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Hazing in the House: Rep. Bert Stevenson starts a quiet, but impressive, freshman year in Boise.

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UNFAIR TREATMENT?



Twin Falls attorney Ken Pedersen says an Idaho law gives doctors an unfair advantage in malpractice lawsuits.

Attorneys take on state law governing malpractice cases

By Pat Marcantonio

Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Ken Pedersen has taken 11 medical malpractice cases to trial and settled 100 during his long legal career.

That might not sound like a lot, but it's significant given what he says are problems in state law, which are obstacles to pursuing malpractice cases.

"The truth is doctors have very protec-

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tive legislation to protect them that other groups don't have," said the Twin Falls lawyer.

Calling the state law unfair, Boise attorney Dan Hawley is promoting a legislative prescription.

But the director of a physicians' group says the existing law operates well.

"The trial lawyers would love (change) so they could sue more doctors," said Bob Seehusen, Idaho Medical Association director.

The number of malpractice cases filed in Idaho is unknown because the state doesn't keep track of the numbers. Due to the court reporting system, malpractice complaints are grouped in with other personal-injury lawsuits, according to the

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Some information on doctors available

By Pat Marcantonio

Times-News writer

BOISE — Unlike new cars, doctors don't have stickers on their windows telling everything about them.

But a Boise attorney believes the public should have access to more information.

Dan Hawley suggests the state of Idaho adopt a law similar to one passed in Massachusetts last summer, which expands the amount of information you can obtain about physicians.

Don't expect to see any changes right away, although legislators on both sides of the fence are intrigued.

Rep. Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, is interested in the subject but says she wants more study before bringing anything to the Legislature. Without support of the medical industry, she

Doctor data

What you can obtain from the Idaho State Board of Medicine:

- Whether the physician has a valid license and when it was issued.
- Business address.
- Whether there has ever been a disciplinary action, but a copy of documents must be requested in writing.

What you can obtain from the California State Licensing Board:

- Whether the doctor has been disciplined.
- Where the doctor went to school, how long the doctor has practiced in California and whether the doctor has a valid license.

Any malpractice judgments over \$300,000.

Doctors and discipline

1995 disciplinary actions in Idaho:

- Surrendered or revocation of license: 1.
- License denied or withheld: 2.
- License restricted or limited: 7.
- Reprimands (specific information confidential): 35.
- Number of complaints: 92.
- To date, 1,899 licensed physicians have an Idaho address.

Source: State Board of Medicine.

believes, such a bill doesn't stand a chance.

Rep. William Sali, a conservative Republican from Meridian, also says he

wants discussion to start this year.

But attempts to move the proposal through the House last week didn't go

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\$200,000 for White House laundry move - and other goodies in the Clinton budget

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Forget the headline-grabbing deficit story. The big news in President Clinton's 1998 budget is that the White House wants \$2 million to modernize its information technology infrastructure and \$200,000 to renovate and relocate its laundry.

Those are among many nuggets buried in the 1,213-page appendix, a hefty tome that, if not exactly beach reading, nevertheless offers a unique guided tour of the nooks and crannies of the vast federal establishment.

Turn to page 621, and the National Park Service has included a pretty convincing pitch for its request for \$100 million more to operate the national parks: Only 37 percent of visitors rate the restrooms "very good," and fully 12 percent say they're "poor" or "very poor."

Elsewhere there is a closer-to-home reminder of the times we live in. The John

F. Kennedy Memorial Center for the Performing Arts wants \$500,000 for "anti-terrorism requirements." The federal judiciary is asking for an additional \$43 million to cover a 30 percent increase in security and protective services for the nation's courtrooms and court houses. And the Capitol Police, which got an added \$3.3 million last year for design and installation of security systems, are looking for \$2.5 million more for the same purpose.

The requests from departments and agencies were scoured by the Office of Management and Budget to eliminate, especially juicy targets for the Republican-controlled Congress.

Not the budget for Congress itself, however. By statute, the budget for the House and Senate is submitted with the rest of the president's budget, but is drawn up by the congressional bureaucracy and cannot be changed by OMB.

House salaries and expenses would rise 10 percent in 1998, from \$684 million to

\$752 million, under the proposal drafted by the House's chief administrative officer. That is a hefty hike when the rest of government is living under what amounts to a freeze.

In a statement last week, Rep. James T. Walsh, R.N.Y., who heads the appropriations subcommittee that reviews and often reduces the original House wish list, said the House and Senate must have "the staff and resources necessary to conduct the legislative business... but we must also be cost-effective."

GOP sources noted that one-quarter of the House staff was laid off after Republicans took power in 1995 and the overall legislative budget was cut by more than \$200 million.

But under the initial proposal for 1998, the allowance for representational expenses, including the hiring of clerks, official expenses and office mail, would jump from \$363 million this year to \$405 million, a 12 percent increase.

Have a talk with your water heater

Idaho Power tests plan to control home appliances with PCs

The Associated Press

BOISE — Idaho Power Co. has started a six-month experiment in controlling home appliances with personal computers. The goal is to find out whether consumers will pay for such a service.

Idaho Power Resources Corp. has purchased rights to a system manufactured by Tampa, Fla.-based TeCom Inc., and it has asked its employees to test the concept.

It works like this: A box containing a microprocessor is mounted outside a house near the power meter. Inside is a power-line modem that transmits signals from a power line to a personal computer, a meter module that stores information and several "smart devices" attached to the cords of appliances.

No rewiring of the house is needed to make the system operate. The modem simply plugs into a socket. The computer then communicates with the appliances by sending signals over the wiring to the house.

"When the system is installed and working, your home actually becomes a local area network," Mike Youngblood, a strategic planning associate for Idaho Power Resources, said Friday.

The system can be programmed by the homeowner so lights, water heaters, air conditioners and other appliances come on and go off at selected times. It can be used by vacationers to control house lights at night. Or it can be programmed so the coffee maker and hall lights come on just before a person gets up in the morning.

Idaho Power began installing the systems in employees' homes at the end of December. Nine systems now are installed.

"We think this system will end up costing between \$1,000 and \$2,000 to install in a home," Youngblood said. "But at this point, we really don't know."

Grieving families view wreckage of TWA Flight 800

The Associated Press

SMITHTOWN, N.Y. — Families of victims of TWA Flight 800 on Saturday toured the cavernous hangar where tons of broken metal, scorched seats and busted luggage pulled from the ocean floor have been reassembled.

Before entering, more than 130 relatives were shown pictures to prepare them and signed releases promising not to sue for mental distress from what they saw.

"They have the seats all lined up row by row... charred and busted up and mangled," said Stephanie Maranto, whose brother, Jamie Hurd, 29, of Severn, Md., was one of 230 people killed.

"You immediately run through your mind that these seats were full at one time, full of life, full of people and children and husbands and wives."

"It's so upsetting to see them sitting like that, completely empty and just broken to pieces," she said.

1998 budget plan	
Outlays	
Spending estimates for selected programs, in billions of dollars.	
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Military defense	
■	\$254.3
■	\$247.5
Education	
■	\$28.3
■	\$32.1
Health and Human Services	
■	\$351.1
■	\$376.1
Social Security Administration	
■	\$395.9
■	\$413.0

WEATHER

IDAHO Weather

Forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures

City	Temp
COEUR D'ALENE	30*
LEWISTON	32*
BOISE	33*
IDAHO FALLS	31*
TWIN FALLS	35*
POCATELLO	35*

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FORECAST

Source: National Weather Service

Magic Valley
Sunday sunny. Highs in the mid 30s; Northeast winds about 10 mph. Sunday night mostly clear. Increasing higher clouds toward morning. Lows 5 to 15 above. Monday mostly cloudy. Slight change of light snow. Highs in the mid to upper 30s.

Extended regional forecast
Tuesday through Thursday partly cloudy with areas of morning fog and low clouds each day. Lows 5 above to 15 east to the 20s in the west. Highs in the 30s east and 35 to 45 west.

Camas Prairie, Wood River Valley
Sunday patchy morning valley fog otherwise sunny. Highs in the 30s except 10 to 20 in the Camas Prairie. Sunday night early then increasing higher clouds. Patchy valley fog. Lows around 5 above except near 5 below in the Camas Prairie. Monday mostly cloudy. Slight change of flurries. High 30 to 35 except near 20 in the Camas Prairie.

Treasure Valley
Sunday patchy morning fog otherwise sunny. Highs around 40. Light winds. Sunday night increasing higher clouds. Patchy fog. Lows around 20. Monday mostly cloudy. Slight change of light snow. Highs around 40.

Sawtooth Mountains
Sunday mostly sunny. Patchy morning valley fog. Highs in the mid 20s to lower 30s except 10 to 20 in the salmon and Stanley basins. Sunday night mostly clear. Patchy valley fog. Lows near 15 below. Monday variable high clouds. Patchy morning valley fog. Highs 15 to 20.

A CROSS THE NATION

Rain, snow spread along East Coast; snow hits Sierras

The Associated Press

A storm spread snow and rain along the East Coast and Appalachians on Saturday, while heavy snow fell overnight in California's Sierra Nevada.

Snow fell from West Virginia and southern Pennsylvania across western Virginia, Maryland, Delaware and New Jersey through the New York City region.

Snowfall amounts were generally light and much of it melted as soon as it hit the ground, with about an inch by early afternoon in the Washington, D.C., area.

Snow also was likely into Sunday across parts of New England.

In warmer air farther south, showers and a few thunderstorms were scattered from Alabama and northern Florida through Georgia and South Carolina into North Carolina.

Wind gusts to more than 60 mph during a thunderstorm near Jacksonville, Fla.

In the West, a weak weather system produced a few light afternoon showers as it moved out of California's Sierra Nevada across southern Nevada into Utah and northern Arizona.

Parts of the Sierra got heavy snow overnight, with 5 to 10 inches in 24 hours around the Lake Tahoe area.

The lowest wind chill was 46 below zero at Jackson, Wyo.

ALMANAC

Idaho

City	Max	Min	Pcp	Yesterday	37	20
Boise	40	24	.....	Last year	24	19
Burley	41	18	.....	Normal	41	22-33
Fairfield	m	m	.....		
Gooding	m	m	.....		
Hagerman	m	23	.....	Normal to date	.....	20
Idaho Falls	33	10	.....	Water year to date	9.38	
Jerome	35	18	.....	Normal year to date	4.44	
Lewiston	31	30	.....		
Malad	28	4	.....		
Malta	43	14	.....	Humidity at noon	59	pt.
McCall	m	2	.....	Barometer at noon	30.11	R.
Pocatiello	35	10	.....	Fallen count: Reports ended	.....	unit last season.
Salmon	19	1	.....		
Stanley	m	23	.....	Courtesy Astoria and Magic of Idaho		
Sun Valley	m	m	.....		

Precipitation

Normal to date: 2.20
Water year to date: 9.38
Normal year to date: 4.44

Comfort factors

Humidity at noon: 59 pt.
Barometer at noon: 30.11 R.
Fallen count: Reports ended unit last season.

Courtesy Astoria and Magic of Idaho

NATIONAL Weather

The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Sunday, Feb. 9

FRONTS: COLD, WARM, STATIONARY

H I G H S & L O W S

Idaho: High, 43 degrees at Malta, Low, 23 below at Stanley. Nation: High, 88 at Vero Beach, Fla. Low, 35 below at West Yellowstone, Mont.

TEMPERATURES

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	45	24	.....
Atlanta	52	31	50-82
Boston	34	20	.....
Chicago	33	25	.04
Dallas	38	36	.....
Denver	38	8	.....
Des Moines	30	23	.26
Detroit	33	24	.....
Houston	82	68	.....
Houston	48	44	.....
Indianapolis	32	28	.....
Kansas City	30	22	.....
Las Vegas	54	34	.....
Los Angeles	64	49	.....
Los Angeles	51	37	.29
Miami Beach	65	70	.....
Milwaukee	30	26	.01
Minneapolis	23	4	.....
New Orleans	48	45	.20
New York	34	33	.11
New York	34	33	.11
Portland, Me.	28	17	.06
Portland, Ore.	43	34	.....
Reno	39	32	.41
San Antonio	62	47	.....
Salt Lake City	43	23	.03
San Francisco	59	45	.....
Seattle	40	40	.....
Spokane	32	15	.....
Washington, D.C.	35	34	.38

SKYWATCH

Sunset today 6:02 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:42 a.m.
Lunar phase: New, Feb. 7; first quarter, Feb. 14; full, Feb. 22; last quarter, March 2.

Visible planets: Morning: Mars, Mercury. Evening: Saturn, Mars.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Tune to the National Weather Service radio band at VHF-FM 162.4 or 162.55 MHz or call 334-9860. The Internet address for Idaho Transportation Department road reports is: <http://www.state.id.us/dot/dtimp.htm>

ROAD INFORMATION

For current road conditions call these numbers: Boise, 376-8028; Shoshone, 886-2266; Pocatello, 233-6274; Big Lost, 745-7278; Uta, 801-964-6006; the Elko, Nev., area, 702-738-8888.

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far, Hawley said. He will try the Senate next.

Access

Over the telephone, consumers can obtain the essentials about Idaho doctors from the State Board of Medicine, which licenses physicians. Detailed information about disciplinary action must be requested in writing.

In Massachusetts, the medical board is required to collect and make available to the public some of the following information about doctors:

- A description of convictions for felonies or serious misdemeanors, as determined by the board in the last 10 years.
- A description of disciplinary actions in the last 10 years from any state where the doctor has practiced.
- Court judgments, settlements or arbitrations of malpractice lawsuits and how they compare with those of other doctors in the same specialty. The pub-

lic also would be informed that a settlement may not necessarily be a negative reflection on the doctor's competence.

- A description of any hospital decision to revoke or restrict a doctor's privileges.
- Background information, including where a doctor graduated, a doctor's educational background, awards and publications and number of years in practice.

Pending investigations, claims or lawsuits would not be disclosed.

The doctors would be able to include information about medical accomplishments, such as a landmark publication, Hawley said. Altogether, it would provide a better picture of the physician patients trust with their lives.

"You want somebody to know who am I dealing with here," he said. "I don't think the good doctors will be offended about it."

"I think we should talk about it before we present it," Jaquet said. "I'd like to work on this over the summer. It's important to proceed slowly and have people behind us."

She also would like to see how the bill is working in Massachusetts, but doesn't want the issue dropped.

"I think people are interested. It's not like there is only one doctor in town now. I think people would want to know about the physician they have right now," she said.

"I'd at least like to get it printed and some discussion," Salt said.

He also wonders about cost of maintaining such an information system.

The best way to find out about a physician is to talk with other people in the community, he said.

"Has that physician been there for you?" Schuchman said. "Has he answered your questions?"

The board of medicine already collects a lot of information about physicians, but most of it is kept confidential.

"We investigate all applicants for medical licensure," said Darleene Thorsted, State Board of Medicine director.

The board won't disclose any information about malpractice judgments against physicians. And just one lawsuit, even if it involves a wrongful death, is not grounds to deny a license to practice medicine in Idaho, Thorsted says. The board would have to see a pattern of malpractice.

Information about malpractice lawsuits are open to the public through the courts, she said.

Hospitals have committees that review the background of doctors who want to have privileges there, said Steve Millard, president of the Idaho Hospital Association. The committee can tap a national data bank containing information about physicians.

Hospital medical-staff members also review other doctors, he said. The frequency of the reviews varies with the hospital.

In California, you can call a toll-free line to hear information about physicians.

Under a new law expanding public disclosure, counties must report malpractice judgments of more than \$300,000 filed after Jan. 7, 1991, to the state, said California licensing board spokeswoman Candis Colten in Sacramento, Calif.

Information about malpractice settlements or arbitrations are not available.

"Part of our problem is we will never know what we are not getting," she said. The line receives 200,000 calls annually — or about two for every physician working in California.

Circulation

Ty Ransdell, circulation director

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ROAD CONDITIONS

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Department of Transportation report Saturday:

Report Conditions:
U.S. 95 — Plummer-Canadian border, dry, icy spots; Riggs-Whitebird Hill, dry; Whitebird Hill, dry; Grandeville-Lewiston, icy spots; Lewiston-Moscow, dry; Weiser-New Meadows, dry, wet; Marsing-Oregon line, dry.
U.S. 12 — Lewiston-Kooskia, icy spots; Kooskia-Lowell, dry; Lowell-Pass, icy spots, rain.
Interstate 84 — Oregon line-Burley, dry; Burley-Utah line, dry, icy spots.
Idaho 55 — Horseshoe Bend-New Meadows, dry, icy spots.
Idaho 21 — Boise-Lowman, dry, icy spots; Lowman-Banner Summit, CLOSED by slides.
U.S. 20 — Mountain Home-Fairfield, dry; Fairfield, dry; Arco-Ashton, dry; Ashton-Montana line, icy spots, broken snow floor.
U.S. 26 — Idaho Falls-Wyoming line, dry; Blackfoot-Aren, dry.
Idaho 51 — icy spots.
U.S. 93 — Nevada line-Salmon, dry; Lost Trail Pass, icy spots, broken snow floor, snow floor.
Idaho 75 — Shoshone-Ketchum, dry; Galena Summit, icy spots, broken snow floor.
Interstate 86 — Utah line-Pocatello-Dubois, dry; Montida Pass, dry.
U.S. 30 — McCammon-Wyoming line, dry.
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Boise attorney pushes for more standardized treatment of cases

By Pat Marcantonio
Times-News writer

BOISE — Dan Hawley has lost faith in the medical profession's best efforts in the medical profession.

It's just shaken.
The Boise attorney was a special prosecutor in the case of former Rexburg doctor LaVar Withers, accused of sexually molesting more than 100 female patients.
With that case as the impetus, Hawley is lobbying for what he calls a standardized and more effective treatment of malpractice complaints.
As of Friday, Hawley was attempting to find a legislator to carry his proposal and he's not counting on it.
"It's just what we need to do," he said.

Prelitigation
Before you file a malpractice lawsuit against a doctor or hospital, your complaint must first be reviewed by a prelitigation screening panel organized by the State Board of Medicine, which licenses physicians. The panel must include one doctor and one lawyer. Its hearing is closed to the public, no record is kept of proceedings, and rulings are not binding.

Its purpose is to encourage parties to resolve differences outside of court and "in the public interest" to assure the availability of health care by assuring an a liability insurance-market at a reasonable cost to doctors and hospitals.
Hawley proposes eliminating the screening panel.
Instead, a person with a medical complaint would fill out a form made available at every doctor's office, hospital, clinic or any place health care is provided. The form must be returned

Screenings

- Medical complaint screenings
 - Number of screenings in 1995: 98
 - Complaints with merit: 81
 - Complaints without merit: 17
 - Complaints withdrawn, dismissed or settled: 24
- Source: Idaho State Board of Medicine.

within 180 days of when the injury occurred or was discovered.

A copy of the complaint also must be provided to the Board of Medicine, which would still retain authority for its own investigations of doctors, under the proposal.
A hospital or clinic governing board would be required to review the complaint against a doctor practicing medicine at the hospital. If the hospital finds problems, it will propose remedial or disciplinary actions and report those to the board of medicine.

The hospital must determine whether the doctor failed to meet the applicable "standard of care," resulting in the medical complaint, Hawley says. What constitutes standard-of-care, or accepted methods of treatment, would be better defined than in existing law, he adds.

If a hospital is accused of malpractice, the review would be made by the state medical board.
Hospitals would not be held liable if they inquire into the complaint within the month and report findings to the board, under the proposal.

"Instead of you going to find a lawyer, the hospital or whoever does the review would define the standard of care," Hawley said. "You put them in the business of

watching their doctors."

If the complaint is criminal in nature, such as in the Withers case, a copy of the complaint must be sent to a prosecuting attorney, he proposes.

Complaints against physician still would be confidential until there's been a determination of wrongdoing or otherwise, Hawley said. In addition, hospitals would be required to keep records of the complaints.
He expects a tough fight from the medical community.
"I would also expect to see an outpouring of grass roots support," he said. "A key factor in it is just making sure we do what we can to make sure that all attention to this medical problem."

Bad outcomes

"I think it's a very fine rule for Idaho. It has served the public as well as physicians," said Bob Seehusen, executive director of the Idaho Medical Association.

Prelitigation screening is effective and has shown that many people believe is malpractice really a "bad outcome," he said. "Often when people are not happy for whatever reasons, they want to sue."

Idaho Hospital Association president Steve Millard agrees.
Prelitigation reviews weed out frivolous cases and streamline the process, he said. The panels aren't obstacles to lawsuits because their findings are non-binding. "We see it as a very important piece of the puzzle."

Because patient concerns would be answered expeditiously, Hawley believes the number of malpractice lawsuits would decrease if his proposal is adopted.

"In the Withers case most of women just wanted him to admit it and apologize," Hawley said.

Clintons invite hundreds to spend night in years before '96 elections

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — In the two years before the November election, the president and Hillary Rodham Clinton arranged for as little as 577 friends and supporters to stay overnight at the White House, including many major party contributors referred by the Democratic National Committee, according to records obtained by the Los Angeles Times.
A steady procession of large donors was invited to stay in the historic Lincoln Bedroom and other quarters in the residence, the records and interviews show. During the campaign, they donated and raised millions of dollars for the Democratic Party and Clinton re-election effort.

Although many of the guests were longtime acquaintances of the first family, others were selected from donor lists submitted periodically by the DNC to the White House political affairs unit.
Administration officials said the Clintons' use of the White House to host overnight guests was entirely appropriate.
"There's no question that it is (an ego) stroke for political contributors and people involved in fund raising," said White House Press Secretary Mike McCurry. But, he added, "The president considered these folks personal guests, and he appreciated their interest and support. He was gracious enough to say thanks in a special way."

However, the large number of guests — far more than previously known — and the role of Democratic campaign officials in choosing some could heighten concerns that the White House systematically was being used in a Democratic fund-raising program to raise \$160 million for the

party's national campaign.

The Los Angeles Times obtained a White House document that lists 577 overnight stays in 1995 and 1996. Administration officials have declined comment on the number or names of the guests, citing privacy concerns. But it indicated that there may have been as many as 900 overnight guests during the entire first term.
"These numbers are staggering," said Charles Lewis, executive director of Citizens for Public Integrity, an independent watchdog group with expertise in campaign finance. "It should be alarming to the American people that the president of the United States was using the national symbol of our democracy as a way station for fat-cat donors like a Holiday Inn or Motel 6."

Already, Clinton and the Democrats have been criticized for a series of 103 coffee "klatches" in the White House Map Room for business executives, community leaders and supporters. Federal election records show that donors who attended the coffee receptions gave \$27 million to the DNC in 1995 and 1996.

Other perquisites extended to donors and prospects included trips to the Air Force Club, a round of golf with the president and invitations to state dinners and the White House movie theater, according to

Democratic sources.
The Democratic Party's fund-raising methods are under scrutiny in Congress and the Justice Department. Criminal investigators are examining a number of illegal or questionable contributions from foreign sources. Senate and House committees are exploring the alleged misuse of government property and personnel for fund-raising purposes.

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Malpractice

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Idaho Supreme Court.
The vast majority aren't coming to a lawyer because they don't think they have a chance," Pedersen said.

The locality rule

So you believe a doctor or hospital injured you or even caused the death of a family member through negligence.
To win your case, you must prove through evidence and an expert witness that the defendant breached what the law calls "the applicable standard of health care practice of a community."

It's also known as the locality rule and to plaintiff lawyers, it's a tough rule.

The rule says expert witnesses must be familiar with the type of medical care administered in a community, defined as the geographic area served by a licensed hospital. In case law, an expert certified in the same specialty as the defendant doctor must call a local doctor to determine whether the local care is different than national standards for that specialty.

For patients, it can be difficult to find local experts to testify against fellow community physicians, Pedersen said.

"What it means on its face is the people who can testify are the people in the community and in most Idaho communities there might be only three or four people practicing the same brand of medicine," he said. "(And) if you don't have a witness you can't win."
In fairness, he has found community doctors to testify, Pedersen said. But the locality rule amounts to a strike against an injured person.

"If somebody repairs your car and leaves the piston rings out and you want to sue the guy for the mistake he made for the

rebuilding of the engine the second time, you don't have to get another mechanic to say he ... breached the standard by forgetting to put the rings back in," he said.

In addition, Pedersen said, a car owner doesn't have to hire an out-of-state expert who would testify in local mechanics and ask how they would fix cars. It's an "absurd position," he said.
"That's baloney," Seehusen said. "The trial lawyers never tire of the type of some expert from somewhere. They look at what the standards are and they say they are an expert."

The locality rule appeared in the 1930s. The laws were later dropped, then brought back to life in the late 1970s by doctors complaining of skyrocketing insurance premiums from malpractice lawsuits, Pedersen said.

Cases can be won, though.
In 1992, Pedersen won a \$2.5 million award for a Bonners Ferry family against a doctor.
"I had to find an expert physician from similar communities to testify. In one of his cases, a judge allowed the plaintiff's expert to testify about community standard of care after studying a local hospital training manual and medical rules."

But if the locality rule is closely finetuned, it's a problem, Pedersen said.
"If they construe it that narrowly what it amounts to is that these doctors are standards unto themselves. Whatever they do is the standard," he said.

No one's fault

The locality rule is important in a rural state, Seehusen said. A family physician delivering a baby at Soda Springs should face the same standard as a board-certified obstetrician in an urban area.
"It basically provides some fairness or at least who can do the best they can in a rural area," he said.

Often patients confuse a bad result with negligence, he says. But even with technology, bad things happen.

Years ago, the loss of a child at birth was considered unusual. With technology, now it's a rare tragedy. "But it doesn't necessarily mean it was malpractice," he said.

Physicians aren't given special treatment under the law, Seehusen contends. Attorneys are allowed protected conversations with their clients.

"I think that's unethical as hell," Seehusen said. "Certainly, there is some support among physicians for one another because so many physicians have seen lots of lawsuits. Is there less and less of that than just a few years ago?"

Yes, Seehusen says, partly because of more peer review and sensitivity.
"Malpractice cases are difficult because they are complex. And they are hard but they should be, too," said Steve Millard, president of the Idaho Hospital

Association. For example, an injury may not be anyone's fault.
"Medicine is an imperfect science," he said. "It's getting better all the time."

Pedersen doesn't expect the Legislature ever will change the malpractice law because of politics. Change will have to come from higher courts ruling the locality law is off base, he said. "Without a revamping, he claims that quality of care will decline."

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Clinton issues school computer grants

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton released Saturday the first of a \$200 million program of grants to provide schools with computers and Internet training.

"That's how we must prepare our children for the 21st century — with the full promise of the information Age at their fingertips," Clinton said in announcing the first wave of grants by the Education Department.

In his weekly radio address, the president touted new data showing that 65 percent of schools were connected to the computer Internet as of last fall, compared with 35 percent in 1994. "We are making a lot of progress," he said.

But the Education Department survey of more than 900 public

schools also found that just one in five teachers used advanced telecommunications, and only 13 percent of public schools required teacher training in the technology.

Schools with the highest concentration of poverty and those in the most rural areas are also lagging far behind in computer access, the survey found.

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The new "technology literacy" grants, which are expected to fund programs in each of the 50 states by year's end, target disadvantaged school districts. Illinois, Mississippi and New Mexico will share the first installment of federal funds — a total of \$14.3 million — to buy classroom computers, provide Internet access and train teachers to use it.

Breakfasting with Albright, Bush cites chemical ban support

HOUSTON (AP) — In a staged show of bipartisanship, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and former President Bush stood shoulder-to-shoulder Saturday to urge a reluctant Senate to ratify a global treaty banning chemical weapons.

"I have a certain feeling of fatherhood for that," said Bush, who pushed hard to complete the Chemical Weapons Convention while he was in office.

The treaty banning chemical weapons takes effect April 28 regardless of what the United States does. By ratifying it before that date, the United States would be able to participate in setting enforcement guidelines.

Over a breakfast of bacon and eggs at Bush's home, Albright and Bush discussed a range of foreign policy topics, including the Clinton administration's battle to win increased spending for foreign affairs.

Later, Bush told reporters, "There is a stupid feeling in some quarters that we don't have any more threats in the world" and thus can afford to reduce U.S. diplomatic presence abroad.

"We do start in our own rather generations to come," he said.

Albright made a point of visiting Bush to highlight the administration's focus on bipartisanship in the outset of President Clinton's second term. Clinton needs Republican support to win authorization of the chemical arms treaty.

Opposition in Congress led by Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, who argues that the treaty cannot be adequately enforced.

Asked whether he would press Helms to put the treaty to a Senate vote, Bush said, "I'm out of the lobbying business," but added he hoped Helms would listen to his and Albright's remarks today.

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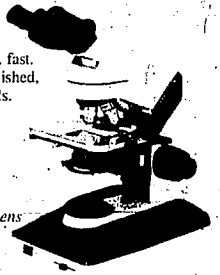
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- "Stress Reduction" by Debi Klimes, Director of Center for New Directions
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NATION

Teen charged in baby's death coaching soccer

WYCKOFF, N.J. (AP) — The teenager accused of killing his newborn son will be coaching youth soccer while courtiers await his murder trial.

Facing a possible death sentence if convicted, Brian C. Peterson accepted arraignment from his high school soccer coach to help out with a youth soccer club.

Soccer coach Evon Baumgarten was one of several people who

were called to testify at a Delaware judge's arraignment of Peterson's 16-year-old son.

Peterson, 18, used his Grossberg High School soccer coach, Roy Grossberg, 45, as a witness to testify to their separate New Jersey arrests last week.

They were charged with murder in November for allegedly killing their infant son, some doctors birth in a Delaware motel room and dumping the body in a trash bin.

They were jailed until Jan. 21, when a judge set bond at \$300,000 each. Trial is set for 3 months and the charges could carry the death penalty.

Delaware prosecutors weren't worried about him coaching.

"I have no problem with what he is doing as long as we know where he's doing it," said Delaware Deputy Attorney General Peter Leung.

Peterson had just started

school at Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania and Grossberg had begun classes at the University of Delaware when she had the baby in a Newark, Del., motel Nov. 12.

Authorities said the full-term baby was healthy but suffered a skull fracture and had been shaken.

