan Lance to keep prosecutorial powers in Minidoka County.

But Newman had other courtroom struggles. She lost a high-profile aggravated assault case against one of the owners of the Fiesta Mexicana dance club in July, and had charges against the other owner dismissed in a mistrial.

Following the mistrial, 5th District Judge William Hart said he considered imposing sanctions against Newman for her actions

in the case.

When the gag order covering the cases of Wendy Hunter and Mae Hood was lifted, Magistrate Larry Duff made it a point to read to Newman and other attorneys involved in the case several passages pertaining to professional conduct and the responsibilities of a prosecutor.

—Kevin Miller

Juan Nunez Jr.

TWIN FALLS — The war against drugs trained its cross hairs on local narcotics agent Juan Nunez Jr., convicted in October of staging a burglary to cover up missing drug-fighting money.

Privately, policemen shook their heads in disbelief. Nunez' conviction, on seven felony counts of racketeering and falsifying records, marked the first time in a long while that anyone in blue had been convicted of a crime locally. Nunez could face up to 60 years in prison for his crimes when he is sentenced Jan. 13.

Nunez' employer, the Tri-County Drug Task Force, had been blindsided by dwindling governmental financial assistance and overwhelmed by a rapid rise in methamphetamine use. But its saga isn't over. The former task force manager, Don Walden, faces similar counts during a trial expected to start Jan. 7.

It didn't seem like an ordinary "smash-and-grab" burglary at the Tri-County Drug Task Force office when alarms went off Jan. 30. The unknown burglars seemed to have taken a little bit

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Mayor to help churches provide homeless shelter

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Mayor Deedee Corradini said she will help a group of local churches overcome legal barriers that threaten their efforts to provide shelter to homeless families.

And a city councilwoman said the council may look at changing laws to give churches more flexibility as they try to help others.

Indeed, Councilwoman Deeda Seed called the debate over whether the churches can house the homeless "ironic" when federal programs are being cut back "and we're asking churches and community groups to do more and more."

Over the past two years, eight churches — including three local congregations — have formed the Salt Lake Interfaith Hospitality Network. They would be part of a national network of 500 churches offering homeless families a helping hand, including temporary shelter.

The Salt Lake network plans to welcome its first group of homeless families Jan. 3.

But controversy over the plan surfaced last week, when city zoning officials issued a criminal

misdeemeanor citation to the pastor of Spectacular Ministries of the Lord's Servants Jesus Christ Fellowship. The city storefront church arrested the pastor from Salt Lake City's largest homeless shelter had been warned against allowing homeless men and women to stay overnight in his chapel.

The Rev. Wayne Wilson ignored a warning and will have to appear in court to answer to the charge.

Corradini said there were some law enforcement issues involved the case that set it apart from the Interfaith group's program, such as housing people with drug and alcohol problems, which the Interfaith group won't allow.

But Roger Evans, director of public services and licensing, has said churches need special permits to operate as homeless shelters.

None of the interfaith churches has permits as shelters. But Corradini said her staff is exploring options under existing laws to allow the churches assist families who have been referred by agencies that serve the homeless.

Preacher's 'ex' tells of church's rise, fall in book

SEATTLE (AP) — It isn't just money that drove Barbara Barnett to write her account of the rise and fall of the Community Chapel, established by her ex-husband.

It has been eight years since the church Donald Barnett founded in Barien collapsed in a sex scandal.

In 20 years, the former Boeing Co. worker and self-ordained Pentecostal preacher had built a 44-acre campus and 22 satellite churches extending into Canada with 4,500 followers.

In her book, "The Truth Shall Set You Free: Confessions of a Pastor's Wife," Barbara Barnett writes that they lived in "a nice home" and took regular vacations to Hawaii, but avoided the extravagances of televangelist Jim and Tammy Faye Bakker.

Then came the growth of "spiritual connections" within the church, typically between people who were not married to each other who would dance furiously during services and offer each other help with worldly problems.

Snowborder found under 5 feet of snow

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A snowboarder missing for two days was found dead Saturday afternoon, the victim of an avalanche he is believed to have triggered himself.

The body of Greg Dres, 36, of Deer Valley, was recovered above Alta Ski Resort, up Little Cottonwood Canyon east of Salt Lake City. Search and rescue crews had begun their search on

Thursday.

Amateurists said Dres was alone when he snowboarded as started an avalanche as he snowboarded down Flagstaff Mountain. The snowslide carried him more than 1,000 feet and buried him, said Bruce Tremper of the state's Avalanche Forecast Center.

"He was still attached to his snowboard, which is a big problem with snowboarding in

avalanche terrain," Tremper said. "You can't get rid of them. And you've got to swim in avalanche debris to stay on the top because your body is so much heavier (than the snow)."

Dres was wearing an avalanche transceiver that emits a beeping signal. On Saturday, rescuers finally located the source of the signal and found Dres under five feet of snow.

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of everything, ignoring piles of money in bags that had been razor slashed open. A year later, state officials found roughly \$40,000 missing from the task force coffers — and napariard bookkeeping records that made money tough to track.

Some people suggest Nunez had succumbed to his own personal temptations resulting from frustration and jadedness on the job. Others say he should never have been a police officer, citing complaints that Nunez peeped at women — complaints that never led to formal charges, and apparently never reached the ears of his potential employers.

The truth may never be known. Nunez denied any wrongdoing during his trial. So does Walden, whose lawyer, Keith Roark of Hailey, has a history of successfully arguing for the acquittal of law officers accused of crimes. Then again, as legal officials like to say, you never know what a jury is going to do.

— Liz Wright

Walter Schoolcraft

SHOSHONE — This rural town, with population nudging 1,500, is pressed on north and south by growth in the burgeoning Wood River Valley and Twin Falls.

But on June 11, internal forces ripped through Shoshone.

A friendly, widely beloved bachelor whom townfolk had known all their lives shot Denise McCoy and her four children — Genevieve, 11, Jordan, 10, Chelsea, 8 and Adriana, 2 — then shot himself, the jury at a September coroner's inquest ruled.

Born as a rail junction where random violence was on the common — but long since suppressed by the culture of civility and community — Shoshone hadn't seen such horrific crime for decades.

But the June murder-suicide forced the town to take a hard look at itself.

"Once in a while, something pierces to the very heart of what it means to be a community," rural sociologist Aaron Harp said several weeks after the slayings.

"The community will remake itself in a slightly different way ... it won't be the same ever again," he predicted.

In the weeks after authorities pointed to Walter Schoolcraft as the murderer, Shoshone residents



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Above: Sen. Larry Craig takes his bus tour to Jerome for a campaign visit with local Republicans in October.



DARIN OSKALD/The Times-News

spoke fondly of the dead man to reporters. He was helpful to everyone and lived a clean life, they said. Many shook their heads in bewilderment and said they didn't believe he could ever have killed.

A standing-room crowd mourned Schoolcraft, remembering at his funeral the ways he reached out to countless others.

The September inquest jury found Schoolcraft, 48, innocent of molesting McCoy's oldest daughter. Please see REVIEW, Page B5

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 rec—despite accusations by McCoy's relatives, and corroborating testimony that Jenny was bound and gagged with duct tape during her family's slaying.

By refusing to charge Schoolcraft with molestation, the jury left unanswered the question of motive in the slaying.

A farm loan fell through for Schoolcraft shortly before he killed the family, but the shareholder didn't seem unduly upset, his business partner said. McCoy's boyfriend, at whose home she and her children were shot, insisted "jealousy, plain and simple" drove the longtime buddy he called "Uncle Walt" to violence.

The victims' families have other questions to answer.

Michael King of Seattle, divorced from McCoy in 1993 and the father of three of the murdered children, is budgeting Lincoln County for a transcript of the September inquest. McCoy's father is suing Schoolcraft's estate for funeral expenses.

Little Adrianna's father, who met McCoy in Colorado, apparently still is unaware of his daughter's slaying. The Times-Herald has been unable to locate him.



Some hold out hope of clearing Schoolcraft's name. One of Schoolcraft's brothers told a reporter that crime-scene evidence should be preserved because "there's a good chance Schoolcraft could yet be proved innocent."

Others avoid talking about him publicly. The man who worked most closely with Schoolcraft just before the murders hung up on a reporter's phone call last week.

Fatt O'Dell, a 15-year Sheshone resident, said this summer that she hoped community members could "put this tragedy behind them."

"The subject comes up occasionally in conversation," she said last week, "still as something that's hard to believe that it happened, or could happen."

"Some questions remain unanswered, and that's troubling, but we have to live with the fact that the questions may never be answered."

—Virginia S. Garber



Actor Bruce Willis and his wife, Demi Moore, a Planet Hollywood shareholder, throw T-shirts into the crowd during the grand-opening ceremonies for Planet Hollywood Casino in Las Vegas earlier this month. Willis, a Wood River Valley resident, jumped into Idaho politics in 1996 by heavily bankrolling Proposition Three.

The weight of the world seemed to hang on the stocky, bearded Schroeder's shoulders at the inquest. He walked heavily, uncomfortably to the witness stand, answered questions warily and defensively, and trudged back to his gallery seat after his testimony.

Schroeder only testified at the inquest on the condition his testimony not be used against him in court, a deal struck between his attorney and Idaho Deputy Attorney General Kenneth Springfield.

Springfield talked police officers and investigators through the day's events: Schroeder's frightened 911 call; the autopsy on Loper; the ballistics tests showing Loper fired at least one shot at Schroeder.

After an hour of deliberations, the five-man, one-woman jury found that Schroeder had shot Loper in self-defense.

The verdict meant Schroeder wouldn't face criminal charges in the case, which could have ranged from first-degree murder to involuntary manslaughter.

Whether that verdict gave the 51-year-old Schroeder much relief wasn't so certain.

The lanky, low-key Springfield gently tried to ask Schroeder how the death had affected him. He asked what the memory of seeing Loper's body on the lawn had done to his dream house, where Schroeder and his teacher wife had hoped to retire.

Schroeder avoided the ques-

tions, sticking to a terse account of the events.

It wasn't hard to conclude, though, that Schroeder probably didn't feel like a hero. Or that victims were on both ends of a rifle, one sunny Friday morning in Glenn Schroeder's yard.

—Kent McClary

Helen Trowbridge

TWIN FALLS—If a glass shattered, former militia supporter Helen Trowbridge would likely be the first to admire the pattern of shards on the floor.

Serving a 15-month prison sentence in a medical facility in Texas for income tax evasion, Trowbridge is learning Spanish, singing in a prison band, researching tax and legal issues and doing craftwork with fellow inmates.

She also massages the other inmates' feet.

"She's made a lot of friends," said daughter Susie Rice, of Twin Falls.

Trowbridge's political stand—some would say criminal—has exacted a heavy toll. She and her husband Bill Trowbridge declined to pay income taxes to the federal government, believing them to be unconstitutional.

In return, they were each slapped with prison terms. Hers began in June.

The heaviest toll came in October, when her husband died more than a thousand miles apart

from her, in Oregon where he had been imprisoned. Doctors said he died of heart failure. Militia sympathizers maintain he was poisoned.

"It was hard for her, but she had some close friends down there who prayed for her," Rice said.

Trowbridge, who declined an interview with The Times-Herald, was allowed to fly to Twin Falls for the funeral without police escort.

She is scheduled to be set free next September.

"Everyone hopes for an early release," Rice said.

—Karen Tolkkinen

Bruce Willis

HAILEY—Actor and Wood River Valley resident Bruce Willis jumped into skiing and Idaho politics in 1996 by purchasing the Soldier Mountain Ski Area and by heavily bankrolling Proposition Three—the anti-nuclear initiative.

A self-professed Republican, Willis appeared at the Statehouse in February with Democratic congressional candidates Walt Minnick and Dan Williams to denounce a deal bringing more nuclear waste to Idaho.

"We want zero nuclear waste in the state of Idaho," he said. Gov. Phil Batt and other politicians who backed the deal will

"be working at the 7-Eleven in four years," he predicted.

The initiative went the way of "Hudson Hawk," one of Willis' more storied film flops, collecting barely 35 percent of the vote.

Still, Willis put his money where his mouth was—contributing \$121,120 to the initiative.

Willis did vote—presumably for the initiative—when he filled out an absentee ballot in the fall, according to the Blaine County elections office. Willis had come under criticism in the summer for failing to register to vote in Idaho.

But will Willis be an Idaho resident for the 1998 election?

In June, Willis said he'd "shut up and start looking for another place to live" if the anti-nuclear initiative was defeated.

—William Brock

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Glenn Schroeder

TWIN FALLS—Dim, forbidding Twin Falls County Courthouse Number Two wasn't a comfortable place for Glenn Schroeder.

Schroeder didn't ask to be the central witness in the Dec. 11 coroner's inquest into the death of a teenager. Nor did Schroeder ask his home to be burglarized.

The rural Twin Falls farmer didn't expect to find three burglars in his house the bright, sunny morning of Nov. 1 when he returned from errands in Twin Falls.

Schroeder's life changed within 30 seconds, according to his estimate.

According to police reports, Karl J. Valencia, 19, and Charlie Loper Jr., 18, fired on Schroeder as he confronted them on his own lawn. After Schroeder fired back, Loper lay mortally wounded, and Schroeder was facing the possibility of manslaughter charges.

Valencia and another teenager, Josh Mills, 18, escaped and were later arrested in Hansen after a standoff with police. All three had crime records, Valencia's and Loper's the longest.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Class plans reunion

BUHL - The Buhl High School Class of 1977 will hold a reunion-planning meeting at 7 p.m. Monday at the Train Station. All class members are invited. For more information, call Berdena Kippes at 543-6597.

Mission report planned

TWIN FALLS - Elder Michael Hanson has returned from serving a two-year mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Belgium Brussels Mission. He will report on his mission at 1:20 p.m. today at the Twin Falls 14th Ward chapel, 824 Caswell Ave. W.

Hanson is the son of John and Kathleen Hanson of Twin Falls and a graduate of Twin Falls High School.

Garnard to be installed

TWIN FALLS - Stacy Garnard, daughter of Lori and Gary Garnard of Twin Falls, will be installed as honored queen of the International Order of Job's Daughters at 1 p.m. Jan. 5, 1997, at the Masonic Temple, 883 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

Other elected officers are Margi Hollifield, senior princess; Kristen Garnard, junior princess; Sarah Wilkin, guide; and Whitney Rolig, marsh. Appointed officers are Stacy Lytle, chaplain; Jeff James, treasurer; Dani Mingo, recorder; Erin Talkington, librarian; Elizabeth Wonderlich, musician; Allison Rolig, first messenger; Sara High, second messenger; Angela DeBarnard, third messenger; Andrea Harris, fourth messenger; Lizzy Stuart, fifth messenger; Jacque Deahl, senior custodian; Anna Jardine, junior custodian; Susan Webster, inner guard; Sarah Jane Talkington, outer guard; Emma High, sunshine and rainfall; Jessica Koutnik, custodian of lights; Sara Webster, flag bearer; Brooke Jardine, assistant recorder; Heather Hodges, choir captain; Jamie Gonzalez, pro tem first messenger; Melissa French, pro tem second messenger; Ashlee Welferle, pro tem third messenger; Stephanie Wilkin, pro tem fourth messenger; Jenny Andrews, pro tem fifth messenger; and Molly McBride, pro tem inner guard.

The ceremony, "Circle of Friendship," will be hosted by Teresa and Dave Spritzer. Debra McDonald will narrate, and retiring Honored Queen Tina McBride will serve as installing officer. She will be assisted by Jenny Dodds, Becky Dodds, Cory Leaphart, Danka Galbraith, Amey Waters, Hillary Lytle, Elizabeth Quessell, Brady Martin and Jeanette Lytle. Hillary Lytle will perform as soloist. Scott Spritzer and Andrea Gulick will attend the guest book, and Susan and Ryan Spritzer will distribute programs.

Stacy's project will be the Scottish Rite Learning Center in Twin Falls. The public is invited to both the ceremony and the reception that follows.

Hoop Shoot scheduled

TWIN FALLS - Competition for the annual Elks Hoop Shoot will be held from 9 a.m. to noon Jan. 11 at the College of Southern Idaho gymnasium.

I want your news

If it's news to you, I want to hear about it. I'm April Cronch (Scribe), the community editor at The Times-News.

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The national free-throw shooting contest is for children ages 8 to 13. Each contestant has 25 shots at the hoop. Winners in the local contest will advance to district, and those from the five districts in Idaho will meet at the state final on Feb. 15 at the Grace Lutheran School in Pocatello.

Names of the national winners will be inscribed on the Elks National "Hoop Shoot" plaque, which is on permanent display at the New Kaitiaki Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass.

More than 3 million kids nationwide entered the competition last year.

Manor holds dinner

KIMBERLY - Nineteen residents and four guests of the Kimberly Summer Manor held a potluck dinner and gift exchange in the social hall on Dec. 28.

The highlight of the occasion was a surprise visit from Santa Claus, who had a friendly, personal greeting for each person as he handed them a gift. Kay Clark was the star prize.

At the first of each month, the hall is decorated and invitations are made for the socials, which are the third Thursday of each month.

Art contest begins

BOISE - The Idaho Transportation Department's Division of Aeronautics has opened this year's International Aviation Art Contest.

Elementary through high school students are invited to compete in the contest, which familiarizes them with aviation, engineering and science. Brochures detailing the rules and regulations are available through the art department or administrator of all Idaho public schools. Interested students must submit art entries depicting their own aviation or space-themed postage stamp for the imaginary country, Aeronautica, to the Division of Aeronautics, P.O. Box 7325, Boise, ID 83707-1129. All artwork must be postmarked by Feb. 21, 1997.

Winners in three age categories - 6-9, 10-13 and 14-17 - will be named in early March. State winners receive a certificate and have their artwork sent to Washington, D.C. for the national competition in April. National winners earn a spot in the international competition in Europe, and those winners receive certificates and gold, silver or bronze medals.

The contest is sponsored by the National Association of State Aviation Officials, National Aeronautic Association and the Federal Aviation Administration, in cooperation with the Federation Aeronautique Internationale in Paris, France.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Widener wins award

Judy Widener of Buhl has received the Parent Involvement Coordinator Award, which recognizes outstanding efforts and dedication to the local community and Head Start program. She has been a center supervisor for the past three years and is an avid supporter and advocate for Head Start programs. She has been instrumental in a community activities such as annual community health fairs, local child finds and collaborating with different agencies. She is a member of the American Association of University Women.

Buhl selects delegates

Angela Frey has been selected as the Buhl High School delegate to the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Seminar. Buhl Summerwide has been named the alternate.

Buhl's purpose is to bring together a select group of high school sophomores who have demonstrated leadership ability so they can interact with groups of distinguished leaders in business, government, education and the professions to discuss present and future issues. Its goals are to seek out and develop leadership potential in the students, encourage and assist them in their quest for self-development and self-identification, introduce potential leaders to today's recognized leaders through informal discussions on a variety of current topics and provide an opportunity to explore America's innovative system and democratic process.

Angela is the daughter of James and Jackie Frey of Buhl and the granddaughter of Angie Alessi of Twin Falls. She is active in Spanish Club, Drama Club, FFA and Future Educators. Buhl's purpose is to bring together a select group of high school sophomores who have demonstrated leadership ability so they can interact with groups of distinguished leaders in business, government, education and the professions to discuss present and future issues. Its goals are to seek out and develop leadership potential in the students, encourage and assist them in their quest for self-development and self-identification, introduce potential leaders to today's recognized leaders through informal discussions on a variety of current topics and provide an opportunity to explore America's innovative system and democratic process.



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Storytellers keep the attention of children

BOHIL - The Buhl Public Library is offering a story hour for preschool children from 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday. The program runs from September through May and consists of reading stories, acting out finger plays and singing songs.

Children give their suggestions about and sometimes ad lib to the stories. Readers are volunteer parents, and the books and materials are furnished by the library.

A special craft time with theme-related subjects follows the story hour. Parents are encouraged to help with the crafts.

Director of Children's Services Louise Nofziger said the program has been successful and the children are eager to attend.

A summer reading program will be available for preschool through fifth-grade children during the summer months.



Photo courtesy MARY LOU POTT

SERVICE NEWS

Lundgren joins effort

TWIN FALLS - Army Maj. Kenneth S. Lundgren, is one of more than 20,000 U.S. service members currently involved with Operation "Joint Endeavor," a NATO-sponsored effort to secure peace in the former Yugoslavian republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Soldiers from 25 countries are supporting the effort designed to promote and speed the peace process inked last year at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio.

The majority of the soldiers and airmen serve in the northeastern part of Bosnia-Herzegovina, with headquarters in Tuzla, where they serve at various mission support bases and camps in Europe.

The NATO troops are in place to enforce an end to hostilities, as well as to provide a secure environment for civil peace operations; and to manage a zone separation between the formerly warring ethnic factions.

Lundgren is a battalion executive officer, normally stationed at Fort Hood, Kilgus, Texas.

His wife, Wendy, is the daughter of

Jim and Mary Louise Carpenter of Twin Falls. He is a 1979 graduate of Twin Falls High School, and a 1983 graduate of Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah.

He received a master's degree in 1993 from Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif.

Bowman returns from sea

BUHL - Navy Airman Richard W. Bowman, son of Robert A. and Myrna A. Bowman of Buhl, recently returned from a six-month deployment to the western Pacific and Indian oceans aboard the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson.

Bowman is one of more than 7,000 sailors and Marines aboard the carrier who traveled approximately 62,000 miles before returning to their home port of Alameda, Calif.

Bowman's ship led the eight-ship USS Carl Vinson Battle Group, which included nine tactical aircraft squadrons, two submarines and five surface combatants.

During the initial phases of the deployment, aircraft from Bowman's ship were enforcing the no-fly zone over Iraq in support of Operation Southern Watch.

The deployment enabled Bowman to visit Hawaii, Hong Kong, Japan, Oman, the United Arab Emirates, Singapore and Tasmania.

A 1992 graduate of Buhl High School, he joined the Navy in June 1993.

EVENTS ELSEWHERE

Shirley celebrates 80th

WENDELL - An open house to celebrate the 80th birthday of Shirley's 80th birthday is planned for 3 to 6 p.m. Monday at the Wendell Senior Citizen Center.

Seldon and Hazel Shirley have been married 57 years. They have six children, Wilma (Cecily) Lessly and Timothy (Pam) Shirley, all of Wendell;

Melvin (Daria) Shirley of Jerome; Wendy (Roger) Armenta of Parma; Deana (Dewight) Tolman of Oxnard, Ore.; and Linda Pearson of Wasilla, Alaska; 18

grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

Campfire offers training

JEROME - Leaders and assistant leaders of boy's and girl's Campfire groups are needed throughout the Magic Valley. Training and assistance in organizing a group will be given, said Ada Carter, leader of the Magic Valley Campfire Area Service Team.

In January, Campfire members will be making tray favors and Valentines for veterans in Pocatello, Boise and Lewiston veterans' homes.

Children ages 5 and up are eligible to join a Campfire group. Anyone interested in being a Campfire leader or assistant is encouraged to call Carter at 324-2825.



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Section C

Of Pain — *and* — Healing



There is a better than 90 percent chance that Rose should be dead by now. And I'm sure her attitude is one of the reasons why she isn't.

— Dr. Eugene Seville, radiation oncologist

'I asked the doctors to save my smile. And they did.'

— Rose Neumeier

Exposed bone and nerves inside her mouth, the result of cancer treatments, mean constant pain for Rose Neumeier.

Rose Neumeier, and her faith, survived a battle with cancer

TWIN FALLS — The light is fading on a dour November Tuesday as pain, Rose Neumeier's old companion, settles in for the evening.

Not that it's really ever gone — not for long anyway. It dims the twinkle in Rose's smiling eyes and hangs on every word, like an unwelcome scold.

Her doctors talk about managing Rose's pain, but "manage" is perhaps too grand a word in Rose's case. Mostly, she endures.

"Have you ever bitten down a piece of aluminum foil?" she

Special Report:

When Cancer Returns

says. "It's like that for me all the time."

The tissue and mucous membranes that used to separate Rose's mouth from the nerves above it have been surgically removed, along with other tissue and bone in her face and jaw. It was the only way to save her from osteogenic sarcoma — a particularly rare, especially vicious and notably aggressive form of bone cancer that often kills its victims.

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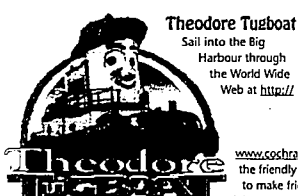
Done with radiation and chemotherapy, Rose enjoys square dancing again.



Church members join Rose in a prayer of healing at the Christian Center in Hagerman.

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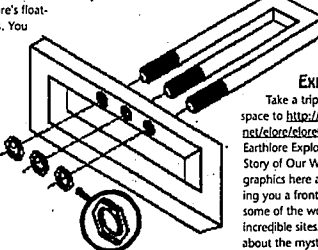
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Ask Amy@
Dear Amy: My friend Allison and I want to learn sign language. Where can we go on the Web? —Lisa, Fayetteville, AR

Dear Lisa: I found a good beginning place to learn sign language. Go to <http://www.districtofcolumbia.edu/Allied.html> and take the Interactive Spelling Guide link. Click on a letter of the alphabet and you will see a picture of how to shape your hand to sign that letter. I learned how to sign my name. You can also learn all about Braille, and take a finger spelling quiz.

Dear Amy: How does the Internet work and where does it get all its information? —Marcia, Danube, MN

Dear Marcia: The Internet is really lots of networks connected together. When you dial in with your modem, you get connected to the Internet, too. Server computers are waiting for you on these networks. Server computers let you connect to them and get their files. People put files on these computers (this is called uploading) so that the files can be downloaded or sent down to your personal computer. When the files are on the server, it's called a database of information. So all that information is out there just waiting for you to call.

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3. Who does Theodore love to watch the sunrise with?

What's in a name? For many parents, a lot

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Hate your name? Consider these doozies: Vasoline Lewis, Emancipation Proclamation Cogshell, Winnie Mac Pough and Texas Moon. Or Toyota Corona Maria Collier, Ima Rose Bush and Rose Royce Hood. Come on, you say, nobody would stick a little baby with one of those. But they have. The Florida Office of Vital Statistics, the state agency that keeps track of all births, deaths, marriages and divorces, has collected unusual names over the years. Michael and Ashley were the most popular names for boys and girls born in 1995 in Florida. But there were still some people who insisted on giving their children names like Cotton-Eyed Joe Smith, Just Right Brown, Cherry Daquiri (sic) Sour or Chickenbone Robinson.

"When I was pregnant, people would ask me if I was going to name the baby Ima Beach, Pebble Beach and Rocky Beach. I wouldn't do that."

—Sandy Beach, Pinellas Park, Fla.

They may sound funny, but whoever has to live with such a moniker may wonder what his or her parents were thinking. "A name can be a burden. It can be a hindrance," said Albert Mehrabian, author of "The Name Game" and a psychology professor at the University of California at Los Angeles. But Sandy Beach, who lives in Pinellas Park, Fla., loves her name. "It's kind of a fun name," said Mrs. Beach, adding that she didn't even realize what her married name would be until a few weeks before her marriage 17 years ago.

"When I was pregnant, people would ask me if I was going to name the baby Ima Beach, Pebble Beach and Rocky Beach," she said. "I wouldn't do that." Holiday names are popular on the list of unusual names: Melody Gay, Santa Claus, Ever Green, Merry Christmas Alsen, Cute Valentine Smith, Green Holly and Chris and Carol, twins born Dec. 25. Twins are not immune to strange names. Consider Shaquai and Meshaq Benjamin and Larency; Early and Curly; Nip and Tuck; A.C. and D.C.; Pete and Repeat, and Syphilis and Gonorrhoea.

And some names are foreboding: Jane Flood, More Payne, Dilemma Lafren, Loveloss Babies, Clyde Killer, Nomore Brown, Young Sixkiller, End of the Line, Royal Fink and Desperate Jones. And other names sound more like menu items: Lemon Ham, Sugar Sweet Smith, Spicer Hamm, Belle Peppers, Etta Apple, Peter Egg, Sweetie Smith, Beard Cake, Orange Vanilla Hummer, Cherry Pie, Baby Ruth Pugh, Tootsie Roll, Luscious Smith, Eg Turner, Candy Box and Sweet Tart. Think your name is too long or too hard to spell? Try this one: Trucwillinghligfuekyboo mermanifestdestiny Georgejames Mashburn. Or: Kekpalaulionipalihalauliioke.

eloolau David Kaapuawaokamehameha Jr. (or Kekoa for short). Mehrabian, who has spent a lifetime studying names, said people's given names can cause them constant difficulty. "A name becomes an appendage. It is part of the individual. It becomes entwined with their self-image," he said. "There are lots of studies showing people with more common names tend to be more successful in school situations, professionally and so forth. People with less common, unique or unusual names don't seem to be doing as well," he said. "If a person's name is somewhat bizarre, they are less likely to be taken seriously."

Classical names seem to occur with more frequency than trendy names, which can spend a year or two on the Top 20 before dropping in popularity. Mehrabian said. Trendy names, he said, include Ashley, Brittany, Kayle, Alexis, Jasmine, Tiffany, Austin, Tyler and Zachary. The classical names have associations with great historical figures, great biblical figures and will recur for many decades," he said. Mehrabian's research rates names for success, morals, popularity, warmth, cheeriness, masculinity and femininity. Both the most popular boys' and girls' names in Florida rate high on his scales. There were 2,153 baby boys named Michael in 1995 in Florida, followed by Christopher, Joshua, Brandon, Austin, Matthew, Nicholas, Tyler, Daniel and David. Ashley topped the list of girls' names with 1,666 that year in Florida, followed by Jessica, Sarah, Emily, Samantha, Taylor, Brittany, Amanda, Alexis and Kayla.

Helping kids cope with divorce

Therapists offer these suggestions to divorcing parents:

- Don't be afraid to let your child love the other parent. Worries about "losing the child" are unfounded, say therapists. The worst thing to do is for ce a parent to choose one parent over the other.
- Don't fight in front of the children — no matter what.
- Don't put down the other parent.
- Don't assume because you don't like your ex-spouse, your child won't like or love him or her.
- Do tell your children something about why you are getting divorced. Even the youngest child can be given a simple explanation: "Mommy and Daddy don't get along." There is no need to go into great detail, but children do worry if it is their fault if they are told nothing.
- Give children liberal access to both parents.
- Let kids talk about the divorce and their feelings without the parent getting upset.
- Recognize there is grief.



Your kids

especially at times of transition, such as the transfer from one parent's house to the other's. Tell the child you will not be getting back together with your ex-spouse if this is the case. Many children believe if they are just good enough, their parents will reunite. Find a support or discussion group for your child (many are being offered at through public schools) to address the feeling of aloneness many feel. It helps to know there are lots of other kids who have gone through the same thing. —Source: San Jose, Calif., Mercury News

Gritty grad gets diploma after 37-year battle with disease

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) — It took 37 years but Judy Merritt is receiving her college degree after battling a chronic, degenerative disease that caused the amputation of her fingers and both legs. She has been suffering most of her life from a variation of potentially fatal scleroderma and in the past year was diagnosed with breast cancer. Merritt, 55, received a bachelor of science degree in sociology from the University of West Florida during graduation ceremonies on Dec. 14. "It's going to feel like reaching any other goal: OK, uh-oh, now what? That is the big question," she said in a recent pre-graduation interview. "I've been working on my resume, and that's been a trip down memory lane." It includes attempts to earn four majors at two colleges, a marriage, a child, a divorce, volunteer work, a job and numerous surgeries. Merritt was 18 when she entered Florida State University to work on a degree in medical technology, which also helped her learn about her body and her disease. The tension and stress of going to school, however, caused her

scleroderma, which literally means hard skin, to worsen. She dropped out in her junior year. After returning home to Pensacola, she married, had her son, Clark, now 30, and became a Junior League volunteer. When her son was 6, she began taking courses at West Florida. "I went into special education because I'm good with kids," Merritt said. "But you need a lot of physical dexterity to work with special ed kids. You need to button things for them, tie things for them." But, one by one, she was beginning to lose her fingers, so special education was out. After her divorce, she went to work as executive director of the Volunteer Center of Northwest Florida. "I realized if this agency was going to grow I needed to learn some stuff about management, so I started working on management in college," Merritt said. Going to school, working and raising her child turned out to be more than she could handle at one time, so she put college on hold again. When her son entered the University of Florida, she also returned to school as a part-time student.



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ENGAGEMENTS — Vacations can be constructive time with kids

STEPHENSON-KEDDINGTON

TWIN FALLS — Dr. and Mrs. Don Stephenson of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Annette, to Patrick Allan Keddington, son of Alan and Julie Keddington of Laguna Niguel, Calif.

Stephenson graduated from Twin Falls High School, Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, in clinical psychology and is presently in the clinical master's program there.

Keddington served a mission for the LDS Church in the Philippines and is presently a junior in the civil engineering program at BYU.

The wedding is planned for Jan. 9 in the Bountiful, Utah.



Annette Stephenson and Patrick Keddington

LDS Temple. A reception will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Jan. 10 in the Evergreen Atrium on the College of Southern Idaho campus.

The couple will reside in Provo to continue their education.

THOMAS-DEWITT

GOODING — Larry and Glennis Thomas of Meridian announce the engagement of their daughter, Kara Thomas, to Christopher DeWitt, son of Floyd and Carolyn DeWitt of Gooding.

Thomas is a 1990 graduate of Chaparral High School in Anthony, Kan., and a 1994 graduate of Washington State University with a degree in hotel and restaurant administration. She currently works as a food service director with Thomas Management Corp. at St. Alphonsus Psychiatric Center in Boise.

DeWitt is a 1990 graduate of Gooding High School. He attended the College of Southern Idaho, earning a Certificate of Applied Science in diesel mechanics in



Christopher DeWitt and Kara Thomas

1992, and a Certificate of Applied Science in cabinet making in 1994. He is employed by Western Idaho Cabinet in Boise.

The couple is planning a January wedding at the Boise Southwest Christian Church.

WEDDING

ORR-HADDEN

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Evelyn Jean Orr and George Daniel Hadden were married Aug. 10 at Hidden Falls Park in St. Paul, Minn.

The bride is the daughter of Deborah Becker and Jim Hudson of Corvallis, Ore., and granddaughter of David and Thora Becker of Jerome. She is a graduate of Bishop Kelly High School in Boise and Macalester College in St. Paul. She is employed by the State of Minnesota.

The bridegroom is the son of George Hadden of Jackson, Mich. He is employed at



George and Evelyn Hadden

Honeywell in Minneapolis. The couple resides in St. Paul.

The Hartford Courant

Think not of the school vacation as long days of childish disputes or boredom or whining. Think of it, rather, as an opportunity. As in character-building. Self-improvement.

If you are fortunate enough to be spending extra time with your children, you are going to end up dealing with extra problems.

How we respond really matters.

Myra B. Shure, a professor of psychology at the Medical College of Pennsylvania and Hahnemann University in Philadelphia, has long studied children and problem-solving. Aside from research and developing violence-prevention curriculums, she is author of "Raising a Thinking Child" (Pocket, \$12) and "Raising a Thinking Child Workbook" (Henry Holt, \$14.95), both written with Theresa Foy DiGeronimo.

Let's start with the premise you are highly stressed, given the holiday. Your kid is suffering post-present letdown, no longer feels like playing with the new toys and is hanging around whining.

Shure classifies parents' responses on a scale of one to four.

"At level one, the parent will lash out with something like, 'You mean with all these presents, you don't have anything to do? You don't appreciate them.' Or an ominous 'If you don't find something to do, I'll find you something to do.'"

Level one, she says, "is power assertion — threats, demands, commands, punishing." If that's the only form of discipline used, kids grow angry and defiant. And the kid doesn't learn anything about thinking problems through.

A level two response, Shure says, would be, "Why don't you play with your brother? Or play with your new puzzle?" It doesn't focus on what not to do, but "gives positive alternatives."



One level four response to a child's holiday-break boredom might be, 'Let's think of something together that would make both of us happy' — such as sledding.

Level three — we're getting more enlightened now — gives the child an explanation and a reason. You could say, "I would make your brother really happy if you'd play with him." And it includes an explanation of the parent's feeling: "I feel angry when you keep bugging me! And then you can even add, 'Why don't you go play with your truck?'"

"But again, you're doing the thinking for the child," Shure says. "And you don't even know if the child is even hearing you."

At level four, the kid is cogitating. "It involves the child in the process of solving the problem or resolving the conflict. And he has to listen because he's participating. And he's participating because you're asking him instead of telling him." So "I feel angry when you bother me" now becomes a question, "in a genuine, information-seeking tone of voice — 'How do you think I feel when you keep bothering me?'"

"Now, what you don't want to say is, 'Go find something to do.'"

But in another tone of voice you can say, 'I bet, if you think really hard, you can think of something to do.'"

For a preschooler, it can help to offer a limited choice.

But when it comes to a kid refusing it all, "You can say, 'I know you are very good at thinking of things to do' — that is, if the parent is too busy to do anything with the kid. If the parent is in a mood to do something with the child, 'Let's think of something together that would make both of us happy.'"

Another level-four response if you're busy, she says, is: "Can I make dinner or can I take care of the baby and play with you at the same time? Or can I stop what I'm doing and talk to the baby and talk to you at the same time? Then, 'Can you think of something different to do until I can help you?'"

The whole idea is, who's doing the thinking? Ideally, the child.

Part of it is forcing on the youngster's perception and emotions. "I focus very much on kids caring what happens to them, as well as how other people feel." If they're denied that, they become asocial.

So if you ask, "How did you feel when he hit you?" it shows you care about the kid, not just how he or she acted.

Shure's program — it's called "I Can Problem Solve" — is, she says, "a whole new way to guide behavior." Instead of adults just issuing orders, it uses "a dialogue, which engages the child. And it helps the child think about what he's doing, instead of just being told." Research shows it is effective.

When children get into this habit, they'll be happy to find they can come up with ideas that work out well for everyone. Then, Shure says, "they feel pride instead of frustration. They grow up (to be) feeling, thinking human beings who won't want to hurt each other."

Writer's daughter is entranced by ballet at age 3

By Jim Cooper
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Dancing is a world of make-believe and imagination for 3-year-old Caitlin, a world of pretending to be caterpillars and butterflies.

At her first ballet lesson, she and her leggy little classmates act out a story. They pretend to go to a special shoemaker to get new ballet slippers for a big performance. At first, the shoemaker has only cowboy boots and sneakers — but then, finally, the most beautiful ballet slippers appear.

My daughter Caitlin had her first taste of ballet this spring when I took her to see "Cinderella" performed by the American Ballet Theater company at Lincoln Center.

Caitlin's eyes did not leave the stage during the entire performance. After, I arranged for us to go backstage to meet the star Paloma Herrera. For the first

time since Caitlin started to talk she was speechless.

Caitlin came away dancing: Her first performance was around the fountain in the plaza outside the theater, where she just kept repeating, "I'm a ballerina, I'm a Paloma Herrera."

That night I promised Caitlin she could take ballet lessons when she turned 3.

A few days after her third birthday she asked, "When can I

become a ballerina?" I started looking into ballet schools, found Ballet Academy East and signed up for start classes on a November Saturday, 9 a.m. sharp.

But first we had to go shopping for the ballerina outfit: pink leotards, pink tights, pink ballet shoes and a pink ponytail hold for the authentic pulled-back hairdo.

That first Saturday, Caitlin was more than ready for her new adventure, racing out for the two-

minute cab ride to her lesson.

Her teachers, Miss Judy and Miss Sabra, manage to teach the basics of ballet while also making the class fun and entertaining. So naturally Caitlin did not want to leave at the end of that first session.

But with the promise of coming back next Saturday and every Saturday to follow until January, she reluctantly agreed to go.

I have a feeling I'm going to see more ballet recitals than I ever dreamed.

Imaginary playmates help kids practice social behavior

Q. Our 3-year-old daughter, Courtney, has developed an imaginary playmate — named Jennifer — and the time she spends in fantasy is beginning to worry us. Courtney plays with Jennifer whenever she's in her room, which is fairly often.

We read that imaginary playmates are a substitute for more satisfying social relationships, but Courtney spends three mornings a week in a preschool program and her teachers tell us she gets along well with the other children.

Our concern is that Courtney seems to be preoccupied with Jennifer. She talks about her frequently and tells us what they do together.

Once, when we tried to explain to her that Jennifer wasn't real, Courtney became upset and it took us quite a while to settle her back down.

Could her preoccupation with Jennifer eventually cause Courtney to have problems distinguishing between reality and fantasy?

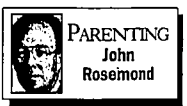
A. Absolutely not! It's typical for 3-year-olds to invent imaginary playmates. The brighter and more creative the child, the more likely an imaginary playmate becomes.

Concerning what you read about imaginary playmates, I can only imagine it was something written in the heyday of Freudian psychology.

In any case, imaginary playmates are not substitutes for more satisfying social relationships. Rather, imaginary playmates allow the young child to practice social behavior in a non-threatening context.

Prior to age 3 or thereabouts, children don't really socialize with one another. In groups, you'll find them playing parallel to one another, but rarely do they interact except to defend their territories or raid someone else's for a toy.

Three marks the beginning of a true social life with other chil-



John Rosemond

dren of the same age. To successfully relate to peers, the child must learn a new set of social rules.

The old rules — the ones that apply to relationships with parents and siblings — don't quite work with one's peers, so the young child invents an imaginary playmate (or playmates) to help her learn and practice the new rules.

Adults do almost the same thing for their "rehearse" in private for an upcoming, somewhat anxiety-arousing event, such as a job interview.

The young child, because thought and action are almost one and the same during the preschool years, tends to be much more dramatic than the contemplative adult, but the two situations are much the same, nonetheless.

Researchers have found that children who have or have had imaginary playmates are generally more successful in their relationships with peers.

To an adult's way of thinking Jennifer isn't real, but to Courtney, Jennifer is not only quite "real," but the friendship is absolutely indispensable. And I agree with her.

For the time being, you should not only tolerate Courtney's playmate, but show an encouraging interest in her as well.

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FAMILY LIFE

Book contains Utah trends, contradictions in the '90s

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Among the healthiest of Americans, Utah residents also consume twice as many marshmallows as the national average, and suffer disproportionately more deaths from respiratory disease.

And in a state where nearly 70 percent embrace the family values-oriented Mormon Church, the rates of divorce and juvenile arrests lead the country.

These and other incongruities — and the reasons behind them — often slip by state and local policy-makers. That's why a group of sociologists, economists and researchers agreed to pore over U.S. Census figures and other data, culminating in "Utah in the 1990s. A Demographic Perspective."

The 286 pages of charts, graphs and commentary, published by Signature Books, is the third installment of the decennial series that uses statistics to depict Utah's quality of life and future direction for policy makers, historians and others who care.

"Our statement in doing this is for people to please base their decisions on facts and the proper interpretations of those facts, not on opinion and misperception," said Tim B. Heaton, a sociology professor at Brigham Young University who headed up the project for the school's Center for Studies of the Family.

A fact few dispute is that Utah's population has been growing in the 1990s.

Fam Perlich, a staff economist with the governor's Office of Planning and Budget, wrote in the book's opening chapter that Utah's higher than average birth rate is the primary source of its population growth. Migration to the state, primarily from California, accelerated the growth in the 1970s and 1990s, but out-migration slowed it in the 1980s.

From 1970 to 1995, the population increased 64 percent, or 893,000 people, to 1.96 million.

In addition to outpacing national population growth, the demographic makeup of the state's res-



Utahns, among the healthiest Americans, consume twice as many marshmallows as the national average, according to 'Utah In the 1990s. A demographic Perspective.'

idents is also unique. "The state's population is younger and lives longer, has a higher fertility rate, and has more persons per household than the nation as a whole," Perlich wrote. "This unique composition poses challenges and offers opportunities unlike those of other states."