Bail arrangements require the teens to wear monitoring ankle bracelets. They are allowed to be free from home confinement between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

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Experts: Case may inspire civil suits

LOS ANGELES (AP) — When the relatives of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman turned to the city courts to fight a wrong they believed was done by a criminal jury, it was a fairly unusual step.

Now experts think their high-profile success could lead others to do the same.

"There's no way to ask every victim if they're somehow influenced by the Simpson case," said Thomas Nelson, an attorney for the National Victim Center in Arlington, Va. "But I'm willing to bet the exposure of these issues through the Simpson civil case will encourage victims to consider it."

A civil jury last week found O.J. Simpson liable for the deaths of his ex-wife and her friend, awarding \$6.5 million in compensatory damages. Jurors' reasons: deliberations. Whether one potentially influences the practice changes.

The Simpson case is a constellation of separate lawsuits by Goldman's estranged parents, Sharon Stone and Fred Goldfarb, and by Li Ling and Justine Brown on behalf of the Simpsons' estate. It began shortly in 1992, even before the start of the criminal trial that ended in Simpson's acquittal.

Several high-profile civil cases preceded Simpson. New York City

subway gunman Bernhard Goetz was acquitted in criminal court but lost a \$43 million civil case to one of four young blacks he shot. Claus von Bülow, convicted and then acquitted of trying to kill his wife Sunny, lost her money to his stepchildren in civil court. Mike Tyson did prison time in addition to settling a civil lawsuit by the beauty queen he raped.

Nelson's group said that of 2,520 wrongful death cases arising from criminal violence in 1994, just 200—or 12 percent—were brought by victims' families against alleged perpetrators.

Train derails, spilling coal in Missouri

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — Twenty-five cars of a coal train derailed Saturday morning near the Missouri Capitol, spilling coal on tracks along the Missouri River. No one was injured.

Three rail cars fell over and 22 more were piled up about a half-mile from the Capitol. Each car carried about 100 tons of coal, but authorities weren't sure how much spilled. None went into the river.

"It's a big mess. The cars look like a toy train set thrown around, just a life-sized version," said Kelly Toebben, who walked to the tracks to take pictures of the wreckage.

The 112-car Union Pacific Railroad train was en route from the Powder River Basin near Gillette, Wyo., to a coal export facility in Chester, Ill., railroad spokesman Mark Davis said.

The cause of the accident had not been determined.

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EDITORIAL

In phone rates, the good news is the bad news

Magic Valley, you're getting what you asked for: higher phone bills. What's that, you say? You thought you asked for LOWER phone bills, in the form of toll-free calling among Magic Valley towns? Well, you asked for both, and you're getting both, in a manner of speaking. While your long-distance bill decreases, your basic phone rate will leap as much as \$4 percent.

Whether the good news outweighs the bad depends on your personal calling habits. Such is economic reality, in which few blessings are unmixed, and no lunches are free.

The Public Utilities Commission ruling that creates an extended local-calling area for the Magic Valley is enormously popular. A grass-roots petition drive by a pair of determined Jerome residents collected more than 13,000 signatures. A public hearing drew a throng of supporters, with scarcely a discouraging word of opposition.

The rule change both reflects and enhances the behavioral trends that are turning the valley into a single community. Lots of people work, shop and socialize outside their hometowns. Lots of companies do business regionally. (This newspaper is one of them.) The change makes calling less expensive for both groups - and therefore encourages more people and businesses to behave that way.

In our new toll-free region, we may see more fluid commerce among our various towns. With that may come less parochial thinking, and perhaps less of the pettiness that sometimes hampers cooperation among local governments. And people probably will keep in better touch with friends and relatives in nearby towns.

All these developments plainly are good things. But not every effect of toll-free calling will be good for everyone involved.

If toll-free calls encourage people in

the valley's smaller communities to do more shopping in Twin Falls, the merchants in those smaller towns may be regretting the change. And, while Twin Falls merchants may benefit, Twin Falls residents are now unwittingly subsidizing their rural neighbors' conversations.

To understand why, just follow the money. Paying for those toll-free calls requires raising everyone's basic phone service - from the previous \$10 or \$11 a month (or thereabouts) to about \$15.65. Look at your old phone bills. Do you typically spend more than \$4 or \$5 a month making long-distance calls inside the Magic Valley? If you don't, from now on you'll subsidize people who do.

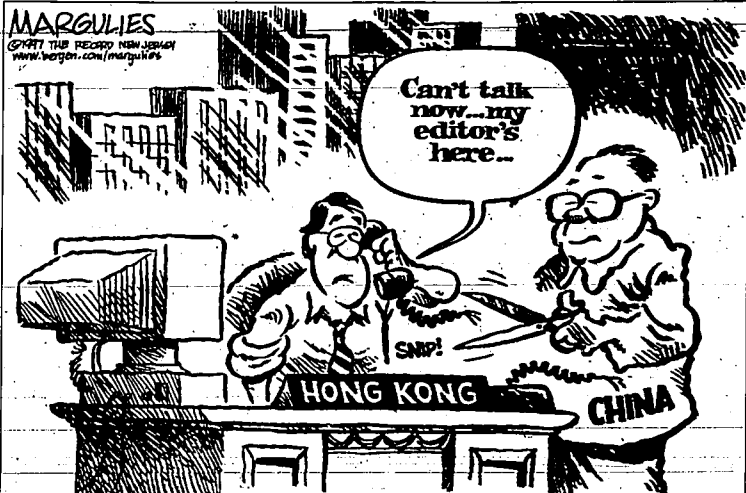
Generally speaking, it's a reasonable guess that this change will mostly benefit residents of the valley's smaller towns, if they typically make a lot of calls to Twin Falls and other communities. The losers generally will be Twin Falls residents, who have less reason to call those outlying towns.

Of course, that won't be true in every case. If you live in Wendell but are naturally taciturn, you may not get your \$5 worth of benefit. If you're talkative in Twin Falls, you may get more.

And, in the short term, it won't make much difference. The phone company has stored up several million dollars worth of revenue, which now will come back to customers as a \$3.62 monthly credit. So, till that stored-up money is gone, your actual cost increase will be only a buck or two.

But remember - that stored-up money isn't charity from the phone company. The phone company got it from you in the first place.

All of which leads back to the original point. An expanded toll-free area is a handy convenience and a tremendous lubricant for intercommunity commerce. But it's a long way from being free.



Little will change in Hong Kong on July 1

HONG KONG - You quickly discover here a strong consensus about what will happen when China resumes control July 1: Almost nothing. Business will still thrive; Hong Kong's 6.3 million people will still enjoy personal liberties closer to Britain's than China's.

The recent proposal from China to curb some freedoms triggered diplomatic protests, but it didn't deflate the local optimism. Since year-end 1995, the stock market has risen 84 percent. Real estate prices are up. More people are moving in than out. Although this confidence may prove naive, it seems genuine.

"Hong Kong people are practical - they want to make money and have a rising standard of living," says Robert M. head of Sino Land, a large real estate developer. Ng's betting on it. His company recently bought a major hotel and office building. Public opinion supports the handover - with some anxieties. The Hong Kong Transition Project finds that 48 percent of the population favors reunification, though big minorities support remaining a British colony (18 percent) or becoming an independent nation (17 percent). Project director Michael DeGolyer says that specific worries - about repression and corruption from China - have grown. Still, two thirds of respondents express optimism that the transfer will go smoothly.

There is an almost palpable eagerness



ROBERT J. SAMUELSON

to take control. Listen to Anthony Neah, a lawyer who belongs to both the U.S. and British bars and heads the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission. "When I think of 1997, I don't just think about Hong Kong," he said in 1996. "I also think about China, its reunification and the Chinese race. People are still very patriotic, even here, and that helps us to forget about the present problems and antagonism."

What reinforces this feeling is self-interest: Hong Kong's economy is now completely intertwined with China's. This was not true 20 years ago. Hong Kong had built its success on inexpensive exports - clothes, toys, electronics. But since the early 1980s, when China began its economic reforms, Hong Kong companies have moved hundreds of plants to the mainland to take advantage of low labor costs. In adjoining Guangdong province, Hong Kong-controlled companies employ an estimated 4 million workers.

Hong Kong's re-exports - goods generally shipped to and from China - now total five times its own exports. Manufacturing represents only 9 percent of the

city's output (gross domestic product). To challenge the handover might jeopardize this prosperity.

Of course, that could happen anyway. If the political climate sours, it could trigger an exodus of people or businesses. The Sino-Anglo Agreement of 1984 that set the terms for the transfer reflected Beijing's policy of "one country, two systems" for 50 years. China would control defense and foreign affairs, while allowing Hong Kong to maintain its own laws, courts, currency and passports. But there are no guarantees. After the transfer, China can effectively do anything.

There are reasons it might not do much. It needs Hong Kong economically and sees the special relationship as a model for Taiwan, another bit of territory China is determined to reclaim. Against this logic is China's immense fear that Hong Kong will become a breeding ground for subversion. Britain and China have studied over changes that one of them is breaking the original agreement.

Whatever happens, the symbolism of the transfer is undeniable. A century ago, Britain was the world's greatest power with an enormous empire. Now China is emerging as one of the great powers of the 21st century. The royal yacht Britannia is being dispatched to fetch the last departing governor. The trip will be the last before being decommissioned.

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LETTERS

Send letters of acts of kindness

The members of the Twin Falls Board of County Commissioners have declared 1997 as the Year of the Family in Twin Falls County. With that declaration, a theme has been determined for each month throughout the year. February is "Random Acts of Kindness" month.

These are acts of kindness in progress - and those just waiting to happen in our community. In fact, there is one happening every minute! It's just that we don't hear about them as loudly as we hear about the crimes, the pain or the suffering of our community. But in some dark alley, on some isolated highway and - I venture to say - in our very own back yards, an act of kindness is creating a smile, lifting a spirit, moving a mountain, but not making the news.

As a member of the planning committee for the Year of the Family, I would like to encourage letters to the editor about random acts of kindness of which you have been the recipient, the perpetrator or merely a witness. I know the community will be uplifted to hear from you!

RENEIDA GRUPE
Community Resource
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Profanity, alcohol hurt skiing trip

My sons, ages 7 and 9, and I skied at Soldier on Jan. 25, the day of the grand opening, and were very impressed.

Anyone else who skied there that day had to have been impressed as well - negatively impressed! Foul language

from the "events announcer" hung in the air and choked us like Los Angeles smog.

Our family loves to ski. The physical exercise is wonderful, and we always head home from a day on the mountain rather refreshed. On that particular day, however, we headed home, not refreshed but very depressed.

The boys said, "What will Mom say?" I was feeling ripped off. I now wonder just what was so "grand" about this opening. Management made no apparent effort to curb the profanity. Will this be typical of the new management? Were the obscene language and the abundance of alcohol on the hill that day to be an indication of what we can expect from the new Soldier Mountain Resort?

We used to be able to trust "Soldier" as a place to take the family. Now I wonder.

TOM ZUIDERVELD
Hagerman

Northside Internet server great

In your recent articles regarding America On Line connection problems, you have mentioned several locally based Internet servers. I would like to add one more to the list, which is on the north side, thereby providing toll-free service to those of us north of the rim.

Northrim Communications in Wendell is a new service which has worked efficiently and promptly since it began last summer. Folks on the north side might want to check it out.

JERRY LEGGITT
Jerome

Poaching criminals need tough new message

The 4,500 members and affiliated club members of the Idaho Wildlife Federation are serious about going after poachers. As tough new anti-poaching legislation is being introduced in the Idaho Legislature, the need for it becomes more critical.

Recent illegal killing of elk in central Idaho, on top of the killings in the Owyhees, only shows the arrogance of the criminals who prey illegally on Idaho's wildlife. These growing, tragic violations make very clear the simple fact that the time has come not just for "tougher" laws but for truly strong legislation which can literally put these criminals in their place.

Legislation now being proposed in the Legislature does just that. It tells would-be criminals specifically what Idahoans will not tolerate with respect to illegal killing of wildlife. Then, if violators are convicted, the legislation hits them hard in their pocketbooks and how they live. But, in the tradition of Idaho independence, the proposed legislation also makes allowances for legitimate exceptions and honest mistakes.

First, the new proposal specifically tells would-be poachers that their behavior will not be tolerated by spelling out what actions constitute flagrant violations. These actions include spotlighting, hunting, fishing or trapping with a revoked license; making up a big game animal during a closed season; taking any

READER COMMENT

Don Zuck

game animal, excluding big game, when the number of animals harvested exceeded twice the daily bag or possession limit; and unlawfully taking two or more big game animals.

Next, the proposed legislation hits poachers in their pocketbooks by increasing amounts to be reimbursed for poaching. For example, the reimbursable damages for three elk illegally killed during a 12-month period would be \$3,500 calculated as follows: \$300 for the first elk, \$1,000 for the second elk and \$2,000 for the third elk. This is a significant increase compared with the penalty now on the books which only requires payment of \$500 per illegally taken elk.

Finally, two new provisions in the proposed legislation tell poachers that Idahoans will not tolerate further criminal behavior. Penalties are provided for revoking the offender's hunting, fishing and trapping privileges for anywhere from one year to life. The legislation goes on to state, "Further, the court may order the forfeiture of any or all property used in the commission of, or obtained as the result of, any violation."

Would-be poachers may think twice if the consequences of their actions may include no more hunting and fishing for

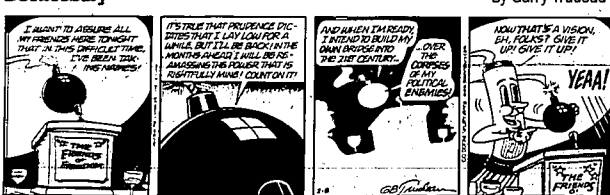
the rest of their lives or the potential loss of their firearm or vehicle. Since states have the ability to craft laws not used in the commission of these crimes. This provision is necessary to send the right message to poachers - we as law-abiding citizens mean business.

In the true tradition of Idaho tolerance and independence, it is important to note that these penalties set minimum and maximum limits. The proposed legislation allows for the fact that honest mistakes can be made and that there may be unforeseen circumstances, events or other exceptions. No citizen is subject to any penalties without due process, but true violators will be much less likely to commit a violation again, and the criminals who would waste and prey upon our precious wildlife will know that they will pay a severe price for doing so.

When this proposed anti-poaching legislation becomes law, Idaho will join 16 other states in allowing for confiscation of property and a majority of other states with stiff penalties for revocation of hunting and fishing privileges and forfeiture of firearms. The confiscating legislation is the only one which makes enforcement of this legislation valid. Valid for our wildlife and vital for our way of life. If we are to keep both, we must send this tough new message to the criminals among us.

Don Zuck of Twin Falls is a board member of the Idaho Wildlife Federation.

Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

LETTERS

Balanced budget could violate amendment

Privatization good for golf
 Recently, considerable discussion concerning the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course has occurred within the Twin Falls City Council and as further related through the press. Twin Falls is necessarily committed to a number of public areas and conveniences for its citizenry, and rightfully so. I do not feel, however, the golf course should be a city responsibility when, in particular, it has negative impact on the city budget.

Perhaps a good solution to the problem is to consider privatization. The golf course is valuable property and undoubtedly could be sold for a good price. This would accomplish several things, but monetarily there are at least three good points for consideration:

- Release of cash/capital infusion from its sale entering into the city budget.
 - Release of city accountabilities for operation costs.
 - Being of privatization, rather than taking from the city, allows the gaining of property tax and other business tax revenues.
- I realize this idea will cause concern among many golfers who currently use this course, but with everything being equal, private enterprise can offer as good or better than a city-subsidized program. Too, with other golf competitors in the area, it's a good idea that a privatized Twin would remain competitive with its facilities, fees, tee times, etc.

So why not privatize the course? By not wanting to hurt the golfers and, best of all, it will be a real good move for the taxpayer.
CHARLES AIRHART
 Twin Falls

Seniors welcome funds
 Clarification of United Way funding to the Twin Falls Senior Center. The Twin Falls Senior Citizen Board deeply appreciates the funding that was provided to the Twin Falls Senior Center by the United Way, the contributors and the public.

The funding provided by the United Way supports the Home Delivered Meals program, along with state and federal monies, which enables so many elderly to remain at home. We support the United Way in its distribution of funds as fair and just. We hope to continue a working relationship with the United Way.

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the organizations that operate the "care homes" should be regulated and undoubtedly could be sold for a good price. This would accomplish several things, but monetarily there are at least three good points for consideration:

Same old speaker back
 Newt's back, and it is the same old Speaker Gingrich. The liberals place on the community they locate in.

JOHN W. WRIGHT
 Wendell

No discussion, no debate, just attack. All liberals are thugs and anyone who disagrees with Newt is a liar. Russ Limbaugh read the Gingrich directory and loved it. Liberal liar is half of the fat man's vocabulary.

No, Professor Gingrich wrote a book but not he didn't. It was ghost written, but he had a sale for it to Rupert Murdoch for \$4 million. Rupert Murdoch is a press mogul who wanted to rely on Newt's voting power as speaker in exchange for the \$4 million. It was published for a lesser figure.

I also want to ask my Republican friends if any of them read Professor Gingrich's pompous piece of intellectual trash, which he called "Renewal of America."

Nobody read the book but me, and for those who do like to read, I recommend Al Franken's "Rush Limbaugh is a Big Fat Liar." Franken's book is, of course, intellectually sound, describes real facts and is funny as can be.
LLOYD J. WALKER
 Twin Falls

A mending the Constitution is something Americans are leath to do; only 27 amendments have been ratified in the past 200+ years. Now Congress is considering a 28th: a balanced-budget amendment. While the Senate's vote will not be taken until for a while, and the amendment's passage is not a sure thing, we should consider carefully the possible consequences of adopting it.

Of all the issues that have arisen in the debate over the amendment, there is one that looms but is ignored: What will be the remedy for a violation of the amendment?

Consider the following scenario: The amendment is passed and ratified by the states. A few years hence, the nation experiences a severe economic downturn. In typical fashion, the federal government feels that it must do something. It decides to pass a series of deficit-spending measures in hopes of stimulating the economy, but in doing so it violates the amendment. A member of Congress goes to court (it is unclear whether a taxpayer would have standing to sue) to seek enforcement.

The tricky federal judge in whose court the suit is brought is faced with a number of equally unpalatable choices. Does she enjoin Congress from implement-

BRANNON P. DENNING

ing its legislation? Does she order across-the-board budget cuts to bring the budget into compliance with the amendment? Such judicial involvement in the setting of budgetary priorities certainly raises separation of powers' questions and seems to strain the institutional competence of the judiciary. However, she could do nothing by declaring the matter a "political question," leaving it to the other branches of government to settle.

If our hypothetical judge chooses the latter course of least resistance, we should ask ourselves: What good is

the amendment? Congress' message to the electorate with the amendment's proposal is "Stop us before we spend again." Yet without any real enforcement mechanism, the amendment is little more than an exercise in constitutional graffiti.

Congress gets credit for sending the amendment to the states, secure in the knowledge that its members will never really have to make hard choices. If times are tough, they can just declare an emergency and ignore the Constitution. Such a cavalier attitude does nothing to sustain respect for the Constitution's other provisions.


If we really want a balanced budget (and the attendant tough choices that accompany it), then it is our duty to elect members of Congress who will pledge to take responsibility

for those choices.

Brannon P. Denning is a lawyer in Memphis, Tenn. He wrote this for the Los Angeles Times.

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Big battle erupts over tobacco bill

BOISE (AP) — The agenda posted for Friday's meeting of the House State Affairs Committee said one proposed bill was "to deny teens access to tobacco."

Opponents of the legislation argued it was anything but that, contending the tobacco industry-sponsored measure would actually give minors more chances to smoke.

After a long battle, the committee abruptly adjourned because the full House was about to go into session, rather than vote on a motion to reject the legislation.

"It would weaken the laws, not strengthen them," said Dr. David McClusky, Twin Falls surgeon. "I am here because of my passion for the youth of Idaho. I see what tobacco does to people in Idaho."

Jennifer Lindsay, president of the Idaho Retailers Association

presented the bill before the committee was presented by veteran tobacco lobbyist Bill Roden. It would ease some of the restrictions on machine vending of tobacco and other sales of tobacco products. Opponents also claimed that the changes would make unannounced compliance visits to stores optional, not mandatory.

Freshman Rep. Sylvia McKague, R-Meridian, told McClusky, "I don't see all the bogymen in this bill that you do."

Jennifer Lindsay, president of the Idaho Retailers Association, said her members support the bill.

"We work hard to educate our clerks about the problems of selling to minors," she said. "Education and training are the keys to preventing sales to minors."

Selma Carver Shaw, vice president of the Idaho Cancer Society, said the Roden proposal would "weaken, repeal and remove the laws we have now in place to keep tobacco from minors."

Rep. Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, finally made a motion to reject the legislation. After listening to McClusky, Carver Shaw and others, he said, "I'm in doubt that what we are doing is good for the youth of the state. I think there's a question here."

The session finally ended with Newcomb's motion pending.

Bill would make having a bomb a felony

BOISE (AP) — It isn't against the law in Idaho to possess a bomb, but it might be soon.

The House Judiciary and Rules Committee on Friday approved introduction of legislation making it a felony to possess destructive devices. The statute would include possible penalties of up to five years in prison and a \$5,000 fine.

If the destructive device or bomb is used, the potential penalties could be life in prison and a fine of \$25,000.

Rigby teen faces 10 years for role in killing

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Rigby teen-ager Thomas Paul Lundquist faces 10 years to life in prison after being convicted of first-degree murder and robbery for his role in the shooting death of a convenience store clerk that involved a former Twin Falls youth.

A nine-woman, three-man jury selected in Boise found Lundquist guilty on Friday after three days of testimony before 7th District Judge Brent Moss.

No sentencing date was immediately set.

Lundquist, 17, waited in a getaway car while fellow Rigby teenagers Christopher Thomas

Shunahan, formerly of Twin Falls, and Benjamin "B.J." Jenkins entered the Grant Store and killed 41-year-old Fidelis Tomchak of Idaho Falls on Nov. 10, 1995.

Prosecutors said Lundquist's involvement in a robbery that resulted in a slaying fell under Idaho's felony murder law.

Jenkins, 16, pleaded guilty on Dec. 30 to a lesser charge of second-degree murder and robbery. Shunahan, 17, pleaded guilty Jan. 21 to first-degree murder and robbery. Both agreed to testify against Lundquist, and in Shunahan's case prosecutors agreed not to seek the death penalty.

Second-degree murder is punishable by 10 years to life in prison. Shunahan confessed to shooting Tomchak in the back of the head and taking money and cigarettes from the store.

Jenkins went into the store with Shunahan to distract Tomchak during the robbery.

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Cactus Petes plans 40th bash

The Times-News
JACKPOT—They'll remember you in 40 years if you attend the Cactus Petes 40th anniversary celebration Monday.
The casino is assembling a time capsule to be opened for its 80th anniversary, in 2036,

according to a company news- release.
Guests of the anniversary celebration will be invited to record their anecdotes about Cactus Petes history on either a scroll or a video camera. The scroll and video will be sealed in the time capsule along with memorabilia,

from the casino's anniversary year.
Twin Falls Mayor Jeff Gooding, Vice Mayor Art Franz, City Council representatives and Kent Just of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce will attend Monday's ceremony.

Elmore County commissioners set public meeting

The Times-News
MOUNTAIN HOME - Elmore County commissioners will meet at 8:30 a.m. Monday. The public is invited.
Business items include a scale for the Glenns Ferry landfill; a letter-of-request from the Watersheds Board to appoint two new members; a tax-cancellation request from the treasurer for Transport Petroleum Sales; a tax-cancellation request for a person-

al/mobile home; and a one-on-one mentoring program's letter and copy of the mentors' names and budget.
County officials meet with the planning and zoning commission at 10:30 a.m. to discuss mobile homes, followed by discussion on extrication funding and a jail inspection.
In the afternoon, the phone system, Sprung Instant Structures and mental health are on the agenda. Prosecutor Steven

Warrick will present legal opinions regarding a moratorium ordinance for mobile homes and a contract with engineer Gil Walker.
Executive sessions will begin at 3:15 and 3:45 p.m. for the presentation of new indigent cases and an indigent reimbursement hearing, respectively.
Funding for the juvenile detention center will be addressed at 4:15 p.m., and a public session at 5 p.m. will conclude the meeting.

University of Idaho professor's publication tracks mushrooms

MOSCOW (AP) - It's not clear who's the invader in this story - deadly mushrooms spreading like killer bees or ignorant eaters picking up the forest floor for fungi forays.
Either way, the results have been tragic.
More than 20 people have been hospitalized in California over the last two years. All are believed to have eaten what is commonly referred to as the death cap, *Amanita phalloides*.

rosette, but in this case the players don't know the *psm* is loaded.
The latest California mushroom scare involves at least nine people, including one of the heirs of the Sebastiani wine family. He died and the other victims were treated for liver damage.
As described by California physician Bill Freedman in the article "Recent *Amanita phal-*

loides Poisonings," available in *Mushroom* the Journal's Summer 1996 issue, toxins from the death cap are brought by blood from the intestines to the liver.
Some toxicologists believe if too many death caps are consumed nothing can prevent the destruction of the liver and - without a transplant - death.
Diarrhea, nausea and vomiting are the first signs of poisoning. The fungus it takes the symptoms to arrive. Vergerer wrote in 1984, the less chance there was of a severe poisoning. Fifteen hours is relatively good; four hours is bad.
Northwesterners shouldn't expect to see death caps in Idaho or Washington - yet.

So far we have never found them in Idaho. Fortunately oaks are not native. Just a few hardwoods are native to this state. But there's always a chance. They grow on the roots on all oak species.
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lives in Moscow, Idaho. He helped treat another 14 Laotians in 1983 who were poisoned after eating a meal with the mushrooms.
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SERVICES

Lenore Neilson, of Shoshone and formerly of Paul, 10:30 a.m. Monday, Shoshone LDS Ward Chapel. Burial will follow at the Parker Cemetery in Parker, Idaho. Friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. today, Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, and from 8:30 to 10:15 a.m. Monday at the church.
John Robert Hinton, of Hazelton, 1 p.m. Monday, White Mortuary, Twin Falls. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today and one hour before the funeral on Monday at the funeral chapel.
Harold E. "Bud" Young, of Meridian and formerly of

Gooding and Sagle, memorial service, Saturday, Church of the Nazarene, Gooding. An additional memorial service will be held in the spring at Sandpoint.

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DEATH NOTICES

John A. Clark
OAKLEY - John A. Clark, 97, of Oakley, died Saturday, Feb. 8, 1997, at his home.
Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Payne Mortuary in Burley.
Wayne K. Davis
BOISE - Wayne K. Davis, 72, of Boise, died Thursday, Feb. 6, 1997,

The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at the LDS Church on Warm Springs Avenue, with Bishop Ron Ellsworth of the Boise 1st Ward officiating. Burial will follow at 4 p.m. Monday at the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Relyea Funeral Home in Boise or one hour before the funeral at the church.

Edmond Balance of Rupert; Lori Jolley of Paul, and LaShanda Allen of Owyhee, Nev.
Brandon Plecher, Connie Fries and Yolanda Victoria, all of Rupert; Betty Holly of Murtaugh; Monica Gallegos of Burley; and LaShanda Allen of Owyhee, Nev.

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OBITUARIES

BUHL
Castleford Methodist Church. Burial will follow at the West End Cemetery in Buhl. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.
Memorials are suggested to either the Buhl or Gooding Quick Response Unit.
Charles A. Latham
Charles Albert Latham, 81, of Buhl, died Friday, Feb. 7, 1997, at the Gooding County Hospital in Gooding.
He was born March 7, 1915, at Butler, Mo., to Elmer and Emma Gough Latham. He graduated from Kimberly High School in 1933. University of Washington with bachelor of arts degree in 1938, and College of Southern Idaho with associate of arts degree in 1970. He taught school for seven years and had worked for the Twin Falls Canal Co. for 11 years. He was a dairyman, farmer and stockman, selling Grade A milk to Young's Dairy for 28 years.
Chuck was a member of the Fairview Grange No. 178 since 1928 and a member of the Castleford Men's Club where he received the Distinguished Service Award in 1988.
Mr. Latham married Catherine Janet Mac Donald on Nov. 19, 1938, and they were later divorced. On Oct. 14, 1972 - he married Madge N. May and she died in 1992.
He is survived by a son, Dick (Mary Jo) Latham; grandsons, Christopher, Jarrod and Jordan Daniel; all of Boise; granddaughter, Carina Jay Latham; great-grandson, Ryan Michael Gardner; and sister, Ada Baly, all of Buhl.
The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12, 1997, at the

TWIN FALLS
Twin Falls. The family suggests memorials be given to the Alzheimer's Association, Boise-Treasure Valley Chapter, 4820 Overland Road, No. 211, Boise, ID 83705.
Robert F. Tilton
Robert F. Tilton, 80, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Feb. 7, 1997, surrounded by his loving wife and close family friends at his home.
He was born April 21, 1916, in Haverhill, Mass., the son of Foster and Agnes Tilton. He graduated from Haverhill High School. On April 8, 1942, he married Dorothy Matthews in Lowell, Mass. From 1942 to 1945, he served in the Army in the 850th Engineering Battalion. In 1953, he and his wife moved to Palo Alto, Calif. He was a letter carrier there, retiring after 23 years of service. In 1989, they moved to Twin Falls.
His greatest love in life was his wife and watching the 49ers play football on their practice field in Palo Alto, and later on television.
He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, of 54 years; his nephew, J.D. McGowan of Massachusetts; and his very close friends that he referred to as "family." He was preceded in death by his parents.
At his request, no services will be held. Cremation took place under the direction of White Crematory in

Chester Marshall
Chester Claud Marshall passed away Thursday, Feb. 6, 1997, at his home in Twin Falls.
Mr. Marshall was born Oct. 6, 1913, in Miller, Neb. He received his education in Nebraska and came to Idaho in 1936. He farmed around the Murtaugh and Twin Falls areas.
Chet was a soft-spoken, kind, gentle man who loved the Lord and attended church regularly as long as his health permitted. He was a member of the Twin Falls Church of the Nazarene.
He is survived by his wife, Betty; three children, Audrey Marshall of Portland, Ore., James Marshall of Grand Junction, Colo., and Duane Marshall of Portland, Ore.; two stepchildren, Ernie Jacobsen and Reba Triplett, both of Columbus, Miss.; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters and his first wife.
A memorial service for Chet will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, 1997, at White Mortuary Chapel in Twin Falls with the Rev. Jerry Kester officiating. Cremation took place under the direction of White Crematory in Twin Falls.