In 1990, Utah residents under age 5 made up 9.8 percent of the population, compared to 7.6 percent nationally, 26.6 percent of the population was between 5 and 17 years old, compared to 18.2 percent nationally, and 60.7 percent fell between 18 and 64 years, compared to 54.9 percent nationally.

A younger population means that unlike the rest of the nation, a higher proportion of Utah's resources will continue to go to serving children rather than caring for the elderly, Perlich noted.

Those children are more likely to find themselves locked up for committing crimes than anywhere else in the country. BYU sociology researchers Richard E. Johnson and James L. Whitaker found that the 1992 arrest rate of

2,021 per 100,000 juveniles was 86 percent higher than the national rate.

They credited the statistic to police targeting youth as well as the higher proportion of children under age 18. And they downplayed the role of youth gangs.

"Even if all adolescent peer groups decided to identify themselves as gangs ... it is not clear that major changes in overall crime rates would follow," the researchers said.

With Mormons making up 69.2 percent of the population in 1990, Utah has the highest concentration of adults belonging to a single religious group of any state. Ranking second at 7.8 percent are those who claim no religious affiliation.

"Given current Mormon fertility rates and evangelization efforts, it seems unlikely that the LDS Church will experience a decline in its market share over the foreseeable future," Young predicted.

The dominance of Mormons is a factor in several demographic categories, many of the authors noted.

In terms of health, substantially fewer Utah residents smoke, which is proscribed by the Mormon Church, than those nationally. But air pollution problems along the populous Wasatch Front are to blame for a 40 percent increase over the past decade in respiratory disease-related deaths, wrote Lisa King Hirsch, a researcher from Cornell University.

Researchers say the Mormon Church's emphasis on marriage and families accounts in part for Utah's higher than average marriage rate in 1990 of 11.2 per 1,000 population. The national rate was 9.8. The fertility rate of 91.6 births per 1,000 women is one-third higher than the U.S. rate.

Among Utah's married citizens, those least likely to divorce are active Mormons and those mostly likely to divorce are those whose church attendance is spotty or nonexistent, Smith and Shipman found.



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Christmas carolers in Guam lightened many lonely hearts



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It was Christmas Eve in 1944, and the three Hope Sisters were singing their hearts out to the American troops on Guam during World War II.

They already had been to Iwo Jima and Saipan. The bombing runs of airplanes, the boom of guns, the sight of the wounded and dead was a far cry from their peaceful existence in Lyme, Mass.

The three — Claire, then 21, and her sisters Terese, 20, and Anna, 19 — were the youngest of 12 children in the Plourde family. Their careers had just begun on the theater and club circuit when the war broke out. Soon they added appearances at veterans hospitals and military camps stateside.

In 1943, they joined the USO and were sent to the Pacific Theatre of the war. Their mother, who supported her large brood alone after their father died, sewed their stage dresses.

A photo in the November-December issue of Reminiscence magazine shows the sisters in stylish black and white chiffon gowns, the gowns each held by a single shoulder strap, very much the fashion then.

"We sure saw a lot of life,"

recalls Claire Kirk, now retired and living in Belgrade, Maine. In Reminiscence, she writes of that memorable Christmas Eve on Guam. The trio had gone to their Quonset hut on a hill after a performance and felt sad to be so far from home. Claire writes:

"As darkness set in, and the lights were extinguished, we realized the men were getting ready to retire."

"Our hearts ached at the loneliness those boys must have felt so far from their families and homes. We walked to the edge of our hill, and with no forethought, one of us began humming 'Silent Night.' Before we knew it all three of us had joined in, harmonizing in the dark.

"Tears were running down our cheeks as we realized what we were singing for these men: We wanted to let them know we

cares." "Meanwhile, down below, lights flickered on until the whole compound was lit up. Under the clear, starry night, men quietly came out of their bus. At first, they just listened — but then, in the distance, we heard their voices joining in singing carols. The moment was beautiful.

"When we finally stopped singing that night, we saw many of these men shaking hands and embracing in friendship. Then they waved to us and we heard a resounding, 'Thank you! Merry Christmas,' from them to us way up on our hill.

"Although we'd been feeling a little low a few moments earlier, our spirits had lifted and we felt wonderful. It's a poignant Christmas memory I shall never forget."

Nor will we, Claire Kirk. Thank you, Claire, for sharing it with us.

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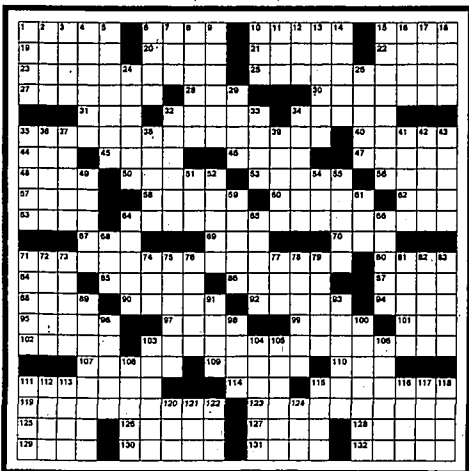
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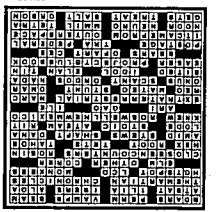


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New Year's Eve at my house: No turtle-necks or baggy pants

I'm not exactly sure how you're supposed to celebrate on New Year's Eve. I'm not sure how to "ring out the old and ring in the new" in a way that is both appropriate and fun for everyone.

I know I like to spend New Year's Eve with my husband, but I'm not sure how I like to spend it.

Some couples opt for romance. To a lot of men, it's pizza and ESPN. To a lot of women, it's midnight and roses.

These are the men and women who become couples and then try to find a way to celebrate the new year together.

Some husbands and wives like to party all night on New Year's Eve. They dance their ways into the wee hours of the new year morning.

But dancing ranks about two points below root canal surgery on my husband's list of fun things to do, and neither one of us is a bona fide party animal.

Whenever I think of parties, I think of the first big pre-teen party my now-19-year-old daughter ever attended. It was the primary topic of conversation in our home for weeks.

The night before the party, all of the girls called around to see what everyone was going to wear. One of them had read a book where the girls who wore baggy pants and turtle-neck sweaters were the ones who got asked to dance by the boys. So they all decided to wear baggy pants and turtle-neck sweaters — even though there weren't going to



LIFE AND TIMES
Denise Turner

be any boys at the party. I've never really liked big parties. Maybe it's because I don't own any baggy pants or turtle-neck sweaters.

But how else do you celebrate on New Year's Eve?

I've spent years in search of the perfect answer to that question. Ah, the New Year's Eve has known...

I've tried staying home with my husband and being romantic, but never seemed to work out. One day, I realized why: We have children.

Other times, my husband and I have tried chaperoning all-night youth group lock-ins, but that sort of thing always felt like work. And you should at least have the night off on New Year's Eve.

We've also spent the night watching Barry Manilow and Dick Clark on TV — and ended up telling each other to get a life.

I once read a research study titled, "What makes people the happiest?" It was in the "Book of Lists #2."

The top three items among married men were (1) Personal growth;

- (2) Being in love; (3) Marriage.

Among married women, the top three were (1) Being in love; (2) Marriage; (3) Mate's happiness.

Though there was some overlap, "Personal growth" didn't appear anywhere on the married women list, and "Mate's happiness" didn't appear anywhere on the married men list.

The general assumption is that men are not as attuned to filling their wives' romance needs as they could be. And yes, there are exceptions.

Several years ago, I was at a meeting of a woman's civic group. At a little after 9 p.m., a phone call interrupted the meeting.

"It's my husband," one of the women predicted. "It's 9:06 p.m. on May 19, and he always calls me at the exact moment when any of our children were born."

I don't know too many men like that.

I'm married to a man who hardly remembers his own birthday. Or, as one woman put it, the typical husband is "a man who doesn't remember where the cups are kept after 22 years of marriage."

I guess marriage/home/earth is not always the primary focus in the life of the average American male. Women are usually the ones who plan the meals and the parties — and what to do on New Year's Eve.

Maybe I'm just getting old. This year, pizza and ESPN sound just fine.

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.

Program helps low-income workers



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VISION ABBY: The 1997 VISION USA program is about to get under way, and once again we hope you will help to spread the news that low-income workers with no health insurance can apply to this program for free eye care.

We are among 8,000 optometrists who, for the last six years, have volunteered our services to provide more than 200,000 children and adults with needed eye care.

Last year, one of our VISION USA patients was an elementary school student who was legally blind due to a congenital vision problem. This child had gone without glasses for two years because there was no money to replace the pair that had broken. With help from us, the Indiana University School of Optometry and the Ronald McDonald Foundation, this child received an eye exam, a low vision evaluation, glasses, a lighted stand magnifier and a special pair of filter sunglasses.

Most of the approximately 200,000 people who have received care through VISION USA don't have such dramatic situations. However, the American Optometric Association, which sponsors the program, reports that nine out of 10 have eye health or vision problems that can interfere with their ability to work or go to school. Some have sight-threatening conditions such as glaucoma.

By appreciating your passing the word along to your readers, there are many people out there who need eye care and could benefit from VISION USA.

—DEBRA MCCONNELL, O.D., LILLEN VOLL, O.D.,

REGARDING SCHAMERLOH, O.D., INDIANAPOLIS

DEAR AND SCHAMERLOH: I'm pleased once again to alert my readers to your worthwhile volunteer program.

To qualify for free eye care, persons must have a job or live in a household where there is one working member, have no health insurance of any kind; have an income below an established level based on household size; and have had no eye examination within the last two years. (Eligibility requirements may vary in some states.)

From Jan. 2-31, 1997, low-income working people and their families can be screened for eligibility for the 1997 VISION USA program by calling 1-800-766-4466. Phone lines will be open weekdays from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. (EST). Because phone lines are sometimes very busy, it may be easier to apply by mail.

Application forms are available from VISION USA, 243 Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, Mo. 63141. (Completed forms must be postmarked by Jan. 25.)

The comprehensive eye exams will be given in optometrists' private offices in March, coinciding with the celebration of Save Your Vision Week, March 2-8.

DEAR ABBY: In your column concerning the late Harry S. Truman, you made a grammatical error. You wrote: Your story about Harry Truman does not surprise me. Abby, you should have said "astonished," not "surprised." To help you avoid making this mistake in the future, I offer this true story:

Shortly after he published his first dictionary, Noah Webster's wife came home and found Noah in bed with the maid. She shouted, "Noah — I am surprised!" He then sat up in bed, shook his head ruefully and said, "No, Madame, YOU are astonished. I am surprised."

—NORMAN M. HULINGS JR., TULSA, OKLA.

DEAR ABBY: Add this to your list of things for which Harry Truman can be admired:

When Truman's term as president expired, he and Bess were offered the use of the presidential train to make their trip back to Independence, Mo.

He turned down the offer. Harry and Bess left Washington with Harry driving their relatively old Dodge automobile.

—CALVIN S. HOLM, THENSVILLE, WIS.

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FAMILY NEWS YOU CAN USE

That is the question

Forget about the birds and the bees. The question many parents dread most is: "Is there really a Santa Claus?" Children aged three to six begin to ask at an earlier age, says Josephine Ella, clinical director of child psychiatry at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children in Philadelphia. "I think each generation of parents keeps kids longer," she says. "Children today are exposed to so much information through television and in the shopping malls, they are bound to begin questioning..."

Tight-fisted teens

When it comes to charitable giving at the holidays, don't expect much from teen-agers. Forty-one percent of young people between 12 and 17 said they gave to charity less than \$5 and 50 percent in 1991, according to a Gallup survey conducted for Independent Sector, a coalition representing 800 volunteer groups, foundations and corporate giving programs. —Compiled from wire reports

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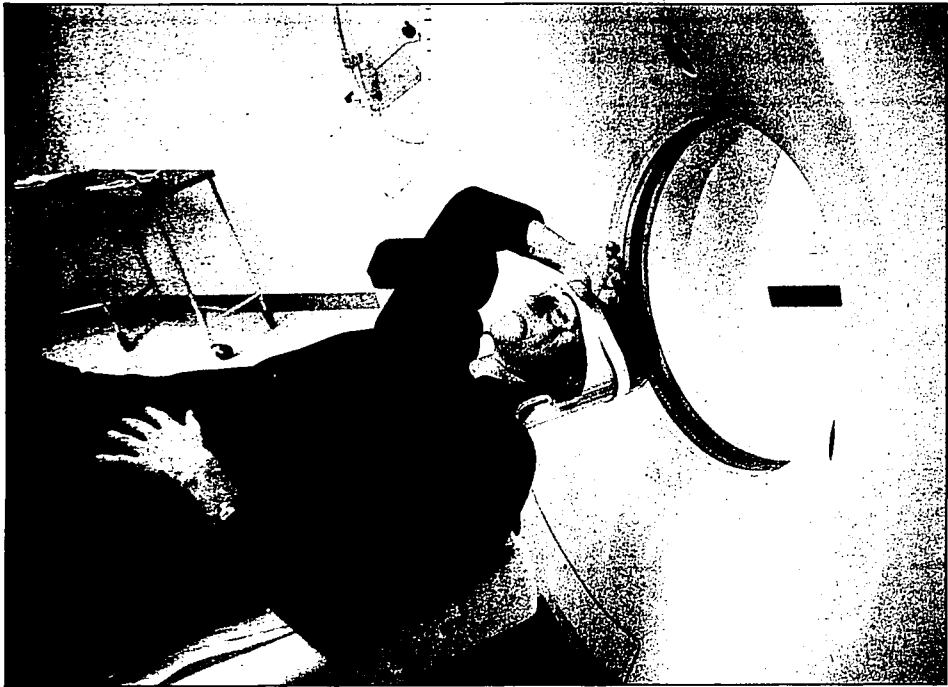
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Rose waxes with apprehension as a radiologist examines her CAT scan. Another physician ordered the examination to determine whether cancer had returned.

'God has a plan for me'

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But not Rose. She has survived two major surgeries and rounds of radiation and chemotherapy that left her at death's door — and sometimes wishing that door would open.

"I'm convinced I'm still here for some good reason," Rose said. "God has a plan for me."

"There is a better than 90 percent chance that Rose should be dead by now," said Dr. Eugene Seville, radiation oncologist at the Southern Idaho Regional Cancer Center. "And I'm sure her attitude is one of the reasons why she isn't."

"There are good medical reasons why Rose has survived," said Dr. Peter Doble, a Twin Falls ear, nose and throat specialist and surgeon. "We had the right doctors and the right facilities in place here to make it happen, but my personal opinion is that faith can and does play an

important role too."

Rose, now 40, had just lost her husband to cancer when she and her two daughters moved to the Magic Valley from the West Coast.

'If only there were someone to arbitrate between us, to lay his hand upon us both.

Someone to remove God's rod from me, so that his terror would frighten me no more. Then would I speak up without fear of him, but as it now stands with me, I cannot.'

— Job 9: 33-35

She was holding down a night job and taking classes by day at the College of Southern Idaho when she noticed a suspicious-looking lump in her jaw. That led to the first surgery, which removed the tumor and some of the surrounding tissue.

Not long after, the cancer began to spread again. Doble pulled no punches "about Rose's prospects.

"I told Rose before the second surgery that I didn't know what we'd find," Doble said. "It might be necessary to take her eye."

It wasn't, but surgeons had to remove so much cancerous bone

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Rose is in a silly mood after learning that she is free of cancer. Her daughter, Jennifer, joins Rose for dinner.



Rose often breathes through a nebulizer. Because she has no salivary glands, the machine provides needed moisture to aid in healing.



When the pain becomes too intense, all Rose can do is rest.



Rose enjoys reaching out to others. After preparing a Thanksgiving dinner for a group of people with disabilities, she plays Christmas music.

Rose

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and tissue that Rose would have been unable to speak or chew without a prosthesis. Mike Dingman, a Twin Falls oral surgeon, built one — custom-made to fit the contours of the missing bone and tissue in her head.

"I asked the doctors to save my smile," Rose said. "And they did."

Doble, who along with other doctors took Rose's case although she had no money, figures she was in the right place at the right time.

"I don't think she could have done better if she'd gone to a major medical center," he said.

Next came the radiation and chemotherapy treatments that left Rose wasted and ill.

"Once surgery has been done, radiotherapy and chemotherapy are what you use to treat osteogenic sarcoma," Seville said. "And you have to treat it as aggressively as possible."

Seville told Rose that the chemotherapy would make her ill, and he didn't raise the option of stopping once the treatment had begun.

"There were times when I wanted to quit, and Dr. Seville and I had some disagreements," Rose said. "But he was always honest with me."

So much bone and tissue is missing from Rose's head and jaw that little things, such as chewing some foods and coping with colds, are difficult. And although there's the prospect that

further surgery could reduce the pain and the other complications, for the moment they're too severe to allow her to work or go back to school.

But the doctors and the Cancer Center staff have kept her going by becoming like a second family, Rose said.

And so far, together, they've kept cancer at bay.

"Even if we found another tumor tomorrow, we still have some options," Doble said.

Meanwhile, Neumeier is planning eventually to go back to college and perhaps become an oncology counselor herself.

"Why should I worry?" she said, pointing skyward. "It's all up to Him."

Nominate an everyday hero

The Times-News

Do you know an everyday hero? Someone who works with kids, gives his or her time and resources, helps a stranger in need — without taking any credit?

We'd like to hear about such people. The Times-News is beginning a series of articles about the unsung heroes in the Magic and Wood River valleys. We'll publish them as a regular feature.

Anyone who does something extraordinary — neighbors, scoutmasters, church group members, hospital volunteers, tutors — without getting paid for it, qualifies. So do professionals, such as caregivers and teachers, who contribute something extra.

Send your nominations to Everyday Heroes, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303. We'll need your name, phone number, the name of your Everyday Hero, and a few sentences about the person and what he or she does.

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FAMILY LIFE



Howard Awrey, owner of Skier's Chalet, and other lodge owners at the foot of Aspen Mountain are trying to draw a diverse mix of tourists to the resort, not just the rich.

Marketing plan aims to bring tourists back to Aspen's lodges

ASPEN, Colo. (AP) — The small, quaint lodges that dot this ritzy resort are feeling like jilted suitors, shunned in recent years by an increasingly elite group of visitors attracted to jewels such as the Ritz-Carlton and Little Nell.

But a 2-year-old marketing plan is designed to lure tourists back to these "Gems of Aspen" — a group of 17 small lodges whose local owners hope to attract a diverse mix of tourists with a blend of old-world charm and reasonable prices.

"We've lost the middle class and now we've got to try to get it back," said Howard Awrey, a crotchety 77-year-old who owns the Skier's Chalet, a 25-room lodge hard against Aspen Mountain.

"They've gone to places like Vail and Keystone. Now all we get are the people who want

stay at the Ritz-Carlton, the people who want a full-service hotel. But we've got to expand the market to survive."

In a way, Aspen has become a victim of its own success — a world-class resort viewed by most as a winter playground restricted to the rich.

And that image is only reinforced by room rates at several of the town's premier properties.

Want to stay at the Ritz-Carlton in mid-January? Shell out \$319 a night — minimum.

"People don't always think of affordable vacations when they think of Aspen," said Dianne Milton, spokeswoman for the Aspen Skiing Co. "This program is meant to show that there is something else — a little more intimate and definitely affordable."

"Aspen isn't just the Ritz," added Gabrielle Emerson, a

spokeswoman for Aspen Central Reservations, which books rooms for all 17 "Gems" properties. "We do have great, intimate, smaller properties that are affordable."

While occupancy levels have remained high for the last several years at most of Aspen's more expensive properties, the number of visitors lagged at some of the smaller lodges that didn't have the resources to advertise.

Awrey, who moved to Aspen in 1949, said it was about time something was done to help small lodges compete. The top rate for one of Awrey's rooms in high season: \$120.

Participants in the "Gems" program pay anywhere from \$1,000 to \$1,500 to help underwrite advertising costs — a nominal fee considering the potential for new business, participants say.



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without his ear.

— Grant Long of the Detroit
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and 11 rebounds in a game
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Tennis magazine, identifying Thomas Muster as king of the baseliners, recalls some of his best lines:

"On why he wore a back brace: "Other than some problems with my back, I also didn't want to let the crowd see my belly."
"On his plan for mastering grass courts: "I'm going to play on it, I'm going to sleep on it, I'm going to eat it. But I'm not going to smoke it."

Bronco quotes history when it comes to AFC

An American Football Conference team hasn't won the Super Bowl since 1984, when the Los Angeles Raiders beat the Washington Redskins. Denver Bronco tight end Shannon Sharpe was asked if any AFC team will ever get any respect until it beats a National Football Conference team.
"No. And they shouldn't," he said. "You're only great if you win something. Alexander wasn't Alexander the Medician or Alexander the Great. He was Alexander the Great, and there's a reason for it."

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Bruins blast Warriors

By **Damen Clow**
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Todd Welch got a Christmas gift Saturday night — a spot in the Bruin starting five and more than his usual handful of minutes. Welch blocked five shots and pulled down 11 rebounds in Twin Falls' boys' basketball victory over Meridian, 68-50.

"(Welch) has been like that all season," Bruin coach Dan Vogt said. "He's been our number one man off the bench and has given us good minutes. He just got a little more playing time tonight."

Twin Falls outscored the Warriors 31-10 in the second quarter, rested its starters in the third and maintained a healthy margin to improve to 4-2 before defending state champion Highland comes to town Thursday.

The hardest thing the Bruins had to do Saturday was figure out how to break the Warrior press, a task which took them all of two minutes.

Meridian opened the game holding the Bruins to the perimeter and maintaining a 3-0 lead after the tip-off. Senior point guard Ben Kohring, faking the defender with a quick head jerk, drove to the basket to open the Bruins' scoring.

Meridian's Adam Pugmire scored his team's next seven points, but a 3-pointer from a wide-open Jake Roberson and an inside pass to Welch put the lead into Twin Falls' hands for good.

"We always seem to turn the ball over against pressure," Vogt said. "We had a lot of turnovers against Capital and

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Mark Thrash of Twin Falls one-hands the ball to the basket over Meridian defenders, on his way to 18 points for the night.

Big moments of 1996

Something old, something new for '96 sports in review

By **Brad Bowlin**
Times-News writer

The year in review
If you like reruns, you loved being a Magic Valley sports fan in 1996. The College of Southern Idaho volleyball team won another national title; the Golden Eagle cross-country teams almost did — again. The Jerome boys brought home another state track championship, and Glenn Ferry was in the state A-1 football finals for the fourth consecutive time.

Those were among top local sports stories of 1996, but there were others who forged new ground over the past year or turned forgettable 1995 into a memorable year.

The Twin Falls High School boys' soccer team is one of those, earning the Bruins' first-ever state "futsal" championship. American-style football found a rebirth at Bruin stadium, too, where the

Twin Falls team built a 7-4 season and made it to the doorstep of the Class A-1 state championship game.

On the diamond, the Bruins — and later the American Legion Cowboys — sparked brightly enough to shine through some coaching controversies that have left questions about baseball in Twin Falls for 1997.

Of course, that's rather an old story, so far as coaches are concerned. The pressures of the job practically guarantee plenty of turnover each year in the coaching ranks, and 1996 was no exception.

Leading the list of departed head coaches was CSI men's basketball coach Steve Irons, who stepped down after three years.

Here's a look at the highlights, month-

by-month, of local sports in the year gone by:

January

The northern-most end of the Wood River Valley was on display for millions of sports fans around the world as the Budweiser Clydesdales played football during the Super Bowl.

The now-famous commercial, with the hefty horses punting, passing and kicking the pigskin across a snowy pasture, was filmed in the Sawtooth Mountains above Stanley.

Twin Falls raised fees for the city's softball leagues.

Former Bruin basketball player Andy Toolson was cut for the second time by the Utah Jazz. He moved to Greece and played basketball there, but later went to Spain, where he currently plays.

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Former BSU coach collapses

The Associated Press

BOISE — Former Boise State University football coach Pokey Allen was in a Missoula, Mont., hospital on Saturday as cancer continued spreading quickly through his body.

Dr. Carolyn Collins, his Boise physician, said Allen was in Montana to spend the holidays with his mother, sister and daughter. The badly weakened Allen was admitted to St. Patrick's Hospital the day after Christmas when he "more or less collapsed," falling and breaking his nose, Collins said.

"He's seriously ill. It's unclear at this point what the next few days will bring," she said at a news conference called at the request of Allen's family, who had been inundated with media calls.



Pokey Allen

Collins said the tumor in his chest is growing "very rapidly," and now involves more than 90 percent of his lungs. But the 53-year-old Allen was heavily medicated with a long-acting form of morphine and resting comfortably.

"That's just part of the game that the natural history of the rhabdomyosarcoma," Collins said. "I think he's going to

feel sleepier, and I think ultimately he's just going to go to sleep. He'll become comatose at some point."

After an apparently successful fight against the rare and aggressive muscle cancer that was first diagnosed in December 1994, Allen took medical leave from Boise State in early August when he learned new tumors were forming on his chest and lungs.

He had surgery on Aug. 15, but doctors were unable to remove all the tumors. After receiving alternative treatments in Canada, Allen returned to Boise on Nov. 11 and coached the Broncos' last two games of the season.

He resigned his coaching job on Dec. 11.

Malone makes points before enforced rest

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — By the time Karl Malone got an enforced rest, he had earned it.

Malone scored 15 of his 29 points during a 27-6 third-quarter run and the Utah Jazz beat the Philadelphia 76ers 110-84 Saturday.

Led by Malone, who had 17 points in the third quarter, Utah opened a 78-54 lead. Malone's contribution came just in time. He was hit with his second technical of the game with 1:49 left in the quarter and was disqualified. Malone had a shot blocked by Coleman and drew a technical when he complained to referee Terry Durham. Malone and



Karl Malone

talked to each other," Coleman said. "That's just part of the game that the referees try to take away from you." Malone was gone by the time the game ended and therefore wasn't avail-

able to comment on his afternoon. Guard John Stockton credited the Jazz beat for the victory.

"Everybody came in off the bench and was very, very lively," he said. "We've been struggling and they came in and had a nice game."

Stockton added 17 points for the Jazz. Jeff Hornacek had 14, Chris Morris 11 and Antoine Carr 10.

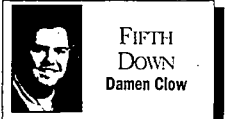
Allen Iverson led the Sixers with 15 points, Jerry Stackhouse had 13, Coleman 11 and Rex Walters 10.

"We were kind of flat coming into the third quarter," Stackhouse said. "We gave them some turnovers and they converted on all of them." Philadelphia coach Johnny Davis said

Sleeping Beauty misses (foot)ball — but catches OT

Sometimes things just have a way of working out.

On a rare Saturday off, I had planned to watch the Game of the Year, No. 1 Florida vs. No. 2 Florida State. I hadn't seen a complete college football game all season long, and bowl season was rapidly approaching.



FIFTH DOWN
Damen Clow

But as luck would have it, I stayed up until 4 a.m. the night/morning before watching a Clint Eastwood marathon on television. No problem. I minored in sleep deprivation in college.

So I woke up at 2 in the afternoon Saturday, having completely Van Winkled my one reason for waking up. The game was over a three-point thriller (though I later learned it wasn't as close as it sounded). There was another hope, however. Southern Cal and Notre Dame, playing in Lou Holtz's final regular season game. A heated rivalry, and one Southern Cal hadn't won in 14 years.

At this point, it would serve this story well to state that I have absolutely no love for the Notre Dame football machine and its holier-than-thine-program attitude. The only quote of Holtz that I remember verbatim is his comment that, "God doesn't care who wins a football game, but His mother does."

The attitude was passed down to me from my father, a Southern California native whose college football highlight was watching the Trojans score more than 50 unanswered points in the second half against the Irish to rally from a 30-point halftime deficit.

"I can't say that I have so much it nearly dropped dead of exhaustion," he would later tell me, referring to Traveller, the white stallion that runs laps around the Coliseum after every Trojan score.

This time, the Irish were ranked 10th in the nation, and Southern Cal ... wasn't.

I cheered when the Trojans scored, and pouted and cursed and screamed at the heavens above when the Irish scored.

Southern Cal tied the game late in the fourth quarter. The Trojans had a chance for a game-winning field goal, but could not get settled before time ran out. Just my luck.

Then I saw USC coach John Robinson nodding his head in approval and clapping his hands, and it hit me. John Robinson broke my heart before when he coached the talented Rams to mediocre finishes in the '80s.

And now that same Robinson had the same obnoxious, lame-duck look that was on the face of Houston coach Jack Pardee throughout the entire second half of the Oilers' NFL record-setting 31-point choke to the Buffalo Bills in the playoffs a few years back.

I rooted for the Rams and Oilers back then, and I was rooting for the Trojans now. I was doomed. It was *deja vu* all over again.

Amazingly, I was happily wrong. The Trojans scored a touchdown on their first possession in overtime, and then stopped the Irish on a fourth down pass attempt for the win. John Robinson's job was saved, and Lou Holtz and the Mother of God went without a victory for one Saturday, anyway.

More importantly, I finally got a taste of hard-nosed college football, of big-time beating each other silly in a neck-and-neck battle. That's a story I will tell my children someday, right before I take my Saturday nap.

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turnovers cost his team the game. "That has been the story for us. When we don't take care of the basketball, it makes it so difficult to win, especially against the good teams," he said.

Malone figured in an unusual play just before halftime. After Stackhouse hit two free throws, referee Bennett Salvatore failed to hand Malone the ball.

When none of his teammates came to help as the ball lay on the floor just out of reach, Malone watched helplessly as Salvatore counted five, then awarded it to the Sixers.

Nothing came of that call, however, as Clarence Weatherspoon missed a layup attempt.

SPORTS

LSU outlasts Clemson in a peach of a squeaker

ATLANTA (AP) — Kevin Faulk scored a 3-yard touchdown, Wade Richey kicked a 22-yard field goal and LSU's defense barely made it hold up for a 107 victory over Clemson in the Peach Bowl on Saturday night.

No. 17 LSU (10-2) won its second straight bowl in six years under coach Gerry DiNardo and kept up the recent Peach streak of down-to-the-wire finishes.

Clemson (7-5) drove to LSU's 30 with 1:26 to go, but Matt Padgett's 52-yard field goal try was blocked by Anthony McFarland. Padgett missed a 37-yard field goal on the last play of Clemson's 34-31 loss to South Carolina on Nov. 23.

Raymond Priester ran for 151 yards and became Clemson's career rushing leader. But the Tigers couldn't get inside the LSU 30 after the opening period.

Faulk, the Southeastern Conference rushing leader, struggled throughout with 64 yards on 23 carries, but he powered over the line from 3 yards out to cap an 80-yard drive in the second quarter.

Quarterback Herb Tyler was stopped a foot short of the end zone on LSU's next drive and the Tigers left with Richey's kick and a 10-7 lead.

Despite Priester's running, Clemson couldn't get going. A holding penalty knocked them back on one drive, while false start and delay of game calls disrupted another stretch.

Clemson moved from its 10 to midfield, but McFarland sacked Nealon Greene and Cedric Donaldson stopped Priester for a loss.

LSU became just the fifth team in school history to win 10 games and the first since 1987's club went 10-1-1. It's also the first time in the 1968 Peach Bowl, a 31-27 win over Florida State, that LSU won consecutive bowl games.

Neither star runner was a factor in the first half, when mistakes more than stand out play led to scoring. Faulk was bottled up most of the half, held to cap

gain or a loss on five of his 12 carries. Priester set Clemson's career rushing record on a 13-yard gain in the second quarter, surpassing Kenny Flowers' 7,914 yards. But on his next carry, he fumbled for the first time this season.

Clemson's score came after Trevor Pryce sacked Tyler and linebacker Harold Means picked it up at LSU's 10. Three plays later, Greene rolled left, then cut back right for a 5-yard TD.

Faulk's most effective drive got LSU in the end zone on the next series. He ran for 12 yards on one play, then finished with a 3-yard power run to tie the 14-14.

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Chicago blazes over Cleveland

CHICAGO (AP) — Michael Jordan scored 45 points and Chicago used an up-tempo attack to burn Cleveland's usually stingy defense, 102-97.

The Cavaliers came in as the NBA's top defensive team, allowing only 83 points a game. But the Bulls had that after three quarters and west on become just the third team to score 100 against Cleveland this season.

Scottie Pippen added 18 points for the Bulls, who rebounded from Thursday's loss at Atlanta and improved to a league-best 25-4. Bobby Phills scored 17 points for Cleveland, which lost for only the second time in its last eight games.

Timberwolves 103, Nuggets 96 OT MINNEAPOLIS — Tom Gugliotta's three-point play ignited a 7-0 run to open overtime as Minnesota tied a franchise record with its fourth straight win.

Gugliotta scored seven of his team-high 27 points in overtime and added 13 rebounds for the Timberwolves.

Rookie guard Stephon Marbury added 18 points and Kevin Garnett had 14 points and 13 rebounds for Minnesota, which last won four straight games during its inaugural 1989-90 season.

Antonio McDyess scored 23 points to lead the Nuggets. Mavericks 95, SuperSonics 90 DALLAS — Derek Harper, taking Jason Kidd's spot in the

Pro basketball

Dallas starting lineup, scored 21 of his 24 points in the first half and the Mavericks held on to end Seattle's five-game losing streak.

Dallas blew a 14-point lead in the fourth quarter, but George McCloud made two key baskets down the stretch to bail out the Mavericks.

Dallas played its first game since the six-man trade which sent Kidd to the Phoenix Suns. Dallas coach Jim Clemons had all three players acquired in the deal — Sam Cassell, Michael Finley and A.C. Green — on the court together to start the second quarter. They were warmly greeted by the Reunion Arena crowd when they entered the game.

Rockets 104, Warriors 95 HOUSTON — Hakeem Olajuwon scored 31 points, including six down the stretch, and Charles Barkley collected 19 rebounds for Houston.

Olajuwon had 10 points in the final period to blunt a late charge by the Warriors. He added eight rebounds and three blocks.

Clyde Drexler added 21 points and six assists while Barkley finished with 16 points.

Golden State, losing for the first time in four games, got 27 points and 10 rebounds from Joe Smith.

Pistons 97, Hornets 75 AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Grant Hill scored a season-high 29 points as Detroit ended a three-game losing streak.

Hill added eight rebounds and six assists, while Otis Thorpe added 11 points and 15 rebounds for the Pistons.

Clen Rice and Anthony Mason had 17 points each for Charlotte. Rice made a pair of 3-pointers and Dell Curry added another try as the Hornets closed to 73 after three. But the Pistons scored the first nine points of the fourth quarter to pull away.

Bullets 97, Hawks 86 BALTIMORE — Juwan Howard had 25 points and 13 rebounds, and Chris Webber added 20 points, nine rebounds and eight assists for Washington.

The Bullets have won eight of their last 10 following a five-game losing streak.

Georgie Murrett added 19 points and 12 rebounds for Washington, playing the first of four scheduled games at Baltimore Area this season.

Mookie Blaylock scored 27 points to lead Atlanta, which has lost four straight games.

Knicks 96, Magic 85 NEW YORK — The Knicks blew an 18-point third-quarter lead but held off Orlando rally for the second time this season.

Patrick Ewing scored 17 of his 27 points in the first half as the Knicks won their eighth straight home game.

Ewing made 9-0-16 field-goal attempts to lead the Knicks and Allan Houston added 17 points for New York.

Earlier this season, New York nearly blew a 25-point lead before beating the Magic.

Ex-CSI star leads Cal again in scoring

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — Ed Gray scored 24 points to lead California to an 86-61 victory over Kansas on Saturday.

Xavier Singletary scored 21 points for Howard.

Cal (8-2) reached the finals of its own tournament for the fourth consecutive year and will face Cal Poly in the championship round. The Bears have not won a tournament title since 1931.

Howard (0-7) scored 11 unanswered points early in the second half to draw within 45-41, but Cal steadily pulled away and were never threatened.

Howard was within two points of California at 28-26 with less than eight minutes left in the first half. The Bears then went on a 14-4 run the rest of the half to take a 42-30 advantage. Gray had

Late college games

13 points in the first half.

No. 7 Cincinnati 81, Western Kentucky 57 CLEVELAND — Danny Fortson scored 24 points and No. 7 Cincinnati won its fourth straight game, an 81-57 victory over Western Kentucky on Saturday night in the second game of the Rock 'n' Roll Shootout.

Third-ranked Kentucky beat Ohio State 81-65 in the first game.

The Bearcats (5-2), the preseason No. 1 team that fell from that spot after losses to Xavier and Kansas, blew open the game with a 16-0 second-half run, effectively ending any threat of an upset and securing Grand Arena.

No. 13 Indiana 72, Valparaiso 51

INDIANAPOLIS — Andrae Patterson had 20 points and nine rebounds Saturday night to pace No. 13 Indiana to a 72-51 victory over Valparaiso in the championship game of the Hoosier Classic. The victory keeps the Hoosiers' record unblemished in the 15-year-old holiday tournament and concludes their non-conference season at 13-1.

No. 20 Texas Tech 77, Wyoming 74

CASPER, Wyo. — Cory Carr scored 23 points, including some clutch free throws down the stretch, to help No. 20 Texas Tech to a 77-74 victory over Wyoming on Saturday night in the consolation game of the Cowboy Shootout.

BASKETBALL

NBA standings

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Table listing college basketball scores.

Bruins

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Twin Falls committed 21 turnovers Saturday, but were helped by Meridian's 29-percent shooting performance. In contrast, the Bruins hit on 51 percent of their shots.

The Bruins opened the second quarter with an 8-0 run and held the lead for just two field goals in eight minutes.

"We definitely had the bigger team tonight," Welch said. "We played really well in the first half. We were pretty sure we could win — we just had to go out, do what we wanted to do, and stop them."

With the reserves seeing playing time in the third quarter, the Bruins committed four fouls in the opening minute and a half and managed just six points on the quarter, but held Meridian to just three field goals.

Pugmire and his team-leading 15 points fouled out early in the fourth quarter as the Warriors

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By Steve Moore



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SPORTS

Dallas ropes, rides Vikings to the finish line

Cowboys 40, Vikings 15 on the final board

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Dallas overcame its missing offense, George Teague was a one-man gang on defense, and the Cowboys finally played like defending Super Bowl champions in knocking the Minnesota Vikings out of the playoffs 40-15 in an NFC wild-card game Saturday.

The Cowboys, who struggled to a 10-6 regular-season record before winning the NFC East for the fifth consecutive time, will play the Carolina Panthers at Charlotte at 3 p.m. next Sunday in the NFC divisional round.

The Cowboys took out all their frustrations on the Vikings after a chaotic regular season of suspensions, injuries and under-achieving performances.

The Vikings self-destructed in the biggest scoring half in Dallas playoff history as the Cowboys rolled to a 30-0 lead at intermission. The Cowboys forced five turnovers and cashed them in 23 points.

On offense, Troy Aikman, Michael Irvin and Emmitt Smith executed like they did in winning three Super Bowls in the last four years. Teague made three big defensive plays to stun the Vikings, who qualify for the playoffs with a 9-7 regular season and were seeded sixth.

Smith, dogged by injuries and even benched at one time during the season, scored twice and set or tied five NFL playoff

records for rushing and scoring. He rushed for 116 yards on 17 carries.

Aikman ran for a touchdown, passed for one and completed 19-of-29 passes for 178 yards. He is 1-1 in playoff starts and is second only to Green Bay's Bart Starr in playoff ratings.

Irvin, who missed five games under NFL suspension, had his best game of the year by catching eight passes for 103 yards.

Aikman, Smith and Irvin sat out most of the fourth quarter resting for next week's game. Dallas, ranked 24th offensively in the NFL, struck on its first possession as Aikman completed four passes for 65 yards to Irvin in an 88-yard touchdown drive. The payoff came when Aikman rolled right and scored from 2 yards out.

Then came a bizarre play that took the heart out of the Vikings. Amp Lee took a short pass over the middle and appeared on the way for a 43-yard touchdown. However, Teague caught Lee at the Dallas 1 and poked the ball out of his hands and out of the end zone for a touchback.

Chris Boniol then kicked the first of his three field goals, a 28-yarder.

Minnesota gave the Dallas ball again when Teague hit Leroy Hoard, who fumbled to Deion Sanders. On the next play, Smith followed textbook blocking 37 yards for a touchdown.

Teague, a free agent refugee from Green Bay, struck again as Brad Johnson, making his first playoff start, threw across the middle. Teague picked off the pass and went 29 yards for a touchdown to make it 24-0.

Sanders' interception off Johnson, his former Florida State teammate, set Dallas up for a 31-yard Boniol field goal. Then came another Minnesota goof. Orlando Thomas intercepted Aikman's pass but fumbled the ball back to Dallas when Herschel Walker tackled him. Dallas turned that gift into a 30-0 on Boniol's 22-yard field goal.

Boniol made it 31 consecutive field goals in the fourth quarter with a 25-yarder.

The Vikings finally got on the board in the third quarter on a 30-yard touchdown pass from Johnson to Cris Carter and a 5-yard touchdown run by Johnson. Johnson was 15-of-27 for 208 yards.

Smith's touchdown, a 1-yard run, was controversial because he fumbled and lost the ball at the goal line. Officials ruled he broke the plane of the goal.

It was the third-highest point total by the Cowboys in a playoff history. They had scored 52 points on two occasions.

For Minnesota coach Dennis Green, who has been under fire all season, it was his fourth playoff loss in as many attempts.



Dallas Cowboys running back Emmitt Smith (27) breaks loose for a first-quarter first down against the Minnesota Vikings during Saturday's NFL playoff game in Irving, Texas.

Upstart Jags dethrone kings of AFC

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — Has the shift in power in the AFC ever been more pronounced than on Saturday, when a second-year expansion team may have put the finishing touches on an era of dominance?

The Jacksonville Jaguars were gutsy, resourceful and patient in stunning the Buffalo Bills 30-27 in an NFL playoff game.

"We wanted to make a statement to the world," said receiver Keenan McCardell, who made one of many big plays. "We wanted to say these Jaguars are pretty good and you've got to recognize them."

Mike Hollis' 45-yard field goal, his third of the game, was decisive. The kick, with 3:07 remaining, hit the top of the right upright and went through, sending the second-year team into the divisional round next week, at either Denver or New England.

"I didn't see it hit the upright. I was fading back," Hollis said. "I saw it fade to the right ... I thought it would go right in."

Ironically, the Jaguars got into the playoffs when Atlanta's Morten Andersen, one of the most accurate kickers in NFL history, missed a 30-yard field goal last week.

The Bills, the AFC's dominant team this decade with four Super Bowl appearances — and as many losses — lost their first playoff game ever at Rich Stadium, where they were 9-0.

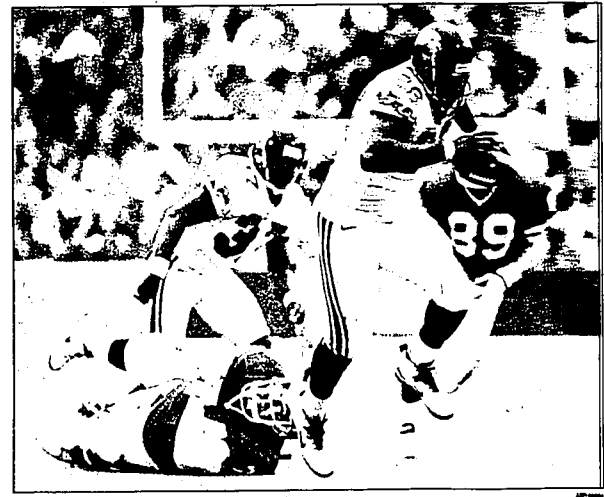
"Any time your season ends in a loss, you are disappointed," Steve Tasker said. "Losing a playoff game at home is something we are not used to. But I don't think you can ever write this team off."