Jury finds 4 Salt Lake City police guilty
SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - A jury has found that four South Salt Lake police officers used excessive force when they arrested and injured a man outside a bar three years ago.
The 3rd District Court panel heard four days of testimony before deciding Friday in favor of David Kirth, 47.
The four officers - Gregg Carlson, Todd Hendrix, Rex Muhlolland and Dwayne Ruth - claimed they were just doing their best to deal with two intoxicated and belligerent people.
Kirth was awarded \$17,184 in compensatory damages, which included \$226 for medical care, \$50 for towing, \$1,500 for defending against criminal charges and \$15,000 in general damages.
His wife, Trudi Kirth, 45, was also a plaintiff in the case. She did not receive any damages and the jury assessed no punitive damages against the officers.
According to the Kirths' complaint, the Murray couple sat down at Charlie's Club in South Salt Lake on Sept. 1, 1993, and each had a couple of drinks.
Trouble started when the bar manager told Murray to stop drinking and slugging Mrs. Kirth in the arm for no apparent reason.

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To the untrained eye, the death cap looks like many other little brown mushrooms. Other published reports from California indicate the death cap has been confused with psilocybin, a group of mushrooms that produce a psychedelic reaction when ingested.
Moscov mycologist Edmund Tytluski, an emeritus professor of botany at the University of Idaho, said the death cap resembles the lady's straw mushroom.
"It's a cultivated mushroom in the Orient, a tropical species," he says. "I don't know how they mistake it, but they are consuming it with dire consequences."
One journal contributor likened it to playing mushroom

lives in Moscow, Idaho. He helped treat another 14 Laotians in 1983 who were poisoned after eating a meal with the mushrooms.
The spread of the death cap has been well-documented in *Mushroom* the Journal, a periodical published in Moscow by University of Idaho communications professor Don Coates.
Over the last 20 years, many poisoning victims have been immigrants, often from Asia or Mexico, who mistake *Amanita phalloides* for an edible mushroom variety from their homelands.
Poisonous or not, *Amanita phalloides* apparently is very tasty.
There is wide speculation that the immigrants who are eating One distinguishing mark of *Amanita phalloides* is a ring around its stem, called the girdle or stem sheath. The development of the ring is not readily apparent.
To the untrained eye, the death cap looks like many other little brown mushrooms. Other published reports from California indicate the death cap has been confused with psilocybin, a group of mushrooms that produce a psychedelic reaction when ingested.
Moscov mycologist Edmund Tytluski, an emeritus professor of botany at the University of Idaho, said the death cap resembles the lady's straw mushroom.
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Officials: 'River's Gonna Rise'

Flood insurance is on the mind of those near Goose Creek

By Jennifer Bunch
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Maps show that Goose Creek's natural path meandered north from Oakley to the west side of Burley and back across town, where it emptied into the Snake River between what are now the third and fourth holes of the city golf course.

This year marks the second time in the last 12 years that a rising Goose Creek is threatening to cut out its old course, now filled in by development and farms. While officials are working to ease the flood threat, flood insurance might be on the minds of some property owners.

The insurance is offered only through a federal National Flood Insurance Program, although it is obtained through private insurance agents, said Mark Stevens, a public affairs officer for the program. The program is administered through an arm of the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Insurance is available for homes, condominiums, apartments and commercial structures. Insuring building contents costs extra.

"There's a resurgence of inter-

Flood Insurance
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est in flood insurance every time there is a major flood disaster," Stevens said.

It isn't too late to buy the insurance if a community is preparing for a flood, because the insurance saves thousands of dollars in bailing each other out of disasters, Stevens said.

For property owners in high-risk flood zones who finance their investments with federally-backed loans or mortgages, flood insurance is part of the lending agreement, he said. People who paid extra to finance their property differently might not know they are in a high-risk zone. They can find out from their insurance company, lending agency or county and city officials, Stevens said.

Ken Fronk, former Burley Mayor and an insurance agent at Farm Bureau Insurance of Cassia

County, said property owners should quickly decide if they want flood insurance. It requires a 30-day waiting period unless it is bought when a loan agreement is made. In Burley, premiums average about \$215 a year on a \$100,000 home, he said. Premiums will vary depending on the area's flood risk. Most of Cassia County is not officially considered to be threatened by a flood during a 100-year period, Fronk said.

In fact, Goose Creek's path north of 200 South in Cassia County is no longer considered part of the stream's flood plain. However, a map posted on the wall at the Cassia County Sheriff's Department shows where a potential flood could spread. It fans from Oakley north over the city of Burley to the Snake River.

According to information from the National Flood Control Program, the average flood insurance premium nationwide is \$300 a year for \$98,000 worth of coverage. For property in low-risk zones, premiums can range from \$85 a year. The flood insurance program estimates that 25 to 30 percent of its claims result from

property flooded in low-risk areas.

Property owners who don't know they are in a high-risk area and get flooded are eligible for federal disaster relief, Stevens said.

"It's not fair to penalize people who never enumerated this subject through the fault of their own," he said.

If they are inundated a second time they are on their own, he said.

For people who want to claim someone the first time around, federal assistance does not provide the same level of protection as flood insurance, Stevens said. Most of it comes in the form of loans. Individual and family grants typically are given only to low-income families and average less than \$2,500, he said.

The National Flood Insurance Program reports that during the 1993 Midwest flood, federal claims typically are given only to low-income families and average less than \$2,500, he said.

Nearly 30 million homes are located in flood plains, said government officials. About 75 percent are not protected by flood insurance, according to information from the national program.

Butch saw him only infrequently. When he did, it was usually because Kody Butcher was in trouble.

"From the time he moved out, he made every bad choice you could," Kevin Butcher said.

Kody Butcher was arrested on grand theft charges in 1985, then arrested on an armed robbery charge on April 15, 1986 — an arrest that eventually led to his murder conviction. Police found the gun linked to Blake Morgan's murder on the van Kody Butcher and Jessi there were in after the robbery of the Circle K in Twin Falls.

"Dad, Rodriguez" bull Butcher, also is charged in the death of Morgan. His trial begins March 11 in Ada County.

Prosecutors have indicated they will seek the maximum sentence against Kody Butcher — in this case, life in prison without parole.

Reflecting on Kody Butcher's outlook on life after being found guilty of first-degree murder Friday, Kevin Butcher looks at his time with his son for answers.

"He was always very sensitive kid, but very insensitive to his own pain," Kevin Butcher said, his voice dripping. "I could never seem to impress upon him that the punishment was not worth the things he sometimes did."

"Kody turned right around," Kevin Butcher said. "He had one problem. When I would reward him and let him go out with his friends, he always made bad judgments."

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— Kevin Butcher, Kody's father

Choices

Kody Butcher chose to move out of his father's home as soon as he turned 18. He had no job, and had never really held one. But he had friends, like Gilbert Rodriguez.

Rodriguez, now in jail awaiting trial on five drug-related charges, has been linked in court testimony to the murder Butcher was convicted of carrying out. Todd Maas, a former jail mate of Butcher's, said Butcher confessed to killing Morgan on orders from Rodriguez. Rodriguez has not been charged in the murder case.

After his son moved out, Kevin

never known much beyond the Mini-Cassia area — growing up at Oakley, attending high school at Burley and Minico.

He spent many of his young years in Otley living with his mother, Marla, and his grandparents. Marla and Kevin Butcher divorced shortly after she was severely injured in a car accident with a drunk driver, he said.

Kevin Butcher let his three children tend to their mother while she recovered from a month-long coma and head injuries. The recovery, and Kevin Butcher's absence from Kody Butcher's life, stretched over years.

"I went quite a few years where I wasn't very responsible all around," Kevin Butcher said.

The responsibility of parenthood came back to Kevin Butcher when Kody Butcher got in trouble at home with his mother and her new husband. They pressed criminal charges against the 16-year-old boy when he kicked in the front door of the house, Kevin Butcher said.

So Kody Butcher went to live with his father, who started to straighten him out with constant intervention.

read the terrain and avoid holes and snow bridges is essential.

The snow, and cross-country skiing, could remain as late as April, Campbell said.

"We don't even think about plowing the road until mid-March," he said.

Butcher

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Kody Butcher does not have to worry about the death penalty, but he could spend the rest of his life in prison, with no chance of parole.

"Death is too good for somebody like that," said Blake Morgan Sr., the father of the murder victim.

Growing up

The story is surprising, but still tragic. Kody Shane Butcher never spent much time with his father, who split from his mother when the boy was 5 years old. His run-ins with the law as a youngster — of which there were plenty — were mostly alcohol-related. He never graduated from high school. He was professionally diagnosed with attention deficit disorder.

But he didn't lack for a helping hand, his father says.

"I tried to help him out of trouble. I tried to teach him discipline," his father said. "Kody was always a good kid. He's easily swayed because he is such a nice kid, really."

The middle of three children, Kody Butcher was the muscle behind his older sister's brains, Kevin Butcher said.

Kody Butcher was born in Minidoka County in 1975. He has

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but skiers can leave the road, too, Owen said.

Several of the hills adjacent to the roadway make for telemark runs, Owen said.

The hills of lava also provide ample terrain for showboating, although Owen said being able to

Budget writers begin doling out slim revenue

BOISE, AP — After nearly a month of hearing pleas for money, legislative budget writers this week began doling out cash from what most agree is an inadequate revenue pool.

"We have our work cut out for us," House Appropriations Committee Chairman Bob Coakley advised.

But the legislative committee legislative leaders have tentatively claimed — a measure that cuts into the already meager 1997 budget blueprint of Gov. Phil Batt — should not pose major philosophical problems for the state legislature.

House Finance Appropriations Committee in more than a decade.

Two straight years of budget cuts to cope with slowing growth in tax receipts, preliminary figures suggesting that conditions worsened in January and fear of more damage from potential spring flooding may be weighing lawmakers' budget choices.

"There's pretty good support for doing the things to make sure we don't come back next year with a hole back," Coakley, a House Republican, said.

Some have argued that the state's current financial problems are the direct result of the 1995 decision for the state to pick up a portion of the public schools. It was a \$40 million drain on the treasury that will be \$50 million in the current year.

But advocates of the plan that



championed claim that property tax relief was a major reason voters again rejected the dramatically more disruptive One Percent Initiative last fall.

The new fiscal campaign begins Monday when the committee is expected to reduce general tax support for education in the current school year by \$107 million and replace only \$7 million of that with money from special funds.

The tactic will keep the budget reserve account — the state's insurance fund to cover emergency expenditures — at about \$20 million.

But critics maintain hard-pressed school districts statewide could have used that extra \$3.7 million being completely eliminated for books, instructional materials and other classroom expenses. And most of the \$7 million being restored from next fiscal year, they point out, would have been included in the 1998 budget anyway since it can only be spent on schools.

The reduction in overall support — the first ever made by lawmakers — reflects a smaller enrollment increase and a larger number of less experienced teachers.

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Breakfast served everyday.
Lunch: Choice of mainline or salad bar available all day through Thursday with potato bar every other day.

Buhl
Breakfast: Juice served everyday.
Monday: Cereal and toast.
Tuesday: French toast with maple syrup.

BURLEY JUNIOR HIGH
Breakfast: Juice and fruit served everyday.
Lunch: Choice of salad bar with sandwich or soup or sandwich but every day. Main line menu menu every day.

CASSIA COUNTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
Breakfast: Fruit or juice served everyday.
Monday: Cheese toast.
Tuesday: Breakfast on a stick.

CASTLEFORD
Breakfast: Pancakes and milk.
Tuesday: Pancakes and cereal.
Wednesday: French toast and strawberries.

CHESHAM
Breakfast: Choice of juice, milk, hot chocolate, toast or muffin.
Lunch: Salad bar and variety of fruit choices.
Monday: Potato bar.
Tuesday: Roast pork.

CLIFF
Monday: Soup and sandwich.
Tuesday: Soup and sandwich.
Wednesday: Chef salad.
Thursday: French dip sandwich.
Friday: Hot turkey sandwich.

CLIFFS FERRY
Monday: Soft shell taco.
Tuesday: Turkey and noodles over mashed potatoes.
Wednesday: Sloppy joe on a bun.
Thursday: Sultanae sandwich.
Friday: Chicken nuggets.

COBURN ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL
Breakfast served everyday.
Lunch: Salad bar, potato bar or deli bar available on alternating days.
Monday: Soft-shell taco.
Tuesday: Corned beef.
Wednesday: Pepperoni pizza.
Thursday: Turkey stir fry.
Friday: Lasagna.

COBURN HIGH SCHOOL
Breakfast served everyday.
Lunch: Salad bar, potato bar or deli bar available on alternating days. Also choice of hamburger line, pizza line or ala carte items.
Monday: Soft shell taco.
Tuesday: Corned beef.
Wednesday: Pepperoni pizza.
Thursday: Turkey stir fry.
Friday: Lasagna.

HAGERMAN
Monday: Hamburger on a bun.
Tuesday: Taco.
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Thursday: Pizza.
Friday: Chicken or fish party on a bun.
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LOST AND FOUND



As paramedic Rob Lewis, left, runs beside him, Kitsap County Sheriff's Deputy Lee Watson, right, carries 3-year-old Siann Hanson to a waiting ambulance Friday after the child was found in the woods near Ocean Bend, Wash. Sheen and his sister, Geni, 4.5, spent the night outside in sub-freezing temperatures after becoming separated from their father during an after-school hike. Over 120 search and rescue personnel searched a nine-square-mile area at Ocean Bend throughout the night.

Geology professors give movie shot at Wallace cheers and jeers

LEWISTON (AP) — Two thumbs up for the flaming rocks, mudslides and billowing black clouds. But the new volcano disaster flick "Dante's Peak" has the hero and the bad guy backwards.

That is the mixed review Lewis-Clark State College geology professors Scott Linneman and Bill Heins give the movie, which was filmed in Wallace and opened Friday.

Volcanologist Harry Dalton, played by Pierce Brosnan, arrives in the town of Dante's Peak just as the long-dormant volcano begins to rumble. Dalton, along with town mayor Rachel Wando, played by Linda Hamilton, call an emergency city council meeting. Dalton urges city officials to put the town on alert.

The politicians balk, fearing bad publicity. Dalton's boss tells him he is out of line. After all, the U.S. Geological Survey has blown these kinds of situations in the past.

That is based on real life, the professors said. In 1980, there were rumblings at Mammoth Lakes, Calif. All the seismic activity there was likely a result of magma moving around, said Linneman, who studies volcanoes.

He worked on his dissertation at the Cascade Volcano Observatory, the same Geologic Survey office referred to in the movie. That is where he met one of the volcanology advisers for "Dante's Peak," Norm McLeod.

Their expertise is apparent in the flick, Linneman said. NASA really did build a robot to climb into a crater. It looks like a spider and the movie version is called "spider legs."

NASA's robot was named "Dante," they said, and was used to climb into a crater in the Antarctic.

When the geologists expressed their fear of eruption at Mammoth Lakes it scared off the tourists and devastated the com-

munity's economy, Heins said. But the volcano never blew. Enraged locals began threatening the geologists.

The agency has since changed its policy to be careful about scaring the public unless there is a real danger.

Dalton probably would have lost his job for calling on the city council so quickly, Heins said. Dalton's boss recommends monitoring the mountain for a week before alerting the public.

With today's equipment that would be a responsible approach, the professors said. Scientists are able to predict with a good degree of accuracy when a mountain is ready to rock'n'roll.

But thanks to Hollywood, Dalton is exonerated for following his gut, Heins said. And his boss dies, a just fate for someone who poob-pooed the panic.

Dante's Peak is modeled after Mount St. Helens. The volcanic activity is realistic, they said, until it begins to spew Hawaiian-style magma.

Ballet director found guilty of killing wife

BOISE (AP) — A Russian emigre and former Ballet Idaho artistic director was convicted on Saturday of strangling his cloathing lady wife and dumping her nude body near his former patron's home.

Veniamin "Ben" Kuzmichev, 56, was found guilty of second-degree murder for the September 1995 slaying of Wanda Cowger Kuzmichev, 61, his bride of only four months.

Kuzmichev, who came to the United States through the College of Southern Idaho refugee program, was once a dance instructor in Twin Falls.

The eight-woman, four-man jury deliberated more than 20 hours over three days before returning its verdict at midday Saturday.

Fourth District Judge Alan Schwartzman ruled during the four-week trial that Ada County prosecutors had not presented enough evidence to justify their original first-degree murder charge. That eliminated the possibility of a death sentence, but Kuzmichev still faces 10 years to life in prison as of his March 19 sentencing.

Mrs. Kuzmichev was reported

missing when she did not arrive for work on Sept. 15, 1995. Her decomposed body was found six days later in a brushy field near Bogus Basin Road on Boise's north side. Plastic grocery bags were tied around her head and feet.

Bogus Basin Road runs below the hilltop mansion of local arts patron Esther Simplot and her billionaire husband, potato magnate J.R. Simplot. Mrs. Simplot hired Kuzmichev as Ballet Idaho's artistic director in 1991 after seeing a videotape of his work.

He claimed to have been a dancer with the Shevchenko Academic Theatre in Kiev for 20 years, and later a ballet teacher

and choreographer at the Choreographic College in Kiev. But he left Ballet Idaho in early 1994 under fire for erratic behavior, including his disappearance from Boise for nearly a month during which Kuzmichev claimed he was being pursued by a man who looked like Watergate defendant H.R. Haldeman.

Wanda Cowger was living in a trailer park and working as a cleaning woman when she became Kuzmichev's third wife in May 1995. He was working as a security guard.

His trial included testimony from 50 witnesses and 80 items of evidence.

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Utah's sex offender registry lists 4,250

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Interest in Utah's registry of 4,250 sex offenders is beginning to pick up after national and statewide publicity about such registers.

Machelle Rodriguez, intelligence technician for the Department of Corrections' Investigations Bureau, said she had only 13 requests for sex offender information between July, when a new law took effect, and January.

But in the past week, she has been inundated with hundreds of requests.

The 1996 Legislature took action to make Utah's registry more accessible to residents. It's the state's answer to Megan's Law, a 1996 federal statute that requires states to inform law-enforcement agencies about the release of sex offenders in their jurisdictions.

But Utah's registry is not as accessible as some. In California, for instance, anyone can go to a police station, log on to a computer and find the whereabouts and photographs of 68,000 sex offenders.

In Utah, people must file a written request for information with the Department of Corrections' Investigations

Bureau, which can deny the request, Rodriguez said.

The statute specifies that registry information is available only to victims seeking information on their assailants, or to residents asking for information on their neighborhoods. Neighborhoods are defined by ZIP code boundaries because that is how corrections tabulates its data.

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Section C

Have a 2nd honeymoon - at home

Just in time for Valentine's Day, I ran across a magazine article titled "How to have a second honeymoon (without leaving home)." What an idea! I was intrigued. The article assured me that it's fine to take a real second honeymoon trip, if you prefer. I was relieved to hear that, if I figured I skipped making the mortgage and car payments and paying the pediatric bills for about three months, I would have enough money for a couple of weeks in Hawaii.

In other words, I decided to concentrate on the honeymoons at home.

The general idea was that today's married couples are so busy with their jobs that they tend to feel guilty about playing. There also seems to be this idea floating around that older people shouldn't be romantic (just ask your 14-year-old). And one sociologist noted that some married couples are in ruts - sitting in the same chair after dinner every evening and sleeping on the same side of the bed every night.



LIFE AND TIMES
Denise Turner

OUCH!
So I read on to find out how to plan a second honeymoon at home.

One couple suggested sending the kids away for a weekend. (How do you do that? Do you spruce them up with nice clothes or something and chant, "Go away, go away, go away?" And what about their ball games?) Then you simply swap houses with friends who have agreed to turn their home into a honeymoon hotel, complete with candles, music and room service.

Sounds so practical I don't know why I didn't think of it myself.

Another suggestion: Take a cue from one romantic and creative wife (who just happens to be the head of a thriving law practice) and buy a few new long beaded gowns for big evenings out.

But what should I do with all of my old long beaded gowns?

A third idea: Get into shape before you plan your honeymoon at home - by signing up for ballet lessons.

I assume this means both the husband and the wife should take ballet lessons together. A common hobby among middle-aged couples, I guess. A great way to prepare for a romantic honeymoon - watching your 40-something spouse ease a pile at the beach. I think our pas de deux might become a pas-de-I'd rather be alone right quick.

By the time I got to the part about posting sticky love notes around the house, I realized I was tired of reading.

Until I ran across another magazine article, this one about a couple named Seth and Sarah Johnson, who were married in 1852 in the Dakota Territories. The Johnsons were married in an era when love was not a prerequisite, the story said. Their marriage was arranged by relatives, and the bride presented the groom's family with a dowry of a cow and a hope chest.

Quaint and old-fashioned? Probably. But, as the article noted, there was no divorce - and couples like the Johnsons generally came to love each other deeply in time.

It'll bet Seth and Sarah didn't have a second honeymoon. They probably didn't even have a first one.

Not that I have anything against honeymoons. It's just that I think it's possible to buckle under the pressure of keeping marriage on a super-high roman de platou, just as it's possible to take your spouse for granted and make life boring.

There has to be a balance somewhere. I, for one, prefer to think of something more neutral than second honeymoons on Valentine's Day.

Like candy, for example. Did you know that the largest piece of Valentine's Day candy ever concocted was a 2-3-pound one made at the Memphis Hyatt Regency Hotel in 1986?

It's true. Wonder if they have a honeymoon suite?

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



Basic toys, such as dolls, help stimulate children's imaginations and social skills, the experts say. Here, children from New York's McBurney YMCA enjoy a sneak preview of Hasbro's hottest toys for 1997, including Kenner's 'My Special Angel' dolls.

Stuff kids play with

The price tag doesn't make the toy - the imagination does

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Consider the sad case of Tickle Me Elmo.

Two months ago, he was at the top of his game - the toast of every toy store and variety emporium this side of Sesame Street.

Today he couldn't get arrested - a one-trick pony with an annoying cackle, doomed to stand upside down in a toy box until his batteries fade and it's time for next Christmas' used-toy drive.

"The kids I know would have liked him better if he did more than one thing," said Nicole Keyes, mother of two and proprietor of Little Gems Preschool and Child Care Center. "Even if he was flexible, if you could bend him and make him sit down."

Therein lies the essential dilemma - and, not coincidentally, the economic - of the world of toys: Stuff that parents buy isn't necessary the stuff that kids play with.

"I think it's kind of a humbling experience for a parent to buy a child a toy and find they're more interested in the box it came in," Keyes said.

"It's no accident that open-ended toys are the ones that last for years," said Jessie Adams, who owns Toy Shop Imagination Station in Twin Falls. "Look at Etch-A-Sketch. It's magic. You can create anything you want, and



Playschool's 'Huff 'n Puff Vacuum' draws the attention of these children at New York's McBurney YMCA.

when you're finished, just turn it over, shake it, and start all over again."

Walk into Barbara McRoberts' Kids Club child-care center and you'll see many other basic toys: dolls, balls, blocks, tinkler toys and Legos - lots and lots of Legos.

"Every year, I buy Legos by the boxful, and it's still one of the most popu-

lar toys," she said. "It lets kids create anything they want."

The same can't be said for the succession of movie action figures that children bring from home to the day-care center from time to time.

"They all come and go pretty quick-

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Notes from the sandbox

To understand which toys interest kids, and which don't, keep four things in mind about young children:

- Li They play their interests. "Children will be attracted to toys that help them do what they want to do," said Janice Fletcher, director of the Child Development Laboratory at the University of Idaho. Five-year-olds, for example, like hoppers because they like to jump. Two-year-olds favor pots and pans because they like to put objects inside containers and take them out again.
- Li They're social, although not necessarily social. Most preschoolers progress from solitary play to parallel play to cooperative play. It's part of the process of learning to interact with others, but it means that a ball might not hold the same interest in a 3-year-old that it does in a 6-year-old.
- Li They like things they can do over and over again. Hence the enduring popularity of Lincoln logs, Slinkies and jacks.
- Li They're demanding consumers. "Toys that don't hold a child's interest end up on the shelf pretty quickly," said Jessie Adams, owner of Toy Shop Imagination Station in Twin Falls.

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The Times-News

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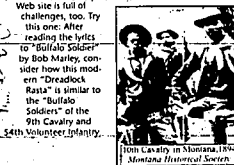
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February is Black History Month

The history of African and African-Americans has been ignored by Europeans and Americans of European descent for hundreds of years. "Over the past 5,000 years," a Columbia University professor once said, "the history of black Africa is blank." To counter this, a Harvard scholar and African American, Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson, founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History in 1926. The organization succeeded in establishing a "Negro History Week." In 1976, the celebration was renamed and extended into "Black History Month." At <http://www.africanhistory.com>, you can learn about slavery, African American leaders, and read poetry by Maya Angelou and Rita Dove. This Web site is full of challenges, too. Try this one: After reading the lyrics to "Billie Jean" by Bob Marley, consider how this modern "Dreadlock Rasta" is similar to the "Buffalo Soldiers" of the 9th Cavalry and 24th Volunteer Infantry.



Tom Cavalry in Missouri, 1870. (National Historical Society)

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Dear Amy: My mom says I should get my own e-mail address and stop using hers, but we can't figure out how to get me one. — Sara, Medicine Hat, AB

Dear Sara: You can get your own e-mail address and Web site, but it all depends on your Internet Service Provider, often called an ISP. Call several ISPs near you (they can be found in the Yellow Pages of local computer magazines) and ask them if they offer e-mail accounts, what their prices are and what features make them better or different from other ISPs. Some ISPs will let you get additional accounts for different members of your family, and others will serve space to you can have your own "home page." Each ISP is different so it's important to shop around to find the ISP that's right for you.

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FAMILY LIFE

ON THE JOB

Don't drink to this
Boskes, beware the kid-in-the-candy-shop syndrome. The head of Moscow's Kristall vodka factory, one of the main producers of Russia's national drink, died last week of cirrhosis of the liver, a plant source told Reuters. Vladimir Yaminikov, 56, had run the combine since Soviet days, producing famous brands including Stolichnaya.

The morale of the story
Don't assume your employees'

morale is high just because their level of performance is. Jack Stack, CEO of Springfield Remanufacturing Corp., a Missouri-based firm, says his company was taken aback no find, via a survey of its workers, that morale was really low, even in a division that's considered one of the firm's crown jewels. Writing in Inc. magazine, Stack says he found that while there were few big problems in the division, there were plenty of little ones. His advice to other man-

agers: Ask your employees how they feel about their jobs, work conditions and bosses.

The class of '97

Unless you're a computer major interested in a career in software development, the Internet or some other high-tech specialty, you may be disappointed by the starting salaries out there when you graduate in June. So says ENRICH magazine, an Internet-based publication.

Pushing the right buttons

Tired of voice mail and phone-ing and unhelpful underlings? In "I'll Get Back To You—156 Ways to Get People to Return Your

Calls and Other Helpful Sales Tips" (McGraw-Hill), Robert L. Shook and Eric Yaverbaum disclose how to cut through cut-outs. One prominent businessman says that when he's asked?

Who should I say is calling?" he replies: "Tell him his sex therapist is on the phone."

His calls are put through immediately. —Compiled from wire reports

ANNIVERSARY

THE BROWNS

TWIN FALLS — Mr. and Mrs. John F. Brown of Twin Falls will be honored at an open house Saturday for their 50th wedding anniversary.

Friends and relatives are invited to call from 1 to 3 p.m. at their home, Lazy J Mobile Court, No. 32.

The couple requests no gifts. Brown and Lois Smith were married Feb. 19, 1947, in Twin

Falls. He was employed by the city of Twin Falls until retirement. She was employed by Sears for many years.

The celebration is being hosted by their son and daughter-in-law, Art and Penny Brown of Twin Falls, and special friends, Marvin and Marilyn Humpleman.

The couple has four grandchildren.



Lois and John Brown

Toys

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ly," McRoberts said. "Batman" is still popular, but "Toy Story" is last year's PG blockbuster ("last year's").

"Children are influenced by what they see (in the mass media)," said Janice Fletcher, director of the Child Development Laboratory at the University of Idaho. "Part of a parent's job is helping the child learn about television and the value of money and making choices."

"Maybe it isn't such a bad thing for a child once in awhile to be disappointed by a toy they see on television," Adams said.

For better or worse, kids learn from toys.

"Toys are tools that children use," Fletcher said. "They help teach cognitive skills, social skills and how to make choices."

The latter can be especially important, she explained. If a child has \$5 to spend on a favorite toy, that \$5 that can't be used for some other purpose.

"That's teaching a child the lesson of how to be a good consumer," she said.

Parents should listen to kids' pleas for toys, Fletcher said, but they should also ask three important questions about any toy they buy:

- Is it safe?
- Is it appropriate for the child's age?
- Will it hold the child's interest?

"I think it would help par-

Bestselling toys of 1996

Rank	Toy	Manufacturer
1.	Batman	Mattel
2.	Star Wars	HHasbro
3.	Nerf Guns	Hasbro
4.	Eye Go Bye Bye	Hasbro
5.	Rainbow	Hasbro
6.	Sesame	Sesame
7.	Tickle Me Elmo	Tyco
8.	Beanie Babies	Tyco
9.	Mad West	Unga
10.	Barbie	Hasbro

—Source: Playthings magazine

ents to spend some time watching their child play," McRoberts said. "You can learn a lot."

McRoberts, who is also a mother, finds that kids are endlessly inventive with toys, given some basic tools.

"They'll build something with Legos or blocks, and then they'll go use them."

Boys and girls often join in playing imaginatively with basic toys such as dolls, re-enacting family life in the process, she said.

"If I hear one child say to another, 'Who got into my perfume?' I have a pretty good idea of what went on at home last night," McRoberts said.

Still, the most sophisticated toys of all — consumer electronics — can also be useful catalysts for imagination, the experts agree. Many learning skills computer programs are, after all, essentially electronic toys.