Buffalo couldn't handle Natrone Means, who rushed for 175 yards, or Mark Brunell, who improvised under constant pressure to hit Jimmy Smith and McCardell for big plays.

The biggest might have been a year-third try pass to McCardell on which Jeff Burris, earlier a hero, missed a tackle that would have forced a punt. It led to Hollis' winning kick as Jacksonville continued its hot streak by beating the Bills in their fifth game to surge into the playoffs at 9-7.

The drive was set up by Jim Kelly's fumble on a run. Aaron Beasley recovered and ran it to the Buffalo 42, but Kelly led the game with a concussion.

Todd Collins could do nothing in Kelly's place, and the Jaguars won their first playoff appearance.



Jacksonville Jaguars defensive end Clyde Simmons (98) rambles toward a touchdown with an interception in hand, leaving behind teammates in the first quarter during a first-round AFC playoff game on Saturday in Rich Stadium at Orchard Park, N.Y.

ance. "I'm not worried about what's going on with Buffalo," said center Dave Widell. "I'm worried about what tradition we're trying to build in Jacksonville."

Added Jaguars coach Tom Coughlin, "The end of an era? Well, it's the beginning of one for us."

Brunell finished 18-for-33 for 239 yards and two touchdowns.

But Means, who starred for San Diego when it won the AFC title two years ago, was the key to victory, helped by second-year left tackle Tony Boselli, who effectively neutralized Bruce Smith.

"He's a great player," Boselli said of Smith. "It was a test for me to come in here, but this is part of the game and you are tested every week. I have all the respect in the world for Bruce."

Means had a 30-yard TD run on which he ran over Smith and a 62-yard run, set up by Boselli's block on Smith, that led to Hollis' first field goal, from 27 yards.

"A lot of times, the first contact was a defensive back," Means said. "The line did a great

job. I didn't have any trouble finding holes."

David White and Jeff Burris, two unlikely heroes from the Bills defense, combined on a 38-yard interception return for a touchdown, putting Buffalo ahead 27-20 just 43 seconds into the fourth period. White tipped Brunell's pass and Burris grabbed it and raced down the left sideline.

Back came the Jaguars, who benefited from unusually mild weather that made them feel right at home. They drove 65 yards and Smith scored on a 2-yard pass to tie it again.

Thurman Thomas' 7-yard touchdown catch 3:30 into the game was his 19th TD in the playoffs.

Thomas' TD tied the NFL record for consecutive playoff games with a TD — John Stallworth also scored in eight straight games for Pittsburgh.

But the Bills handed it right back.

From the Buffalo 24, Kelly's weak shovel pass went right to defensive end Clyde Simmons and the veteran rumbled in for

the tying score. It was the fifth interception for a TD against Kelly this year.

He didn't flinch, however, leading the Bills on a 68-yard drive in which he and seven teammates scrambled for 15. Thomas ran it in from the 2, giving him 483 possession points, a league record.

At that point, the Jaguars could have led, as a playoff neophyte might the expansion team do. Instead, Means broke off the 62-yard run.

The Jaguars moved to the Buffalo 35 on their next possession before Thomas Smith picked off Brunell's slumping pass in the end zone.

But they stopped Kelly's fourth-down snail at their 50, got a 47-yard third-down pass to Pete Mitchell and Means' 30-yard TD run on consecutive plays and took a 17-14 lead.

Colts await miracle in Pittsburgh game

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The last time Indianapolis played in Pittsburgh, a desperation pass flared high into the grayish January sky above Three Rivers Stadium, and a miracle almost came down.

Jim Emlen nearly delivered an upset for the ages in the AFC championship game with a last-play pass that nearly found Aaron Bailey, and five Steelers in the end zone. If Randy Fuller hadn't shipped the ball away, Indianapolis — not Pittsburgh — would have played in the Super Bowl.

Now, 10 months later, the Colts (9-7) truly might need a gift from above to beat the Steelers (10-6) in Sunday's AFC wild-card game and advance to next weekend's divisional playoffs.

The Colts threatened to make history last season by nearly becoming only the fifth wild-card team to reach the Super Bowl, but history is against them this time. They are 0-9 in three

years. The Steelers in the playoffs and haven't beaten them in 12 years. They are 1-10 against them since 1978.

Do you believe in miracles? "Pittsburgh? Oh, man, that's a good challenge," the Colts' Tony McCoy said. "But this team responds well when the barrel is pointed at our heads."

The Steelers aren't the same team they were in January, or, for that matter, the team that started 5-1 this season. Mike Tomczak is in an ever-worsening slump, with more interceptions (17) than touchdown passes (15), and has been dropped for safeties in the last two games.

Catch this: Eagles, 49ers ready to rock

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Jerry Rice, Lorenz Owens, and Brent Jones could be in for a daylong struggle just to get off the line of scrimmage.

Getting physical with San Francisco receivers and disrupting their timing is the route the Philadelphia Eagles (10-6) intend to take against the 49ers in Sunday's NFC wild-card game.

"We're going to have to play our best game and also we're going to have to be as physical as we can possibly be," Eagles coach Ray Rhodes said.

One new blocking tactic has worked in the past against the 49ers (12-4). Green Bay bottled up Rice, Jones, and the new arrival, John Taylor by pushing and grabbing them at the line of scrimmage and exerting pressure on Steve Young en route to a 27-17 playoff win last year.

Like the Packers, the Eagles have a pair of tough physical cornerbacks in Troy Vincent and Bobby Taylor to match up against Rice and Owens. Jones, the tight end, could have to fight his way through a linebacker and a safety to get into the clear.

Rhodes and Eagles defensive coordinator Emmitt Thomas, both former defensive backs, were known for their aggressive coverage style and what worked for them could

work for Vincent and Taylor. "I think I've gotten more physical, but I'd like to be even more physical," Taylor said. "Just go out there and slam the receiver into the ground. I mean, not even letting him leave the line of scrimmage."

While the 49ers had a hard time handling Green Bay's pressing defense, Rice said they're better prepared this time.

"If they want to be physical, it can be that type of ball game," Rice said. "The thing is, I'm not going to worry about what they're doing. I'm just going to try and be sharp on my techniques and help this team win."

Alamo Bowl strategy: Mind games back and forth

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Spike Dykes and Hayden Fry are old buddies from West Texas, and neither is easily fooled.

So when the coaches from Texas Tech and Iowa couldn't stop saying enough good things

about each other Saturday, they knew what this psychological game is all about.

"When you play a team that's got no weaknesses and I think that's really what Iowa's got ... it's hard to decide what to spend

your time on so you've got to cover all the bases," Dykes said.

Said Fry: "I love to hear Spike talk. And I appreciate all these nice comments from Iowa. I wish everything was as good as you said about the Hawks."

He'll find out Sunday night when No. 21 Iowa (9-3) faces Texas Tech (7-4) in the sixth annual Alamo Bowl.

Iowa is playing in the aftermath of the tragedy to strike the family of senior linebacker Matt

Mitchell. His mother was killed and this father was injured Friday night when their van slid on an

ice patch on I-20 and wrecked en route to San Antonio. Mitchell flew home on a jet provided by an Alamo Bowl org-

nizer and will not play Sunday. "Right now the difficult thing is to get our focus on the ball

game. Everybody has heavy hearts," Fry said. "Our team is very tight, very close, like a family."

Arkansas trounces Southern Utah

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP) - Reserve freshman guard Steve Green had a career-high 15 points as No. 22 Arkansas led all the way while routing Southern Utah 92-52 Saturday.

Ali Thompson had 16 points. Derek Hood added 12 points and was one of four Arkansas players with six rebounds. The Razorbacks (6-2) scored the first eight points and cruised to a 47-15 halftime lead.

It was the lowest first-half output by an Arkansas opponent since Ole Miss scored just 14 in 1987.

Mark Schweigert scored all of his 22 points in the second half to lead Southern Utah (2-7), which has lost its last six games.

No. 10 Villanova 75, Rider 61

VILLANOVA, Pa. - Freshman Tim Thomas scored 16 points and Jason Lawson had 14 of his 16 points in the second half Saturday as No. 10 Villanova defeated Rider 75-61.

Ken Lacey had 19 points for the undermanned Riders, who were outscored at every position and were missing their two top players.



Arkansas' Terik Wallace drives toward the basket as Southern Utah's Lydell Hill guards him during the first half at Bud Walton Arena in Fayetteville, Ark., on Saturday.

No. 15 Minnesota 104, Long Island 84

MINNEAPOLIS - Sam Jacobson scored 18 points and was one of five players in double figures as No. 15 Minnesota defeated Long Island 104-84 Saturday at Williams Arena after the LIU coach was ejected.

LIU assistant coach Julius Allen and junior forward Jason Cragen both were thrown out of the game in the second half after a shoving match with Minnesota

reserve forward Miles Tarver. Allen was running the team in place of head coach Ray Haskins, who missed the game to be with his ill mother. A technical foul was called on Tarver, but he remained in the game.

Idaho St. 88, Campbell 75

BOISE - Senior guard Ron

Harwell scored 20 points and senior forward Rob Preston added 18 to lead Idaho State to an 88-75 victory over Campbell in the consolation final of the Albertson's Holiday Classic Saturday night.

In the championship game host Boise State was matched against Gonzaga.

Campbell (2-6) led briefly, 8-2, on the 3-point shooting of guard

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Jim Fitzpatrick, but Idaho State came back to take a 34-31 half-time lead.

No. 3 Kentucky 81, Ohio St. 65

CLEVELAND - Third-ranked Kentucky Friday had too many easy shots and had too many turnovers - not to mention the scorekeeper giving points to the other team.

Coach Rick Pitino was just glad to escape with an 81-65 victory over Ohio State on Saturday night in the first game of the Rock 'n' Roll Shootout.

Derek Anderson scored 22 points against his former team, and Ron Mercer had 22 points and 13 rebounds. But the Wildcats (10-1) had 27 turnovers - 17 in the first half - and were as out of sync as the referees and course officials.

The game was delayed twice for several minutes when a foul was called on the wrong team and Ohio State (5-4) was given credit on the scoreboard for a Kentucky basket.

Santa Clara 77, No. 19 Alabama 62

SAN JOSE, Calif. - Craig Johnson had a career-high 16 points and led Santa Clara on a 17-6 run in the second half as the Broncos defeated No. 19 Alabama 77-62 Saturday night for third place in the Cable Car Classic.

It was the second loss in two nights for the Crimson Tide (10-2). Alabama lost for the first time this season late Friday night in the first round of the tournament, a 60-59 overtime defeat by San Jose State.



Rutgers' Kristen Smigol knocks the ball away from Duke's Takisha Jones on Saturday during the Big Four Women's Classic played at the Greensboro Coliseum in Greensboro, N.C. Duke defeated Rutgers 74-36.

Lady Bulldogs chase down UNLV Rebels

LAS VEGAS (AP) - La'Keshia Frett had 16 points and nine rebounds as fourth-ranked Georgia recovered from a loss 24 hours earlier to No. 5 Louisiana Tech with an 87-41 victory Saturday over UNLV.

The victory, built on a game-opening 12-0 run, gave Georgia third place in the UNLV Shootout. The Lady Bulldogs held the Lady Rebels (2-8) to their third-lowest point total in program history.

No. 10 Virginia 106, Alabama 21

MIAMI - DeMya Walker, with 27 points in 13 minutes, personally outscored Alabama State on Saturday as No. 10 Virginia beat the Hornets 106-21 in the first round of the Florida International Holiday Classic.

On Sunday, Vanderbilt takes on the winner of the late game between Seton Hall and No. 12 Texas.

No. 12 Texas 83, Seton Hall 77

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Angela Jackson scored 22 points as No. 12 Texas beat Seton Hall 83-77 Saturday in the first round of the MCI-First American Classic.

Texas (6-1) plays No. 14 Vanderbilt in the championship game Sunday, while Seton Hall (3-6) will play Oklahoma State in the consolation game.

No. 21 Clemson 55, Boston College 52

HANOVER, N.H. - Jeanette Davis hit consecutive baskets in the last two minutes Saturday and No. 21 Clemson edged Boston College 55-52 in the first round of the Dartmouth College Invitational.

Davis' jumper with 2 minutes left broke a 50-50 tie. After Boston College's Holly Porter tied it, Davis scored again to give Clemson (8-1) a 54-52 lead.

No. 11 Texas Tech 66, New Mexico 35

LUBBOCK, Texas - Alicia Thompson had 21 points and 16 rebounds to lead No. 11 Texas Tech to a 66-35 victory over the cold-shooting New Mexico Lady Lobos on Saturday.

The Lady Raiders (7-2) shot 51 percent from the field, hitting 29-of-56. New Mexico (9-1) struggled throughout, shooting just 19 percent from the field.

No. 14 Vanderbilt 61, Oklahoma State 55

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Lisa Ostrom had 15 points and seven

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rebounds as No. 14 Vanderbilt defeated Oklahoma State 61-55 Saturday in the first round of the MCI-First American Classic women's tournament.

On Sunday, Vanderbilt takes on the winner of the late game between Seton Hall and No. 12 Texas.

No. 8 North Carolina 72, George Washington 62

GREENSBORO, N.C. - North Carolina State proved its engine doesn't always run smoothly, but the No. 8 Wolfpack still had enough power Saturday to beat George Washington 72-62 in the Big Four Women's Classic.

Jon Howard scored 23 points to lead N.C. State. She made all six free throws from the floor, all half free throws and was 5-for-10 from 3-point range.

No. 20 N. Carolina 68, Maine 52

GREENSBORO, N.C. - Tracy Reid had 20 points and 11 rebounds Saturday to lead No. 20 North Carolina past Maine 68-52 in the Big Four Women's Classic.

Chanel Wright and Marjion Jones each added 16 points to help North Carolina (8-1) bounce back from an 88-74 beating Dec. 20 at the hands of No. 4 Alabama.

Montana St. 87, Rider 82

AMES, Iowa - Senior Blythe Hommes scored 28 points and grabbed 14 rebounds Saturday as the Montana State Lady 'Cats defeated Rider 87-82 in the Iowa State Cyclone Classic.

Hommes made 10-of-13 free throws, including four consecutive hits in the final 12 seconds.

No. 7 Auburn 85, Providence 51

ORLANDO, Fla. - Laticia Morris scored 13 points as No. 17 Auburn beat Providence 85-51 in the opening round of the Gooding's Holiday Tournament on Saturday.

Trailing 41-35 at the half, Providence (3-5) cut the deficit to 49-39 on two free throws by Nadine Malcolm and a jumper by Meghan Hinds.

UCLA 73, No. 9 W. Kentucky 61

LOS ANGELES - Freshman forward Maylana Martin had 23 points and all UCLA's starters scored in double figures Saturday as the Bruins upset No. 9 Western Kentucky 73-61 in the Pac-10 Sun Belt Challenge.

USC 97, New Orleans 73
LOS ANGELES - Tina Thompson scored 30 points and had seven rebounds Saturday to lead the USC women to a 97-73 victory over New Orleans.

USC (6-2) took control early, running up a 32-22 lead midway through the first half. The Women of Troy were up 42-24 with 4 1/2 minutes left in the half and led 48-34 at the break.

The academic scoreboard

SCHOOL	Graduation rate for freshmen entering from 1986-89 (Allows six years to graduate)			For classes entering 1992-95 Men's basketball		Freshmen entering from 1983-89 who stayed at same school and met minimum athletic eligibility	
	Men's basketball	All scholarship athletes	All students	Average SAT score	Average core GPA	Total athletes	Out of state
Drexel	100%	69%	55%	961	2.9	210	72%
Massachusetts (Atlantic 10 champ)	76	63	66	707	2.63	196	90
Cornellcut (Big East champ)	91	63	70	887	2.59	208	88
Stanford	89	84	83	1,034	3.01	342	84
UCLA	91	60	78	808	3.3	576	64
Cincinnati (No. 1)	0	53	47	770	2.46	224	79
Kentucky (NCAA champ)	33	50	50	840	2.46	221	97
ALL SCHOOLS (NCAA Division I)	44%	58%	56%	850	2.72	57,806	78%

Kansas coach fights cancer, thinks football

DALLAS (AP) - When Kansas State and Brigham Young play in the Cotton Bowl on New Year's Day, a thin and frail Bob Cope will be watching propped up in front of his television in Kansas.

Cope, an assistant coach for Kansas State, probably won't even be thinking about the center that's linked into his bloodstream. And the first time a Kansas State defender makes a mistake, look out.

"We'll hear him yelling at us all the way to Dallas," linebacker DeShawn Fogle said. "He's a fighter, and he won't ever let us back down."



Kansas State's 58-year-old defensive coordinator and offensive secondary coach was struck by cancer in September, just as

the season was starting. The prognosis was not good.

Yet, a few days before they left for Dallas and the first Jan. 1 bowl game in school history, several players visited his Manhattan, Kan., home and were astonished at how high his spirits were.

"I was trying to talk to him about how he was doing and he was trying to tell me what to look for, how to play different formations," said cornerback Joe Gordon. "He'll be watching our game and jotting down notes."

Cope's struggle has helped his players put football and life into perspective.

And perhaps no one has been affected more than Gordon, a two-time All-Big Eight cornerback who broke his leg in August and awoke the next morning to find Cope at his bedside.

"Coach Cope is an inspiration to me," Gordon said. "When I broke my leg, he was the one who stayed there with me all night in the hospital. When I came out of surgery, he told me to hang in there, everything will be OK."

A few weeks later, doctors discovered Cope's cancer.

"He gave me faith," Gordon said. "When he got diagnosed, I tried to be there for him."

Gators trying not to think about big title

Orlando Sentinel

NEW ORLEANS - The University of Florida has a date in the national championship game next week. There's just one problem: It's Florida State's national championship game.

FSU's scenario is crystal clear. The Seminoles (11-0), ranked No. 1, can claim their second national title in four seasons with a victory Thursday night against the third-ranked Gators (11-1) in the Sugar Bowl.

FSU's agenda is different. "Our focus is not the national championship," said senior cornerback Anthony Lott, who arrived here with the rest of his UF teammates Friday afternoon. "The focus is on beating Florida State."

The Gators, who began their bowl preparation with Friday's practice at the Superdome, are ranked a notch below No. 2 Arizona State (11-0), which faces No. 4 Ohio State (10-1) Wednesday in the Rose Bowl. A loss by the Wildcats would increase the Sugar Bowl net considerably as far as Florida is concerned,

but the Gators can't afford to wallow in what-if in the days preceding their sixth meeting with FSU in the past four seasons.

To a man, the Gators swear the Rose Bowl outcome will have no effect on their mind-set the following night in the Superdome.

"To have the chance to play Florida State ... we're going to be just as fired up whether Arizona State wins or loses," sophomore running back Terry Jackson said. "We can't concentrate or worry about that other game. We need to concentrate on Florida/Florida State. That's the game we have some control over."

It's FSU that has had control over the series. The Seminoles hold an 8-2-1 edge since 1987, including a 23-17 victory in the 1995 Sugar Bowl.

Gators coach Steve Spurrier is 2-5-1 in his eight cracks at Bobby Bowden and would like nothing better than to deny the Seminoles that second national crown.

"Our mission, our goal, is to try to play the best we can and have absolutely no concern for the game the day before," Spurrier said.

"Just beating FSU should be a big enough reason for us to try to play our best game of the year. We have a lot to play for - and beating them is as good a reason as any."

During the next six days, the pre-bowl hype will more often than not rehash the events of Nov. 30 in Tallahassee. That was when the Seminoles outscored the Gators as the nation's No. 1-ranked team with a 24-21 victory. At the time, that outcome figured to dump Florida to a rather meaningless Orange Bowl date with Virginia Tech, but Texas screwed up everybody's holiday plans by stalling Nebraska in the Big 12 Conference title game and causing the Bowl Alliance to call for a UF-FSU rematch.

"We're a blessed team, and we're grateful for it," senior defensive back Shea Shovers said. "We've got to take advantage. They beat us up there, but now we get another chance. This happens once every two years and we'll short the second time (in the '95 Sugar Bowl). For the Gators, this is about playing FSU again. We can't worry about the national championship. That's for the voters to decide."

SPORTS

Wiberg takes downhill, overall lead in World Cup

SEMMERING, Austria (AP) — Sweden's Pernilla Wiberg skied fastest on both runs Saturday to win the World Cup slalom and take the lead in the overall standings.

Wiberg, skiing first on the opening run, had a total time of 1 minute, 42.76 seconds, 1.12 seconds ahead of Deborah Compagnoni of Italy. Austria's Anita Wachter was third at 1:43.94, her best slalom result since 1993.

Wiberg moved ahead of Germany's Katja Seizinger in the overall standings. The Swede has 562 points and Seizinger, a downhill specialist, has 494. Seizinger was not racing Saturday or in another slalom scheduled for Sunday.

Wiberg, seen by many as the best all-around woman skier on the World Cup circuit, won at Semmering last year. This was the 15th World Cup victory of her career and second this season. She had finished second in both previous slaloms this season.

"I looked at the slope yesterday and saw it was very hard and difficult, and I knew I could do it," Wiberg said. "I said to myself, just go for it in both runs, and I'm very happy."

Wiberg said she started the season aiming for the slalom World Cup title and hopes for a medal in super-G or downhill at the world championships. As for the overall World Cup title, she said, "I'm not counting on it."

giant slalom specialist, skied a fast first run for sixth place and went all out on the second run for a total 1:43.88.

Wachter, just six hundredths of a second behind the Italian, seemed surprised by her strong showing.

"I'm very, very happy," she said. "I hardly trained slalom at all this season. I'll train a bit more now."

She is fourth in the overall standings with 285 points. Germany's Hilde Gerg is third with 415.

Claudia Riegler, the Austrian who skies for New Zealand and won both previous slaloms this season, finished ninth Saturday.

In subfreezing temperatures, she skied too cautiously on the icy slope, making mistakes at the top of the second run for a total time of 1:44.84.

Elli Eder, the Austrian who delighted the home crowd by winning the second slalom at Semmering last year, finished fourth overall in 1:44.50, her best result this season.

Slovenia's Urska Hrovat had a sensational second run, clocking the second-best time of 51.90 to move up to seventh place overall.

Sweden's Titti Rodling, who missed a gate on the first run, sustained a concussion when she fell during training, and Switzerland's Karin Roten, who finished eighth, injured her knee and might miss Sunday's race.



Pernilla Wiberg of Sweden dashes on her way to win the women's Alpine World Cup slalom race in Semmering, Austria, on Saturday. Wiberg, skiing first on the first run, finished with a total time of 1 minute 42.76 seconds, 1.12 ahead of Italy's Deborah Compagnoni.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Kansas starts over with Terry Allen

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Terry Allen, the winningest active coach in Division I-AA and whose entire football life has been spent at Northern Iowa, stepped up to collect football's top division Saturday by becoming the coach at Kansas.



Terry Allen

He succeeds Glen Mason, who resigned this month after a 47 season and has since been hired at Minnesota.

Allen, 12-2 last year and 75-26 overall at Northern Iowa, had also interviewed for the Minnesota job. He admitted some disappointment in not getting it, but is now ready to embrace Kansas tradition.

"I don't know if I've quite got that waning thing down yet, or that rock-the-chalk talk or whatever," Allen said. "But we're anxious to pick up that tradition."

Morning Glory wins Sydney to Hobart

HOBART, Australia — Morning Glory overcame light winds near the finish to take line honors in the Sydney-to-Hobart yacht race early Sunday, breaking a 21-year record.

The purple-hulled 80-foot yacht from Germany beat the record set in 1975 by America's Kialoa III by 29 minutes and 46 seconds.

The record of 2 days, 14 hours, 36 minutes, 56 seconds for the 630 nautical miles as set by American skipper Jim Kilroy.

Indians pitcher charged, arrested

LAKEWOOD, Ohio — Cleveland Indians pitcher Jose Mesa and another man were arrested Saturday on felony charges of fondling women and carrying a concealed weapon.

Police said two 26-year-old women reported that Mesa, 30, of Westlake, and David Blanco, 34, of Solon, fondled them in a Lakewood motel room early on Dec. 22.

Arrest warrants for the men were issued on Friday. At 10:50 p.m., police arrested Mesa in the Flats, an area of Cleveland known for its restaurants and night clubs.

Later that night, when Blanco went to the Lakewood jail to bail out Mesa, he also was taken into custody.

Miami's streak of wins, injuries growing

MILWAUKEE — The Miami Heat's road winning streak and injury report both keep getting longer.

The hobbled Heat have won 13 consecutive road games, matching the third-longest streak in NBA history.

Center Alonzo Mourning played only 90 seconds in the second half of Friday's 101-86 victory at Charlotte before departing for good with back spasms. Forward Kurt Thomas sat out the second half with a sprained right ankle.

Forward Dan Majerle and reserve guard Gary Grant were already sidelined with back injuries. Majerle is on the injured list, and Grant may soon join him.

Mourning and Thomas are listed as day-to-day. Mourning is considered more likely to be able to play today against the Milwaukee Bucks.

Arizona State's Snyder wins coaching award

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — Arizona State coach Bruce Snyder, who led his team's rise from No. 24 to No. 2 in the national college football polls, today was chosen Walter Camp Coach of the Year.

The Sun Devils' 11-0 record was Snyder's first undefeated regular season in 17 years as a head coach. The team will play Ohio State in the Rose Bowl on New Year's Day.

Before coming to Arizona State in 1992, Snyder coached at California for five years and at Utah State for seven years.

Snyder, 56, won the award for his hard-nosed, disciplined approach to football, as well as for his desire to make the game fun, the Walter Camp Football Foundation said.

"One of my major objectives as a coach is how hard the team plays," Snyder said. "That's my signature on a team. Whether a play works or not is something else, but if my team plays hard, I'll take credit for that."

Compiled from wire reports

Fly sez to watch ND recruiting

Keep yer Irish eyes on Notre Dame's recruitin' efforts now that Pat Davis' let Dave Roberts go. Roberts, who landed as Baylor's coach (reward or punishment?), was responsible for 20 Irish blue chips the past two years, but the Spies say the MDcEision-makers thought he didn't fit in because 1) is a Southerner, 2) is a non-Catholic and 3) didn't fit the Irish "image."

"Hey-vo, forget about the Christmas rush. The Miners-n-Bears avoided the rush of any kind all season, so why should the playoffs be any different? The Spies say San Fran's been spendin' most of its offensive (the word and Fly's) plan on runnin' the ball...to zero avail. Big DP! I'd better be glad it's had just that. Now that it's playoff time, you can bet a lot of gold and silver that there ain't gonna be anyone wearin' any gold or silver in this year's Super Bowl."

Fly's Top 5 or 'Heart to Hart, If Ya Ain't Got a No. 1 Starter, Ya Better Have a 20-inch Spine Limit in the Pen": 1. Mike Jackson; 2. Eric Plunk; 3. Jose Mesa; 4. Paul Sluey; 5. Alan Embree.

A thought for yer Penny, Brian Hill. You-n-Fly know this could/should/woulda been Hardaway's team this season, but one thing after another's kept him outta the lineup. Prime beneficiary (besides Magic opponents, of course) Al Iverson, who's a multi-root lock to start in the All-Star Game.

The Spies say that before Dave Dombrowski could sign, "Hal-Abu-ya," a final clause had to be added to Moises' contract. Marlins player personnel director Gary Hughes had to reimburse Alou for a collect call Hughes made from an airport in Venezuela to Alou's p(a)lace in the Dominican. Fly's guessin' (shaddup!) only then could they make sure all the deal's AT&T's were crossed and MCIS dotted.

Wonderin' why the Medium East's flippin' through that scrapbook, rememberin' the good ol' days? Through last week, conference teams'd gone ol-ver against

CAUGHT ON THE FLY

The Sporting News

ranked opponents and were 1-10 vs. the Big Ten, ACC and SEC. Tell Fly all about those NBA draft losses, yadda, yadda, yadda, then explain why there's been only one Big East team Spies' Final Four in the past seven, count 'em, seasons. The Spies say Ty Wheatley's expectin' new life now that Danny Reeves has been fired, but Fly's got news: When ya can't make weight and sleep through practices, flights-meetings, it doesn't matter who's runnin' the ship. Yer strictly cabin-kid material.

You-n-Fly know it won't take long for Iron Mike to land a job elsewhere in the NHL. The laser printer hasn't spun out the first CV, and he could start thisquick as Cliff Fletcher's replacement as Leafs GM. That, pookheads, is the diff between Toronto and Blueville: No matter how bad the Leafs get, the fans flock to the Gardens. Iron Mike proved that wasn't true of St. Lou.

Cap' Karl blames fatigue on the new left-hander's struggles recently. Too few guys loggin' too many minutes, he says. Coupla other theories floatin', though, may be closer to the truth only a third-of-the-way into this here season: 1) the "face theory" and 2) the "everybody-else's-better" theory. Take yer pick.

Finally, David Wells is the anti-Rogers, but it's what the Pinstripes didn't land this offseason that has fans less than thurilled and'll turn up the heat on their new left-hander's expectin'-in-waitin' (yeah, you'd better be tough, pal). The champs' fantasy free agent says thanks, but no thanks and then their Game 6 winner and Series MVP blow town. If you can't get there, you can get outta anywhere.

Hull knows what it takes to score

Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — It's exciting to score two goals in a game. It's especially gratifying when one of the goals ties the game in the third period. But do all that in front of your father? "I always enjoy scoring, but I always enjoy scoring in front of him the most," Brett Hull said Thursday night after scoring twice to help the St. Louis Blues tie the Blackhawks 4-4 in front of a sold-out United Center crowd that included his father, Bobby Hull. "He's one of those guys who really appreciates it because he knows what it takes to score." The Hull family certainly has



what it takes to score. Bobby finished with 610 in his NHL career, brother Dennis had 303 and last Sunday, Brett's hat trick against Los Angeles gave him 500 career goals, joining his dad as one of only 24 NHL players to reach that milestone. "He doesn't need a whole lot of time or space to score," Hawks coach Craig Hartsburg said of the Golden Brett. "You can have him covered for 58 minutes of a game, but the puck ends up on his stick at the wrong time. He's one of the best goal-scorers ever."

Hits of '96 include Pele's comeback

By Bud Garcia
Knight-Ridder News Service

The Greatest Hits of 1996 ... The average weight gain during the holidays is eight pounds and, in this regard at least, I am an above-average person.

Seventeen months after having his vasectomy reversed, Pele and his wife are expecting twins. Shouldn't this make him comeback player of the year?

Some of the soccer players traveling to the Gold Cup tournament in Southern California had visa problems — as did I after Christmas shopping.

Great old line from Nick Faldo: "I'd like to thank the British press from the heart of my bottom."

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Headline: "U.S. Coach says Chinese swimmers not 'clean.'"

Reaction: Even after all that time in the pool?

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Gimelstob, Rubin carry U.S. hopes to Hopman

PERTH, Australia (AP) — Justin Gimelstob and Chanda Rubin will try to get the United States its first Hopman Cup team tennis tournament which opens Sunday, and it won't be easy.

The Americans play the French team of Guy Forget and Mary Pierce Sunday night.

Gimelstob is due to arrive in Perth just 12 hours before the match after a flight that was hassily booked when Richie Reneberg withdrew to stay home with his wife, Margaret, who was two weeks overdue with the couple's first child.

Tournament director Paul McNamee contacted Gimelstob, 19, on a Florida golf course after it became clear Reneberg would not be available.

The United States never has won the Hopman Cup although it was a finalist in 1990 and 1991.

The Croatian pair of Goran Ivanisevic and Iva Majoli, winners in bizarre circumstances 12

months ago, will open the defense of their title on opening day against Australians Mark Philippoussis and Nicole Pietrangeli.

Ivanisevic and Majoli won the title last year when Swiss player Marc Rosset broke his right hand when he punched a court side advertising sign and was forced to withdraw from the decisive mixed doubles. Rosset is back this year, and again, his partner is teenager Martina Hingis.

Steffi Graf joined Reneberg as a late withdrawal.

She is suffering from a virus, has been replaced on the German team by Petra Begerow, who is paired with Bernd Karbacher.

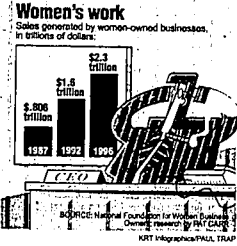
The Croatians hope to join Germany and the Czech Republic as two-time winners of the International Tennis Federation-sanctioned event, which features a format of men's singles, women's singles and mixed doubles. No team ever has won back-to-back titles.

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MONEY IN BRIEF

Satellite broadcast for investors Jan. 6

TWIN FALLS — Bob Seibel and Gene Sargill, local Edward Jones investment representatives, will host the fourth annual outlook satellite broadcast for individual investors on Jan. 6.

How far with the market climb in 1997? Which growth stocks are good long-term investments? How should investors select mutual funds? Where can bond income be vulnerable? These questions and more will be discussed on "Outlook '97," an Edward Jones broadcast which features a year-end review of the markets and forecast for 1997.

Special guests on the broadcast are Chuck Knight, chairman, president and CEO of Emerson Electric, and H. Bradley Perry, consultant and former partner of the investment advisory firm David L. Babson & Co. For one hour following the broadcast, Edward Jones stock analysts, bond traders and mutual fund associates will also be available to answer viewers' investment questions. The program will be broadcast live to Edward Jones' 3,300 branch offices nationwide via Jones' private satellite network.

Computer usage on rise; so is degree of caution

People are using computers more and trusting them less. Survey: Computer Products found in a Fujifilm Computer U.S. workers are using their computers more this year than last. But 86 percent are backing up their computers by copying information and storing it in a safe place to guard against data loss during a crash or malfunction. Many of the respondents learned the hard way — 56 percent said they've lost or had to recreate a document due to computer trouble.

Small businesses can do big-time cost-cutting

Home Office Computing magazine says small business owners can make more money if they take the same approach as Fortune 500 firms — cut costs. The magazine has a number of tips for cutting costs in its December issue. Among them: Buy a used or refurbished computer, and buy computer supplies and peripherals online, where they may come at lower prices than in retail stores. Be sure your credit cards really have low interest rates, and try to get one with no annual fee as well. And some advice to help save nickels and dimes that add up: Buy a postage scale to be sure you're not overpaying on letters and packages.

Lionel starts anniversary celebration plenty early

As parents set up train sets around Christmas trees this holiday season, Lionel, the model train maker is starting a countdown to its 100th anniversary. The big day doesn't come until 2000, but Lionel is already celebrating, and offers some train trivia for railroad buffs. The company was founded by Joshua Lionel Cowen, who turned out the first electrical Lionel train in 1901 for a store window display. In 1902 the company issued its first catalog, including a trolley and a suspension bridge, Lionel's first accessory. The O gauge trains, which are still widely sold today, made their first appearance in 1915.

Don't be frantic franchisee, Success magazine warns

Franchisees, whether they're bagel bakeries or mail box and shipping services or appliance repair firms, seem like a great idea — a ready-made business for a would-be entrepreneur. But Success magazine says anyone thinking about becoming a franchisee should do a lot of investigating first. Among the factors to consider are how much it will cost you to open a franchise, how much support you'll get from the parent company, and what your competition will be. It's a good idea, the magazine says in its November issue, to visit with other franchisees and see how they're doing.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Tale of the tape

Twin Falls woman makes music magic in new job

By Pat Marcantonio
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Judi Baxter can prove she works with Noel Paul Stookey of Peter, Paul and Mary fame in her new job.

When people take on a doubting look, the Twin Falls woman good-naturedly shows a photograph of her and the singer smiling for the camera.

However, there's no doubt why Baxter was selected as the new marketing coordinator for the Celebration Shop, a nonprofit organization for which Stookey writes and performs.

"She's wonderful and very experienced in issues that involved children's bookstores ... that's the kind of help we need," said Jim Newton, an ordained minister and Celebration Shop president in Dallas, Texas.

Tape information

The Friends of the Family cassette is available at the Mode Inn and Music Center stores in downtown Twin Falls. The cost is \$9.98.

After 14 years running Judi's Bookstore in Twin Falls, Baxter continues to sell children's books through private parties. For three years, she also marketed music for Channel Productions, best known for the work of local pianist Kelly Yost.

"It turned out Paul Stookey and I have a mutual friend in the book business," Baxter said about how she found out about the latest job.

She met Stookey in October 1995 in Oklahoma City, where he was performing. During the trip, they talked business.

"They kept telling me, 'We're singers, not marketers,'" she said.

In May, Baxter began marketing Friends of the Family, a tape featuring the music of Stookey and Newton. Although the songs are aimed at hospitalized or home-bound children, Baxter describes them as fun, buoyant and guaranteed to make any child feel good.

"The music is not about being sick. A lot of the songs children can identify with," she said, and demonstrated with a brief rendition of a song about a dump truck loaded with love.

"The music is for boosting self esteem



Judi Baxter is the new marketing coordinator for the Celebration Shop, a nonprofit organization for which Paul Stookey writes and performs. She markets a tape of songs aimed at hospitalized or home-bound children.

and for helping children and us big kids, too ... find healthy ways to express our feelings," Newton said in a telephone interview. "These songs remind them they are unique and special and the fact they're doing it work doesn't make any difference in who they are."

The songs are not particularly religious.

"The best religious messages are generic and bring us all together," he added.

The Celebration Shop started 15 years ago to minister to severely ill children. In 1988, the 16-song Friends of the Family tape was produced and won a Parents' Choice Gold Award. With contributors defraying costs, the cassettes are given to ill children. But they were sold to the general public through

word of mouth.

"They never have been distributed at a retail level at all," Baxter said. "It was very appealing to me that I was going to be in charge of something on a national scale. It's a challenge to take something that's virtually unknown ... and getting it out there."

By hiring a marketing coordinator — a first for the organization — Newton hopes the additional revenue will expand its work with children and their families, said Newton, who regularly performs at children's hospitals in Texas.

With many contacts already in place, Baxter does business at home via telephone, computer, fax and e-mail — also how she communicates with Newton and Stookey. As distribu-

tor, she ships the tapes from her home to stores.

"We've either sold or given away 137,000 copies," she said. "This has a much bigger market than hospital gift stores."

An enormous children's market is ready to tap, and her job is easier thanks to Stookey's fame.

"Who buys the music? The parents, and they're Baby Boomers and who's more a part of the Baby Boom generation than Peter, Paul and Mary?" she said.

"I found a lot of similarities with the selling of music and selling children's books," Baxter said. "I always enjoyed bringing children and good books together, the magic that can happen."

Robust U.S. economy has economists giddy

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Economists, normally staid practitioners, of what is called "the dismal science," are sounding downright giddy these days. The object of their delight — the good old U.S. economy.

Less an authority than Alan Greenspan, the Federal Reserve chairman, described the economy as fundamentally the best he has seen in three decades.

Searching for their own superlatives, some private economists have taken to calling this the "mirvane economy," a state of perfect economic bliss.

And as they prepare their outlooks for the new year, they're predicting the good times will continue to roll in 1997, with no threat of recession to disrupt an economic expansion that is already the third longest in U.S. history.

"We have never been this far in an economic cycle with nothing that looks like it is going wrong," said Bruce Steinberg, senior economist at Merrill Lynch in New York.

Finishing up its sixth year of uninterrupted growth, the current recovery's growth rates have not been stellar. But its slow, steady growth has avoided past boom-bust cycles in which overly rapid growth created inflation and forced the Federal Reserve to raise interest rates, triggering a recession.

"The Fed is looking for a tortoise economy at this stage of the expansion. Slow



Alan Greenspan
Excited about the economy

and steady wins the race," said David Wyss, chief financial economist at DRIMcGraw Hill Inc. in Lexington, Mass.

While President Clinton cited his stewardship of the economy as a principal reason for his re-election, economists generally give most of the credit to Greenspan and his colleagues at the Fed.

In 1995, the central bank raised interest rates, trying to dampen growth to keep inflation from veering out of control. The effort succeeded and produced the so-called soft landing in which growth slowed enough to keep inflation in check but without a recession.

U.S. economic outlook

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The economists' consensus forecast shows:

■ **Growth:** The economy should grow 2.3 percent in 1997, very close to the 2.3 percent expected for 1996.

■ **Inflation:** Consumer prices rose at a 3.3 percent annual rate in 1996, but the acceleration occurred in food and energy costs. Absent those areas, the so-called core rate of inflation is at its lowest level in 31 years. Analysts believe this good performance will continue in 1997.

■ **Unemployment:** The jobless rate stands currently at 5.4 percent, very close to a 23-year low, where it is expected to stay through 1997.

■ **Trade:** Rising trade deficits was the one black mark on the economy in 1996. Many analysts expect the deficit not to worsen further in 1997 and perhaps even to show slight improvement.

■ **Interest rates:** Most analysts believe the Fed, which last changed rates in January 1996, could stay on hold for all of 1997, as long as inflationary pressures remain in check.

■ **Recession:** The last downturn ended in March 1991 and economists believe the current expansion should continue for some time to come.

Stock analysts: Gravy train may still have steam

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Predicting stock market performance has always been risky. For the coming year, it is downright treacherous.

Instincts tell stock analysts the market's 1996 party, which followed an even more raucous one in 1995, cannot possibly continue. The market police — whoever they turn out to be — surely will crash in at any minute and pull the plug.

The safest prediction, and the one most analysts are making, is that the market will rise in 1997, but much less than it did in 1995 and 1996.

"I'm looking for a total return of 10 percent," said Rao Chahalsani, a market strategist at Everen Securities in Chicago. "That's the best one should be expecting after having two spectacular years back to back."

Of course, the prediction of solid but lower returns may turn out to be true. But it just as well may not. Investors who made the same prediction for 1996, following a 33 percent gain in the Dow Jones industrials in 1995, missed out on this year's gains.

At the close of trading Friday, the blue-chip average was up 28 percent for the year. The Standard & Poor's composite and the Nasdaq composite were both up 23 percent.

The Dow rose 14.23 on Friday to close

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Let's do everything we can to help voters follow the money trail

By Dan Gillmor

Knight-Ridder News Service

SA N JOSE, Calif. — The technology industry's prime movers, having fended off the trial lawyers' anti-business Proposition 211 in California, are pondering new ways to focus their heightened political energies.

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I have a suggestion: Use some of that know-how to help improve the electoral process itself. More specifically, help bring the system technologically into the late 20th century before the

next one begins.

In the wake of last month's elections, the degradation of our electoral process has become obvious even to the most optimistic citizen. Voters are disgusted for many reasons, notably because we see how big money corrupts politics. But voter apathy also stems from the paucity of useful information.

The latter is easier to solve, because we don't have to rely on politicians and their financial sponsors to do the right thing. With enough resources, we can ensure that every citizen can get plenty of information on candidates and issues. The medium to use, of course, is the World Wide Web.

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MONEY

State-run business expands into mail-order Stock

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Make way, J. Peterman. You too, J. Crew. The California State Parks Store is going into the mail-order business — and not to sell parks.

Wildlife T-shirts, grizzly bear socks and a suede-trim State Parks baseball cap are among the merchandise featured in a new 28-page catalog offered by the government-run store.

Celebrate the beauty of California's flora and fauna when you carry this 100 percent canvas bag," reads a blurb for a California wildlife tote bag.

"Powerful and bright, with a sense of adventure, this lifelike art depicts the diversity we are working to protect, and challenges us to work for the preservation of California State Parks habitats," says a description for a T-shirt.

It's almost as if the park rangers had gone into writing advertising copy. And in a way, they have.