"I think it's valuable for chil-

dren to get as much exposure to computers as possible," Fletcher said. "As long as it's appropriate to their ages."

But computer toys are a mixed bag, Adams believes. Before you buy a game or produce with a memory chip, she advised, make sure of what you're getting.

"I think the important thing about buying any toy for a child is getting to know the child, and that applies whether you're a parent or a grandparent," she said.

Resist the temptation to get a toy — say, a calculator train for a 6-year-old or a career kit for a toddler — because the grown-up who's purchasing it didn't get the same thing when he was a kid. Grandma and Grandpa, however, do sometimes merit exemptions.

"The catcher's mitt is probably going to sit on the shelf until the child is older," Fletcher said. "But part of being a parent is learning to make judgment calls, and that includes dealing with grandparents."

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MCKELVEY-RAPP

TWIN FALLS — Don and Fran Newman of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, **Lorraine Marie McKelvey**, to Dale James Rapp, son of Kenneth and Virginia Rapp of Farmington, N.Y.

McKelvey is a graduate of Idaho State University. She is employed at Murrough High School.

Rapp is a graduate of the Community College of the Air Force, March Air Force Base, Calif. He is employed by the United Parcel Service in Twin Falls.



Lorraine McKelvey and Dale Rapp.
The wedding is planned for Friday in Twin Falls.



Esther and Robert Miller

THE MILLERS

TWIN FALLS — Mr. and Mrs. Robert Y. Miller of Buhl will be honored on their 50th wedding anniversary.

Friends and relatives are invited to call from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Canyon Springs Park Hotel on Blue Lakes Boulevard, North in Twin Falls. The couple requests very few guests instead of gifts.

Miller and Esther Schweitzer were married Dec. 25, 1946, at the Wadsworth Mennonite Church in Cairn, Neb. They farmed and raised dairy heifers in the Buhl/Filer area until retirement.



Esther and Robert Miller

They continue to live on the farm in Buhl.

They attend and are active members of the Filer Mennonite Church.

The celebration is being hosted by the couple's five children and their spouses, Glen and Linda Miller of Spring City, Pa., Stan and Sherree Miller of Filer, Todd and Treva Bolton of Idaho Falls, Mike and Treva Miller of Filer, and Joe and Berdena Kippes of Buhl.

The couple has 17 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

JEANSONNE-STIRTON

TWIN FALLS — Dani Dwan Stirton, formerly of Richfield, and Jan (Gentry) Jeansonne, formerly of Louisiana, announce their engagement.

Stirton and Jeansonne reside in Twin Falls.

Stirton is a graduate of Richfield High School and the College of Southern Idaho. He is a service manager at Twin Falls Truck & Equipment, a freighter-car dealer.

Jeansonne is a graduate of Arkansas Vo-Tech College and graduated from Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy. She is a truck driver for American Gem State Transportation of Kimberly.



Dani Stirton and Jan Jeansonne.
The wedding is planned for Saturday at the Elmer Sible Baptist Church, 204 Eastland in Twin Falls.

BAKER-MONTGOMERY

BURLEY — Paula A. Baker and Bret B. Montgomery announce their engagement.

She is the daughter of Daniel and Susan Baker of Richland, Ga., and the late Annice Baker. She is a graduate of West American High School in Germany, and attended Idaho State University for two years. She is employed at Sears Parts & Service in Pocatello.

He is the son of Gene and Sherry Montgomery of Rupert. He is a graduate of Minn. High School and attended ISU. He is employed by Montgomery Enterprises in Pocatello.



Bret Montgomery and Paula Baker.
The wedding is planned for 6 p.m. Saturday at the Rupert LDS Stake Center, 524 E. 18th St. A reception will follow at 7 p.m.

FULLMER-SIMS

TWIN FALLS — Brandy Michele Fullmer and Wade Sims were married in an outdoor ceremony Oct. 12 at the home of the bride's grandmother, Loah Jean Garrison in Twin Falls.

Officiating was Stake President Monte Carlson. Bill Garrison, uncle of the bride, was in charge of the music.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Fullmer of Twin Falls, and parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Sims of Union, Ore.

Zachery Sims, 5-year-old son of the bride, served as ring-bearer. Ushers were Larry Fullmer Jr. and Trevor Fullmer, brothers of the bride.

Special guests included grandmother of the bride, Loah Jean Garrison of Twin Falls, and friend of the bride, Rachel Izdo of Minnesota.

A reception was held following the ceremony. Serving were Cathy Garrison, aunt of the bride, and Jamie and Shelly Garrison, cousins of the bride.

Jean Carlson, friend of the bride, attended the guest book. Gift attendant was Carol Carlson Garrison, aunt of the bride.

The bride is a graduate of John Day High School, John Day, Ore., and the College of Southern



Brandy and Wade Sims.
The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Fullmer of Twin Falls, and parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Sims of Union, Ore.

THE PARROTTS

TWIN FALLS — Mr. and Mrs. Don Parrott will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Feb. 15 with a family dinner.

Parrott and Carolee Crow were married Feb. 15, 1947, in Twin Falls. He retired from the Twin Falls Post Office. She retired from the Idaho State Tax Commission.

They have two children, Blaine (Dad) Clark of Castelford and Janet (Paul) Knefel of Worland.

The couple has four grandchildren.



Don and Carolee Parrott
and three step-grandchildren.

THE BLACKBURNS

WENDELL — Mr. and Mrs. George Frederick Blackburn of Wendell will be honored by their children for their 50th wedding anniversary on Jan. 20 at their home.

An open house will not be held due to family illness, but friends and relatives are welcome to visit any time.

Blackburn and Elnora Hunt were married Jan. 20, 1947, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Nephi Hunt of Buhl. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. They lived and farmed in Buhl. In 1950, they moved to a farm at West Point, southwest of Wendell, where they continue to reside.

The couple has four children, Bruce and Peggy Hunt of Filer, Loren and Sheryl Boswell of Jerome, Christine Blackburn of Wendell and Fred and Leslie Blackburn of Boise.

They have seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



Elnora and George Blackburn

THE BOPPS

TWIN FALLS — Mr. and Mrs. Bobby K. Bopp of Twin Falls will be honored at an open house Feb. 16 for their 50th wedding anniversary.

Friends and relatives are invited to call from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Turf Club in Twin Falls.

Bopp and Esther Kinsfather were married Feb. 16, 1947, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Jerome. They have lived in Twin Falls since 1946.

He worked at the Twin Falls Fire Department as fire chief for 38 years. She worked for Robert W. Stephan, now Stephan, Kvanvig, Stone and Trainer law firm for more than 50 years.

They have been active in the Immanuel Lutheran Church.



Esther and Bobby Bopp

Kiwanis Club, Boys Scouts and Monarch Lions Club.

The event is being given by their children, Robert A. Bopp of Carson City, Nev., and Ronald P. Bopp of Pocatello. The couple has four grandchildren.



Thomas and Courtney O'Connor

THE O'CONNORS

HUNT — Mr. and Mrs. Thomas O'Connor of Hunt, north of Eden, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Tuesday.

They were honored by their grandchildren, children and friends in a celebration on Dec. 28, 1996, at the Trinity Lutheran Church Hall, south of Eden.

O'Connor from Filer was drafted into the Army Feb. 11, 1942. He was stationed two years in Little Rock and Pine Bluff, Ark., and two years at Camp Detrick, Frederick, Md. He met Courtney Irene Murphy of Jannsville, Md., at Saint-Peter's Hall in Libertytown, Md. He was discharged from the service in 1946 where he went home and farmed for a year. He returned to

Maryland for Murphy in 1947 and they were married on Feb. 13, 1947, in the bride's hometown church, Saint Ignatius of Loyola Catholic Church, in Urbana, Md. They moved back-to-filer where they farmed with Tom's parents for three years. They drew a homestead at Hunt where they have been farming for 47 years.

The couple has nine children, Patricia Horn of Notus, Idaho, Rose Fogerson of Pocatello, Tom O'Connor of Spokane, Wash., Joseph O'Connor (died at birth), Christine Vellera of Jordan Valley, Ore., Angela Bullers of Hunt, Jenny Smith of Boise, John O'Connor of Hunt and Monica Howell of Buhl.

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FAMILY LIFE

Cancer organization's goal to cure devastating disease is worthwhile

DEAR ABBY: It gave me great encouragement to observe your readers' response to the Rod Carew family's pleas for marrow donors last spring. I was saddened that a match was not found for Michelle, but one never knows how many other lives were saved because of your informative columns.



DEAR ABBY
Abigail VanBuren

Cancer is the No. 1 disease killing our children. Some cases—like that of Michelle Carew—resist all of our best efforts. However, the National Childhood Cancer Foundation is helping to raise the cure rate every day. Forty years ago, leukemia was an always-fatal disease. Today, 73 percent of children diagnosed with leukemia are alive and well five years later, and hopefully will go on to lead productive lives.

The National Childhood Cancer Foundation is a non-profit organization. Our goal is to achieve a world in which there are no children with cancer, and the only way to do that is through medical research. We support research projects at more than 100 of the most prestigious pediatric medical centers in the world. The improvements in the response and cure rates of children with leukemia (and a great variety of tumors) have been the most gratifying in the entire history of cancer therapy.

However, the work is far from finished. Research on the cures of childhood cancer is done today, or we will remain where we are. Abby, please let your readers know that a donation made to the National Childhood Cancer Foundation gets right to work on projects that are just waiting to be funded. Those wishing to contribute can call 1-800-458-6223 for donation information, or write to NCCF, P.O. Box 60028, Arcadia, Calif. 91066.

MEREDITH BRUCKER, NATIONAL CHILDHOOD CANCER FOUNDATION
DEAR MEREDITH: I am pleased to publicize this fine organization. I cannot imagine a more worthwhile commitment than that of the National Childhood Cancer Foundation, a world where no children (or their families) will suffer from the devastation of cancer. I wish you well.

Now with the onslaught of years, Mother has been subject to many illnesses and hospital stays. She requires care almost 24 hours a day and her ability to walk is minimal. My stepfather has always been there for her.

Over the holidays, Mother went into the hospital again. I have never witnessed a man so genuinely concerned and loving. Marrying this younger man was the best thing Mother could have done. He is, and always will be, a part of our family, and we love him.

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DEAR NOT ASHAMED OR HEARTBROKEN: Thank you for your testimonial, which illustrates that love has no age limits. Your mother is in my prayers.

DEAR READERS: Worth remembering: "The most important thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother."
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DEAR ABBY: The letter from "Ashamed and Heartbroken," about her mother having fallen in love with a much younger man, caught my eye.
After more than 20 years of marriage, my parents were divorced. A few years later, Mother announced that she was going to marry her much younger boyfriend. (He is young enough to be her son.) All of us siblings were skeptical, but we trusted Mother's judgment and accepted her decision. That was more than 20 years ago. Since that time our young stepfather has in some respects been more of a father to us than Dad was. He has always been kind, respectful, supportive and loving to all of us.

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Relationships rarely work the 2nd time around

Knight-Ridder News Service

Just in time for Valentine's Day, here's a happy thought:

You've just broken up with someone, and you're in so much pain, as a blues singer might say, it even hurts to change your mind.

A thought keeps haunting you: "If only we could give it another chance."

Well, it turns out your mate is miserable, too. The next time you talk to each other, one of you brings up maybe starting over. After all, what was so bad? It couldn't be worse than "this", right?

It's a proven phenomenon: that people who've had painful breakups may suffer from two conditions: short-term memory loss and a remarkably increased capacity for rationalization.

Think about poor Barry Switzer.

For those of you who aren't football fans, Switzer is head coach of the Dallas Cowboys. Last year, he was widely ridiculed for something that became known as "The Call." He called an Emmitt Smith running play at a critical time — and the play went nowhere. But a technicality gave Dallas a second chance.

So what did they do? Come up with something different and better? Nope. Switzer called the same play — and it had the same outcome. Dallas lost. Afterward, Switzer might as well have had "IDIOT" stamped across his forehead.

Aina Abiodun, a 23-year-old creative writing student at the University of Miami, once pulled a Switzer, too. For 2 1/2 years, she kept dating and breaking up with the same guy.

"There was a honeymoon period, but it was continuous fighting," she says. "After a while, the same things were coming up over and over again."

Tell us your story

The Times-News is preparing a Valentine's Day story about couples who have gotten back together after years apart.

Whether you met your significant other in high school and found romance in middle age, or rediscovered each other after a lengthy separation, we'd like to hear your story. If you'd like to share it, call Steve Cump at 733-0931 or 1-800-658-3893, Ext. 223.

But, for some reason, they kept trying.

"Usually, these kind of relationships are based on something

about the person you find attractive," she says, "but it's not substantive enough to have a relationship. Love and a relationship are two different things."

Tony Ramos says he didn't fool himself about why he spent five years going back to the same woman even though he knew it couldn't last.

"This was a situation where, yes, I know this person is bad for me, but the sex was so good, there was no way I could give it up," says Ramos, 45, who works for a Miami mortgage company. "I was in my early-to-mid-20s then, and I still think about her. I'll think about her until the day I die. Finally, I was able to break the cycle."

How? Maturity, he says.

So when another woman, his ex-wife, came to him a year after he granted her a divorce and suggested starting over, he knew better. (They'd been married five years.) He believed she was returning because she valued his

friendship and knew she could count on him — but not because she really wanted to get married again.

"If she had come back to me maybe 10 years later, I might have given it more thought," he

says. "But this was a year after the marriage, and I felt it was not the thing to do. What is that feeling deep in your gut? What is it telling you? If it's telling you, 'Watch out,' if it's putting up a red flag, don't ignore it."

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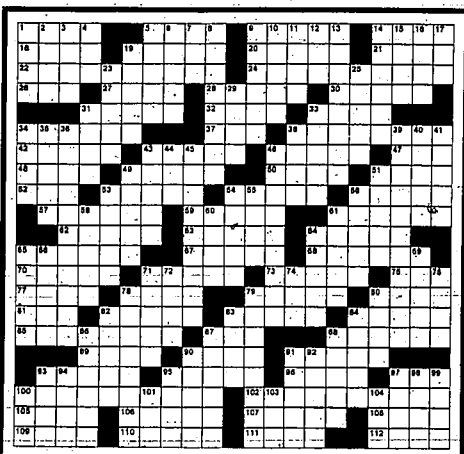
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By Frances Burton

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THE Sunday Crossword

Edited by Herb Ettenson



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Poetry helps writer keep positive outlook when bells of doom clang



AGING
Lucile S. deView

A gift of words has turned my refrigerator into a poetry factory. The gift, a magnetic poetry kit, came in a little plastic box. When opened, out spilled 400 words and partial words, each on a backing designed to stick to any steel surface.

Put them all together and they spell chaos. But arrange single words in sentences and you can write litting, lyrical lines or verse that couldn't be worse. An ode to sausage? A tribute to drool and sweat? A salute to love?

The fridge, of course, is its element. I haven't had so much fun since I served as art gallery for the finger paintings of the grandchildren, now grown. No room? Throw away the stickum! with the pizza delivery phone number. Poems are more nourishing.

Another gift brought to mind the emotional power of words — words that trouble and terrify even as others dance and dance. Words that snap and snarl while others glimmer and glow.

The gift was a "Good Word List" compiled by friends Lee and Roger Hawkins, enjoying a lively, intellectual retirement in New England. They find good

words as soothing as a mantra — something that helps them cling to the positive when the bells of doom clang.

Here are some of his good words:

"Admire, advocate, agree, art" — no room for anger here. "Baby, band, balance" — words to banish bitterness. "Cheer, coalition, comfort, create" — give chase to cruelty. "Devote, discuss, diverse, dream" — dissolve dire deeds.

"Earth, educate, enlighten, enrich" — good words to eradicate evil. "Family, fellowship, forgive, friend, fun" — leave no room for fear. "Hoal, help, humanity" — antidotes to hate and harassment. "Learn, liberty, life, love" — leap to the rescue of the lonely.

"Sacred, shelter, smile, soul" — vanquish stereotypes. "Unity,

universal, unprejudiced" — words that include all.

If you were to make your own list, what good words would you choose? Share them with Lee and Roger Hawkins, 62 Goldenchain Lane, Northampton, Mass. 01050-4506.

For years Roger produced the Hawk Letter, a record of what he and wife Lee were thinking, reading, contributing to treated causes — leavened with humor and satire.

The newsletter served as a fishing net, hauling in some 180 friends and acquaintances to "celebrate the individual and share constructive ideas." You can write a newsletter, too, he says. You probably do at Christmas; why not the year around?

Meanwhile, Roger is headed to a computer course, the better to navigate the Internet.

Internet. Now there's a word to work into a poem!

Lucile S. deView, the writing coach for The Orange County Register, writes a weekly column on aging. Write to her at The Orange County Register, P.O. Box 11626, Santa Ana, Calif. 92711.

SOCIAL SECURITY Q&A

Q. I'm a divorced 58-year-old woman who receives Supplemental Security Income benefits. I was married to my ex-husband for 20 years. Although I did not work enough to earn benefits on my own Social Security record, will I ever be eligible for any Social Security benefits on my ex-husband's record?

A. If you are divorced, you can receive benefits when your ex-husband starts collecting retirement or disability payments if you are unmarried, are 62 or older, and were married to your ex-husband at least 10 years. Even if your ex-husband is not actually receiving benefits, you can get benefits at age 62 provided your ex-husband is eligible for benefits and you have been divorced for at least two years.

You may also get payments if your ex-husband dies, provided you are unmarried, are 60 or older (50, if you're disabled), and you were married to your ex-husband 10 years or more.

You may receive benefits if you have children under age 16 who are receiving benefits on the worker's record. The 10-year marriage requirement doesn't apply to this benefit.

Call Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, and request the booklet, "Social Security — What Every Woman Should Know" for more information.

This column was prepared by the Social Security Administration. For fast answers to specific Social Security questions, contact Social Security toll-free at 800-772-1213.

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Lusty thoughts

Admitting you lust in your heart wouldn't be as shocking today as it was 20 years ago. So says Jimmy Carter, whose infamous 1976 Playboy interview nearly cost him the presidency. All he did, Carter told the San Francisco Chronicle, recently, was quote Jesus' admonition that if you have lusted in your heart, you shouldn't criticize someone who's actually committed adultery. But it "was looked upon as a horrible confession of sinfulness."

No place like home

Forget the old folks home — more and old folks are staying home. Between 1985 and 1995, the nursing home population rose 4 percent although the number of people age 65 and over increased 18 percent, according to a survey by the National Center for Health Statistics. "Americans who need long-term care have more choices today," says Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala. "Many more are able to stay in their homes and still receive the care they need."

Clean by hand

Want to trim your family's dry cleaning bill? Consumer Reports magazine says that for some gar-

ments you can ignore the "Dry Clean Only" labels and wash clothes at home. Simple solid-color silk clothes can be washed by hand in cool water, the magazine says. Cashmere sweaters can actually go into the washing machine if turned inside out, but then they should be dried flat. But don't try to wash jackets and blouses that can lose their shape. You'll have to make the trek to the cleaners for them.

Toy recall

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Not his dream role

It's a case of "do as I play, not as I do." George Clooney, who plays a wonderful, if frenetic, father in "One Fine Day," tells People he prefers spoiling friends' kids instead of having kids of his own now. "I like having all the fun and none of the responsibility. I love getting them all hyped up, then giving them back to their parents."

Compiled from wire reports

Study backs long doctor-patient ties

The Washington Post

Does a long-term relationship with a physician have a beneficial effect on the treatment of elderly patients?

A study of 7,362 people over 65 conducted by researchers at Columbia University has found that longer ties are associated with a decreased chance of hospitalization and lower medical costs.

Linda J. Weiss and Jan. Blustein of Columbia's Division of General Medicine used data from the 1991 Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey to see how the duration of professional ties affects the cost and outcome of medical care.

Their study, published in the December issue of the American Journal of Public Health, found that nearly 36 percent of those surveyed had seen their primary physician for at least a decade, while nearly 11 percent had been seeing their doctor for less than a year. Those with the longest relationships were slightly more likely to be white, to

have a relatively high income and to be better educated and in better health.

Weiss and Blustein found that compared with patients who had seen their doctors for one year or less, those with a relationship of 10 years' duration or longer incurred \$346.78 less in Part B Medicare costs and were less likely to be hospitalized during 1991.

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FAMILY LIFE

Today's kids don't have enough chores to do

By and large, today's children don't have enough chores. Many aren't expected to do much more than make their beds and keep their rooms reasonably neat. Some aren't expected to do anything.

The explanations parents come up with to justify having lazy children are many and absurd. They range from "I'd could do it myself than go through the hassle," to "She has enough to do already, what with piano and swim team and choir and dance." For humor, my personal favorites are, "I want him to do these things because he wants to do them, not because I want them done," and "That's the maid's job."

But if the reasons offered for not assigning chores to children are ridiculous, then the reasons offered for doing so tend to be inadequate. Regarding the latter, most people would say that chores help children become responsible. And that's true as far as it goes. The more parents do for children, the less they do for themselves and the more irresponsible and dependent they become. A child without chores is probably going to become an adult without initiative, organization or the drive to accomplish. Indeed, chores acquaint a child with the fact that he can't get something for nothing.



PARENTING
John Rosemond

But teaching responsibility is only half of the picture. The other half has to do with the fact that chores are just about the only means a child has of making a tangible contribution to the family. This opportunity to contribute imparts value to a child. It enhances feelings of worth and adds immensely to the child's self-esteem.

Most importantly, however, is the fact that contribution through chores bonds the child to the value system of the family and renders it less likely the chance that he will, as an adolescent or young adult, stray from those basic values. The family and its values take on importance not simply because of parental modeling and enforcement, but because the child has the opportunity to perform a valuable function within the family.

The Japanese system of management is based on this same simple principle and results in the lowest turnover rate among

employees in the Free World. The Japanese workers is made to feel not just that the company cares about him, but that he contributes invaluable to the company. He remains loyal for this reason, not because he gets a paycheck on Friday. He could just as easily receive a paycheck from Mitsubishi as Toyota, but no one has ever made him feel quite so good about himself as Toyota does. This also explains why values seem so stable from one generation to the next in rural America. As soon as they are capable, farm children are expected to perform chores. If they're too young to do anything but carry the milk pail, they carry the milk pail. If they're old enough to drive the tractor, they drive the tractor.

You might ask: How much should children be expected to do around the house? The answer, as much as they are capable of doing and still have sufficient time for play, church and homework. By the time children are of school age, they can, and therefore should, be doing some of the housework. By the time they're in their early teens, they should be doing nearly all of it.

This is easier than it may sound. If you divide the household chores among the children

according to ability and set them up on a weekly schedule according to need, then it should take two children no more than 45 minutes a day to accomplish what's expected of them. If your children don't have 45 minutes a day to spare for chores, then they're probably involved in too many activities.

As to whether parents should pay children for routine chores, the answer is no. To begin with, payments tends to create the illusion that if the child doesn't want the money, he isn't obligated to perform the chore. More important, however, payment undermines the value of the contribution. A chore that's paid-for is no longer a contribution for the sake of contribution, but a contribution for the sake of money. Parents should provide children with chores as well as a reasonable amount of spending money, but except in special circumstances, the two should never meet.

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Be patient when toilet training your toddler

Pediatricians, parents and others who work with children agree on many toilet-training basics. Their tips:

- Patience, patience, patience. Don't expect too much too fast. It is not a poor reflection on your parenting or on your child if he's 3 but not potty-trained.

- Introduce children to a potty around their second birthday. To them what it's for, but don't force them to use it. Signs that a child is ready include that he seems aware he's having a bowel movement; is curious about bodily functions; develops a dislike for diapers and is able to walk to the potty and pull his pants up and down.

- Don't criticize, ridicule or punish a child for accidents or failures. Offer enthusiastic words of encouragement when the child does succeed in using the toilet.

- Keep using diapers at night until the child starts waking up dry most mornings.

- Try to keep unrelated emotional upsets to a minimum. They can seriously affect a child's behavior, including his progress in toilet training.

- Be flexible, and know your



Your kids

child. Every toddler is different, and each might benefit from different methods. Rewards such as stickers help some children. Others mimic older siblings or parents. Still others learn from books such as "Once Upon a Potty" by Alona Frankel, "Koko Bear's New Potty" by Vicki Lansky and "Going to the Potty" by Fred (Mister) Rogers.

Maintain a healthy diet for the child. If he seems constipated or in pain, add fiber and avoid too much milk. Talk to your pediatrician.

- Talk to the child and love him. Some children want to stay in diapers because they are starved for physical contact, which they get during changes. Again, be patient.

- "We tend to put pressure on these children and it's just not right," says Colleen Harris, the

mother of three who runs a daycare from her Rochester Hills, Mich., home. "Let children live out their childhood without all these unnecessary stresses."

If your child is not toilet trained by age 3 1/2, talk to your pediatrician.

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FAMILY LIFE

How to deal with youngster's mood swings

Los Angeles Times

The wild emotions of childhood are like the Chinese word for "crisis" — one of its ideograms means danger, the other opportunity.

Some parents can't help but feel that a child's or a teen-ager's outsize anger, fear or sadness are a threat, a challenge to authority, evidence of the parent's own incompetence, or just another problem that must be fixed.

But others see their children's negative emotions as a fact of life, a chance to become closer and an opportunity to guide children to their own decision-making.

In studies of 119 families, John Gottman, professor of psychology at the University of Washington at Seattle, found parents naturally divided into two groups: those who gave their children guidance about the world of emotions and those who didn't. The children of parents with more positive attitudes about emotions were more successful both in and out of school. "What we found is the very same kids who in preschool are saying, 'I don't like it when you do that,' in middle school are able to be cool and without teasing without getting emotion-



Teenage stress

Youths between age 15 and 18 from 41 countries have been asked what they worry about.

Getting a good job	70%
Parents' health	63%
Loss of a loved one	57%
Ending education	54%
Own health	54%
University exams	52%

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ally hijacked," Gottman said.

"It's not that they're learning a specific set of skills," he said. "But they're learning a kind of moxie about how to psych out a social situation. They're having better friendships, they're not developing behavior problems and they're able to focus their attention and calm down."

Gottman contended that social and emotional intelligence can provide a buffer against the effects of marital conflict and divorce on children, and can counter the increasing levels of depression and malaise among young people. (A recent UCLA nationwide sample of 250,000 col-

lege freshmen found them to be more stressed and depressed than ever before, mirroring other national surveys showing declines in children's emotional and social skills over the past 20 years.)

In his book, "The Heart of Parenting — Raising an Emotionally Intelligent Child" (Simon & Schuster, 1997), Gottman outlines a five-step plan to help parents become "emotion coaches," starting with identifying their own negative attitudes about feelings. Parents who can accept emotions and empathize with them still need to help children label their emotions and set lim-

its on behavior while explaining solutions together. It all boils down, Gottman said, to "taking a look at your own emotions, being honest about feelings and having a real relationship in which emotions are respected."

That can be a struggle for those who grew up in homes where emotions were routinely dismissed or criticized.

One Los Angeles mother said she wasn't allowed to have feelings as a child. When she was afraid of heights, her father forced her to walk across rafters in the garage — and laughed at her fear. She can't recall anyone in her family comforting or hugging anyone else when they were sad.

When her son was born eight years ago, she knew she never wanted him to grow up like she did — terrified of almost everything, including having any feelings.

Four years ago, she overcame her fear of feelings through a course and counseling at the Los Angeles-based Rocamora School, a small nonprofit organization.

Now, although her hair-trigger reaction returns occasionally, it's slower than it was. Mostly, she tries to let her son know it's OK to be angry or sad or afraid of the dark.

Sometimes wild behavior is more than emotions

Night-Herder News Service

Certain behaviors in young children, such as school conduct problems, withdrawal and immaturity, may be early signs of a child more likely to develop a subsequent mental disorder, new research shows.

David Bernstein, a Bronx researcher who recently published a study about some of these early behaviors, recommends that parents watch a child's behavior for two years to see if it changes or interferes with normal activities.

Later, changes in appetite, sleep or energy, as well as problems in school, may suggest a child with some underlying psychiatric problem, says Dr. Hussein Manji, director of the schizophrenia and mood disorders clinic at Detroit Receiving Hospital.

Parents should seek a specialist if problems persist, even though a pediatrician may find no underlying cause for a child's physical problems, such as headaches or continual stomach pain, Manji says.

Excessive sleep, lack of energy and extreme irritability also may be warning signs, Kay Redfield Jamison suggests. A young child may not display mood changes, so parents should look for "disturbances in behavior" such as impulsivity, aggression, social

withdrawal, lack of concentration, poor school performance, sadness and bleakness."

By the college years, people who may need help are "sleeping less and less, getting revved up, sometimes drinking more, getting louder, more aggressive, more sociable, spending money, feeling they can do anything, feeling invincible," Jamison says. These traits may be hard to sort out from normal behavior, but "irritability is a real good sign," she adds. "It's everything to the extreme."

Many universities now have programs to identify students at risk of psychiatric problems and

offer free counseling. But many arrive at college without health insurance to pay for medicines, and that causes serious problems, says Rosalyn Barclay, a clinical psychologist and associate director of Eastern Michigan University's counseling services.

Parents need to tell children if there is a family history of mental illness and "not send them away to college without health insurance," says Mary Clearing Sky, director of Michigan State University's counseling center.

Dr. Michaeline Koppys-Austin, the physician who runs Central Michigan University's health cen-

ter, says major media and public service campaigns have educated many students about the need to seek help.


"It's wonderful that people don't feel they have to suffer anymore, or feel ashamed about it," she says.

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CSI volleyball sets Feb. 14 'Parents' Night Out'

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho four-time national championship volleyball team is putting on a "Parents' Night Out" Friday. The event is for girls and boys in grades first through sixth. There will be volleyball, videos and games. It begins at 5:30 p.m. Friday and ends at noon Saturday. On Friday night there will be a pizza party and Saturday a continental breakfast. The function at the CSI gymnasium will be \$25. Kids need to bring a sleeping bag, tennis shoes, comfortable clothing and toothbrush and toothpaste. For more information or to obtain a registration form contact Ben Stroud at 733-9554, ext. 2478 or the athletic department at the same number, ext. 2475.

CSI boosters plan bus trip to Salt Lake, Utah Valley

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho Booster Club is planning a bus trip to the Utah Valley and Salt Lake basketball games Friday and Saturday. The trip involves an overnight stay in Provo. Bus fare will be \$29 round trip and includes a Saturday afternoon meal at Chuck Amore. Cost does not include game ticket. Motel rooms are available for \$43.14, or \$38.72 including tax for seniors. Contact Paula Green 733-9554, ext. 2302 or Chuck Iwron, 324-5905. Compiled from staff and wire reports

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CSI men stun N. Idaho, 81-72

By Brad Bowlin
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Somebody lit a fire, and finally the visitors got burned. The College of Southern Idaho, playing with more intensity down the stretch than the Eagles have shown in a while, knocked off league-leading North Idaho College Saturday night in a bona-fide barn burner, 81-72. Floyd Farrow came out on fire for the Golden Eagles, scoring seven of his game-high 27 points in the opening minutes as CSI grabbed a 9-2 lead at the 16:12 mark. Farrow also assumed major window washing duties, cleaning the glass for 11 rebounds.



"We came out ready for this, because they were the number one team," the 6-foot, 6-inch freshman forward said. "We wanted this one bad." The Cardinals showed why they came in ranked 12th in the country, refusing to let the Eagles run away in the first half. After Jonathan Packer's 3-pointer beat the shot clock and lifted CSI to a 12-4 advantage, the Cardinals went on a 15-9 run taking the 21-19 lead on Andre McKenstry's driving layup. NIC, which beat CSI in overtime in Coeur d'Alene last month, took a four-point lead into the locker room, and the teams battled within a four-point spread for most of the second half. The Eagles weathered every storm - North Idaho's vaunted press, Shawn Myrick's long-range shooting, and major foul trouble - and pulled away at the free-throw line in the late going. CSI hit 31 of 47 free throws, while the

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The College of Southern Idaho's Floyd Farrow and North Idaho College's Christopher Harrison take to the air for a rebound during Saturday night's game.

Freak accident costs Golden Eagle women victory

By Brad Bowlin
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The fates stole this one. The College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team was 10 seconds away from its biggest win of the season, holding the ball and a two-point lead over the Scenic West Athletic Conference's best team. Instead, hard luck, heartbreak and a bad ankle intervened, allowing North Idaho to slip away with a 74-69 victory in overtime, its league lead intact. CSI trailed most of the game, but, as it had on the

previous night against Ricks, the relentless pressure at both ends of the court turned things in the Eagles' favor late in the game. Casey Murdock completed a stellar performance by hitting two free throws with 33 seconds left, giving CSI a 64-63 advantage. Charlene Newman rebounded the Cardinal miss at the other end, and Amanda Covington added a free throw to the CSI lead. The win seemed all but assured when North Idaho's Tammy Goyne stepped out of bounds during overtime. Amanda Covington took the ball out of bounds late

CSI at midcourt, and Murdock broke free to take the in-bound pass. As she arrived, her ankle gave way, and Murdock went down, falling across the midcourt stripe while trying to maintain control of the ball. Back-court violation. Ball to North Idaho. The Cardinal took it from there, tying the game on Jena Weitzing's drive with one second left. In the five-minute overtime period, Goyne made up for her earlier gaffe by drilling a 23-footer on North Idaho's first possession to give the Cardinals a 68-65 lead they would never surrender.

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BSU tennis coach knows how to build a winning team



BSU head tennis coach Greg Patton, front, has assembled a team that's successful both on and off the court.

The Associated Press

BOISE - If energy and enthusiasm alone were national championships, the NCAA men's tennis trophy would have been named after Greg Patton years ago. Instead, the Boise State University coach led his native Southern California and one of the nation's top college programs in 1992 to turn a tennis backwater into a city of champions. "I'm kind of a missionary, and this is a great opportunity for me to spread the gospel," Patton said. "There's so much that can be done here. There's so much I can do to turn the community on to this sport." And he's doing it. In his fifth season since coming up from the University of California-Irvine, Patton has the Broncos ranked 24th in the nation. They have beaten No. 2 UCLA, No. 5 Pepperdine, Washington and Northwestern in the past month - all on the road. Now he has 13 players led by seniors James Dean, Albin Polonyi and Ben Dantison ready to challenge for the title that eluded his best teams at Irvine. Even the 1988 Antecaters fell short after beating UCLA's and entering that year's NCAA tournament undefeated. "A lot of people said, 'That was your shot Greg, that was your chance.' God opened up the gates for you and now they're shut," Patton said. "But I know St. Peter believes in me because he's opening the gates up again." His evangelical zeal has helped build a team that not only wins on the court but scores high in the classroom and gets involved in the community. Patton insists. Promoting tennis means building heroes. Polonyi, who with Dean finished last season ranked

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Between the lines with Greg Patton

BSU: - Some selected quotes from an interview with Boise State University men's tennis coach Greg Patton:
- On Greg nationally: "We've got guys crying on my team. They were crying on the trailer park and my guys have invested everything they can in the mansion on top of the mountain, just so for the excuse hasn't come through yet."
- On the NCAA tournament: "I want us to be at the party, but I don't want to be the entrepreneur and get drunk so that the next thing we know we're outside the party and they've got to carry us out and they throw us out the front lawn. I want to be at the party wearing a tuxedo and want to have a good time, but I want us to be there at the end of the party. I want us excusing all the guests out and saying, 'Thank you very much.' instead of throwing us out our back door."
- On his personality: "I like being the life of the party. When I die and go up to St. Peter I want to come back as a stand-up comedian. I want to be Robin Williams."
- On coaching the underdog: "I like challenges. I like to work the angles." "It's not just. Get me the smallest class on the roster. I'm a half-mad man. I want to win the greatest challenge. I would not want to be an underdog because I was a Stanford coach. It's too easy."
- On turning down Wake Forest: "It was an act of lunacy. I'm a lunatic, but I'm in love. I'm in love with Boise. I'm in love with this school, but once you're in love you'll do anything."
- On his love of coaching: "I tell my wife that when I retire, you're going to come little town in eastern Idaho and get a little cabin and I'll start coaching my nation, county or kid that comes down the street. It's my blood."
- On being an all-time great: "I like to be hitting an overhead winner when the last stands his ankles down and takes me to heaven. And then I'm fighting and kicking the whole way and demanding another chance."
-The Associated Press

Like it or not, CSI coach will be back next year

TWIN FALLS - You can stop asking me the questions now. College of Southern Idaho men's basketball coach Jim Thrash will be back next year. For the last couple of weeks, I've been getting phone calls and half-whispered inquiries - even e-mail - about whether I think Thrash's first season will be his last. My opinion on this matter doesn't count for much, so I asked CSI president Gerald Meyerhoeffer Friday night if Thrash will be back next year. "Yes," Meyerhoeffer said, without hesitation. Meyerhoeffer has overseen the continuation of the basketball juggernaut borne under Doc Taylor's watch, so he feels the pain of 13-11 as acutely as anyone.



OUT IN LEFT FIELD

Brad Bowlin

But he also has something a lot of fans seem to be missing: perspective. "I've had people come talk to me," Meyerhoeffer said. "For us, we're not used to not being near the top. "But I think Jim Thrash is a quality person, and a quality coach. It's not fair to him or to the college or the program to bring someone in for just one season."



It's easy to see why Thrash is popular. Emerging Saturday night's game with North Idaho, CSI's Golden Eagles will have to go 3-3 over the final six games of the season just to maintain the school's week-over-week streak. Paul Weitzing, who led last season's 15-17 team, looked just one season away from retirement. This is the only other year in CSI history to post double-digit losses. Last year's squad went 24-4 and posted the school's worst ever Scenic West Athletic Conference finish: sixth. Thrash's crew is

in eighth place, in danger of missing the Region 18 tournament for the first time ever, and almost certainly will finish lower than fifth. The Eagles have the nation's best scoring defense, but are dead last in the league in scoring - 68.9 points per game. Despite making offensive strides on the road since the holiday break, the Golden Eagles offered little reason for optimism against Ricks Friday. Still, consider that coach Fred Teesdale's team lost seven games in his first season. At the time, it was the school's second-highest loss total ever. Four years later, he brought home a national championship - and raised up the modern standard to which all CSI coaches must aspire. Please see BOWLIN, Page D2

SPORTS



Trainers try to console fighter Oliver McColl, center, after he lost to Lennox Lewis in the WBC heavyweight championship Friday night in Las Vegas.

McColl: He didn't quit against Lewis

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Oliver McColl said he didn't quit against Lennox Lewis, but that he was just following a revised fight plan designed to tire his opponent.

Referee Mills Lane stopped the fight for the vacant WBC heavyweight championship Friday night after McColl threw only two punches in the fourth round and one in the fifth.

"They didn't give me an opportunity to play out my fight plan," McColl said during a Saturday afternoon news conference.

McColl stormed out of the ring after the fight, and boxing officials expressed concern for his welfare.

"The fight affected Oliver mentally," said Lewis, who had lost the title when stopped in the second round Sept. 24, 1994.

"I believe he had a nervous breakdown, and maybe a reaction to how he was living outside the ring," Jose Sulaiman, WBC president, said immediately after the fight.

McColl, who has been plagued by drug problems, was given an examination Saturday morning by Dr. Leonora Perry, a psychiatrist. She said, "I think his mental state is fine," but she also recommended psychiatric treatment.

"She said I should continue therapy with my counselor," Ruth Ferguson, who accompanied McColl to Las Vegas, McColl said. "She also said I should go ahead and see a psychiatrist, and I will two or three times a week if I think I'm great, personally."

Dr. Robert Voy of the Nevada State Athletic Commission also examined McColl and said he was OK physically. McColl, who has been in and out of drug rehabilitation, was given a post-fight drug test. The results weren't known until Monday or Tuesday.

McColl refused to go to his corner after the third round, and Lane had to lead him back to the corner after the fourth. Lane then stopped the fight 55 seconds into the fifth round.

Surprising Skinner wins pole for Daytona 500

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — As thrilled as Mike Skinner is to be the pole-winner for the Daytona 500, he has no delusions about what is likely to happen at the start of next Sunday's race.

Skinner surprised everybody but himself and car-owner Richard Childress when he put his Chevrolet on the pole Saturday in the opening round of qualifying at Daytona International Speedway.

He is only the second Winston Cup rookie to win the Daytona pole, joining Loy Allen Jr., who won took the top qualifying spot in 1994 and faded quickly before finishing 22nd.

"I feel like me like a hard football," Skinner said with a chuckle. "But I'll just try to get in line and keep up with the lead draft and maybe later in the race I can drop-kick some of them back."

Skinner, supposedly driving in the shadow of superstar team-

mate Dale Earnhardt, turned a lap of 189.813 mph that was better than anything the seven-time champion or anyone else could produce on the 2.12-mile oval.

"This is unbelievable," said Skinner, who has driven in 15 previous Winston Cup races scattered over 11 years. "I can't believe it."

Childress, who reluctantly went to a two-car team this season because he felt that would help him stay competitive, said, "I knew Mike had talent when I saw him. I had confidence he would fit right in with this team."

Asked if he was nervous about qualifying for the first time for Childress, one of the top car-owners in the business, Skinner, the 1995 NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series champion, said, "I talked to Richard and Dale Earnhardt and tried to get some pointers from Dale. I tried not to be nervous and just do the best I could."



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Brazil beats U.S. doubles team

—Brazilian tennis fans reacted in their sunbath during five hard-physical matches which blurred like quick silver blizzards for every American mistake, of which there were many, in their Davis Cup match Sunday.

Playing in temperatures that reached 100 degrees, the Brazilian doubles team of Gustavo Kuerten and Luiz Mattar beat the American pair of Jim Courier and Patrick Rastner in four sets in Friday's opening singles match. Reneberg beat Mattar, 6-2, 6-4, 7-5 in a 2-hour, 34-minute match.

The victory enabled Brazil to

stave off elimination in the best-of-5 World Group series.

The Americans led 2-1, with the final two singles to be played Sunday. Kuerten will face Jim Courier and Brazil's Fernando Meligeni will play Mats Wilander of Sweden.

Meligeni in five sets and Washington defeated Kuerten in four sets in Friday's opening singles match.

"I didn't play well on my serve," Reneberg said. "I missed a lot of volleys. It was just a bad day. But I also have to give

them a lot of credit. They didn't make many errors."

After shutting out the Brazilians in the first game with O'Brien serving, the U.S. team was unable to keep up the pace, with the Brazilians breaking Reneberg's serve in the third game and again in the seventh.

The second set went back and forth with the Brazilians breaking O'Brien's serve in the first game and the Americans breaking Kuerten in the second. The advantage went back to the Brazilians in the third, when they

broke Reneberg's serve.

The Americans broke Kuerten's serve again in the sixth game only to have Reneberg's serve broken for the fourth time in the seventh game. Holding serve, the Brazilians finally won the set.

In the third set, the Brazilians broke Reneberg's serve again in the 11th game, with Oncins serving for the match in the 12th game.

"We gained a lot of confidence with this victory," Kuerten said. "For tomorrow, I can only hope to keep up this rhythm."

Blake steers his way into Buick Invitational lead

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Jay Don Blake, whose only win in the series came here six years ago, birdied the first two holes en route to a 6-under-par 66 Sunday and a two-stroke lead after three rounds of the Buick Invitational.

Blake enjoyed a bogey-free round on the 7,000-yard Torrey Pines South Course, something the others on the land. He had one birdie, and was an 11-under 202 after 54 holes.

Mark O'Meara, who shared the second-round lead with Steve Lowery, shot a 7-under 71 and was tied for second with Mike Weir and Greg Norman.

O'Meara, who won his fifth Pebble Beach National Pro-Am on Sunday, was above 70 for the first time in 18 months.

Former San Diegoan Craig Stadler, who won this tournament in 1994, shot a 70 and tied with Lyle and Norm MacGregor.

Another shot back were Billy Andrade, who had a 67 Sunday, and

Michael Bradley, who shot a 72. The wind picked up a bit Saturday and the South Course played tougher than it had earlier.

Still, Blake hit solid iron shots all day, and birdied the opening par-3. He hit a 3-iron to five feet on No. 1, and a sand wedge to three feet on No. 2.

A 35-foot birdie putt on the par-3 eighth allowed him to make the turn at 32. Playing two groups in front of O'Meara, he birdied Nos. 14 and 15 to go 14-under.

Blake's victory in 1991 was by two strokes, over Bill Sanderson. O'Meara started out hitting decently, with two birdies on the front nine to go 13-under, but started finding the rough again like he had earlier in the week. He had consecutive bogeys, including a three-putt on the par-3 11th. He rallied with birdies on Nos. 12 and 16, but watched his 5-foot putt rip out on 17, leaving him with a bogey-5.

Rubin, Habsudova to meet in finals

LINZ, Austria (AP) — Chanda Rubin of Lafayette, La., upset top-seeded Jana Novotna 7-5, 5-7, 6-3 Saturday and advanced to the finals of the Austrian Cup.

Rubin, who struggled against

Barbara Rittner in the quarter-finals, plays Karina Habsudova in Sunday's final. Habsudova, the second seed, beat No. 3 Judith Wiesner of Austria 6-3, 4-6, 6-3.

Pebble Beach may be put up for sale

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Japanese owners of Pebble Beach are considering selling the world famous golf course for at least \$500 million, the Los Angeles Times reported Saturday.

"The public statement is that it's not for sale, but there have been recent sale negotiations and discussions. Documents have changed hands," said Jack Rodman, director of the Asia-Pacific practice for E&Y Kenneth Leventhal Real Estate Group.

The golf course on the Monterey Peninsula is owned by Lone Cypress Co., an investor partnership of Taiheyo Club Inc., which operates several prominent golf courses in Japan and Sumitomo Credit Services Co., one of Japan's biggest issuers of Visa cards.

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Woods ahead by 6 at Thai tournament

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — Tiger Woods made five birdies on the front nine and shot a 66 Sunday, making a six-stroke lead going into the final round of the Bangkok National Pro-Am.

Playing in 95-degree heat and high humidity, Woods had a 61-under-par 210 after three rounds on the par-72, 7,000-yard course

at the Thai Country Club. He bogeyed the final hole after driving into the rough and hitting a weak approach shot and chip that both fell short.

Woods is playing well because I'm thinking well about it," Woods said. "I haven't made any major mental mistakes."

Greg Hanrahan shot a 70

Saturday and was second. Zaw Moe, Frank Noble and Chang Te-weng were all eight strokes back at 208.

Woods, whose mother, Kuldeva, was born in Thailand, is playing in the nation for the first time since turning pro.

"I still have to be focused, and I still have to make the shots," he said. "I'll have to play smart."

Robbins hangs on to top spot

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Kelly Robbins survived a double bogey on shot a Sunday-par 3 and held on to a one-stroke lead over Sunday's third round of the 2000 National Pro-Am.

The leader after each round, Robbins was at 2-under 204, two strokes ahead of Jim Geesdes.

Robbins had a double bogey on

the fourth hole, but she birdied four of five holes midway through the round on the 6,277-yard Legend course at the Golf and Country Club.

Playing partner Geesdes birdied four of the last eight holes for a 69. Vicki Goetze and Laurel Kean, each looking for a first LPGA victory, shot 68 and were at 207 in the event sponsored by Dr. Di Pepper.

Hot putter puts Stockton ahead

SUNRISE, Fla. (AP) — Dave Stockton made a line putter to a second-round 68 on Saturday and a one-stroke lead over three players after two rounds of the Senior PGA Tour's U.S. Championship.

Stockton, always one of the game's best putters, had a 36-hole total of 9-under 135, one shot ahead of Hoot Irwin, who had a 66 on Saturday; Jack Kiefer, who shot a 68, and Vicente Fernandez, who had a 69.

Singh takes 2-stroke lead in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Vijay Singh of Fiji had four birdies on the last five holes Sunday and fired a 6-under-par 68 for a two-stroke lead after three rounds of the South African Open.

It was the second of the tournament for Singh, who had a 15-under-par 210 for the 54 holes.

Skilled putting marked Singh's tour of the eight parkland course with narrow fairways and thick rough at the Glenelg Country Club.

Singh's Nick Price also put on a sharp display of putting as he fired a 65 for a 203, good for second place. Another two strokes back was South African Ernie Els, who had a 67 Saturday.

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MONEY IN BRIEF

Twin Falls chamber plans special events

TWIN FALLS—The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce plans the following events:

- Ribbon cutting/grand opening at 11 a.m. Friday, Village Grill, South Park Lounge, and Mc N Ed's Pizza, 170 S. Park Ave. W. across from La Cassia Restaurant, just over the Old Towne Bridge.
- Business After Hours at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 17 at Inspirations, 1440 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

First Security Insurance of Idaho Inc. recognized

TWIN FALLS—The Alliance Companies in McPherson, Kan., has announced that First Security Insurance of Idaho Inc. in Twin Falls has been named Advantage Agent for 1997.

To qualify as an Advantage Agent, an agency must exhibit superior professionalism and profitability over five consecutive years.

The Alliance Insurance Companies, represented by independent agents, serve 31 mid-western states. Alliance was established in 1888 and writes a full range of property and liability insurance for homes, farms and commercial businesses.

For more information, call 733-5135.

New CSI Incubator shop offers Anything Wooden

TWIN FALLS—Anything Wooden Inc., custom woodworking, cabinet and furniture, is a new business at the College of Southern Idaho Incubator.

Owner, Troy Koons, offers an eclectic range of master carpentry from highly finished furniture pieces to paintable shelving units.

Koons said he will gladly work with customers on designs and applications, giving prompt and highly competitive bids.

For more information, call 734-9955 or fax at 733-9316.

Albertson's announces increases in sales

BOISE—Albertson's Inc. announced sales trends for the four-week period ended Jan. 30.

Total sales increased 7.5 percent and comparable store sales increased 0.3 percent over the same four-week period last year.

For the 13-week period ended Jan. 30, total sales increased 9.1 percent and comparable store sales increased 2.3 percent over the same 13-week period last year.

For the fiscal year ended Jan. 30, total sales increased 9.5 percent and comparable store sales increased 2.7 percent over the same 52-week period last year.

Final sales and earnings results for the quarter and year ended Jan. 30, will be released March 3.

Boise-based company currently operates 826 retail stores in 20 Western, Midwestern and Southern states.

Aerospace giant ponders cutting jobs in Utah

OGDEN, Utah—Restructuring of Thiokol Corp.'s aerospace operations could result in job cuts for an unspecified number of the northern Utah company's employees come July.

In all, three Thiokol divisions—Space, Defense and Launch Vehicles, and Science and Engineering—are being reorganized into the company's fledgling Aerospace Group under new president Robert Cippen.

Other divisions of the revamped corporation will include the Fasteners Group at Thiokol's Black facilities in Tucson, Ariz., and Homest Corp., the Connecticut-based component casting affiliate in which Thiokol owns a 49 percent stake now, but plans to acquire outright within two years.

Company officials could not confirm the number of employees that could be affected by work force cuts, saying specifics were still being considered.

"A study is under way to determine the most effective way to consolidate those organizations, and the results of that study will be implemented after July 1," Thiokol's Steve Lawson said.

Scripting a healthy marriage

Video teaches men how to be better husbands, fathers

"The video became a form of success that neither man or wife had."

—Albert Einstein

By Paul W. Hertzberg
Times-News Staff Writer

TWIN FALLS—Shelves are stacked with how-to and self-help videos.

He has now 60-minute production. Mark Bork of Twin Falls shows how to build a better husband.

With interviews, music and computer-generated local residents, Creative Husbands Creative Dads is a fast-paced, amusing and thought-provoking guide for men and how they can warm the flame under their marriage and improve family relationships.

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Anne Bork of Twin Falls proudly displays a video produced by her husband, Mark, called Creative Husbands Creative Dads. The video, which draws in part from the success of Mark and Anne's marriage, strives to help men improve their family relationships.

Seven years ago, Bork started writing the script while working on a master's degree in communications at Regent University in Virginia. For the project, he talked with couples, marriage counselors and clergy.

"I saw a real need to help people in their marriages, especially men," he said. "I learned a lot from other men and had seen what made their marriages good."

"The video was more based on the success of our marriage," said his wife, Anne.

Three years ago, Mark, Anne and their two young sons moved from Wisconsin to Twin Falls, where Anne had family.

"We knew we loved the west," Mark Bork said.

"We came here, still unsure," added Anne Bork, smiling in his thought.

They were disappointed.

"It's been such a great family atmosphere," she said.

A group of investors liked the video and Anne and Bork's names were forwarded to local and midwestern investors.

Mark Bork serves as narrator and area residents volunteered to appear in the illustrative stories. Familiar sites around Twin Falls are featured. The crew also traveled to Phoenix, Denver and Boise for a cross-section of different faces and places.

"Mark is encouraging by nature," Anne Bork said. "He wanted to make something nuts and bolts and practical and not a talking head at a podium, so many men can walk away and say 'I can do that.'"

To Mark Bork, the way to reach men was through their television.

"Most men won't take time to read a book, but they will watch a video," Mark Bork said.

"It's extremely practical advice and the advice is given from a man appearing from the video. It's not a resi-

dent expert. That's the genius of it from my perspective," said the Rev. Brian Vriesman of Twin Falls Reformed Church, who also appears in the production. "The guys who speak are average husbands and dads."

Her husband does speak a number of the principles in their own life and 15-year marriage, says Anne Bork. And if he forgets, "I use the video on him," she adds with a laugh.

An award-winning video producer, Mark Bork is concentrating full-time on marketing the tape nationwide. Women are the target audience to buy for husbands, sons or sons-in-law.

Healthy sales mean the opportunity to produce more videos that make a difference.

"So yes," Mark Bork said, "we do hope it flies."

Can everyday investors play the merger game?

NEW YORK—Wall Street is in the mood to have its own Morgan Stanley shares because its merger with Dean Witter was announced. The deal is expected to close in late February.

Holdings in a merger target that day before the deal is announced are often generous, and usually available in full. Morgan stock traded 10 percent this past Wednesday after its deal was announced—on an all-time gain for 6-12 weeks work on Wall Street. It rose 3.6 percent when Billton disclosed its hostile takeover bid.

"It's one of those things like when lightning strikes," says William LeFevre, senior market analyst at Ebsco-Kennedy King Associates, a brokerage firm.

"By all indications, there have been quite a number of merger winners since the recent burst of merger mania began in 1993. The best practices of course, is the following: 'How do I get in on the bounty?' Unusually the game is a particularly high-stakes one for the trader to win.

Wall Street's merger mania jumped 20 percent the day after being announced; it would have its aerospace rival, which came on a Sunday. Bill "buying" before the deal is announced morning would not have been too successful as the stock shut up immediately. There are really only two ways to make money from the deal: either in a bid or in a takeover.

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1996 net revenue: 6.2 billion

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1996 pre-tax income: 3.1 billion
1996 net revenue: 12.0 billion

MORGAN STANLEY

Market capitalization (2/3/96): \$9.0 billion
1996 pre-tax income: 1.6 billion
1996 net revenue: 5.8 billion

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announced, hoping to profit from the difference between current stock prices and what will be paid when the deal is consummated.

One big risk is the merger falls apart, hence the reliance on research into everything from the personalities involved to regulators. Another consideration is how long it will take for the deal to be completed. Will it justify the return?

"You might make 10-12 percent on your money," says the arbitrator. "And if one deal a year craters..."

The entire approach is difficult for most individuals. Commission costs can eat you up. Investing in hedge funds that participate in merger arbitrage takes a big investment. Hedge funds

typically require a minimum commitment of \$100,000 to \$1 million or more.

So what's an individual to do? One possibility is trying to pick what industries are undergoing rapid consolidation. Those companies not involved could come crashing back to earth.

When Morgan Stanley announced its merger with Dean Witter, Wall Street was surprised. The rumor was PaineWebber would be snapped up. While Morgan's stock soared, PaineWebber fell 7 percent that day.

"The problems that individuals have is in order to get the one that might happen, you're going to own a lot of things that nothing happens to," LeFevre says.

Back in the 1980s it was easier. Then, raiders latched onto companies and targeted bidding wars. You could buy a target and watch the stock go up round after round. Even that held some risks, but today there are fewer chances to jump on a rising elevator.

One counter-example: Conrail shares jumped 20 percent when CSX announced an agreement to buy the big Northeast railroad. They have since gained 25 percent more following rival railroad operator Norfolk Southern's hostile offer and the higher bids that followed. Nice gains were available even to investors who came late to the table.

America Online may be on verge of restoring image

By John H. Johnson
Times-News Staff Writer

Last week's headlines held little good news for America Online.

The week began the world's largest on-line service was ending. From criticism by users angered by their inability to connect to the service.

A new pricing plan offering unlimited access at a flat monthly rate instead of hourly signals across the nation.

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"America Online has been almost impossible to get onto at night," said David J. Meyers, an AOL subscriber from Plainville, Conn. "Not times even if you can get the phone to ring, it won't pick up." AOL formerly limited access to a certain number of hours per month and charged extra for additional time on-line.

Half a dozen lawsuits were filed in various states

over the access problems. To make matters worse, on Jan. 15 and 16 AOL was hit with two separate technical malfunctions that interrupted service to thousands of subscribers. The glitches came five months after a highly publicized outage shut down America Online for 19 hours.

The image left by these events was of a company besieged by technical, legal, marketing and customer-service woes.

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Many new changes could affect returns sent to the Internal Revenue Service this spring. Here's an overview of what's new for 1997.

TAX CHANGES ...

- ▶ **Tax rates:** The same five brackets — 15, 28, 31, 36, and 39.6 percent — but adjusted for inflation. Capital gains are taxed at 15 percent or 28 percent — no higher.
- ▶ **Exemptions:** The amount for each exemption — generally yourself, your spouse and your dependents — is \$2,550, an increase of \$50.
- ▶ **Standard deduction:** \$4,000 for singles and \$6,700 for couples filing jointly. Up from \$3,900 and \$6,550, respectively.
- ▶ **Higher-income people:** Exemptions disappear if income as single is over \$113,350 or if income as couple tops \$176,950.
- ▶ **Mileage:** The deduction for business use of a car is 31 cents a mile, up from 30 cents. The deduction for children's carpooling remains 12 cents for medical and moving expenses. It's 10 cents, up from 9 cents.
- ▶ **Earned income credit:**

Head of household	Married joint	Wife
1 child	\$38,905	\$3,556
2 children	\$28,078	\$2,132
no children	\$9,190	\$313
- ▶ **Investment interest:**

Investment	Married joint	Wife
\$152,700	n/a	\$0

- ▶ **Research and development credit:** The rate for R&D activities is 20 percent.
- ▶ **Charitable gifts:** The profit from the sale of property such as real estate, stocks and bonds is 30 percent.
- ▶ **Adjusted gross income:** Gross income minus adjustments such as Individual Retirement Accounts and health insurance, moving expenses and mortgage paid.
- ▶ **Charitable income:** Adjusted gross income minus deductions and exemptions.
- ▶ **Charitable deduction:** Expenses the tax code allows you to deduct from your income. Charitable contributions are limited to 30 percent of adjusted gross income. If you have more than \$500 in charitable contributions, you can deduct up to \$5,000 in the current year and carry over the rest to the next year.
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KEEP IN MIND ...

- Some helpful tips when filing your return this year:
 - ▶ If you want the IRS to return your tax return to you, check the "Return My Return" box on Form 1040.
 - ▶ **File in the first part of your return.** You'll get your refund faster if you file in the first part of your return (line 37 or 38 of Form 1040) and line 6 on Form 1042EZ, and follow other instructions.
 - ▶ **The IRS will figure your tax owed or refund, your credit and your refund.** The IRS will figure your tax owed or refund, your credit and your refund. The IRS will figure your tax owed or refund, your credit and your refund.
 - ▶ **Get an automatic four-month extension.** If you're having a hard time coming up with the money, you can get an automatic four-month extension on your tax return.
 - ▶ **Remember —** If you receive a bigger refund check than you're expecting, call the IRS to find out if it's a mistake before spending it. But, don't hold your refund check too long. It expires in 12 months.
 - ▶ **Using the mailing label.** If you're mailing your return, use the mailing label provided by the IRS. It includes the IRS's return processing office.
- ▶ **Sign your return.** Both spouses must sign a joint return. If you return includes information, you should include a \$500 penalty. As a reward of up to \$100,000 are available by turning in a tax cheat. See Publication 733 and section of Form 211.
- ▶ **Keep any records that support your tax return.** Such as receipts, canceled checks, etc., for three years from the date the return was filed or for two years from the date the tax was paid, whichever date is later. Records that concern the value of your home and non-deductible contributions to your Individual Retirement Account should be kept permanently.