The catalog is the latest venture of the State Parks Store, which first opened in downtown Sacramento six years ago to raise money for the 265-park system. The store aims to close some of the gap left by a steady stream of funding cutbacks.

"We're trying to be prepared



Laura Wagner manages the California State Parks Store at the Department of Natural Resources in Sacramento, Calif.

in the next five years ... for very little tax-based funding," said store manager Laura Wagner. "The more we can be self-sufficient as an agency, the less burden there will be on taxpayers."

An experiment in running government like a business, the store looks like many other nature stores, except for its vaultlike door and its location in a corner of a state building.

Merchandise includes an array of natural history books, floral print shirts, stuffed animal toys and other environment-minded gifts.

Christmas decorations, herbal scents and the competing sounds of New Age music and a busy cash register greet holiday shoppers.

Wagner said she knows of no other shop in the nation that is entirely state-funded, staffed and operated. Most park stores are concessions, run by outsiders who contract with state or federal park systems.

Wagner said the California store has sought its own niche, in part to avoid direct competition with private businesses such as

The Nature Co. Many of the books and maps are state-produced, such as guides to the parks. Other items feature exclusive wildlife designs by state employees. Wagner said merchandise is selected for its educational or interpretive message.

The store is only open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., because most of its customers work in nearby state buildings and shop during their lunch hour and other breaks. It is closed on state holidays, including the day after Thanksgiving — one of the biggest shopping days of the year.

Nevertheless, the store posted \$340,000 in gross sales over past 12 months. After paying rent, utilities and staff salaries, it netted \$31,000 to \$32,000.

The bulk of the store profits are from its wholesale business, selling parks publications to non-profit groups and to some retail outlets, such as Long Drugs and Tower Books.

Gary Fryer, an information systems analyst with the store, said red tape prevents the store from being as profitable as a

private business. "We have higher operating costs and we have much more labor involved because when we purchase something we just can't write a check. We have to go through the state bureaucracy."

"We don't do anything simple. We have to have forms for everything to do to please the state, which pretty much doubles our labor."

In August, a second store opened in Duncans Mills in Sonoma County. Others are expected to open in the next several months at Los Angeles's La Plaza, Old Town San Diego and at the Asilomar state conference center in Pacific Grove.

The catalog, released last month, has been well-received, Wagner said. Wagner said she expects to go through the first printing of 50,000 by mid-December.

Orders are taken by mail, phone, fax and Internet.

The number for the catalog is 1-800-777-0369. The Internet address is <http://www.ceres.ca.gov/parks/>

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at 6,560.91, topping the previous high close of 6,547.79 reached Nov. 25 and adding 76.51 for the week.

Portfolio managers who didn't put enough money on the table — about 70 percent of them, according to A.G. Edwards & Sons in St. Louis — are now forced to show their clients profits for 1996 that lagged even conservative indexed investments.

They are wary of predicting with certainty that the same thing couldn't happen again in 1997. They need to figure out what went "wrong" this year, and whether it could occur again.

The most important surprise of 1996 was that long-term interest rates did not rise as much as analysts feared. The yield on the benchmark 30-year Treasury bond did rise, from just under 6 percent to more than 7 percent in July and that high again in early September.

But thanks to a disciplined bond market and a vigilant Federal Reserve, which made clear that it would quickly extinguish any spark of inflation, rates contracted throughout the fall. The long bond's yield was just over 6.5 percent in late trading Friday.

The other reason stocks rose in 1996 was that corporate earnings remained surprisingly robust, rising 14 percent for the Standard & Poor's 500 companies after a 19 percent increase in 1995.

"There were plenty of people who said that after earnings grew so explosively in 1995, and corporate cost-cutting had run out of gas, that 1996 was not going to see much growth," said Jim Weiss, a portfolio manager at the State Street investment firm in Boston. "Well, they grew much more rapidly than people thought."

The third surprise was technical. Mutual funds were deluged with money, increasing demand, while companies aggressively bought back their own shares in a bid to boost their stock prices without paying out dividends, which reduced supply. The combination of higher demand and lower supply produced a textbook rise in prices.

Of the three factors, the technical one seems to have the best chance of continuing in 1997, analysts said. Mutual fund investors

returned to the market this past week, adding a net \$2.5 billion to stock funds following a net outflow of \$3.92 billion the previous week. Companies are authorized to remove even more from the marketplace and continue to announce new buyback programs.

And some analysts are predicting the profits gravy train has more steam left in it. Standard & Poor's Corp., for example, is forecasting a 14 percent earnings increase for the companies in its 500-stock composite, matching its estimated 1996 performance.

Unless some unforeseen political event pushes oil prices through the roof, moderate economic growth between 1.5 to 2.25 percent should leave inflation and interest rates stable, Weiss said.

But history can be a stern teacher, and not since 1954 and 1955 has the stock market shown such huge back-to-back returns. It has never posted gains of this size for three years in a row.

"Golden eras do not last forever," warns David L. Babson, an investment counselor in Cambridge, Mass. "As investors look forward to a new year, they should ask what could go wrong with one or more of the factors that have boosted the market so much."

On Friday, The Nasdaq composite fell 3.19 to 1,291.38, adding 2.82 for the week. The American Stock Exchange's market value index fell 0.90 to \$81.93, losing 0.08 for the week.

The Standard & Poor's 500 rose 0.97 to 756.79, advancing 7.92 for the week. And the NYSE composite index added 1.03 to 398.10, climbing 3.99 for the week.

The Wilshire Associates Equity Index — which represents the combined market value of all NYSE, American and Nasdaq issues — ended the week at \$7.29 trillion, up \$66.21 billion from last week. A year ago the index was \$6.05 trillion.

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A sampling of the store's wares

Some of the items available through the California State Parks Store catalog:

- A ceramic mug shaped like a tree trunk; the handle is shaped like a bear climbing the tree in a search of honey. \$12.95.
- Black 100 percent cotton T-shirts, decorated with the state flower (the California poppy), the state tree (the California redwood) or the state bird (the California quail). \$14.95-\$15.95.
- A California Valley Quail and puppet, with two baby quail which may be used as finger puppets. \$18.
- "Canned Grizzly Bear," a sealed can containing a stuffed teddy bear. \$10.95.

Online

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More than a few traditional journalism and public-advocacy organizations took stabs at the information problem during the recent election cycle. In Northern California, for example, a group that included newspapers (the Mercury News among them), the League of Women Voters and others put together the "Smart Voter '96" Web Site (www.smartvoter.org), replete with lists of candidates, their backgrounds and stances plus data on controversial ballot propositions. This site and others in the genre were a good start, but only that.

The Web is necessary because traditional media can't handle the job. We can highlight some races and issues, and sometimes we do those well. But no news organization has the space or air time it needs to properly cover all — or even most — of the important races each cycle. There's no space limit on the Web.

I'd like to see the technology industry donate enough time, money and expertise to help create a series of richly detailed Web sites where any candidate or party could post information; where people and organizations on all sides of major issues could say what they think; where vot-

ers could find links to traditional media coverage and other sites; and much, much more. I'm not suggesting that the industry itself create the sites, but rather help Common Cause and other such citizen lobbies.

One kind of information needs to be online more than any other: the money trail — who's giving political money to whom, with enough detail to allow voters to infer why the money is changing hands. We also need to know how the money gets spent.

There have also been some worthy stabs at this. Mother Jones magazine's "Coin-operated Congress" site (www.mojones.com/coinop-congress) linked with the Center for Responsive Politics to show what kinds of interest groups contributed to federal candidates in previous election cycles. And the California Voter Foundation's "Late Contribution Watch" highlighted late-season influence buying.

All such sites pointed out a scandal: The system is rigged so that the public will have trouble finding out who's giving, and why, in time to cast an informed vote. In California, the campaign-disclosure system provides inadequate information too late to matter.

Prompt, meaningful disclosure should be easy, because every campaign and influence group of any size is keeping computerized records. But prompt disclosure takes more than technology. It will take a change in the law itself. Politicians mouth platitudes in favor of electronic filing and then, by amazing coincidence, never manage to get a bill. Some even claim it's technically too difficult.

No one who understands this issue believes it's even slightly difficult — technically, at any rate — to put together an electronic finance-disclosure system. The technology community could perform a public service by offering money and expertise — perhaps through the League of Women voters or other citizens' groups — to help Congress, state legislatures and local governments do it.

Then again, the technology industry has discovered that you can buy elections with enough money and hardball tactics. Proposition 211 deserved to fail, but opponents spent much more than supporters. They all might prefer their financial shenanigans stay private until after the votes are in.

Regis McKenna, longtime Silicon Valley marketing guru and a leader of the anti-211 campaign, also notes that the tech crowd unites only on rare issues that affect the industry financially. It's taken a long time to awaken these folks politically, he notes correctly — so maybe we shouldn't expect too much too soon.

OK, I'm naive. I still say that if the technology industry's newly political movers and shakers truly care about the republic, they're in a position to help us all become better citizens.

Their failure to do so may not reflect solely a desire to further enrich themselves and their friends; technology is their main passion, after all. But if they don't use their growing influence to pursue some larger goals, they'll only fuel the growing cynicism about a government of the rich and powerful, by the rich and powerful, and for the rich and powerful.

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Jones comes to Sysco from owning his own Twin Falls business, Dunkin's Restaurant for six years. Aguirre comes to Sysco after being an office supply salesperson in Logan, Utah.

Marketing associates are responsible for all aspects of customer service to Sysco's account base of restaurants, hotels, resorts, schools and institutional food service.

Sysco Food Services of Idaho is based in Boise, and is a subsidiary of Sysco Corporation, Houston, Texas.

TWIN FALLS - Thelma Burch of TJ Company has been appointed an AgriPlan/BurPlan Provider in the Twin Falls area.

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BURLEY - Ron L. Ellis, of Burley, has earned American Cyanamid's top honor, the 1996 Circle of Excellence Award. Based on assigned yearly sales budgets, specific marketing objectives and inventory management, the award recognizes outstanding sales achievement and teamwork and was presented on Dec. 7.

"The Circle of Excellence Award honors Cyanamid's top sales representatives," said Howard L. Minigh, president of American Cyanamid's North America Agricultural Products Division.

As senior sales representative for the Boise District in Cyanamid's Crop Protection Products Department, Ellis has been with American Cyanamid for three years. His other awards include the Boise District



Tim Jones Ricki Lee Aguirre

Gunslinger Award in 1995, and the Western Region C.O.I. Silver Level Award, earned this year. He is a graduate of Idaho State University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in biology and German.

American Cyanamid is a subsidiary of American Home Products Corporation, one of the world's largest research-based pharmaceutical and health care products companies. It is also a leader in vaccines, biotechnology, crop protection, animal health care and medical devices, according to the company.

TWIN FALLS - After using Regal Tip drumsticks for 30 years, Twin Falls musician and music teacher John Cugno will officially endorse them.

The Niagara Falls, N.Y., company will use John Cugno's name and photograph in its advertising in magazines as well as brochures and analogues. The drummer for the Delta 80 Blues band also will conduct blues drumming clinics for the company in the Northwest.

And it all happened by accident. "I've been using their drumstick for 30 years. There are absolutely no distributors in this area and I was doing through them directly," he said. A few months ago, a company salesman asked if he'd be interested in applying to endorse their products.

"This (is a) feather in my own cap," Cugno said. "Most musicians in the field strive to get an endorsement and this one came about incidentally."

Cugno also teaches music at his home and is accepting new students. You can reach Cugno at 736-2878.

Entrepreneur takes charge of toys

TIGARD, Ore. (AP) - Marty Castro was ahead of the curve.

He spent 20 years working for a national office equipment company, moving his family every two or three years as headquarters dictated. He became a district manager with a knack for turning around under-performing offices.

The pay and benefits were good.

Yet Castro didn't like what he saw ahead. He was in his early 40s, and he noticed that few managers above him survived into their 50s. "In the corporate world, you build for other people," he said. "Once you reach a certain age, there's nothing left. I saw downsizing coming."

Nine years ago, long before downsizing became a corporate buzzword, Castro walked away from corporate life and ventured into a realm about which he knew nothing: stuffed animals.

Not just any stuffed animals. Soft ones. "Something you can actually take and cuddle," Castro said. "Something warm."

Today, Castro isn't sure how many animals his company, MJC - A World of Quality Inc., will make and sell this year. He knows that total sales will hit \$5 million, and that it's enough stuffed animals to cram 80 steel shipping containers from China. He knows total sales will hit \$5 million. His products are sold in 15,900 retail shops throughout the United States and Canada.

The company has a staff of 14 at its Tigard headquarters, including Castro's son, Martin; his daughters, Kim Heimholz and Dena Castro; and Kim's husband, Craig Heimholz.

Though Marty Castro said he never urged his children to work with him, he hoped from the start that it would become a family enterprise. "If this could be something they could get a grip on," he said, "we could build our future instead of somebody else's."

Castro started thinking about plush toys during his last year as



Entrepreneur Marty Castro, center foreground, kicked 20 years of corporate life and founded MJC-A world of quality, Inc. He knew little about stuffed animals when he started. Family members posing with him in his Tigard, Ore., company headquarters are from left: Kim Heimholz, daughter, Craig Heimholz, son-in-law, Martin Castro, son, Dena Castro, daughter.

a corporate manager. He remembered watching a man dying of cancer give his wife a teddy bear and seeing the wife break into tears as she cuddled it.

"I picked a product that I felt helped people," Castro said. "It's not a necessary like food or shelter, but it makes you feel good."

Castro studied the industry in his spare time. What would sell? Who would buy? How could he improve on what was already in the market?

After leaving his corporate job, Castro went about planning in earnest. He attended trade shows and made trips to learn about foreign manufacturing. Before opening MJC, Castro mapped out a business plan ranging from one month to 10 years.

When he went into business late in 1988, Castro offered 10 products. They included bears, musical toys such as downs, and collectible dolls. He began focus-

ing strictly on stuffed animals after the death of his chief doll designer four years ago.

"Our plush line was stronger anyway, more acceptable in the market," Castro said.

Castro made the first sales calls himself, starting with hospital gift shops and toy trade shows. Now his line is sold by 30 independent sales representatives.

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Women invest assets more conservatively than do men

By James K. Glassman
The Washington Post

Why doesn't a woman invest more like a man? That's a serious question, according to two Colorado State University economists writing in the latest issue of a weighty journal called *Financial Counseling and Planning*.

An increasing number of financial studies," they write, "conclude that women invest their asset portfolios more conservatively than their male counterparts."

That finding shouldn't be a surprise. Research by sociologists has consistently shown that females are more risk-averse than males. For reasons that still aren't entirely clear (genes? culture?), women value security more.

In general, being reluctant to take risks isn't a bad thing. But risk-taking is one of the keys to successful investing. If women shun risk unnecessarily, their nest eggs won't grow very large, and that would prevent an even more serious risk penalty.

Women (and many men, too) view stocks as offering high returns, but at high risk. Given such a trade-off, they think, "I have to decide how to divide up my 401(k) money. Sure, I'd like to see it grow, but I really don't want to lose anything. This is my retirement, after all. So, I'll put most of it into a fixed-income account, where I'm guaranteed 6 or 7 percent."

If you are saving for retirement, or any other far-off goal, this "safety-first" approach is bound to be deficient. A good rule is that the longer your time horizon, the higher the proportion of stocks you should have in your portfolio.

The irony is that, even though stocks appear to be more risky than bonds or Treasury bills, a well-diversified stock portfolio (or a solid mutual fund) really is not. Thus, many investors are avoiding a risk that does not exist.

This notion is not easy to grasp. Readers of the business pages have seen Philip Morris Cos. drop 15 percent in a single day, and in the short term, stocks fluctuate far more than bonds, Treasury bills, certificates of deposit or money market funds. So it's understandable that investors — male and female — are frightened.

The truth, however, is that, in the long term, stocks "revert to the mean" — that is, they go back to their historic averages. Over time, stocks not only produce average yearly returns in double digits, they do so in a remarkably consistent fashion.

"It is widely known," writes Jeremy J. Siegel in "Stocks for the Long Run" (Irwin, 1994), "that stock returns, on average, exceed bonds in the long run. But it is little known that in the long run, the risks in stocks are less than those found in bonds or even bills."

Let's look at a set of figures compiled by Ibbotson Associates Inc., a Chicago-based research firm. Ibbotson examined 10-year

cycles and calculated the average annual return — in nominal, not real, terms — within each period. Here are some of the results:

Between 1932 and 1995, there was never a 10-year period in which large-company stocks (as represented by the Standard & Poor's 500-stock average) lost money. In only six of the 56 separate periods were average annual returns lower than 6 percent.

Treasury bills, the safest investment of all, did not lose money either, of course, but they returned less than 6 percent in 40 of the 56 periods. The overall average return was less than 4 percent annually, versus 11 percent for stocks.

Large-company stocks had a range of average annual returns over the 10-year periods from 12 percent (worst period) to 20.1 percent (best). Small-company stocks had a range of 3.2 percent to 30.4 percent. Long-term corporate bonds, 1.0 percent to 16.3 percent. Intermediate government bonds, 1.3 percent to 13.1 percent. T-bills, 0.2 percent to 9.2 percent.

In other words, the worst periods were roughly the same for all asset classes, but stocks did far better in the best periods. The point, as they say, is no guarantee of the future, but it's an awfully good guide.

For some nervous investors to sleep well at night, a portfolio heavy with bonds and money market funds may be a necessity. What distresses me, however, is that so many Americans simply don't understand the true risk levels. They choose bonds and bills for safety, when stocks are just as safe.

Because of compounding, the gap between stocks and other financial investments becomes huge over time. For example, a \$10,000 tax-deferred portfolio of large- and small-company stocks that produces a 12 percent return will grow to \$300,000 in 30 years. But \$10,000 in bonds and market market funds earning 6 percent will grow to less than \$60,000.

Earlier this year, the Employee Benefit Research Institute studied how employees at some very large companies divided up the assets in their retirement accounts. There were differences between men and women, but the work force as a whole put far

too much into low-yielding "safe" investments and too little into stocks.

For example, at one of the companies, employees in their forties (still 20 years from retirement) allocated 8 percent of their assets to a money market fund, 44 percent to a fixed-income fund, 23 percent to large-company stocks, 12 percent to small-company stocks and 4 percent to international stocks (the rest went to miscellaneous assets, including balanced stock and bond funds).

At another company, employees (of all ages) put 50 percent of their retirement into fixed-income funds, 11 percent into an indexed equity fund, 22 percent into a growth equity fund and 11 percent into a "multi-asset" fund.

Overall, these employees are investing less than half their retirement money in stocks. As a result, they're reducing their potential nest eggs by tens of thousands of dollars.

As for women: At one company, 28 percent of the female employees (versus 22 percent of the men) had no equity assets at all in their retirement accounts. Only 16 percent of the women (versus 25 percent of the men) had 80 percent or more of their assets in stocks.

At another company, women placed 56 percent of their retirement money in fixed-income investments, while men placed 47 percent. Women invested only 18 percent of their accounts in a growth stock fund, while men invested 27 percent of theirs.

"The existence of gender differences," write the two researchers, "writhe the Colorado State professors, Vickie Bajelsmit and Alexandra Bernasek, "raises important questions for public policy, particularly in light of the recent trend toward self-directed pension accounts and the proposals for partial privatization of Social Security."

Public policy? Maybe. But a more important job is to raise the level of private understanding — for both men and women. The most important lesson is that anyone who avoids stocks as long-term investments, thinking them risky, is setting herself up for a risky future.

Business has a holiday lull, except for stores, malls with special sales

The Associated Press

Except for retailers, it was a slow week in the business world. But things got a little too slow at Marvel Entertainment, which found itself in bankruptcy court.

What little happened in business this past week: **NOT A CREATURE WAS STIRKING, EXCEPT AT THE MALLS**

It was pretty quiet as many executives and employees took time off for the holidays. The busiest spots in business were stores and malls as shoppers got in their last pre-Christmas purchases and then began to take advantage of after-Christmas sales.

But chances are, a lot of executives were thinking about what all the bustle in the retail sector would mean for their companies. Christmas sales weren't as robust as it seemed they'd be at the start of the season. In the end, consumers were still pretty cautious and watching their budgets.

That means the nation's manufacturers may not see so much

demand for their products in the coming months. In turn, the suppliers of raw materials and of services may find business a little slower.

But there's probably nothing to worry about in this turn of events. Few businesses went hog wild, building up inventories in expectations of a big Christmas.

There probably was some disappointment here and there when retailers were unable to sustain the big gains of the Thanksgiving weekend, but for the most part, companies have gotten used to the idea of only modest or moderate sales growth.

STICKY SITUATION
Marvel Entertainment Group has joined the list of casualties from the changing tastes of the American consumer. The publisher of Spider-Man and Captain America comic books filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy court protection from creditors, largely because comic book and trading card fans have lost the enthusiasm they once had for collecting in the late 1980s and '90s.

Marvel's finances were further tangled by a disagreement between financier Ronald Perelman, who owns about 81 percent of the company's stock, and bondholder Carl Icahn, who would like to have control of Marvel.

WINNERS, LOSERS, IN BETWEEN
WINNERS: Westinghouse Electric Corp. and Infinity Broadcasting Corp., which got final government approval to merge and create the nation's largest radio group.

LOSERS: European corn borers, who'll have to look for new fields to munch now that Monsanto Co. has won government permission to sell a genetically engineered corn that resists the little pests.

SOMEWHERE
IN BETWEEN: Couch potatoes who are awaiting for the arrival of HDTV. The government approved a plan for high definition television and its better audio and visual quality, but it's unlikely to show up until 1998, and probably only in the largest markets such as New York, Los Angeles and Chicago.

Trading thin for 2nd week

The Washington Post


WASHINGTON — Trading on financial markets will be thin for the second week in a row because of the New Year's holiday. However, investors might choose to trade when they get their first solid data about the December economy. The National Association of Purchasing Managers will give its monthly report on the manufacturing sector Thursday, and automakers begin reporting sales for December and the year.