Electronic filing

Three methods of electronic filing are available this year:

- ▶ **Telephone:** These year single taxpayers can file their returns by phone in 1996. 23 million taxpayers can file their returns by phone.
- ▶ **Mail:** These year single taxpayers can file their returns by mail in 1996. 23 million taxpayers can file their returns by mail.
- ▶ **Internet:** These year single taxpayers can file their returns by internet in 1996. 23 million taxpayers can file their returns by internet.

Getting help

- ▶ **Free Federal Income Tax:** The IRS has a guide for individuals, as the IRS publication.
- ▶ **Charitable:** These year single taxpayers can file their returns by phone in 1996. 23 million taxpayers can file their returns by phone.
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Taxpayers shouldn't buy into all those IRS myths, rumors

By Melanie Payne
Knight-Ridder News Service

You know that peel-off label — the one the Internal Revenue Service included with your Form 1040? The one with your name and all that coding on it? The one the IRS wants you to stick on your tax return? Despite what your friends might tell you, the label doesn't tip off the IRS that on last year's return your medical expenses were suspect. Or that your business deductions need to be scrutinized. — and most especially, it doesn't re-flag your return for an IRS audit.

"Claiming a particular deduction does not make (a tax return) automatically selected for audit. A mathematical computation does."

— Teri Dixon, IRS

All that peel-off label is sure to do is speed up your refund, said Teri Dixon, public affairs officer in the IRS' Cincinnati regional office. The tax agency's supposedly sneaky use of the peel-off label is just one of many myths about income taxes that seem to surface every year about this time. Dixon isn't sure how or why the peel-off rumor got started. But she does know that the income tax filing season is ripe for rumor. "Get a myth started and nobody knows if it's true or not," said Myron Turville, a tax manager for the National Automatic Refund Service in Alexandria, Va. "The main reason is that (taxes) are so complicated that not one single person understands all of the tax code. So when myths get started, there are very few tax professionals that can debunk the myths."

Half-truths can easily escalate into full-fledged myths and rumors. "People know that the income tax filing season is ripe for rumor. Get a myth started and nobody knows if it's true or not," said Myron Turville, a tax manager for the National Automatic Refund Service in Alexandria, Va. "The main reason is that (taxes) are so complicated that not one single person understands all of the tax code. So when myths get started, there are very few tax professionals that can debunk the myths."

Filing electronically and having your refund transferred electronically is one of the quickest ways to get a refund. However, many people don't do this because they believe it may give the IRS an opportunity to swoop through their bank accounts. "The IRS doesn't have access to your checking or savings account except to process that refund," Stultz said. Phone fiends, especially, are missing a particularly easy way to file and get refunds, Dixon said. "You can file in the time it takes to order a pizza," she said, but a paranoia about the IRS is keeping

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I paid face value; a few were acquired at a discount. Lately, as interest rates have fallen, the market value of the bonds has appreciated. Most are now selling at a substantial premium. If I sell these municipal bonds will the gain be taxable?
A. Even though interest from municipal bonds is tax-exempt, capital gains are taxed just like the gains derived from the sale of other taxable securities.

Myron Lubell, a CPA, directs the Executive Master of Science in Taxation program at Florida International University. Send questions to Business Monday, Herald Plaza, Miami, Fla. 33132. Only selected questions will be answered. Letters cannot be answered individually.

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TWIN FALLS - Bringing together more than 20 years of ceramic art experience, Shirley Shaddy and Karla Quaintance have opened the Color Come Alive studio, 615 2nd Ave., in the annex of the Ceramic Depot in Twin Falls.

The owners call the business a contemporary ceramic studio where customers can paint, glaze and fire items and pick them up the following day without fuss or mess. It also offers a wide range of items including dinnerware, picture frames, boxes, candlesticks, teapots, soap dishes, flower pots and vases.

Hours are from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and on Wednesdays until 9 p.m. For more information call 734-7289.

TWIN FALLS - Steve Hallows, broker, announces that Heather Lane Harshaw (previously Heather Deckard), has joined Windermere Real Estate. Prior to real estate, she was a flight attendant for five years. She has also been training and showing jumping horses for 20 years.

You may contact her at 734-6793.

TWIN FALLS - Ray Sabala, owner/broker of Sabala Realty, recently attended a two-day educational and networking



Heather Harshaw



Ray Sabala



Marcy Asher



Bonnie Goemmer



Mary Fort



Martha Lampman



Lee Humbach



Shirley Shaddy



Karla Quaintance

event to learn the latest skills and techniques to better serve his clients. This program, held in New Orleans, was presented by the Residential Sales Council, a not-for-profit affiliate of the National Association of Realtors.

Topics covered included technology, financial management, marketing and customer service. Since 1977, over 31,000 realtors have earned the CRS designation, representing the top four percent of real estate professionals in the United States.

TWIN FALLS - Sharon Fischer, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Vice President of Quality Resources, has attained the credential of Certified Professional in Healthcare Quality (CPHQ).

Fischer recently passed a written examination designed to assess candidate knowledge, skills and abilities in the field of healthcare quality, utilization and risk management. The exam also covered important concepts in quality improvement, data manage-

ment and general administrative functions.

Qualifications to attempt the CPHQ examination include a minimum of two years of experience in the healthcare quality management field along with at least an associate, baccalaureate, masters or doctoral degree in any field; RN or LPN licensure; or accreditation in medical records technology.

There is no set course work available to prepare for the examination. Candidates must use all available resources and be personally motivated to create a self-study program to prepare for the test.

Fischer joins the ranks of over 6,000 colleagues in the United States and overseas who have achieved this important career milestone.

TWIN FALLS - On Jan. 15, the Idaho Chapter of the Realtors Land Institute, and affiliate of the National Association of Realtors for more than 50 years, held their elections for statewide executive officers.

Among the directors elected

statewide was Bob Jones, ALC, Twin Falls.

Accredited members of RLI comprise about 300 professionals in the United States and Canada, and hold the designation of ALC, Accredited Land Consultant. All the members of RLI subscribe to the strict Code of Ethics of National Association of Realtors. Designations are awarded on the basis of advanced education, experience, participation and ability measured in completed land transactions.

TWIN FALLS - First Federal Savings Bank President Richard L. Allen announced the following promotions made at the bank's recent annual meeting:

Marcy J. Asher was promoted to vice president, mortgage loans. Asher, who joined the bank in 1990, is in charge of the administration of mortgage loans for the bank's five offices in Twin Falls, Buhl, Burley and Rupert.

Bonnie Goemmer was promoted to assistant vice president and director of teller oper-

ations. Goemmer joined the bank in 1995 after 15 years experience with Security Pacific National Bank of America. She oversees the bank's deposit activities.

Mary Fort was promoted to assistant vice president, data processing. Fort joined the bank in 1983 and works in information systems and accounting in the bank's data processing center in Twin Falls.

GOODING - Martha Lampman and Lee Humbach have recently received promotions with Ridley's Food and Drug.

Lampman joined Ridley's in April. Before being promoted to her current position of grocery manager in the Jerome store, she held positions of cashier, courtesy service clerk and bookkeeper. She brought with her 2 1/2 years of retail grocery experience which she received while employed with Safeway Stores Inc. in Hod

River, Ore. She held similar positions there which will be of considerable value in her new position.

Lee Humbach was transferred from Jerome's Ridley's Food and Drug to the Gooding store as assistant store manager.

He began his career with Ridley's during his senior year of high school in the Jerome Store. He began as a courtesy clerk and was promoted to a freight stocker upon high school graduation. In addition to working in the grocery department, he wrapped meat in the Boise store for a short time. Shortly after returning to Jerome, he was promoted to the fourth management position in the grocery department. Soon after that, he received a promotion to grocery manager. He held that position in the Jerome store as well as the Gooding store before his promotion to assistant store manager.

TWIN FALLS - Joe Russell of Estate Planning Strategies in Twin Falls, recently attended the 31st Annual Advanced Estate Planning conference sponsored by the University of Miami School of Law, Miami, Fla.

Online

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But close observers say the headlines may mask a more fundamental truth. America Online, they say, is on the verge of consolidating its position as the powerhouse of the on-line industry.

A massive upgrade to the AOL network promises to distance the company from its on-line competitors and new deals with leading content providers and electronic marketers should open up new revenue streams.

"This is a pretty good problem to have, people sort of beating down your door to get in," said Patrick Keane, an analyst for Jupiter Communications, a New York consulting and media research firm.

"They've gone through a barn-burner of a transition. I'm pretty bullish on their success in pulling it out," said Keane. Crucial to that future success is how America Online handles the next six months. During that time, the company plans to:

- Spend \$350 million upgrading its national network of computers and the protocols that allow subscribers to connect.

- Barely a year ago, America Online had 50,000 modems available to serve its customers. During 1996, the company quadrupled that total to 200,000. Between now and July, the company expects to add at least 150,000 modems to its network.

- Increase customer support. AOL said it expects to add 600 people to a customer-support staff that already numbers 4,000. The company also recently opened its fifth customer service office, in New Mexico.

- "We're working aggressively to cut down the wait period for users for both technical and non-technical help," said spokesman Steve Sigmund.

- Continue to boost membership. Marketing efforts have been centered somewhat while America Online works to serve

existing customers. But the on-line service is still growing at a breathtaking pace.

Nearly lost in last week's coverage was word that America Online had reached 8 million subscribers. In December alone, it signed up 500,000 new members.

- Improve the on-line experience. America Online is already well along in development of its next-generation software, which promises to add more multimedia content to the service. Photos, videos, sound and even a 3-D chat environment are part of the plans for AOL 4.0 software.

- If these goals are achieved by midyear, America Online will have solidified its standing as the nation's pre-eminent on-line service. It will have a newly upgraded computer network and a stronger customer-service unit. By year's end, it could have as many as 10 million members.

- Prodigy, by contrast, has about 1 million members; Microsoft Network has about 2.2 million; and CompuServe recently announced it no longer is going after the consumer market, focusing instead on business.

- Since America Online's flat-rate pricing of \$19.95 a month was introduced, usage has surged. The length of an on-line session grew from an average of 19 minutes in November to 25 to 27 minutes in December - a 30 percent increase.

- Daily connections also shot up. America Online was handling about 3.8 million sessions each day in November 1995. A year later, that number had risen to 6 million daily sessions. And by last month, the number of daily con-

nections to AOL reached 10 million.

Although that kind of demand is responsible for AOL's current problems, it should be a long-term boon to the company's profitability, said Marc S. Usem, an equities analyst who tracks AOL for Salomon Brothers in New York.

- "People want the service. People want their AOL," Usem said. "I think that the trends for the company mesh well with their longer term goals of increasing their other revenues of advertising, merchandising and transactions."

- The massive size of America Online's subscriber base should give it a clear edge when competing for advertisers, retailers and service providers, such as investment firms, Usem said. Earlier this month, for example, AOL announced a deal with discount stockbroker Charles Schwab to offer on-line financial services.

- Despite its success, America Online faces a variety of competitive challenges.

- One of the biggest is the continuing presence of Microsoft Network. Backed by the financial and technical resources of giant Microsoft Corp., upstart MSN is likely to pose a long-term challenge to America Online's leadership in commercial on-line services.

- Direct Internet-access providers and even cable television access to the Internet could also provide stiff competition, according to a recent analysis by Montgomery Securities.

- AOL also needs to find a way to work with its content providers, such as newspaper and magazine publishers, as it increasingly cre-

ates its own content, said Mark Mooradian, a senior analyst with Jupiter Communications.

- "America Online faces a paradox," Mooradian said. "The company intends to reinvent itself from a leading distributor of on-line content into primarily a developer of on-line content. And this means it must continue to court its traditional media partners in the short term, while trying to get into their business in the long term."



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New era of players occupying upscale pool halls

SEATTLE (AP) — The old wooden floor's uneven. Fans barely cut the cigarette smoke. It's so still you can hear chalk squeak on cue tips.

"This is a pool hall, not a social club," says Lazette Kunzi, working the front desk of the venerable 1-11 Billiard Club in Belltown. Signs inside warn:

"No whistling
"No boisterous or profane talk"
Players frown in concentration. Instead of a whoop, killer shots are awarded a tap-up of the pool cue. This is serious pool.

Up the hill at Garage, a car-shop-turned-pool-hall, it's the same game, different world.

Boisterous talk is welcome at the Garage. "If a rowdy person walks up the stairs at the 2-11, they turn them right around and send them here," says Alex Rosenast, partner of the hip new Capitol Hill billiards hall backed by a team of investors that includes Pearl Jam guitarist Mike McCready.



Andrea Brush-Hoover, 24, of Seattle, lines up a shot in the Garage, a pool hall in Seattle recently. The Garage is one of more than a dozen high-class pool joints that have sprung up in the Seattle area the past few years.

area the past few years. Inside them, a new generation of players — called "upscalers" by downtown traditionalists — suck up microbrews, munch on guenne pesto, grove to add jazz

or progressive rock, chatter happily and eye each other as often as they eye the cue ball.

"People come here to have fun in the game's secondary," says Rosenast, who helped degenerate and revamp the 1928 brick building into a trendy restaurant/pool hall in August.

Five months later, the joint's jumping, and entrepreneur Rosenast, former owner of RKC-NDY night club, is smiling. Garage is his second hall. His first, Temple Billiards, opened in Pioneer Square three years ago, a boom year for billiards in the Puget Sound region.

"Seattle," says Rosenast, "is one of the last to get in on it."

The pool-is-cool boom started a decade ago on the East Coast, where yuppie gangs jamming halls outfitted with chandeliers, oak floors, faux marble pillars, French windows and brass rails, paying prices \$12-an-hour table rental fees with plastic.

Within 10 years, the number of players in the country swelled from 35 million to 42 million. Clearly pool — once pictured as

a marginal sport delegated to dusty, smoke-darkened dives — had stepped out for a big night on the town.

Entrepreneurs were quickly rolling out the red carpet — and racking up profits. Billiards, it appeared, was a business to bank on.

"A lot of new rooms have gone up all over the country," says Jim Bakula, president of Brunswick Billiards, the nation's leading manufacturer of pool equipment. Bakula estimates there are now between 1,500 and 2,000 upscale halls across the country.

His research also shows dramatic demographic shifts. In the '90s, the fastest-growing segment of players is baby boomers, aged 35-54. Plus, pool is no longer a "man's game." In the last decade, the number of women playing has increased 32 percent.

Some say the renaissance is evidence that Americans are yearning to go back to the past, to old-fashioned fun. And pool, a game for fools and kings, is an easy link.

Boring bond funds may be due a long look

Nowday

It isn't that bond fund managers are defensive these days. But when they say things like, "We're like the Maytag repairman; nobody calls" or, "Did you get second prize and have to write a story on bond funds instead of equities?" you get the sense they feel a tad neglected.

Given the performance of most bond funds the past three years, perhaps some benign neglect was in order. Last year, for example, Treasury bond funds had an average total return of 0.77 percent, general government bond funds, 1.72 percent; Ginnie Mae and mortgage bonds funds, less than 4 percent; and general bond funds, 6.05 percent.

Only riskier junk-bond funds, which returned 11.74 percent, and convertible-bond funds at 13.67 percent, did well. The very risky emerging-market debt funds beat most stock funds, with a 40.7 percent return.

But since the bond-fund debacle of 1994, investor cash has gone into the rampant bull market for equities. More than \$220 billion went into stock funds in 1996, compared with about \$15.8 billion into bond funds. And that \$15.8 billion was a big turnaround from the \$4.8 billion outflow in 1995 and the \$43 billion rout in 1994.

"Now, as the stock market boom seems to continue, despite a volatile January, investors are pouring money into equity index funds," said Kathleen Gaffney, assistant portfolio manager of the Leaning Tower Bond Fund, "which leaves bonds, much neglected and underloved, which probably means they are a good buying opportunity."

"Money always seems to run in one direction and that's the stock market now. Maybe it will turn around soon and go in the other direction," said John Holladay, a bond-fund manager at Wardell & Reed in Overland

Park, Kan. But what bond-fund managers are not-so-secretly hoping for is a downturn in the stock market to help their funds recover.

"What you need is something that happens beneficially to bonds, but less beneficially to stocks," said Ian MacKinnon, director of fixed-income investments for the Vanguard Group. "My attitude is that the stock market has gotten far ahead of itself, and it is a serious possibility it will be down for the year."

Les Nanberg, MacKinnon's counterpart at Massachusetts Financial Services in Boston, doesn't go that far. "Our official position is that stocks will earn about 10 percent this year, about the same as the high-yield (junk) bond funds," he said. "I'm not an equity person and not particularly negative on equities, but I don't think they will do another 20 percent this year."

The huge gains of stock funds over the last two years, well over 60 percent compounded as measured by the Standard & Poor's 500 index, might also lead investors to take another look at the allocation of assets in their portfolios, which may be heavier in equities than they intended. At least bond fund managers hope they will.

"We just sent a letter to the shareholders of our bond funds, who are also in equities, saying maybe this would be a good time to rebalance your asset allocation and go into our tax-free funds," said Lacy Herrmann, president of Aquila Management in New York.

For those who are considering bond funds, but know only stock funds, a caution about so-called fixed-income funds: The reasons you buy a bond are not the reasons to buy a bond fund.

A bond promises a fixed interest rate, fixed maturity and guaranteed return of your principal, barring default. Bond funds, however, do not guarantee return of your principal, as many who jumped into bond funds painfully found out when interest rates fell from 1991 to 1993. There is no fixed income, since the income will vary with the mix of securities in the portfolio and the level of interest rates, and there is no guaranteed maturity because a bond fund has a hypothetically endless life.

What you get, however, is professional management. That means the manager picks the right bonds or mix of bonds. You also get liquidity, which allows you to sell shares more easily than you can sell an individual

bond, and the possibility of a higher total return.

All this comes at a price, of course, and since the primary income from a fund is from the bonds' interest, the expenses of the fund can drive your return down. It is why many financial planners think it makes no sense to pay a commission to buy a bond fund, especially a government or municipal tax-free bond fund, because a front load — a commission paid upfront — can wipe out the first year's return. If it has a rear load, which is paid when you sell, the higher expenses will act as a drag on the returns.

So know what you are buying when you buy into a bond fund. And that "is shares in a company that owns a portfolio of bonds," said Michael Lipper, who heads Lipper Analytical Services Inc., which tracks fund performance.

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New rule to remember: Mergers dominate the '90's

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Hostile takeover bankers pitch deals worth billions of dollars, and nobody blinks. Companies bathed in history like McDonnell Douglas and MCI have agreed to be bought out.

In that light, Hilton's \$6.5 billion play for ITT Corp. shouldn't be much of a surprise. The rules have changed: It's out or be eaten.

ANALYSIS Farrell Kramer

Back in the 1980s, when terms like "corporate raiders" and "leveraged buyout" entered the common lexicon, aggression was mostly a trait of the takeover artists, swashbucklers like Icahn, Goldsmith, Pickens, Corporations rarely pursued takeovers with the zeal they exhibit today, perhaps because they were too busy defending themselves.

The realities of competition 1990s style, though, began to change that as companies came to believe they had to be more efficient — and bigger — to survive in a smaller world. They began to merge, and their mergers begat more mergers, and so on, and so on.

Now, companies in merger-frenzied industries not only view combining as an option, but as a necessity. If they don't become buyers or sellers, they stand to slowly shrivel as others grow.

Hilton chief executive Stephen Bollenbach implied as much late last month after announcing his company's hostile bid for ITT, owner of Sheraton hotels and numerous casinos: "We want to be a leader in the consolidation of the gaming business." Investment bankers see it every day.

"More companies are looking and feel like they don't have an option," said Gregg Polle, a managing director in the mergers and acquisitions department of Salomon Bros.

One good example is the takeover battle for Conrail, the big East Coast railroad. CSX, a big freight carrier, signed an agreement to buy Conrail. Then, Norfolk Southern, another competitor, jumped in with a hostile bid of its own.

"If Conrail were bought by CSX, that had profound implications for Norfolk Southern," Polle explained. The winner stands to be the dominant freight carrier in the East.

Numerous deals driven by fear of being left behind helped push 1996 into the record books as the Year of the Merger, with about \$50 billion in announced U.S. deals, according to Securities Data Co. Some of the most deal-frenzied industries were telecommunications, utilities and broadcasting. Banking, which saw host-

Top U.S. corporate mergers

- RJR Nabisco Inc. merger with Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. completed in 1989.** \$25 billion
- Bell Atlantic Corp. agrees to combine with Nynex Corp. in an exchange of stock announced April 23, 1996.** \$22.7 billion
- Walt Disney Co. buys Capital Cities/ABC with cash and stock completed in 1996.** \$19 billion
- SBC Communications Inc. agrees to buy Pacific Televis Group with stock announced April 1, 1996.** \$16.7 billion
- WorldCom Inc. agrees to acquire MFS Communications Co. announced Aug. 26, 1996.** \$14.4 billion
- Wells Fargo & Co. buys First Interstate Bancorp. completed in 1996.** \$14.2 billion
- Warner Communications Inc. merger with Time Inc. completed in 1996.** \$14.1 billion
- Kraft Inc. merger with Philip Morris Inc. completed in 1988.** \$13.4 billion
- Gulf Corp. merger with Standard Oil Co. of California completed in 1984.** \$13.4 billion
- Boeing Co. agrees to buy McDonnell Douglas Corp. announced Dec. 15, 1996.** \$13.3 billion

Value in dollars unadjusted for inflation.

Source: AP Research, Securities Data Co.

action in 1995, also included some notable combos.

The excitement has worked its way into Corporate America at large, like Bollenbach's hotel and casino business. Most experts expect it to continue into the foreseeable future. Size seems to be no object.

"It's getting hard to be shocked," said Kathryn Rudie Harrigan, a professor of business leadership at Columbia Business School. "I'm afraid we're getting juiced."

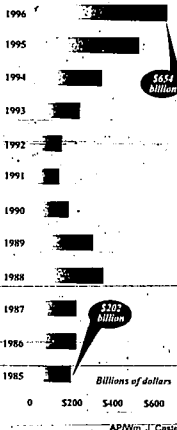
In days gone by, one shocker would have been Western Resources, a big Midwest utility. Late last year, it announced a hostile bid for ADT, the nation's biggest burglar alarm company. Earlier in 1996, a hostile Western bid broke up a friendly utility merger and Western is now in negotiations to buy its prey, Kansas City Power & Light.

The thing is, utilities NEVER make hostile bids. They've always been known as stable investments, with many stock owners simply counting on dividend payments. Deregulation changed all that, as it did in telecommunications.

Surprising friendly deals like Boeing buying McDonnell Douglas and British Telecom acquiring MCI, both pending, also highlight the new era. Who could've imagined McDonnell agreeing to be purchased by its archrival or feisty MCI bought by a British competitor with a steady reputation?

If massive corporate mergers have become de rigueur, aggres-

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deals may represent those with the greatest panache. They pit bankers who go for the throat with financial strategists specializing in defense.

Press releases laced with venom but cloaked with legal language find their way to newspapers daily.

Expect ITT to put up a fight against Hilton. Bollenbach says he tried to open talks and was rebuffed. Meanwhile, ITT is a tough acquirer itself, amassing a huge collection of businesses before recently splitting in three. Its managers won't easily agree to giving up control.

One last point. Hostile deals, Polle notes, are successful more often today than back in the go-go '80s, when Carl Icahn, Sir James Goldsmith and T. Boone Pickens were at the top of their games.

Actually, Icahn is back in the fray, staging a complex fight for control of Marvel Entertainment, the comic-book creator controlled by financier Ronald Perelman. More often, though, hostile bids are likely to come from the blue bloods of corporate society. A few buyers from the recent past: IBM, AT&T, Johnson & Johnson.

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Experts: Morgan Stanley and Dean Witter merger good idea

The Washington Post

NEW YORK — Mutual-fund experts predict the proposed merger of Morgan Stanley Group Inc. and Dean Witter, Discover & Co. would be a long-term boon for shareholders in the mutual funds run by both companies, although it could easily take as much as a year before any changes are made to the funds.

Officials at the two firms provided no details of their plans for their mutual-fund complexes, which together have a total of \$93.9 billion in assets, and would be the nation's sixth-largest fund complex, according to Financial Research Corp. in Chicago. Would you be able to switch among fund families lead-free, say, moving out of Dean Witter's \$12.2 billion Dividend Growth fund and into Morgan Stanley's \$2.7 billion Van Kampen American Pace Fund? Would the funds get new names? Would some similar funds be merged?

"I have not heard many of these issues discussed yet," said Richard G. Woolworth, director of marketing for Morgan Stanley Asset Management, who handles the firm's institutional funds, which have minimum investments that range from \$100,000 to \$5 million. "These are the sorts of things that will be sorted out over time."

Dean Witter officials could not be reached for comment.

In announcing their planned \$10 billion stock swap, the two firms indicated they would go slow on any attempt to merge the two complexes. After the merger, Dean Witter Asset Management would continue to report to Dean Witter's chairman and chief executive, Philip J. Purcell, while Morgan Stanley Asset Management — which owns not only its own brand, but also has recently purchased Van Kampen American Capital and Miller, Anderson & Co. — would continue to report to John J. Mack, Morgan Stanley's president. Purcell stressed in a news conference that the two firms would try to preserve the value of each of their different brands, another suggestion of a go-slow policy.

"All post-merger announcements are the equivalent of the check is in the mail," they try to say as little as possible while trying to sort everything out," said Louis Harvey, president of Dalbar Inc., a Boston-based mutual-fund consultant. "At this point they have to be focusing on retaining key people."

Harvey said he sees the proposed merger as an "enormously positive" event for the two firms' mutual-fund shareholders. "You'll likely see only the best managers of all the companies survive," he said. "And it should

be a lot cheaper to operate, so expense ratios could be reduced."

Harvey said it is likely that some of the smaller funds of one company would be merged into larger ones of the other company that have similar investment objectives or, perhaps, a better performance record. "I can casually say that they will weed out bad performers, but I don't have to do it, so I can be cavalier," Harvey said. "When you have to assess this you have to look at so many variables and choose the standard upon which you will judge a manager's current-year performance? His performance over five years? His tenure?"

On average, the Dean Witter funds have had a less-than-stellar performance record, analysis said, so weeding out some of the poorer-performing managers would benefit those funds' shareholders.

Several of Morgan Stanley's funds are small, although most have that high minimum investment limit and so would be difficult to merge. Harvey suggested Morgan Stanley could simply issue a new, less-expensive class of retail shares for existing, well-performing funds or perhaps set up look-alike funds with similar investment objectives but a much-lower minimum investment.

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Newspaper newsmen receive a lot of "review copies" of books each month and occasionally one is channeled to the wrong department. That appeared to be the case when a book titled "Women of the Street" landed on my desk. But the text was not about ... well, you know. The title referred to one specific street - Wall Street. The 200-page volume, authored by Sue Herera, an anchor on the CNBC cable network's financial programming, is based on interviews with 14 women who have made it big in what once was a man's world. Their experiences reflect a trend that has accelerated rapidly in recent years. Women in high finance are no longer an rarity. In her book, published by John Wiley & Sons and selling for \$24.95, Herera focuses on the personal lives of her chosen 14. The subjects range from an investment superstar, Elaine Garzarelli, lesser known women in finance such as Linda Bradford Raschke, a stock trader who runs her own firm, and Jane Stune, an investment consultant with Smith Barney. While all 14 have distinguished

themselves in their chosen fields, the ways they did it differed widely. Call David M. Fox, chief analyst and Bernadette Murphy did a majority of rights track as public television's "Wall Street Week" program. Bridget Foxwell was a marketing expert, sell ... ketting expert, sell ... ketting orange juice in Britain, before she turned her attention to Wall Street. Elizabeth Mackay, a strategist with Bear Stearns, got her start through sheer persistence after early interviews proved non-rewarding. There's one true pioneer who has done it all - Murd Siebert. She was the first woman to own a seat on the New York Stock Exchange, acquiring it in 1967. Today, she runs the successful brokerage firm that services 80,000 accounts. Siebert's first attempt to land a job on Wall Street failed when she admitted to an interviewer that she lacked a college degree. She fibbed to her next interviewer, said she did have a degree

and was hired as a \$65-a-week researcher-trainer. Abby Joseph Cohen, now co-chair of Goldman Sachs' investment policy committee, has been on the right track as a stock market "bull" all through the 1990-1996 market advance. She started her career as an economist with the Federal Reserve Board in Washington. Elizabeth Bramwell, who has built a reputation as a mutual fund manager, majored in chemistry in college (Bryn Mawr) and considered studying medicine. Instead, she took advanced business courses at Columbia University. Now, she has a fund that bears her name. Several of Herera's "women of the street" are raising children while furthering their careers. Perhaps the best known of the 14 women interviewed is Garzarelli, who called the long-lasting uptick in the market in 1982 and predicted the 1987 crash.

Ambitious in her youth to become a chemical engineer, Garzarelli switched to finance after taking an economics course at Drexel University. She worked as a strategist for several brokerage firms before forming her own advisory firm, which has offices in New York and Boca Raton, Fla. Garzarelli's fallibility surfaced not long after Herera interviewed her. Last July, with the Dow Jones industrial average at 5400, she abandoned a long-held bullish stance, predicted a sharp market downturn and advised her clients to sell. Six months later, with the Dow index nearing 6900 in mid-January, Garzarelli changed course again and forecast a 10 to 15 percent further gain in overall stock values. That very same day, stocks took a dive. Well, you can't win 'em all. But, increasingly, women in finance are winning in the competitive environment of Wall Street. "These women took the rules of the playground they entered at face value and accepted its demands as the price of pursuing their individual dreams. They're fighters, not whiners."

- Author Sue Herera

Once fired, woman now educates others

Knight-Ridder News Service

Patricia Folino used to sell carpet wholesale. She doesn't do that anymore - but it wasn't her choice she made. Now, she works to educate women about discrimination in the workplace. The change began in 1992 when Folino's employer, World Carpets Inc., of Dalton, Ga., fired 10 regional sales managers. Nine of the 10 were women, including Folino, who worked in the Philadelphia area. The company replaced the women with six regional vice presidents - all men. In 1993, Folino and four other women took their case to the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in Atlanta. Folino's younger son was nearing the end of his freshman year in high school. By the time the case was decided in November, he had started his freshman year at La Salle University. The EEOC said World had discharged the women and failed to promote them because of their sex. The agency also found that the company had discriminated against other women within the company. Based on the ruling, World Carpets and the women soon will begin negotiating a monetary settlement, although Martha McCable, the company's vice president of financial services, said World did not feel it had discriminated against the women.

was earning what she called a "very decent living," and she had recently landed a client that had rejected her offer for a franchise. Then suddenly the single mother - with no income, with no real explanation of what had happened, and two sons to support. After filing a complaint against the company, Folino said she was unable to get another job in the flooring and textiles industry, where she had 10 years' experience and four college degrees. For four years, Christmas wasn't a special holiday. "They were very hard with my son and I," she said. She is a native, who gives her age as 40-something. "We were barely making it. I was terrified." Folino spent a year trying to establish a franchise to help companies with problems such as conflict resolution and time management. Difficulties getting capital to start the business and working with her partner forced her to abandon that plan. After the complaint was filed, it took a year for the EEOC to agree to investigate, but Folino stuck with it because she and the other women couldn't afford to file a lawsuit. She established support groups for women, and cofounded a local support group for women with 200 members. She started Folino & Associates, which does marketing for management consultants. Despite the long battle, Folino says she would not have returned to World Carpets as a vice president if the company established mentoring and training programs. 90's Bravo said people who choose to file lawsuits have different experiences, but they share several traits. "She said people often wonder if something was wrong with them or not. Or if they could have done something to prevent the discrimination. Obsession with seeking justice is another common feeling, which can sometimes cause problems with the family, Bravo said. The obsession can create a conflict: guilt for creating stress in the family if the person continues with the complaint or the guilt for letting the company off the hook if the person backs out.

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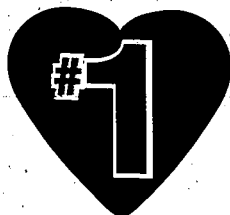
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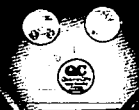


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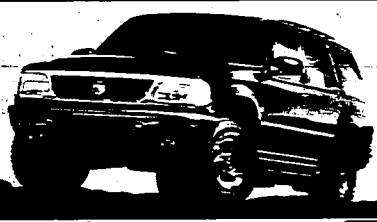
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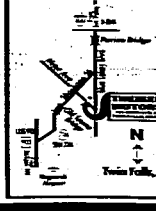


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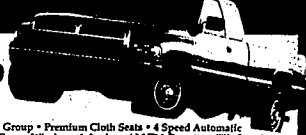
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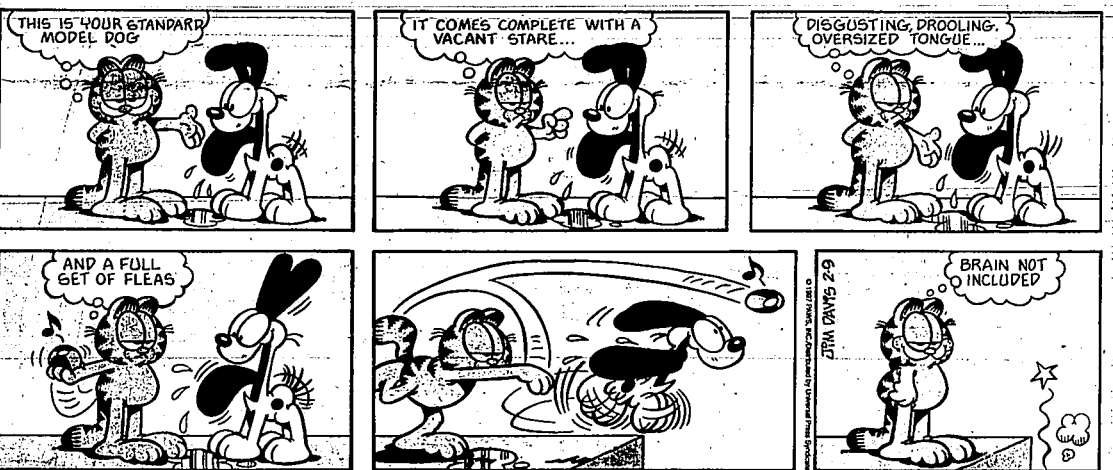
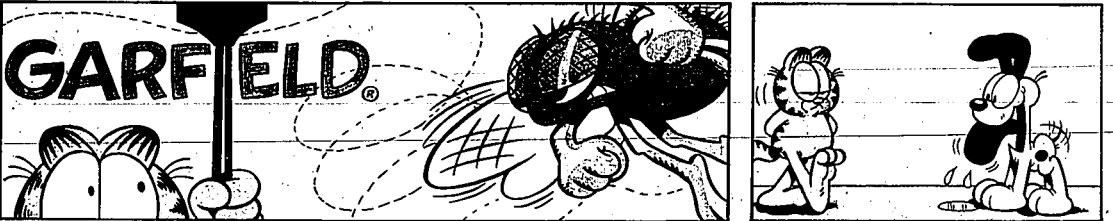
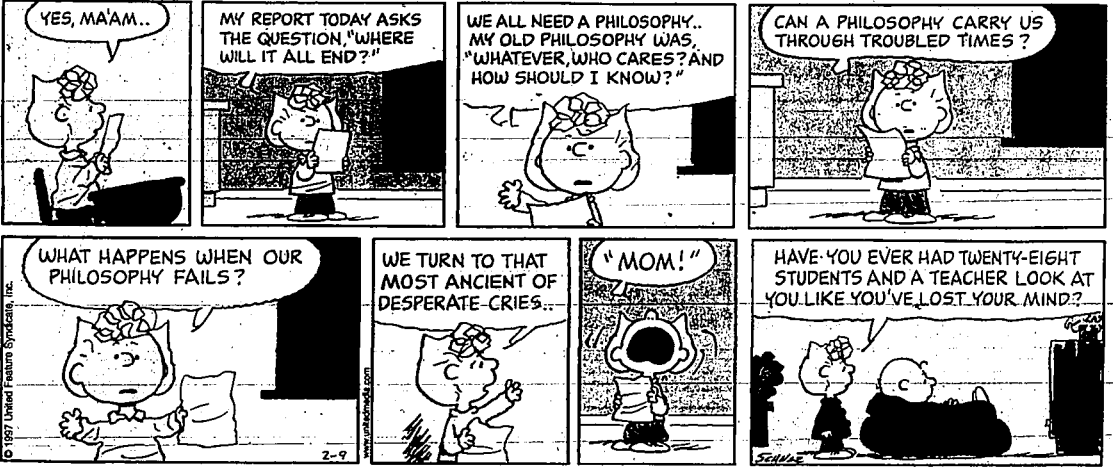
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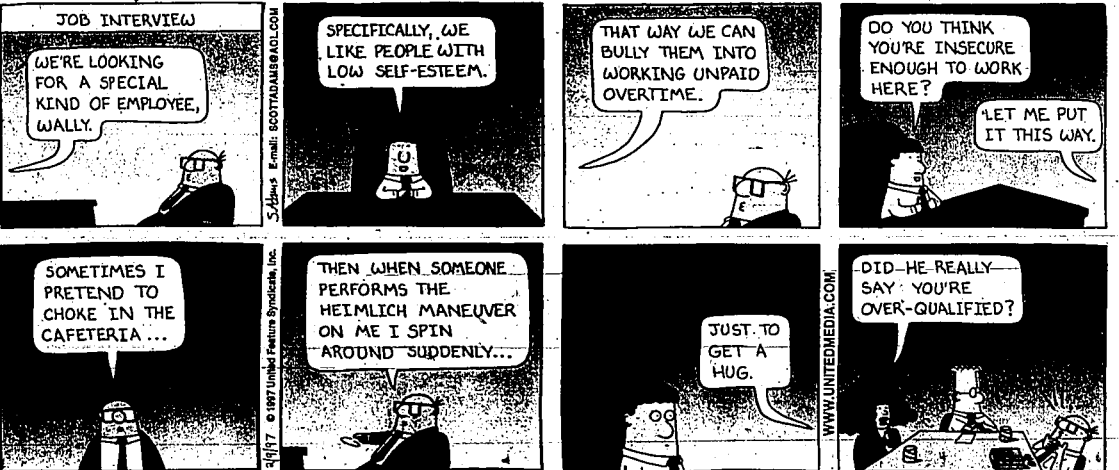
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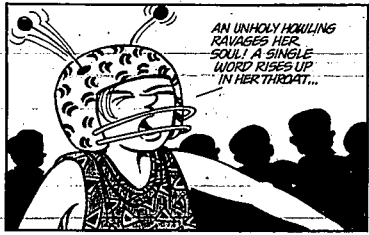
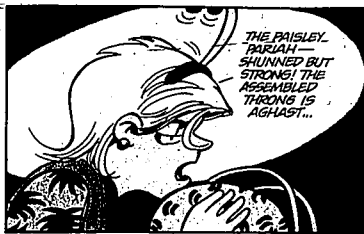
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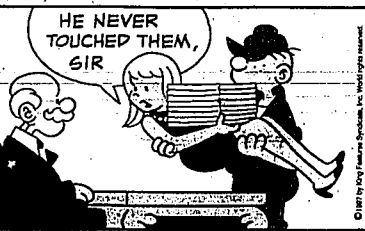
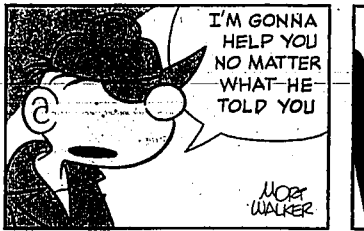
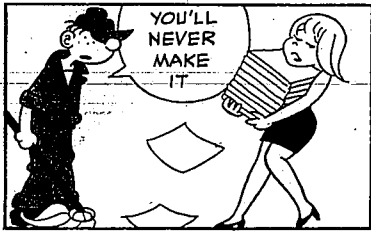
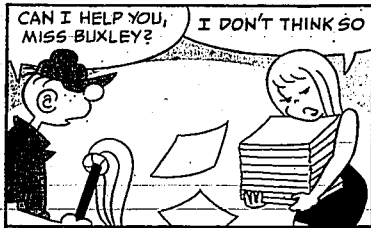
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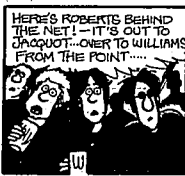
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DAGWOOD! THAT'S ENOUGH ALREADY!

AS FOR US, I'M PRACTICALLY STIFLING! I'M SO HOT, I CAN'T STAND IT!

NOW WHAT ARE YOU UP TO?!

I'M HAVING A COLD LEMONADE

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HOW BIG IS THEIR WATER-TANK?

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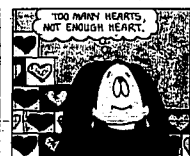
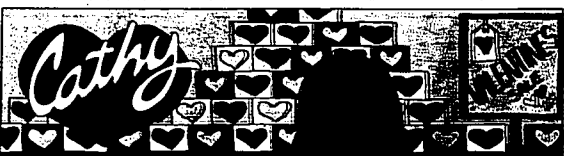
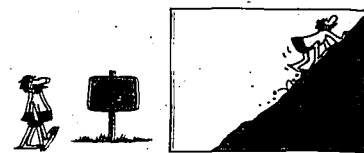
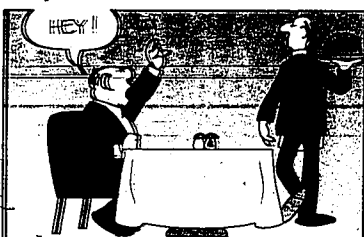
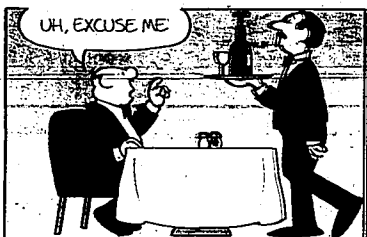
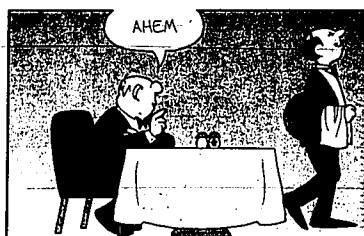
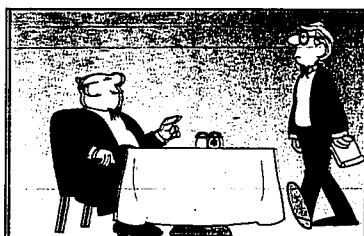
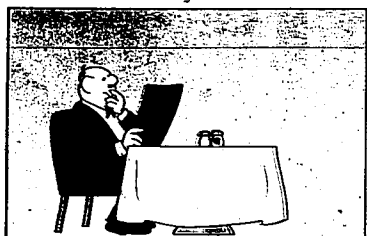
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Priscilla Beaulieu met Elvis Presley when she was 14. They lived in their own world, a world Elvis tightly controlled, until a time came when she realized that it was not the life she wanted.

'There Had To Be Something More Out There'

GAVE ELVIS

could possibly give him as a wife, a lover, as a woman," said Priscilla Presley, 51, speaking of her marriage to the late King of Rock 'n' Roll. "I saw a lot of agony, pain, a lot of sadness. It was

very easy to be sucked into the sadness, because it was everywhere around me. I could not live that life anymore. There had to be something more out there."

Since her divorce from Elvis Presley in 1973 and his death four years later, Priscilla's search has been for a life and an identity of her own. While the memory of Elvis Presley still permeates her life and always will, she has established herself as an actress and a businesswoman, virtually single-handedly saving from financial ruin the Presley estate and the inheritance of her daughter, Lisa Marie, by opening Graceland mansion in Memphis to the public. Elvis' mansion is now, after the White House, the most visited residence in America. Priscilla Presley runs Elvis Presley Enterprises, a \$100 million-plus company that controls Graceland and merchandising and music rights. She recently launched her third signature perfume, Indian Summer.

I visited Priscilla Presley at her home in Beverly Hills to talk about her relationship with Elvis—a love affair that began when she was 14 and did not end until his death—and the difficult years that followed. I also wanted to discover where she found the courage to make it on her own.

"I was always an outsider," she said, remembering her childhood in an itinerant military family. "I never knew if I was liked. I was always trying to be accepted. Then I met Elvis. Now that I look back, I see him as a child. He didn't act like a star. He was a frightened 24-year-old boy. He was extremely protective of me, a real Southern gentleman. He confided in me. I never had anyone show this much care for my feelings. It was very easy to fall in love with that man. How could you not?"

Priscilla was born in Brooklyn, N.Y.,



on May 24, 1945, the daughter of Ann and James Wagner. Her father, a Navy pilot, was killed in a crash six months after her birth. In 1948 her mother married Joseph Beaulieu, a career Air Force officer, with whom she had five children. The family moved often among stateside military bases until 1959, when her stepfather was transferred to Wiesbaden, West Germany.

It was a 45-minute ride from Bad Nauheim, where Elvis Presley, the most famous rock star in the world, was stationed after being inducted into the Army 18 months previously. Through a friend of Elvis' and with her parents' permission, the young teenager attended a party at Elvis' home.

"When Elvis and I met, he was still grieving for his mother," Priscilla ex-

plained. Gladly, Presley had died of heart failure in 1958 at age 42. "That's how we became really close. We shared a mutual loss, because my father died when I was a baby, and it was like a cousin-grief for me that he died in a crash coming to see me. So that was something I understood. So I guess I brought out the father in Elvis, and he brought out the mother in me. Every thing was, 'I wish my mother was alive.'"

"I was very young and impressionable. It was so innocent at the time. I never felt like that with anyone else. No one else was important anymore. He cluded me, confided in me, told me things he told no one else. It wasn't like, 'wow, wow, practice.' He was swooning me until he dominated my thoughts and feelings, and then I realized I was in love. It was like it was all meant to be. He was building a future for me. He gave me hope. I was becoming Graceland."

Soon after, Elvis returned to the States. After three years' separation, Priscilla's parents finally allowed their daughter to move to Memphis to live with Elvis' grandmother at Graceland and finish high school. She was 17 years old.

"Just last week," Priscilla admitted, "my mother said to me, 'You don't know what this did to us as parents, because we didn't want to ruin your life if we saw you say "no" to you and Elvis. We thought it was just temporary. We trusted him.' Then Priscilla added, "There was no reason for them not to trust him."

Her first night at Graceland, Elvis gave Priscilla two sleeping pills to ensure they jet lag, and she nearly overdosed. It was a forecast of the bad judgment and excesses that in time would destroy him and threaten her own sanity.

I asked her about the years at Graceland. "Elvis was very complicated, very moody," she began. "I think maybe one of the reasons why we got along so well is that I went along with his whims. It wasn't there to stay. I don't think it would have lasted otherwise."

"His grandmother hated the cooking. We both loved family, but it was a constant search to be alone together. There was a group we traveled with, the guys he trusted. That was our security. We didn't go outside the house unless we didn't have friends outside. It was a bubble we lived in, traveled with, and with. There was no trust outside these people."

BY DOTSON RADER

"Elvis could be a boy with me when we were alone. We'd go up to the bedroom, and sometimes we wouldn't leave for days. We'd eat in the room; He could be himself with me—a boy with a playmate—tell me secrets, tell me about his mother, who he missed all the time. He liked dressing me up just for him. He liked big hair and lots of makeup. I was a doll for him, something he could dress up. He'd command me: He made me how he wanted me to be, he thought that's what men did with women. I thought he was supposed to pick out my clothes and tell me what to do. All I wanted was to please him, to make him happy."

She shook her head, no questions asked. "I did what she said to do, do I disobey? I was that innocent. I look back now and go, 'Oh, my God!'" She laughed. "I guess we were carefree. I didn't mean to be rebellious, but when we got motorcycles and rode around. I was Chevy, and the guys were the 12 disciples. It'd be embarrassing. Or when we'd go to the movies, we'd be totally dressed up. He'd be in a suit with a brocade vest and gun. I'd be in sequins, carrying a gun too, in my beautiful dress."

They went to the movies as couples, compromised, as always, only by Elvis' entourage of longtime male chums. Elvis renting an empty cinema after closing.

Priscilla remembers her world as one Elvis tightly controlled, where she had no friends of her own and was permitted to have a car or go to college. She hunged to money, believing things would get better. They finally were wed in Las Vegas after she turned 21. Though they had per-
sonalities, she was a virgin until the night they married. "It was worth the wait," she said. The following year their daughter, Lisa Marie, was born.

I asked who the marriage didn't last. "You can't have two masters," she replied. "He had a family, and I didn't love him, most singing and being onstage. That's what he got his fulfillment from. The family got in the way. After all the discussion from his fans, it was very difficult for Elvis to come home to a quiet life. He was always that way, even before I met him, always on the run from his thoughts, his losses. I know it wasn't me, because he couldn't keep a relationship with a woman going over me."

"Elvis never came to terms with who he was meant to be, what his purpose in life was," Priscilla explained. "There was always that question, 'Why was I chosen?' He thought he was here for a reason—maybe to preach, to save, to care for people. That agonizing desire was all over him, and he knew he wasn't fulfilling it. He'd do things, and with his adoring fans, he would be a little bit about him. Elvis hadn't a clue where to begin, where to look. In a sense, he was lost. It was insanity, much of it, to have to do someone that was not on his terms."

"Years of being with Elvis, nothing changed. All my concentration was on

making Elvis happy, being careful with I say or do, because his temper may go off. It was bringing me down. That wasn't happiness to me."

"I realized that this was not the kind of life I wanted for myself or Lisa Marie, having my husband involved with pills—drugs for sleeping, then to get awake, drugs for diets. My husband was on the verge of self-destruction. Do I want my daughter to see this? Not that I didn't stand by my man. I did! Until I realized my man was taking all of us with him, and I didn't want to go. It broke my heart. I had to save my daughter and myself. I had to make a life of my own."

Elvis and Priscilla divorced in 1973, after six years of marriage.



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"Lisa gave me the biggest compliment I ever had when she said, 'Mom, when you and Daddy divorced, I never felt there was a divorce.' Because Elvis and I made it so she would never have to feel that. We stayed very close friends, like we were still married. She never saw us argue."

After the divorce, Priscilla settled in Los Angeles with Lisa Marie. In 1974 she purchased the French Provincial-style house where she still lives. It is decorated with understated, conservatively restrained taste, about as different from the garish decor of Graceland as it can be. "I knew I had to keep myself busy," she said. "I had to work, because if I start-

ed thinking too much I probably would have gone back to Elvis. I didn't have anything to draw off of. I had no friends. So I started a business designing clothes, and that was salvation for me."

She opened a women's fashion boutique in Beverly Hills, marketing her designs under the name Biss and Beau.

"I had the shop for four years, and it was a lifesaver," Priscilla continues. "I had learned from Elvis' mistakes—allowing someone else to take responsibility for his business, his life. That's why I'm so hands-on. I don't ever want someone to make a decision for me. I didn't remarry, because I didn't want to be someone's puppet, the trophy wife. I had a lot more to offer than that."

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living role on the hit TV show *Dallas*. During this period, she wrote *Elvis and Me*, a best-selling book that became a TV mini-series. She then turned to her *Naked Eye* film comedies exposing Leslie Nielsen.

In person, Priscilla Presley is a beautiful, remarkably youthful woman, slim and 5-foot-4. She is altogether endearing company—playful, often flirtatious, always polite. In 1994, Priscilla met and fell in love with Marco Grubisich, now 41, an Italian-Brazilian writer and movie producer, with whom she has lived for 12 years. They have a son, Ninantino, 9.

"Marco is very much the man of the house," she said, smiling. "And it made him feel good as a man. I don't span myself above him in any way. If I'm very protective of my family."

Lisa Marie is now 29 and lives privately with Danielle, 7, and Benjamin, 4, her children by her first husband, the musician Danny Keough. Priscilla said she talks with them daily and sees them often.

Lisa Marie went Michael Jackson in 1994. She had first met the pop star two years earlier. Their marriage, the subject of intense media speculation, ended after 30 months. In 1996, I asked Priscilla if she believed her daughter was being abused, given the mother when she was Jackson, her predictable media frenzy. "I don't think she thought she was at all," Priscilla said. "Then she took responsibility and got out of it."

Had she intervened at any point to

Above: Priscilla Presley with Elvis and Lisa Marie; almost 2, in 1968. Right: Priscilla with Lisa Marie and Michael Jackson, then married, at the 1994 Elvis Aaron Presley Tribute in Memphis

financial security. The estate—valued at \$4 million, if that," according to Priscilla—consisted primarily of Graceland, a 14-acre property that was costing \$400,000 a year to maintain and rapidly depleting Lisa Marie's inheritance as sole heir.

"When Elvis died, nothing was left for Lisa other than the house," she recalled. "There were people who worked for us for years and were dependent on us. What would happen to them? I figured the only thing to do was open it up to the public. Priscilla opened Graceland to tourism in 1982. Today Lisa Marie's Graceland estate reportedly is worth a good deal more than \$100 million. "What else could I have done?" said Priscilla, sensitive to criticism that she had cashed in on her husband's fame. "Lost it all, and our daughter have nothing? I think we're preserving Elvis, who is the only thing we have left."

Priscilla has found success in other arenas—in advertisements for a hair-products company and, after studying acting, as Michael Landon's co-star in the 1983 movie *Comeback*, which led to a contin-

vent or end the marriage?" "What can I do?" Priscilla answered. "If I'm not going to ruin my relationship with my daughter over who she married, if it's the biggest mistake we parents can do, she's 29 years old, a woman with two children, I'm there for my daughter and always will be there, but now it's up to her. She knows that I don't give advice unless she asks for it. And then she better be ready to hear my answer."

"I'd love children," she added. "If I could, I would have a handful of kids. They would be more joy than anything. I would like to show them there is a good future, that it's not all bad out there, that it's what we do for our children and always will be there, or our past or victims of our parents, but to set and meet our own goals, not the fame."

"I've come to that point on my life where I enjoy the growth that I'm able to find. I enjoy that just to be victims of society, or to do with style or money or trying to emulate someone. I know who I am, and the values and standards I have. And to know that is a kind of freedom."



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Last year in Washington, D.C., a rally launched a national movement. Its message: There's so much we can—and must—do in our communities to improve the lives of young people. Its effects have been far-reaching:

How To Stand For A Child



Marian Wright Edelman, the originator of the Stand for Children rally.

JUNE 1, 1996, WAS a day that stirred and moved the hearts of millions of Americans, young and old. At the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., people from every part of the nation gathered, more than a quarter of a million strong, to join the first Stand for Children, a national movement that fo-

cus on the needs of youngsters. That event—convened by Marian Wright Edelman and the Children's Defense Fund, which she heads—drew enormous public attention. But, as I learned, it was far from a one-day happening.

Last year, in calling for the first rally, Mrs. Edelman listed an array of children's issues that she believed Americans had to address: Since children cannot vote, she argued, their issues often are ignored. Things like welfare reform and corporate downsizing can affect not only the income of adults but also the well-being of children who fall below the poverty line. Violence in America has hit children hard. In 1995, a child died of neglect or abuse every seven hours. In addition, she said, 9.8 million American children are not covered by health insurance. And the United States—the richest country in the world—ranked 18th in infant mortality and 18th in low-birthweight babies in the most recent studies.

Stand for Children was created to make the public aware of the needs of children and to mobilize people to action in their own communities. Edelman's call received a powerful response. Around the country, Stand for Children has started working to form Children's Action Teams (CATs) in every

BY MICHAEL RYAN



More than 250,000 people voiced their support for children's rights during Stand for Children day in 1986.

"Nobody speaks for children," says Ann DeRose, a Children's Action Team member from Fort Meyers, Fla. "If we don't represent them, children's needs are a very easy place to cut money."

state. These teams are the mechanism for keeping the event's spirit alive and growing.

"Stand for Children day gave us a glimpse of the energy and enthusiasm that exist," said Jonah Edelman, 26, the executive director of Stand for Children and the son of Marian Wright Edelman. "By the day of the event, we had 3727 organizations endorsing it."

Jonah Edelman and others are working to make sure that Stand for Children becomes a permanent national commitment to our young people. "We learned that 133 spontaneous rallies happened across the country last June, organized by people who couldn't get to Washington," Jonah said. With that in mind, Stand for Children has decided that this year's event will not be a national rally in Washington. Instead, there will be a series of hundreds, perhaps thousands, of events across the country on June 1.

What was the result of last year's rally? Participants told me that Stand for Children had turned them into committed advocates for this nation's youths. "We decided to keep the momentum going," said Elizabeth Burke Bryant, the project director of Rhode Island Kids Count. "We kept our network

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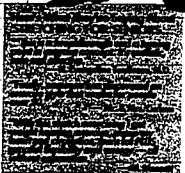
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At the Musical Speak-Out for Youth during last year's rally in Washington, Malls Yoba of the TV show New York Undercover was joined onstage by his young co-star, George Gore II, and George's little brother De'ante (l).

STAND FOR CHILDREN/Continued

of people and organizations together and started gathering steam."

In many cases, Stand for Children tapped a reservoir of people who had never worked for children's causes before. Margaret Christopher of Poland, Ohio, was a mother of three who had left her job as coordinator in the buying division of a department store to take care of her children. She and her friend Holly Levy, a lawyer and mother of two, read about Stand for Children in PARADE (April 7, 1996).

"We read the article and felt we had to act," Christopher explained. After joining seven busloads of Youngstown-area residents who traveled to Washington to attend the Stand for Children rally, she and Levy returned to Ohio ready to make a difference. The two are now co-leaders of the Mahoning Valley chapter of Stand for Children.

"We found that people want to get involved, but the average American citizen doesn't know how to get involved to help a child," said Christopher. So she and Levy thought of a solution. They enlisted TV and radio stations in their area to sponsor a "volunteeration," a two-hour broadcast scheduled for next year that will collect the names of people who want to help children, then match them with organizations that can use their talents. A baking company has pledged to print 75,000 bread wrappers advertising the event. "Stand for Children created a real awareness in our community," Christopher said. "We have to make sure that every child is given a chance to learn and succeed."

Jonah Edelmann's goal is to start hun-

"People want to get involved, but the average American citizen doesn't know how to get involved to help a child," says Margaret Christopher, co-leader of a Stand for Children chapter in Ohio.

drads of Children's Action Teams. "We have to bring as many new people in as possible," he said. "We need to build a children's army for the next century."

To get an idea of what these teams can accomplish, I spoke with CAT members across the country. In Fort Myers, Fla., Ann DeRose said her Children's Action Team had begun sending representatives to every school board and county commission meeting, and they keep in touch with state representatives. "Nobody speaks for children," she noted. "Children aren't there to represent themselves. If we don't represent them, children's needs are a very easy place to cut money."

DeRose believes that the major problem is not a lack of concern for children but a lack of knowledge. "There are people in my community who are not in touch with the fact that children go to bed hungry," she said. "These are people who care about their own kids, but they can forget that we're living in a world with other people's kids too."

• In San Jose, Calif., Alfredo Villaseñor's CAT launched a radio show about children's issues, broadcast on public station KKUR: "We deal with health issues; child care, the whole range of things," he explained. "We've dealt with latchkey children and immunization, and we talk to children about how to deal with those issues."

• Vivian Young, the chairman of Stand for Children/Delaware, and her son, Leonard, have helped to set up a group of committees to research topics that affect children, such as nutrition, housing and homelessness, family values, drugs and alcohol, and education. Each committee concentrates on how it can help the young people of Delaware, then tries to make sure that no public official takes an action without keeping the children in mind. "We want to make sure that, as laws are passed, children are always considered," Mrs. Young said.