Monday, Treasury will issue \$13.5 billion each in three- and six-month bills, followed Thursday by \$19.25 billion in one-year bills. In when-issued trading Friday the three- and six-month bills yielded 5.17 percent and 5.29 percent.

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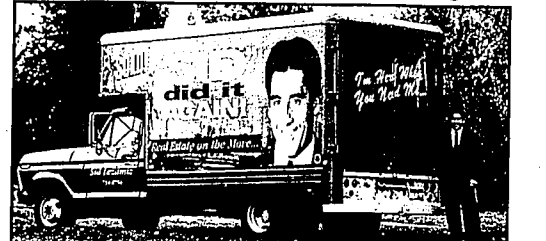
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Stakes raised ever higher in Las Vegas building boom

Los Angeles Times

LAS VEGAS — Here's the latest recipe for any casino developer hoping to join the big leagues on the Las Vegas Strip:

First, find yourself an old, tattered casino-hotel to blow up — literally; next, identify a strong theme for your new resort, such as a city that bespeaks style or romance (Caution: New York and Paris are taken); finally, assemble a construction fund of at least a half a billion dollars — \$1 billion is even better.

Those may be high hurdles anywhere but here. But now, only three years after the last building boom added 10,000 rooms to the Las Vegas Strip, the gaming industry's biggest companies are preparing to outdo themselves.

On New Year's Eve, the Hacienda, a 1,100-room hotel that was once a lone outpost at the distant south end of the Strip, will be demolished by its new owner, Circus Circus Enterprises, to make room for a 4,000-room hotel complex in 1998.

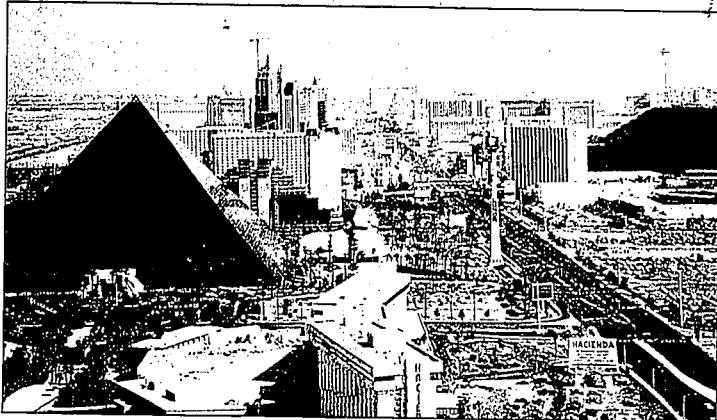
Three days into 1997 comes the scheduled opening of New York-New York, a 2,000-room resort whose eye-catching design — consisting of scaled-down models of the Empire State and Chrysler buildings as well as Trump Tower, the Statue of Liberty and Grand Central Station — has already made it a must-see location on the Strip.

The next two years will bring a \$900 million renovation and expansion of Caesars Palace; the completion of Bellagio, a \$1.25 billion project by Steve Wynn's Mirage Resorts; and Paris, a 3,000-room hotel planned by Hilton Hotels for a parcel next to its recently acquired Flamingo casino.

In all, an estimated \$6.8 billion is slated to be spent on the construction, expansion, rehabilitation and demolition of 13 major properties on the five-mile Strip portion of Las Vegas Boulevard through the end of 1998. Several other projects whose financing seems questionable could raise the total by as much as \$2 billion.

This represents a massive bet that Vegas' tourist growth will continue indefinitely. The latest building boom will add at least 30,000 rooms to the Las Vegas inventory, a record increase of more than 30 percent. Meanwhile, existing casinos such as the MGM Grand, Harrah's and Circus Circus are getting multimillion-dollar face-lifts.

"The Big Three was a ripple compared to what's going on today," said Anthony Curtis, publisher of the Las Vegas Advisor, a newsletter for Vegas visitors. Curtis' reference is to the nearly simultaneous openings in 1993 of three mega-resorts: Circus Circus' Luxor,



The Hacienda Hotel, center foreground, which will be imploded on New Year's Eve, will be the center of a series of events to celebrate the new year in Las Vegas. Approximately 201,000 out-of-town visitors are expected, with a crowd of 300,000 to 500,000 to turn out on the Las Vegas Strip to celebrate.

Mirage Resorts' Treasure Island and the MGM Grand. Their combined eclat landed Vegas a Time magazine cover as a hot resort and generated a 20 percent surge in visitor volume over the next year.

Their success established one-upmanship as the guiding doctrine of Las Vegas casino-building.

"This is a theme park business," said Scott M. Renner, the gaming analyst for the New York investment firm Salomon Brothers. "As long as they bring on new attractions, this market will continue to recycle itself."

Several other elements distinguish the current wave of construction from its predecessors. For one thing, it is costlier than that of any previous comparable period, even considering inflation.

Moreover, it is devoid of the battle cry of the last construction boom: that of fashioning Las Vegas to appeal to families with children. Several of the new properties will be, if not family-hostile, then certainly family-neutral, with video arcades firmly segregated from playing floors, no provision for day care and prohibitive room rates.

Vegas will now focus part of its pitch on older, well-heeled travelers. Three properties — Bellagio, the renovated Sheraton Desert Inn and a 400-room

Four Seasons hotel planned for the Circus Circus Hacienda site — will be seeking five-star designation from the Mobil Travel Guide, a certification of first-class resort-scale service that has never before been awarded to a Las Vegas resort.

But the main thrust of the competition among developers will be for the masses. Like Hollywood studios jostling for summer moviegoers with dueling blockbuster, the gaming industry's biggest players are being forced to raise each others' bets by hundreds of millions of dollars at a swipe in order to create the next can't-miss attraction.

What's at stake is a market whose growth rate has been closely tied to the launches of spectacular new properties. The periodic unveiling of new attractions has kept Vegas visitor counts steadily rising even as industry watchers have wondered whether or when the boom will end.

The conventional wisdom is that little can stem the growth of Vegas tourism short of a water crisis (always a specter in this desert oasis). The very fact that developers are ready to ante up billions to serve the future market gives many observers heart.

"These are not seat-of-the-pants operations anymore," said Curtis. "They're

publicly traded corporations with huge credit lines and research and development departments. Who's to say they're making a mistake?"

Observers say several Strip casinos that have not spent enough to turn their main drag, Fremont Street, into a high-tech illuminated pedestrian mall in order to compete with the dazzling show on the Strip. (So far, they've managed to keep downtown gaming revenues growing at about 5 percent a year.)

Also struggling to keep up are Vegas' downtown casinos. They were forced to band together two years ago to turn their main drag, Fremont Street, into a high-tech illuminated pedestrian mall in order to compete with the dazzling show on the Strip. (So far, they've managed to keep downtown gaming revenues growing at about 5 percent a year.)

"In this business, it's build or perish," said J. Terrence Lanni, chairman and chief executive of MGM Grand Inc. "People really want to see something new, and because of the repeat business they don't give us much of a chance to put up something new. Everybody's level of expectation has risen."

So have land and development costs. At \$450 million, New York-New York will be the cheapest major casino to go up on the Strip for the rest of this decade (and with 2,000 rooms, also the smallest). Every other new property slated for completion in 1997 and 1998 will cost more

Vegas develops in risky climate

Los Angeles Times

LAS VEGAS — More than age and obsolescence represent threats to Las Vegas casino builders. With costs so high, the margin of error is slim.

Stratosphere Corp. discovered that when it launched its \$550 million casino-hotel and tower at the aging north end of the Strip earlier this year. Plagued by design flaws, a lack of retail tenants, unfinished hotel rooms and a poor location, the project is now facing bankruptcy.

Others are wary of the myriad lessons to be learned from imperfect casino launches of the past. One is that a project's exterior style doesn't guarantee its functionality, as Circus Circus Enterprises learned from opening Luxor in 1993.

The black glass pyramid's striking design masked problems within, including long treks between the lone elevator bank and the rooms for guests and room-service waiters alike. When the company expanded Luxor by 2,000 rooms this year, the additions went into a more conventionally designed new wing.

Vegas observers are waiting to see whether the 2,000-room New York-New York's impressive exterior similarly harbors unexpected service nightmares, especially since its quirky architecture gives three-quarters of its rooms irregular sizes and shapes.

New York-New York pushed its opening into the new year to be sure that its casino floor staff was fully trained and that all its amenities functioned properly. Executives from MGM Grand, its half-owner, still wince at the memory of their own launch in 1993, when a gala opening-night crowd heard Barbra Streisand grouse about the hotel's lousy service from the stage of its vast showroom, where she was the debut act.

"There will be glitches," said William Sherlock, New York-New York's president, nervously. "But our goal is to be 98 percent ready."

than \$500 million.

That in itself has produced two trends: the rise of the joint venture and a merger boomlet in the casino-hotel business. New York-New York is a joint venture of Primadonna Resorts, whose chairman, Gary Primm, came up with the metropolitan theme, and MGM Grand, which owned the 18-acre site across from its flagship property.

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That the third paragraph of Article III, Section 11 of the By-Laws be amended to reference Idaho Code Section 42-2201 as the appropriate statutory authority for levying and collecting assessments.

That Article VI, Section 5 of the By-Laws be amended to clarify that three (3) directors or stockholders, representing ten percent (10%) of the outstanding capital shares of the company are required to call a special meeting of the shareholders.

That Article VI, Section 6 of the By-Laws be amended to provide that a proxy can be revoked by the person attending the meeting and voting in person.

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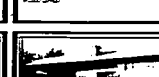
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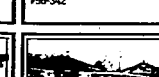
\$117,500. Lovely family home with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1576 sq. ft. built in 1991. Includes dishwasher, refrigerator and dishwasher, gas heat and central air, hot tub, covered deck, bully barn, and sprinklers on nicely landscaped lot. CALL JOHN FORBES 734-4572. #96-356



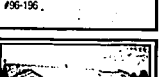
\$119,900. HAPPY NEW YEAR in your new home! Listed below appraisal. New carpeting, painting and lots of square footage for this price. 5 bedrooms, 2-1/2 baths in four levels of living. CALL WALTER PARKERIDGE OR VIRGINIA ELBRODE. #96-358



\$124,900. Lovely family home in P.E. area of Twin Falls. Recently painted with new vinyl floors, wonderful kitchen. Owner is motivated. Please visit! CALL DEANNA DALSGOGLI 733-0636 for more information. #96-376



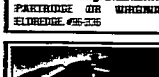
\$135,000. Great buy! This commercial property on Blue Lakes is prime! Don't miss this one. It is priced right! Owner will consider carry. CALL CAROLYN CUTLER 733-8026 OR RALPH 733-8576. #96-308



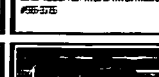
\$164,900. Kanaka Rapids Ranch. Beautiful 2 bedrooms, 2 bath home with den that could be 3rd bedroom. Enjoy the spectacular view from the deck and hot tub. CALL DOROTHY GEIST. #96-266



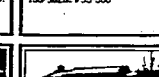
\$170,000. One owner home! Solid brick-built home on large lot. Wheelchair accessible. 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 family rooms, 2 fireplaces, workroom, sprinklers and RV parking. Close to pool, schools and tennis courts. CALL TAD BOSS 734-1914. #96-314



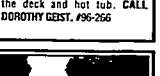
\$189,900. Nice floor plan with separate family area and beautiful tile throughout. 1800 sq. ft. with 3 bedrooms, 2-1/2 baths, and fireplace to keep you warm this winter. Located at beautiful Kanaka Rapids in Bluff. CALL WILLIE WELSH for details. #96-206



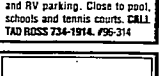
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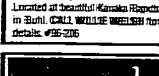
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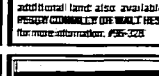
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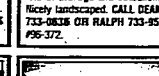
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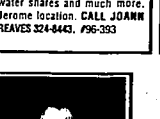
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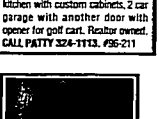
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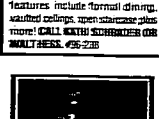
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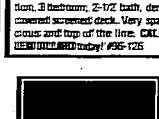
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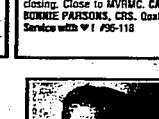
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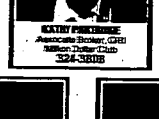
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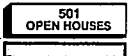
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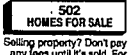
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TWIN FALLS 1 bdrm house in South Park. No pets. Call 734-5374

TWIN FALLS 1 bdrm., 2 bath home with family room. Fenced yard, double garage. \$750/mo. Home is for sale. Call Adam or Walt at 734-0400

TWIN FALLS Deluxe 3 bedroom, 2 baths, 845 Monroe. Near CSI Available. 1/17/97. \$700/mo + \$500 deposit. Call 733-0070 or 734-9890

TWIN FALLS Partial brick, 4 bdrms, fireplace, new carpeting, \$575/mo. Ref. req. Call 733-8005

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TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm., 1 bath, oil, garage, hot tub, fenced yard. \$850 + dep. 733-3176

TWIN FALLS 3 bdrms., \$475/mo. + dep. No pets. Call 734-4120.

TWIN FALLS AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY (you could be settled by Christmas) VERY NICE 2 bdrm., 2 bath with private backyard, covered parking & great neighborhood. \$465.00 plus deposit.

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TWIN FALLS Conventional, quiet neighborhood, older 3 bdr. home on 1 1/2 acres. Excel. cond. Gas heat. Central air. Lots of storage. Fenced backyard with small garage. Long-term lease. \$600/mo + dep. 733-3431.

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SWF, 30,
blonde/blue, look-
ing for SWM, 30-
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perfect cowboy,
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who I am. 23-27,
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Romantic SWF,
21, looking for love
with honesty, M,
20-28, friendship
and no games. I'm
a mother of one, and
speak Spanish.
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SWF, 21, ISO
SWM, 18-30,
enjoys fun, good
times, conversa-
tion, music (espe-
cially country),
petite SF, 18-40,
romantic evenings,
smoker, kids ok,
and just having fun.
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SWF, 22, 5'6",
150 lbs, short
brown hair, glasses.
Looking for
SWM, 20-25,
enjoys country
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romantic dinners.
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Attractive SWM,
24, enjoys out-
doors, hunting,
fishing, camping,
country music, old
movies, seeking a
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and go out and do
some things with
him. =11252

Country Boy, 52,
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ing, likes camping,
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activities, animals,
self-employed,
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with sense of
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him. =11242

Easygoing SWM,
40, 5'11", 200 lbs,
brown/hazel, en-
joys country fish-
ing, dancing, out-
doors, camping,
fishing, who is
honest, 18-20, likes
dancing, 18-20, likes
evening
dinner.
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Easygoing DWM,
40, enjoys swim-
ming, dancing,
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ing for daddy's
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one-man Woman
for long-term re-
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Male, 44, honest,
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ence a plus. Community
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formation and an applica-
tion stop by our office at 1300
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In addition Bannock has
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ship. =11251

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outdoors, movies,
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Seeking sweet,
petite SF, 18-40,
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and just having fun.
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SWF, 21, ISO
SWM, 18-30,
enjoys fun, good
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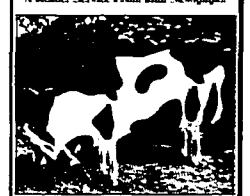
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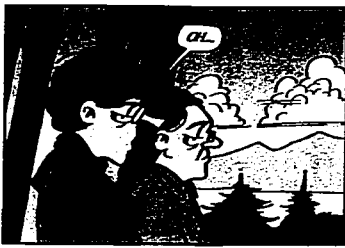
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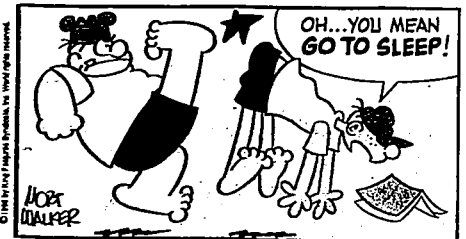
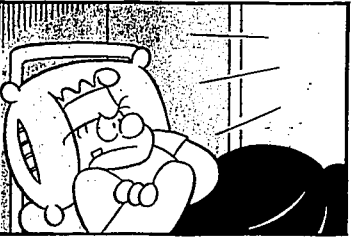
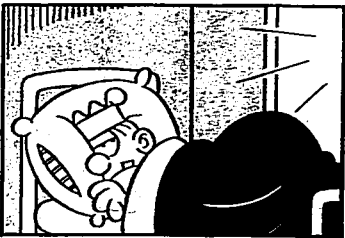
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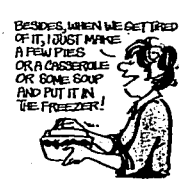
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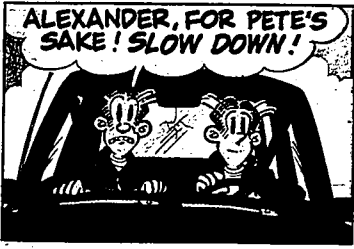


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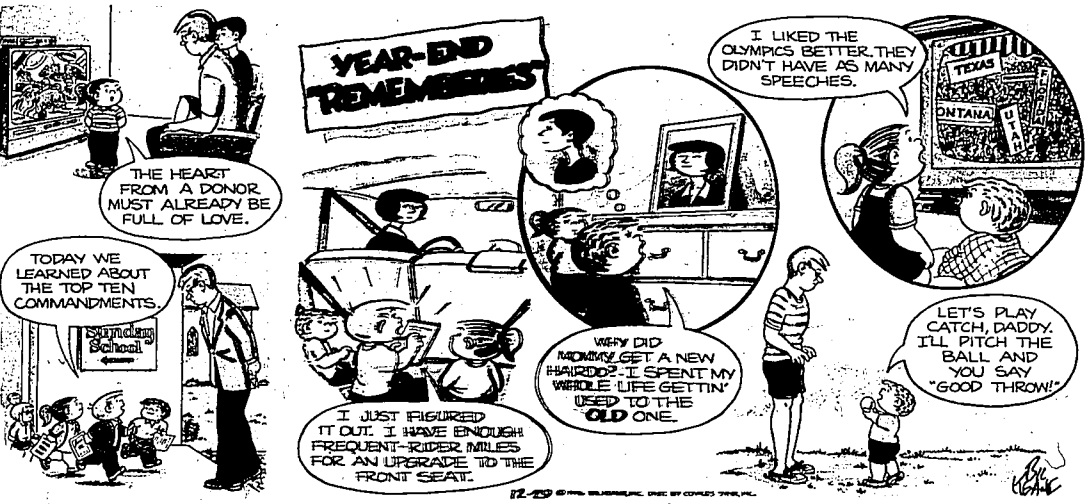
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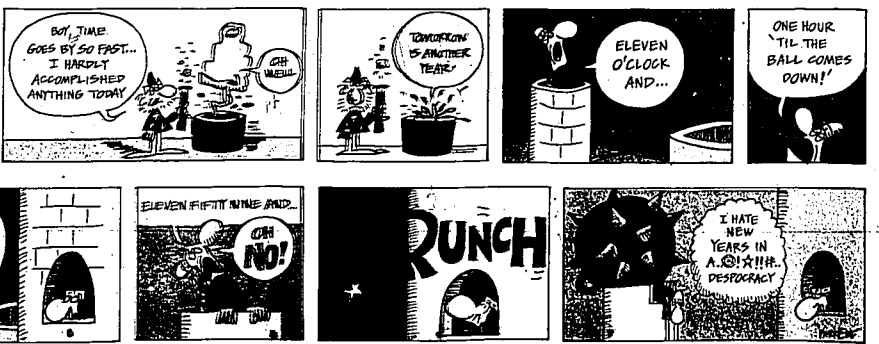
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I DON'T ENVY YOU, KID....YOU'RE GOING TO BE THE NEW YEAR, THE NEW CENTURY, THE NEW MILLENIUM AND THE NEXT PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION YEAR!

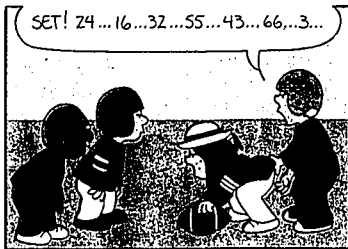


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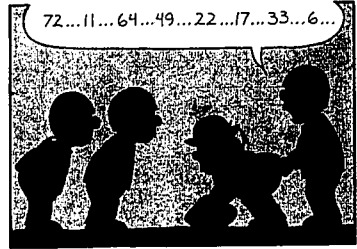
GO OUT TO THE FIRE PLUG, HOOK, THEN GO DEEP AND I'LL THROW YOU A LONG BOMB! SNAP THE BALL TO ME ON '12!



SET! 24...16...32...55...43...66...3...



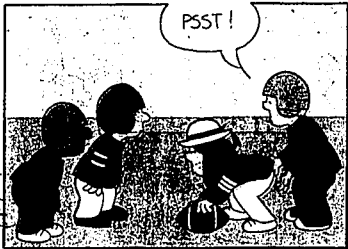
72...11...64...49...22...17...33...6...



19...81...UH...25...96...UM...



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WHAT DID I SAY THE SNAP COUNT WAS AGAIN?



OUR NINE YEARS RESOLVE:



TO GIFT A SPELLCHECK...



WELL, LOOKY HERE! ANOTHER YEAR



IS KNOCKIN' ON OUR DOOR,



AND WE'LL TRY NOT TO DO



THE STUPID THINGS WE DID BEFORE.



AND WHEN NEXT YEAR COMES KNOCKIN'



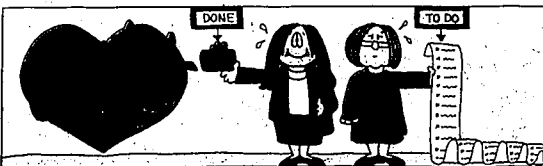
WE SHALL PLEDGE TO PERSEVERE



—AND TRY NOT TO REPEAT



THE STUPID THINGS WE'LL DO THIS YEAR.



FOR SOME, PERFECTION IS A GOAL. FOR US, IT'S A STARTING PLACE.