• In Lansing, Mich., Stand for Children brought 3000 people to a rally last October. "A lot of people sit around and say, 'I can't do anything,'" said Norma Eppinger, the Children's Action Team co-chairman in Michigan. "But we try to show them that you can vote for a candidate who stands for children." The rally also emphasized that individuals can help children on their own.

Eppinger's group has collected 1000 pairs of shoes for children and started a sock drive. It also has printed a calendar that helps Michigan residents to find specific volunteer activities throughout the year. "We don't have to wait for government to be able to do things for children," Eppinger said. "It's not okay that children in our country don't have enough to eat. There are many areas we can be helpful in."

• In Green County and Lenoir County in North Carolina, Stand for Children activists joined together to sponsor the formation of a Boys and Girls Club.

• In Arizona, community and church groups have committed to a variety of new projects, from building a playground to setting up a tutoring program.

• In Sacramento and New York City, Stand for Children summits brought together thousands of professional, religious and community leaders.

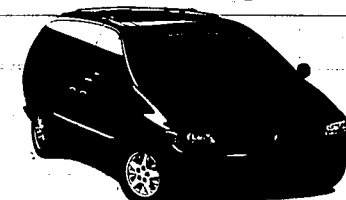
Many Children's Action Team organizers told me that they saw both a great challenge and a great opportunity in today's political climate. The controversial Welfare Reform Act of 1996 moved the administration of welfare programs back to the states and set down federal requirements that will disqualify legal immigrants from receiving some forms of government aid and will limit single families to five years of assistance. Marian Wright Edelman has criticized the legislation, and her husband, Peter Edelman, resigned as assistant secretary of planning for the Department of Health and Human Services in protest of its passage. "The bill left shaping welfare up to state discretion, and it's up to us to make sure that the outcome is the most child-friendly possible and the most supportive of families possible," said Jonah Edelman.

Not all the planning for this year's Stand for Children day has been completed. Jonah Edelman urges anyone who wants to organize a Stand for Children activity in his or her area to contact one of the addresses listed here. So far, thousands of volunteers across the country have come together. This year presents an opportunity for thousands more to add their energy and their ideas to the cause.

"The local impact is how the success of this movement will be judged," said Jonah Edelman. "It's possible to create a powerful movement for children in this country. It can be done."

For further information, write to: Stand for Children, Dept. P, 1834 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009. Or contact Stand for Children via the Internet at www.standfor.org or at either of its two e-mail addresses (TellStand@or.org or standinfo@mailback.com).

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Dear Marilyn: I would appreciate your reply, as this is really upsetting me.
—Victoria, Canton, Ohio

Yes, it has happened to me, and it happens to everyone. The phenomenon is perfectly normal and you can just forget about it. None of us is a computer—and from what I know about how computers function and malfunction, we can be thankful for that!

The people who buy the most lottery tickets are the ones who can least afford it. I think the lottery is just another tax on the poor people of our country. Do you agree?
—Dwayne, Little Rock, Ark.

No way. The lottery is entirely voluntary, and no one ever files a tax return and hits a jackpot because of it! The two won't be comparable until citizens pay taxes of their own free will, a hopeful entrant receives as many "tax tickets" (like lottery tickets) as he chooses to buy with his Form 1040 Sweepstakes payment, and the IRS begins to hold regular drawings in which their most eye-popping employees wear sequins and draw winning numbers randomly in order to shower riches upon some lucky taxpayer.

I've been cooking for almost 40 years, and I learned from my home economics teacher that when you take hot food from the oven or range-top, you should always let it cool to room temperature before you put it into the refrigerator or freezer. Recently I began cooking for a new boyfriend. He says he was told that no food, under any conditions, should be left out for more than five minutes. To my knowledge, I've never even made anyone sick, let alone poisoned anyone, but now my boyfriend refuses to eat anything I've cooked. May I have your opinion?
—Pam, Largo, Fla.

He's exaggerating, but my opinion is that you should thank your lucky stars for such a boyfriend, retire your apron and spend the rest of your days either watching him cook or dining out.



If you have a question for Marilyn vos Savant, who is listed in the "Reference Desk" of "The Observer" Mail of Fame for "Highest IQ," send it to Ask Marilyn, PRASAD, 717 Third Ave., New York, N.Y. 10022. Because of volume of mail, personal replies are not possible.

Parade's Special Intelligence Report

Will Hollywood Have A \$25 Million Payday?

In 1995, Columbia Pictures earned the ire of the other studios when it publicized the \$20 million signing of Jim Carrey to star in *The Cable Guy*. Since then, Tom Cruise,

to earn close to that figure. But has anyone made more? Carrey, Schwarzenegger, Gibson and Bruce Willis reportedly have sought \$25 million but been refused by their studios. *Variety*, the showbiz publication, says the best deals to date have gone to Carrey (\$20 million against 15% to 20% of the gross for *The Secret Life of Walter Mitty*, even though *The Cable Guy* was a flop) and Gibson (\$20 million against 15% of the gross for *Conspiracy Theory*).

Gibson's co-star, Julia Roberts, got considerably less than Mel—but about \$12 million—but that still makes her one of Hollywood's best-paid females. The others are Demi Moore (\$12 million), Sandra Bullock and Sigourney Weaver (\$11 million each).



Smiling all the way to the bank: Julia and Mel about new film

Harrison Ford, Mel Gibson, Arnold Schwarzenegger, John Travolta and Sylvester Stallone also reportedly have demanded—and received—\$20 million a film. Kevin Costner and Brad Pitt are said

Sunday Freebies Help for Those With Disabilities

Attorney General Janet Reno is behind a new 16-page publication that explains how the Americans With Disabilities Act can help the 49 million people in the U.S. who qualify for assistance. Titled *A Guide to Disability Rights Laws*, it lists the laws that protect disabled Americans in the areas of air travel, housing, special education and other programs. A companion Justice Department publication, *ADA Guide for Small Businesses*, explains how the nation's 6 million businesses can comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act, such as providing access to entrances and parking.

For free copies of the two booklets, write to: Consumer Information Center, Dept. 68, Pueblo, Colo. 81009. To learn more about the law, you may call the Department of Justice's ADA Information Line: 1-800-514-0301 (or 1-800-514-0383 TDD).



Janet Reno: Free tips for the disabled and owners of small businesses

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Who Owes the UN?

Much has been made in recent months about the \$1.3 billion the U.S. owes the United Nations in dues for its regular budget and for its peacekeeping operations. Our nonpayment is a first priority for the new secretary-general, Kofi Annan of Ghana, and the new U.S. representative at the United Nations, Bill Richardson. Richardson, 49, a former Democratic Congressman from New Mexico, replaced Madeleine Albright when she was appointed U.S. Secretary of State.

Overall, the United Nations is owed \$2.2 billion by its 185 member states. Of the 15 leading contributors, only three—the U.S. (\$375 million), Ukraine (\$33.7 million) and Brazil (\$36 million)—still owe for the regular UN budget. However, many members owe funds for the UN peacekeeping budget, led by the following 10 as of Dec. 31:

1) United States	\$326 million	6) Poland	\$34 million
2) Russian Federation	\$203 million	7) Italy	\$33 million
3) Ukraine	139 million	8) Iran	\$3 million
4) Japan	78 million	9) Germany	\$22 million
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Bill Richardson, new U.S. representative at the United Nations



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What's Up This Week

BOOKS

Confronting the Past

Child abuse is a recurring motif for many writers, but it seldom is handled with such sensitivity as Linda Katherine Cutting displays in her introspective yet inspirational **Memory Slips: A Memoir of Music and Healing** (HarperCollins, \$24). Ms. Cutting is a pianist of superior quality who has concertized extensively in the United States and abroad. Her title has a double meaning, referring both to mental lapses while performing and to her efforts to overcome the memories of incest that plagued her childhood. Obviously the "slips" are interconnected. This is a woman able to overcome a dark history only after a long struggle, who describes with controlled emotion how music helped her confront her past and win her way to a firm footing in life. Yet there are other pathways as well, and this moving and truthful story may help others to find them.

Fellow Americans

You can call **The Company We Keep**, by Douglas H. Chadwick and Joel Sartore, pretty much a picture book. But if its premise is correct, the pictures may soon be all that we have left. For the subject of this book, published

by the National Geographic Society (\$27.50), is America's growing array of endangered species—animals and plants that face the unpleasant prospect of being wiped out if current environmental trends continue unchecked. The range is enormous, reaching from the little blue butterfly to the American crocodile, with nearly 1000 species classified as endangered or threatened.

That the trend can be reversed is shown by the recovery of the buffalo population from about 1000 in the 1890s to 200,000 now. (Of course, there once were 30 million, but that, alas, is ancient history.) Test maps and charts all outline the problem, but most convincing of all are the appealing photos of deer, birds and even a crane called the Key Largo cotton mouse, all enjoying life in their natural habitats.

For variety, it's fun to look at **Imaginary Animals: Poetry and Art for Young People**, edited by Charles Sullivan (Abrams, \$22.95). Here are beasts like the Loch Ness Monster, the Sphinx, Golem Burgess's purple cow and a dragon or two, set forth in charming verses and colorful pictures by poets and artists from Kinglet to Picasso.



Cryosurgery: A new weapon in the fight against cancer.

If you or someone you love has been diagnosed with liver, pancreas or prostate cancer, it's important to know all of your treatment options.

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In Step
With

DAVID JAMES ELLIOTT

BY
JAMES
BRADY**Personal:**

Born Sept. 24, 1960, in Toronto. Married to Nancy Chambers, 1992—she daughter, Stephanie, 3.

Television:

Includes *Street Legal*, 1985-88; *Fly by Night*, 1991; *The Untouchables*, 1992-94; *Knots Landing*, 1992; *Seinfeld*, 1994; *Matrose Place*, 1994-95; *JAG*, 1995-96, 1997.

TV Films:

Includes *Golden Gate*, 1994; *Degree of Guilt*, 1995; *Big Dreams & Broken Hearts: The Dottie West Story*, 1995.

IN FRIENDLY GOLF when you flub the first tee shot, they give you a free one, what they call a mulligan. There are very few second chances in the hard, bottom-line world of network TV. But a dramatic series called *JAG*, about the Judge Advocate General's office, just got its mulligan.

NBC dropped the series last spring after a full season. Within hours, interested phone calls were coming in from both ABC and CBS. CBS made the deal, and last month the hour-long drama about Navy and Marine Corps lawyers was back on TV, Fridays at 9 p.m. EDT, starring David James Elliott as Lt. Cmdr. Harmon Rabb, this time with a beautiful new co-star, Catherine Bell.

"We've got a stronger cast and new writers and a great lead-in to *Nash Bridges* [the Don Johnson cop series]," David James Elliott told me. "They also tested a whole batch of actresses before settling on Ms. Bell to play Marine Maj. Sarah (Mac) MacKenzie. "When they got down to a shortlist, we [he and Ms. Bell] read together," David said. "I get a vote, but the most important vote was Don Bellisario's [the executive producer]."

JAG was strong support from the military. "We have no end of technical advisers," David told me. "We have a 22-year veteran of the Marine Corps, a master sergeant, who's on the set every day. And a former top gun who's now an admiral. We shoot on



Navy and Marine Corps bases, like El Toro [the Marine air station in Southern California]. The Marines are great."

So great that, even though David is a Canadian citizen, he tried to enlist in the U.S. Marines while still in his teens. "I'd just seen *Apocalypse Now*," he recalled, "and I went down to the American consulate and told them I wanted to join up, and they said, 'Great, now fill this out, and we'll put it through and get back to you.' 'How long will that take?' I asked. 'Oh, about a year.' So there went my dreams of going overseas the very next

day with the Marines. But, as my brother said, 'Look, you're six-four—if you joined up, they'd never send you to war. They'd put you out in front of some monument or building in Washington on guard duty.'"

But David James Elliott

and the NBC drama *JAG* are back—

this time on CBS,

Friday nights at 9 EDT.

By the way, David will have another opportunity this summer, a big-bucks feature film remake of the old *Zorro* yarn, starring Anthony Hopkins and Antonio Banderas as the old and young Zorro, and David as the *capitana*. But if *JAG* decides to film additional episodes, *Zorro* may just not fit his schedule.

Nice quandary to be in. **BB**



Like a lot of kids, David grew up thinking music rather than acting, and he was singing in his own rock band in his town.

How serious was that? "As a matter of fact, I quit high school and lived for a while in a 'halfway house,'" he said. "But finally I realized I could rely on myself but not on the other guys [in the band], they were so volatile."

About that time, David first read *King Lear* and became enthusiastic about theater. Admitted to Ryerson Polytechnic Institute in Toronto, he did so well that the Shakespeare Festival at Stratford, Ontario, took him on. Next came a starring role in the Canadian TV series *Street Legal*, roles on *Doogie Howser* and *China Beach* followed. He was a recurring character on *Knots Landing* and *Matrose Place*. What was that like? "A great deal of fun," said David.

But it was a little reticent. It's a cartoon of sorts, and you can draw your role with broad strokes." But it was the one-shot role as Carl the moving man on *Seinfeld* that really opened doors, he said. Right now, David is excited that his role as Stancl, will be a guest star on *JAG*.

"I'm a stand-in role?" She plays an assassin." Oh,

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Michael O'Shea

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Breathing

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during

exercise.

Jerry Rice, the great wide receiver with the San Francisco '49ers, began wearing the strips during the 1994 season to ease congestion while playing. Today, more and more athletes are using them, hoping to enhance their performance. Tom Dolan, 21, the 1996 Olympic gold medalist in the 400-meter individual medley, says the strips provide relief from the allergies that block his nasal passages.

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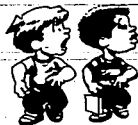
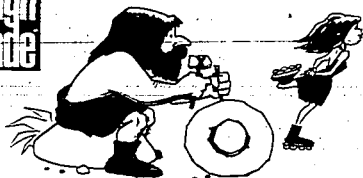
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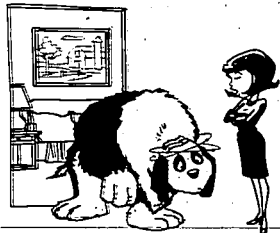
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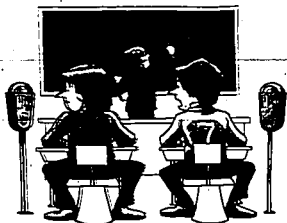


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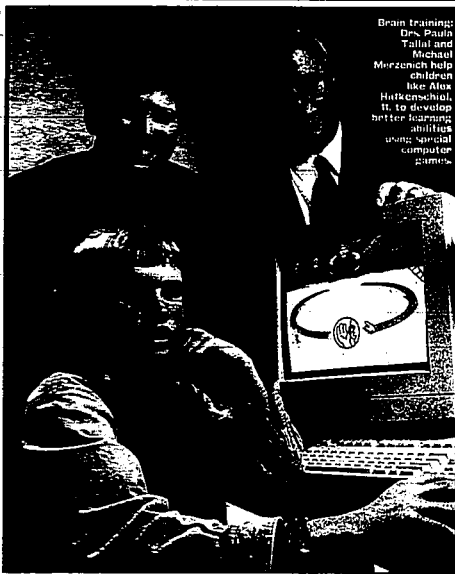
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HEALTH ON PARADE

*Seven years into
"The Decade
Of the Brain,"
researchers have
made major
breakthroughs in
everything from spinal
cord injuries to
learning disabilities
to drug abuse.*

Secrets Of The BRAIN

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IT HAS BEEN A REMARKABLE SEVEN YEARS FOR brain research. In an effort to draw attention and funding for neuroscience projects, former President George Bush proclaimed the 1990s "The Decade of the Brain." The idea was to recruit the brightest young scientists to neuroscience, help coordinate research and pump more money into projects exploring how the brain operates in both health and disease.

Today, in the decade's second half, scientists are unlocking some of the brain's deepest mysteries. And they are developing treatments for scores of once-baffling disorders. Among them: new treatments for spinal cord injuries,

stroke. Each year, 10,000 Americans—many under 30—are hospitalized for spinal cord injuries. The spinal cord carries messages from the brain to all parts of the body, and damaging it can cause paralysis and a breakdown of various body functions.

"In the past, a spinal wound spelled a death sentence," said Dr. Wise Young, a professor of neuroscience at New York University Medical Center. "Patients died of urinary-tract infections, respiratory problems and pneumonia. Patients also suffered from bone deformity. Today, 94% of people admitted to the hospital with spinal cord injuries leave the

hospital. The average lifespan of these people exceeds 64 years."

"Part of the new treatment involves administering drugs immediately after the injury. One new medication is a steroid called methylprednisolone. Studies have shown that, if injected within eight hours, patients with severe injury recover 21% of their body functions, compared to 8% of the functions for those who did not receive the drug, said Dr. Young.

Researchers are now exploring ways to repair a severed spinal cord and regrow damaged nerve cells. Last year, Swedish neuroscientists surgically reconnected the spinal cords of rats using a special "glue" and nerve transplants from the rats' chests. One year after the surgery, the rats regained some use of their hind legs. Other labs are now trying to reproduce the results.

"In our lifetime," Dr. Young predicted, "we believe we will be able to achieve nerve regeneration." Recently, scientists at the University of California at San Diego reported the first successful use of "gene therapy" techniques to regrow damaged cells. They transplanted genetically engineered cells into the damaged spinal cords of rats. The transplanted cells contained a growth hormone to guide and nourish new cells needed for movement. Researchers are trying to determine if these new cells will lead to renewed body functions.

Battling drug addiction. In the last few years, scientists discovered that most addictive drugs—including nicotine, cocaine and heroin—trigger the same mechanism in the brain. Whenever an addictive drug is ingested, it causes the brain to release chemicals, including dopamine. The dopamine surge lasts only a limited time, however, and once it drops off, the user craves more. "If we can make a chemical that will block the dopamine surge, the addict will lose interest in taking the drug," explained Alan Leshner, director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

Last year, for instance, Italian researchers found the clearest evidence yet of how nicotine triggers the brain's addiction mechanism. The researchers gave lab rats different doses of nicotine and compared the results. They found that, at a higher dose, the dopamine surge lasted 20 minutes. At lower doses it lasted 10 minutes. The lab results offer hope that safe medicines, similar to methadone for heroin addicts, can be found to help smokers and others fight their addiction.

"We can do it in animals," said Leshner. "Now we have to find a similar means for human studies. So far, 26 compounds are being studied in clinical trials."

Better drugs for depression, panic attacks and other mental disorders. Just 10 years ago, physicians had only a handful of drugs to treat mental illness. Though the medicines helped

many patients improve, they often caused side effects, such as sedation and digestive problems. "Today," said Dr. Steven E. Hyman, director of the National Institute of Mental Health, "we have at least 50 drugs to treat mental disorders without causing many of the side effects. We can now effectively control the symptoms of depression, panic attacks and obsessive-compulsive disorder."

The new drugs work by targeting specific chemical messengers in the brain, called neurotransmitters. These chemicals send "thought commands" from one nerve cell to another. They control everything from feelings of happiness and well-being to emotions like fear and anxiety. Prozac and Zoloft, two popular antidepressants, for instance, target the neurotransmitter serotonin, which affects one's mood and can play a role in causing depression. The idea now is to study the neurotransmitters' "receptor sites"—chemical gateways on the surface of the nerves—to create more advanced drugs.

"We used to think there was one receptor on the surface of the nerve for each neurotransmitter," explained Dr. Gerald Fischbach, a professor of neurobiology at Harvard Medical School. "A major breakthrough was the realization that there are many receptors for each neurotransmitter. This has incredible implications for schizophrenia, depression and other mental illnesses."

"People have compared the brain to the computer," said Dr. Hyman. "But the brain changes all the time—with drugs, experience, illness. Can we make drugs that are not 'shotguns' but are aimed only at those receptors that are



Drug czar: Alan Leshman, director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse, is helping to develop medicines that stop the craving for addictive drugs.

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ANAPHYLACTOID REACTIONS: Anaphylactoid reactions may occur in patients without a history of asthma. LODINE^{XL} should not be given to patients with the asthma triad. The triad typically occurs in asthmatic patients who experience rhinitis with or without nasal polyps, or who exhibit severe, potentially fatal bronchospasm after taking aspirin or other NSAIDs. Fetal reactions have been reported in such patients. Guidelines help in cases when an aspirin/etodolac reaction occurs.

ADVANCED RENAL DISEASE: In cases with advanced kidney disease, initiate therapy with close monitoring of kidney function.

PREGNANCY: Avoid LODINE^{XL} or other NSAID therapy during late pregnancy (risk of premature closure of ductus arteriosus).

Precautions:

General: Avoid Etodolac: Patients with impaired renal function, heart failure, hypotension, those taking diuretics, and the elderly are at greater risk of overt renal decompensation. Discontinuation of therapy typically results in recovery to the pretreatment state.

Acute Effects: With NSAIDs, alterations of liver tests may occur in up to 10% of patients. They may disappear, remain unchanged, or progress with continuing therapy. In clinical trials, elevations of ALT or AST (approximately three or more times the upper limit of normal) have been reported in approximately 1% of patients. A patient with symptoms and/or signs suggesting liver dysfunction, or in whom an abnormal liver test has occurred, should be evaluated for the development of a more severe hepatic reaction.

Rare cases of liver necrosis and hepatic failure, some with fatal outcomes, have been reported. In clinical signs and symptoms consistent with acute liver failure, or if jaundice or pruritus, or if abnormal liver tests (e.g., cholestatic liver).

Hematological Effects: Anemia may occur; it may be due to fluid retention, GI blood loss, or an incompletely described effect upon erythropoiesis. Patients should have a complete blood count checked if they develop signs or symptoms of anemia. LODINE^{XL} may interfere to some extent with platelet function and vascular reactivity to bleeding.

Fluid Retention and Edema: Fluid retention and edema have been observed in some patients. Observe, and with caution in those with fluid retention, hypertension, or heart failure.

Pre-existing Asthma: Do not administer to patients with aspirin-sensitive asthma, and use with caution in all patients with pre-existing asthma.

Information for Patients: NSAIDs, like LODINE^{XL}, can cause drowsiness and, rarely, more serious side effects, such as GI bleeding that may result in hospitalization and even fatal outcomes. Patients should report to their physicians signs or symptoms of GI bleeding or bleeding, heartburn, vision or other eye symptoms, skin rashes, weight gain, or edema. Follow chronically treated patients for the signs and symptoms of ulcerations and bleeding and inform them of the importance of follow-up. Instruct patients to seek medical attention early in case of an occurrence of anaphylactoid reactions.

Laboratory Tests: Patients on long-term therapy should have their hemoglobin or hematocrit checked periodically for signs of anemia. If clinical signs and symptoms consistent with liver disease develop, or if systemic manifestations occur (e.g., jaundice, pruritus, etc.), and if abnormal liver tests are detected, persist, or worsen, discontinue therapy.

Drug Interactions: Use caution when given concurrently with anticoagulants, aspirin, warfarin, cyclosporine, diuretics, or lithium. Co-administration of LODINE^{XL} and phenyltolone is not recommended.

Pharmacokinetics: See text.

Drug/Laboratory Test Interactions: False-positive for urinary bilirubin and/or urinary

ketones. Small decreases in serum uric acid levels have been observed. Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, and Impairment of Fertility: No carcinogenic effect was demonstrated in mice or rats receiving 10 mg/kg/day only or less for 2 years or 18 months, respectively. Bobbitt was not mutagenic in *in vitro* animal studies. However, data from the in vivo human peripheral lymphocyte test showed an increase in the number of gaps among untreated cultures compared to negative controls. One additional chromosome break was observed in cultures treated with etodolac. Overall, reduced implantation of fertilized eggs occurred in the 8 mg/kg group.

Pregnancy: Teratogenicity—Prenatal Development: Use during pregnancy only if the potential benefits justify the potential risk to the fetus. Avoid use during late pregnancy.

Labor and Delivery: Effects of LODINE^{XL} on labor and delivery in pregnant women are unknown.

Nursing Mothers: It is not known whether etodolac is excreted in human milk. A decision should be made whether to discontinue nursing or to discontinue the drug, taking into account the importance of the drug to the mother.

Pediatric Use: Safety and effectiveness have not been established.

Geriatric Population: In patients 65 years of age, no substantial differences in the side effect profile of LODINE^{XL} were seen compared with the general population; nevertheless, caution should be exercised.

Adverse Reactions: In clinical trials, most adverse events were mild and transient. In controlled trials, the discontinuation rate due to adverse events was as high as 10% in etodolac-treated patients.

Incidence greater than or equal to 1%—probably causally related: Body as a whole: chills, fever, flu-like symptoms, headache, malaise, myalgia, sinusitis, upper respiratory tract infection, sinusitis, conjunctivitis, gastritis, nausea, vomiting.

Nervous system: asthenia/lassitude, dizziness, depression, nervousness. Skin and appendages: pruritus, rash. Special senses: blurred vision, presbyopia.

Urogenital system: dysuria, urinary frequency. *Drug-related patient complaints occurring in 3-5% of patients. Drug-related patient complaints occurring in 1% to 3%, but more than 1%, are unmarked.

Incidence less than 1%—probably causally related: (Reactions not seen in clinical trials are considered rare and are italicized).

Body as a whole: allergic reaction, anaphylactoid reaction. Cardiovascular system: hypertension, congestive heart failure, flushing, palpitations, syncope, weakness (possibly associated with allergy).

Digestive system: anorexia, dry mouth, alteration taste/smell, anorexia, strabismic, elevated liver enzymes, cholestatic hepatitis, hepatitis, cholestatic jaundice, duodenitis, jaundice, hepatic failure, liver necrosis, peptic ulcer with or without bleeding and/or perforation, pancreatitis, pancreatonecrosis.

Hematologic and lymphatic system: acyclosis, anemia, thrombocytopenia, bleeding time increased, agranulocytosis, hemolytic anemia, leukopenia, neutropenia, pancytopenia. Metabolic and nutritional: sodium serum creatinine increase, hyperkalemia in peritoneo-lytically controlled dialysis patients.

Nervous system: insomnia, somnolence. Respiratory system: asthma.

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has enabled scientists to look at the active areas of healthy and diseased brains in a noninvasive way. Some scientists have drawn on those findings, along with other research, to help prevent children from developing learning problems.

"More than 10% of children cannot process the rapidly changing sounds of speech," explained Dr. Michael M. Merzenich, a professor of neuroscience at the University of California at San Francisco. "Speech is unclear to them, just like the vision of a child is unclear without glasses. A higher percentage of these children go on to be reading-impaired."

To treat the disorder, Dr. Merzenich—along with Dr. William Jenkins and Dr. Paula Tallal, a professor of neuroscience at Rutgers University in Newark, N.J.—created computer games to help children gain different ways of hearing. In one game, Merzenich explained, a child hears two animal characters make two different speech sounds. The child's task is to determine which animal made which sound. The sounds are exaggerated by making the most rapidly changing components longer and stronger, to the point that the impaired child can almost always get the right answer. But over time, the child can hear the sounds clearly and accurately when spoken in a fast, natural manner.

"Children have gained two to three years of language processing in four weeks of training," said Merzenich, who is testing the program with 500 children between the ages of 5 and 12 nationwide. "We are very encouraged."

The next generation of children previously considered untreatable are yielding to new therapies," noted Dr. Zach Hall, director of the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke. Indeed, at a recent neuroscience convention, scientists reported promising lab results in a number of areas.

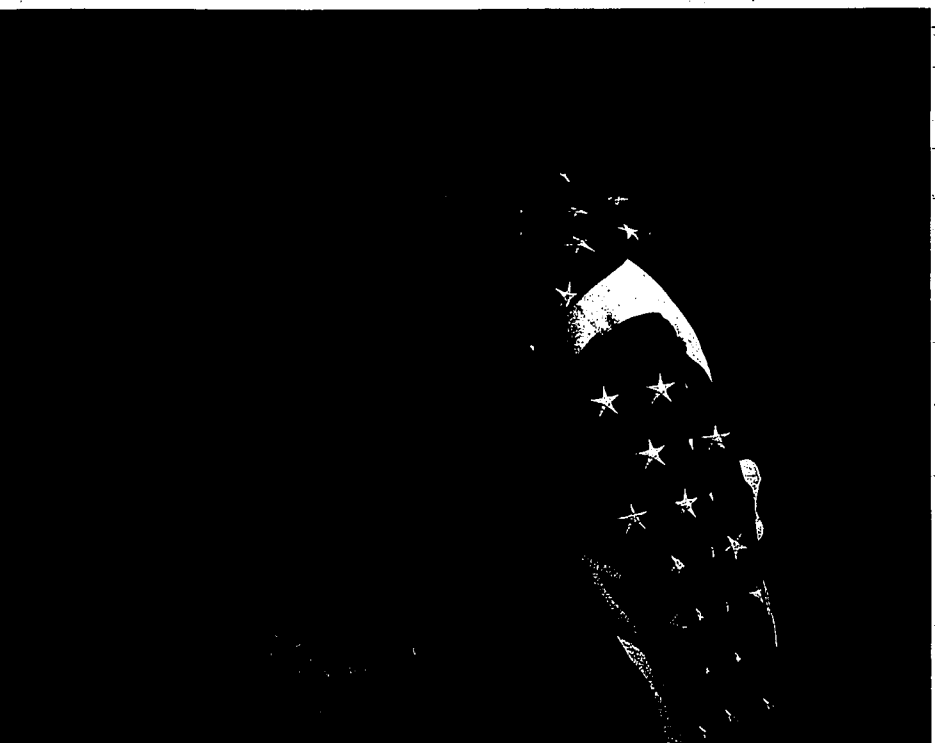
• The exciting discovery: "As the development of memory-enhancing drugs for Alzheimer's patients."

• Preliminary findings that show giving magnesium to pregnant women just before labor could reduce the incidence of cerebral palsy in their children.

• Evidence of a chemical imbalance in the brain that reveals why some people commit suicide: the findings may lead to medicines that repair the malfunction.

• New studies indicating that aspirin and several other drugs can reduce the risk of stroke in some patients.

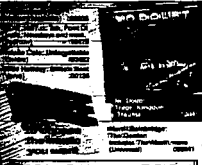
"We are in the midst of astonishing progress in brain research," said Dr. Hall. "With the application of new tools and insights provided by basic research, a new era is beginning in which treatment of brain disease will be common."



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